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## JP race will be county's only contested seat

By Wayne Hodgin  
The Post Dispatch

If you were holding out for an raucous political season leading into the spring primary and on into next November's general election — at least locally — you can go ahead and put those excitations aside.

Of the eight locally contested races for county seats up for election this coming electoral cycle, only one here in Garza County will be contested, and even that one likely will be decided during the March 4 primary.

Republican Angela Massey will be challenged for the Justice of the Peace Place 2 spot she was appointed.

Incumbent Angela Massey will face a challenge from political newcomer Jay Young in the Republican primary next March for the Justice of the Peace Place 2 spot she has only served in since being appointed to the position last May.

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## Comeaux: Move to 3A won't affect Post athletics much

By Geoffrey Baumgartner  
The Post Dispatch

Post High School will be making what local officials have dubbed a quiet move from Class 2A to 3A beginning with the 2014 academic year, according to the new UIL realignment that will take effect in February.

In an unprecedented move early last week, the UIL released its conference cutoff numbers for the 2014-2016 reclassification and realignment period as part of the state agency's biennial census of all public schools according to enrollment.

Under the UIL plan, which is expected to be implemented in February for the 2014-2016 academic years, there will be six conferences throughout the state instead of five. The new conference enrollment cutoffs will be 2,100 and above for 6A classification and in between 1,060-2,099 for 5A classification.

In addition, enrollment must be 465-1,059 for 4A, 220-464 for 3A, 105-219 for 2A, and 104 or below for 1A classification. Basically, what was 5A is now 6A and what was 6-man is now 1A.

The change also will cause some schools in Lubbock and across the South Plains to move classifications. Of note, Lubbock-Monterrey will make the leap to 6A and Lubbock-Cooper to 5A.

At Post High School, however, Superintendent Mike Comeaux said the change would not bring about much change to the existing program, including the athletic schedules.

"The new realignment numbers will not affect us much," Comeaux said. "The new 3A is virtually the old 2A. We figure our district will be composed of some familiar opponents with a few new ones."

## Ragtown revival



Anna Gibson/The Post Dispatch  
Nicklaus Elliffie, portrayed by Glenn Polk, and Juanice Myers as his wife, Meena, influence the lives of nine orphans who seem to always be passed over for adoption. The holiday-themed musical "Say Nicklaus!" was revived a second year at Ragtown Gospel Theater in Post because of its popular and Gospel-centric story.

# Polks bring back 'Say Nicklaus!' for a second year

By Anna Gibson  
The Post Dispatch

Brothers Chip and Glenn Polk of the Ragtown Gospel Theater are excited to bring back the holiday musical "Say Nicklaus!" as requested by fans and the community of last year's crowd.

In fact, the owners of the destination theater north of Post have just this week added extra productions to accommodate more people.

"Say Nicklaus" is, as all our plays are, about the love and acceptance we have in Christ," playwright Chip Polk said.

This particular play comes from a different perspective. It takes place in a home for orphaned and abandoned children and focuses on one particular cottage where nine children are housed under the care of Nicklaus and Meena Elliffie, a very loving older couple.

The children in their charge have been passed over for adoption many times, and are accustomed to rejection.

"We see the power that the love of Christ, imparted through willing hearts, may have on the lives of others," Chip Polk said of the play's theme.

Chip Polk said he believes the ideas for all his shows are, like seeds by a sower, planted by God in his mind. "Say Nicklaus!" was no different, although, he said, it took a little more time for it to all come together.

"After writing 20 plays, most of which are set in biblical times, I had been thinking about something altogether different," Chip Polk said. "One of our actors has a son whom he and his wife adopted from

a Russian orphanage. His name is Pasha Brantley, and this play is dedicated to him."

Pasha is portrayed, to some extent, by the character Bertrand, played by Caelan Thuett. Nicklaus calls him "Cupid" because he has such a big, loving heart.

"Pasha is like that," Polk said. "I had heard some of his story, which is very moving, as I interviewed Pasha and another friend who grew up in an orphanage, and the story began to take shape."

A lot of research about the origins of various Christmas traditions was done while Polk was working on the musical.

Although he admits the origins of many Christian traditions surrounding the holiday don't have much significance for him, Polk said he was more interested in the hearts of people today.

"In recent years there seems to be a growing effort, ostensibly from within the Christian community, to demonize some of our most cherished Christian celebrations," Polk said. "Some people have made the decision to shield their children from what they say are the pagan origins of various Christmas traditions, or to eliminate gifts because they think the focus has been taken off of Jesus."

