

Muleshoe Journal



High-Stepping-Jamaica

Muleshoe area residents didn't let the weekend's heat get in the way of a good time. Erica Arzola and Javy Perez "strut their stuff" at Sunday's Jamaica. The annual event is sponsored by the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Muleshoe. Photograph by Gabby Perez

MISD Committee To Honor Former Broadcaster

By Larry Thornton
Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees appointed a committee during Monday's regular meeting charged with designing a plaque honoring the late Ronnie Jones and his sports announcement partner Bob Graves.

Shortly after Jones' death, Muleshoe resident Liz Tipps approached the school board urging its members to find a way to honor the former school district coach and administrator.

At the district's May board meeting, the board members postponed taking any action until more information was received.

At Monday's meeting, Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets recommendations included placing a plaque in the press box at the Benny Douglas Stadium, or possibly naming the pressbox in honor of the broadcasting duo.

"I wish we could do more for his (Jones') years of service," board member Sergio Leal said.

Regarding the naming of the press box, board secretary Carroll Precure expressed concerns about naming the press box in this manner. "It's kind of hard to name the press box," said Precure, who recalled during the discussion that Jones was his junior high coach.

It was the board's

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Reading E-mail? Scam-Sniffing Skill Is Required

Since a long time before the biblical patriarch Jacob conned his blind old father Isaac, and thus shafted his brother Esau, a nose for the tell-tale smell of a scam has been a serious asset in this fallen world.

Why should we be surprised in this e-mail and internet age that scam-sniffing skill is as essential as a computer, tablet, or smart phone? Here, let me show



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Curtis Shelburne

you. I'm opening my in-box. Hmm.

Well, for starters, anything marked in all caps, "Urgent" or "Important," isn't.

Something someone sent from "Claims" asks, "Is this your

money?" They already know that it is not. But they'd like to make a good bit of my money their money.

"OurTime.com Dating" tells me that someone may be "really" interested in me. I could have told them that already. My wife of 39 years has long ago expressed mild but lasting interest.

One note refers to me as "Dear Sweetie." I don't believe I'll answer.

(See the previous paragraph.) Another sender is checking to see if I got my check for "\$5,645." Nope.

Anything from someone whose first name is "Mr" or "Mrs," usually followed by a Middle Eastern or African-sounding name, wishing you "Good Day" in all caps, and informing you that their personal secretary has been instructed to release funds on your

behalf..

Well, they do want a release of funds—from your bank account to theirs.

A number of folks seem concerned about my health. A couple of companies want to tell me about *secret* diets that "all my friends are talking about."

If diets are what all my friends talked about, I'd look for less boring friends.

One company (lacking in punctuation skills) wants to send me a really comfortable knee brace. And one seems also to think I need to diet and wants to send me, uh, I hate to mention this, some kind of an "amazing bra" with incredible support.

Health-wise, I see an e-mail or two of a more legitimate nature from some of the many folks who seem sure that "wellness" is a real word somehow superior to "health."

Personally, I am

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Big City Arrival Sparks 'Bucket Battle'

A bucket battle was sparked Monday, at the corner of West American Blvd. and First Street, with locals facing off against a Dallas-area donation crew.

As has become a rather common site at the intersection, representatives who identified themselves as being from New Life Church of Dallas had taken positions on the four corners of the intersection, seeking donations from drivers to be funneled back to the metro-plex church about 400 miles away.

However, on this day, the Dallas donation buckets were joined by Muleshoe residents seeking funds for the cash-strapped Bailey County Food Pantry and Bailey County Meals on Wheels.



Photograph by Larry Thornton

When asked why the Dallas church members traveled all the way to the Texas panhandle, an unidentified spokesman said, "We go everywhere."

Both sides "packed up their buckets" about noon.

Today's local effort garnered about \$570.

FSA Committee Deadline Nears

US Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Administrator Juan Garcia reminds farmers, ranchers and other agricultural producers that Aug. 1, is the deadline for local FSA county committee nominations.

County committees are an important link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Farmers and ranchers elected to local committees share their opinions and ideas on federal farm programs.

"There's still time for eligible farmers and ranchers to get involved in this year's county committee elections," said Garcia.

"Nominate yourself or a candidate of your choice to serve on the local county committee. I especially encourage the nomination of beginning farmers and ranchers, as well as women and minorities. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in your county."

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they work closely with

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OPINION

Around Muleshoe...



