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Eight Properties in Knox City "Condemned" by City Council

By Tamara Smart



Everyone knows them. The dilapidated buildings around town that are not only eye-sores, but fire-hazards for neighboring structures and makeshift sanctuaries for pesky varmints, rodents and insects are found in every town across the world. At the last City Council meeting in the City of Knox City, 8 properties which had been thoroughly inspected by Knox City Chief of Police, Harry Steen, and Fire Marshall,

Buddy Curd and brought to the Council for consideration to be condemned. One of the properties in question was the old Knox Inn located at 400 S. Central. Apparently in the years that it has been vacant, a horde of rodents and other pesky animals has moved in, as well looters have had a "free-for-all" tearing the facility slowly apart. There are weeks growing up through the floors in parts of the buildings, and it looks as though several of the once rentable rooms have

become "party" rooms for unfavorable activities.

The council voted unanimously to place a "condemned" label on the Knox Inn as well as the buildings/trailers/structures located at 800 NE 4th St., 707 NE 5th St., 106 NE 5th St., 207 NW 5th S., 207 NW 4th St., 306 SW 4th St., and 105 SE Ave F.

The Council, Police and Fire Departments will now consider what further actions to take on these properties.

The Weather Siren at Knox City Hall will now be blown every Monday at 12:00 (noon) in order to make sure that it is working appropriately before the time comes when it is needed. Be sure to remember at noon on Monday to listen for the Siren!!!!

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Knox County Stock Show Results

By Tamara Smart

Steers, sheep, and Swine, OH MY!!! That exhilarating feeling that Dorothy must have felt as she walked toward Oz is nothing compared to when a youth feels the thrill of getting to show off months and months of hard work with his or her animal. This was the case at the Knox County Stock show, where youths are not the only ones who get the reward of a sense of accomplishment, but a whole family can relish in a job well done. On Friday and Saturday in the Knox County Show Barn located in Munday, the excitement was undoubtedly everywhere as children from all over the county brought their animals that they have painstakingly cared for, fed, exercised and groomed over the past months to prepare them for Showing. For two days; pens of bunnies, cocky chickens, parades of pigs, shorn sheep, lines of lambs and stocky steer were examined by David Farquhar, the notable Knox County Show Judge and an Ag Science teacher in Throckmorton. In many cases, Mr. Farquhar took the microphone to let the on looking spectators know how difficult his decisions were, as so many fine specimens were on the show floor.

Unlike Dorothy who wore her red ruby

slippers, the winners of the breed champion and showmanship awards were given a different garment to wear showing their honor... a belt buckle with the Knox County Stock Show emblem etched into it.

The winners and participants of the show are as follows:

2010
 KNOX COUNTY JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW
 January 15-16th
 Friday's Results

POULTRY SHOW

Broilers

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 1 Christian Abila | Grand Champion |
| 2 Michael Wilburn | Reserve Grand |

Champion

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| 3 M. J. Abila | |
| 4 M. J. Abila | |
| 5 Michael Wilburn | |
| 6 Ryan Ledesma | Sr. Showmanship |
| 7 Ryan Ledesma | |
| 8 Christian Abila | Jr. Showmanship |

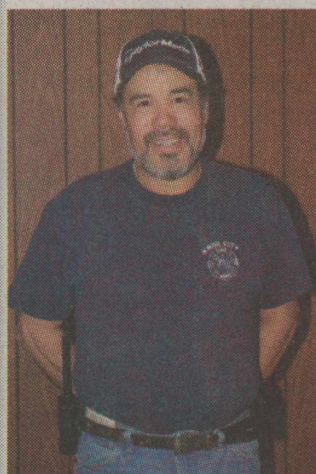
RABBIT SHOW

Pen of Three Fryers

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| 1 Sonora Escamilla | Grand Champion |
| 2 Rebecca Rodriguez | Reserve |
| 3 Rebecca Rodriguez | J r |

See RESULTS on page 3

Domingo Garcia Elected Knox City Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief



Domingo "Mingo" Garcia is the newly elected Fire Chief of the Knox City Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo by Tamara Smart)

By Tamara Smart

Most people who live in Knox know Mingo Garcia. He has served the Knox City community as a volunteer for the better part of a quarter century. He is a proud Knox City High graduate. And for the 2010 calendar year, "Mingo" (as he is commonly known around town) will serve the community of Knox City and surrounding areas as Fire Chief.

This is not Mingo's first

go at the Fire Chief position, during his 23 years on the KCVFD, he has been Fire Chief several times. Last year, he served as a captain.

During his time acting as Fire Chief, Domingo hopes to "keep people informed of the weather conditions" especially in the upcoming tornado season. To do this, Domingo and the Knox City City Council voted to begin blowing the siren every Monday at noon so to test it's functioning ability, as well, Domingo hopes to work toward getting another siren on the Southwest side of town (near the County Club) so that the entire City can hear the warning siren in case of ominous weather approaching the city.

Also, Chief Garcia has in mind some ideas that the Department would like to see happen to the Fire Hall. A new front door would make the maneuvering of equipment be more effective and less hazardous. Thoughts have flown through the Fire Hall to extend the back portion of the yard behind the Hall with a covering of sorts in

order to protect some of the equipment that is as of now at the mercy of the elements.

Domingo has dedicated a good part of his life to the Department and bettering himself and his firefighting brethren. He has attended many schools throughout the years and is probably a Level 2 instructor. Hopefully, the Department will have quite a few opportunities to continue their schooling so they can be as prepared as possible when they are called upon.

Currently, the volunteer Fire Department has 20-22 guys volunteering. Fred Ledesma, the previous Fire Chief is now service the Department as their Assistant Fire Chief. Bill Stewart, Jack Sanders, Teddy Espinosa and Alex Ledesma are the Captains.

All in all, the department hopes to continue to serve the community like they have been.

In March, the Ladies Auxiliary for the Knox City V.F.D. will hold their annual golf tournament to raise funds to benefit the Fire Department.

LOOKING AHEAD

The Knox County Retired School Personnel will meet on Tuesday, January 26th, at 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church of Benjamin. After a short business meeting to elect delegates to the TRTA state convention in Arlington, the group will move to the Knox County Museum to view the exhibits. Members are encouraged to attend this important election meeting.

