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## Muleshoe School Board May Decide To Arm Teachers

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

Officials with the Muleshoe Independent School District are currently gathering information directed at allowing certain school personnel to carry concealed firearms at the district's four campuses.

Following a closed session to discuss the school district's "emergency operations procedures and security devices" during its Monday, April 29 meeting, the school board returned to open session and authorized Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets to "look into policies of various school districts regarding authorizing certain personnel to carry concealed weapons on school campuses."

While numerous Texas school districts have taken similar actions in recent months, a couple of districts that have decided in favor of allowing trained personnel who possess

to include a Texas concealed handgun license to carry a firearm on school property and during school activities include Harolld ISD — which posts its policy on its school website as

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an apparent warning for armed instigators, and Levelland ISD.

"I think it could be a deterrent, and something we should seriously consider," said Dr. Sheets.

He said he believes the possibility of an armed individual intent on harming local children or school personnel would be less likely if the individual knew he could encounter armed and trained personnel on campus.

The superintendent expects to have the information regarding the issue for the school board at its May board meeting.



### Wiggle Art

"Are you sure Picasso got his start like this?" a student at the Texas Migrant Council's "Day of the Children" seems to be asking as he uses a plump earth worm to decorate his paper on Tuesday, April 30.

Student's from Valerie McCamish's childhood development class at Muleshoe High School assisted with the event.

Photograph by Rhea Gonzales

## Police Investigate Teacher Misconduct

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

A former teacher at the Muleshoe Independent School District is under investigation by the Muleshoe Police Department.

Although the police department has not

released any information about the investigation or the possible charges, pending a grand jury indictment in June, according to other information sources of the Muleshoe Journal, the investigation involves an alleged inappropriate

relationship between a teacher and a student.

When Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets was contacted about the allegations, he said, "The school district is going to cooperate with law enforcement agencies conducting any type of investigation,

and will take appropriate actions as is determined necessary."

The identity of the former instructor allegedly target in the investigation has not been released by either law enforcement officials at this time.

## Sanchez Homerun Propels Lady Mules Into Record Book

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

Linda Sanchez' solo sixth-inning homerun propelled the Lady Mules into the Muleshoe record

book.

Her homerun blast proved to be the winning run over the Coahoma Bulldogettes in the first game of the

three-game series.

Sanchez had gone down swinging in the first and fourth innings. She swung and missed her first pitch in the sixth

inning but got it all of the next pitch.

It was 200 feet to the fence in right centerfield and 20 feet from the turf to the top of the scoreboard. Sanchez' blast sailed five feet over the top of the scoreboard.

The Lady Mules won the first game 2-1.

Coahoma won the first game on Saturday morning 13-0 to tie

the series.

Lady Mule coaches, Erin White and Sheri Veazey, only had 30

"Adriana (Loya) had a problem with her asthma following the first game on Friday

**"These kids just keep on amazing me..."**

— Coach White

minutes between games on Saturday to recharge their team.

"These kids just keep on amazing me," said Coach White.

and had to go to the emergency room. But she was back the next morning ready to play."

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## MISD Renovations Approved

By Larry Thornton  
Managing Editor

The Muleshoe Independent School District's board of trustees approved a list of major renovations at its four campuses during its Monday, April 29, meeting totaling approximately \$500,000.

"We think we can get it all done during the summer and fall," Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets said.

While significant improvements have been made across

the school district in recent years, including the expansion of all four campuses, the superintendent explained that some of the older portions of the facility needed to be repaired and improved.

As an example, Sheets referred to the aged, chipped and in some cases missing ceramic tile in some of the restrooms that need to be replaced.

According to the information presented to the school board,

among the in-house estimates at the four campuses are:

- Dillman Elementary — \$95,000 for work on the two restrooms of the school wing, playground equipment, cabinets and doors.

- DeShazo Elementary — \$60,000 for work on the two restrooms in the fourth and fifth grade hall, along with playground equipment.

- Muleshoe High School — \$270,000 for library furniture, work

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The Lady Mules' catcher apparently got her sports mixed up during the recent game against Coahoma, throwing in a wrestling move at home plate.

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## Around Muleshoe...



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### 'The Bible'

Richland Hills Baptist Church, 1631 W. Ave. D in Muleshoe, will be hosting a Bible study based upon the recent History Channel™ mini-series, "The Bible," Sunday, May 5, through Wednesday, June 5.

On Sunday evening, beginning at 5:30 p.m., a portion of the mini-series will be viewed, followed by a study session on Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m.

During Sunday's viewing, refreshments will be served, and on Wednesday evening there will be a light meal.

### Bailey County Relay For Life

Five Area Telephone's relay team, "Connected for a Cure," is hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on May 18, from 7-9 a.m., at the Five Area warehouse.

The menu includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, orange juice and coffee. Donations will be accepted.

### MHS Awards Program

Muleshoe High School's "Celebration Of Educational Excellence" awards night will be held on Tuesday, May 28, at 6:30 p.m., in the Dr. Kerry Moore Auditorium.

The public is invited, and encouraged to attend.

### Summer Library Volunteers

The Muleshoe Area Public Library is in need of volunteers for its Summer Reading Program's two-year-old through kindergarten group in June and July.

The library will need seven volunteers to travel with the Texas Migrant Council toddlers to the library, stay with them while they are in the program and travel back to TMC with them on their bus each Monday in June and July.

The library also needs someone who is familiar with Youtube.com to help each Monday, along with someone someone to video tape the reading program.

Call the library at 272-4707 to volunteer.

### Mule Putt Booking

The Jennyslippers' Mule Putt Golf Course on West American Blvd., next to the Bailey County Coliseum, will be opening soon, and is currently booking parties, beginning at two hours for \$35.

Call 272-5448 or 946-7292, and also 272-3408 or 806 729 6753 to book a party.

### Cemetery Cleanup

The Bailey County Cemetery will be holding its annual cleanup day on Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m.

Volunteers are encouraged to bring their weed eaters, and other equipment.

The cemetery will also be hosting its Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27, at 10 a.m., with guest speaker Reydon Stanford of Trinity Christian Church.

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# 'Lord, Teach Us To Pray'

## Lamplight By Larry Thornton

One of my favorite trucks is a Dodge Ram 2500 with a Cummins diesel engine. I don't have one, but that's another story.

But I want you to imagine that you do. Imagine that you have the newest model off the line capable of doing some 500,000 miles before the engine is replaced.

In fact, the factory warranty on the engine is good for 350,000 miles.

As you get in the truck, you're told that the car dealer has generously filled up both the tank and the auxiliary tank with diesel at \$3.79 a gallon, at no extra charge.

But when you turn the key, nothing happens. You pop the hood, and discover that the high torque engine you were expecting to clatter to life, isn't there.

With all of this in mind, I want you to consider the "high torque engine" in the life of a Christian.

Now, if the truck is you... a Christian, and the diesel is the power of God flowing through you and strengthening you, than the engine has to be your prayer life.

In Luke 11:1-4, NIV, we read, "One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

"He said to them, 'When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, or we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.'"

The men Jesus picked to be his apostles became some of the greatest preachers this world has known.

But today's text points out that the most important part of a preacher's life, in fact the most important part of any Christian's life is his prayer life.

The apostles recognized that prayer is at the very center of their relationship with God. Likewise, it is at the center of our relationship with him.

The Gospel of Luke has been called the "gospel of prayer." Throughout its pages, Luke documents the prayer life of Christ.

Now, if prayer was so important to the Son of God, can it be any less important in our life?

There is a story about a group of tourists visiting a picturesque village. While there, they saw an elderly man sitting by a fence.

At one point, one of the tourists asked,

"Were there any great men born in this village?"

Without looking up, the elderly man replied, "No, just babies."

Even the apostles started out being toddlers in the spirit, their walk with Christ began just as ours did. They were babes in Christ, and as such asked their Lord how to pray.

Without prayer, we may be living, but we're not living in Christ. Without prayer, we may be working, but we're not doing the work it is God's will that we do.

And without prayer, we may be experiencing earthly success, but it's not the success that really matters.

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## Births

### Ayden Solano

Javier and Sulema Solano of Muleshoe announce the birth of their son, Ayden, on May 2, 2013, at 12:20 a.m., at Lamb Healthcare of Littlefield.

Ayden weighed six pounds, 10 ounces at birth and was 19 inches in length.

His siblings include Albert, Andreas and Aaron Solano.

### MHS Events Set For May

Muleshoe High School Mighty "M" Band Spring Concert, Monday, May 20, 7 p.m., at the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

MHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m., at the Kerry Moore Auditorium.

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# The Only Stuff Worth Piling Up Is 'Treasure in Heaven'

A few weeks after my father passed away in January 2000, my siblings and I re-gathered to go through his stuff. And I resolved to keep less stuff.

