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UIL releases realignment

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ

WINTERS- The 2012 UIL football realignment left Winters High School in Conference 1A Division 1, where the Blizzards will be disputing the district championship with strong rivals such as Anson, Forsan, Haskell and Stamford.

In basketball the Blizzards were allocated in Conference 1A Division 1. WHS will be sharing the district with Christoval, Eldorado, Irion County, Miles, Ozona, and TLC Academy.

Other county schools in the football realignment are the Miles Bulldogs, which will be sharing the 1A Division 2 district with Bronte, Christoval, Eldorado, Menard, Irion County and TLC Academy, and Ballinger which dropped from 2A Division 1 to 2A Division 2.

This reclassification will be effective for 2012 thru 2014.

In basketball Ballinger will be playing in Conference 2A with Bangs, Brady, Coleman, Early, Grape Creek, Jim Ned and Wall.

Winters and Miles are in Conference 1A Division 1 basketball, sharing the district with Christoval, Eldorado, Irion County,

Ozona and TLC Academy. The basketball reclassification will be effective for

2012 and 2013 season. UIL set the 5A standard for schools with 2,090 students and above, 4A for schools with a population between 1005-2089, 3A for schools with 450-1004 students, 2A between 200-449 students, and 1A for schools with 199 students and below.

Statewide a total of 245 schools were classified 5A, 250 schools 4A, 190 schools are classified 3A, 235 schools are 2A, and 390 schools were labeled 1A in basketball, 168 Eleven-Man Football, and 138 Six-Man Football schools.



The Winters Blizzards defeated TLC Academy last Tuesday, February 7 at Grape Creek by a score of 66-45, and clinched the 2011-2012 basketball season District Championship.

The Blizzards lost only one game for a 7-1 district record, and will be getting a week by once the playoffs start. This is the first district championship for the Blizzards since 1991. Pictured here are front row: Riley Ripley, Hayden Nitsch, Cristian Sandoval, Strait Daniel, Andy Garcia; back row: Coach Cates, manager Fabian Esquivel, Colton Garcia, Matt Pritchard, Nick Kraatz, Andrew Chavis, Bryce Mikeska, Chris Gerhardt, manager Amy Green, and head coach Scott Bicknell.

Ballinger business man charged with mur

RUBEN CANTU-RODRIGUEZ WINTERS ENTERPRIS

BALLINGER- A Ballinger business owner was arrested in San Angelo, and charged for the alleged murder of his wife occurring four years ago in Hinsdale County, Colorado. Frederick Harold Mueller, 49, was arrested on Monday, February 6, 2012 in connection with the drowning of Leslie Mueller, in May of 2008.

According to a press release from Ron Bruce

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their full potential, ca-

our volunteer mentors.

On Monday January

30 the current mentors

Cabana and had lunch

together. The mentors

present were Jan Sims,

Monnie Davis, Kenneth

got together at Casa

Hinsdale County Sheriff, Mueller owner of Hogue Steel LLC of Ballinger, was arrested on Schwartz Road, south of San Angelo, on one count of first degree murder, based upon an arrest warrant issued by Chief Judge J. Steven Patrick, at the request of Colorado Bureau of Investigation agents and the Seventh Judicial District Attorney Dan

Hotsenpiller. The arrest is the culmination of nearly four

years of investigation by the Hinsdale County Sheriff's Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation-Grand Junction and the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

The Hinsdale County Sheriff's Department investigation began after Leslie Mueller died by drowning on May 3, 2008, on Cottonwood Creek between Cataract Gulch and Cuba Gulch in Hinsdale

County.

Mentor program brings leaders, experience to WES

booked into the Tom Green County Jail in San Angelo, pending the extradition process to the state of Colorado.

Hinsdale County Sheriff Ron Bruce, Undersheriff Justin Casey, Texas Rangers and the Texas Department of Public Safety effected the arrest and continued with the investigation in San Angelo as well as other cities in the

The Texas Department

in Mueller's arrest. The accused was taken on Tuesday to the 391st District Judge Thomas Gossett's

According to the San Angelo Standard-Times online archive, Mueller's wife, a former doctor from San Angelo, died while on vacation in Colorado. The article cites Leslie Mueller as a 47-year-old former obstetrics and gynecology doctor and member of the Saint Ambrose Catholic Church in Wall



Local students

in Fort Worth



Reclassification

Runnels County schools UIL football reclassification and realignment **FOOTBALL** (2012-14)

■ Conference 1A 11-Man Division 1 District 4 Anson Forsan Haskell Stamford Winters

■ Conference 1A 11-Man Division 2 District 6 Bronte Christoval Eldorado Menard Irion County

TLC Academy

■ Conference 2A Division 2 District 4 Ballinger Cisco Coleman Colorado City Hamilton Hawley

WINTERS ENTERPRISE STAFF REPORT were Elementary Principal Sammy Edwards and Elementary Counselor WINTERS- The Men-Charles Murphy. Not able tor program at Winters Elementary proceeds to be attend were mentors with the hope that it can Rene Woffenden, Rhonda empower at risk youth to Neal, Sandra Benson and

make positive life choices Marietta Garner. Each mentor was asked maximize their potential to explain why they felt by building relationships motivated to be a mentor. with individuals from the Monnie Davis said that community. Winters Elshe felt blessed with what ementary Mentoring Proshe had been given and gram envisions a commuwanted to give some back. nity in which these youth She also mentioned that she had been doing it long one-to-one relationships enough that she finally and community support, saw a student she menwhich in turn allows each tored graduate recently. of them to develop into It was very gratifying. Jan Sims said that she pable of making informed, had worked in the school system for 27 years and responsible decisions as involved members of our is a mentor because she community. The heart of saw a need for it and the mentoring program is feels she has a lot to give. Kenneth Slimp said that throughout his career he had seen male students with problems with the law were often missing a strong male influence in their lives. He is doing what he can do to fill that Slimp, Carmen Villarreal, void. Jackie Ozbirn said Jackie Ozbirn and Glenda that she has had children

in Winters ISD schools

ACT TO THE

Pictured from left to right are: Kenneth Slimp, Monnie Davis, Jan Simms, Jackie Ozbirn and Carmen Villarreal.