Democratic candidate for governor Felix Alvarado will be visiting with Knox County residents in Knox City at the high school cafeteria on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at 2:30pm. Mr. Alvarado is a veteran of the Vietnam War and served twenty-one years in the United States Air Force. He is a public educator and administrator in Ft. Worth. You can find out more at his website (<http://felixalvarado.com>) or the Knox County Democratic Party's site (<http://knoxcountymocrats.org>).



Photo by Konnie Kuehler
 Exhibitors show their goats during the 2010 Youth Project Show. See more photos on page 10.

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MENUS FOR JAN. 26TH TO JAN. 30TH**

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| Monday Jan. 26th Chicken Strips/Gravy Fiesta Corn Steamed Broccoli Biscuit Pudding | Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Hot Rolls Cobbler |
| Tuesday Jan. 27th Chef Salad Baked Potato Crackers Cherry Delight | Friday Jan. 30th Taco Soup Cheese Sticks Salad Cornbread Dessert |
| Wednesday Jan. 28th Bbq On A Bun Tater Tots Baked Beans Cake | Alternate Desserts For Diabetics Please Call In Your Orders By 10 A.M. To 657-3618 Orders Cant Be Taken After 10 A.M. And Need To Be Picked Up After 11 A.M. |
| Thursday Jan. 29th Roast Beef/Gravy | |

Museum News

Fronted by mesquite trees and a long porch just two blocks east of the Knox County Courthouse, the Wichita Brazos Museum and Cultural Center building draws local and out of county visitors. Over 700 people visited the Museum in 2009. It represents a long held dream of a historical museum come true for the people of Knox County. It was made a reality by past and present Knox County residents, friends, and the families of Knox County pioneers through such events as the annual barbecue now set for Sunday, February 7, 2010.

The barbecue is one of the longest held events which helped raise a building and now helps support and operate the historical museum, to preserve the history of this land, from the time it was covered by a salty sea to the present.

Last year's museum schedule began with the barbecue in Feb. and after the barbecue each of the eight communities was ask to plan and prepare an exhibit related to that community's history. By June exhibits were up and included early photographs, historical documents, early newspapers and artifacts from Indian times through the coming of cattleman and farmers. All community exhibits were completed in time for the grand opening, June 27, 2009. The programs master of ceremonies was Benny Grill and with Dr. Scott White as guest speaker. Over 200 guests toured the museum and viewed the exhibits.

Other fund raisers included a homemade ice cream booth at the Watermelon Festival in Knox City, a garage sale and hamburger stand at the Munday Perry Patton Center, yearly historical calendars, cookbooks, pot holders, postcards, and note cards, and our newest items are the Knox County collage of historical sites.

The museum staff and members have diligently been collecting new names of veterans for the Knox County veteran's information albums, and had the usual big celebration Nov 11, of Veterans Day plus the hamburger meal. At the barbecue you will get the usual delicious meal, and see the new historical calendars on Knox County Business's. Purchase a cookbook with brief histories of each of Knox County's towns, or take part in the silent auction, and maybe win a door prize.

Come enjoy the meal, get in lots of visiting and maybe take home some barbecue to eat while you're watching the Super bowl. And by the way, Feb. 7 the museum will be open from 10:00 - 3:00.

God's Promises

By Jim Reid, Pastor
O'Brien Baptist Church



I truly have a great respect for farmers. They are an incredibly positive-minded, goal oriented work force. They understand the necessity of discipline in all they have to complete. When it is time to do what needs to be done, they do it! I'm sure that many of those decisions and the understanding of the disciplines required come from years of experience. But it is also connected to seasons of harvest time. Harvest waits on no one.

I was studying this week upon the teachings of Jesus in many of his parables about planting seed in soil. Parables are simply spiritual truths told through an everyday experience. When Jesus would finish a particular teaching through a parable He would say, "He who has ears, let him hear!" His truths are meant for everyone to hear, but Jesus knew that everyone would not listen. We can miss out on so much knowledge and wisdom by not knowing God's word. Experience can and will teach us many things if we respond to the circumstances and consequences in a positive manner. Our disciplines are reflected in how we respond to the circumstance. Our hesitation to make a decision becomes trapped in the consequence.

Can we change our circumstances? Yes most of the time. Can we prevent many of our consequences? Yes, if we don't repeat the cause of the circumstance. Can we develop the disciplines to do both? Without question, if we will depend upon the truths of Christ! Listen to Him say, "he who has ears, let him hear!" The opportunity to hear is very much like the harvest of a crop...there comes a time that He waits on no one!

I pray that you experience the love of God every day in every way.

Rochester Woman's Club News

The Woman's Club met on January 6, 2010 in the Club House at Rochester. Roll call was "A country you would like to visit and why?" Officers were elected for the next two years. Modelle Barton was elected President; Marguerite Gauntt, Vice President; Jane Short, Treasurer; Mary Johnston, secretary/reporter. Committees for the following two years are Year Book: Verlene Stegemoeller, Ada Pope, Betty Thompson; Projects: Marguerite Gauntt, Elaine Glover, Frieda Fly, Lillian Hicks; Nominating Committee: Gerri Newberry, Sharon Mullino, Jo Evelyn Patterson, Daisy Hayley. Projects projected for the following year are: (1) Promote cleanup and beautification (2) M.D. Anderson, (3) Encourage voting and assist in transportation, (4) donation to cemetery association, (5) building our club membership, and (6) scholarships for Rochester graduating seniors

to go to college. The program for the day was presented by Elaine Glover and Verlene Stegemoeller. Elaine and Verlene along with Sammie Loper and Verlene's daughter, Susan Stegemoeller, all went to see the fall foliage in and around Boston and New England area. They saw many interesting sights as well as learned how maple syrup is made. They toured several states and brought back beautiful pictures. It was an exciting trip for all of them.

Hostesses for the day were Gerri Newberry and Betty Thompson. Refreshments were served to the following members present: Modelle Barton, Elaine Glover, Mary Johnston, Marguerite Gauntt, Sammie Loper, Gerri Newberry, Sharon Mullino, Anna Lou Shaver, Jane Short and Verlene Stegemoeller.

Stocker Cattle Health

By Anthony Munoz -
County Extension Agent

In Knox County stocker cattle play a vital role in the agriculture industry. Stockers have ranged from a business worth anywhere from \$14 million and above the past few years in Knox County alone. With this in mind, a person can only imagine how much can be lost due to sickness or death loss. Keeping the cattle alive, healthy, and gaining weight is paramount to avoid losing profit.

