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Looking Ahead

KC Historical Commission Annual Fund raising Meal
Sunday, February 4. Food items are brisket, turkey, sausage, coleslaw, beans and homemade pies. Door prizes! Silent Auction and Quilt giveaway. Those wishing to contribute items to the silent auction, or to help in any way, call the KCHC office at (940)459-2229 or 459-2205. Proceeds go to the museum.

Benjamin Little Dribblers
Saturday, February 3. Starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Benjamin School Gym. Concession stand will be open. The FFA will hold a silent auction for items made in Ag class. All proceeds benefit the senior class trip.

The Noah Project
The Noah Project — North is having their annual dinner-theatre and silent auction Saturday, February 10 at the Haskell Civic Center. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 each and \$6 for children 10 years and younger.

Knox County Visioning Meeting
The next meeting is scheduled for February 15 at Benjamin in the Assembly Room of the county courthouse. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

Benjamin Seniors Fundraiser Basketball Game
Saturday, February 24. Spaghetti meal will be served at noon in the BHS Cafeteria. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. The cost of the spaghetti meal is \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. For spaghetti meal and admission \$7 for adults and \$4.50 for students. The game will start at 1:00 p.m. in the BHS Gymnasium. KAUZ News Channel 6 - Sixers vs. 2007 Benjamin Senior Class - B-Town Ballers. The elementary little dribblers will provide halftime entertainment. All proceeds go towards the senior trip.

Knox City Chamber of Commerce Annual Chamber Banquet
Scheduled for February 26, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Banquet Sponsored in part by AEP and Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative.

TOPS
Take Off Pounds Sensibly. Monday evenings at 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Hospital Break Room.

KC Circle Club
Second Tuesday of every month at 6:30. Location TBA.

4-H and FFA Brave Nasty Weather To Exhibit At County Show



Reserve Grand Champion Steer & Jr Showmanship Logan Groves



Grand Champion Steer & Sr Showmanship Krystynn Myers

Knox County 4-H and FFA members braved frigid temperatures and the threat of icy conditions to show their livestock projects at the 2007 Knox County Junior Livestock Show.

The Knox County Junior

Livestock Show was held January 19 and 20 in Munday.

While it was impossible to avoid the mud, rain, sleet and chilly temperatures when outside, the show barn was kept warm and dry for spectators, participants

and their livestock.

Judges for the 2007 show were Ed Blankenship, who judged rabbits and poultry and Kevin Thomas, who judged lambs, goats, swine and steers. 4-K Feed Supply of Munday donated a

show panel and show box to the Knox County 4-H to raffle off at the stock show. Proceeds from the raffles will go toward a new stock trailer for the Knox County 4-H. Winner of the show panel was Kayla Stewart of Knox City.

Winner of the show box, which contained supplies for show animals, was Kimberly Myers of Munday. Total prize money for the 2007 Knox County Junior Livestock Show is currently estimated around \$28,000.

Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center Looks For Fall Completion

In a small office in the Knox County Courthouse in Benjamin, Texas, Knox County Historical Commission Chairman Mary Jane Young and Office Manager Toby Whisenhunt sit at two desks, facing each other, surrounded by over one hundred years of Knox County historical facts.

The office is bursting at the seams with information, and more information and artifacts are housed, for the time being, on the third floor of the courthouse and in its basement.

"Everything we have is running over!" laughed Whisenhunt in reference to the file cabinets and shelves in the office.

Soon, though, this situation will change when the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center opens its doors in Benjamin. The Historical Commission is currently shooting for a Fall 2007 completion date.

The 5,000 square foot museum will have a large display area, an office and meeting room, men's and women's restrooms, a janitor room and an attic storage area.

There is also interest in including a small gift shop and genealogy work area.

Currently, the office and meeting room, bathrooms and janitor room have been framed

out. The installation of the heating and air conditioning system is in progress. The floor in the attic storage area is complete and insulation has been blown in. Electrical wiring will soon be installed and more insulation will then be added.

The walls have been framed out on the buildings interior, but the finished wall style has yet to be determined.

The concrete floors will be stained, and track lighting will be installed in the display area. Fluorescent lights and ceiling fans donated by Knox City CISD will also be installed.

To date, \$104,948 has been spent on the project. KCHC has about \$90,000 left to complete the project.

KCHC received \$30,000 from the Priddy Foundation in June, part of a matching grant they were awarded, which contributes to the \$90,000 total. KCHC has applied for a \$1,000 grant from the Texas Historical Commission for preservation materials to help preserve artifacts. KCHC is also in the process of sending paperwork to the Meadows Foundation for another grant to purchase office equipment and display cases.

When the museum is ready for housing Knox County memorabilia, the display cases that are



Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center — The Historic Commission is shooting for Fall 2007 completion.

currently located on the first floor of the Knox County Courthouse will be moved two blocks east on Highway 82 to their new home, as will the file cabinets full of Knox County family information and photos, obituary and veterans books, cemetery records, and military uniforms in addition to numerous other items.

The Commission plans to have an area in the museum to highlight each Knox County community and also its farming and ranching heritage and the County's veterans.

"We will rotate things in and out and have permanent and special displays," said Young.

In the future, the Knox County Historical Commission also

hopes to include the capability to provide access to digital holdings of other institutions for use by Knox County residents and students of Knox County schools.

The Knox County Historical Commission welcomes information from Knox County families and individuals to add to their collection.

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STATE CAPITAL



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - It was a cold inaugural on Jan. 16: so cold and icy, in fact, the smaller-than-planned-for crowd moved inside the Capitol.

Texans and the rest of the world enjoyed access to the inaugural ceremonies via live webcast for the first time ever.

Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst were sworn in.

Both men made speeches

Chief execs outline priorities in inaugural speeches

broad in scope: so broad, in fact, their words, to many ears, belied grander political ambitions.

Perry regaled strong families as the backbone of society and outlined his agenda for his second full term as governor.

He spoke of the need for tighter immigration control, a secure border with Mexico, safer neighborhoods, affordable health care, improvements in education, substantial and long-lasting property tax relief, and budget reforms that would protect taxpayers.

He also echoed a theme that has a Washington, D.C.-ring to it: "Texas is better off when Republicans and Democrats work together because our potential is too vast to be spoiled by a politics leavened with partisanship," Perry said.

Diverging here for a moment on the subject of bipartisanship and possible higher aspirations, the governor flew to the nation's capital with Texas Democratic congressional representatives to meet with other Democrats.

The Washington, D.C., Democrats let Perry know they have not forgotten his role in bringing about the unusual mid-term redistricting in 2004 that squeezed a few Democrats out of office.

Dewhurst also delivered an expansive inaugural speech, with emphasis on his "Texas Children First" package of legislation.

The legislation, he said, is based on the premise that, "Safe and healthy children learn, they grow, and they go on to lead lives that strengthen our state and make us proud."

Dewhurst asked lawmakers to pass tougher laws dealing with child predators, put defibrillators in public schools and take illegal steroids out through mandatory, random drug testing.

Dewhurst assured the audience there would be a "Jessica's Law" in Texas, including an automatic 25-year sentence for first-time child molesters and a death sentence for those convicted a second time.

Speaker reassures ex-challengers

Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick told The Dallas Morning News, in effect, he's holding out the olive branch to members of his own party.

Craddick, R-Midland, was re-elected speaker after Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, dropped his challenge.

Pitts threw his support behind Craddick when it was decided the vote for the speakership would be a recorded vote, not by secret ballot.

Earlier, Pitts and another former challenger, Rep. Brian McCall, R-Plano, individually expressed the need for a change in atmosphere in the House, because transparency and bipartisanship in the legislative process had eroded under the speaker's tenure.

Craddick said he would do a better job of communicating.

State unemployment rate drops

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.5 in December, the lowest in five years, the Texas Workforce Commission said in a report released Jan. 19.

To illustrate the improvement, the unemployment rate

in November was 4.7 percent, and a year ago, in December 2005, the rate was 5.2 percent.

Nonagricultural employment grew by 15,600 jobs in December as Texas employers continue adding jobs.

Over the last 12 months, the Texas economy grew by 213,200 jobs, and Texas employers have added jobs for 27 consecutive months, the agency reported.