Announcements from non-profit organizations in the Muleshoe area.

To post an announcement send an email to editor@muleshoejournal.com

Lady Mule Basketball Camp

The annual Lady Mule basketball camp will be held Monday through Wednesday, July 28-30, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Muleshoe High School gym.

The camp is open to incoming third through ninth grade girls. For more information or to pre-register, call Coach Carey Sudduth at 272-3761 or 946-9302.

Library Volunteers

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is needing volunteers for its Storytime program.

The library will have a training day for volunteers willing to help on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m.

"Please make plans to attend this training if you would like to help with our Storytime program," said Librarian Dyan Dunagan.

The dates for the programs are Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and April 13.



Weather Whys: Lightning Myths

Q: Is it true that lightning never strikes twice in the same spot?

A: That's one of several big myths about lightning, says Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "Lightning often strikes the same location multiple times," he reports. "Just look at the Empire State Building, which gets hit by lightning nearly 100 times on average each year, often several times in the same day."

"The Willis Tower (formerly known as the Sears Tower) in Chicago and Cape Canaveral in Florida also get hit by lightning dozens of times each year. In general, any tall structures, such as buildings or radio or TV transmission towers, are almost certainly going to be hit by lightning," says McRoberts.

Q: What are some other lightning myths?

A: Some people claim they are human "lightning rods" because they have been hit several times, although no one has ever produced proof of this, McRoberts adds.

"Another myth is that it's good to seek shelter under a tree during a storm. Again, they are tall objects and more likely to be hit. Some people believe that others struck by lightning shouldn't be touched because they will get shocked," he says. "This is totally untrue — people who have been hit need immediate help."

"Another myth — being inside a house means you won't get hit by lightning. Although your chances are greatly reduced by being inside, there are hundreds of cases of people being hit by lightning inside their homes, often while talking on the telephone," says McRoberts.

"It's always a good idea to stay off the phone during a thunderstorm. It's also true that carrying an umbrella increases your chances of being hit."

Our Veterans Deserve Better

In the ever-continuing comedy which we call life, my older sister received a package from the veterans' hospital in Wichita, Kan., this past week.

It included Ensure™, the protein drink which the hospital finally got around to sending after my sister expressed concerns about my father not eating several weeks earlier.

The package also included a set of scales — which weren't needed, and a note asking my sister to weigh my father, determine how much weight he had lost recently and send them information.

When I got off the phone with her, she was considering following their instructions. It ought to be fairly simple, just set the urn on the scales get the reading, and send in the numbers.

Forget the fact that the VA hospital talked with her about my father's death on the day of his death to verify his DNR with the ambulance staff.

Forget the fact that his surgery for an aggressive bladder cancer was postponed for two months — allowing a cancer from which he initially was reported as having a good chance of recovering to triple in size.

Forget the fact that after the cancer's removal, my father lasted about a month and a half before being called into the presence of Christ, during which calls to the John Dole VA Hospital often didn't get a response.

Forget the fact... no, don't forget the fact.

I know Wichita is a long distance from Muleshoe, but the issues troubling veterans to the north could all too easily become problems in the Lone Star State, and even in



Bailey County, unless the federal bureaucracy resolves the situation.

And I don't mean just incidents such as have been uncovered in Kansas, where almost 400 veterans were reportedly placed on some type of "VA do not serve" list, or experienced some other type of benefit infringement.

Disgusting actions that are made even worse, according to the information I learned during my own trip to the hospital last week, when during one sleepless night VA benefit officials were defending the government bonuses they receive on C-SPAN in light of the current ongoing investigation.

Several years ago, an individual — a veteran himself, took a job with the VA hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla. He didn't stay too long before switching to a position at Tinker Air Base.

To make a long story short, he was tired of being sent to deliver hospital beds to the homes of veterans who

had been dead and buried weeks earlier.

He said that his request for the VA staff to verify that a veteran's need still existed — more importantly, to prevent situations in which the family of a veteran had to explain to a delivery driver that the bed wasn't needed because their loved one had died three weeks earlier... an event that was apparently forgotten by

the government agency specifically designated to care for them, before dispatching him with the equipment, fell on uncaring ears.

Our veterans deserve better.

While I am strongly convinced that a government should be committed to keep the promises it has made to all of its citizens — without altering those original promises (Yes, this includes the US Bill of Rights) to meet the political agendas of more recent administrations, this is especially true for the veterans who have set aside portions of their personal lives for military service.



