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County keeps an eye toward growth

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

BENJAMIN — Knox County commissioners in the next several weeks will consider implementing rules to regulate future growth particularly as it concerns residential developments in the years ahead.

Munday City Manager Ricky Ake, during a presentation to the court at its regular meeting Oct. 14, asked commissioners to incorporate model subdivision rules for any and all future housing developments.

"It needs to be on a county level, because subdivisions are usually outside the city limits, so it cannot be on a city government level," Ake said.

A subdivision is defined as a series of five or more houses within the same five-acre residential lot.

Ake said this would not only to standardize guidelines for such development throughout the county but also to ensure water and sewer infrastructure is in place.

"Essentially, these rules would not allow a contractor or Realtor to develop a subdivision of housing without incorporating properly structured water and sewer treatment facilities," Ake said.

With the advent of the Cline-Shale oil boom, the wind turbine energy movement coming to our area, and the natural gas industry boom, Ake said such regulatory measures would ensure the integrity of local resources and minimize encroachment.

"Subdivisions are popping up all over the Cline-Shale area, and if industry moves to Knox County we need to be ready," Ake said. "One of the main goals of the proposal is that it would assist economically distressed areas in getting better water and wastewater disposal."

The implementation of these rules on a county level would not only protect the local population, but the local environment as well. A septic tank system cannot handle a 10-home subdivision without contamination seeping into local groundwater sources.

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News-Courier asking for veterans' photos

The Knox County News-Courier

The Knox County News-Courier is soliciting readers and area residents to submit photos of their loved ones who have served in any war past to present in anticipation of the Veterans Day edition, which will be published Nov. 14.

Readers are encouraged to email photos and no more than 250 words to the newspaper for publication. Information may be submitted in person at the News-Courier office inside the Munday Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, 121 E. B St., or mailed to P.O. Box 151, Munday, Texas, 76371.

There is no charge for publication, and any one who submits the information will be given one free copy of the newspaper that week.

"Local veterans are our most celebrated residents here in Knox County," Executive Editor Wayne Hodgkin said. "We want to honor those living and remember those lost who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom."

Deadline for submissions will be 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 11.

For information, call 940-422-5350 or email knews-courier@gmail.com.

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Football schedules delay official KC Halloween activities

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY — Knox City officials are asking residents to celebrate Halloween — particularly door-to-door trick-or-treating — on Nov. 2, instead of the traditional Oct. 31 this year.

The change is being made because of the high school football schedule, Mayor Kent Deville said.

The Greyhound junior varsity squad will have its upcoming game on Halloween night, followed by the varsity team that following Friday night.

"If Halloween commenced when it was originally supposed to, trick-or-treaters may just find every other

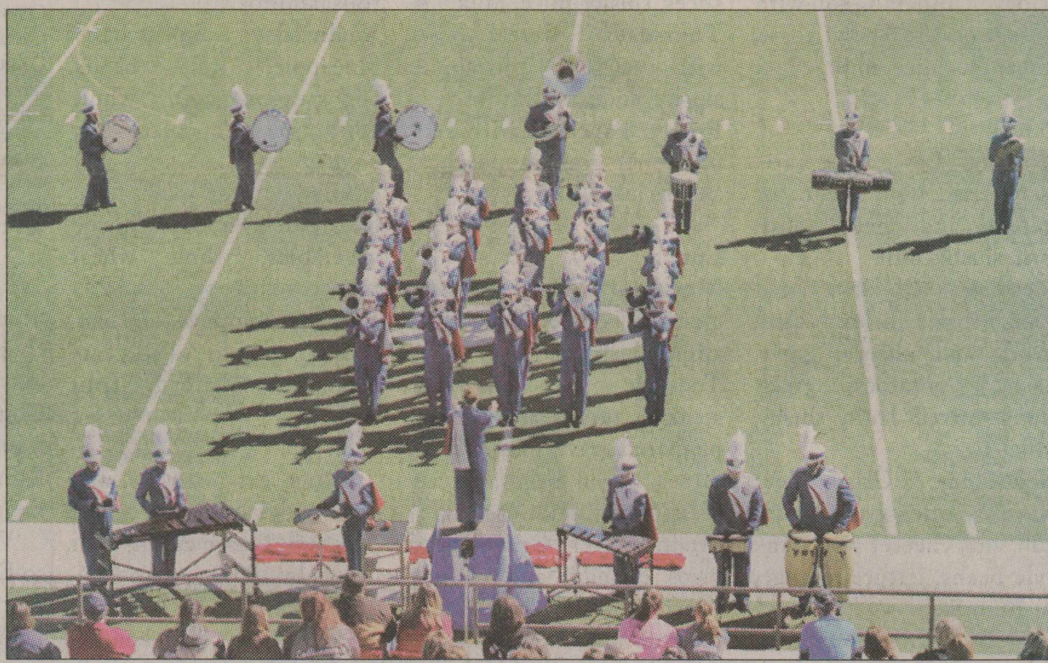
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Champions!



Sheri Baty/For the News-Courier

The Knox City High School band received a superior rating of 1 on Saturday at the 2013 UIL Region II West Region Marching Band Contest at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls. The Greyhound Pride now moves on to the area competition this Saturday at Northwest ISD in Fort Worth, where the band will face competition from Archer City, Seymour, Windthorst, Anson, Haskell, Olney and Throckmorton schools, all of which also received superior 1 ratings Saturday.



Knox Notes

Events are listed free of charge for nonprofit civic organizations, schools and community events. Submit listings at least two weeks ahead of the date. Listings will run through the date of the event. Emailed submissions are preferred to knews-courier@gmail.com.

Rummage sale

The Vendors Flea Market is scheduled 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 26 and Nov. 30 at the Munday Events Center. Booths are available for \$10 for 10-by-10 space. Call Pat Wild at 940-203-2497 for information.

Tour of Homes

The Knox County Visioning Group is seeking local homes to feature in the annual tour of homes in December. For information, call 940-459-4121.