"Some have decided the wonder of Santa Claus is in some way harmful to children. I think that is terribly sad and runs counter to the Christian hope of bringing others to faith in Jesus Christ."

Today's Western folk legend of Santa Claus and the secrecy surrounding his Christmas visit to children is steeped in religious lore, based largely on the acts of Saint Nicholas, a fourth-century saint and

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### Recipe exchange

The Post Dispatch is asking for Christmas cookie recipes from our readers to be printed in an upcoming edition. Share your family's favorite recipe for shaped/molded/rolled/refrigerator/no-bake cookies or drop cookies or bar cookies. Three recipes — one per category — will be published. Email submissions preferred to thepostcitydispatch@gmail.com.

### Ragtown matinees

Extra matinee performances of the popular Ragtown Gospel Theater production of "Say Nicklaus!" have been added, including 3 p.m. Dec. 15 and 21 with regular 7:30 p.m. performance Dec. 20. For information or to purchase tickets visit ragtown.com.

### Taxpayer clinic

Students at the Texas Tech School of Law conduct free clinic for low-income taxpayers throughout the year to assist them with federal tax issues related to individual tax matters. Eligibility is determined by the federal poverty guidelines. For information or schedule an appointment, call Nancy Mojica at 806-834-7972 or 800-420-8037.

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## Deaths

### Marilyn Joyce Steel

Marilyn Joyce Steel, 73, passed away Friday, Dec 6th, 2013, peacefully at her home in Stillwater, Okla., with family, after a courageous eight-year battle with cancer.

She was born to Joyce Clinton Steel and Jewel Caywood Steel on May 20, 1940, in Post.

Marilyn attended elementary through high school in Post before attending Oklahoma State University, where she graduated with a B.S. in Business Education in 1966. She went on to receive her M.S. in Student Personnel and Counseling from OSU in 1991.

She retired from OSU-Tulsa in 2006, where she was employed as a student adviser.

Marilyn loved to travel with her friends, with



MARILYN STEEL

Branson, Mo., being the destination of many of their trips. She also enjoyed sewing, cooking, and reading Janet Evanovich novels. She was a member of Lost Creek United Methodist Church in Stillwater.

She is preceded in death by her father, Joyce Clinton

Steel in February 2011.

She is survived by her mother, Jewel Steel of Post; daughters Lisa and Don Johnson of Stillwater and Amy and Troy Case of Tulsa; grandchildren: Joshua Garrido of Stillwater, William Konemann of Stillwater and Nachel Konemann of Lubbock; and brother and sister-in-law, Chris and Judy Steel of Oracle, Ariz. She also leaves behind numerous loving friends and relatives.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13th, 2013, at Justice-Mason Funeral Home in Post. The Rev. Scott Richards will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Image Hospice 2311 W. 7th Pl., Stillwater, OK 74074.

### James Michael Watkins

SAN ANGELO — James Michael "Mike" Watkins, 86, died December 8, 2013 in San Angelo. James was born June 18, 1927 in Slaton, Texas. He graduated from Slaton High School in 1944. He then served in both the Marines and the Army Reserve. He was also proud to be a graduate

of Texas A&M. In 1957 he married Ganell Babb in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death in 2006. A career employee of the ATSF Railroad, he ended his 41 years with the company as Trainmaster of San Angelo. Survivors include his sister, Mary Gross of New Jersey, nieces, Margo Spoolstra, Carol

Calcerano, nephew, Mark Gross, god daughters, Amy Kitten, Leslie Sugar, Jo Steele, and special caregiver, Bradley Kitten. Memorials can be made to Slaton Harvey House, P.O. Box 53, Slaton, TX 79364. Arrangements by Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

## Menus

### Menu for December 16-27

(Fruit and milk served daily)

#### Southland ISD Breakfast

Monday: Pancakes, sausage  
Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza  
Wednesday: Biscuits, sausage, gravy  
Thursday: Muffins, yogurt  
Friday: Cherry or apple frudel, yogurt  
(Fruit, juice and milk served daily)

#### Lunch

Monday: Corn dog, baked chips, baked beans  
Tuesday: Chicken Quesadilla, refried beans, garden salad  
Wednesday: Ravioli, corn, garden salad, pudding  
Thursday: Chicken patty sack lunch  
Friday: Peanut butter and jelly sack lunch

#### Post ISD Breakfast

Monday: Oatmeal, blueberry muffin  
Tuesday: Chicken-n-biscuit with syrup  
Wednesday: Pancake sausage on a stick  
Thursday: Sunrise sandwich  
Friday: Breakfast tacos  
(100% fruit juice or fresh fruit and milk variety served daily.)