Senator proposes smoking ban

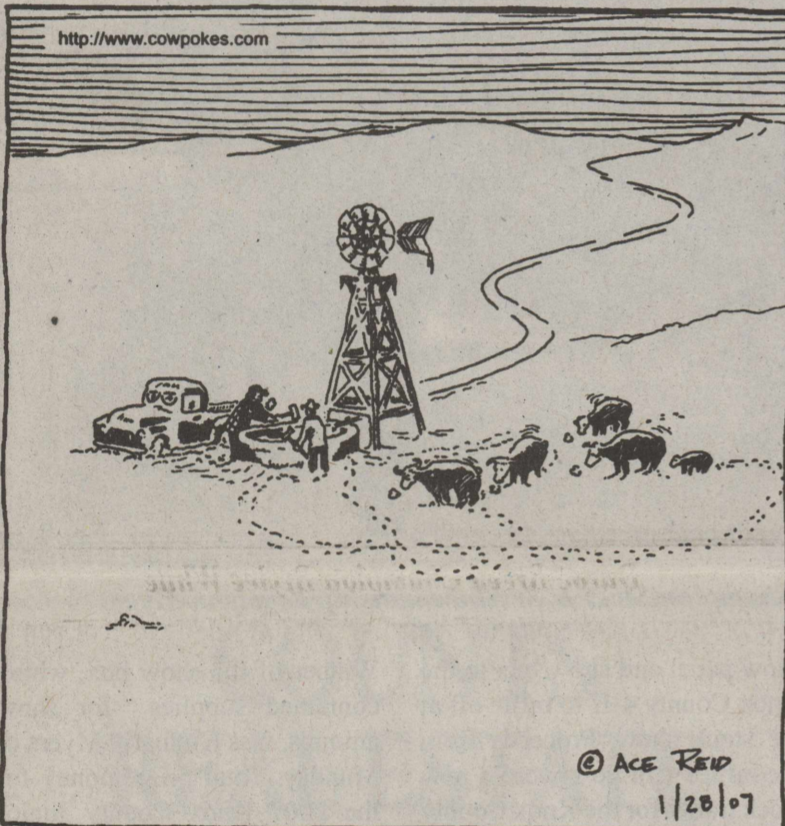
Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he would file legislation banning smoking in all public buildings in Texas.

Ellis is looking for a House sponsor of his bill and expects to file his version this month.

Eighteen states have laws banning smoking in public buildings.

COW POKES®

By Ace Reid



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"I shore bet that feller that invented heaters fer pickups wuz an ole cowboy!"

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the Benjamin and KC girls BB game. It was a hard fought, exciting game and both teams played hard, but unfortunately one had to go home the loser. And unfortunately, this time it was us. The only part of the game that upset me, was the sign hanging on the KC side of the bleachers, facing the bleachers of the visiting team. "We're not arrogant, we're just better than you". I consider that not only arrogant, but "tacky", ill-mannered, unsportsmanlike, and just plain rude. No one is better than anyone else that walks this earth, and for that sign to be allowed to be displayed is a blatant slap in the face of humanity. No wonder there is so much hostility between towns, schools and our children. What are we teaching our kids when we allow that kind of attitude? Whoever allowed that sign should be reprimanded, and the school board needs to get a handle on the situation. I doubt many people at KC even know that sign is there, as it's not visible to the "home" side. If they do know it's there, they should be ashamed of allowing that kind of behavior.

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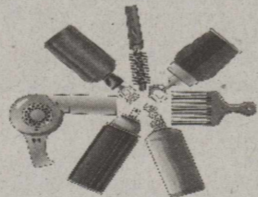
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Last Puzzle Solution grid with letters filled in.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions. Clues include: ACROSS 1 Fort Worth hall: 'Manana', 5 actor Alda of 'The Aviator' about TX Howard Hughes, 6 'he ___ a yarn', 7 a plural of 'cow', 8 TXism: 'blister' (handle), 9 TX Nolan threw '90 no-hitter against the ___ A's, 16 TX Orbison's early band: 'The ___ Kings', 18 TX Dixie Chicks album 'Little ___', 21 init. of singer in 16-across, 22 Scotland's '___ Ness Monster' (dance), 23 this Sandra was 'Tammy' & 'Gidget', 24 song 'The ___ of the Alamo', 30 private compartment on a ship, 34 this TX Dobbie sang 'The In Crowd' (init.), 35 TXism: 'it ain't nothing to ___ at', 36 honky tonk brawl 16-across, 37 TX-filmed 'The ___ of Heaven', 39 near Corpus: '___ Ingleside', 43 ex-TX company known for its '01 accounting fraud, 44 TX actress Katherine 45 TX Shelley Duvall's 'Popeye' role (init.), 46 in Bowie Co. near 67 TXism: 'book and horse smart', 49 custard apple trees, 52 TX Paula Prentiss film: 'Where the Boys ___', 53 UT opponent in annual Dallas game, 54 Austin colonists area: 'The ___ of Texas', 55 jobless? (2 wds.), 58 TXism: '___ your boots' (dance), 59 chills & fever, 60 TX Reynolds film: 'The Singing ___', 61 explosive, 13 TXism: '___ passel' (a lot), 14 this Green moved the Stars to Dallas (init.), 15 TX Strait's 'When ___ You Stop Loving Me!', 17 TX-bred 'Assault!' usually did ___ the finish, 19 'casa rojo' south of the border, 20 TXism: 'he's a ___ in his own mind', 24 A&M degree, 25 Gov. Richards, 26 TX Orbison ballad, 27 TXism: 'did my ___ best', 28 'Big Thicket' shrub, 29 Corpus college, 31 this Carney was in 'Roadie' with TX Meat Loaf, 32 ___ Chi Chuan, 33 Austin has the tallest ___ Christmas tree, 38 fishin' net, 40 saddle, 41 cable network, 42 TXism for a worthless person, 48 TX Willie sang ___ with Waylon & Cash, 50 TX Logan ___ play 'South Pacific', 51 Victoria Principal role on 'Dallas', 56 TXism: 'so broke ___ pay attention', 57 unarmed (2 wds.)

BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

ANOTHER PREDICTABLE STORY!

By Baxter Black, DVM

The Pew Charitable Trust has given a 2.6 million grant to the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health to study how concentrated animal feeding operations (dairies, feedlots, hog confinements and chicken houses) may impact public health, sociology and the environment. Any guesses what they will conclude? Here's my guess it's bad.

In fairness, there is at least one person on the committee list who appears to have spent some time in a feedlot. That should balance the academics, gentiles, politicians and "Daryl Hannah, actress and advocate for biofuels and environmentally sustainable lifestyle."

What is blatantly missing in the list of distinguished panel members is even one hungry person.

Most Americans are so far removed from how their hamburger or tofu or salmon get to their plate they are sitting ducks for the AN-TIs.

Last November, an Arizona referendum to restrict veal and hog-raising operations passed with a 60% majority.

It was funded by the animal rights group Farm Sanctuary. Studies that have compared the method outlawed in Arizona vs. Europe's more "Humanitarian" method showed that the European pig raisers had a higher mortality of piglets, higher feed cost per piglet, more land space needed, more grain needed due to lower efficiency, plus higher mortality and injury

of sows.

This, in return for the psychological benefits of more space and "improved socializing."

It's the haves vs. the have-nots over and over. "So what if pork increases in price, or milk or hamburger or chicken. Besides, hungry people don't vote anyway."

As consumers get further and further away from understanding where and how their basic needs of food, shelter and energy are met, those of us on the farm, in the forest, or on the drilling rig will become oddities to them; antiques, caricatures from a time when we as a nation could feed, clothe and keep ourselves warm.

I'm not sure whether it's worse to be thought of as an evil farmer milking cows on a factory dairy and growing Frankenfood Hybrid corn or a quaint cowboy poet, a throwback to a time when people actually knew how to clean a chicken and scald a hog.

I do think the AN-TIs will always have an audience as long as food is cheap.

People have the luxury to be blasé about their daily bread. It is only when the "haves" personally feel the financial pressure that the recognition of the value of modern animal production will make an appearance.

Only problem is the have-nots are the only ones who truly appreciate the value of "Concentrated animal feeding" and there ain't a one of 'em on the Pew Grant Committee.

Knox County Visioning Meeting Held in Munday

The Knox County Visioning Committee met Thursday, January 18 at the Perry Patton Community Center in Munday.

Visiting the committee were Amy Lorance from the North Texas Rural Economic Development office in Vernon and Brenda Copas from the Office of Rural Community Affairs, who discussed various programs available to aid the committee in its ongoing goals.

The committee discussed previous business, current and continuing goals, as well as some new agenda items.

The questionnaire that was developed to gather information has not been returned by all communities, but it is expected soon. The committee also considered the general need in the area for heating and air conditioning technicians, electricians, mechanics, and welders, and how to best draw those jobs into the area.

The committee discussed new businesses in the area including the Dollar General, which is slated to open in Munday on February 27. All told, the business should employ about ten people, both full-time and part-time.

The first of several Certified Nursing Aide classes has finished, with an impressive completion rate of 92 percent.

There was a slight problem with information on the state certification test, but the bugs are being worked out. A welding class is also underway, with 15 people enrolled.