Alzheimer's Support Group

The Munday Nursing Center sponsors a support group for Alzheimer's patients, caregivers, family and friends at 12:30 p.m. the second Tuesday of the month in Fellowship Hall at Munday First United Methodist Church. Bring a sack lunch. The next meeting is Aug. 12. Call Ronda Thompson at 940-422-4541 for information.

Old Glory events

Area residents are encouraged to attend a dance from 7 to 10 p.m. every second Thursday of the month at the Old Glory Community Center. Live music and entertainment and concessions. The Old Glory Musical is held on the fourth Saturday of each month, also at the Community Center. For information, call Miti Dunham at 989-2816.

Veterans benefits

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

Senior citizens musical

The monthly musical fundraiser for the Knox County Aging Center is from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Monday of the month. Local musicians and talent. Bring your own snacks. Tea/coffee will be served. Donations will be accepted for the upkeep of the building. All funds benefit the Aging Center. For information, contact Cassandra Sheedy at 657-3618.

Corrections

If you spot an error of fact, contact Editor Wayne Hodgkin at knews-courier@gmail.com.

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Deaths

George Daniel "Jack" Johnson



GEORGE JOHNSON

George Daniel "Jack" Johnson of Haskell, Texas passed away Wednesday morning, October 16, 2013 in Enid, Oklahoma at Integris-Bass Baptist Hospital. He was 51. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 19, 2013 at First Baptist Church in Knox City with Mr. Philip Sims and Rev. Jose Muniz officiating. Interment will immediately follow the services at Knox City Cemetery under the direction of Smith Family Funeral Homes.

Visitation is planned for 5:00 p.m., Friday, October 18, 2013 at the funeral home in Knox City located at 210 Avenue A.

"Jack" was born August 29, 1962 in Knox City, Texas to Josephine (Reynolds) Lewis and Garry Johnson. Born and raised in Knox

his maternal grandmother, Ida Reynolds; and step-father, Sterling Lewis.

"Jack" is survived by his wife, Malinda Johnson of Haskell; 2 sons, Darren Johnson and Bobby Johnson both of Haskell; daughter, Gloria Johnson of Haskell; grandson, Hayden Johnson of Haskell; mother, Josie Lewis of Knox City; father and step-mother, Garry and Olga Johnson of Knox City; sister, Nonie Maston of Seymour; brother, Clint Lewis of Knox City; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Serving as pallbearers are Greg Maston, Garry Lee Manley, Robert Johnson, Clint Lewis, Jimmy Flye, Bobby Johnson, and Jesse Lopez.

Online condolences can be shared with the family at www.smithfamilyfh.com.

Menus
Week of Oct 28-Nov 1

Knox City-O'Brien Breakfast

- Monday:** Biscuit with sausage gravy or cereal bowl, toast, applesauce, juice, milk
Tuesday: Cinnamon toast with sausage or cereal bowl with sausage, mixed fruit, juice, milk
Wednesday: Mini corn dogs or cereal bowl, toast, apple slices, juice, milk
Thursday: Pancakes with syrup or cereal bowl with sausage, pineapple, juice, milk
Friday: Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal bowl, toast, pineapple, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday:** Lasagna or antipasto salad with salami or bologna and cheese, peas, corn, slushy, milk
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak or fajita chicken salad, turkey and cheese, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk
Wednesday: Crispy beef taco or garden pasta salad, ham and cheese, Mexican-style beans, lettuce, orange, slushy, milk
Thursday: Cheeseburger or zesty tuna salad, tuna salad, glazed carrots, lettuce, pine-

apple, slushy, milk

Friday: Pizza or chef salad, po-boy sandwich, tator tots, pork n' beans, fruit, slushy, milk

Munday Breakfast

- Monday:** Biscuits with sausage gravy, honey graham, applesauce, slushy, juice, milk
Tuesday: Cereal bowl with sausage, mixed fruit, slushy, juice, milk
Wednesday: Mini corn dogs, honey graham, apple slices, slushy, juice, milk
Thursday: Cereal bowl with sausage, pineapple, slushy, juice, milk
Friday: Pancakes with syrup, honey graham, peaches, slushy, juice, milk

Lunch

- Monday:** Lasagna or bologna and cheese, peas, corn, apple, slushy, milk
Tuesday: Chicken fried steak or turkey and cheese, peppered gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, mixed fruit, slushy, milk
Wednesday: Crispy beef tacos or ham and cheese, Mexican-style beans, lettuce topping, orange, slushy, milk
Thursday: Cheeseburger or

tuna salad, glazed carrots, lettuce topping, pineapple, slushy, milk
Friday: Pepperoni pizza or po-boy, tator tots, pork and beans, grapes, slushy, milk

Knox County Aging Center

- Monday:** Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls, Mandarin oranges
Tuesday: Homemade turkey pot pie, seasoned corn, tossed salad, whole wheat rolls, ambrosia
Wednesday: Baked ham/pineapple, lima beans, chuckwagon corn, whole wheat rolls, chocolate chip cookies
Thursday: Swedish meat balls, parsley noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat rolls, cookies
Friday: Sloppy joes/bun, country potato salad, carrots/zucchini, creamy fruit squares

Come eat with us and support your aging center program. Please call in your orders by 10:00 a.m. to 657-3618.

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Johnny Birkenfeld will not be seeking re-election for Knox County Commissioner Precinct 4 for 2014.

Filing date is December 1, 2013.

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The Paperboy
A friendly holiday boycott

Am I the only one that is irritated by stores opening on Thanksgiving Day?

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In my business, which is deadline-driven, I offer four paid holidays a year: News Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We'll do whatever we can to avoid work on those days.

I also try to throw a couple of other holidays in as well. We're not the federal or state government, but we try and keep morale high and a well-deserved day off is justified in my opinion.

Thanksgiving Day was once a holiday for nearly everyone.