When dealing with stocker cattle or any type of beef animal there are many different diseases that can effect the animals well being. One surprising type of death loss for many stocker cattle comes from tetanus.

Tetanus is a clostridium (Clostridium tetani), much like the clostridial disease known as "blackleg". There are different companies that make a 7 way vaccine to prevent clostridium diseases, such as black leg. Many producers administer the 7 way vaccine on all their cattle; however, the vaccine does not help prevent tetanus. Fortunately, there is a tetanus anti-toxin vaccine and tetanus serum that is available to combat the problem. Take into consideration though that the vaccine takes a few weeks to work whereas the serum does not.

As many people know tetanus exists in the soil and is found in the intestines of

most livestock, the tetanus clostridium is then transferred to the soil through manure. While in the intestines the clostridium is harmless because there is too much oxygen present. Tetanus will become a problem when there is little to no oxygen available. This is usually seen when a human or animal punctures themselves with a nail or sharp object, the nail punctures the skin and infects that wound with the tetanus clostridium. When the object is removed the skin will close and heal up preventing oxygen from entering. The chances of the animal catching the disease are slim if the wound stays open for a longer period of time. If the wound heals over fast the probability of tetanus will then rise. The clostridium will be able to harbor and reproduce causing the production of a poison that attacks the nervous system. Once this occurs it can result in the loss of the use of extremities, cause lock jaw, or even the inability to breathe.

When cattle step on a nail or receive a puncture wound and go to lay down or step where an animal has defecated, they now have a chance of getting tetanus. Even a knife or scalpel commonly used for castrating that has not been properly

sterilized may spread the disease. Many producers use rubber bands to castrate their cattle in which there is no puncturing of the skin. Unfortunately, tetanus is present in the intestine of the calf and can travel through the bloodstream into any parts of the body, including the testicles. When the bands are placed on the scrotum it then cuts off any circulation and oxygen available causing the clostridium to produce.

There are preventative measures that can be used to help hinder losses from tetanus if it has been a problem for your operations in the past. This is not meant to alarm any body, but only to allow cattle operators to be a little more cautious when handling their livestock. Remember to always use a good disinfectant on equipment (Scalpels, banders, ear notchers, needles, etc.), be very careful when castrating and working livestock whether it is stocker or cow/calf, and veterinarians always recommend use of a tetanus anti-toxin shot on all calves or livestock being worked.

If there are any questions about tetanus please feel free to come by or contact the Knox County Extension Office at 940-459-2651 or contact your local veterinarian.

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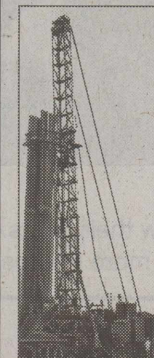
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Shoes. They're magic. No, don't tell me

If you're young enough, they can make you run very fast. When I was 5, my PF Flyers could almost make me fly. They helped me at least match the speed of my friends, who wore rival Keds.

If shoes aren't magic, why else do they play such pivotal roles in fairy tales and other children's literature, movies included?

Consider Dorothy's shoes in "The Wizard of Oz." Her ruby red slippers were the ultimate in miraculous footwear and now are as collectible as Rembrandt paintings. Several pairs exist. MGM used more than one pair to film the movie. When Dorothy's slippers have sold at auction, they've fetched sky-high prices. One pair is missing, stolen from the Judy Garland Museum in Minnesota.

What do you do with stolen goods like that? It's not like anybody could peddle those shoes on eBay.

We digress. How about Cinderella? Her glass slippers were magic too. She couldn't have nabbed Prince Charming without the one that fell off her foot. (If you think he nabbed her, think again.)

The stories of both Cinderella and Dorothy were among my own childhood favorites. But I also read comic books and played outside, taking shoe cues from the likes of Mickey Mouse. Forget his plump yellow slip-ons. In my mind's eye, I see Mickey wearing lace-up red tennis shoes, bold and colorful. I bought a pair of whimsical thick-soled red ones not too long ago. Mickey made me do it.

what we see and how we think as children doesn't stick with us forever somewhere in our psyches. I think Nike would agree with me. If that company didn't mix some shoe magic into its marketing strategies, what kind of advertising would we be seeing? We might be forced simply to analyze cross-sections of shoe soles. Boring. Instead, we draw inspiration from famous accomplished Nike-wearing athletes. We can do it too!

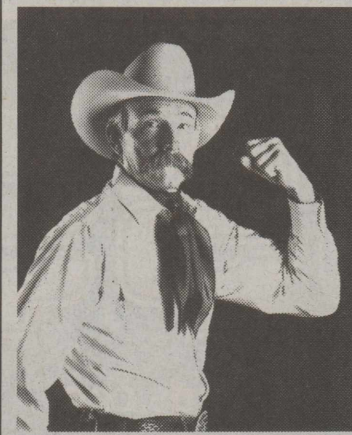
But just this week, it wasn't Nike whispering in my ear when I bought a pair of boots at Dillard's. More like Rumpelstiltskin. The boots looked like they'd jumped straight out of a medieval fairy tale. No wonder they jumped right off the shelf and onto my feet.

OK, that's not exactly how it happened. Who can wear the smaller-than-average Cinderella size on display? Not me. (In the men's shoe department, do they use larger-than-average sizes to sell shoes?) Ultimately, the sales clerk found a pair in my size - a sign from God I was meant to buy the boots, albeit with the option of returning them if my husband threatened to leave.

As for Rumpelstiltskin, the boots are a play on words, rumbled from their uncharacteristically short tops almost to their fat toes. As for the heels, they're sort of feisty, rather like cowboy boot heels. Heels count.

Bottom line, my husband didn't make me take the new boots back. He almost likes them.

Somewhere buried in his psyche there must be an inner child. Meanwhile, he's got me.



**ON THE
EDGE OF
COMMON
SENSE**
by Baxter Black,
DVM

**GOOD DEEDS
GONE AWRY**

Most of us in our daily lives have occasion to be a good Samaritan. It's a tenet in the Cowboy Code; to be kind to the less fortunate, to help someone in need. Selfless deeds like stopping to help a stranded motorist, feed the neighbors dogs and horses while they are away, or euthanize an old cat...well, maybe I shouldn't count that as a good deed, but I am a veterinarian!