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Minsa Employees Celebrated

Minsa held an employee appreciation luncheon on Friday, July 18.

Kasey Coker, director of Muleshoe Economic Development Corporation, Muleshoe Public Works Director Ramon Sanchez and workers of

Minsa were in attendance.

Guest speaker Rodrigo Ariceaga, CEO of Minsa, spoke about the company's "Together We Can" initiative.

Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

Reserve Ticket Sales Begin Aug. 4

Reserved seat tickets for the 2014 Muleshoe Mules football season will go on sale Monday, Aug. 4.

The tickets are \$35 for five home games.

Persons who held reserved seat tickets for the 2013 football season may purchase their seating options at the School Administration office, located at 514 W. Ave. G, Monday through Friday, during regular business hours 7:30

a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Beginning Monday, Aug. 25, all remaining tickets will go on sale on a first come, first serve basis.

Any reserved seats remaining after the season starts will be available at a cost of \$8.00 per game and may be purchased at the MIA D Administration office on game day.

If you have questions concerning the ticket sales, contact Dana Rasco at 272-7400.

MISD Board Acts On Insurance...

Continued from A1 expressed intent to have present the plaque, if possible, during the annual "Meet the Mules," celebration, in about a month.

In other business, the school board:

- Voted to provide student activity insurance for the 2014-15 school year through Caddell Insurance at a premium of \$72,550.

It was noted during the discussion that while this basic insurance only covered injuries suffered by students' during extra-curricular activities, and didn't "cover everything,"

its coverage often exceeded the district's expectations, and in many instances was the only injury insurance some of the district's athlete's had.

Due to the large number of claims filed against the policy during the past five years, it was noted that the premium was increasing significantly.

"Our claims history caught up with us," Business Manager Trae McNeill said, explaining the premium increase.

But it was also noted that the insurance agency had a reputation of good customer

service, working well with the district's parents and training staff.

"No one compares to the service Caddell has given us," said Dr. Sheets.

"We have been with Caddell Insurance for several years, and have not had any complaints," the superintendent added.

Hank Holt Insurance also submitted a proposal for coverage with a premium of \$71,200.

- Approved the district's property and casualty insurance through TASB Risk Management, with a premium of \$84,297, an increase from last year of slightly more than \$200.

- Approved the sale of two school buses, along with a 2006 minivan, and the purchase of two 71-passenger buses.

Since the purchases were through the state buy board, it wasn't necessary for the school district to seek bids on the buses.

- Received an "unaudited" financial report from McNeill in which she noted that delinquent tax collections were higher than expected.

- Appointed board member Curtis Preston as a representative on the Bailey Central Appraisal District's

board.

- Approved a resolution suspending a portion of the district's policy, at the state's recommendation, regarding the implementation of mathematics TEKS for kindergarten through eighth grade, because only "raw" scores will be available during the first year of implementation.

- Approved the minutes from the board's June 30 meeting as distributed.

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Yes, and here come a couple or three more "Good Day"s from a couple or three more "Mr" and "Mrs" folks.

One has been "tiring to reach" me on the phone, but has "deemed it necessary" to resort to e-mail to tell me of my amazing good fortune and to ask me to send information — and money.

Hmm. Dr. Somebody just sent me a long treatise extolling the virtues of a belief in reincarnation.

Somebody else wants me to know "Seven Ways Your Phone Is Harming You." I can

phone in more than seven ways without reading the note.

Let's be careful out there in cyberspace. And remember: a written word from our Creator has been available a lot longer than e-mail. And it's worthy of our time and our trust.

(Editor's Note: Not all checks that arrive in your mail are valid.

If you receive an "unexpected" financial windfall from someone you have no previous business dealings, maybe it would be best to contact local law enforcement agencies before you cash the item, especially if the sender asks you to send them a portion of the proceeds.)

DILLMAN & DESHAZO REGISTRATION

All students who will attend Dillman and DeShazo Elementary School, Grades Pre-K thru 5th will register.

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New Students will need to bring a legal birth certificate, social security card, immunization record, proof of residency, and the enrolling person's ID. Previous school records/report card will be helpful.

Returning students will be mailed a registration notice. If nothing is checked on the notice, then your child's records are complete. You will only need to complete the registration papers.

The Dillman and Deshazo office will open August 4th, if you have any questions, please call Dillman 272-7382 or Deshazo 272-7364.