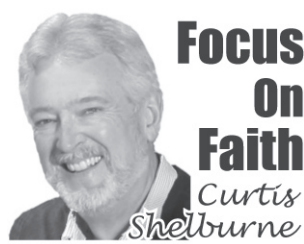
Dad left us, and many more people as well, a legacy worth more than gold. He also left a prodigious amount of paper.

Some of it was correspondence of real historical value for anyone interested in the history of "our" little group of churches.

I've only scratched the surface, but the letters I've read bear testimony to the Christlike heart, wisdom, and gentle spirit of my father, his devotion to his Father, and the struggles he, perhaps as much as any single individual, helped lead this little group of churches through.

By God's grace, Dad left a legacy of love that will long be blessing folks who never even knew him.

Yes, and I repeat, he



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also left much paper. Records. Files. Bible teaching materials. Most in English. A good bit in Spanish.

(He loved to teach and preach in Spanish and did so fluently.)

Dad kept records of every sort. Amidst years of bank statements, I found the check he wrote to Amarillo's Northwest Texas Hospital at my birth.

I've never thought of myself as any great bargain, but it turns out that I was.

At least if you compare 1957 dollars to 2013 dollars.

My younger brother found the check paid for him as well.

I don't remember if we compared amounts, but it would be only proper if they got him a good bit more cheaply.

When our sister died in 2007, my brothers and I gathered in Houston for more stuff-sifting.

She had the same pack rat propensity but on steroids. And I swore a solemn oath to keep less stuff.

Ah, but there's a reason Jesus told us to avoid oath-making. And, sadly, the only resolution I've ever come close to keeping is my resolution never to make resolutions.

Give me a full month to do just two things — breathe, and work on tossing the "stuff" that's threatening to bury me — I might make a small dent in the pile.

If this were the only reason my kids should pray for my longevity, it's a good one.

But yesterday UPS delivered to my door a new shredder.

Only three or four "overheat" cycles later, I'd destroyed a decade or a few of old checks and bank statements. I feel freer already.

I knew better than to look at the checks much, but just the glimpses I caught as I was feeding the machine took me on side trips down Memory Lane — and bolstered the not-so-surprising but stark truth that we write in our check registers the real story of what, and who, is most important in our lives.

Two file boxes down the road, I'm nowhere near where I need to be on this journey, but...

Jesus told us a long time ago that the only stuff truly worth piling up is "treasure in heaven."

The rest of it, you can't take with you.

With apologies to my children, may I say a resounding and heartfelt, "Good!"

When I'm gone, I suggest to them some combination of a front end loader, matches, and a landfill — and a swift kick in the pants to any sibling who says, "Oh, I don't know, we might need that."

## Harold ISD Policy Regarding The Arming Of District Personnel

**Emergency Operations Plan**  
The Superintendent shall ensure updating of the District's Emergency Operations Plan and ongoing staff training.

**Firearms Purpose**  
Recognizing that District schools are located in a somewhat isolated area and that response from emergency first responders, including law enforcement personnel, takes a minimum of approximately 30 minutes, the Board adopts the following policy to address concerns about effective and timely response to emergency situations at schools, including invasion of the schools by an armed outsider, hostage situations, students who are armed and posing a direct threat of physical harm to themselves or others, and similar circumstances.

**Authorization**  
Pursuant to its authority under Texas Penal Code 46.03(a)(1), the Board may, from time to time, authorize specific school employees to possess certain firearms on school property, at school sponsored or school-sanctioned events, and at Board meetings.

Specifically authorized individuals shall be approved by separate action of the Board. The Board shall issue written authorization to approved employees.

**Concealed Handgun Licensees**  
Only those school employees who have obtained and maintain a current license, in accordance with state law, to carry a concealed handgun are eligible to be authorized to possess a firearm on school property.

**Training**  
Any school employee authorized to possess a firearm on school property shall be provided additional training in crisis intervention, management of hostage situations, and other training as the Board or designee may determine necessary or appropriate.

**Permitted Ammunition**  
Only frangible ammunition, i.e., ammunition designed to have reduced ricochet hazard, will be permitted in firearms authorized to be on school property.

## Health Science Technology Class Discussed

Muleshoe High School offers a Health Science Technology Class that allows students to earn their Nurse's Aide certification, or CNA.

The class lasts the entire year and they learn many different duties including patient care, measuring vital signs, assisting with patient movement and exercise, infection control, assisting doctors and nurses, and communication.

The students have to complete 75 hours of classroom training and 24 hours of clinical training in a long term health care facility before they are able to take the state test to become certified.

Students have already begun earning their clinical hours, and they will complete this requirement this semester.

This class is taught in two semesters. During the first semester the students focus on book work. They learn medical terminology, CPR, nutrition, the anatomy of the body and much more.

During the second semester the students prepare for the clinical section at Prairie Acres Nursing Home in Friona.



**Health Science Tech** — Liliana Vasquez, Garrison Myers, Adrian Estrada, Camilo Torres, Stephanie, Martinez, Jaxiel Lopez, Yanira Regalado and Evelyn Contreras

In order to attend the clinical section, each student must show that they have mastered specialized skills.

These skills include vital signs, transferring patients, taking care of special needs patients, assisting with ADL's (activities of daily living), confidentiality, and above all, they must prove that they are trustworthy and compassionate.

After a minimum of 24 hours of clinical time is complete, each student must take a state exam which includes a skills exam and then a written portion.

This test is very difficult and can be nerve wracking for

anyone. Recently, Sharon Villa, LVN, took eight students to Friona to take their CNA state exam.

This exam has two parts to it; a skills exam where each student has to pass four out of five different skills, such as vital signs, moving residents in bed, range of motion exercises, and a written exam.

According to Nurse Villa, they must perform the skills in front of a state examiner who is very strict, and to be honest, very a difficult person.

Villa said all eight of these students passed with flying colors.

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## Don Moore

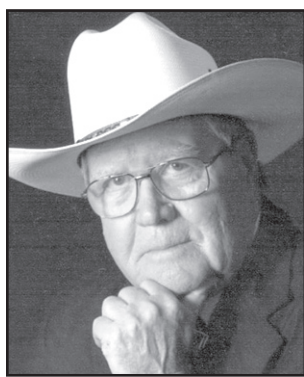
Funeral services for Don Ray Moore, 75, of Pageland, SC, were held on Sunday, May 5, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church with burial following at the church cemetery.

Mr. Moore died on Friday, May 3, 2013

Moore was born in Kent County, a son of the late James Michak and Minnie Reeves Moore. He is preceded in death by his brothers — James Moore and J.B. Moore, and his sister — Carolyn Simmons.

Moore was a member of Liberty Hill Baptist Church and also volunteered many hard working hours with Chesterfield Baptist Association as a director of Disaster Relief.

Moore is survived by his wife — Frances "Fran" Hancock Moore of Pageland, SC; a son — Thomas James



Moore of Rogers City, Mich.; two daughters — Marsha Bradley of Morena Valley, Calif., and Rebecca Wynn of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a sister — Nell Stinson of Houston; and three grandchildren — Garrett Bradley, Andrew Bradley and Evan Bradley, all of Morena Valley, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Chesterfield Baptist Association, c/o Disaster Relief, PO Box 96, Ruby, SC 29741.

# Engagement



Blair Smiley and Barry Morris

## Smiley, Morris To Wed

Mitchell and Kim Smiley announce the engagement of their daughter, Blair Smiley of Stratford, to Barry Morris, also of Stratford.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Friona High School and West Texas A&M University.

She is currently employed as a first grade teacher with the

Stratford Independent School District.

The prospective groom is the son of Keith and Jan Morris of Muleshoe.

He is a graduate of Muleshoe High School and Texas Tech University, and is employed with Cactus Feeders.

The date of wedding ceremony has been set for Aug. 3, 2013, at 7 p.m., in the home of George and Aundrea Frye of Friona.

Following the ceremony a reception will be held at Sixth Street Church of Christ in Friona.

## School District Renovations

Continued from A1 on the girl's rest room, doors, work on the bleachers and press boxes at the baseball and softball fields, and improvements to the ag project building.

• Watson Junior High — \$10,000 for improvements to the two sixth grade rest rooms.

According to the superintendent, funding for the facility renovation plans would come from the district's fund balance.