for the last 15 years and she wanted to give back what she could. Carmen Villarreal said that it reminds her of when she was in school. There were times when she just needed someone to talk to or maybe some help with some homework. Glenda McKneely said that she had always been around students and wanted to

find a way to help them out. She currently has students she is working with in both JH and HS. Rhonda Neal contacted by email said that she was inspired after visiting with Mr. Kuempel and her work schedule has allowed her to commit to mentoring. She said she has learned more about dinosaurs that she ever knew.

The common thread in all of these explanations is that they see a need and are stepping up to meet that need. Without a doubt there is a need in the lives of young people these days. A need that these unselfish people are meeting. We at Winters Elementary want to give a great big THANK YOU to them for their efforts.



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FUNERALS AND OBITUARIES

Luther Smith

Luther Lee "Smitty" Smith, Jr., 78, took his final journey to Heaven on Thursday January 19, 2012 with his family surrounding him at his residence.

Memorial service will be at New Beginngs Church, 511 North Roberts, at 2 p.m. Saturday February 11, 2012 with Pastor Terry Loehman officiating. No graveside services will follow.

Smitty was born March 2, 1933. He was a man of many talents. He was raised on a farm near Lampasas. He was a cook, a milkman, oilfield operator and a truck driver.

Survivors include his children, Mickey Smith of Oklahoma, Rickey Smith, Shoni Phelps and husband Shon, Teresa Arispi all of Winters, Johnny Gray and wife Shaunna, Tray Smith both of Abilene and Shon Smith of Hawley; siblings, Bobbie Fry, Jo Ann Tubbs and husband Dale and Conrad Smith all of Winters, Jean Peterson and husband Elmer of Ballinger, and Peggy



Peterson and husband Roy of Midland. He had numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Luther Lee Smith, Sr. and Vivian Smith.

The family would like to thank "Meals on Wheels" for their volunteer work to bring meals to Smitty. Also we appreciate the kindness North Runnels Hospital gave him during his many visits in the hospital. A special thanks for Hospice of San Angelo for taking care of him. Also, we want to thank Mike Meyer and Linda Dry of Winters Funeral Home for their help during our

Smitty lived his life to the fullest and will be remembered by his family in our hearts forever.

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Cecil Ray Sudduth

Cecil Ray Sudduth, 69, of Winters, died January 31, 2012. He was born October 31, 1942 in Winters and lived here all his life and graduated from Winters High School. He served in the United States Army. He married Velma Bullard November 11, 1966 in Wingate. He was the superintendent of maintenance for the Winters Independent School District for many years. He was a member of Hopewell Baptist Church

He is survived by his wife Velma Sudduth of Winters; two daughters Donna Hagle and husband Jay of Winters, and Shelly Kness and husband Cody of Winters; sisters Doris Klein of Georgetown and Geneva Frydendall of Lebanon, Kansas. Brothers Randy Sudduth of Allen and Jerry Sudduth of Sealey, and grandchildren Alexandria Pringle and Sonnie Hagle.

Services were on Friday, February 3, 2012 at the First Baptist Church in Winters with Rev. Heath Powers officiating. He was buried in Lakeview Cemetery under the direction of Winters Funeral Home.

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/ Patsy June Simpson

Patsy June Simpson, 73, of Winters, died February 5, 2012. She was born March 15, 1938 in Ballinger and attended school there. She married Billy Wayne Simpson February 5, 1956 in Yuma, Arizona. Following his discharge they lived in Bronte for a short time before moving to Winters. Pat worked for Main Drug and as secretary for the First Baptist Church where she was a member.

She is survived by her husband Billy Wayne Simpson of Winters; three children James Wayne Simpson and wife Mary of San Angelo, Robert Lynn Simpson of Winters, and Kim Passow and husband Kris of Keller; and three grandchildren Juanita Simpson, Emily Winkler and Chase Passow.

Services were held on Tuesday February 7, 2012 at the First Baptist Church with Bro. Barry Taylor officiating. Burial was held in Northview cemetery directed by Winters Funeral Home.

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Daniel De La Cruz

Daniel De La Cruz, 75, of Winters passed away Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at Ballinger Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.

He was born February 5, 1936 to Evaristo M. and Inocencia Santos De La Cruz. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by his brother Juan Pedro De La Cruz.

Rosary was recited Thursday, February 2 at Lange Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday, February 3 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Ballinger with Fr. Hugh Wade officiating. Daniel was buried at Lakeview Cemetery in Winters.

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Movie Night at the Winters First United Methodist

Movie Night at the Winters First United Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 21 in the Fellowship Hall starting at 6 p.m.

Featuring "Secretariat". This movie is based on a true story about a famous race horse.

For the very young children we will be showing "Tangled" a Disney production.