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All students who will attend Jr. High and High School, will register.

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Muleshoe ISD will be screening young children birth through five who may have learning problems.

For more information please call the Special Education Office at 272-7323.

Senior Citizen News

By Ron Hohes
 Have you noticed, the month of August is just around the corner. In fact, in this center's news item, you will see that Friday's meal menu has an August date. With the month of August come the beginning student events of the 2014-15 school year. Of course, with August, also comes the hotter temperatures, the Oneita Wagnon Senior Center invites you to come and be cool at the center. Your center is open and waiting for you, come enjoy a nutritional meal while visiting your friends at the center. The center's attendance is beginning to pick up due to many of our folks returning from their trips and

vacations. Some of this week's events at the center will include Kathy Carr, our center's nutrition expert, who will be in the center on Wednesday, July 30, with this month's tip on nutrition. Along with the usually daily games of eighty and dominoes, there will be the weekly afternoon bingo games on Thursday, July 31.
July 28 - Aug. 1 menus:
 Monday, July 28 — Chicken salad sandwich, tomatoes, lettuce and pickles, macaroni salad, carrot sticks, and watermelon.
 Tuesday, July 29 — Beef

tip noodles, meadow blend vegetables, corn, and chocolate cake with strawberries.
 Wednesday, July 30 — Grilled steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, cornbread, and tropical fruit salad.
 Thursday, July 31 — Charbroiled hamburger with tomatoes, pickles, onion, herbed potato fries, berry cobbler, and a wheat bun.
 Friday, Aug. 1 — Fish or chicken strips, borracho beans, green peas, tossed vegetable salad, French dressing, wheat roll, and tropical fruit mix.



Local Vet Honored

Muleshoe resident and World War II veteran Wesley Hawkins was honored by Interim HealthCare Hospice for his military service as part of the organization's "We Honor Veterans Program." Hawkins served in the US Army in the South Pacific. Pictured above, from left to right are his wife Nadine, his daughter Regena, and Bob DuPont of Interim.
 Photograph by Larry Thornton

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Obituaries

Ricardo 'Ricky' Mata

Funeral services for Ricardo "Ricky" Mata, 58, of Muleshoe were held on Tuesday, July 22, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Father Leo Pahamtang of Muleshoe officiating. Burial was in Bailey County Cemetery in Muleshoe.

Rosary was held on Monday, July 21, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

Ricky died on July 19, 2014, in Amarillo. He was born on Oct. 16, 1955, in Muleshoe to Luis and Aurora (Lopez) Mata.

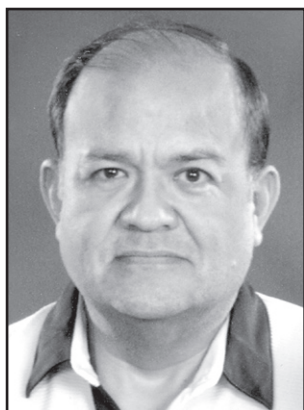
He was a lifetime resident of the Muleshoe community, graduating from Muleshoe High School in 1974.

In the mid 80's, Rick volunteered with the Bailey County EMS. Ricky continued on to receive his certification to be a paramedic.

He worked as a paramedic in Muleshoe, Tucumcari, Brownfield, Torrance County and the Kingsland and Horseshoe Bay areas.

He was forced to take a medical retirement, but his passion was to help others.

Ricky always enjoyed



his family and friends. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and the Jaycees.

He was preceded in death by his father — Luis; and two baby brothers — Juan Maximo Mata and Juanito Mata.

Survivors include his mother — Aurora; three sisters — Aurora Mata of Muleshoe, Maria Estela Mata of Amarillo and Christina Diana Williams of Crowley; five brothers — Joe Mata of Muleshoe, Danny Mata and Carlos Mata, both of Weslaco, Marcos Mata of San Angelo, and Miguel Mata of Austin.

Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomees.com.

Wesley Glover

Funeral services for Wesley Oliver Glover, 92, of Lufkin, were held on Saturday, July 19, in the Elwyn M. Gipson Memorial Chapel of Garden of Memories Memorial Park with the Rev. Stephen Lantis officiating.

Mr. Glover was born on June 10, 1922, in Tioga, to the late Georgia Edna (Guthrie) and Charles Lee Glover. He died on Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at his residence.