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## Addresses For Charitable Giving Suggested

- Muleshoe Heritage Foundation Center, PO Box 201, Muleshoe, Texas 79347, (806) 272-5873.
- MOST Scholarship (given to all graduating MISD seniors yearly), c/o Superintendent Dr. Gene Sheets, 514 W. Ave. G, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Oneita Wagnon Senior Center, PO Box 292, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Hope Chest, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Hospital Auxiliary, c/o Muleshoe Area Medical Center.
- Bailey County Food Pantry, PO Box 175, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Meals on Wheels, 300 First St., Muleshoe, TX 79347
- Muleshoe Volunteer Fire Department, c/o Muleshoe City Hall, 215 S. First, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-4528.
- Lazbuddie EMS and Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 125, Lazbuddie, TX 79053.
- Park View Nursing Care Center, 1100 W. Ave. J, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Memorial Park Cemetery, Inc., 104 E. Ave. C, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 272-5727.
- Muleshoe Area Educational Foundation, PO Box 62, Muleshoe, TX 79347.
- Muleshoe Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture, 115 E. American Blvd., Muleshoe 79347.
- Bailey County Child Welfare Board, PO Box 243, Muleshoe TX 79346, or call 272-3204.
- Muleshoe Boy Scouts, 609 W. Seventh, Muleshoe, TX 79347, or call 806-946-9908.
- Muleshoe Girl Scouts, 346 State Highway 214, Muleshoe, Texas 79347.
- Bailey County Historical Commission, c/o Sammie Simpson, 812 FM 54, Sudan, TX 79371, or call 806-927-5191.

## Irene Mason Named Woman Of The Year

Irene Mason was named the 2013 Woman of the Year at Beta Sigma Phi's Founder's Day celebration on Tuesday, April 30, at the Bailey County special events room.

Irene was honored for her positive involvement with the youth of Muleshoe and her participation in and contributions to the City of Muleshoe and state government.

After a salad dinner and Founder's Day cake, Kristine Isaacson read a message from International and Cheryl Wills announced the awarding of legacy college scholarships to John Ryan Isaacson, son of Kristine Isaacson, and Colten Harris, grandson of Alice Liles.

Chapter highlights were shared and members of the year were named for each chapter. Cindy Purdy was Member of the Year for her service to Zeta Rho chapter, and Char Phillips was outstanding Member of the Year for Xi Omicron Xi chapter.

Beta Sigma Phi City Council officers for the coming year were installed and included Judy Wilbanks,



Pictured with Irene Mason, second from left, are past Women of the Year honorees Nelda Marriott, Magann Rennels, and Rowena Myers.

president; Brenna Burch, vice president; Cheryl Wills, secretary; Kristine Isaacson, treasurer, and Rhonda Kline, social coordinator.

Outgoing city council president Cheryl Wills was recognized for her leadership on the council for the past year.

The Pennies from Heaven tradition was presented by Pat Young, who explained that the

fund was started by Jo Jinks a few years ago. Jinks encouraged members to save their pocket change and donate it to Pennies from Heaven as a fund to be available to members who might need a monetary boost due to an unforeseen expense.

Members were thanked for bringing their pennies to add to the account.

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# AGRICULTURAL NEWS

## County FSA Announces General CRP Sign Up

Bailey County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Kim Hanlin announced April 30 that FSA will conduct a four-week Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) general sign-up beginning May 20 and ending on June 14.

"It continues to be our goal to ensure that we use CRP to address our most critical resource issues" said Hanlin.

"In 2012, Texas experienced the worst drought in 60 years. CRP protected

environmentally sensitive lands from washing or blowing away. It gave ranchers extra grazing land when they needed it," Hanlin said. "I expect there will be strong competition to enroll or re-enroll acres into CRP, so I urge Bailey County producers to maximize their environmental benefits and make sure their offers are cost-effective."

In addition to erosion control, CRP provides significant water quality benefits including

reduced nutrients and sediment loadings and adverse consequences associated with floods as well as expanded and enhanced wildlife habitat.

Currently, about 27 million acres are enrolled in CRP nationwide; more than 3 million of these acres are enrolled in Texas.

CRP is a voluntary program available to agricultural producers to help them safeguard environmentally sensitive land.

Producers enrolled

in CRP plant long-term, resource-conserving covers to improve the quality of water, control soil erosion and enhance wildlife habitat.

Contracts on an estimated 3.3 million acres of CRP nationwide are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2013, and more than 362,000 of those expiring acres are in Texas.

Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under

CRP.

Producers that are accepted in the sign-up can receive cost-share assistance for planting covers and receive an annual rental payment for the length of the contract (10-15 years).

Producers also are encouraged to look into CRP's other enrollment opportunities offered

on a continuous, non-competitive, sign-up basis.

Continuous sign-ups often provide additional financial assistance. Those sign-up dates will be announced later. For more information on CRP and other FSA programs, visit your local FSA office or go to [www.fsa.usda.gov](http://www.fsa.usda.gov).

## Additional FSA Information Provided

The Bailey County FSA office has released the following information for local farmers and landowners:

**DCP/ACRE sign-up**

The sign-up period for DCP and ACRE are still open. The DCP sign-up period will end on August 2, 2013, and the ACRE sign-up period will end on June 13, 2013.

The 2013 DCP and ACRE program provisions are unchanged from 2012, expect that all eligible participants in 2013 may choose to enroll in either DCP or ACRE for the 2013 crop year.

This means that eligible producers who were enrolled in ACRE in 2012 may elect to enroll in DCP in 2013, or may re-enroll in ACRE in 2013.

Likewise producers who were enrolled in DCP may opt for ACRE enrollment.

**Foreign landowners**

The Agricultural Foreign Investment Disclosure ACT (AFIDA) requires all foreign owners of U.S. agricultural land to report their holdings to the Secretary of Agriculture. The Farm Service Agency administers this program for USDA.

All individuals who are not U.S. citizens, and have purchased or sold agricultural land in the county are required to report the transaction to FSA within 90 days of the closing. Failure to submit the AFIDA form (FSA-153) could result in civil penalties of up to 25 percent of the fair market value of the property.

County government offices, realtors, attorneys and others involved in real estate transactions are reminded to notify foreign investors of these reporting requirements.

**County committee election LAA-3**

Bailey County will begin taking nominations for County Committee Election for LAA-3 (C-Community) on June 17, 2013. The last day to file nomination forms is August 1, 2013. Nominations will be taken on an FSA-669A.

Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on November 4, 2013, and the completed and signed ballots must be returned to the Bailey County FSA Office, 111 East Avenue D, Muleshoe,

Texas by Dec. 2, 2013. Newly elected county committee members will take office on Jan. 1, 2014.

The nomination of eligible producers by voters or community-based organizations is the only method used to obtain candidates for COC elections. COC's are responsible for ensuring that all producers are knowledgeable about the nomination process for COC positions.

All eligible voters are encouraged to participate in the election. Social Disadvantaged and beginning farmers and ranchers are especially encouraged to take an active interest in the COC election process.

### Obituaries and Death notices

Death notices will be published free of charge in the Muleshoe Journal. There is a fee of \$30 for the publication of "basic obituaries." "Non-basic obituaries" will be published at the rate of \$4.50 per column inch. In all cases, the obituary information should be submitted by the funeral home for verification purposes.

The guidelines that will be used to determine if, and how much the publication will cost is as follows:

**Death Notices...**

Death notices may include the deceased's name, city of residence, age, date and place of birth, date and place of death. If the notice is to be published prior to any services, the time, date and location of services, and location of burial may be included. If publication will be after said services, the time will not be included. An example is as follows:

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Basic obituaries printed in the Muleshoe Journal are printed at the basic rate of \$30, and may contain the following information: date and details of funeral and place of burial; date and place of birth and parents names; date of marriage; limited biographical information, including the highest level of schooling achieved, service in the Armed Forces, profession (and retirement information if applicable); names of parents, spouses or children who have preceded the person in death; names of survivors, including the spouse, parents, brothers, sisters and children. Only the number of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren will be included; and where memorials may be directed. We will run a one column black and white photo at no charge.

**Non-basic obituary...**

A larger photo, or content that varies from that listed for a basic obituary — such as the names of grandchildren, or additional relatives or relationships — will require the obituary to be published at a rate of \$4.50 per column inch.

## House Farm Bill Process Begins To Move

There's some good news about the Farm Bill for West Texas producers. The House Agriculture Committee is working on draft legislation, and we'll be amending it and voting on it on May 15.

According to House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, we can expect that it will be taken up by the full House of Representatives sometime before August.

The current Farm Bill expired last fall, but Congress extended it until September 2013. It's important that we get a new bill in place before we hit that deadline.

What can you expect from this Farm Bill? I think it will look similar to the legislation we

passed out of the House Agriculture Committee last year.

You can visit the House Agriculture Committee's website for a full summary of that bill.


Congressman Frank Lucas, the Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, has told us that his draft legislation

will cut \$38 billion in spending over 10 years.

That's \$3 billion more in savings than we achieved last year. Just a little over half of those savings — \$20 billion — will come from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).



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# The Sudan Buzzy

## May Is A Busy Month At Sudan ISD

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

If the month of April did not go by fast enough, hold on to your hats because May is packed full of events at Sudan Schools.

The STAAR EOC Assessments began this week with Algebra I and the Geometry Test on Tuesday along with the AP Computer Science test.

The Junior High Zone Golf Tournament was held in Farwell and results will be posted next week with the Junior High Zone Tennis Tournament results.

The STAAR EOC in Biology took place on

Wednesday. Athletes in the seventh, ninth, and 11th grades had a mandatory athletic physical Wednesday afternoon.