The community is welcome to join us for our monthly

movie night. Gifted/talented nominations

Nominations are being accepted for the Winters Elementary Gifted/Talented program, Kindergarten only. If you believe your child might benefit from a gifted/talented program, we welcome your nomination. Nomination and parent-permission-for-testing forms may be obtained at the Elementary Principal's office during normal working hours. All forms must be completed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by February 24, 2012.

Las nominaciones para el programa de niños dotados y con talentos especiales están abiertas para el nivel de Kindergarten. Los padres que desean nominar a un niño pueden recoger una forma en la oficina de la Directora en la Escuela Elemental. Las formas se deben entregar antes del 24 de febrero del 2012.

Rotary Pancake Supper

Ballinger Rotary Club assisted by Rotary Interact will be having its yearly Pancake Supper and silent auction on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 5 - 8:30

Join your friends and neighbors and enjoy a freshly prepared pancake supper consisting of pancakes, sausage and plenty of syrup. Plates are \$5 per person. Proceeds will be used for scholarships and other local charitable causes.

Coleman Electric Co-op scholarships

Golden Spread Electric Cooperative is a wholesale generating cooperative from whom Coleman County Electric Cooperative purchases power. The scholarship is available to an entering freshmen college or university student who is a member, or spouse or child of a member, or child whose guardian is a member of Coleman County Electric Cooperative which is an owner (member) of Golden Spread Electric Cooperative.
Applications and Directors Memorial Scholarship

Brochures are available at Coleman County Electric Cooperative. For more information call Tony Williams at (325) 625 2128 or visit their office at 3300 N Hwy 84, Coleman, Texas 76834.

Mentors needed

Winters Elementary School is looking for volunteers to be a mentor on an elementary student. The volunteer would meet with the student once a week during school hours for approximately 30 minutes to help with homework, read a book, or just talk. Mentoring has shown to help build self-esteem, improve grades and in some cases improves test scores. Anyone interested may contact Charles Murphy, Elementary Counselor at 754 5577 ext. 1126.

Runnels Co. RSE meetings
The Runnels Co. Retired School Employees meet at the First United Methodist Church, the second Tuesday of the month at 9:45 a.m. On February 14, 2012 Dist. XV President Nancy Byler will present the program at the Miles Citizen's State Bank; on April 10, 2012 UIL Students will be the program at the Winters

Cross Emmaus Community gatherings

The Cross Emmaus Community gatherings held first Thursday of each month at 6:30 at the United Methodist Church. For more information call (325) 365 2323.

VFW meetings

Winters Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9193 meet the second Monday night of each month at 6 p.m. in the Rock Hotel. All eligible veterans of the United States military are invited to attend.

Band Boosters

The Band Boosters meet every Monday evening at 7 p.m. at the Band Hall.

Winters Women's Club

Members meet the second Tuesday of the month. Call Marlene Smith at 754-4961 for additional information.

AA meeting are held at 204 W. Truett behind church on Main St. Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Ballinger Al-Anon meetings
Al-Anon meetings will be held every Monday and

Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church of Ballinger, on Broad Ave. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Please enter through the south side of the church.

City Council Meetings Winters City Council meets at 6 p.m. the last Monday of the month at 310 North Main.

Colorado River Bikefest

The Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding its 37th annual Colorado River Bikefest/Lions Journey For Sight on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m.

Entry fee for the 5 mile ride, run and walk will be \$10. The 30K, 60K, and 100K tours registration fee is\$20. The first 100 entries will be getting free T-shirts. Proceeds will benefit Lions Club Journey for Sight. For more information contact Lanada Driskell at (325) 234-7842, e-mail lanada_driskell@yahoo.com or visit the Noon Lions Club website at http://www.ballingernoonlions.org . Entry forms are available on the website.

SOIL Annual Prayers Breakfast

Sisters Operating in Love Women's Ministry of Jesus Christ Church will be having their first Annual Prayers Breakfast "Women Moving Forward in Christ" on Saturday, March 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Jesus Christ Church 407 South Seventh Street, Ballinger, Minister Cheryl Crider, Bible Way, will be the speaker.

Tickets are \$6.95 per person and can be purchased in advance from any member of S.O.I.L. and are available at the door. For more information contact the church at (325) 365-8711 or Sis. Reba Bonner at (325) 977-1931 or Lady Michelle Blaylock (325) 716-9948. I'm not going back, I'm moving ahead, I'm here to de-

clare to you, the past is over, in you all things are made new, surrender my life to Christ, I'm moving, moving forward.

Elmer Blaylock, Pastor; Lady Michelle, President; Reba Bonner, Chairperson.

BMH to present diabetes and nutrition education classes

The Ballinger Memorial Hospital will be providing a free community education program throughout 2012 for anyone interested in improving personal health. The March class will be held Thursday, March 1, 2012 from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Wellness Center lobby at the Ballinger Memorial Hospital.

Sharon Gowing, MS, RD, LD will be leading the class in a variety of topics including healthy food choices for families and meal planning. For more information, please call Norma Haddon, BMH Dietary Director at 365-

Rowena VFD fish fry and raffle

The Rowena Volunteer Fire Department will be raffling a handmade quilt, donated by Rowena quilters at the Annual Fish Fry to be held on Thursday, February 12,

The Annual Fish Fry will be held at St. Joseph Parish Hall from 11 a.m. trough 1 p.m. Plates will be \$8 for adults and children \$5. Raffle tickets are available at Hoelscher Liquor, West Texas State Bank or with any member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

90th birthday celebration

Friends of Gertrude Bahlman are invited to join together in honoring her on her 90th birthday, to be celebrated from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, February 18 at the Ninth Street Church of Christ Fellowship building, 1100 Ninth St. Ballinger, Texas. The only gift-the gift of your presence-a most treasured one.