The committee considered giving awards in various forms for City-County cooperation (such as Volunteer of the Year, Businessperson of the Year, etc.), to encourage and foster cooperative work between communities.

The committee discussed the problem it had in opening a bank account and various solutions to it, including the formation of a non-profit entity.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 15 at Benjamin in the Assembly Room of the county courthouse. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

KC Local Stock Show Results

Goats

Light Weight Goats

1. Brylee White
2. Lyndon Baty
3. Sheldon Baty
4. Chance Baty
5. Tanner Moeller

Heavy Weight Goats

1. Brogan White
2. Brylee White
3. Lyndon Baty
4. Chance Baty
5. Sheldon Baty
6. Lynndy Moeller

Grand Champion Goat - Brogan White

Reserve Grand Champion

Brylee White

Broilers

1. Orin Myers - Grand Champion

2. Andrew England - Reserve Grand Champion

3. Clay Clark

Pen of Three Rabbits

1. Makayla Harrington - Grand Champion

2. Matti Ledesma - Reserve Grand Champion

3. Tiffany Esquivel

Swine

Chesters

1. Lynndy Moeller - Breed Champion

2. Shane Strickland - Reserve Breed Champion

3. Tanna Moeller

Black OPB

1. Jamie West - Breed Champion

2. Sheldon Baty - Reserve Breed Champion

3. Trey Ledesma

4. Steven Ledesma

Light Weight Durocs

1. Zac Shaver

2. Payne Stanfield

3. Kayla Stewart

4. Cody Trimble

5. Amos Lerma

6. TJ Moore

Medium Weight Duroc

1. Kayla Stewart

2. Brogan White

3. Garrett Fox

4. Ryan Ledesma

5. Cassandra Ledesma

6. Dustin Ledesma

Heavy Weight Durocs

1. Brylee White - Breed Champion

2. Garrett Fox - Reserve Breed Champion

3. Gus West

4. Garrett Fox

5. Kayla Stewart

Light Weight Hamps

1. Cassandra Ledesma - Reserve Breed Champion

2. Laquita Roberson

3. Kayla Stewart

4. Matthew Stumph

5. Dustin Ledesma

6. Trey Ledesma

Medium Weight Hamps

1. Lynndy Moeller - Breed Champion

2. Lyndon Baty

3. Payne Stanfield

4. Brandon Grimsley

5. Laquita Roberson

6. Chance Baty

Heavy Weight Hamps

1. Tanner Moeller

2. Matti Ledesma

3. Kayla Stewart

4. Heather Moore

5. Brandon Grimsley

6. Hailey Ledesma

Light Weight Cross

1. Kayla Stewart - Reserve Breed Champion

2. Bandy Moeller

3. Lynndy Moeller

Heavy Weight Cross

1. Cody Trimble - Breed Champion

2. Garrett Fox

3. Kayla Stewart

4. Tanna Moeller

5. Bandy Moeller

Yorkshire

1. Garrett Fox - Breed Champion

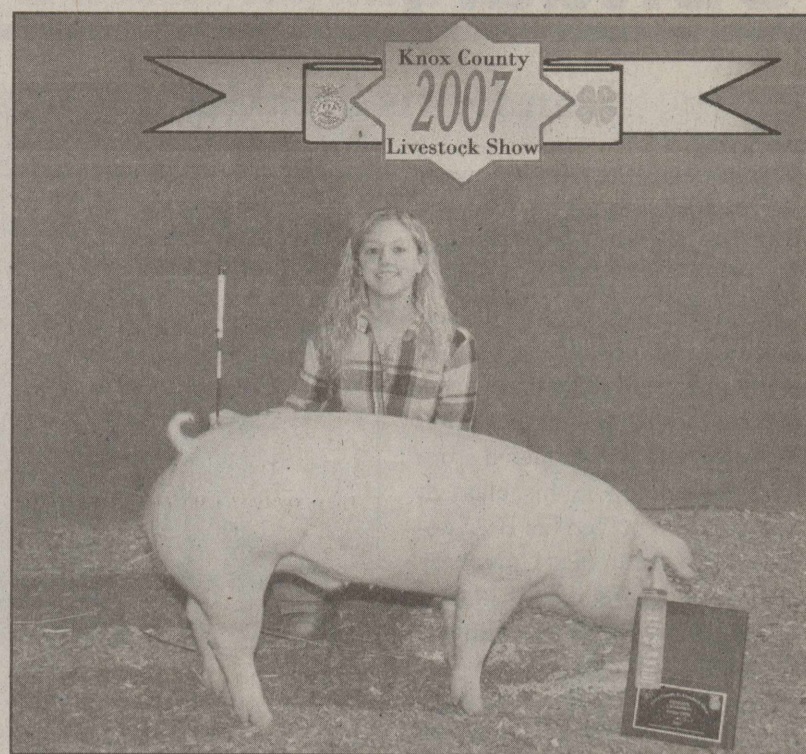
Grand White Champion

- Brylee White

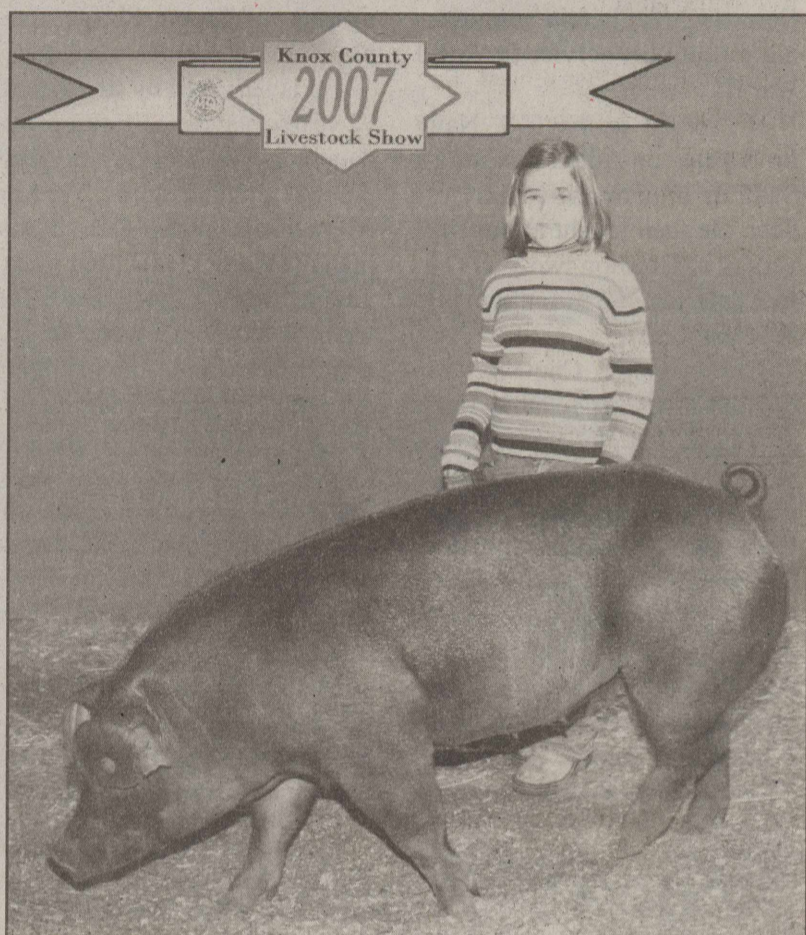
Reserve Swine Champion

- Lynndy Moeller

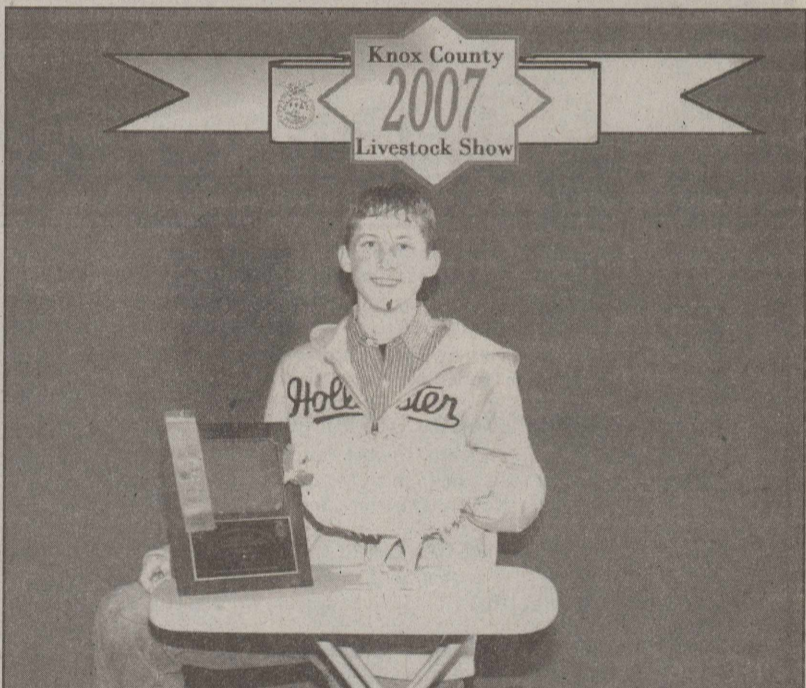
Knox County Livestock Show



Chester White Reserve Breed Champion Kaitlyn Kuehler



Duroc Breed Champion Brylee White



Reserve Grand Champion Broilers & Sr Showmanship Clay Clark

(More Livestock Show photos on page 5)

Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations for 2006

The Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame is now seeking nominations for this year's class. The 2007 Hall of Fame banquet, the sixth annual event, will be held Monday, April 30 at the Abilene Civic Center.