Gradually, Black Friday sales pushed their start times up. Now, with major retailers on board, more and more of them are opening on Thanksgiving.

It's bad enough that people get into fights and act like complete morons at these sales, but to do it on a day that we are supposed to give thanks for our many blessings is ridiculous.

I think it's wrong to ask employees to work on Thanksgiving and the holidays I mentioned above. I just do. I want my employees to spend that time with their families. I want to spend time with my family on those days.

Here's what I plan on doing as a statement for those having to work on Thanksgiving, I'm going to shop at the stores that will remain closed on Thanksgiving. Hopefully, in our small towns, that will still mean most of the stores will be available to me.

And here's my plan for Thanksgiving:

- Wake up early and get the turkey on.
- Go back to sleep unless a child keeps me awake.
- Wake up and drink some coffee.
- Watch the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade with my children. (Macy's employees probably can't watch the parade as they'll have to work.)
- Start cooking some of our other turkey day staples.
- Watch some football.
- Eat with family and friends while thanking God for the ways he's blessed me.
- Watch some football.
- Eat with family and friends.
- Pass out.

Now that sounds like a holiday. One without shouting and anger. A relaxing day full of love.

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Pink Ladies

The Pink Ladies met in the Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store October 16 with Judy Leaverton, Vice President in charge. Glenda Huff will order 250 cookies and four gallons of punch for the Health Fair to be held at the Knox County Hospital October 19. The date for the Hospital Banquet was changed to October 29 at 10:30 A.M. in Rhineland. This year there will be a Spanish theme. Lanell Knight may be present.

Wednesday's crew found mouse signs in the store room so Edith Broach agreed to get poison and put it in the store room.

The Brazos Valley Care Home Halloween Party was set for 2:30 On October 29. Billie Walker baked mini cupcakes and will procure bananas and grapes for the party. June Tankersley will play the piano and servers will be Frances King, Edith Broach, Glenda Huff and daughter Sandra, Billie Walker.

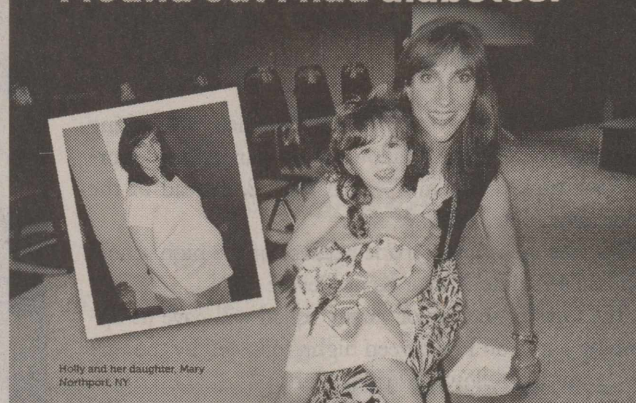
Thanks for keeping us in business with your contributions and purchases. We never know when the hospital or one of the clinics will have a need. The 50 cent summer item sale will conclude October 31, so come on in and get a short sleeved blouse or shirt for 50 cents.

Billie Walker

Thank you all for the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, food and words of encouragement. May God bless each of you.

Neva Gonzales

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4-H Club News

The Knox County 4-H Club met at the Perry Patton Center in Munday on Oct. 14. We were excited about our excellent turnout and hope that our 4-H program continues to grow rapidly. We successfully elected new 4-H officers and collected items for our first community service project, "One Day 4-H." "One Day 4-H" is an opportunity for us to thank our community for all the support they have given to the Knox County 4-H program. We chose to give our collected items to The Knox County Aging Center to be used as Bingo prizes. Hungry for pizza? Our 4-H members will be selling Lit-



Members of the Knox County 4-H Club elected new officers for the 2013-2014 year.

tle Caesar's pizza as a fundraiser from now until Nov. 7. If anyone is interested in any further information about the Knox County

4-H Club, please contact the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension at 940-459-2651.

Corrie Earthman

James Jackson assumes new AgriLife Extension post

New range management specialist is open for business in Stephenville

By Steve Byrns
For the News-Courier

James Jackson is the new Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist in range management. Jackson is headquartered at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Stephenville.

Jackson is tasked with working directly with the AgriLife Extension agriculture and natural resources agents in AgriLife Extension's Central, West Central and Rolling Plains regions, including Knox and Stonewall counties.

He said his work will center around a number of range management areas of study.

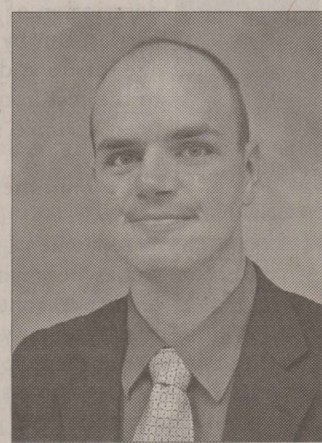
"At this time, most of my work will revolve

around helping AgriLife Extension agents with weed and brush control result demonstrations," Jackson said.

"But I also hope to work on biological control of invasive species because such controls can lower the costs associated with brush management, which in turn can result in more productive rangeland.

"But whether it's through finding more efficient, longer-lasting treatments through herbicide application or other means, my main goal will be helping county agents stay abreast of the best, safest and most cost-effective means of managing noxious brush on Texas rangelands."

Jackson transferred to his new position from Coke County, where he



JAMES JACKSON

served as the AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture and natural resources.

Jackson earned a master's degree in animal science with a range management concentration and a bachelor's degree in natural resource management from Angelo State University.

Federal shutdown

USDA payments begin going out today

The Knox County News-Courier

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said this week the USDA has begun distributing Conservation Reserve Program annual rental payments to participants across the country.

USDA also will distribute 2013 direct payments and 2012 Average Crop Revenue Election (ACRE) program payments beginning today. Payments originally were scheduled to be issued earlier in the month but were delayed by several weeks because of the lapse in federal funding due to the government shutdown.