Mr. Glover graduated from Northside High School near White City. He served his country in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II as an aircraft mechanic.

He was a service and repairman for Lone Star Gas Company, and was also a farmer. He moved to Lufkin from Muleshoe in the mid-1980s.

Mr. Glover loved to play dominoes. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Lufkin.

Survivors include his

daughter and son-in-law — Dianne and Terry A. Young of Huntington; granddaughter — Christina Cassity and husband Daniel R. of Huntington; great-grandchildren — David Powell Cassity and Lauren Elizabeth Cassity, both of Huntington; brother-in-law and sister-in-law — Billy Jack and Francyse Hamilton of Athens; as well as a number of nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Dorothy Lee Hamilton Glover; his parents; twin brother — Charles L. Glover; brothers — G.C. "Squig" Glover and Ralph M. Glover; and sister — Margaret Beard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice, 209 Christie St., Lufkin, Texas 75904.

Memories and condolences may be added at www.carrowayfuneralhome.com.

A.V. 'Woody' Wood

Funeral services for A.V. "Woody" Wood, 91, of Farwell, are scheduled for 11 a.m. on Friday, July 25, at the First Baptist Church of Farwell with Bro. Russ Ponder of Farwell and Stan Austin of Farwell officiating.

Burial will follow in Muleshoe Memorial Park.

There will be a family visitation from 6-8 p.m., on Thursday, July 24, at Ellis Funeral Home in Muleshoe.

Woody died on July 19, 2014, in Muleshoe. He was born on March 3, 1923, to John Andrew and Eula Mae (Matthews) Wood in Willington, and married Floretta Rogers on Feb. 2, 2008.

Woody served in the US Army during World War II.

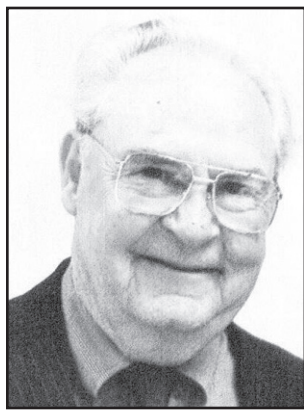
After being discharged in November of 1945, he began farming in the Amherst community.

A.V. married Eddie Lou Thommarson on March 15, 1946. In September of 1964, they moved to Muleshoe, where they purchased Muleshoe Auto Parts.

After retiring in 1989, Eddie passed away on June 22, 1993. A.V. then married Mardee Grissom on November 13, 1994. They made their home in Farwell.

Mardee passed away in April 2004. A.V. later married Floretta Rogers in February 2008.

He was a member of



the First Baptist Church of Farwell.

A.V. was preceded in death by his wife, Eddie Lou; his wife, Mardee; and his parents.

Survivors include his wife — Floretta; his son — Gary L. Wood and wife Sue of Midland; a grandson, Michael Wood and wife Sarah; four step-sons — Larry Grissom and wife Deandra, Don Grissom, Royce Grissom and wife Karen, Chip Grissom and wife Rhonda; four step-daughters — Patricia Harden and husband Dean, Barbara Wyckoff and husband Randy, Elizabeth Washburn and husband Jimmy, and Katherine Carter; two great-grandchildren — Madelyn and Audrey; and numerous step-great-grandchildren.

Donations can be sent to the Baptist Children's Home, 2220 S. Avenue I, Portales, New Mexico, 88130; First Baptist Church of Farwell, 404 Ave. E, Farwell, 79325; or the charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be made at www.ellisfuneralhomes.com.

Melba V. Copley

Funeral services for Melba V. Copley, 89, of Rusk, were held on July 15, at Autry Funeral Home Chapel in Jacksonville with Del Virden officiating.

Interment followed at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Maydelle.

Mrs. Copley passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2014, in Tyler. She was born on Oct. 22, 1924, in Blooming Grove to Ellis and Climmie Gates.

Melba was a member of the First Assembly of God in Jacksonville.

She was preceded in death by her husband — John James Copley; a brother — Cleon Gates; and her parents — Ellis and Climmie Gates.

Survivors include her daughters Maxine Wiggins and husband James of Bullard, Shonda McKinney and husband Bubba of Rusk and Chyrl Anderson and husband Bill of Clovis, N.M.; a son — Arvis Copley and wife Brenda of Rusk; a brother — Alfred Gates and wife Alta of Muleshoe; 12 grandchildren, 17

great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Brandon Hallford, Jon Anderson, Chad McKinney, Tony Lanier, Robby Tosh, Larry Ford, Matt Maxwell and Trey Tosh.

