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Open For Business

The MDH Community Pharmacy officially opened on January 15



Patrick Osterman

MACOMB, IL – A 20-month construction project was finalized on Wednesday (January 15) when the McDonough District Hospital Community Pharmacy opened its doors.

The Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony in the afternoon as members of the MDH Board of Directors, administration, staff, and community leaders attended the event.

This project was first conceptualized five years ago but was put on-hold during COVID-19. The groundbreaking ceremony for the Community Pharmacy was held in May 2023.

“Our MDH Community Pharmacy is a project that has generated a lot of excitement. Anytime you have a brand new facility construction located in a high-visibility area right in front of the hospital, people enjoy seeing the construction progress. This Pharmacy is north of \$8 million dollar investment in our community, and one of the perks of our Pharmacy is all dollars spent will stay here in our community. Our Community Pharmacy has generated a lot of interest from the providers on campus and people in the community who keep asking us when the opening was going to take place,” said Bill Murdock, **See MDH on page 2**

SRC Community Chorus Kicks Off 20th Anniversary Celebration

The SRC Community Chorus kicks off its 20th anniversary year with a new logo and the announcement of a summer concert in conjunction with the City of Canton, Illinois's Bicentennial celebration this June. Participation in the concert is open to anyone.

“We look forward to offering the edu-concert *Some-where Over the Rainbow: Songs of the Dust Bowl*,” Artistic Director Carol Davis said. “The concert, directed by John L. Davis, highlights an extremely **See SRC on page 7**



20th Anniversary Logo
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MDH President & Chief Executive Officer.

“Our vision for the Community Pharmacy is to serve not only our patients but all residents of west-central Illinois by providing outstanding customer service. We’ve been saying during the construction process, building a Community Pharmacy with a Drive-Thru on the MDH campus provides a convenience to anyone who needs a prescription filled following an appointment. Patients have choices on where to have their prescriptions filled, we believe if you choose to use our Community Pharmacy you’ll be impressed and want to come back again.”

MDH’s newest facility will be open seven days a week: Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from 1-1:30 p.m. for lunch on the weekends).

“We want to say Thank You to everyone who has called and messaged us Congratulations on the Community Pharmacy opening. We appreciate all the support, especially the crowd that attended the Macomb Area Chamber ribbon cutting ceremony,” said Community Pharmacy Director Nicole Dziuba, PharmD. “This is an exciting time with our doors now open to bring our high level of Pharmacy services to Macomb. It was a lot of work to get to that point for a grand opening, now we want to work even harder to meet the Pharmacy needs of our patients. We are thankful for the volume of patients who have already contacted us to transfer their prescriptions.”

Patients may transfer their prescriptions to the Community Pharmacy by letting their existing pharmacist and prescriber know, or by notifying the Community Pharmacy staff. The MDH pharmacists will handle the transfers at the patients’ request.

MDH will offer Free home delivery as well as a 90-day supply for qualifying prescriptions.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to say Thank You to all involved in the Community Pharmacy project. A lot of hard work went

into this Pharmacy opening its doors, especially among our MDH staff,” said Jere Greuel, Chairman of the MDH Board of Directors. “We appreciate hearing the comments from the community surrounding the Pharmacy’s opening and there is a level of excitement as we open our doors. There is convenience of having a Pharmacy with extended hours right next to the hospital and provider offices, and offering free home delivery. We encourage the public to visit our Community Pharmacy and see what they have to offer.”

Also available at the Community Pharmacy:

- Medication synchronization to have all your prescriptions filled on the same day each month
- Family member profile linking
- Immunizations
- Medication Therapy Management counseling, including counseling on supplements and over-the-counter medications
- Compounding services
- Veterinary prescriptions
- Prior authorization assistance
- Over-the-counter items
- Long Term Care Pharmacy services
- Free Rx flavoring – great for many children’s medicines
- Most insurance plans are accepted

The nearly 10,000 square foot building (9,845 square feet) is located just south of the Hospital’s main entrance (official address of 533 East Grant Street).

To use the Pharmacy Drive-Thru feature, patients must enter on the south side of the building and will exit to the north.

Local coffee business Bold Brew House has a walk-up window inside the Community Pharmacy building. Coffee and select specialty drinks are available weekdays at the newly opened Bold Brew House Co. 533 (Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m.).

For more information on insurance coverage and prescription transfers call the Community Pharmacy at (309) 575-4679.

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Q: Why are horses so sleepy?

A: They’re always hitting the hay!

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Death Notices

Edith "Luan" Barry

93, of Macomb

Edith "Luan" Barry, 93, of Macomb, passed away peacefully at Grand Prairie of Macomb.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:30 pm on Tuesday Jan. 28, 2025 at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home with Rev. Kelly Ingersol officiating. Visitation will be on Monday Jan. 27, 2025 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm also at the Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home. Burial will be held privately at the Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to the family of Luan Barry. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

William (Bill) David Stoneking

85, of Utica

William (Bill) David Stoneking, 85, of Utica, Ill., passed away peacefully on January 18, 2025.