"Farmers, ranchers and rural landowners across the country count on USDA programs and the payment delays due to the shutdown were an unnecessary burden," Vilsack said. "USDA has prioritized making these scheduled payments without any further delay and Farm Service Agency staff have worked hard to get this assistance out the door as quickly as possible."

Producers will receive payments on almost 700,000 CRP contracts on 390,000 farms covering 26.8 million acres.

In exchange for a yearly rental payment provided by USDA on contracts ranging from 10 to 15 years, farmers and ranchers enrolled in CRP agree to remove environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production and plant grasses or trees that will improve water quality and improve waterfowl and wildlife habitat.

CRP reduced runoff and

leaching of nitrogen and phosphorus into waterways by an estimated 605 million pounds and 121 million pounds, respectively, in 2012, and soil erosion reductions totaling 308 million tons in 2012.

Direct payments for 2013 for the DCP and ACRE programs are being made to the more than 1.7 million farms enrolled in the Farm Service Agency's programs. Producers with base acres of certain commodities are eligible for DCP payments.

ACRE payments for 2012-crop barley, corn, grain sorghum, lentils, oats, peanuts, dry peas, soybeans, and wheat are scheduled to be released beginning today and contingent upon national average market prices and yields in each state.

ACRE payments for upland cotton are scheduled to be made in early November, after the 2012-2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released Oct. 31.

ACRE payments are scheduled to be made for large chickpeas, small chickpeas, canola, crambe, flaxseed, mustard seed, rapeseed, safflower, sesame and sunflowers are scheduled to be made in early December, after the 2012-2013 average market year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released on Nov. 27.

ACRE payments for long grain and medium and short grain rice are scheduled to be made in early February after the final 2012-2013 average mar-

ket year price is published in the Agricultural Prices publication scheduled to be released Jan. 31.

The 2008 Farm Bill, extended by the American Tax Payer Relief Act of 2012, provided authority to enroll land in DCP, ACRE and CRP through Sept. 30, 2013, however, no legislation has been enacted to reauthorize or extend this authority. Effective Oct. 1, 2013, FSA does not have legislative authority to approve or process applications for these programs.

For information on CRP, DCP and ACRE, producers should contact their local FSA office or visit FSA's website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Rain Harvesting Workshop to be held Oct. 28 at Post Community Center

Come join us for a Rain Harvesting Workshop on October 28, 2013 @ 6 pm in the Post Community Center. The program will include utilizing captured water in and around the home on small gardens and landscape. The construction of a water barrel to take home and utilize will conclude the program. Rainwater harvesting is an innovative approach to capturing free water.

You can save money by collecting and storing rainwater to irrigate your trees, shrubs, flowerbeds, house plants, containers and gardens.

Cost per participant will be \$25 for the program- that includes your water barrel and refreshments and printed material. Please RSVP by 5:00 p.m. on October 25, 2013 at the Extension office-495-4400.

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Holly and her daughter, Mary, Northport, NY

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The 501 Bucket list shorter with winning eBay bid

Four minutes and 13 seconds to go, and the backpack will be mine! Make that three minutes and 47 seconds!

I'm a novice at eBay auctions, not to mention the use of exclamation points, requisite punctuation for the description of such bidding battles. But by the time old age sets in and confines me to the rest home, I hope to be a seasoned skillful online bidder.

Two minutes and 48 seconds! Yep, when I end up stuck somewhere with little chance to venture out to thrift stores (you never see those nursing home excursion vans parked at thrift stores, so I assume such shopping trips are not something you get to do when ambulation is only a memory), eBay will be the next-best thing to a thrift store spree. Right?

CALL FROM HUSBAND.
"You're about to save \$75!" I told him. Soon we were down to seconds. I counted so he could share the excitement, even if he didn't know what I was buying or why he was saving money.

If I'd lost the bid for the \$15 (plus \$10 for shipping) laptop backpack, my backup backpack plan was for him to spend \$100 on a certain new one for me for Christmas. All news to him.

Seven, six, five, four, three, two, one! Yes!

A new old computer bag for me, almost exactly like the one I've been carrying for about six years -- the same brand and hopefully the correct size.

Here I am feeling sorry for the loser. Who was that mysterious other bidder anyway? That's the trouble with eBay. You don't get to see your competitor raise his or her hand to up your bid. You don't get a sense of the working rhythm of the auctioneer. How soon will he decide to bang the gavel to end the misery? You don't get to watch the spotters. They are like owls. Their necks turn with jerks as they look back and forth with piercing gazes at the last two or three bidders on any object. eBay has no spotters. Oh well.

The heady atmosphere of a real auction is mostly lost when the process gets filtered through the Internet. But, in the end, if you're the high bidder, you still win. You get essentially the same feeling elation tempered with misgiving. I got it! Did I pay too much? Oh well again.

Ah, pervasive Internet. You transform so many of life's rich experiences into virtual reality. Maybe we should all be glad. The transition from living life at its fullest to dialing things down to whatever we can still manage to do in our final years should be easier if some sort of substitute reality is at our fingertips. Even if arthritis robs us of stellar typing speeds, we should still be able to navigate the world via the Web and even bid on eBay items.

What to do with a disappointing purchase? Make it a nursing home Bingo gift. Try not to win it back.



HANABA MUNN WELCH

Troopers seize 50-plus pounds of marijuana

The Knox County News-Courier

LUBBOCK — Texas Department of Public Safety troopers seized about \$229,000 worth of marijuana during a traffic stop Friday on Interstate 40.

DPS spokesman Sgt. Bryan Witt, public information officer for Region 5 in Lubbock, said Sr. Trooper Chris Ray stopped a 2013 Ford Fusion about 3 p.m. for a traffic violation outside of Amarillo.

Witt said during the stop Ray searched the vehicle and discovered in its trunk 50

vacuum-sealed packages, each containing about a pound of marijuana.