#### Lunch

Monday: Pizza dippers with spaghetti sauce, garden salad, baby carrots, apple slices  
Tuesday: Ultimate taco salad with tortilla chips, romaine, seasoned corn, snowball salad, salsa

## NOTES

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#### Toys for Tots

The Post Lions Club is seeking monetary donations or new unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. Parents needing assistance can obtain an application at Post Elementary or any Post Lions Club member. Toy barrels will again be placed at local businesses to receive any new toys. Contact Jason Porter at Porter Hardware 495-1040 for information.

#### Garza County Museum

New military exhibit commemorating the 72nd anniversary of the 1941 bombing of Pearl Harbor. Purple Heart recipient Patrick Reilly donated the 154-airplane exhibit to the museum. For information, call 495-2207

#### Rabbit Validations

The validation for rabbits has been moved to Saturday, December 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the show barn. For information call the Extension Office 495-4400

#### O.S. Museum

Beautiful and unusual Nativities and Crèches are the stars of the "Reflections of Christmas" exhibit on display at the O.S. Museum. Viewing hours are 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For information, call 495-3570.

#### GED classes

Instructional sessions for the GED test are 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in Room 18 at Post High School. Call the school at 495-2770 for information.

#### Quarterback club

The Post Quarterback Club

meets at 7:30 p.m. Mondays in Post ISD cafeteria to watch game film and hear coaches comments and strategy. All are welcome. For information, call Greg Jones at 806-773-0723.

#### GED prep

The Post Public Library website now offers life-learning resources for GED test preparation, job search and workplace skills. Visit [wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib](http://wtls.tsl.state.tx.us/pplib) to register. For information, contact librarian Peggy Ashley at 990-2149.

#### GED test

The GED test is being revised and will be in use starting January 2014. Classes are available from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Post High School. For information, call the school office at 495-2770.

#### Veterans benefits

Wartime veterans or surviving spouses may be entitled to monthly income from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. For information, contact Marsha Mahurin at West Texas Senior Resources at 806-781-3901 or email [marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com](mailto:marsha.mahurin@yahoo.com).

#### City Council

The Post City Council meets at 6 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Council Chambers at City Hall, 105 E. Main St. For information, call 495-2811.

#### County Commission

The Garza County Commission meets at 9 a.m. the second and fourth Mondays of the month in Commission Chambers at the Garza County Courthouse, 300 W. Main St. For information, call 495-4430.

#### School board

The Post ISD Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Tuesdays of the month in the conference room at the Administrative Offices, 501 S. Ave. K. For information, call 495-3343.

Wednesday: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, savory green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite  
Thursday: BBQ on bun, black beans, baby carrots, salsa, orange smiles  
Friday: Cheeseburger, garden salad, fresh veggie cup, fresh fruit  
(Milk variety served daily.)

#### Lunch

Monday: Chili, salad, apple dump cake, cornbread  
Tuesday: Carne gusida, Spanish rice, beans, s'more pudding, tortilla  
Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, green beans, candid yams, cherry cobbler, roll  
Thursday: Hamburger steak, roasted potatoes, corn on cob, peaches, cottage cheese, Texas toast  
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**JAY YOUNG FILES FOR ELECTION AS JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Jay Young has filed with the Republican Party of Garza County and is seeking election in the March Primary for the position as Justice of the Peace Two, which serves county precincts 3 & 4.

Former JP Dee Justice retired mid-term and the position is currently being filled by an appointee.

Community involvement is a very important to Jay and he feels that he can serve his community in the capacity of Justice of the Peace. Fair and competent application of the law would be a priority to him, as well as being on the job and available at all times.

Jay Young is currently employed by Garza County as an assistant clerk in the Tax Assessor's Office. Prior to that he was employed at WJC, Inc. Jay spent a number of years in the Dallas area working in the computer business as a programmer and consultant.

Jay Young is an active member of First Baptist Church, and is a member of the Post Rotary Club. He also is a member of the Ragtown Gospel Theatre singing group and has appeared in a number of the productions at Ragtown Gospel Theatre. Jay is a board member of the Community Recovery Center.