Once again this year, the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame is partnering with Texas State Technical College West Texas. TSTC is sponsoring a golf tournament the next day, Tuesday May 1, at Diamondback Golf Club. Over the last five years, the golf tournament and Hall of Fame banquet have raised nearly \$220,000 for educational scholarships at TSTC.

Add to that the 10 individuals from the defunct AISD Sports Hall of Fame that were honored initially, and the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame now includes 42 of the top athletes and coaches from the Big Country (the list of current Hall of Fame members is included).


To be eligible for the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame, an athlete must have graduated from a high school in one of the 19 counties surrounding Abilene that make up the West Texas Council of Governments. Athletes must be out of high school at least 10 years. Coaches must have

coached at a Big Country high school and be retired from that position for at least five years.

The Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame also has a category for sports writers and sportscasters and other officials, those in local chapters who have distinguished themselves as a football, basketball or baseball referee or umpire, or an official in any other sport.

We are asking the public to help us in making nominations. Bill Hart, the inaugural inductee in the sports writer category, is accepting the nominations. Please send nominations to Hart. His address is 640 Arch, Baird, 79504. Nominations can also faxed to (325) 854-2812 or e-mailed to hartbf@msn.com. No phone calls please.

The deadline for making nominations is February 2. The announcement of this year's inductees will be made in mid-February, once the committee meets and those selected have been notified. Nomination forms will be picked up at the Abilene Reporter News, and from any one of the four TSTC West Texas locations, or you can print the form from this TSTC website: <http://www.westtexas.tstc.edu/>



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All High School Seniors planning to attend college: If your parents or legal guardians are members of Santa Rosa Telephone Cooperative, Inc., you are eligible to apply for one of two SRTC scholarships.

Please ask your high school counselor for SRTC scholarship application packets or contact Leann Shultz at 1-888-886-2217 ext 36. The completed applications are due February 1, 2007.

Two \$1,000.00 scholarships are awarded annually to high school seniors whose parents or legal guardians are SRTC members. SRTC scholarships are funded by "unclaimed" capital credit refunds. Last year's scholarship winners were Emery Dudensing of Sagerton, and Alicia Evans of Odell, TX.

KC Class of 1967— Where are You?

We are celebrating our 40th graduation anniversary in 2007! We are looking for you classmate! Please don't miss out. Contact one of us to get details.

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Obituary

Dan Lewis Steakley

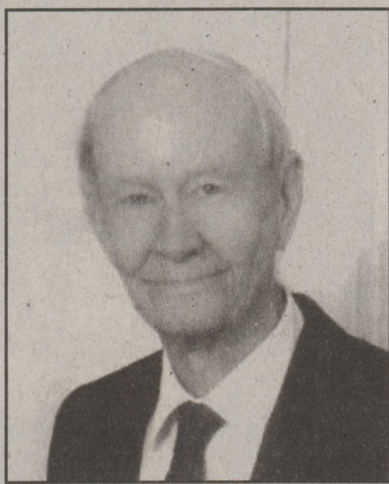
Dan Lewis Steakley, 94, went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, January 17, 2007. He was born October 21, 1912 to Zollie C. and Frances E. McGlasson Steakley in Waco.

He grew up in DeLeon, Texas before moving to Sweetwater, Texas, where he graduated from high school top in his class at age 15. He received his B.A. degree from Simmons University in 1932 at age 18 and his Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas in 1936.

He married Claydene Hoge on November 30, 1934. He taught and coached tennis and debate in public schools in McAllen and Corpus Christi before volunteering for military service in World War II.

He served in the U.S. Navy for 3 years on Admiral Nimitz's Staff as a communications officer. He then taught at the University of Houston two years before entering into the automobile business.

He began his Chevrolet career in Knox City, Texas in 1947, moving to Temple 10 years later, where he owned Dan Steakley Chevrolet for the next 23 years. He retired from the Chevrolet business in 1979 and spent the next several years traveling in their motor home and fishing the best rivers. He was a long time member and deacon of First Baptist Church, Temple. He served on the Board of Trustees of the



University of Mary-Hardin Baylor for three terms. He served the Lions Club for many years and was 32nd degree Mason and a member of Karem Shrine Temple.

He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Claydene Steakley; one daughter, Sue Steakley of Temple; one granddaughter, SueAnn Altman and husband Brad Altman of Wichita Falls; four great-grandchildren, Tyler Dan and Colby McClaren of McGregor; and Brooke and John William Altman of Wichita Falls.

Memorial services were held 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 19 at Sheffield Funeral Home in Temple with the Reverend Theiss Jones, Reverend Martin Knox and Reverend Chester Harrison officiating.

Memorials should be made to the Steakley Scholarship Fund at U.M.H.B. or First Baptist Church of Temple.

KNOX FAMILY WELLNESS CLINIC, P.A.

Kathy Stiewert Family Nurse Practitioner and Knox Family Wellness Clinic are proud to announce the Opening of "Fitness For Life Gym" located at 120 North Central just north of Duckwalls in Knox City.

Karen, a Certified Personal Trainer, along with the staff can help you to meet your fitness needs and to "Shape Up Your Life".

We will be open for business on Dec. 18, 2006, to sign up call 940-657-4457 or 657-4365 at the gym after the opening date. We will be open on Sat., Dec. 16 for preview time - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Aging Center Lunch Menu

Jan. 29 - Feb. 2

Monday, Jan. 29 - Beef Spaghetti, Cole Slaw, Whole Kernel Corn, Light Bread and Pudding

Tuesday, Jan. 30 - Sliced Ham, Great Northern Beans, Turnip Greens, Cornbread and Dessert

Wednesday, Jan. 31 - Fish with Tarter Sauce, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Hush-puppies and Cobbler

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Not only will Knox County loving historical preservationist be selecting a delicious dessert choice on Sunday, February 4, starting at 11:A.M. and ending at 1:30 P.M., but they will fill their plates from mounds of smoky barbecued brisket and sausage, stacks of tender baked turkey, beans, bread, fresh homemade potato salad, coleslaw and deviled eggs.

Buying your meal ticket will give you a chance at a door prize.

Already \$150 in cash prizes and a \$50 savings bond have been donated for the event. Each year many door prizes are made available by businesses and individuals in Knox County.

We are making great strides in the completion of the museum. A completion date has been set as, the fall of 2007. The many successful fundraisers throughout the years and receiving a \$30,000 grant have enabled this project to continue. Successful fundraisers, don't just happen. Knox County citizens, present and past, and many friends have made this possible.

At the meal, quilt tickets; cookbooks; 2005, 2006 and 2007 calendars; memorial brick and stones; and silent auction items will be available. Obituary books will be displayed and additional obituaries from families not in the collection are welcome, along with family histories for the growing family files.

Those wishing to contribute items to the silent auction, or to help in any way, call the KCHC office at (940)459-2229 or 459-2205.

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We thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts received for our 25th Wedding Anniversary. A 'big' thank you for each one of our family and friends who 'weathered the elements' to attend.

