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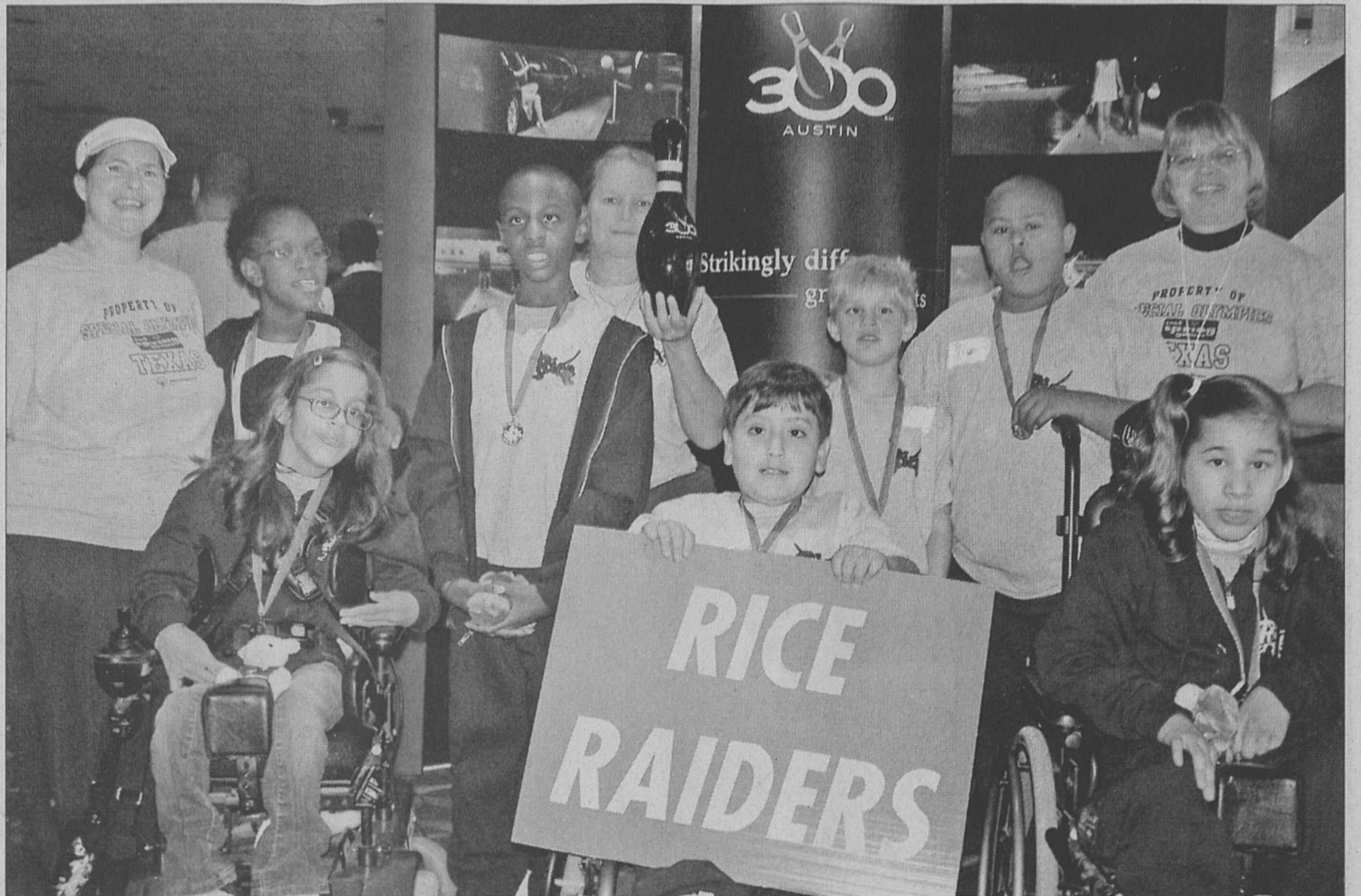
Saturday, Dec. 6
 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., El Campo Civic Center

Sunday, Dec. 7
 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., El Campo Civic Center

***100 Booths with Arts & Crafts**
***Food Available in Food Court in Dusen Room**
 Admission: Adults, \$2; Children 12-5; \$1; Under school age, FREE
***Entertainment**
***Door Prize Drawings Every Hour!**

Pictures with Santa
 Available at Museum
 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. **Saturday & Sunday**
 1 to 3:30 p.m.