Three-week grades were also mailed out.

Dayton Fisher, Ashton Sawyer, Barry Johnson, Reece Harper, Jelmer Vanderlei, and Christian Ruiz headed to Austin to attend the UIL State Track Meet this weekend.

Results of their events will be posted next week.

On Friday, the kindergarten class will take a field trip to the Clovis Zoo.

This has become an

annual event for the kindergarteners, and this year they will get to see the newest edition to the zoo, a baby giraffe.

STAAR EOC's continue the week of May 13-17. STAAREOC in World Geography and the retest for STAAR 5 and 8 Math will take place on Tuesday, May 14.

On May 15, the STAAR EOC in Algebra II test and the STAAR Grades 5 and 8 retest on reading will take place.

On May 16, those students who wish to take dual credit classes will travel to South Plains College to take

the Accuplacer test.

They will need to pay for the test in order to take it on that date. It is important to take the test on that date because it will become increasingly more difficult to find scheduled times later on in the summer since Texas post-secondary schools are now requiring a higher ACT score for admittance.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayela Harrell, counselor at Sudan Schools.

Also on May 16, the elementary will have their spring sting concert at 10 a.m. in the

auditorium. The athletic banquet will be held that night as well.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door for the catered event.

The Junior/Senior Prom will be held in Lubbock at the Caprock Banquet Facility. The prom will start at 8 p.m., and pictures will begin around 7 p.m.

The week of May 20-23 will see several students who have qualified for UIL Academic State Meet to compete in Austin.

Those who will be competing are Adam Harper, Doug Ames, Mackenzie Lance, Jacob Markham, Deric McCurry, Kendon Drennan, Madison Chester, Chesanie Brantley, Katee Gonzales, Celeste Montemayor, Marcos Estrada, Kristina Thorn, and Nancy Delgado.

The group will leave on May 20.

Also on May 20, the Memorial Day Service will be held at the Sudan Cemetery at 10 a.m. The

entire school will have an early release date on May 23, and a school holiday on May 24.

The Sudan Elementary and Sudan High School Awards Day will be May 27. The elementary awards will begin at 8:30 a.m. followed by the high school at around 10 a.m.

The elementary track meet will begin at 2 p.m.

Kindergarten graduation will take place on May 28 at 2 p.m. Semester tests also begin on this date. The last day of the six weeks is May 30.

Seventh grade graduation will begin at 6:30 p.m. with pictures starting at 5 p.m.

The teachers have a workday on May 31. Also, high school graduation will take place at 8 p.m. on May 31.

Pictures will begin at 6:30 PM. The seniors will then go to the WTAMU Recreation Center for their Project Graduation activities.

## Steinbock Wins National Title



McMurry women's athlete and Sudan graduate Mariah Steinbock won the National Christian College Athletic Association Track and Field Championship in pole vault on Friday, May 3.

It just happened to be Mariah's birthday.

Steinbock equaled her season best height of 10' 11 3/4" for the third time this season to top the field and earn first place.

Steinbock completed her quest for the national title with a large storm bearing down on the Chicago area with snow and sleet and cold

temperatures.

"The conditions were terrible," Steinbock said. "So being from West Texas paid off!"

Steinbock celebrated with her brother, Brock, who as a senior placed 11th in the men's pole vault for McMurry at the track meet.

Mariah credits Brock with helping her reach her goal.

"I have such an awesome brother/coach," Steinbock said. "I can't thank my family enough for all the love and support."

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## Sudan Cheerleaders Selected

**By Cheri Sain**  
*Sudan Correspondent*

Nineteen girls tried out for the Sudan High School cheerleading squad for the 2013-14 school year, but only eight can make the team.

It was a long day for these cheerleading hopefuls, but it all ended after a long deliberation by the panel of judges.

Next year's squad is comprised of four seniors. Madison Chester, Katee Gonzales, Brianna Montes and Alondra Ramirez have all served at least once during their four years in high school.

In fact, Alondra and Katee are former mascots. This is the fourth year for Madison, and this will be the second year for Brianna.

Ashton Sawyer is a junior next year. She has

served as cheerleader in year's past as well.

The next three girls are new to the squad. Shaylee Johnson will be a sophomore next year.

Kimberlee Gonzales and Natalee Camareno will represent the freshmen after being junior high cheerleaders this year. Araseli Cornejo will be next year's mascot.

In order to try out for cheerleader, the students must be a good student with a certain GPA, submit to a teacher evaluation, perform a group routine, dance in a group number, and perform a solo cheer.

They perform for the student body in the morning and then for the judges in the afternoon.

No one is allowed to watch the performance for the judges.

## Randy's Roundup...

**Continued from A6**

SNAP, formerly known as food stamps, makes up 80 percent of Farm Bill spending.

The other \$18 billion in proposed savings will come from farm programs.

Of course, last year, the Senate passed its own version of the Farm Bill and will likely do so again this year.

The differences will ultimately have to be worked out in a joint House-Senate Conference Committee.

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I've introduced a bill to strengthen crop insurance by allowing farmers the option to protect against shallow losses.

I believe it will be included in this year's Farm Bill.

I also hope that my reforms to SNAP will be included. These proposals will reduce waste and loopholes so that SNAP can better serve families truly in need of nutrition assistance.

I'll keep you posted on the Farm Bill's status as it moves through the process.

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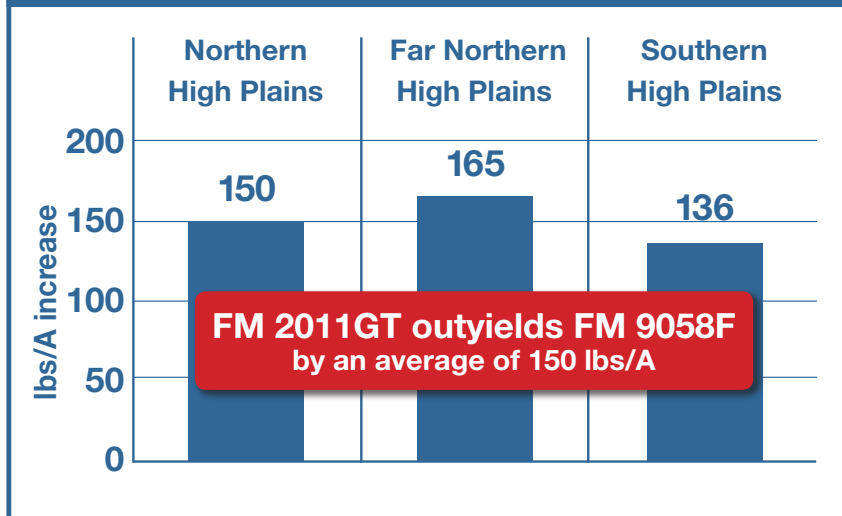
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# SPORTS NEWS

## Lady Mules' Softball... Continued From A1



Photograph by Gabby Perez

An unidentified Lady Mule prepares to make contact with the ball.

"We competed beyond our expectations. I could not be more proud. We accomplished our goals for the season and now we just start planning for next season. I coach some 'amazing kids' and love my Mules. It is a wonderful feeling."

The third and final game turned into a battle and went an extra inning.

The Lady Mules trailed 8-6 at the end of the top of the seventh inning.

Marissa Cortez drove the shortstop deep in the hole with a high bouncer. Cortez beat the throw to first for an infield hit to lead off the bottom of

the inning. Mandy Scolley hit a slow roller that the shortstop had to charge to make the play.

The hurried throw came out of the first baseman's glove as Scolley crossed the bag.

Loya's bat had come alive in the tournament. She blasted a double off the fence in left field.

Lexi Cortez, running for M. Cortez, and Scolley took off on the crack of the bat. L. Cortez scored easily and Scolley slide head first across the plate to tie the game.

Coahoma scored four runs in the top of the eighth on three base hits and a home run to dash the hopes of the Lady Mules 12-8 and win the series.

The Lady Mules played almost error free ball in the first game.

Gabi Chavez fourth inning two-out double off the fence in left set up the Lady Mules first run.

Miranda De Bruin singled off the fence in right to plate Chavez.

M. Cortez set the Bulldogettes down in order in the bottom of

the fourth inning. The first batter grounded out to M. Cortez and she struck out the next two batters swinging.

Coahoma scored a run in the top of the fifth inning on a walk and a base hit. Scolley ended the inning when she took a base hit to left on one hop and fired a strike to Diamond Lopez at third.

D. Lopez applied the tag to the runner that had rounded third and was scrambling back to the bag.

Sanchez broke the tie with her home run in the bottom of the sixth. A fly ball to Allondra Villareal in right field and Daniela Mendoza put the squeeze on a pop fly at second for the first two outs in the top of seventh.

The final out was a ground out to Amber Lopez at shortstop.

M. Cortez gave up seven hits, three base on balls and stuck out three.

The Lady Mules committed just one error.