Jay is the son of Tommy and Ruth Ann Young. After graduating Post High School Jay attended Angelo State University in San Angelo.

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## Nancy's Notions

# Not your mom's trip to the grocery store

Mom went to the local grocer with her shopping list and a fistful of coupons as part of a weekly chore, but today's savvy food shopper heads to the supermarket with a smartphone and store loyalty card as part of a fairly social outing.

Recent research into how consumers view their trip to the grocery indicates the way consumers buy food is changing considerably in a new post-digital landscape. The following research was released Nov. 26 from "Foodlink, Connecting Farm to Fork," a website from Feedstuffs, a leading agri-business publication.

"How consumers interact with their food and favorite brand will continue to evolve as we head into 2014," said Phil Lempert, a food industry consultant and analyst. "Shoppers are looking for convenient, healthful and satisfying food for themselves and their families, and brands will rise to meet these demands through product innovation and the use of mobile technology to make shopping faster and more convenient."

Lempert examined the top trends in the grocery industry for packaged food giant ConAgra Foods and found that those in the "Millennial" generation and health-conscious shoppers are shifting the consumer palate on the macro scale, portending some major trends in the coming year. Among those trends is solidifying health and

sustainability as critical consumer concerns for the foreseeable future.

Lempert highlighted 10 trends as part of his work for ConAgra, noting that 60 percent of all snack foods are now positioned as healthier options, relatively speaking, based on data from Innova Market Insights. Supermarkets will likely capitalize on consumers' desire to "eat better" by replacing traditional higher-sugar, higher-fat snacks with more healthful options such as seeds, flavored nuts and other similar "grab-and-go" types of products.

Likewise, consumers are poised to renew their commitment to eating the most important meal of the day. According to a ConAgra consumer survey, 74 percent of consumers said they eat breakfast at home regularly. Furthermore, Mintel research suggests consumers are interested in adding more protein to their morning meal via eggs, meats and Greek yogurt.

Consumers increasingly view the grocery-buying process itself as a social experience, with Millennials increasingly bringing social media into the equation.

According to comparison-shopping site PriceGrabber, 57 percent of content on photo-sharing site Pinterest is food-related, and 33 percent of users said they have purchased foods or cooking items after seeing them on Pinterest.

Retailers are taking advantage of the trend, with stores creating infographics for use to promote various foods or products, sharing recipes that promote

specific purchases and encouraging impulse purchases. Similarly, consumers are looking for packaging to evolve to include technology as a way of obtaining even more information about the foods they are buying, including information about ingredients and sourcing.

Using an app, as one example, Lempert said consumers soon will be able to learn more about an ingredient or health claim by simply scanning the product's label using their smartphone. The technology might be used to tell where a particular ingredient is from, who prepared the food, the company's history or other consumer reviews and ratings.

A recent study by marketing firm Sullivan Higdon & Sink (SHS) found that 56 percent of Americans own a mobile phone, and 44 percent of shoppers said they are using them as an aid during the grocery shopping process. Nearly a quarter of consumers use their phone to look up recipes, while nearly one-fifth access coupons. Smaller yet growing percentages use a shopping-related app and scan quick-response (QR) codes to learn more about a given brand or product.

Both SHS and Lempert agree that a new type of grocery shopper is emerging, highlighting the importance of these tech-related macro trends. Lempert identifies a younger (27 years and older), single, career-oriented woman with no children at home; these shoppers number at least 31 million and are strong potential food influencers. SHS similarly highlighted

young, single moms as an increasingly important shopper and found that 68 percent of mobile phone shoppers are younger than 45; 67 percent are female; and 68 percent earn more than \$50,000 per year.

These socially savvy, younger shoppers are willing to give up some measure of privacy through store loyalty cards, but only in return for an expectation of better deals on the foods and products they buy. Fifty-five percent of younger shoppers are willing to forgo privacy through these store data-mining efforts, compared with only 46 percent of those older than 45, and mobile phone-using shoppers are 20 percent more likely to give up their data for better bargains.

For shoppers of all stripes, cooking at home is coming back en vogue, with Lempert referring to grocery stores as "the new culinary schools." Grocery stores are increasingly offering in-store educational opportunities that allow socially oriented customers to learn about new foods and cooking techniques in a fun, collaborative environment.

SHS found that catering to these would-be gourmands is smart business for retailers, as those shoppers who said they like to cook were more likely to describe grocery shopping as an enjoyable experience: 49 percent of consumers said shopping is enjoyable, but that rose to 55 percent for self-described "good cooks."