Lighted Christmas Parade
 Theme: "Country Christmas"
 Thurs., Dec. 4th, 7 p.m.
 Downtown El Campo



Front row left to right: Sierra Ruiz, Ricky Rodriguez, and Mya Ruiz. Back row left to right: Coach Sherry Fruge', Jaayla Spates, J.J. (John) Brown, Assist. Coach Molly Valdez, Ryan Zickuhr, Lee Fields, and Coach Judy Pustejovsky.

Rice Raider Bowling Team Competes In Austin

The Rice Raider Bowling team was a big strike at the Area 13 competition in Austin last week. The team grew from three last year to nine.

Every athlete that attended had a family member there to cheer them to victory. Ricky Rodriguez was christened with the gold medal.

The Raiders rolled home with five silver medals: Roman Herek, John Brown, Jaayla Spates, Lee Fields and Sierra Ruiz.

Two bronze medals glistened around the necks of Mya Ruiz and Ryan Zickuhr. We are grateful to the El Campo Bowling Lanes for

allowing us to use their facility during practices.

Coach Fruge' and Coach Pustejovsky give a big hip hooray to all those involved with practices, fund raising events and the competition.

We truly appreciate the following volunteers who were there for practices: Molly Valdez, Ashely Brisbin, Michala Herrera, and the Colorado County Champs coach Linda Lipperdt.

Also, a special thanks goes to parents and grandparents and great grandparents that traveled such a long way to cheer for our team.

Headstart Participates In Reading Program

The Columbus and Eagle Lake Head Start children participated in the Families Reading Every Day (FRED) program that was sponsored by Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

The goal of the program is to encourage parents to read to their children on a daily basis.

The program ended with a celebration for the participants.

Each participant was given a

book that was donated to the program by Scholastic Book Club and the Columbus Boy Scouts.

Educational programs of Texas AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

Community Choir Performances Slated

The Columbus Community Choir, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, invites everyone to our Christmas Cantata for the 2008 Christmas season.

The first performance will be in Nada, Texas, at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. There will also be two performances on Sunday December 14, one at 4:00 p.m. and the other at 6:30 p.m., both at the First Baptist Church in Columbus.

Highlights will include Stephen Girndt singing "O Holy Night", and a performance by the newly formed Columbus Children's Choir.

Two vocal ensembles and a

flute quartet will perform as well as the popular men's quartet. The choir is directed by Merrill J. Luman and accompanied on the piano by Elaine Luman and an instrumental ensemble. The Childrens Choir has been organized by Mary Kay Heffley.

The choir is made up of members of many community and county churches and with six new members, several additional churches are now represented.

These concerts promise to be an uplifting musical tribute to the holiday season and everyone is welcome to attend and share the Christmas spirit and the reason for the season.

You may want to come early for a good seat!