The driver of the vehicle, Shrish Upreti, 30, of Richland Hills, was placed under arrest for possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony, and booked into the Potter County jail.

Witt said the drugs were allegedly being transported from Fresno, Calif., to Fort Worth.

Wayne Hodgins



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Knox City Hindered by two District Losses

By Geoff Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

KNOX CITY – Knox City Houndettes are trying to recoup after two tough road losses to Rotan and Loraine last week. The Houndettes started the season off strong, but this last week proved to be a set back for Knox City volleyball. Last Tuesday's game against Rotan was a five-set heart-breaker, with the Houndettes just falling short in the fifth set, while Saturday's loss to Loraine went to four sets.

The set score in the Rotan game was 25-23, 18-25, 25-19, 22-25, and 15-13. The major contributors against Rotan came from Leighten Pepper, a junior outside hitter, with 18 serves, nine hits, two tips, three kills, and four assists, and junior outside hitter Andrea Lynn, with six serves, one ace, six hits, three kills, and two tips. In addition, Jordyn Eaton, a sophomore middle hitter, had one block, 10 serves, two hits, one kill, two aces, and two tips.

The set score from the Loraine game was 25-22, 18-25, 25-20, and 25-23. The major players in the game against Loraine were Kinslee Cox, a junior setter, with 22

assists and eight serves, and Kaylie Steele, a sophomore middle hitter, with nine hits, five kills, and seven tips. In addition, senior outside hitter Cassandra Ledesma managed six serves, four hits, and three kills.

Knox City's overall record now stands at 16-9, while their district record went to 2-4. Knox City Head Coach Sammy Baumgartner was not disappointed in her girls. "I think we had tough competition and played good fundamental volleyball for the most part, we just need to hold it together toward the end," said Coach Baumgartner.

Next Tuesday's home game against Aspermont will be benefiting the Local Children's Welfare Board charity, which seeks and delivers Christmas toys to local families in need. There will also be a volleyball and cake raffle as well. The Knox City girls will also be holding a Serve-To-Help sponsorship event during Monday's practice in the Knox City gym- where each girl obtains a sponsor and however many serves they land in during practice will equal the dollar amount donated by their sponsor. Come out on Tuesday and help support the Knox City varsity volleyball team raise money for local charity.

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Munday Hosts Annual Fourth Grade Ag-Day

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY - Knox County's Annual Fourth Grade Ag Day took place earlier this week and had students from local elementary schools attend. All of the activities were set up across the street from Munday Elementary School in the municipal park. The event was put together by the Munday Texas Farm Bureau Insurance office Board of Directors and was designed to educate local youths about the benefits of agriculture and industry in the Big Country. Furthermore, not only were the benefits discussed, but also the processes by which cotton and beef are produced were also greatly detailed with demonstrations, educational booths, and livestock all on hand.

Munday, Knox City, and Benjamin Elementary schools all participated in the event, which was a big success. In addition to the livestock and demonstrations that were set up, tractor

equipment was also brought in for the students to learn about. Each class was given a tractor education course, where safety and operational procedures were discussed before going on to the other booths.

After the tractor session, the students went on to the Mobile Learning Barn, which was a large two-sided learning station. On one side, the kids got to learn about corn, wheat, and rice production, while the other side was designed to teach beef and pork processing. Trey Berend, a local Field Representative for Farm Bureau and coordinator of the day's events, instructed the Mobile Learning Barn booth. "We want kids to have a good understanding of where their food and clothes come from," said Berend. "So many kids today are removed from the farm and we want to present this type of local industry education to them," Berend continued. In addition to the beef and pork food production lay out, there were several examples of how the hide is utilized for sporting equipment and how pig

parts make up several practical applications, like gelatin for Jell-O products.

Local 4-H club students were also there with a booth demonstrating cotton production on a mini cotton gin. The students found this activity fascinating and were enthralled with the 4-Hers demonstration. They even had little cotton bolls they were sending through the mini gin to be deseeded.

Not only was cotton ginning presented, but county Extension Office Agent Jerry Copeland was there performing an intricate ground water runoff and soil absorption test booth as well. This showed the kids how crops intake rain water and how ground water run-off works to benefit West Texas crops.

In between the events, the kids were treated to burgers and dogs from a large grill brought in by the Board of Directors to provide a good lunch to the 4th graders. Wes Latham, the Munday office Farm Bureau Agent was on hand to help with the meal and to organize

the event. "It's amazing how many of these 4th graders (in the middle of Farm country) really don't know that bread, milk, clothes, toothpaste, crayons, glue, tires, baseballs, detergents and more have their ultimate origin from agricultural and not 'the store'. 'AG Day' was created by Texas Farm Bureau for this very purpose, to help bring attention and encourage an early appreciation of agricultural," said Latham.

Before the event concluded, the 4-Hers had livestock there in trailers so the kids could have some friendly interactions with animals. A horse and two sheep were available for petting and grooming. Needless to say, the children were amazed by the live farm creatures, some of which had never had any interaction with animals before.

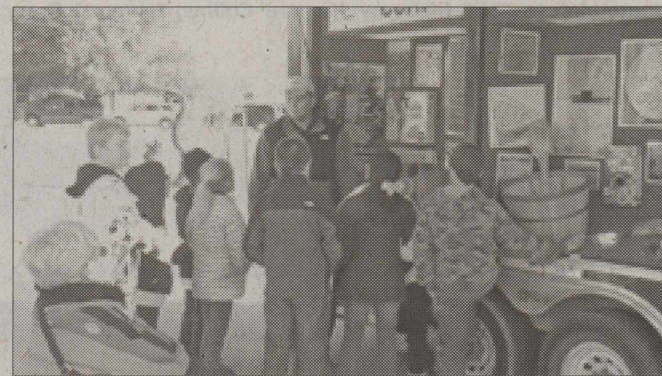
Ultimately, Texas Farm Bureau's Fourth Grade Ag Day was a total success and gave the local area children a good opportunity to learn about Big Country agriculture in an interactive setting with trained professionals.