Nancy McDonald is the family and consumer science agent for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Garza County.



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Legends

Part 2: The Enola Gay

As we look back on the famed World War II, it's hard to imagine just what the European Theater entailed. Will we always remember the great sacrifices the men and women of our military and their families have made for us? Do Americans keep that in mind when they go to vote for candidates running for high office in our government? I guess we can't stipulate that a military background be mandatory, but it would be nice to have leaders with some knowledge and dedication for our armed forces. Is that a dying breed?

Last week we left off with the B-29 Enola Gay dropping "Little Boy," a 9,000-pound atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. The blast was said to be equal to 20,000 tons of TNT.

Enola Gay (namesake of the pilot's mother) was set to take off from Tinian, an American airbase in the Marianas, which was as close as they could get to Japan. The crew of 12, with "Little Boy" bomb on board, headed out on their mission of delivering Japan the world's first operational atomic bomb.

Stephen Sherman described the Enola Gay taking off. "Dimples Eight-Two to north Tinian tower. Ready for takeoff on Runway Able," he (Tibbets) radioed. The Enola Gay picked up speed to 75 mph, 100, then 125, holding the plane on the runway until it reached 155 mph. Near the end of the 8,500-foot runway, the B-29 lifted off.

Tibbets checked his watch; it was 2:45 a.m. Aug. 6, 1945. In a few hours they were over Japan, Hiroshima was the target, and at 9:15 a.m. the bomb was dropped and the Enola Gay sped away as the city below disappeared under the mushroom cloud.

Even though Japan had suffered heavy losses in their military and citizenry, they had a veteran army of 2

million who were ready to fight. They also had 8,000 aircraft in which to hit our war ships with Kamikaze (suicide) bombings.

The second mission would be carried out three days later on Aug. 9, 1945, by another B-29 named "Bockscar," piloted by Maj. Charles Sweeney, commander of the 393d Bombardment Squadron. Its target, the city of Kokura, Japan, where the arsenal was located and secondary target was Nagasaki where two large Mitsubishi armaments were located.

In pre-flight inspection of the Bockscar, the flight engineer discovered an inoperable fuel transfer pump to the 640-gallon reserve tank. Replacing the pump would take hours and moving the live bomb to another B-29 was too dangerous. The decision was made by Group Cmdr. Col. Paul Tibbets and Maj. Sweeney to continue the mission. In an effort to conserve fuel, the mission was re-directed at the second target-Nagasaki, Japan.

Cloud cover over the target made the mission difficult, but finally a break in the clouds allowed the crew to drop "Fat Man." The bomb exploded in 43 seconds, destroying about half of the city, killing 35,000 people and injuring another 60,000.

The Bockscar was running dangerously low on fuel, too low to land at Iwo Jima as planned, so Sweeney flew the plane to Okinawa's Yontan Airfield landing on a wing and a prayer. At last Japan was defeated.

The Enola Gay is now on display at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. The Bockscar is on permanent display at the Museum of the U.S. Air Force at Dayton, Ohio.

Check out the War Planes exhibit at the Garza County Historical Museum, courtesy of Patrick Reilly a USMC Purple Heart recipient. He is a true hero.

Linda Puckett is executive director of the Garza County Historical Commission and curator of the Garza County Historical Museum.



LINDA PUCKETT

The Idle American

Who was that kid?

He was, almost certainly, a young man whose name we'll never know. Perhaps age 10, he was nondescript, like a background figure in a Charlie Brown comic strip. He sought not to make a name for himself, but rather to help out — not "paying it forward," but "paying it up and down."

My wife and I, among the 3,100 guests disembarking from the weeklong maiden voyage of Carnival Cruise Lines' Carnival Sunshine, were back in New Orleans. It was time to face the "real world" after a few days of "good old summertime" in the Caribbean.

On the elevator down, we noticed the youngster stationed nearest the button panel, assuming he "belonged" to one of the three other couples on the car. After all adults exited, he remained on the elevator, and we realized our error of assumption. This well-scrubbed, happy "button-pusher," his voice raised slightly, announced, "Going up." He seemed resolute to help luggage-laden guests end on a high note. We scratched our heads like folks in Lone Ranger episodes, pondering the identity of the "masked man."

Transfixed, we watched the process twice more before the announcement of our disembarking number beckoned us to the gangway.