However, in spite of our good intentions, our generosity can backfire! Like offering to tune Willie Nelson's guitar, or painting someone's car while they were away, or as a surprise, cutting down the big oak tree in the neighbor's yard so they can have a better view of the reclaimed open pit mine.

There are many versions of friends helping friends who are doing something in the dark that needs illumination; like siphoning gas, or adjusting the acetylene torch, or sticking a bloat! I can still hear the scratch of a match and Hank saying, "Here, lemme hep ya! as my trocar penetrated the swollen rumen! The explosion lit the night sky, sterilized the surgical field, set the brim of my hat on fire and singed my moustache! But, he meant well.

I ran into Scott at the Wheat Growers meeting. He reminded me that he had come to a poetry gathering I had done in Ogden, UT. He had worried that he would not be able to get a good seat, tickets were scarce. "But," he said, "to my good fortune I managed to get a single on the fourth row center!"

"It was great," he told me. "There were lots of fancy lookin' cowgirls prancing down the aisles, boots shinin' and curls bouncin'. Maybe one or even two would have the seats next to mine!"

Five minutes before the curtain rose he heard the usher escorting an elderly lady down the aisle with her walker. They stopped at the end of his row. Those seated rose so she could work her way to the seat right next to me! The usher stood her walker in the aisle.

Scott said the lady was nice and laughed a lot. She managed to stand up during the patriotic piece, and then later at the conclusion of the show. As she stood to leave, she tottered and seemed to collapse! Scott slid his hands underneath her armpits and caught her. She was so light, so frail, he remembered. She said something he didn't catch and then toppled over again! Once more he stepped in to save the day!

"Why don't you just sit down and I'll go get your walker," Scott offered.

She turned to look at him and said, "I was trying to tell you, sonny, the usher's got my walker and is waiting for me. And if you'll just let me pick up my purse, I'll go!"

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RESULTS

- Showmanship
4 Brady Finley
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Single Fryer
1 Sonora Escamilla
Grand Champion
2 Brady Finley
Reserve Grand Champion

LAMB SHOW

- Medium Wool
1 Kristen Kuehler
Reserve Grand Champion
2 Brooke Jones
Medium Wool Cross
1 Kristen Kuehler
Grand Champion
Jr. Showmanship
2 Blake Jones
Sr. Showmanship
3 Brooke Jones
4 Blake Jones

**Saturday's Results
SWINE SHOW**

- BERKSHIRE**
1 Zach Shaver
Breed Champion
2 Callie Cude
Reserve Breed Champion
3 Cody Propps
4 Landon Lynn
5 Preston Lynn

CHESTER WHITE

- 1 Kristen Kuehler
Breed Champion
2 Shannon Reeves
Reserve Breed Champion
3 M. J. Abila
4 Chase Wilson

LT. WT. DUROC

- 1 Alexia Jimenez
Reserve Breed Champion
2 Brittney Gonzales
3 Sheldon Baty
4 LaQuita Roberson
5 Lyndon Baty
6 Jaylon Roberson

HVY. WT. DUROC

- 1 Tori Everson
Breed Champion
2 Katelyn Baker
3 Payne Stanfield
4 Alexia Jimenez
5 Katelyn Brown
6 Skylin Ledesma
7 Lyndon Baty

LT. WT. HAMPSHIRE

- 1 Kolbey Brown
Reserve Breed Champion
2 Rocky Smith
3 Callie Cude
4 Madison Thompson
5 Cody Propps
6 Bandy Moeller
7 Reagan Clark

MED. WT. HAMPSHIRE

- 1 Bandy Moeller
2 LaQuita Roberson
3 Tori Everson
4 Toni Brown
5 Christian Abila
6 Tylynne Eaton
7 DustIn Ledesma
8 Jarek Wilde
9 Rocky Smith

HVY. WT. HAMPSHIRE

- 1 Shannon Reeves
Breed Champion
2 Sierra Boyd
3 William Moorehouse
4 Christian Abila
5 Ryder Dillard
6 Jaylon Roberson
7 Alexia Jimenez
8 M. J. Abila

POLAND

- 1 Conner Whitaker
Breed Champion
Jr. Showmanship
2 T. J. Moore
Reserve Breed Champion
3 Katelyn Brown
4 Sheldon Baty

LT. WT. SPOT

- 1 Katelyn Baker
2 William Moorehouse
3 Melissa Rogers
4 Lyndon Baty

HVY. WT. SPOT

- 1 Skylin Ledesma
Breed Champion
2 Kendall Thompson
Reserve Breed Champion
3 Whitney Collins
4 Brittney Gongales

YORKSHIRE

- 1 Bandy Moeller
Breed Champion
2 Shannon Reeves
Reserve Breed Champion
3 Kendall Thompson
4 Jade Brown
5 Taylor Wilson
6 Ty Baker

LT. WT. CROSS

- 1 Kendall Thompson
2 Chase Wilson
3 Jade Brown
4 LaQuita Roberson
5 Kolbey Brown
6 Lori Sepeda
7 Sierra Boyd
8 Cheyanne Roberson

MED. WT. CROSS

- 1 Austin Valimont
2 Tanna Moeller
3 Cody Propps
4 Cody Propps
5 Shannon Reeves
Sr. Showmanship
6 Jordyn Eaton
7 Lori Sepeda

HVY. WT. CROSS

- 1 Tanna Moeller
Breed Champion
Grand Champion
2 Kristen Kuehler
Reserve Breed Champion
Reserve Grand Champion

3 Rocky Smith

- 4 Trey Ledesma
5 Elissa Sepeda
6 Caleb Barrientez
7 Madison Thompson

STEER SHOW

- 1 Logan Groves
Grand Champion
Sr. Showmanship
2 Grace Tidwell
Reserve Grand Champion
Jr. Showmanship
3 Trey Tidwell

Anthony Munoz, the new Knox County Ag extension agent, had this to say about his first County wide stock show as a county Agent: "I was very pleased with everything. I was pretty excited coming into the weekend since it was my going to be my first county stock show as a county agent and I am looking forward to next year.

"I'm not sure on how many animals there have been in the past, but I was pleased with the number of participants there were. The quality of animals were good compared to other county shows I have been to. The kids take very good care of their animals. You can tell that they put the time and effort that it takes to care for these animals.