4-Hers Kathryn Cude and Grace Tidwell run the mini-gin for Mrs. Adkins fourth grade Knox City class. The gin really deseeded little cotton bolls right before the student's eyes so they could see the inner-workings of a real-life cotton gin up close.



Tyler Thompson lets Munday's Elli Ousted and Allie Wilson from Mrs. Ramirez' 4th grade class pet his grey horse. Each student took turns petting the animal one by one. Out of all the animals there, Thompson's horse was the most popular.



Trey Berend, Farm Bureau Field Representative and coordinator of the day's events, lectures in front of the Mobile Learning Barn. While one side of the barn was there to demonstrate how corn, wheat, and rice were cultivated, the other side showed how cows and pigs are processed and what daily products we get from them.

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Munday Mogulettes Get Wins Over Loraine and Aspermont

Munday Mogulettes Zip Past Loraine, Aspermont Match Goes Five-Sets

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

MUNDAY - Munday Mogulettes got their fifth and sixth district wins over the Loraine Lady Bulldogs and the Aspermont Lady Hornets this last week. While the Mogulettes beat the Lady Bulldogs in quick straight sets, they struggled to pull out the long five-set battle against Aspermont.

Munday Mogulettes started the week off strong by getting a three-set victory over the Loraine Lady Bulldogs 25-6, 25-12, and 25-14. The Mogulettes have recently welcomed back both Raci Dillard and Tatum Bufkin, who have each overcome their own respective ankle injuries. With the Mogulettes firing at full capacity, they have remained undefeated in district play.

The standouts in the game were senior setter Tatum Bufkin, who had five aces and 22 assists, while senior middle blocker Kaylan Urbanczyk had five aces, nine digs, nine kills, and two blocks. Finally, junior middle blocker Raci Dil-

lard had two aces and 9 kills against Loraine.

Mogulettes went on the road for their next district match and defeated the Aspermont Lady Hornets at Aspermont in a tough five-set win, 19-25, 25-17, 25-14, 26-25, and 15-13 in district 6A action last Saturday.

Standouts of the Aspermont game were junior middle blocker Raci Dillard, who had one ace, 12 digs, 19 kills, and 9 blocks, while senior middle blocker Kaylan Urbanczyk got four aces, 16 digs, 16 kills, and four blocks. Senior Setter Tatum Bufkin had two aces, eight digs, three kills, three saves, and an unbelievable 39 assists, while senior Mayte Torres managed one ace, five digs, and six kills.

Overall Munday Mogulette record now sits at 26-11, while their district record rises to 6-0. They will be going up against district rivals Rotan in Rotan and will be hosting Knox City this next week. Each game will begin at 4 p.m. if you would like to come out and lend your support to the Munday Mogulette varsity volleyball team.

Munday Travels to Petrolia to get Second Road Win

Munday Moguls Defeat Petrolia Pirates in Second Road Victory, 26-0.

By Geoffrey Baumgartner
The Knox County News-Courier

PETROLIA - Munday Mogul's varsity squad traveled all the way to Petrolia this last Friday night in what would be their second consecutive road win, defeating the Pirates on their own turf 26-0.

First quarter action was slow and remained gridlocked all the way through, with each team remaining scoreless. Strong defensive displays on each side were responsible for the lack of offensive progress.

Mogul offense would persevere and eventually began to produce midway into the second quarter, putting one in the end zone. L.J. Collier nailed the extra-point kick when he placed it directly through the posts, giving Munday the 7-0 lead. The offensive would not be able to get into the red again for the remainder of the first half.

Third quarter did not go well for the pirates, with their defense beginning to slip and the Mogul offense constantly pushing,

Munday was able to run in another touchdown. Although the two-point conversion was unsuccessful, the Moguls still went up 13-0. Munday defense stayed strong and kept the Pirates out of their territory, this effectively the quarter.

Nail would be driven into the preverbal Pirate coffin during the fourth quarter. Mogul offense would not only be successful with their running game, but also connect on their passing game, with a touchdown resulting from each before the end of the game. Quarterback Alfonso Nunez proved to be an offensive force when he not only managed a successful touchdown pass that connected to receiver Ian Lagway, but ran in a score as well. Mogul defense stayed vigilant and kept Petrolia off the board all game long, obtaining the shutout win. The Munday Moguls ended up getting the road win over Petrolia, 26-0.

The Moguls rushed for a massive 409 yards. Quarterback Alfonso Nunez rushed for 217 yards of it on 14 carries with two rushing

touchdowns. Nunez would pass for one touchdown as well. Ian Lagway had 11 carries for 90 yards and one touchdown. Lagway would also get a 19-yard receiving touchdown. Zac Edgar also rushed for a respectable 39 yards on eight carries and had 30 yards receiving for one touchdown. L.J. Collier made his vital offensive contributions when he went two-for-two on extra-point kicks while rushing for 27 yards on 10 carries as well.

Day'veon Dockins lead the team in tackles with eight, while Heath Bivens and L.J. Collier each managed six tackles.

This second road win in a row put Munday's district record at 2-0 and their overall record at 3-4. The Munday season appears to be turning around. If you would like to come out and support the Munday Mogul varsity football squad they will be hosting the Muenster Hornets this upcoming Friday night Oct. 25 at Scroggs Field in Munday for what will be their third district match.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

Well, we had a little "cool snap," didn't we? Friday afternoon cooled off pretty fast, and by Saturday morning, the air was pretty nippy. However, the temperatures warmed up pretty good by afternoon, and Sunday was pretty nice. We have a "fresh" norther this Monday morning, but it's not bad. I imagine we'll have this kind of weather (and much worse) from now until springtime.

My sympathy to the family of Danny Jack Johnson today. Danny Jack passed away Wednesday. His funeral was Saturday in Knox City. He was related to former Benjamin residents James and Jimmie Klutts and the Henry Rogers family.