Coahoma gave up eight hits, one base on balls, struck out 11 and made two errors.

## Eighth Grade Team Sweeps Medals

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

The eighth grade Lady Mules tennis team swept all three medals in girls doubles at the District Tennis Meet this past week.

Emily Precure and Sydnie Sudduth won the gold medal, Brylee Beall and Sadie Sudduth took the silver medal and Ahtziri Elizalde and Gloria Gonzales earned the bronze medal.

"I was very proud of all of the kids and they competed well," said Muleshoe Tennis coach Jody Wood. "I appreciated Coach Jalissa King for helping with tennis especially after I had my knee surgery. The kids

practiced hard for her in preparation for the district tournament."

Precure and Sy. Sudduth defeated Alvarez and Castaneda of Olton 8-2; Turner and Hedgi of Abernathy 8-2; Bosquez and Gunter of Olton 8-2 and Beall and Sa. Sudduth 8-3. Beall and Sa. Sudduth defeated Huseman and McClure of Tulia 8-6; Fry and Upton of Friona 8-5; Elizalde and Gonzales of Muleshoe 8-6 before losing to Precure and Sy. Sudduth 3-8. Elizalde and Gonzales defeated Garcia and Rosales of Tulia 8-2; lost to Beall and Sa. Sudduth 6-8 and defeated Bosquez and Gunter of Olton 8-1.

Thirty-three seventh and eighth graders participated in the district tournament for Muleshoe and 16 won medals.

Five other eighth graders won medals. Marilyn Melendez won the girl's singles bronze medal. She defeated Jennings of Tulia 8-4 but lost to Young of Tulia 1-8. She defeated Victoria Villalobos of Muleshoe 9-8.

Tre Villa and Javy Perez took the silver medal in boy's doubles. They defeated Briene and Romero of Tulia 8-3 but lost to Briones and Velaguez of Tulia 3-8. Dominik Hasley and Dustin Stearmer earned the bronze medal in boy's doubles lost to Riones and Velaguez of Tulia 3-8 and defeated Briene and Romero of Tulia 8-3.

Three seventh graders won two gold medals and one silver. Alexis Campos and Anghy Avilez won the gold in girl's doubles. Cassidy Cage and Jacob Kettner took the gold medal in mixed doubles. Brianna Barron took the silver medal in girl's singles.

Campos and Avilz defeated Garcia and Pacheco of Tulia 8-2; Dubose and Norris of Abernathy 9-8; Adams

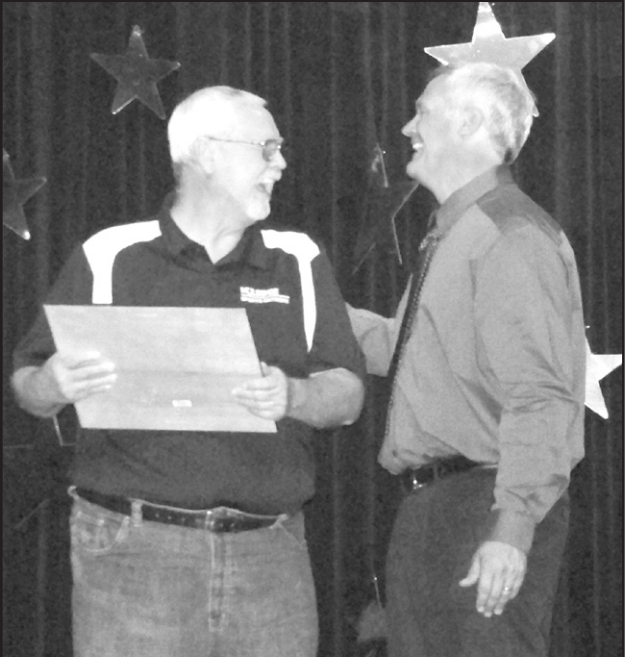
and George of Tulia 8-3; and Cavazos and Richardson of Abernathy 9-8. Cage and Kettner defeated Jimenez and Rivera of Olton 8-1 and Chadwick and Casco of Tulia 8-6. Barron defeated Round of Tulia 8-0; Berry of Tulia 8-1 before losing to Briones 8-9.

Also competing for the eighth graders were Victoria Villalobos in girl's singles defeated Benavidez of Tula 8-5 and lost to Powell of Abernathy 1-8 and Melendez 8-9. Jesse Leal was defeated in boy's singles by Brown of Tulia 6-8. Blake Parker lost both of his matches to Hoelting of Tulia 0-8 and Hooper of Tulia 5-8.

Hallie Myatt lost in seventh grade girl's singles to Briones of Tulia 5-8. The seventh grade girl's doubles teams of Sofia Sianez and Lizzi Morales lost to Cavozos and Richardson of Abernathy 2-8 and Xiomara Regalado and Lorena Balderas lost to Adams and Hill of Tulia 8-1.

Competing in the seventh boy's singles was Yavet Elizalde and he was defeated by Lopez of Tulia 1-8. Aron Chacon lost to

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Athletic Director David Wood, on the right, presents the Legends Award to Delton Wilhite

## Sportswriter Receives 2013 Legends Award

The Legends Award was presented to Muleshoe Journal sportswriter Delton Wilhite at the 2013 Athletic Boosters Awards Banquet Tuesday evening.

The award was begun by the booster club in 1999 and was named for former Muleshoe coaches, Bill Taylor and George Washington.

It was presented to Coach Washington and family of Bill Taylor in 1999.

The award is presented to an individual, business, fan or special person in the community that gives their ultimate support to Muleshoe Athletics.

"This person shows unconditional loyalty and encouragement for the athletes of Muleshoe schools," said master of ceremonies Sam Whalin in his introduction of this year's recipient. "This person tries his hardest to be present at all athletic events."

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Watson Junior High District medal winners

## Eighth Grade Tennis Includes Dist. Winners

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Kirkland of Abernathy 6-8. Estavan Palomares defeated Murphree of Friona 8-7 but lost to Gomez of Tulia 5-8.

Other seventh grade boy's doubles teams were Isaac Mendoza and Jose Lopez.

They defeated the team of Redwine and Lopez of Abernathy

8-6. They then lost to Rivos and Rodriguez of Olton 2-8 and Beatty and Chapa of Abernathy 5-8.

Kobe Gutierrez and Izaiah Perez lost Friona's Grado and Grado 0-8.

Josh Mata and Malachi Rodriguez lost to Beatty and Chapa of Abernathy 4-8.

# Muleshoe High School Athletic Honors Announced

By Delton Wilhite  
Sportswriter

### Part 1

The 2012-2013 Athletic Banquet was held Tuesday evening in the Commons Area and Carey Moore Auditorium. A meal of fish and chicken was served in the Commons Area and a highlight film of all the sports was shown while attendees ate.

Following the meal everyone moved to the auditorium for the awards presentation.

The cheerleaders were invited to the stage to be recognized by their coach, Dusty Gorman.

"The MHS cheerleaders had a great year," said Dusty Gorman. "I am proud of these girls and their hard work and dedication to support the Mules and Lady Mules. The Varsity had three seniors this year, Mandy Scolley, Alexa Fuentes and Stephanie Infante and two juniors, Adrienne Precure and McKenna Dunham."

"The JV cheerleaders were Kayla Preston, Ashton Hunt, Marissa Reyes, Zoe Apodaca and Shyanne Carpenter. I thank each of you for all your hard work and school spirit."

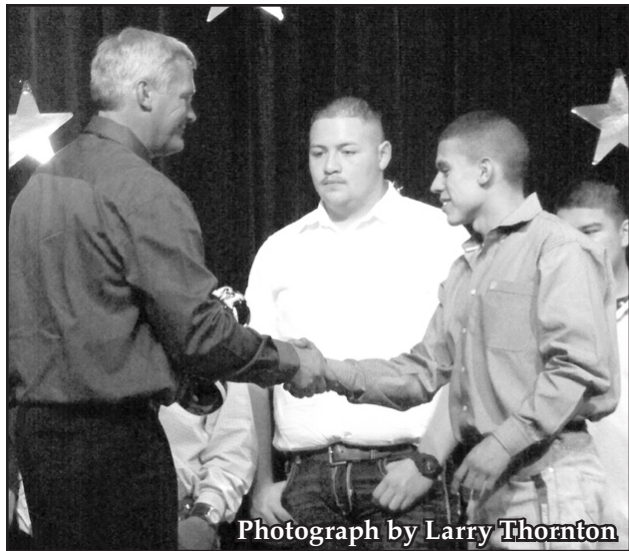
Coach Josh Woolbright called the student athletic trainers to the stage.

"The Muleshoe Sports Medicine Program has had an outstanding year and has strived to keep our athletes in the game and playing at a high level," said Woolbright. "These students have worked extremely hard to help me keep our athletes safe and to get them safely back into the competition."