"As the judges were saying, You can't just take a few minutes a day right before the show for you to start working with your animals, it takes long nights and weekends to get to know your animals flaws and strengths and know how to showcase them.

"I would like to thank all of those who helped get everything set up for this years show. The county for providing dirt for the show arena, Konnie and Bryan Kuehler at 4-K Feeds for donating the shavings for the pens, Todd Wilson for announcing the show, and Rick Moeller for auctioneering. I apologize if I forgot to mention any other names.

Furthermore, I would like to recognize those individuals on the Knox County Livestock Show Board. These members spend hours throughout the years at meetings preparing and setting rules, selecting judges, and any other items regarding the following years county show. Members are Tyler Thompson (Chairman), Bryan Kuehler (Vice Chairman), Louis Baty (Secretary), Pam Reed (Treasurer), Randy Bob Cypert, James Propps, Randy Smith, and Leon Burkham." There will continue to be stock shows in other counties and districts in the next few months for the youth to show off their animals.

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Hardeman County Memorial Hospital is seeking an experienced director of nurses for its Home Health agency. Director would be responsible for the day to day operation of the agency, including: staffing, supervision, budget control, and emphasis on patient care and marketing. Home health and supervisory experience are required. Must be patient-focused and understand rules and regulations in regard to home health. Director will be expected to maintain a patient load. Excellent pay and benefits. For an application or more information, contact Crys Eason or Jaime Mathews at 940-663-2795, or stop by 402 Mercer, Quanah, TX. HCMH is an EOE. Position open until filled. (1-TFN)

Hardeman County Hospital District Alternatives Program is looking for a Full-time position for LMSW/LPC/LCSW. Looking for licensed master's level counselor/therapist who loves working with older adults. Team focused. Experience in Psychiatric settings and group therapy preferred. Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., no on-call. Excellent pay and benefits. If interested please, request application contact Crys Eason, HR at 940-663-2795. Applications accepted until position filled. HCMH is an EOE. (1-TFN)

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Aarons Sales (CSR) Customer friendly person to train in sales

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We are looking for kitchen help. If you are interested in applying please contact Patsy Spier at the Hedley Senior Citizens on main street or call 856-0143. We can pay salary or if you are 55 or older we can get you hired thru Senior Service of America out of Amarillo. We also could use volunteers. (2-TFN)

The Collingsworth County Sheriff's Department is accepting applications for part-time dispatcher help. Call (806) 447-2588. (3-TFN)

Help Wanted: The City of Wellington is now accepting applications for a position in the Water and Sewer Department. High School Diploma / GED, Texas Drivers License Class C required. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 802 10th St., Wellington, Texas. For further information you may contact Jon Sessions at (806) 447-2544 or come by the City Hall. The City of Wellington is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (3-TFN)

Come join the team at Collingsworth General Hospital. CGH is taking applications for a Full-Time Housekeeping Director. This person must be dependable and trustworthy. Experience is a plus but not required. Applications available at CGH Business Office or for more information please contact Candy Powell at 806-447-2521. (3-TFN)

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HOUSE FOR SALE—3 bedroom, 2 bath, large utility. Lots of storage. Large corner lot. \$71,000 REDUCED \$65,000. 801 W. Tennessee. Call 806-983-2040. (6-TFN)

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# BENJAMIN NEWS

By Gladene Green

Finally we have some pleasant weather- It's Spring-like this Monday morning- a reminder that before long we'll be watching the sky for the dreaded West Texas thunderstorms. But for now, we couldn't ask for a better day.

**Basketball**  
Last week was a pretty good week for the Mustangs and the Lady Stangs as they took to the round ball court. Both games were here at home. Tues. night, Chillicothe was here & went home with two losses. Then on Thurs. nite our southern neighbors (K.C.) were over for the games. The Benjamin girls won but our boys suffered defeat at the hands of the Greyhounds.

This week's games are both away from home- Tues. nite they go to Northside &

on Fri. they will play Crowell, also there.  
**Sympathy Sent**

I send sympathy to Beverly Speck & her family & Martha Whitford & her family this week. Both these friends lost their mother this past week. Beverly's mom's funeral was yesterday in Rule & Martha's mom's was earlier in the week. Also, sympathy to the family of W.D. Welborn of Munday who also passed away last week.

Here 'N There  
Congratulations to our local kids who participated in the county show this past weekend in Munday. Also, congratulations to all the youth who were part of this busy time.

Chris Stroop of Midland spent Wed. night with her mom, Lorene Powers. On

Thurs, they & Gloria West attended the funeral of Geneva Bragg in Paducah. Lanham & Jess Jones & Canyon were in Bristol, Va. last week for the funeral of her grandfather. Lanham returned home Sat. nite & Jess remained for an extended visit with family. We extend sympathy to Jess and her family at this time of sadness.

Mike and Dorothy Moorhouse attended the funeral of James Cooper in Seymour on Sunday.

I talked to Sybil Simmons on Sat. She's doing fine- Lives in the Nursing Center in Crowell. Says she likes it. She misses her home but knows she's better off not having to care for her own place.

Imagean Young had hip replacement surgery in Wichita Falls today. Is doing great & very glad to have it over with. Mot sure how long she will be in the hospital.

There were several items of Christmas news missed in this paper because somehow it got lost- Don't know what happened- Just know it never got in the paper, So I'll try again!

Mitzi and Shane Welch, Mitchell & Heath finally made it to daughter, Misty Jones & her family (they live on a Ranch between Crowell and Paducah) on Christmas Day. The snow was deep, but by going through pastures & other uncharted territory, they made it & had a great time.

Mary and Jack Young spent Christmas with their daughter, Debbie Neill & family in Boca Raton, Fla. They got home Dec. 28, missing our "Christmas blizzard".

Judy and Randolph Barnett were busy during Dec. The early part of the month they were in Bartlesville, Okla. for an early Christmas with his son, Rusty & family. On Dec 29, Rusty & family left for Anchorage, Alaska where they will make their home. A job promotion prompted the move and they are very excited about it. And Randolph & Judy will have a great vacation destination to look forward to.