Sing-along at the FUMC

There will be a sing-along at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall in Ballinger on Sunday, February 12 at 5:00 p.m. Fran Kidwell will be pianist and Jackie Henry and Jamie Rouse will lead the singing. A light meal will follow the time of singing. Everyone is invited to come and sing or just listen.

Christian 12-Step Group, using the Bible as guide
Beginning on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church, a Christian 12-step Group will meet every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Please use the Ave. A and Seventh St. entrance. Carrying the 12-Steps to a deeper level - in addition to AA, NA, Al-Anon, or any other 12-step meetings you are attending.

Group is not affiliated with AA, NA, or Al-Anon. For more information please contact the church at (325)

Runnels Co Alzheimer Support Group

The monthly Runnels County Alzheimer Support Group will be held at Central Texas Nursing and Rehabilitation Center the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. All concerned citizens are invited to share in discussion and education about the disease process and care giver perspective. There is no charge and this is a public service sponsored by the National Alzheimer Association.

Girls softball registration open

The Ballinger Girls Softball Association is now holding registration until February 18. Registration forms are available at The Treadmill.

Cattle raiser convention to feature beef expert panel

FORT WORTH- A world class panel of beef industry experts will provide a futuristic look into how the cattle industry will transform over the next 15 years at the Opening General Session of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) convention in Fort Worth. The session begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 31 at the Fort Worth Convention Center.

"The cattle industry has changed dramatically since TSCRA was founded in 1877," said Joe Parker Jr., rancher and TSCRA president. "Ranchers are facing challenges such as smaller margins, overreaching government regulations, severe weather patterns and the impact of a fragile global economy. This panel of experts will help give Texas ranchers the insight they need to make future decisions regarding their operations.'

Top executives include Rob Aukerman, president of U.S. Operations at Elanco Animal Health; Kevin Good, CattleFax senior market analyst and manager of corporate accounts; Bill Rupp, JBS Inc., president of beef

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division; and John Ryan, president and CEO for Rabo AgriFinance. These esperts will look 15 years into the future and predict the transformation the beef industry will undergo between now and 2027.

Registration for the 2012 TSCRA Convention Weekend is open. For more information including a complete schedule of events visit www.tscra.org.

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WINTERS BLIZZARDS ATHLETIC REPORT BY STEPHEN HERMESMEYER VARSITY GIRLS

Coach: Brooke Bicknell

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Coach: Bicknell DATE: 1/31/12 Quarters 61 51 Winters 19 Christoval 13 12 13 13 Winters: Strait Daniel 24, Riley Ripley 9, Andy Garcia 8, Hayden Nitsch 8, Cristian Sandoval 4, Andrew Chavis 4, Bryce Mikeska 2, Matt Pritchard 2

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JV BOYS

Coach: Cates Date: 1/27/12

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Quarters Final 13 Winters 36 13 Christoval 14 Winters: Jake Brock 14, Lucas Kraatz 8, Darryl Hagle 6, Jordan Hamrick 5, Christian Tamez 2, Ethan Brede-

Quarters Final Winters Winters: Hagle 8, Brock 7, Kraatz 3, Bredemeyer 3, Bridgeman 2, Cleghorn 1.

Colts to play 56 home games this season

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

SAN ANGELO- The San Angelo Colts announced their 2012 schedule last week. They will play 96 games against five opponents in throughout Texas. The season will run from late May into early September.

The Colts open the new season at 7:05 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23 against the McAllen Thunder at Foster Field. Following the game there will be a fireworks show

Among the highlights of the 56-game home schedule are 10 Thursday \$1 Beer Night games and seven \$2 Tuesday games. Other promotions include fireworks, 18 giveaway nights and three youth

clinic nights. There are also 28 weekend games (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) at Foster Field this

"A 56-game home schedule gives our fans more opportunities to enjoy our style of af-fordable family entertainment this summer," Colts General Manager Mike Babcock said. "The extra home games also allow us to create our largest promotional schedule to date. We are currently working on putting together an exciting 2012 promotional calendar.

Game times are scheduled for 7:05 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 6:05 p.m. on Sundays. Gates for every Colts

home game open one hour prior to first pitch.

This year marks the Colts' thirteenth season and seventh in the United League/North American League. They played exclusively in the United League from 2006 through 2010 before it merged with the independent Golden and Northern leagues last year to form the independent North American There will also be two

new teams in the league: the Abilene Prairie Dogs and the Fort Worth Cats. Fort Worth re-establishes a local rival for the Colts, after spending the past six years in the independent American Association.

"We are excited about the two new additions to the league this year," Babcock said. "Abilene is an easy commuter trip for our team, and the Fort Worth Cats are an old rival of the Colts from the days of the Central Baseball League. Our fans will have the opportunity to see both of these clubs in action at Foster Field this summer. These additions also help solidify the league with no more trips out of state during the regular season."

The full 2012 schedule is available at www. sanangelocolts.com. For more information, and to reserve season tickets. call the Colts front office at (325) 942-6587.

Pro baseball returning to Abilene

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ABILENE- After a 12-year hiatus, professional baseball is returning to the city of Abilene.

The North American League announced last week that the Abilene Prairie Dogs will play in the 2012 season. The new Prairie Dogs franchise takes its name from the old Abilene pro team that played in the independent Texas-Louisiana League from 1995 through 1999.