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2007 Knox County Livestock Show

2007 Knox County Junior Livestock Show Results—

Friday's Results

Poultry Show

Broilers

1. Andrew England - *Grand Champion*
2. Clay Clark - *Reserve Grand Champion*
3. Orin Myers
4. Andrew England
5. Clay Clark - *Sr. Showmanship*
6. Orin Myers

Rabbit Show

Single Fryers

1. Taylor Wilson - *Grand Champion*
2. Stran Jackson - *Reserve Grand Champion*
3. Tiffany Esquivel
4. Sonor Escamilla
5. Parker Finley
6. Parker Finley
7. Sonora Escamilla
8. Mati Ledesma
9. Taylor Wilson

Pen of Three Fryers

1. Makayla Harrington - *Grand Champion*
2. Taylor Wilson - *Reserve Grand Champion*
3. Stran Jackson - *Jr. Showmanship*
4. Mati Ledesma
5. Tiffany Esquivel
6. Parker Finley

Lamb Show

Market Lambs

1. Blake Jones - *Grand Champion, Jr. Showmanship*
2. Leah Vanderpol - *Reserve Grand Champion, Sr. Showmanship*
3. Leah Vanderpol
4. Blake Jones

Goat Show

Lt. Wt. Market Goats

1. Sheldon Baty
2. Briley White
3. Tanna Moeller
4. Lyndon Baty
5. Lyndon Baty *
6. Sheldon Baty

Med. Wt. Market Goats

1. Jonathan Rainwater - *Reserve*

Grand Champion

2. Brylee White
3. Sheldon Baty
4. Britany Coop - *Sr. Showmanship*

Hvy. Wt. Market Goats

1. Britany Coop - *Grand Champion*
2. Jonathan Rainwater - *Jr. Showmanship*
3. Brylee White
4. Lyndon Baty

Saturday's Results

Swine Show

Berkshire

1. Sarah Reeves - *Breed Champion*
2. Jacob Herricks - *Reserve Breed Champion*
3. Shaylee Propps
4. Jacob Herricks
5. Bryant Booe
6. Mathew Booe

Chester White

1. Cody Kuehler - *Breed Champion*
2. Kaitlyn Kuehler - *Reserve Breed Champion*
3. Cody Propps
4. Lynndy Moeller
5. Shane Strickland
6. Tanna Moeller
7. Shaylee Propps

Lt. Wt. Duroc

1. Cody Trimble - *Reserve Breed Champion*
2. Gus West
3. Zach Shaver
4. Kayla Stewart
5. Rachel Ellis
6. Ryan Ledesma
7. Payne Stanfield
8. T. J. Moore
9. Amos Lerma

Med. Wt. Duroc

1. Kelli Cypert
2. Kayla Stewart
3. Garrett Fox
4. Reagan Guerrero
5. Devon Jones
6. Cassandra Ledesma
7. Tyler Wilson
8. Holly Wilson
9. Cassandra Ledesma

Hvy. Wt. Duroc

1. Brylee White - *Breed Champion*
2. Garrett Fox
3. Kaitlyn Kuehler
4. Garrett Fox
5. Kayla Stewart
6. Bryant Booe
7. Mathew Booe
8. Ryan Heard
9. Shannon Reeves - *Jr. Showmanship*

Lt. Wt. Hampshire

1. Kaitlyn Kuehler
2. Lynndy Moeller
3. Kayla Stewart
4. Ryan Ledesma
5. Lyndon Baty
6. Matt Stumph

Med. Wt. Hampshire

1. Cassandra Ledesma
2. Lyndon Baty
3. Bryant Booe
4. Bandy Moeller
5. Laquita Roberson
6. Brandon Grimsley
7. Payne Stanfield
8. Kenyin Thompson
9. Laquita Roberson

Lt. Hvy. Wt. Hampshire

1. Kelli Cypert - *Sr. Showmanship*
2. Reagan Guerrero
3. Kimberly Myers
4. Brandon Grimsley
5. Kayla Stewart
6. Kelli Cypert
7. Donny Gee
8. Baileigh Weigand
9. Mati Ledesma
10. Toby Guerrero

Hvy. Wt. Hampshire

1. Cody Kuehler - *Breed Champion, Reserve Grand Champion*
2. Sarah Reeves - *Reserve Breed Champion*
3. Presley Melton
4. Tanna Moeller
5. Donnie Gee
6. Heather Moore

Lt. Wt. Spot

1. Payton Melton
2. Baileigh Weigand
3. Sheldon Baty

4. Cassandra Ledesma

5. Ryan Ledesma

Hvy. Wt. Spot

1. Shannon Reeves - *Breed Champion*
2. Grace Tidwell - *Reserve Breed Champion*
3. Jamie West
4. Devon Jones
5. Kimberly Myers

Yorkshire

1. Cody Trimble - *Breed Champion, Grand Champion*
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8. Colby Decker

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6. Donny Gee
7. Rico McCrary

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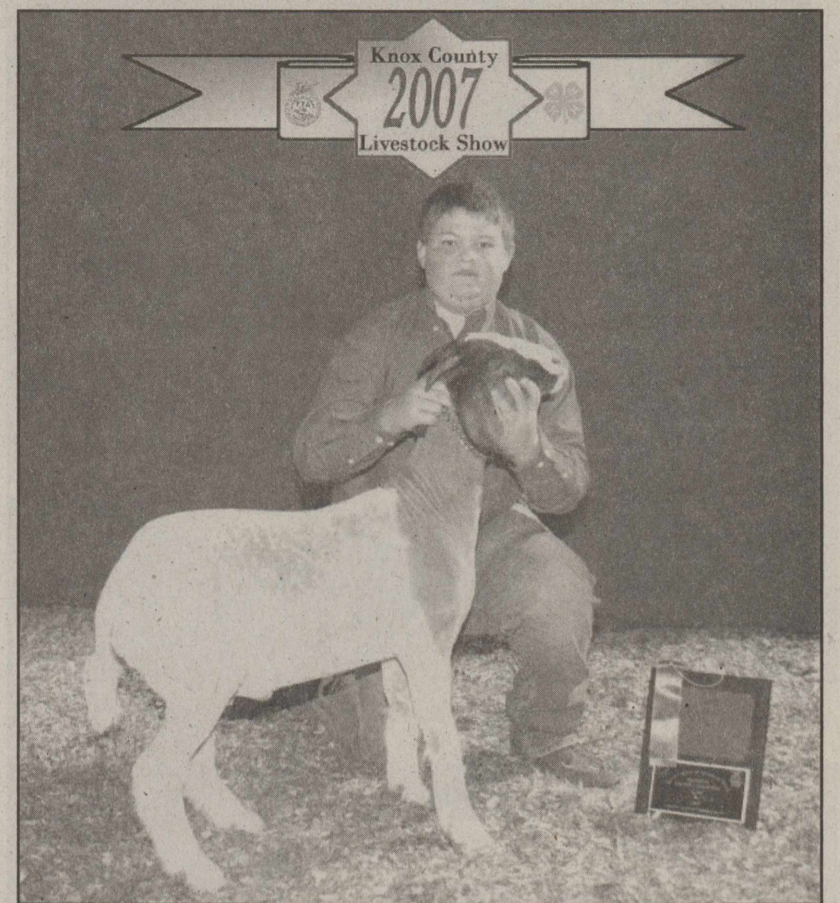
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Hvy. Wt. Cross

1. Cody Kuehler - *Reserve Breed Champion*
2. Shaylee Propps
3. Karla Benson
4. Bandy Moeller
5. Garrett Fox
6. Trey Tidwell
7. Tanna Moeller

Steer Show

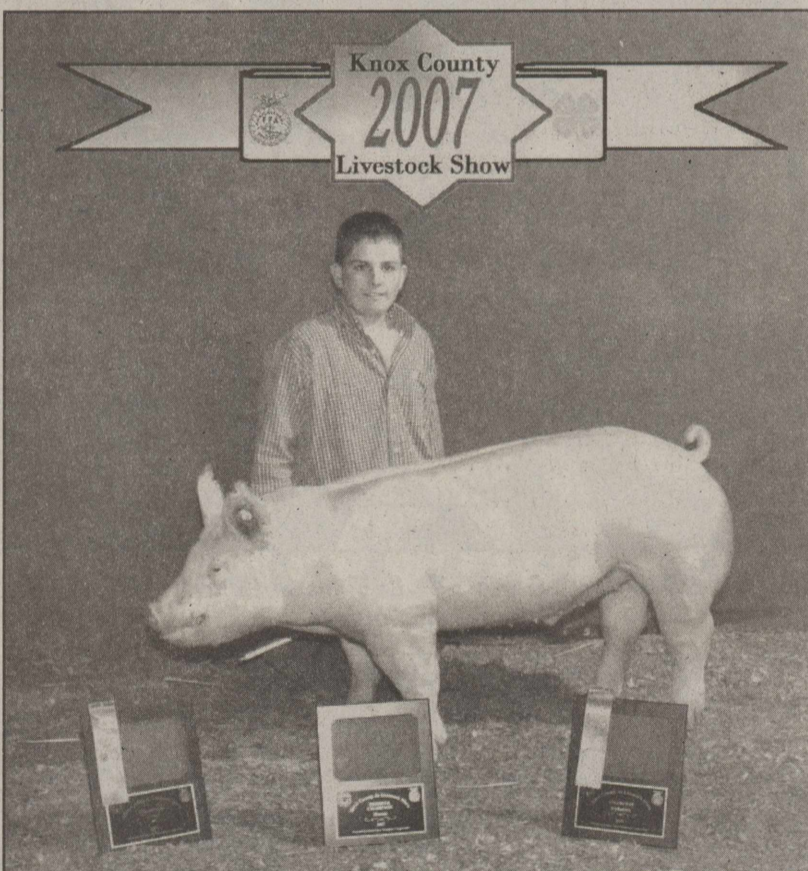
1. Krystynn Myers - *Grand Champion, Sr. Showmanship*
2. Logan Groves - *Reserve Grand Champion, Jr. Showmanship*