"They worked long hours and performed a wide array of tasks, from taping ankles to passing out equipment. They have been a part of over 3000 treatments and rehabilitations. Thank you again for everything you do for the athletes and coaches without complaint."

Woolbright recognized Jasmyn Guerra as the Most Improved Student Athletic Trainer for her growth over the past year. "She has transformed from a shy and quiet person into a leader in the training room," continued Woolbright.

"The Student Athletic Trainer of the Year is



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Morgan Burris. She has the work ethic and courage to accomplish whatever she wants in life and we all wish her the best of luck next year at Angelo State University, where she will major in Athletic Training."

"Morgan (Burris) has been honored as 'Training and Condition's Magazine's Comeback Athlete Award Winner for March 2013."

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the coaches for their support, understanding and assistance in helping all the injured students. I do not always give you the best news, but thanks for always being understanding."

"I also want to say thank you to the student athletes for your commitment and respect in the long extra hours you spend in the training room. Your dedication to athletics

is unparalleled."

Head-football coach David Wood and the varsity football team were next on the stage.

"There are too many people to recognize for the work they put in to run a successful program," said Coach Wood. "I would like to point out just a few people who have supported us and who help make 'football fever' what it is today."

"I would like to thank all of our coaches for their many hours of hard work and preparation for the Thursday and Friday nights of the fall. Their high standards enable our kids to reach deep down, put their pain aside and perform at their very best."

"Coach Woolbright and his student trainers have done an outstanding job. We could not do it without you. Our cheerleaders provide spirit, not only on Friday night but in the halls of our school.

Thanks for all you do." "Thanks also goes to the parents and fans for your support and enthusiasm throughout the year. You are great boosters."

The freshman team was asked to stand. They finished the year with a 7-3 record and many of the wins were a direct reversal of their eighth grade year. The junior varsity team also had a 7-3 season and were 4-1 in district. They improved their record from the year before because of the hard work they put in during the summer. Many will be called on to fill spots on thearsity next season.

There were four Wall of Fame recipients this year. Ray Martinez was an All State Honorable Mention, an All-South Plains selection and an All-District section. He was also a member of the 3A-2A Golden Spread dream.

Shawn Atwood earned All State honors in 2011 and 2012. He was named to the All South Plains Team in 2011 and 2012 and was a two-year first team All District pick. He was named to the All State Padilla second team.

Ryan Johnson made first team All State in 2011 and 2012. He was the All South Plains Offensive Lineman and 3A-2A Golden Spread offensive lineman. He

was a two year first team All District and made the All State Padilla First Team.

Caleb Wood was an Honorable Mention All State selection and was the MVP offensive player on the 3A-2A Golden Spread Team. He was also the 2A All South Plains Offensive MVP and District 1-2A MVP. He was picked to the All State Padilla First Team.

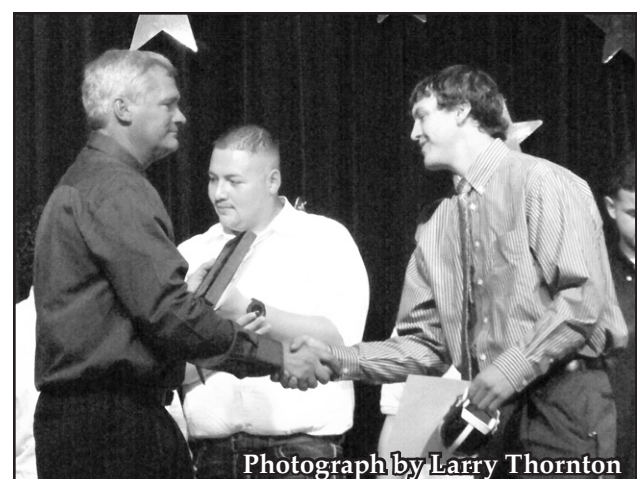
The four Mule team captains were presented

season. The Defensive Player went to two players, Ray Martinez and Shawn Atwood.

The Offensive Player was a 1000 yard rusher this season and was given to Junior Baca.

The Football Most Outstanding Player went to two-time first team All State player, Ryan Johnson.

The MVP-Fighting Heart Award went to a 1000-yard rusher and 2000-yard passer,



Photograph by Larry Thornton

miniature helmets by Coach Wood. "These guys were voted on by their teammates and are the backbone of the team," said Wood. "They did a great job of carrying out and maintaining duties and responsibilities of a Team Captain."

The helmets went to Sawn Atwood, Junior Baca, Ryan Johnson and Caleb Wood.

Named as Most Improved Player was Austin Ross. He averaged 24 yards per catch during the

a feat that had never been accomplished at Muleshoe, Caleb Wood.

Coach Jay Gorman and the boys and girls cross country teams were the next to take the stage.

"I would like to thank coaches Carey Sudduth, Sheri Veazey, Edie Niblett and Jalissa King for all the help you provide during the season," said J. Gorman. "These guys and girls battled through some tough early morning

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# MHS Athletic Banquet... Continued From B2

weather this season."

"The junior varsity girls were district champions with Zoe Apodaca finishing first and Katelyn Gable took second. Jasimen Garza was third, Yasmine Sandoval finished fifth, Adriana Loya took ninth, Daniela Diaz was 11th and Keidi Salas finished 12th."

"The varsity girls were district champions as a team and qualified for the Region I Meet. Cas Moore finished third, Celeste Flores was fourth and Carolina Franco took fifth. Adrienne Precure finished eighth, Ruby Andrade was 12th and Brooklyn Beall finished 17th. The girls worked hard all season and I am so proud of them. This is a very young team so its time to start a new District Championship streak!

The varsity boys were third in district and



beat a lot of good teams. These girls have a lot of potential and a bright future."

"The varsity girls finished the year with a 13-15 record and were fourth in the district. They were the youngest team in the district and it showed but they also showed they were talented and willing to battle every single game."

"They believed they could win every game and played the three playoff teams extremely tough. They worked

DonAnn Rempe and the Fighting Heart award was presented to Mandy Scolley. The Free Throw Champion was Cas Moore, the Offensive MVP was Adrienne Precure and the Defensive MVP was Jo Moore. The Team MVP was Adrienne Precure.

The boys basketball coach Clay White invited the varsity Mule basketball team to the stage.

"The 2013 season will be a defining year for the Muleshoe basketball program," said Coach C. White. It will not be defined by playoff wins or golden trophies, but it will, instead be defined by something far greater than wins and losses or medals and trophies.

"As we reflect on this year, words like 'character', 'work ethic', and 'sacrifice' come to mind, but perhaps, the most fitting word is 'family'. The togetherness and the bond of this group will always be remembered, as well as their sacrifice to the greater good. We aimed at giving the community of Muleshoe something to be proud of, and we believe it was accomplished."

"Coaches Albert Lopez and John Jay did a great job of preparing our junior high kids for the next level. Coach Jason Cole led the freshman team and they were split because of lack of upper-classmen, but the freshmen were something to be proud of, as they significantly progressed in every

facet of the game. We look forward to a bright future with these guys," continued C. White. "The junior varsity Mules were coached by Cannon McWilliams. This squad, like the freshmen, showed drastic progress and improvement throughout the season despite facing adversity. They were known not only for unselfish play but also for their great effort in games and practice. They are fun to coach and fun to be around."

"The varsity Mules came into the year with very little experience, but it was not long before they grew up. Reaching the championship game of the Whiteface tournament and the consolation championship in the Littlefield tournament provided big-game experience."

"The most impressive characteristic about these young men was their ability to maintain a great work ethic and stay together during difficult times. We need to recognize our individual award winners, but it is important to realize that these awards were made possible by teammates."

"Eli Leal received First Team All-District."

honor and Matt Barron received Honorable Mention. The Defensive MVP award goes to a young man who was

guarding other players who were four to six inches taller than him most of the time, Shawn Atwood."

"Our Most Valuable Player award belongs to a player who led us in points, rebounds, assists and deflections. He is considered by many coaches as 'one of the best shooters in the region, Eli Leal,'" concluded C. White.

(Part 2 of the athletic awards will be in next week's issue of the Journal)

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qualified for regional's. Luis Ruvalcaba was second, Noa Del Toro took fifth and Cristian Paez finished 14th. Eli Leal was 15th, George Martinez took 30th, Aaryn Ross finished 33rd and Kevin Mendoza was 36th."

The Girls Most Valuable Player went to Cas Moore. The Boys Most Valuable Player was Luis Ruvalcaba.

Coach Jay Gorman stayed on the stage as the varsity Lady Mule basketball team came to the stage. He thanked coaches Carey Sudduth, Sheri Veazey, Edie Niblett and Jalisa King for their help with the program.

"These coaches teach the game and focus on doing things the right way," said J. Gorman. "They put in a ton of extra hours during basketball season. I also want to thank the fans for their support. It means a lot to the kids to see a lot of fans at the games cheering."