Each shoreward step brought with it lowered temperatures and heightened memories of a grand week that underscored good intentions — rendered both corporately and by individuals.

These good deeds were capped off by a nameless youngster seemingly determined to help out.

Upon boarding, we "oohed and aahed" over the \$155 million makeover of the Carnival Destiny — the largest cruise ship on the high seas when it debuted in 1996. We soon overheard several conversations about Filipino crew members who make up some 15 percent of Carnival's 39,000 employees.

Many of them, of course, were affected by the typhoon that wiped out so much of their homeland. It was gratifying to learn that Carnival's parent company, Carnival Corp. — along with the Miami Heat — already had written a \$1 million check to help the stricken area.

Further, the corporation pledged another \$100,000 as matching funds for employee gifts. Additionally, the cruise line underwrote free transportation

back to the Philippines for employees whose lives were hardest hit. Other crew members "doubled up" to cover duties of their grieving comrades, readily adding to already challenging responsibilities. They were cheerful givers, realizing that if their Filipino companions had remained at their work stations, they would have been smiling by day but crying by night.

This backdrop brought with it thoughts of how crew members work relentlessly, certain that their jobs represent "tickets out" from far less attractive employment opportunities back home.

Again, they are "Everyman" — and, of course, "Everywoman" — mostly nameless. Some impress so greatly, however, that one feels compelled to learn their names and details of their pilgrimage.

One such person is Marzhan Batyrshayeva. At age 22, she is manager of the ship's Ji Ji Restaurant, which features Asian cuisine. In our view, it provides the most memorable dining experience on the vessel. A native of Kazakhstan, at age 20 she saved money for a plane ticket to Lithuania, where her future rested on a positive interview with the cruise line. With charm, beauty and a glacier-melting personality, she was hired. Now, she directs the work of an entire staff — all of whom are her elders.

Much is different about the Sunshine, which, in 75 days, was transformed by thousands of contractors working around the clock on a massive project unprecedented in maritime history.

The result is a masterpiece, details of which are too many to describe.

Foretelling cruise delights was the ship's naming ceremony, highlighted by enthusiasm churned by band members and cheerleaders of New Orleans' Drestrehan High School. They won performing rights after competing with 20-plus other schools.

The program was stunning. Lin Arison, whose late husband Ted founded CCL in 1972, pressed the button to electronically break a champagne bottle against the bow. (Mardi Gras, Carnival's first vessel, went aground on its maiden voyage.)

Officials spoke; a priest offered a prayer of blessing.

Program-planning professionals pushed "all the right buttons." Remembered equally as much, though, is the unscripted role of an unnamed youngster. He, too, pressed buttons to help out.

Don Newbury, former chancellor of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, is a Christian humorist and motivational speaker.

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## ELECTION

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The seat had been held the last seven terms — nearly 30 years — by Dee Justice, who unexpectedly announced his retirement effective at the end of April.

Other elected positions up for grabs but which likely will be filled by their incumbent because no one but themselves qualified to run include judge for the 106th Judicial District, held by Republican Carter Schildknecht; County Judge Lee Norman, also a Republican; County/District Clerk Jim Plummer, a Republican; Republican Charles Morris as Precinct 2 county commissioner; Democrat Jerry Benham as Precinct 4 county commissioner; and Republican Gordon Terry, who serves as the justice of the peace for Place 1 in Garza County.

The only seat up for re-election that will not have an incumbent will be that of county treasurer. Currently held by longtime Treasurer Ruth Ann Young, who had previously announced her intention to retire at the end of her term, the only candidate to file was LuAnne Terry, who will be running as a Republican.

For residents who have not done so already, the deadline to register to vote in time for the March primary will be Feb. 3.

Voters casting ballots in the primary election will vote in one of the two political parties, either Democratic or Republican. The chosen candidate (unless a runoff election is necessary) will represent the party in the Nov. 4 general election.

The early voting period ahead of the primary begins Feb. 18 and ends Feb. 28. The times and place for early voting is set by the county's election superintendent or voter registrar.