Honorary pallbearer were David Copley.

Visitation was held on July 14 at Autry Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

Library Seeks Volunteers; Announces Program Dates

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is needing volunteers for its Storytime program.

The library will have a training day for volunteers willing to help on Tuesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m.

"Please make plans to attend this training if you would like to help with our Storytime program," said Librarian Dyan Dunagan.

The dates for the programs are Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12, Feb. 9 and April 13.

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Muleshoe Softball Girls Compete

Muleshoe girls competed in Babe Ruth Regional All Star Tournament in Dumas this past week. Opening ceremonies were on Tuesday, July 15, and the tournament ran from Wednesday,

July 16, through Sunday, July 20. There were nine teams in the tournament including Muleshoe, DeWitt, Ark., JPRD Louisiana, Heat from Kansas, Pampa, Dalhart, Dumas, Brownfield and

Littlefield. Muleshoe played twice against DeWitt Arkansas — the South Arkansas State Champions, in games 1 and 3, JPRD Louisiana — the Louisiana State Champions, in game

2, and Brownfield — the West Texas State Champions, in game 4. Muleshoe's girls were the youngest team of the 14U, composing primarily of 12-year-olds, a couple of 13 and 14 year olds, but

competed at a high level, said head coach Bridget Reyna. Muleshoe was highly praised by the state director and coach from Arkansas for being young and inexperienced, but having a lot of heart and fight.

"Our girls played their hearts out till the umpire called time and I was very proud of them," said Reyna.

The team consisted of Jarianna Mendoza #2(RF), Joely Melendez

#5(P,SS), Jillian Rojas #10(2nd,CF), Miranda Melendez #12(CF,SS), Anahi Sandovol #20(3rd), Abigal Reyes #21(C), Daniella Villages #22(RF), Xina Castillo #23(1st,RF), Mia'kayla Reyna #28(P,1st), Noa Rojas #42(SS,1st), Brianna Velasquez #72(2nd,CF), Sophie Reyna #75(LF), Emili Mora #99(1st,SS) Head Coach Bridget Reyna, Asst.Coaches Rhonda Toscano and Hector Sanchez.

Victim Of Sexual Assault May Terminate Lease

Q. I was sexually assaulted at my apartment. I am very scared to live there and asked the landlord if I could terminate my lease. He said if I left early I would be breaking the lease and would continue to owe rent. Do I have the right to leave?

A. Until recently, you did not have the right to terminate your lease if you were sexually assaulted at your apartment. Today, however, a tenant who is the victim of a sexual assault may terminate the lease.

To terminate the lease with no further

liability you must give the landlord 30 days written notice of your intent to terminate and written documentation of the sexual assault. You may move out before the 30 days, but you will owe rent for that period.

A landlord who continues to charge rent after you have given proper notice to terminate the lease could be responsible for substantial damages.

Q. I am single and just bought a home with

money I inherited. I have been dating the same person for more than a year and we are talking about marriage. If I get married and divorced, will my husband be entitled to half my house?

A. The house is your separate property and your husband will not have an interest in it. When a couple gets divorced, the court divides all of the community property.

Generally, this includes everything

either of you obtain after you are married. Property you owned prior to marriage or property you inherit during marriage, however, is separate property and is not divided as part of the divorce.

To insure that your interest is protected, you may want to talk with a family law attorney about entering into a premarital contract, clearly spelling out your rights.

Q. I have five brothers and sisters. Some of us are on better terms with our father than others. Our mother passed away last year and left everything to our father.

I have been told that if my dad dies, the law requires my father's estate be divided equally between all the children. Is this true?

A. If your father dies without a will, his estate will be divided between all of his children. With a will, however, he has the right to dispose of his property any way he wants.

For example, he can leave all of his property to his children in unequal shares, or can leave some of the children all the

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Ask A Lawyer...

By Richard Alderman

Foreigners Must Report US Ag Land Holdings

Bailey County USDA Farm Service Agency Executive Director Mark Tucker reminds foreign persons with an interest in agricultural lands in the United States that they are required to report their holdings and any transactions to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"Any foreign person who acquires, transfers or holds any interest, other than a security interest, including leaseholds of 10 years or more, in agricultural land in the United States is required by law to report the transaction no later than 90 days after the date of the transaction," said Tucker.