Here n' There
The local junior high football team hosted the Chillicothe team Thursday night, and although it was a hard fought battle, the Colts came out in the losing column. I'm not sure of the final score but just know they were defeated. That's ok. They will play again and maybe win next time.

Becky Jones told me that she and her family will be moving within the next few days. They have bought the Terry and Darlene Carter home on the Plant Center Road north of Knox City. It will be much more convenient for them since she teaches in Knox City, and the girls are in school there. They are anxious to get moved and settled in. Becky told me she's impatient. She looked at the house, liked it, and is ready to get in it! We will miss them over here but wish them well in their new location.

Stephanie Brannan, who lives in Lubbock with her family, was in Benjamin last Monday. She and Bobby are thinking about relocating to this area. They have four children in school, and they would like to get them into a smaller school. Housing may be a factor. Although there are several vacant houses, none are really big enough to accommodate their needs. But maybe something will show up, and they can make that transition.

Erika Holmes, Jayden, and Jacy accompanied her mom, Leslie Williamson, of Stamford to Dallas during the weekend for a baby shower for their daughter and sister, Dala Self. Reports are that it was a lovely event and that Dala received

lots of "goodies" for her little one.

Betty Parker of Dickens was back in Benjamin Thursday "tying up the loose ends" of their part of cleaning out her mom's, Gloria West, house. She said she got the last of what they were going to dispose of, and now it's up to the "sale people" to get things ready for a sale. No date has been set for that yet.

Stephen Kuehler is home after having back surgery in Abilene last Tuesday. He's doing OK but will have to take it easy for a while. Meanwhile, Sheila is in Lubbock with their son, Seth, who is hospitalized out there. Seth is a bronc rider and took a fall from his horse at a rodeo this past weekend and suffered a broken pelvis. Surgery will not be performed, but he will have several months' recuperation time. Please remember Seth and his family in your prayers.

Dawn Vanderpol returned home last week after a month's visit with family in Cannon Beach, Ore. She said she enjoyed the mountains, walking on the beach, and eating lots of good seafood (among other things). She also attended the wedding of a niece while she was there. En route home, she visited several days with family in the Austin and Belton area. Now she said she was busy cleaning house after Brent and Benjamin being the lone housekeeper for a month!

The annual PTO sponsored Fall Festival will be Saturday night in the gym. It will get underway about 5:30 pm, and the program will be about 7:30, when the royalty will be presented, followed by Bingo, which will continue until all the prizes are gone. The Fall Fest will include a cake walk, food booth, and all the booths each class will have. Also there will be a Casserole Booth this year, and donations for that will be appreciated. It's always fun, and a good crowd is expected again this year. Everyone is invited.

The Benjamin Cemetery Association is always glad to receive any donations one might want to give. Whether it's a memorial offering or just a gift to help with the maintenance and upkeep, any amount is appreciated. The address for the association is Box 292, Benjamin, TX 79505.

Gladene Green is the longtime Benjamin correspondent for the Knox County News-Courier.

Knox City Baptist Church to Host Annual Harvest Day Festival

The 43rd Annual community-wide women's Harvest Day Festival program and luncheon will be celebrated at First Baptist Church in Knox City on Tuesday, November 12, 2013. Registration will begin at 10:00 am, and the service will begin at 10:30. Lunch will follow at noon.

Begun in November of 1970 by Ruby Robinson, Harvest Day Festival honors women of the community. Local churches take turns hosting the meeting. The Knox City Ministerial Alliance, which serves emergency needs of this area, is also honored. The Alliance is represented by current pastors of local churches and is funded by donations. An offering for the Alliance will be taken.



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This year's guest speaker will be Gayle Tankersley Daniel of Sugarland, daughter of Sammy and June Tankersley. Special music will be by Lynelle Tankersley Williams of Abilene, daughter of the late E.H. and Martell Tankersley.

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By: Drew Springer

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demand for water. We must insure we have the infrastructure to capture and deliver water for all aspects of our life and economy: domestic, agriculture, industry, and oil & gas.

Local and regional officials have worked to identify and prioritize projects to meet this demand, not politicians in Austin.

However: they are expensive, cities don't have piles of money to pay for projects, and rural Texas (as well as most of the State) can't borrow money as cheap as Texas. In response, this year's Texas Legislature authorized the creation of a statewide water fund.

With voter approval of Proposition 6 in the November constitutional amendment election, a one-time only allocation of \$2 billion from the State's Rainy Day

fund will create a perpetual loan fund. It is estimated this will fund up to \$30 billion for critical water projects such as new reservoir construction, augmentation of existing ground/surface waters sources, pipelines and new wells.

This plan WILL NOT raise taxes on individuals or businesses, and 100% of the money would be dedicated to water projects.

With a balance of almost \$7 billion even after the withdrawal, the Rainy Day Fund will continue to be strong and available for other emergency needs. And just announced the estimates for this year's addition to the Rainy Day fund from oil & gas revenue is approximately \$2.5 billion!

Proposition 6 was the result of a bipartisan effort of Texas legislators and more

than 160 are working to promote approval of Proposition 6 on the November ballot along with the vast business organizations around the state.

We understand that a lack of water impacts all Texans, and the cost of doing nothing is too great for our citizens, our economy, and our children and grandchildren.

Funding the State Water Plan is critical to continued job and economic growth. A YES vote on Proposition 6 will mean the necessary funding to ensure a long term supply of water for the state for the next 50 years.

Only God will end the drought with his blessing of rain but we must be good stewards and be ready to use those gifts wisely. Please join me in voting YES on November 5th for Prop 6.

COUNTY From Page 1

More importantly, however, if these rules go into effect, the county will be opening itself up for increased grant funding for projects such as increasing water resources for area customers. Local water officials will need to consider alternative resources since Miller Creek has only a projected 180 days of water remaining.

Because of the stringent watering restrictions placed by the North Central Texas Municipal Water District on its members cities, Munday is short about \$200,000 in water and sewer collections over the last 18 months, so grant mon-

ey would go toward helping to alleviate this debt.