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Drew Springer

District Judge, 106th Judicial District  
Carter T. Schildknecht (R)

County Judge  
Lee Norman (R)

County Treasurer  
LuAnne Terry (R)

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Charles Morris, incumbent (R)

County Commissioner Precinct 4  
Jerry Benham, incumbent (D)

Justice of the Peace Precinct 1  
Gordon Terry (R)

Justice of the Peace Precinct 2  
Jay Young (R)  
Angela Massey, incumbent (R)

County/District Clerk  
Jim Plummer (R)

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Dwayne Stovall (R)  
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Keshia Rogers (D)  
Michael "Fjet" Fjetland (D)

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Tommy Merritt (R)  
Eric Opiela (R)  
Jim Hogan (D)  
Hugh Asa Fitzsimons III (D)  
Richard "Kinky" Friedman (D)

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Wayne Christian (R)  
Malachi Boyuls (R)  
Ryan Sitton (R)  
Dale Henry (D)  
Steve Brown (D)

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W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall (R)

**CANDIDATE LIST**  
Following is a list of candidates whose names will appear on the appropriate political party's ballot in the state primary March 4.

State Representative

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court of Garza County, Texas, pursuant to §222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code, hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing and Intent to Consider Creation of one or more County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone, (CETRZ) to be held on the 23rd day of December, 2013, at 9:00 o'clock a.m. at the County Courthouse, to receive public comment on the following topics:

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- The potential boundaries and requirements of a County Energy Transportation Reinvestment Zone (CETRZ), as authorized §222.1071 of the Texas Transportation Code.

Individuals wishing to participate in the public hearing by either oral or written testimony will be asked to complete a Speaker's Form to be provided at the meeting. Oral testimony should be limited to three (3) minutes in the interest of time and to permit maximum participation by others. Rules of Decorum will apply.

The Commissioners Court may, 30 days after closing the Public Hearing, take appropriate action on the matter as the Commissioners Court may in its discretion determine to be in the best interest of the County.

County Clerk

## 4-H News



Courtesy Photo

Pictured are back row Jaden Carroll and Bryan Saucedo. Front row Latham Huckaby, Tori Huckaby and Addee Williams. Marci Oden, club manager was assisted by Veronica Carroll and Janece Williams.

## 2013 4-H Christmas Party

The 2013 4-H Christmas Party Scavenger hunt was another huge success. Following a pizza party, the youth participated in their annual canned food scavenger hunt. Local families received a fully decorated Christmas tree furnished by Garza County 4-H and members.

They also received several boxes of canned food gathered during the scavenger hunt. Many thanks to everyone that donated food items to our youth project. You are modeling characteristics we are teaching our 4-H members. Community Service is a continual part of the 4-H experience.

## Reiter honored at banquet



Courtesy Photo

Kim Reiter (left) is seen accepting her Outstanding Volunteer Leader award at the recent 4-H Gold Star Banquet.

Kim Reiter was honored at the annual District 2 Gold Star Banquet on Monday night, November 25, at the Texas Tech University Frazier Alumni Center as the 2013 Outstanding Volunteer Leader.

Kim, a 4-H volunteer for 12 years, helped re-establish the horse project in Garza County and is a tireless in her efforts to assist the 4-H youth to succeed in their 4-H projects. Her understanding of horsemanship has elevated the knowledge and skills of youth involved in the 4-H Horse project.

Kim was presented a personalized wooden pen from District 2 District Extension Administrator, Michael Clawson.

Also attending the banquet were Nancy McDonald, Greg Jones and Cheryl Gill.

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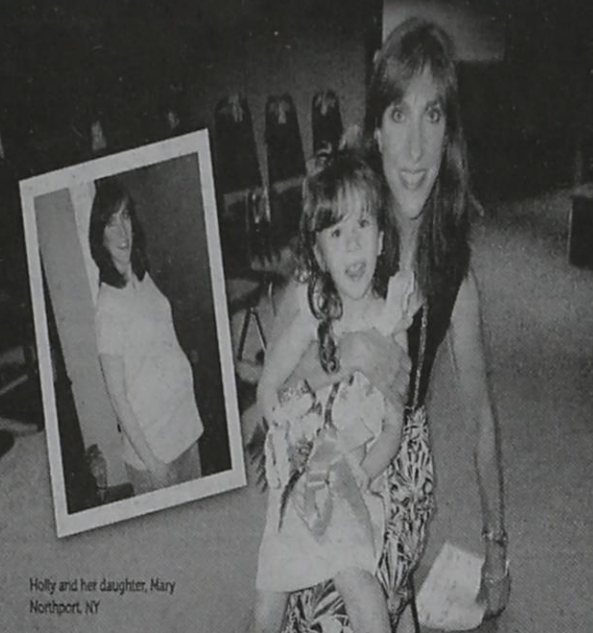
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