Foreign investors must file Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure Act (AFIDA)

reports with the FSA county office that

maintains reports for the county where the land is located.

"Failure to file a report, filing a late report or filing an inaccurate report can result in a penalty with fines up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the agricultural land," said Tucker.

For AFIDA purposes, agricultural land is defined as any land used for farming, ranching or timber production, if the tracts total 10 acres or more.

Disclosure reports are also required when there are changes in land use. For example, reports are required when land use changes from nonagricultural to agricultural or from agricultural to nonagricultural.

Foreign investors must also file a report when there is a

change in the status of ownership such as the owner changes from foreign to non-foreign, from non-foreign to foreign or from foreign to foreign.

Data gained from these disclosures is used to prepare an annual report to the President and Congress concerning the effect of such holdings upon family farms and rural communities in the United States.

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property and others none.

In fact, the law does not require he leave any of his property to his children.

The bottom line is that under Texas law, a person has the right to leave property to whomever he or she wants.

The important thing

is to have a will clearly spelling out how you want your property distributed after your death.

Q. A few years ago, I borrowed money from a friend. He recently passed, and his wife is trying to collect this money back from me.

There was never any written paperwork.

Now her lawyer has sent me a copy of the deposit slip which shows the amount deposited into my checking account.

Q. Can she make me pay this money back?

A. If you borrowed the money, you have a legal obligation to repay it.

If you do not, you can be sued.

The claim will be on behalf of your friend's estate.

The fact that there is no written agreement or promissory note does not matter.

The deposit slip indicates the amount of money you received and you seem to understand it was a loan and not a gift.

My suggestion is to do the right thing and pay back the money you owe.

Q. Can I name my husband as executor of my will if he is also going to be the beneficiary?

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To become a candidate, an eligible individual must sign

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The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

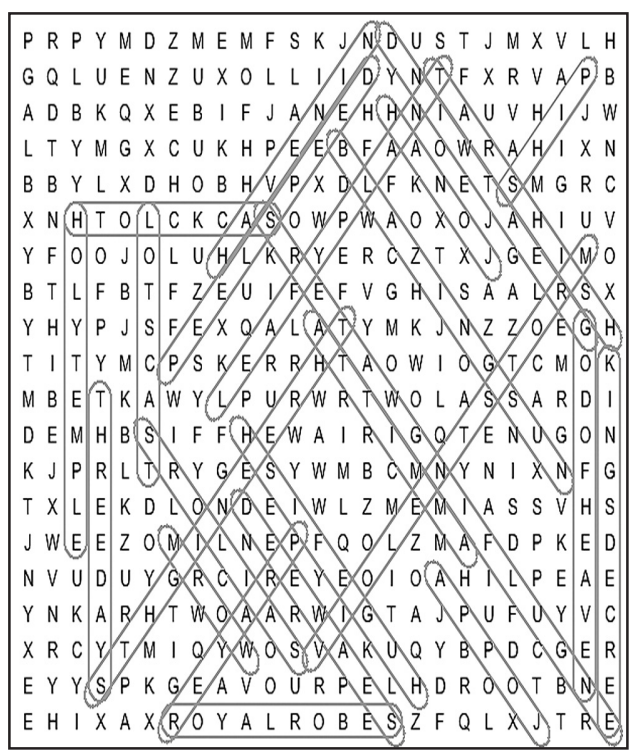
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Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 3 and are due back to the local USDA Service Centers on Dec. 1.

The newly elected county committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

Jonah



More Classifieds

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE (REAL ESTATE) BY VIRTUE OF A Writ of Execution

issued out of the 287th District Court of Bailey County, Texas, in a certain cause numbered Cause #9250. On the 15th day of May A.D. 2014 Styled: Mary McKinney vs. Rafael Paez, to me, as Sheriff Richard Wills directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 25th day of June A.D. 2014 and will between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on the first Tuesday in August A.D. 2014, it being the 5th day of said month, at Bailey County Courthouse of said Bailey County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right, title and interest, if any, which the defendant had on the 25th day of June A.D. 2014, or at any time thereafter, of in and to the following described property: Original Town- Muleshoe, Block 12, Lot 10; 216 Main Street Muleshoe, Tx.; Commercial Building; 3500 square feet; and dimensions of said property 25' by 140'. Said property is levied on as the property of Rafael

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