

# RAIDER REVIEW

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## 'Faith County' review

By Chrissy Leopold

The Drama Club held its fall production of "Faith County" on Saturday, Dec. 11.

The "guests" were greeted at the door by the mother-of-the "bride" Hortensia Sommerlatte and mother-of-the-"groom" Tracy Brewer.

The night began at 6 p.m. with appetizers of pigs-in-the-blanket, served by Drama Club members Cliff Keith, Matthew Hinze and Eric Tillery, each dressed as a stereotypical "hick".

The performance of "Faith County" began at 6:30 p.m.

The cast and crew did a wonderful job presenting the characters and the setting of the play, preparing the "guests" for the upcoming wedding in the second act between "Naomi" and "Luther," played by Stephanie Sommerlatte and Brennan Jobe, respectfully.

Other members of the cast were "Mildred" the town busybody, portrayed by Debbie Leopold; "Faye", the only single girl in Faith County, was presented beautifully by Julie Nixon; and "Delbert," "Faye's" love interest who rejects her, was characterized by Jeremy Walker.

In addition, "Ruthann," the preacher's wife was played by Meiosha Barrow, pregnant "Violet," who was portrayed by Corissa Mathis, goes into labor in the middle of the "1

do's." The loveable town idiot who received his Divinity Degree from the back of the Popular Mechanics magazine "Bubba," was played by Robby Goode. Last, but not least, Rebecca Lopez beautifully showed "Gladys," the recently dumped First Lady of the town who drinks too much, to the "guests."

Act I was followed by the dinner of chicken spaghetti, prepared by member of the cast and crew in the kitchen of Sue Weller. The cast served the meal in character, interacting with the "guests" and having a marvelous time.

Following the meal was Act II, the "wedding" which went off without a hitch, except for the fact that "Violet" went into labor.

At the end of the play, the cast remained in character for the cutting of the wedding cake and the toast by the best man, "Delbert," and the matron-of-honor, "Mildred," who incessantly asked all the "guests" why they did not bring presents to the wedding.

"Faith County" was under the direction of Chrissy Leopold, a senior at RHS and president of the Drama Club. She could not have done all that she did without the help of faculty members Deborah Reed and Deborah Cummings. Members of the crew included Hub Weller, Frank Chavira, Cathy Fearing, Jessica Spanihel and Jennifer Biaselli.



The cast and director of "Faith County": Jeremy Walker, Corissa Mathis, Meiosha Barrow, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Rebecca Lopez, director Chrissy Leopold, Julie Nixon, Brennan Jobe, Robby Goode and Debbie Leopold.

## Meet the Lady Raider

By Jamie Christ

This week's Lady Raider is none other than #11, junior Erica Dunmore, who plays point guard for the Rice High School basketball team.

When asked how she feels the team has improved this year, she replied, "We have learned how to communicate and cooperate with each other much better than last year. We also have new players that are contributing a lot."

Erica stated Rice has good coaches and the team has learned a lot of new (See Dunmore, Page 6)

## Baseball improvement

By Stacy Schneider

With baseball starting in the spring, Coach Derrick Dietrich has been making improvements for a better baseball season. Many people are helping out to make this possible.

One of the major improvements this year is the building of two batting cages. Not only are people donating supplies, but they are also donating their time and effort.

Coach Dietrich would like to send a big thanks to the following people who help a great deal: the Raider Booster Club for paying for the concrete; Mark Boenisch for helping lay

## What I hope to do over Christmas holidays

By Heather Henske

With the Christmas holidays approaching, every student is excited about getting out of school for two weeks, but you have no idea what these students wanted to do over the Christmas holidays.

Jamie Christ wants to go to Paris and shop. Have fun and don't shop too much!

Chrissy Leopold hopes to go to Tennessee to meet her online love. Matt Hentzell hopes to go hunting up north and kill Big Foot. Good Luck! Cecelia Ruiz plans to drive to New

York in her new Toyota Tacoma.

Tiffany Stern wants to be Santa and drink lots of eggnog and give out tons of presents.

Kayce Wilkerson hopes to see the love of her life jump out of a box with a red bow around his neck.

Tiffany Moore wants to stay up late and wait for Santa to come, "So I can catch Rudolph and keep him as my night light."

Kristi Moore hopes to drive safe and not hit any reindeer.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

## Who's Zat?

By Heather Henske

"We are kinda high up, Mommy, don't you think?" That's what this little boy seems to be saying.