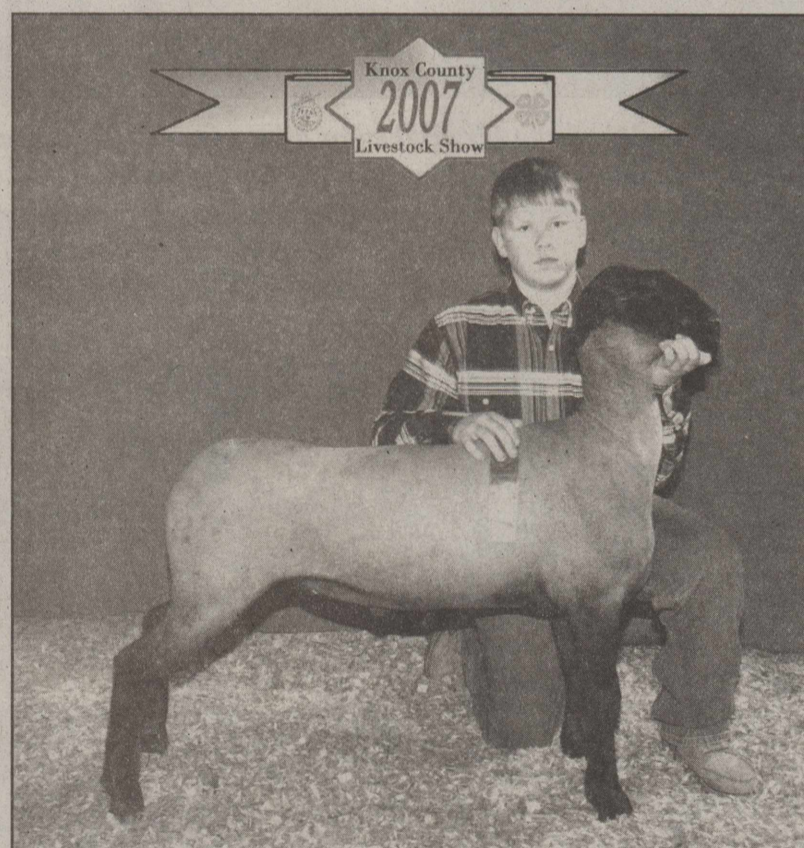
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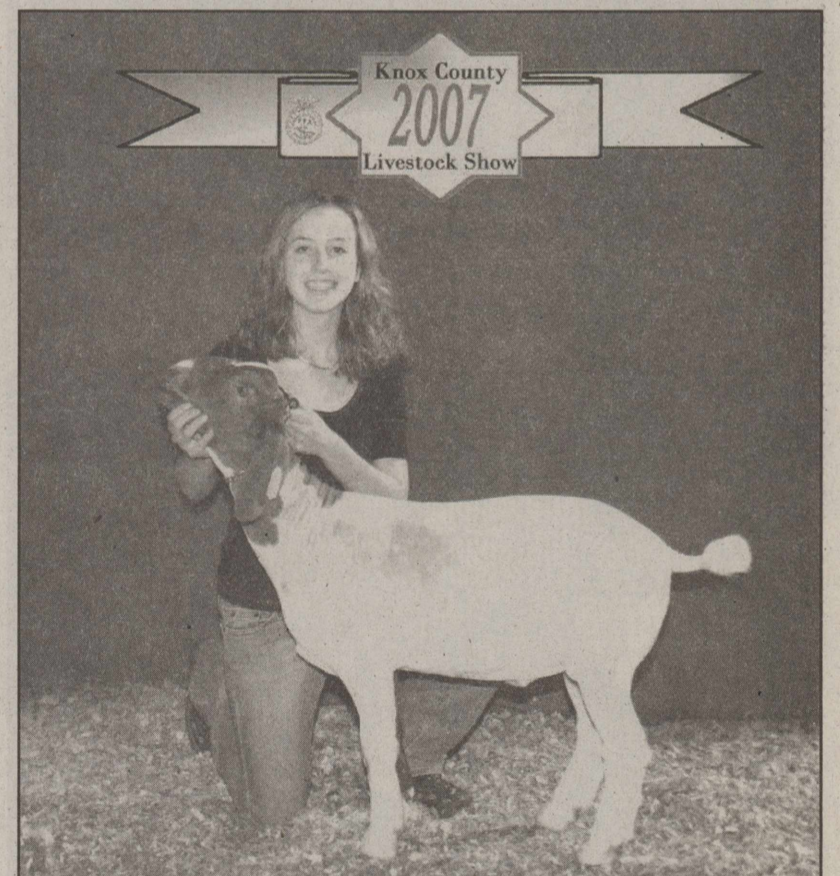
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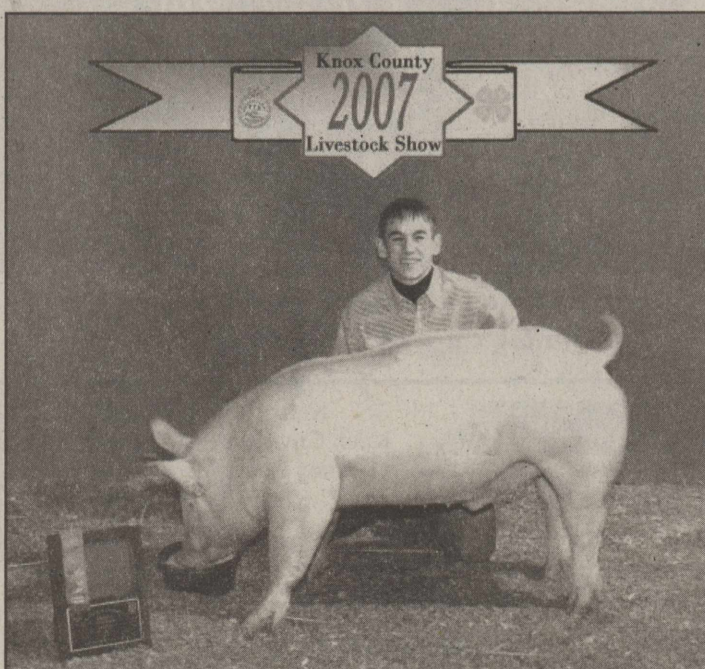
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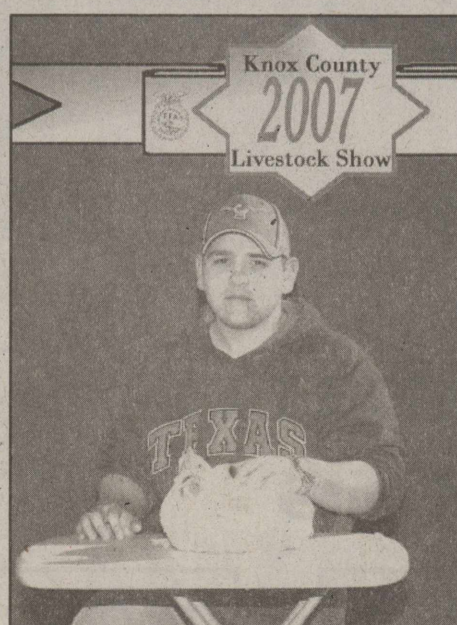
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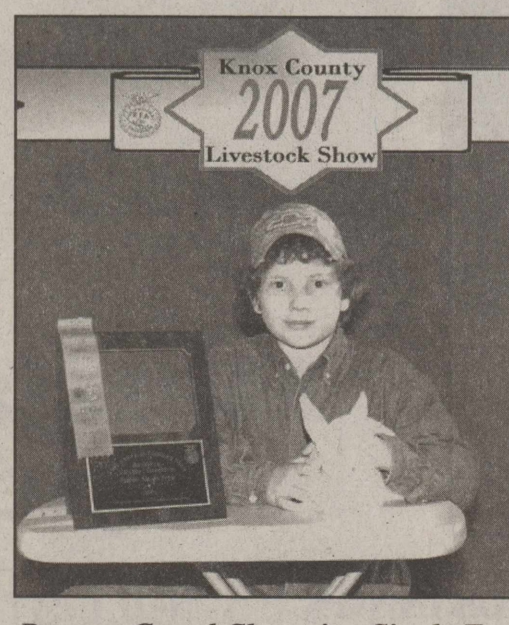
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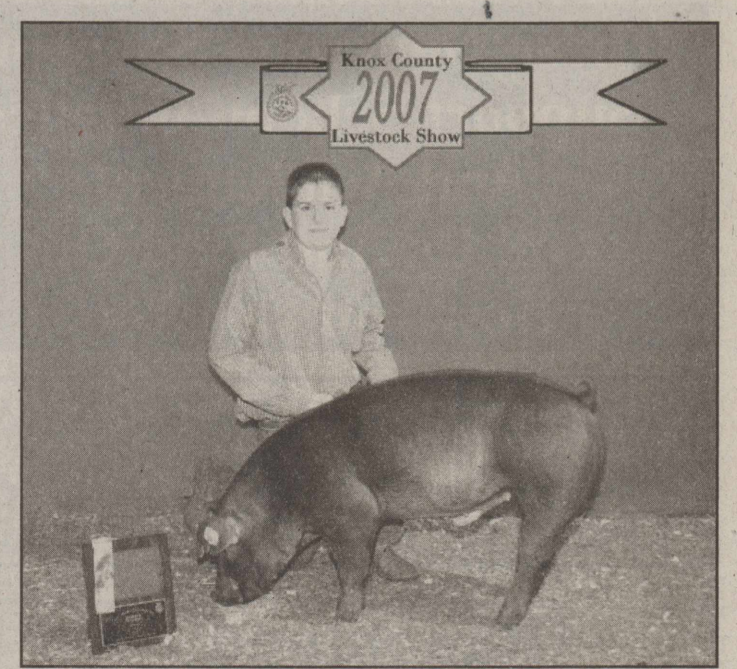
Yorkshire Reserve Breed Champion Cody Propps