"The Prairie Dogs were in Abilene during the 1990s, and were very successful," League President Byron Pierce said. "When their lease expired they moved to San Angelo and became the Colts, but Abilene has always been a good market. We can't wait to bring the Prairie Dogs

With the addition of the Prairie Dogs, there are now six teams in the North American League South Division. The Prairie Dogs join the San Angelo Colts, Fort Worth Cats, Rio Grande Valley WhiteWings, Edinburg Roadrunners and McAllen Thunder.

This year the Prairie Dogs will play their home games at Walt Driggers Field on the campus of McMurry University. A deal is in the works to construct a brand new ballpark in Abilene for the 2013 season.

The Prairie Dogs are scheduled to play 32 home games this year. Their home opener is set for 7:05 p.m. on Monday, May 28 against the Colts. Every team in the league will make at least one trip to Abilene.

"The North American League is very excited to welcome the Prairie Dogs," Executive General Manager Mike Babcock said. "I am happy to see pro baseball return to Abilene, and I look forward to watching this new franchise become part of the community and build upon the city's already long and proud baseball history.

Professional baseball in Abilene dates all the way back to 1939 with the Apaches of the old West Texas-New Mexico League. Halfway through the season the Apaches moved, and it was 7 years before a new team arrived.

It was the Abilene Blue Sox who took the Apaches' place, emerging in the same league in 1946. The Blue Sox played from 1946 through 1957, and were affiliated first with the Brooklyn Dodgers and then the Kansas City

The city has welcomed this new franchise with open arms, and I am confident the fans will too," Babcock said.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Bishops against abortifacients in health care plans

Dear Editor:

The Catholic Bishops of the United States of America have called literally unconscionable a decision by the Obama Administration to continue to demand that sterilization, abortifacients and contraception be included in virtually all health care plans in out country. This surprising and sad announcement means that this mandate and its very narrow exemption will not change at all; instead, there will only be a delay in enforcement against some employers.

To force American citizens to choose between violating their consciences and foregoing health care is as much an attack on access to health care as on religious freedom. Historically this represents a challenge and a compromise of our religious liberty. The government should not force Americans to act as if pregnancy is a disease to be prevented to all costs. The decision of the current administration tramples on the religious liberties that Americans have held dearly for over two centuries given to all of us by First Amendment.

For Catholics, as well as many other Christians, this mandate is unacceptable. Forcing employers to pay for abortion-inducing drugs for their employees is a serious violation of conscience. Almost all health insurers will be forced to include those services in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be forced to by that coverage as a part of their policies. This is an unjust law.

Sincerely, Most Rev. Micheal Pfeifer. Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of San Angelo

Webinar will address feral hog removal

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WINTERS- Texas Wildlife Association has teamed with Texas AgriLife Extension to host a series of webinars covering a wide array of wildlife and land management topics. These free online webinars are held during the lunch hour (noon - 1 p.m.) so that anyone interested may tune in during the work day. The webinar series provides sound, science-based wildlife management information delivered by experts to you in the comfort of your own home or office.

The next webinar, "Wild Pigs in Texas: Control Options for Landowners", will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2012. The webinar will be presented by Dr. Billy Higginbotham, Texas AgriLife Extension Fisheries and Wildlife Specialist. This webinar

will concentrate on the control methods available to Texas landowners to efficiently reduce damage caused by wild pigs. Special emphasis will be placed on best management practices of trapping—considered to be the removal method that is the first line of defense for most Texas landowners. Current research efforts will also be discussed.

To sign on simply point your browser to https://

texas-wildlife.webex.com on the day of the webinar and click to join the Wildlife for Lunch webinar. Each web based seminar is fully interactive and allows you to engage the experts, make comments, and ask questions during the course of the presentation. For more information contact Texas Wildlife Association's Courtney Brittain at cbrittain@texas-wildlife.org or 1-800-839-9453.

Gearing up for the Bikefest

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- The Ballinger Noon Lions Club will be holding its 37th annual Colorado River Bikefest/ Lions Journey For Sight on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. The Bikefest will start at U.S. Highway 83 at the Runnels County

Courthouse. Entry fee for the 5 mile ride, run and walk will be \$10. The 30K. 60K. and 100K tours registration fee is\$20. For more information contact Lanada Driskell at (325) 234-7842, lanada_driskell@ yahoo.com or visit the website at http://www. ballingernoonlions.org.

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Training offers continuing education units

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SAN ANGELO- The Texas AgriLife Extension Service office in Tom Green County will be offering its annual "Last Chance" Continuing Education Unit Course from 12:30 - 6:15 p.m. Feb. 9 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center. The center is north of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

Five credits will be available — one general, two integrated pest management, one laws and regulations,

and one drift minimization. The course will include presentations on toxic plant identification and control, lawn and weed control, integrated pest management concepts and drift minimization. "We call this our 'last chance course' because it's the last time our office will offer Department of Agriculture continuing education units before the end-of-the-month deadline," said Steve Sturtz.

USDA announces CRP general sign-up drive

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

WASHINGTON- The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general signup, beginning on March 12 and ending on April 6, Acting Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services (FFAS) Michael Scuse announced last week.

CRP has a 25-year legacy of successfully protecting the nation's natural resources through voluntary participation, while providing significant economic and environmental benefits to rural communities across the United

"It is USDA's goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues," said Scuse. "CRP is an important program for protecting our most environmentally sensitive lands from erosion and sedimentation, and for ensuring the sustainability of our groundwater, lakes, rivers, ponds and streams. As always, we expect strong competition to enroll acres into CRP, and we urge interested producers to maximize their environmental benefits and to make costeffective offers.'