County Judge Travis Floyd recommended commissioners table the measure so could better educate themselves on the topic.

"We will take it under advisement to get more information and get more educated on matter," Floyd said.

In other business Also during last week's meeting, commissioners renewed the county's partnership with the Regional Public Defender's Office for use in capital cases should the need arise. The Lubbock-based statewide consortium of counties would provide an attorney if capital murder case ever needed to be tried in

Knox County.

"Trying a capital murder case can cost a county upward of \$500,000," Floyd said. "It acts as a sort of insurance policy, and it will absolutely protect the county."

An additional proposal came forward that would designate November in Knox City as Report Animal Abuse Month.

With the upcoming Nov. 11 Veterans Day holiday falling on the second Monday of the month — when commissioners regularly meet — Knox County Commissioners Court will convene again at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 12. Commissioners meet in the first-floor community room at the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin.

games," Deville said.

Parents of trick-or-treaters are reminded to attempt to visit residences only if that home's front porch lights are on, a traditionally recognized sign the homeowners are

home and are accepting visiting trick-or-treaters.

City Manager Sam Watson said local police will be patrolling regularly throughout the two weekends and leading into the holiday season.

DELAY From Page 1

house in Knox City empty, with residents attending the

Authorities re-issue plea for cattle theft info

FORT WORTH — Authorities with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Comanche County Sheriff's Office are seeking new information leading to the arrest and/or indictment of anyone involved in the possible theft of eight registered Charolais cows.

The cows were allegedly stolen from Robert Collier, a rancher in Comanche County. TSCRA is offering a reward through its Operation Cow Thief Program.

TSCRA Special Ranger H.D. Brittain said the cattle went missing between Sept. 1, 2012, and May 3, 2013. Brittain said the cattle are branded on the left hip, tattooed, and valued at \$12,000.

Anyone with possible information regarding this theft or another suspected theft, is urged to contact TSCRA's Operation Cow Thief hotline at 888-830-2333, Brittain at 325-853-2062 or your

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Knox County Hospital Health Fair, a big Success

By **Geoffrey Baumgartner**
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KNOX CITY – Knox County Hospital held its annual Health Fair in Knox City last Saturday and the turnout was high. Families and medical professionals from all around Knox and surrounding counties came to set up and visit booths inside the Knox County Hospital. The booths were designed to educate the public about everything from eating a healthy diet to cancer prevention and all things in between.

While there were some activities set up outside, like the Radiology department's bounce house for the kids and the medical evacuation helicopter on the helipad, most of the festivities were inside the hospital. Upon entering the fair, attendees were registered by women from the Pink Ladies Thrift Shop. Pink Lady Glenda Huff was responsible for organizing the event this year.

After registration, folks were free to visit the different medical booths and present questions to the various medical professionals on hand. There were different booths for the various medical fields presented such as radiology, 9-1-1 services, Medicaid, OHS-WIC (Outreach Health Service's WIC office), Nursing and Trauma, Seymore Medical Supply, Diagnostic Medical Group (DMG) and Breast Cancer Awareness Month among several others.

Not only were the medical professionals there to answer questions, but provide services as well. Nurses were on hand distributing free flu shots and blood pressure read outs to walk-ins throughout the event. The flu-shot line was by far the longest, with Knox County residents trying to get a leg-up on the upcoming flu season.

While several different medical services were offered, there was also an extravagant silent pumpkin auction held to add a bit of

fun and raise money for the hospital. Children attending the event loved the pumpkin bidding. The silent pumpkin auction raised a total of \$400 for the Pink Ladies of Knox City.

There were even two medical evacuation helicopter pilots there in full gear to show residents their chopper. Even though the pilots left early with the helicopter, one medical evacuation paramedic, Randal Martin stayed to answer questions for the group. "I am not a pilot, but I ride with the pilots and perform medical duties on patients we have to pick up," said Martin, as he explained to a group of children the difference in his job as opposed to the pilots with whom he works. Not only was there a flight paramedic on hand, but Knox County EMS paramedics as well with their own ambulances.

Of all the booths and services offered throughout the four hour fair, the one that provided the biggest hit and the most laughs

to the entire audience was the Breast Cancer Awareness Month booth. At this booth, Knox City resident Shannon Propps was there with a fake breast exhibit for people to squeeze to learn how to perform a self-administered mammogram. Although this is an incredibly valuable service, everyone that passed the pink booth could not help but crack a smile. Old and young alike all got a big kick from the "fake boob booth."

Although Knox County Hospital's 2013 Health Fair was a big success, it was not for no reason. Rick Fetsch, Director of Maintenance for the Hospital worked vigorously all week preparing for the event and was there on the day to help with the crowd. We had a good turn out, considering there were scheduling conflicts, such as a band event in Wichita Falls," said Fetsch. "The crowd this year was much larger than in previous years, and more kids came out as well," Fetsch continued.



Knox County resident Lori Coup stands at her Balanced Nutrition booth during the Knox County Health Fair last Saturday. Coup's booth was designed to teach kids and adults how to effectively balance a diet properly in order to maintain good health. The booth was one of two there that did focus on nutrition- the other being the Bilingual Diabetes booth.



Tammy Dillon bids on the giant pink cell-phone pumpkin during the fair. The silent pumpkin auction ultimately raised over \$400 for the Pink Ladies in Knox City, who coordinated the function as well.



Pink Ladies Chris Davis, Judy Leaverton, and Glenda Huff serve punch to resident Tina Lyles and family as they enter the fair and get registered. Pink Lady Glenda Huff was in charge of putting the event together and getting people registered.



Kay Wright mans the Radiology Department's bounce house right outside of the Hospital during the fair. Kids that did not want to tour the fair, or did it quickly and did not want to sit around bored, could enjoy the bounce house throughout the duration of the event.

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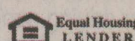
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