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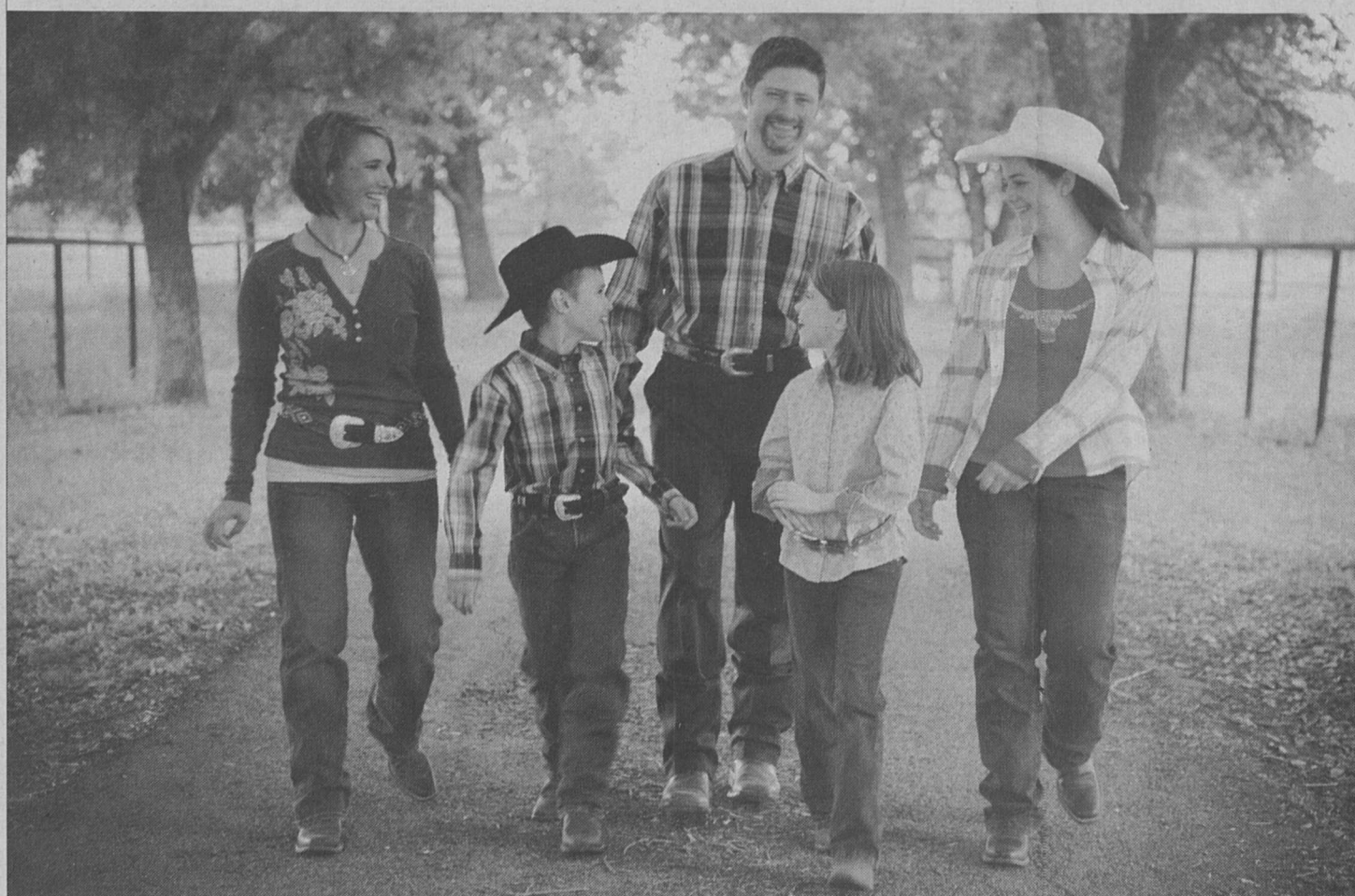
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Rice Medical Center Auxiliary is having their Christmas fundraiser and selling tickets for a collectors edition of a Barbie doll in her Harley Davidson attire. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The Barbie doll is on display in the hospital gift shop. Tickets may be bought from any Pink Lady or you can call Barbara Pidgeon at 234-5571 ext. 5236 and she will get the tickets to you.

This is an ideal item to put on your Christmas list. Funds collected from fundraisers are used to aid the hospital in purchasing needed equipment and to purchase items for the gift shop.