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them use environmentally sensitive land for conservation benefits. Producers enrolled in CRP plant long-term, resourceconserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and develop wildlife habitat. In return, USDA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. Producers with expiring contracts and producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP. Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered on a continuous, non-competitive, signup basis.

Currently, about 30 million acres are enrolled in CRP; and contracts on an estimated 6.5 million acres will expire on Sept. 30,

Offers for CRP contracts are ranked according to the Environmental Benefits Index (EBI). USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) collects data for each of the EBI factors based on the relative environmental benefits for the land offered. Each eligible offer is ranked in comparison to all other offers and selections made from that ranking.

FSA uses the following EBI factors to assess the environmental benefits for the land offered: Wildlife habitat benefits resulting from covers on contract acreage; water quality benefits from reduced erosion, runoff and leaching, on-farm benefits from reduced erosion; benefits that will likely endure beyond the contract period; air quality benefits from reduced wind erosion; and Over the past 25 years,

farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP the largest and one of the most important in USDA's conservation portfolio. CRP continues to make major contributions to national efforts to improve water and air quality, prevent soil erosion by protecting the most sensitive areas including those prone to flash flooding and runoff. At the same time, CRP has helped increase populations of pheasants, quail, ducks, and other rare species, like the sage grouse, the lesser prairie chicken,

and others. CRP has restored more than two million acres of wetlands and two million acres of riparian buffers; each year, CRP keeps more than 600 million pounds of nitrogen and more than 100 million pounds of phosphorous from flowing into our nation's streams, rivers, and lakes.

CRP provides \$1.8 billion annually to landowners - dollars that make their way into local economies, supporting small businesses and creating jobs; and CRP is the largest private lands carbon sequestration program in the country. By placing vulnerable cropland into conservation, CRP sequesters carbon in plants and soil, and reduces both fuel and fertilizer usage. In 2010, CRP resulted in carbon sequestration equal to taking almost 10 million cars off the road.

In 2011, USDA enrolled a record number of acres of private working lands in conservation programs, working with more than 500,000 farmers and ranchers to implement conservation practices that clean the air we breathe, filter the water we drink, and prevent soil erosion. Moreover, the Obama Administration, with Agriculture Secretary Vilsack's leadership, has worked tirelessly to strengthen rural America, implement the Farm Bill, maintain a strong farm safety net, and create opportunities for America's farmers and ranchers. U.S. agriculture is currently experiencing one of its most productive periods in American history thanks to the productivity, resiliency, and resourcefulness of our producers.

CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMbtu for industrial and transportation customers.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our website www.atmosenergy.com/mtx-soi. In addition, customers can contact their City for additional information regarding this rate request.

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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'Last chance' training on Feb. 9 at San Angelo

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For more information and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Tom Green County at (325) 659-6522 or (325) 659-6524.



Commetary by Dr. Don Newbury

To be sure, excesses like the poor — are with us always. Though the scent may grow faint at times among life's many aromas, it has always been there, dating back to the Garden of Eden, where Adam and Eve chowed down on fruit from the wrong tree.

My first documented excess came at birth on September 7, 1937, when I "weighed in" at 10 pounds. (Yes, I've been overweight most of my adult life, but at least I didn't start out like Dan Blocker of TV's "Bonanza" fame. They say he weighed 14 pounds, and his birth dates were December 10-11-12, 1928.)

For the longest time, we've given passes to excesses, even when their maintenance meant we had to rely on the Peter-robbing/Paul-paying routine to stay afloat. Then, dad-blame-it, Peter

went and declared bankruptcy....

Sadly, the year of my birth marked the beginning of another excess one that clearly supports the "camel nose under the tent' theory. The University of Texas Board of Regents, eager to

hire the best coach around to turn their football program right-side up, decided that Dana X. Bible was the man for the job. Bible, a Tennessean, was a sports

star at little Carson-

Newman College, where his father was employed. He graduated there 100 years ago this spring, then set out on a brilliant coaching career. He won big-time at Texas A&M, where he introduced the "12th Man" tradition dur-

ing 11 years there. Then

came a half-dozen Big Six

titles during eight seasons at Nebraska. The UT Regents lured him away, offering a 20-year contract at \$15,000 per. (This annual figure translates

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dollars.) Stunned taxpayers across the state had conniption fits. Such a figure for coaching was unheard of, exceeding salaries of the Governor of Texas AND the UT President. And it was five

times greater than

the average profes-

to \$234,000 in today's

sorial salary, for crying out loud.... Newbury Sensing unrest, the Legislature intervened. That

body "upped" the prexy's pay, and no doubt figured out a way to sweeten the governor's deal as well. Bible opened with a

couple of rocky seasons, winning a total of three games, before achieving

legendary status during

the next eight seasons. Then, as per contract, the World War I fighter pilot settled in as full-time athletic director for the next decade....

Alas, Bible was born a half-century too soon. Mack Brown, a fellow Tennessean born a couple of hours down the road from Bible, just got a far better deal to extend his football coaching empire at UT. His contract is for \$5.2 million per year, with annual raises of \$100,000, guaranteed through the

UT fans probably call this "20-20 foresight"; others call it ridiculous. The regents have taken absurdity so far up the pole it needs blinking red lights to warn pilots. They've taken "higher education" to a new dimension.