After Christmas, Dec 29th, Judy & Randolph were in the Lubbock area for lunch & gift exchange with her sons, Jeff & Jim Bob Conner & their families. Jeff lives at Wofforth and Jim Bob lives at Slaton. Then on New Years Eve Jim Bob, Charlie & Madelyn were here so all in all (bad weather, etc) everything turned out great.

Karson & Sharon Bivens of Tatum, N.M. spent New Years weekend with Lorene Powers. They were en route home after a few days visit with his daughter, Lezlie & family in Minnesota. Said it was "wintry" up that way but no bad road til they got close to Wichita Falls when they began to see some bad "spots".



# BENJAMIN SPORTS

## Lady Stangs Beat Houndettes

Last Thursday, The Lady 'Stangs met the Knox City Houndettes on Mustang ground, and then proceeded to play an amazing game. The final score showed the Lady Stangs up 16 points after four quarters of high-energy play.

The final results for the game were:

Lady Stangs- 44 vs. Knox City- 28  
Becky Baldwin- 16  
Chloe Baty- 9  
Teri Miller- 9, 18 rebs  
Raquel Acevedo- 9, 4 assist, 4 steals  
Jesse Vanderpol- 1

## Mustang Men Minus Northrup; Lose to KC

Mustangs- 38 vs. Knox City- 60  
Dylan Benson- 15  
Mathew Acree- 11  
Cody Propps- 8  
Dusty Stevens- 2, 9 rebs

In the game against Chillicothe earlier in the week last week, the Mustang basketball team was lead by Derrick Northrup who had an exceptional game with 27 points and 17 steals. Northrup really gets his teammates going with his energy on the court. Late in the game against Chillicothe, Northrup hit his head on the wall and has a concussion. He will be out 7-10 days.

This was apparent when the Mustangs men met up with the Knox City Greyhounds only two days later, on Thursday. The Mustangs came out playing hard against the Greyhounds, but were missing some speed on the court without Northrup, inevitable losing this round against their rivals.

## Mustangs Learn Lesson in Sportsmanship while defeating Chillicothe

Lady Stangs- 47 v. Chillicothe- 32  
The Scorers were as follows:

Becky Baldwin-13  
Raquel Acevedo-13  
Jesse Vanderpol-10  
Teri Miller-7  
Shelby Russell-2  
Chloe Baty- 2  
Mustang Men-59 v. Chillicothe- 38

The Score was earned with points scored from the following Mustang men:  
Derrick Northrup- 27, 17 steals

Dylan Benson- 15  
Cody Propps- 7  
Mitchell Welch-6  
Jonathan Rainwater-4

A Note From Coach McCollough: "I also wanted to add that at the end of the game with 1:30 left and we were up by 21, one of our players got hurt. This was a head injury and while I was attending to the player, Coach Ramsey (of Chillicothe) made a stand-up move and let the clock run out without attempting any shots. He showed great character. This was a lesson taught that was more important than the game itself."

**Thanks for Reading!**

## Legal Notice

City Bid Notice

City of Knox City will be taking Sealed bids to purchase the property located in the Betty G. Davis Addition, Block 4, parts of lots 7, 8, & 9, this being on the corner of Main and NE Ave G. This is a quitclaim deed. Bids will be taken until 5:00 pm on Friday, February 5, 2010. For more information call City Hall, 940-658-3133. Council reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened on February 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm at the regular council meeting.

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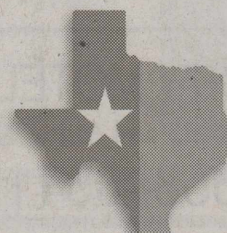
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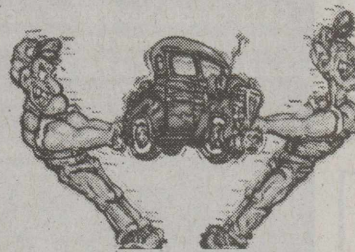
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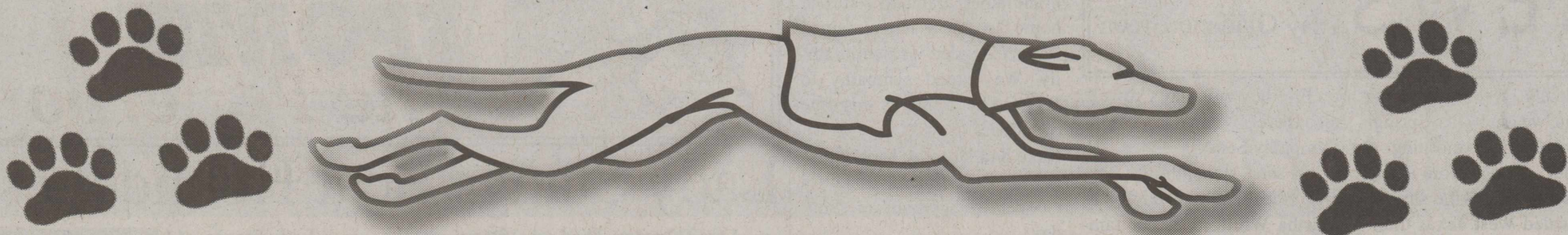
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# KNOX CITY SPORTS



The Houndettes fight for a rebound in basketball action recently.



The Benjamin Lady Mustangs put up a shot in a win over Knox City above and below



## Greyhounds Beat Crowell and Benjamin, Now 2-1 in District play

|         | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Crowell | 6   | 14  | 11  | 19  | 34    |
| KC      | 7   | 7   | 10  | 10  | 50    |

Knox City Scorers- Abila 20, Coleman 12, Jones 8

Other Stats- Abila & Coleman 11 rebounds each

Coaches note: We struggled offensively early but got some easy buckets of the press that helped spark our offense. They were a physical team and we knew that fouling would be an issue. We worked through some early fouls and took it at them offensively, which allowed us to get to the free throw line. We missed some free throws early on but made them late in the game and sealing the victory.

|          | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Final |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Benjamin | 12  | 6   | 6   | 14  | 38    |
| KC       | 13  | 19  | 10  | 18  | 60    |

Knox City Scorers- Coleman 21, Abila 19, Jones 12

Other Stats- Jones and Coleman 5 Rebounds each, Coleman 4 steals

Coaches note: again we struggled early and Benjamin shot well to begin the game, we played good defense during the 2nd qtr and most of the third allowing us to get a big lead. I was proud of my starters for playing hard early and allowing the younger guys some time to play. They understand that they are helping continue a winning tradition by allowing the younger guys to get playing time now. I was also proud of my sophomores for the intensity they showed on defense. They still turn the ball over too much on offense and need to develop more confidence when they take the floor. Overall it was a good game for everyone.