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Reserve Grand Champion Single Fryer & Jr Showmanship Stran Jackson



Reserve Breed Champion Cody Trimble

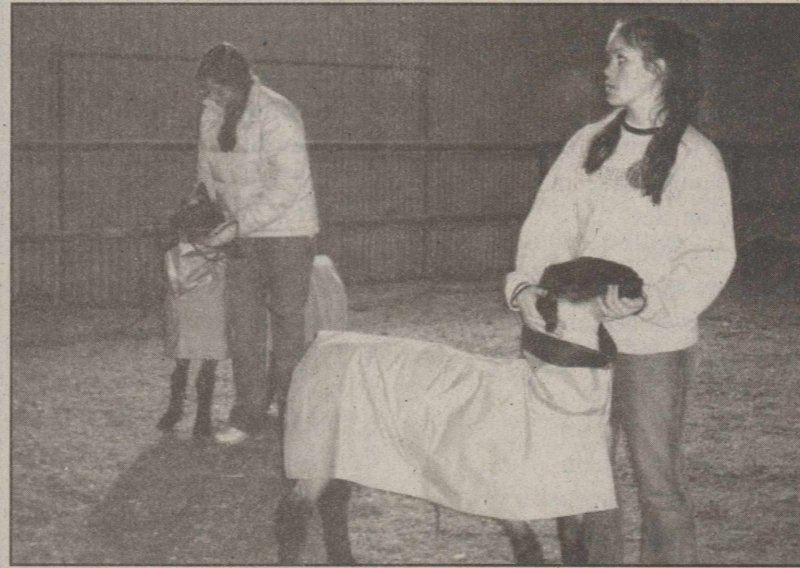
Preparing for Livestock Show—



Britany Coop, Benjamin 4-H member, gets a helping hand from her mom, Lorrie Coop, Knox County CEA/FCS while tending one of her goats on Friday afternoon at the stock show.



Blake Jones of Benjamin clipping his lamb with Knox County Extension Agent Terry Utley



Devon Jones (front) and Leah Vanderpol, both of Benjamin, walk lambs during the chilly weather at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show in Munday on Friday afternoon



Cody Propps of Benjamin washing his pigs in Munday at the Knox County Junior Livestock Show on Friday. Cody showed on Saturday



Ryan Heard of Gilliland practices showing his Duroc on Friday afternoon. This is the 3rd Graders first year in 4-H.

Benjamin News

By Gladene Green

It's been a very cold few days. Not much weather for doing anything except staying inside and staying warm and dry. Monday was a little better and hopefully we can count on a few more with more pleasant temperatures. This past weekend was stock show time, so lots of folks were busy with that. And Sunday a lot of us watched the NFC and AFC play-off games. In case anyone cares, I was glad Indianapolis won (I liked their coach). I wanted to see New Orleans win, but I guess I'll have to be content watching the Colts and Bears on February 4th.

Concerning Our Ill

Lewis Lyles was brought back to the Knox County Hospital Thursday after a stay in a Wichita Falls hospital and rehabilitation center, the result of a broken hip and the surgery following. He is to be in Knox City for several weeks where his rehabilitation will continue. If you're in Knox City and have time, go and see him. I know the days get long in there for him.

I saw Don Hertel today. He says he's doing pretty well. He's going to Abilene every day for radiation and chemotherapy. He had six weeks of it to do and I think this begins the third. It was good to see him out and about.

Sympathy Extended

I send sincere sympathy to the families of Estelle Hawkins and Rosie Clower Reynolds today.

These ladies died last week after being in failing health for a number of years. They had been residing in a Haskell care home for quite some time.

Benjamin Graduate Honored

Jessica Moorhouse has been named a distinguished student in the fall 2006 semester at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. This is one of the highest honors Tarleton confers on its students.

This is the University's way of honoring academic achievements and recognizing students' importance on campus.

Jessica is a 2004 graduate of Benjamin High School. She is the daughter of Mike and Debbie Moorhouse and the late Debra Moorhouse, and is a second-year student at Tarleton.

Here 'N There

News is very scarce this week. I guess the cold weather kept everyone at home.

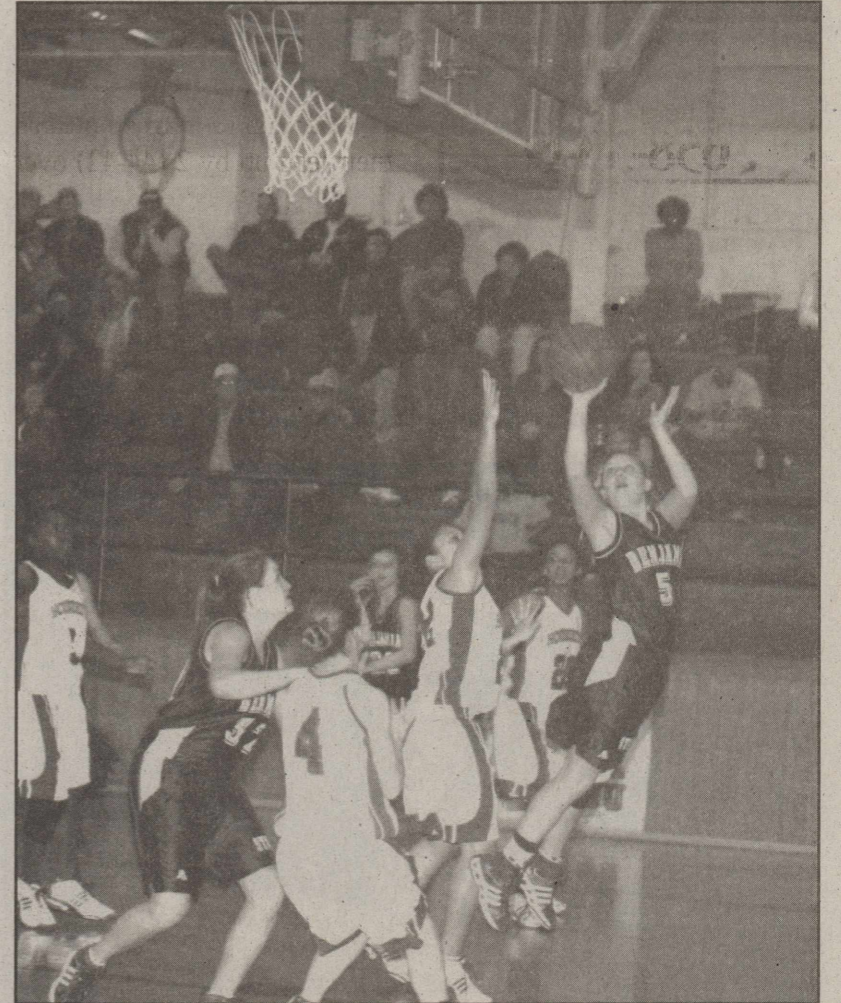
Tracy Cartwright and his son continue the remodeling project on the Stevens house. It is looking good on the outside. I have not seen whether anything has been done inside, but I am sure when it's all completed, it will be nice.