There are a number of other institutions whose leaders have lost sight of what higher education is

about, as well as the role of athletics. Were it 1937, there'd be torch light parades of protest. With so much to feel poorly about in 2012, most discontent is reduced to "tsk-tsk-tsk." Few seem to realize that the goose laying golden eggs died several years ago and is buried on bankrupted Peter's place....

Some professional athletes march to mighty drumbeats, too. Prince Fielder is the latest example.

He has opted to sign a nine-year deal to play baseball for the Detroit Tigers. His total pay? \$214 million....

Other major "players" on the spiraling staircase of excesses are spouses of same — particularly when they come to a parting of

Vanessa Bryant, former wife of NBA basketball star Kobe Bryant, did right well in the couple's

divorce settlement. Included in her \$75 million "take" were three mansions valued at almost

\$20 million.... Someone said she was singing an old-time Southern Gospel tune upon leav-

ing the courtroom. "'Course, I think she was paraphrasing," the observer noted.

Her lyrics were sung thusly: "I've got three mansions just over the hilltop."..

Finally, a closing serious note. Our culture, from the White House to our house, must submit to a "pay as you go" philosophy, per-

haps closely akin to 1937. It may take some conniptions to gain rightful attention. Absurd excesses must end....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex. Send inquiries/comments to newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872.

New area accounting service starts operating

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

BALLINGER- A glance around Ballinger reveals many new businesses are opening in the downtown area. One of the most recent new businesses to the area is the Accounting Office of Todd Jeffrey Freeman, CPA.

However, Todd Freeman is no stranger to this area. He was raised in Roscoe and graduated from Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi in 1995. After passing the Uniform CPA exam in 1999, he and his family moved to Ballinger in September of 2011. "It's ironic. When I graduated from Roscoe High School, I couldn't wait to leave the West Texas area. In fact, I moved to College Station within a week after graduating from high school. But as you grow older, you begin to miss the friendly and laid back lifestyle that most locals take for granted," Todd stated.

In 2009, Todd and his family moved to Big Spring so his wife Dorothy could further her sign language interpreting career.

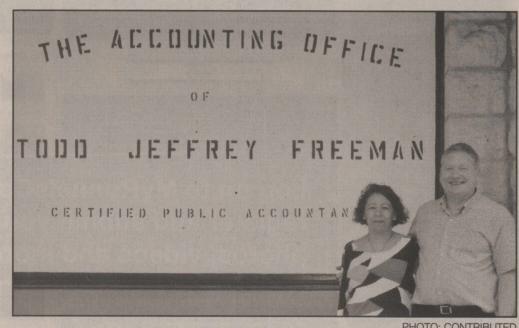


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Raised in Roscoe, Texas, Todd Jeffrey Freeman is no stranger to West Texas, he and his wife Dorothy are pictured here last Friday, February 3, at the grand opening of his accounting office on Seventh Sreet in Ballinger.

"I am so blessed to be given this opportunity to open a shop in Ballinger. Sometimes it takes moving away from an area, before you recognize just how good you had it,' remarked Todd.

office is located in the Old Tatum Building at 106 N. 7th Street and his office number is (325) 365-2393. He will offer a variety of accounting services including tax return preparation, tax planning, business consulting, business struc-

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Area artist gets ribbon in Brownwood art exhibit

Jean Hensley of Ballinger received a \$100 honorable mention award at the 14th annual Stars of Texas Juried Art Exhibit, held Feb. 5 -18 at the Santa Fe Depot Civic and Cultural Center in Brownwood. Jurist Terry Morrow called Hensley's mixed media piece, "Stella," "a charming and almost lonely" work and said her attention to detail and craft is impressive.

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Gearing up for the annual spaghetti dinner

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ROWENA- The Rowena Catholic Daughters - Court Our Lady of Grace #1734 - are gearing up for their annual fund raiser scheduled for Sunday, February 26, 2012. The event will include a spaghetti dinner, bake sale

and prize drawings.

The dinner will consist of spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, garlic bread, dessert and tea. Serving time will be from 10:20 a.m. thru 1:00 p.m. featuring dinein and drive-thru. Adult plates and plates-to-go will be \$7.00; children 10 and

younger will be \$4.00. Homemade baked items will be for sale throughout the meal. Tickets for numerous drawings can be purchased the day of the meal at \$1.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$5.00.

The Spaghetti Dinner/ Bake Sale has been an annual fund raiser of the court for over 30 years and continues to be a suc-



CDA members Jeane Irby, Martha Lange, Rhonda Legg, Danelle Schwertner and Holly Gaston prepare to do some serious meat sauce cooking at the 2011 CDA Fund Raiser Spaghetti Dinner.

cess each year.

Another upcoming activity of the court is a Ladies' Afternoon Out which will take place on Sunday, February 19, 2012. The group will attend the Youth Production of the Angelo Civic Theater presentation of "The Adventures of Dr.

Dolittle." The court is sponsoring six high school senior applicants for the Texas State CDA Memorial Scholarship. Applications will be judged at the state level with announcement of winners made sometime in late April or early May. Numerous applicants sponsored by the court have been awarded scholarships since 1994.