Overall record 15-5, 2-1 in district.

## Houndettes 1-2 in district

On Tuesday, January 12th, the Houndettes met Crowell in the Knox City gym. After a long devastating struggle, the Houndettes were defeated by the Crowell Ladies, final score: 64 to 26.

Reagan Clark was the high scorer in that game with 12 points. Brittney Gonzales and Lacey Pierce earned 6 each, Laura Vasquez won 2 points and Brianna Thomas put 2 points on the board during this game.

Only two days later, shorthanded because of player ineligibility and injuries the Houndettes had another defeat to scar their district record, after losing a battle with the Lady Stangs in the Benjamin gym. Losing by 16 points to the Lady Stangs, the Houndettes

played a harrowing game.

Brittney Gonzales was the high scorer in that battle with 9 points, followed by sophomore Cassidy Carter who earned 7. Reagan Clark and Lacey Pierce both scored 4 points. Laura Vasquez and Brianna Thomas each earned 2 points toward the final score.

The next game for the Houndettes is Tuesday night versus Chillicothe (at Chillicothe). Only 6 Houndettes are available to suit up, again, and this should prove to be an interesting turn of events for the Ladies during the district tournament.

Friday, the Houndettes will take on Harold in the Knox City gym, promptly following the Jr. High games.

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# OPINION

## Where Was the World When Haiti Really Needed It?

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson  
Opednews.com

The heartbreaking and pathetic scene I and a group of other American visitors witnessed at the small beach town in Northern Haiti still haunt me. We had no sooner arrived at the beach when a contingent of Haitian police and local officials frantically waved away a throng of the town's residents who had poured onto the beach to hawk food, trinkets, and carvings, and tattered clothing items, but mostly to beg. Their torn tee shirts and ragged shorts, and emaciated, hollow eyed looks bespoke of more than Haiti's legendary, world leading poverty. It spoke of the sheer, utter desperation to get anything from those they regarded as rich foreign tourists.

The tormenting scene that I and thousands of other visitors to Haiti have routinely witnessed routinely during the past decade has become the national emblem of Haiti. Yet, it took a murderous earthquake, clips of bodies sprawled in the streets, a collapsed palace and shanties, torn streets, and the shocked expressions on children's faces for the US and legions of public agencies and private donors to leap over themselves to promise to send an armada of food, medical supplies, clothing, building materials, construction teams, security forces and cash to Haiti.

Why did it take a natural tragedy for this? Haiti's sorry history of American occupation, brutal dictatorial and military rule, the flood of refugees trying to escape the nation's destitution, the perennial food crisis's, the wave of devastating hurricanes that tore through the country in one month in 2008, the US, Canada and France's meddling in the nation's internal politics, and the grinding poverty is well known.

Haiti's corrupt, repressive military rulers and government officials get standard blame for the country's chronic poverty and bankruptcy. There's much truth to that. But Haiti is also a relentless victim of crushing and never ending debt servitude to the IMF and foreign banks, vicious labor exploitation, and the blind eye US aid policies that stunt Haiti's farm and manufacturing growth.

The nation's debt burden would sink virtually any developing nation. Haiti is compelled to shell out nearly \$1 million a week to pay off its debt to the World Bank and the IMF; debt incurred by the Papa and Baby Doc Duvalier regimes and their successor military governments in the early 1990s propped up by the US. Half of the loans were given to the Duvaliers and the other dictatorships. They squandered the cash on presidential luxuries with barely a cent going to development programs for the poor.

In 2008, World Bank President Robert Zoellick in reaction to massive outcry from

government officials and Haitian activist groups publicly pledged to forgive part of the nation's debt totaling a half billion dollars. The Bank reneged on the promise. The money could have bankrolled a vast expansion of healthcare, nutrition and feeding programs, supplies of clean water, and rebuilding the country's badly frayed infrastructure.

The United Nations has hardly been a benevolent force to aid the country's development and Democratic rule. The UN yearly shells out \$600 million to maintain its 8000 peace keepers.

Yet when the hurricanes ravaged the country the UN force did not dispatch amphibious units, build temporary bridges, or provide trucks or equipment to provide emergency help to Haitians in distress.

US AID has come under intense fire for turning a blind eye to corporations and contractors who ignore basic Haitian labor, human rights, minimum wage and environmental laws, shun service providers, and invest only a relative pittance of profit back into Haitian small businesses, manufacturing, and food production. This is a particular sore point given Haiti's near total reliance on foreign food imports has resulted in famine, near starvation, and food riots.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization report that with proper investment in food production the country is more than capable of feeding its 8.5 million population.

In 2008, a coalition of US and Haitian human rights groups flatly accused the US of aiding and abetting corruption in the country. It demanded that then President Bush and Congress determine which US corporations and Haitian officials pocketed and benefited from the more than \$4 billion USAID and their sub-contractors spent from 1994 to 1998. They demanded to know who profited and enriched themselves from the over \$8 billion dollars spent following the US engineered overthrow of democratically elected President Jean Aristide. The groups charged that the systematic looting of the country's treasury did not end with his ouster. Their demands fell on deaf ears.

A colossal earthquake brought the world to Haiti's doorstep. The questions though are why did it take that? And what will it take for the world to stick around after the rubble is cleared and help transform Haiti into the democratic, self-supporting nation it can be?

*Earl Ofari Hutchinson is an author and political analyst. His forthcoming book, How Obama Governed: The Year of Crisis and Challenge (Middle Passage Press) will be released in January 2010.*



## The Paperboy

By Christopher Blackburn

### A Colossal Change

Several changes are here as you may have noticed already in today's issue. The Colossal Classifieds are now a weekly feature in seven newspapers: The Floyd County Hesperian-Beacon, Hall County Herald, The Hollis News, The Knox County News, The Post Dispatch, The Childress Index and Wellington Leader.

So how can Colossal benefit you at home? Say you need some cash and need to sell your 1966 Ford Mustang. The Colossal Classified can now offer you over 22,000 readers for \$6.75. Have you ever mailed 20,000 pieces of mail? The audience you can reach for the price will be very attractive for a large portion of our readership.