It was a sad night in Knox City on Thursday when the Houndettes defeated the Lady Stangs by 1 point. We are now anxious to see what the outcome will be when they come over here for a return match. The Knox City boys also beat our Mustangs.

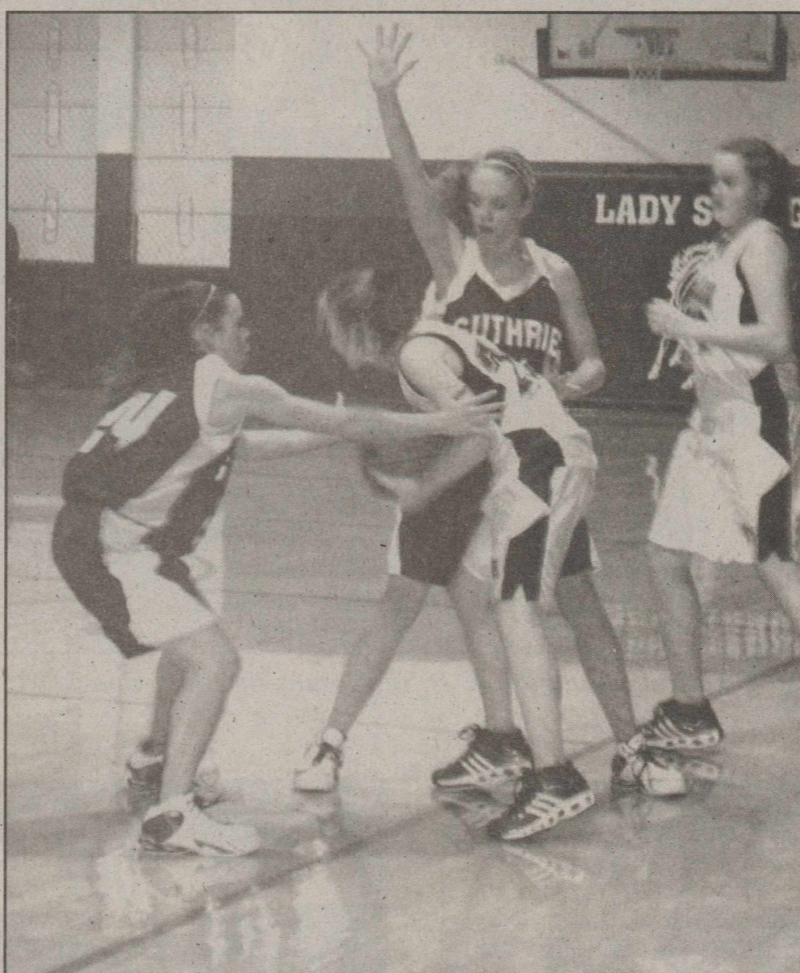
Benjamin Basketball



Sean Wilson pulls up his dribble for a pass inside. The score for the game was Guthrie 61 - Benjamin 53



At the Benjamin - Knox City game, Kaitlyn Kuehler shoots for two points



Shaylee Propps protects ball. The Lady Stangs beat Guthrie 60 - 50



Benjamin's Dylan Benson drives to the basket while KC's Jordan Carter plays defense

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Knox City Basketball

Knox City and Benjamin Meet In Rival Thriller

Cross county rivals, the Knox City Greyhounds & Houndettes and the Benjamin Mustangs & Lady Stangs, met on the hardwood last Friday night in Knox City.

The game always guarantees a standing room only crowd for each team.

The Houndettes & Lady Stangs faced off in game one of the evening. Each team was determined to beat the other; and their cross county rivalry fueled the action packed match-up.

Both teams are comparable in their basic components with Benjamin favoring perimeter shots and Knox City leaning more towards the jump shot and outside three's; and both teams maintain great defense.

Therefore the game comes down to their pride. During the first 3 quarters the teams went back and forth with the lead. The Houndettes led 34-31 at the start of the fourth.

The final 10 seconds of the game determined each team's fate.

Benjamin scored and pushed their lead up by 2 (44-42) over the Houndettes; then with 4 seconds on the clock the Houndettes took their final timeout.

As the clock wound down, Shana Nicholson got the ball at the three point line, shot, and the three pointer swished the basket at the buzzer.

The Houndettes took the win in a 45-44 win over the Lady

Stangs. The Houndettes move to 3-1 in district play while the Lady Stangs move to 2-2 after this game.

Shana Nicholson lead the Houndettes in scoring with 18 points.

She also got 5 rebounds and 4 assists. Bridgette Billington led the team in rebounds with 6 while scoring 5 points and getting 4 assists.

Sarah Burt came in with 10 points and 5 rebounds; and Brynn Moore scored 9 points.

The Greyhounds and Mustangs met in the second game of the evening.

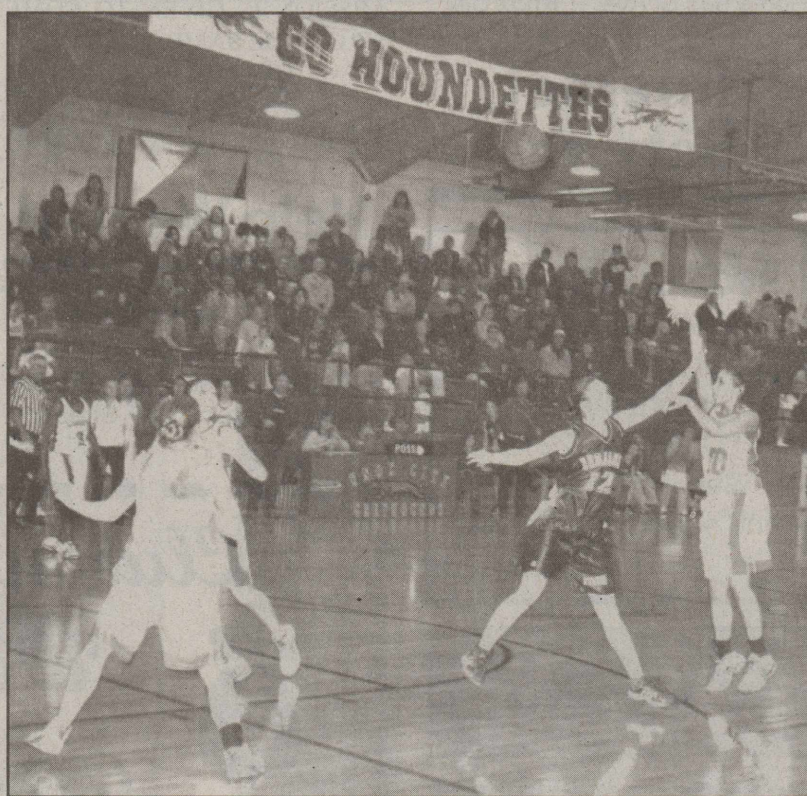
The competition was as intense as it was in game one. The teams worked the ball around the perimeter trying to get the inside shot.

The lead bounced back in forth throughout the first quarter. Then in the second quarter the Greyhounds began pulling ahead of the Mustangs. The Knox City Greyhounds led at the break.

The second half continued Knox City's push towards the goal. The Greyhounds outscored the Mustangs 70-40.

The Hounds move to a 3-1 district record while the Mustangs move to a 0-4 after this game.

Jordan Carter was the Hounds leading scorer with 16, followed by Kenyin Thompson with 11 and Orrin Myers with 10.



Shana Nicholson shoots the game winning 3 pointer for the Houndettes



Tiffany Wilde and Teri Miller wrestle for the ball



Jordan Carter makes the high flying lay-up



KC's Joe Albus denies Benjamins Kyle Wilson the score

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Envelopes containing sealed bids must be clearly marked on the outside indicating the sealed bid inside. Bids must be received by the Treasurer prior to the February 2007 Knox County Commissioner Court meeting tentatively scheduled for February 12th, 2007. The County of Knox reserves the right to refuse any or all bids received. All vehicles are currently registered to Knox County.

Vehicles are located at the Knox County Sheriff's Office, 104 South Stewart, Benjamin, Texas.

/s/ Dean W. Homstad
Sheriff
Knox County

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Hunt Oil Company, Fountain Place, 1445 Ross at Field, Dallas, Texas 75202-2785 has applied to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Strawn Lower and Strawn 5400' formations in the S. B. Burnett Estate Lease Well Number N-76A. The proposed injection well is located 17 miles southeast of Guthrie, Texas in the Anne Tandy (Strawn 5400) Field, King County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5196' to 5430'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Knox County Hospital District will hold a public meeting at 5:00 p.m. on February 5, 2007 at Knox County Hospital, 701 South 5th Street, Knox City, Texas, regarding the submission of an application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development for loan/grant assistance in the amount of \$137,313.00 to be used to upgrade the radiology department. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the general public an opportunity to become acquainted with the project and express their views.

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