"I would also like to recognize my managers this year: Bailey Bales, Kalie Lovell and Jose Martinez. I also want to thank my wife Dusty for allowing me to do what I love to do."

"Coach Veazey and her JV2 team finished the season with a record of 6-8. These girls made big improvements through the season and I am expecting big things from them," continued J. Gorman.

"The JV girls had a record of 16-12 and went through a lot of adversity this season mainly due to injuries. They played short-handed for a while but kept working hard and

hard in practice and were fun to coach and helped get the program moving in the right direction. I am expecting another big step next season."

"We had three players selected to the All-District Team this year: Adrienne Precure, Cas Moore and Kaylie Morris. Our seniors who will be leaving us, remember that you will be missed."

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Our Moms had nicknames for us...



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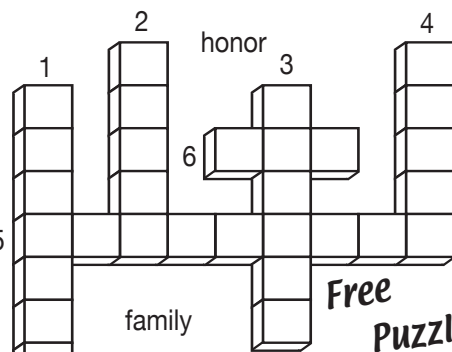
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...when we were younger - and still do!

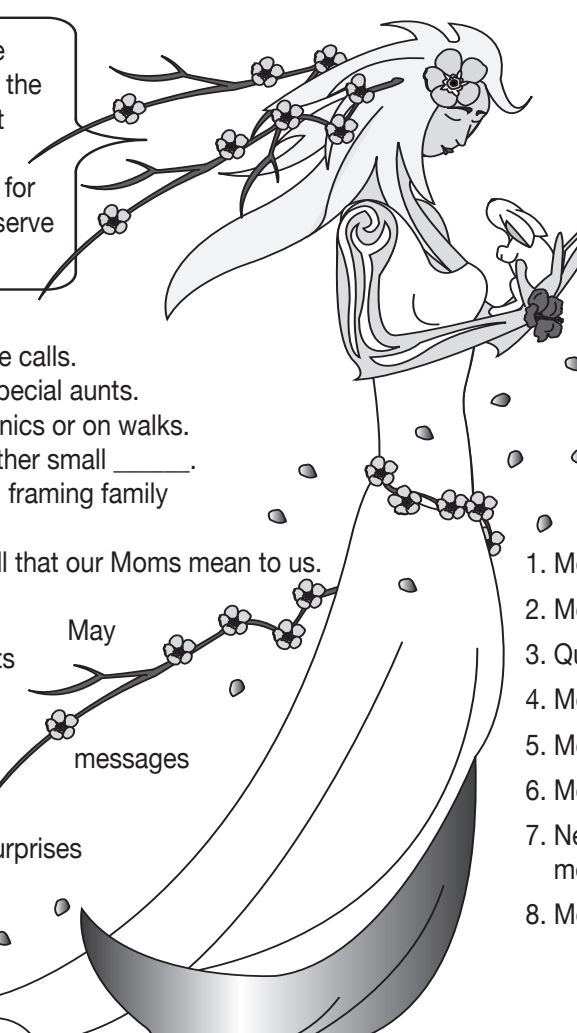
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- a \_\_\_\_\_ may go to church services, on picnics or on walks.
- we may give Mom flowers, a necklace or other small \_\_\_\_\_.
- we can show we care by making breakfast, framing family photos or other \_\_\_\_\_.
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- Mother lode
- Motherland
- Queen Mother
- Mother Tongue
- Motherboard
- Mother Nature
- Necessity is the mother of invention
- Mother of all

- connects all parts of a computer
- spirit of outdoors, takes care of lands, weather and living things
- idea that, when people need things, they design something to help; ex. a washing machine to do laundry
- title given to mother of king
- home to a group of people who share ways of life; ex. China for the Chinese people
- main supply; when miners found gold or silver they would use these two words to talk about the place where gold or silver first came from
- the first language someone learns from birth
- the biggest and best

Did you ever hear flowers speak? It is said that if you hold a buttercup under your chin, the reflection of it will "tell" you if you like butter.

**Study the meanings of these flowers to fill in this note that you can give your Mom:**

- = Modesty
- = Wisdom
- = True Love
- = Beauty
- = Thoughts
- = Happy Again
- = Love

### Flower Talk

Dear Mom,

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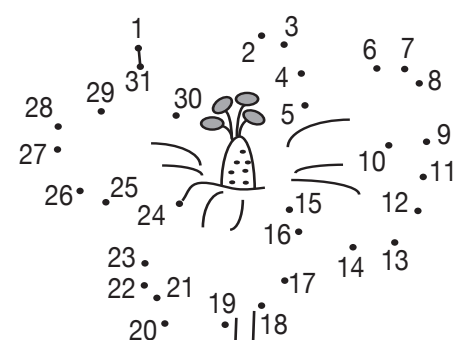
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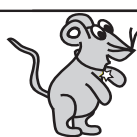
### From the Garden!



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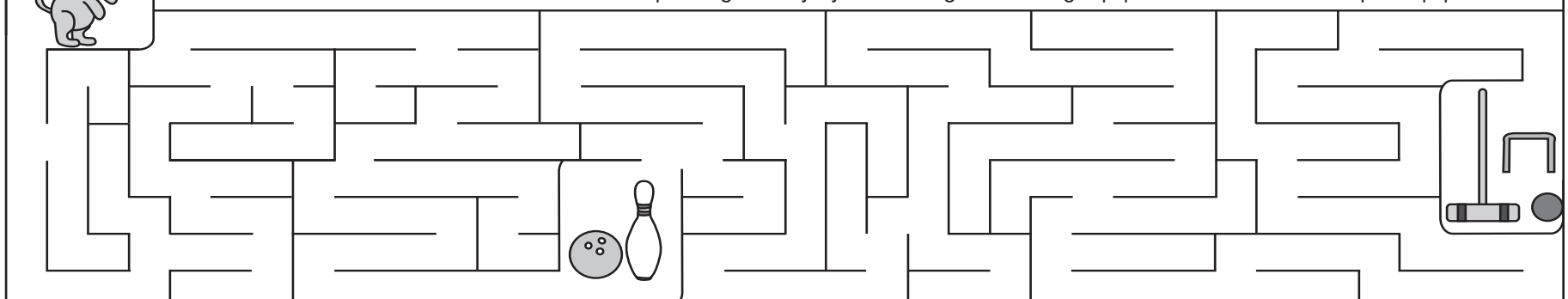
This spring I'm going to help without being crabby about it.

**Connect the dots to see the flower, then color it in.**

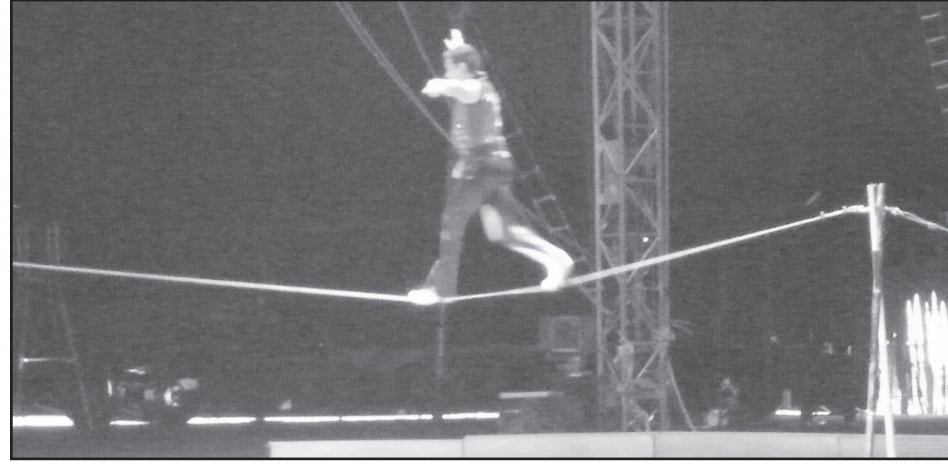
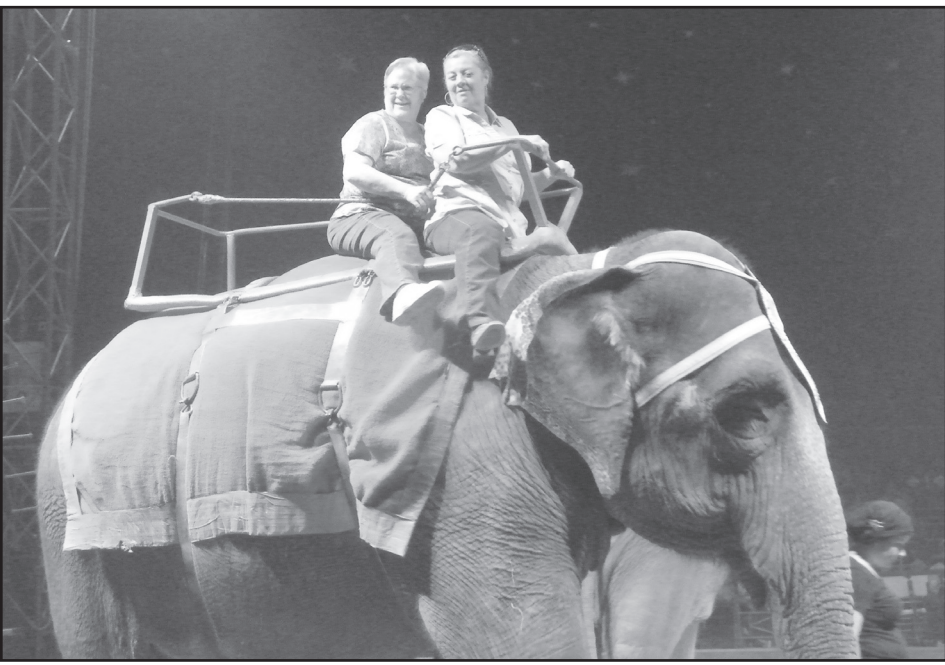