In order to pull this off, we had to designate certain pages in each newspaper. The Colossal pages are identical in every publication. The pages before and following Colossal will be exclusive for your local newspaper.

We decided to subdivide certain categories such as "services" and "garage sales." Doing so by county lets the reader know to contact someone in proximity to them.

Colossal is a great deal for businesses covering large areas as well. I would assume that real estate agents could see a great benefit placing classified display ads in Colossal. That rate is also a steal. The potential is huge, especially when you consider that over 50,000 additional readers will be viewing Colossal online each month!

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Since Colossal is a large undertaking each week, our deadline is noon Monday. Any classified ad turned in after that time but before the final deadline for your newspaper, will be placed in the "Too Late to Classify" section of the paper.

We understand there will be growing pains, so we ask that you be patient as we get the bugs worked out. That is the truth in any endeavor, and we will work to get any problems resolved in a timely manner.

Why Colossal? The last year has seen hard-working people and businesses struggle like never before for reasons they had no control over. Blackburn Media Group is serious about our readers and local businesses. We are thinking of new, innovative ways to market customers for maximum effect. We want to provide the most efficient and affordable ways possible so our customers can get the most bang for their buck!

We are blessed with many resources in our area - oil, natural gas, cotton, wildlife, wind, and hard working people. Believe it or not, our area has real growth potential and Colossal is a great way to exploit that potential.

We're excited about The Colossal Classifieds. We think we can grow it - in terms of the number of pages - and the number of towns it's distributed in. Simply put, we are using our technology and economies of scale to help customers reach across an untapped market through print and online media. We know you'll enjoy the change!

### NRCS Accepts Applications for Protection Program

TEMPLE — The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is accepting applications for the Farm and Ranch Lands Protection Program (FRPP), a voluntary conservation program that helps farmers and ranchers keep their land in agriculture.

Eligible entities can apply at any time, but must submit applications on or before March 1, 2010, to receive consideration for initial funding in fiscal year 2010.

FRPP provides funds to help purchase development rights to keep productive farmland in agricultural uses. Working through existing programs, the NRCS joins State, tribal, or local governments and non-governmental organizations to acquire conservation easements.

Only eligible entities may submit applications of eligible farm and ranch land. Eligible entities are State, tribal or

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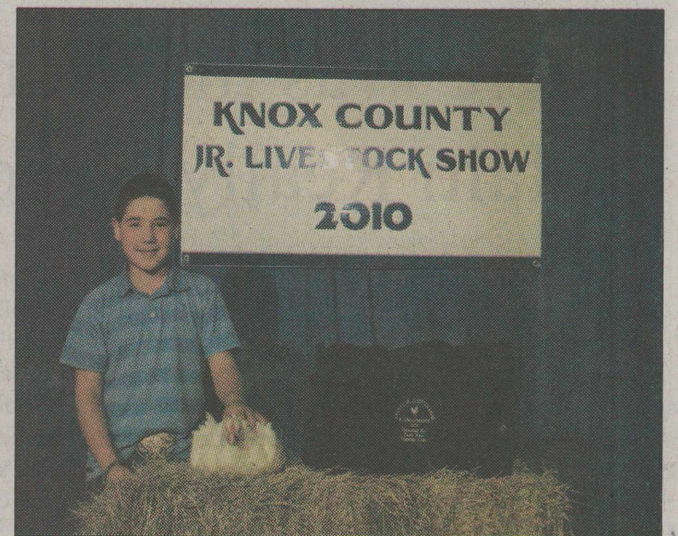
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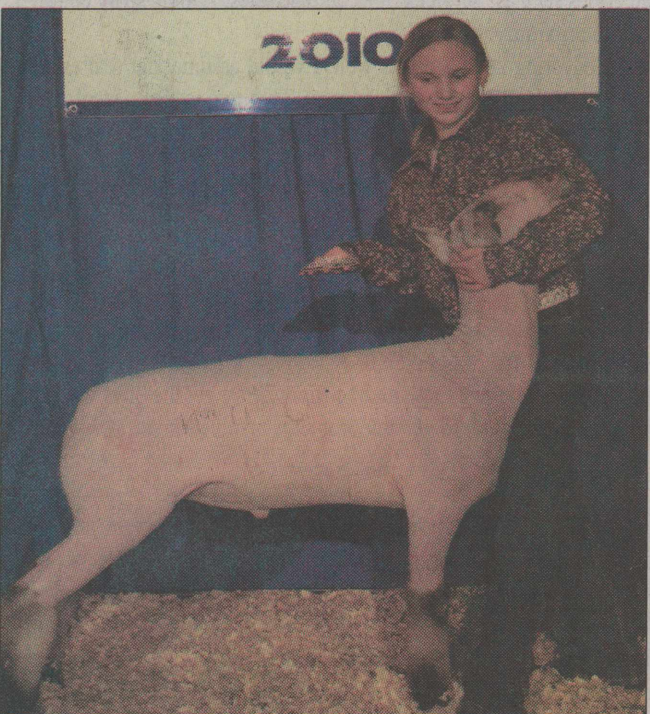
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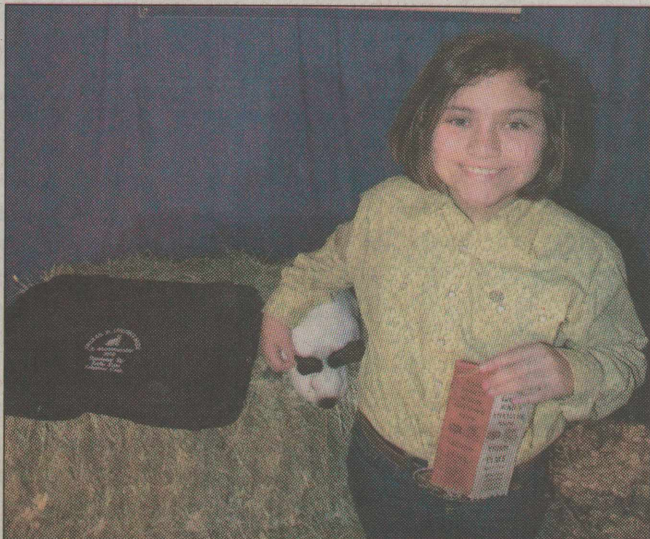
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