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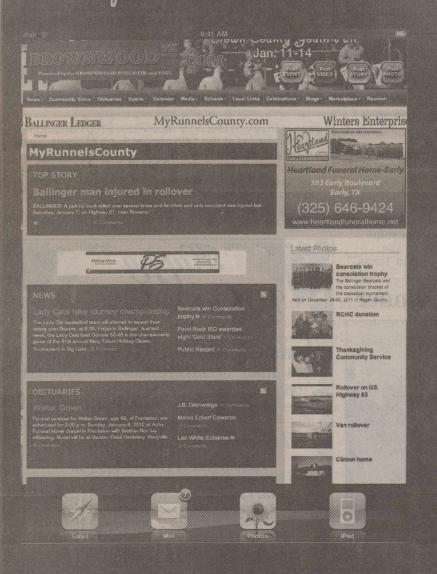
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Biscuit/Sausage or Cereal or Cheese and Egg Omelet, Toast w/ Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. TUESDAY

Breakfast Pizza or Cereal or Breakfast Pocket, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. WEDNESDAY

Breakfast/Egg Pattie or Oatmeal or Sausage on Stick, Toast w/Jelly, Juice, Choice of Milk. THURSDAY

Sausage Roll or Cereal or French Toast/Sausage, Toast w/Jelly, Juice Choice of Milk. FRIDAY

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MONDAY

BBQ Ribs/Bun or Egg Roll w/Fried Rice, Cheesy Potatoes, Oriental Vegetables, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick. Broccoli Salad, Peaches, Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

TUESDAY Salisbury Steak or Chicken/Bun, Italian Green Beans, Cooked Carrots, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Rosy Pears, Cake, Hot Roll, Choice

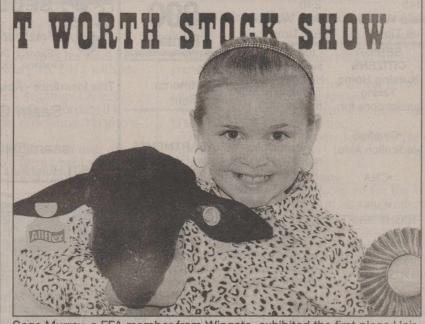
of Milk WEDNESDAY Taco Salad or Chicken Fajita, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Carrot Stick, Colesiaw or Lettuce & Tomato, Rosy Applesauce, Cornbread or Jalapeno

Cheese Bread, Choice of Milk. THURSDAY Chicken Tenders/Gravy or Sloppy Joe/Bun, Broccoli w/Cheese Mashed Sweet Potatoes, Tossed Salad/Carrot Stick, Orange Wedges Hot Roll, Choice of Milk.

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Sage Murray, a FFA member from Wingate, exhibited the first place Hair Sheep Light Weight in the Junior Hair Sheep Show.



Brenda Edwards, a FFA member from Winters exhibited the first place Heavy Weight Lamb in the Junior Fine Wool Cross Show

Local students exhibit first places at Fort Worth Stock Show

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

FORT WORTH- Two area students exhibited first place winners at the Fort Worth Stock Show and rodeo held between January 13 and February 4, 2012. Brenda Edwards, a FFA member from Winters exhibited the first place Heavy Weight Lamb in the Junior Fine Wool Cross Show on January 29, and Sage Murray, a FFA member from Wingate, exhibited the first place Hair Sheep Light Weight in the Junior Hair Sheep Show.

The 2012 Show is proud to be hosting nearly 10,000 junior exhibitors from across Texas, competing for prizes and \$94,065.00 in premiums. Since 1896, the Fort

Worth Stock Show and Rodeo has remained a prominent figure in the livestock industry.

The nation's oldest livestock show will see nearly 22,000 head of world-class livestock roll through "cowtown" between January 13 - February 4. While the show is continually looking ahead, the focus on the livestock industry and our youth is unwavering.

"One of the Show's main priorities is our commitment to the livestock industry and

the agriculture leaders of tomorrow," said Bradford S. Barnes, President and General Manager of the Fort Worth Stock Show. "Junior exhibitors learn many valuable life lessons during their years of showing livestock, which will serve them well throughout their lives. Our Show ensures a progressive future for agriculture by assisting

in the development and

education of 4-H and FFA students."

The 116th edition of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo offers visitors a chance to experience the unique western lifestyle along with a one-of-a-kind combination of history, tradition and Western heritage. For more information and a detailed daily schedule, visit www.

Inflatable theater coming to Abilene

WINTERS ENTERPRISE

ABILENE- The Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. performance, presented by the Children's Performing Arts Series will be held on Sunday, February 12 at 2 p.m. at the Paramount Theatre, 352 Cypress Street.

With sold out performances around the world, "Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co." stars pneumatic wizard Fred Garbo and Brazilian ballerina Daielma Santos. This exquisite duo delights audiences with huge inflatable props, comedy, juggling and dancing, transcending age and language.

Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co. has won the praise and affection of many audiences, runs at the New Victory Theater on Broadway. They have performed

at the Kennedy Center and appeared on international television and Playhouse Square in Cleveland, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, and the Hong Kong International Arts Carnival (just to mention a few). They also garnered ongoing mentions on David Letterman's Late Show.

The Children's Performing Arts Series is a division of the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council, a non profit organization. The Children's Performing Arts Series brings live professional theater productions to Abilene for the benefit and enjoyment of the area's youngest audiences and their families. Ticket prices are made affordable though ing of individuals and businesses in the community.

Tickets may be purchased online at abilenecac.org/cparts. Tickets can also be purchased over the phone by calling 677-1161 or in person by visiting the CPAS office in the T&P Depot at 1101 North 1st Street, Monday - Friday between 8:30 - 5 p.m.

Pro-rated season tickets are also available, which include admission to the "Fred Garbo Inflatable Theater Co." show and the "Alice in Wonderland" show on April 15. The party level season ticket includes admission to a great Alice in Wonderland after party, where children and their families can meet the cast and enjoy refreshments and craft

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