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- 2 Nicely Remodeled Duplex Units & 1 NEW Duplex Unit!! Price Reduced!! \$350K!!!!
- Nicely Remodeled 3-2-2 Brick, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP w/wood pellet insert, corner lot, fenced yd., auto. spktr., + lot w/stor. bldg!! 2159' lv. area!! \$150K!! REDUCED!
- VERY NICE 3-2-5-2 Brick Home, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2749' lv. area, lots of storage, nice courtyard & landscaping, workshop/storage/fenced yd., Much More!! Reduced-\$170K!
- VERY NICE 3-2-2 Brick Home on corner lot, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, remodeled bathrooms, nice carpet & tile, sunroom, fenced yd., auto. spktr., approx. 2216' liv area!!! \$125K!!
- 2-1 Home, wall furnace heat, window evap. air!! \$30,000!!!
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 1 car garage Brick Home, Approx. 1844' lv. area, total elec., new Cent. A&H, built-ins, fenced yd., storage/workshop, MORE!!! \$89K!! REDUCED \$79,500!! MAKE OFFER!!

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- 3 Bdrm, 2 bath, 2 carport, Cent A&H, Dishwasher, WB Stove, approx. 2156' lv. area, \$60K!!

**RURAL**

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- 3-1 1/2-1 Home on 8 acres, approx. 1664' lv. area, Cent. A&H, built-ins, sunroom, storm shelter, stor. room, 2 CP, RV port, 1440' metal bldg!! MORE!! \$110K!!!
- NICE 4.8 acre homesites, deed restricted!! \$17,500!!
- West of Sudan 3-2-2 Brick Home on 5.57 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, approx. 2688' lv. area, fenced yd., 40' x 80' quonset bam!! MUCH MORE!! \$135K!!
- NICE 3-2-2 Home on 11 acres at edge of town, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, freshly painted interior, thermal windows & doors, plus 1 bdrm house, workshop, storage, greenhouse, plus 3 garages, barns & outbuildings!! \$155,000!! \$135,000!!
- FM 1760 @ edge of town, nice 3-2-2 carport home on 3 acres, cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, approx. 2253' lv area, fenced, horse barn w/corral, hay & tack room!! \$105K!!!!
- VERY NICE 4-3 doublewide (2006) on 7.38 acres, Cent. A&H, built-ins, FP, fenced yd., 25' x 40' metal bldg., septic system, DOMESTIC WELL, on pavement close to town!! PRICE REDUCED!! MAKE OFFER!!
- FM 303-4 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Det. Garage, 2 acre tract, Par. Cent. A&H, Dwg, disposal, thermal windows, storm doors, fans, stor. bldg!! \$90!! \$74,000!!
- 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Mobile Home (1998 Skyline), approx. 2280' lv. area, Cent. air&heat, built-ins, FP, metal roof, auto spktr., 40' x 80' insulated metal building, w/office, 1/2 bath, workshop, loft storage, 220 electric, 14.68 acres on Hwy 84 close to town!! MUCH MORE!! \$157,900!!

**LAND & COMMERCIAL**

- Approx. 1080' metal bldg. w/off. & 3 bay garage/workshop area plus chain link fenced area!! \$39,500!!
- GREAT BUSINESS LOCATION - 13000' Bldg., 7000' paved parking, corner lot, Hwy. 84 & Main. A&H, \$100,000!! Price Reduced \$80,000!!
- 101.8 acres, edge of town, pasture & farm land, 1 irrig. well!! \$122,244!!
- FOR LEASE - 2100' office space + 20,500' warehouse area!!
- 308 W. 2nd - 2856' bldg. - former Odd Fellows Lodge, PRICED TO SELL!! \$31,500
- 1020 S. Main - 200' x 104' tract w/ 1000' Bldg!! \$20K!!
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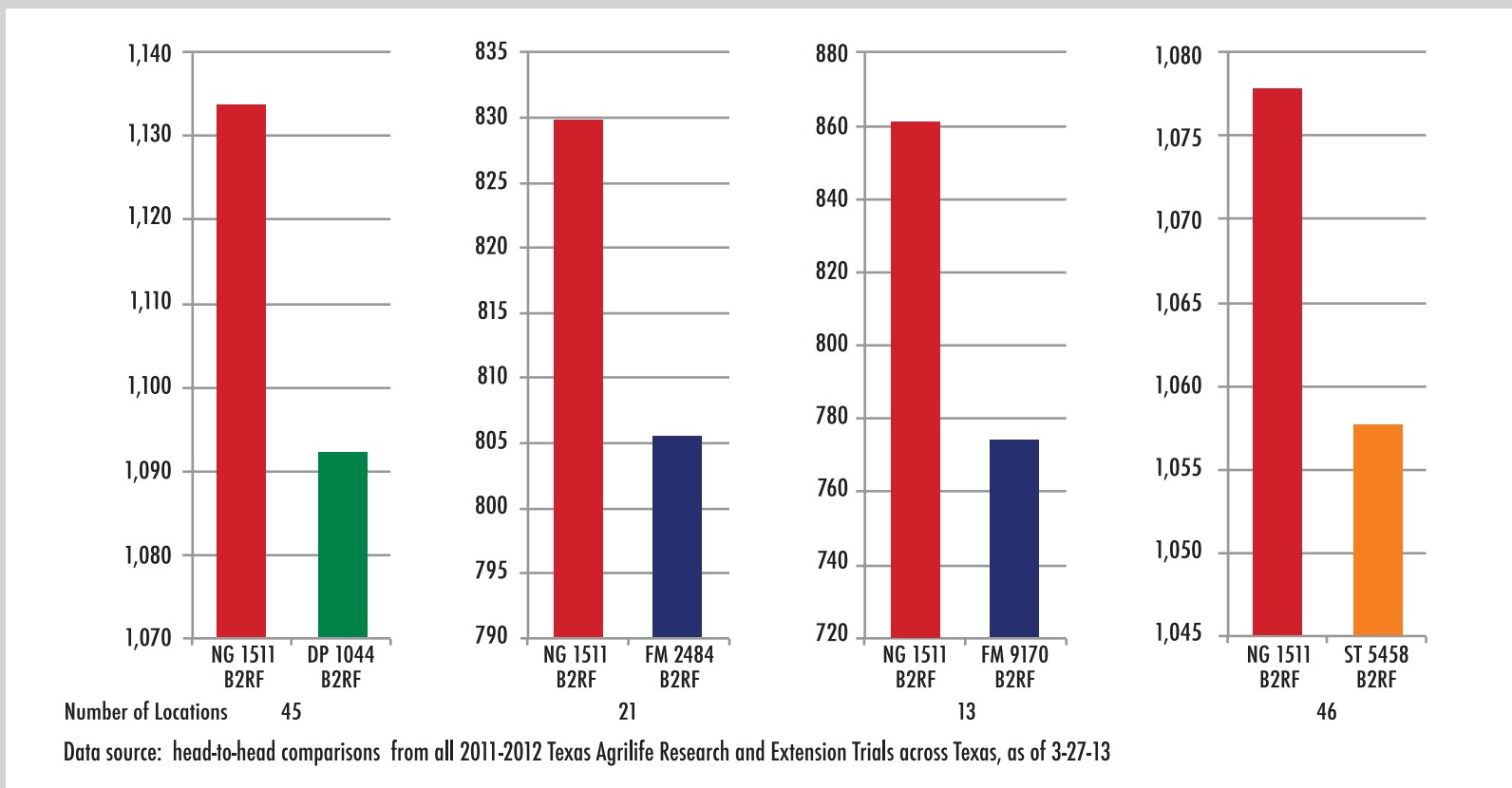


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