This picture was passed around to the students at Rice and the only clue given was that he is currently a senior.

Apparently these students did not even need that clue. Nobody was stumped by this cute face. Everyone knew this little boy was none other than Sam Ellenbogen.

Sam is involved in the Mighty Raider Band. His hobbies are playing video games and bike riding. When he's not busy doing these things, he chows down on pizza, BBQ and ice cream.

After graduation, he plans to join the Navy and have a promising career. His parents are Chris and Jean Mittel.

## Eagle Lake Christmas parade

By Sharla Wauls

On Dec. 4, the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce hosted the annual Lighted Christmas parade.

The RHS Cheerleaders, Mighty Raider Band and RHS Student Council participated in the parade.

The Mighty Raider Band stopped at the town square and played "The Christmas March".

The band placed second in the judging among the marching units. The Student Council rode on a float entitled a "Cowboy Christmas",

while the Cheerleaders rode on the back of Delgado's Wrecker Service truck and sang Christmas songs to the crowd.

RHS was proud to be a part of the last Christmas parade that Eagle Lake will have in this millennium.

Did You Know...

Mozart wrote the Jupiter symphony — his last — in less than 16 days.



By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist  
OH, THOSE AGING FEET!

For older people, impairment of the lower extremities is a leading cause of activity limitation. Feet problems, many of which are preventable, can lead to pain in the knees, hips, and lower back. Many foot ailments stem from years of neglect or abuse, but most can be successfully treated. As people age, their feet tend to spread and lose the fatty pads that cushion the soles. Extra weight can affect bone and ligament structure. Dry skin and brittle nails are also common in older people. The benefits of preventive foot health care are many. It can increase comfort; heighten the chance of earlier diagnoses of systemic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, and circulatory disease; and reduce the risk of infection.

Listen to your feet. They often have lots of things to tell you, such as giving you clues about the rest of your body's well-being. When your feet tell you there's trouble, as your podiatrist, we will work as a team with you, and other health care providers if appropriate, to keep you and your feet healthy and pain-free. From aging feet to baby's little toes, we offer foot care for the family at Rice Medical Center. Please call 234-5571 for an appointment. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. Because of the body changes that accompany the aging process, older people should have their feet measured frequently.

## Happy Holidays

By Eric Tillery

As the year of 1999 comes to a close, we have a lot to look back and reflect on.

Most of the talk is of the new millennium. However, the best thing about the coming of the end of the year and century is Christmas and New Years. Because you see, that is the time for everyone to be together with their friends and family of whom they love. Some of us may travel to another city, state or even country. But, as long as we are together with loved ones, the warmth of the holiday will be with us.

We would like to thank you for your interest in our news stories week after week.

So, cozy down by the fire and gather around your tree for the last holiday of this millennium, and let Eric Tillery, Heather Henske, Jamie Christ, Sharla Wauls, Samantha Blunston, Monique Cotton, Amanda Engstrom, Kimberly Lott, Chrissy Leopold, Stacy Schneider, and, of course, Mrs. Melody Grigar wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.



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#### Two New Medicines for Influenza - the Flu

It is estimated that 40 million Americans get influenza, or the flu, each year. Symptoms usually start suddenly and include body aches, fever, cough, fatigue, and loss of appetite. Of persons hospitalized with this viral infection, about 10% die from complications. And persons with diabetes are more likely to die from influenza-related complications.

Getting a "flu shot" each year is still the best option for avoiding the infection. Use of the highly effective influenza virus vaccine has been shown to prevent illness in up to 90% of persons 65 years old and younger. Side effects are minimal and may include mild pain and redness at the injection site and, occasionally, fever. Antiviral agents such as amantadine (Symmetrel) and rimantadine (Flumadine) have been our next best choices for flu prevention/treatment. A not yet available inhaled vaccine is being developed.

Our two newest flu medicines are zanamivir (Relenza) and oseltamivir (Tamiflu). Zanamivir stops the flu virus from spreading and infecting healthy cells. It is taken twice daily for five days via an inhaler device. Oseltamivir works in the same way, but is taken orally - not inhaled. It was just recently approved for use in the US and should be available soon.

# 1999 Christmas Party

Doors Open 5:00 p.m.

## RUDOLPH'S PLACE

Both Shows start about 9 p.m.

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