A funeral service will be held on 1:00 P.M. Saturday, January 25, 2025, at Jones Funeral Chapel, (217 E Depot St., Colchester, Ill.). Burial will follow the services at Hutchinson Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 12:00 PM to 1:00 P.M. on Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to: Hutchinson Cemetery, In Care of Lyle Hickman, 309 Young St. Colchester, IL 62326. The family will hold a celebration of life in Utica, Ill., at a later date to honor Bill's remarkable life and legacy. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Carolyn Kay Carr

82, of Bushnell

Carolyn Kay Carr, 82, of Bushnell, Illinois passed away on January 18, 2025 at 7:08 AM at Courtyard Estates of Bushnell.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. Memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday January 24, 2025 at the Bushnell United Methodist Church with Pastor Randy Burwell officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday January 23, 2024 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Bushnell United Methodist Church or the Bushnell Fire Rescue Squad. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Death notices (name, death date and services) run free of charge. Families who wish to have a complete obituary published in the Tuesday or Friday Community News Brief newspaper (including picture, family, work history, hobbies and other information) should request the Community News Brief to the funeral home that is handling the services OR submit it directly to commuitybrief@gmail.com. Cost is \$45 and includes a laminated copy of the obituary.

Robert W. "Bob" Quesal

85, of Utica

Robert W. "Bob" Quesal passed away unexpectedly at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis on January 14, 2025.

A celebration of life will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Macomb at 10:30 AM on February 1, 2025 with a lunch reception to follow at Chubby's, which was Bob's favorite place.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the New Shelter Building Campaign for the Humane Society of McDonough County (<https://www.hsmcil.org/building-campaign/>) or to the National Stuttering Association (<https://www.westutter.org/donate-to-the-nsa>).

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Seth E. Haines

47, of La Harpe

Seth E. Haines age 47 of La Harpe, Illinois, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in Springfield, Illinois.

Funeral services will be 1:00 P.M. Friday, January 24, 2025, at the Jones Funeral Chapel with Pastor Gunther Weaver. Burial will follow the services at Bethel Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Thursday at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home from 8:30 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. Thursday. Memorial is to the family of Seth Haines. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Deanna Jo Huston

65, of Macomb

With a deep and profound sadness, we announce the passing of Deanna Jo Huston on Monday, Jan. 6 at 12:50am.

Deanna donated her earthly body to Genesis Whole Body Donation Foundation for educational and research purposes. She will be cremated, and a celebration of life will be announced in the future. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Mary R. Ault

94, of Bushnell

Mary R. Ault, 94, of Bushnell, IL passed away on Jan. 14, 2025 at The Elms Nursing Home in Macomb.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. There will be no services. Private burial of ashes will be held in Bushnell Township Cemetery. Martin-Hollis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

Samuel H. Porter

90, of Ipava

Samuel H. Porter, 90, of Ipava, IL, left the world peacefully at home surrounded by his family on the morning of Jan. 17, 2025.

Services will be held at Ipava Presbyterian Church in Ipava on Thursday, Jan. 23rd, 2025, at 11 AM. Pastor Charles Walden will officiate. A visitation will be held at Ipava Presbyterian Church prior to services on Thursday the 23rd from 9 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be in the Ipava Cemetery. Military Rites will be provided by Ipava American Legion Post #17. Memorials may be made to the Ipava Presbyterian Church or the Ipava Fire Department.

Harold Herbert Edwards

87, of Macomb

Harold Herbert Edwards, 87, of Macomb passed away at on Monday, January 13, 2025 at McDonough District Hospital in Macomb.

Private burial services were held at Camp Creek Cemetery along with a Celebration of Life held at the First Presbyterian Church in Macomb. Memorials may be made to the Great Rivers Presbytery.

Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home in Macomb is in charge of arrangements. You may leave condolences and sign the guest book online at clugston-tibbitts.com.

Virginia Louise Hundley

91, of Macomb

Virginia Louise Hundley, 91, of Macomb, IL passed away on Saturday January 11, 2025 at Wesley Village in Macomb.

Funeral services were held Friday, January 17, 2025 at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, where visitation was held one hour prior. Pastor Jim Eddy officiated. Memorials may be made to Wesley Village Healthcare or MDH Hospice. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

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Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen

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Community Calendar

Blandinsville

SATURDAYS

Story Hour & Crafts

Saturdays at The Blandinsville-Hire Library at 10 AM. Snacks will be available. Check out the many new kids and young adult books. Spend some time at the library and take a book home to read!

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Youth Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church Youth Program every Wednesday for 5th thru High School students from 4pm-5:30pm.

EVERY THURSDAY

After-School Program

Blandinsville First Christian Church After-School Program every Thursday for Kindergarten through High School students from 4:00 pm until 5:00 pm.

Bushnell

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Story time for young learners

Every Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 The Bushnell Public Library hosts Story time for young learners. We read, practice nursery rhymes and finger plays, do a craft, have a snack and enjoy practicing social skills.

JANUARY 28TH

Friends Feeding Friends Meal

We will be serving a free meal on January 28th from 4:30-6:30PM at the Community Christian Center. Donations accepted but not expected.

SATURDAY, FEB 1

VFW Breakfast

Serving from 7-10 a.m at the Post 1422 Hall located at 181 E. Hail in Bushnell. We provide on-site, takeout, and curb service. For takeout and curb service please call 309-333-9919. We are serving biscuits and gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes and French Toast.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14TH

VFW Valentines Day Dinner

4:30-8pm at the Bushnell VFW. Reservations required by Feb. 7th, call 309-337-8768 or 309-371-7171.

Colchester

EVERY MONDAY

Move & Groove and Story Hour

Move and Groove is held from 9:45-10:45am Music & physical literacy skills help prepare early learners. Story Hour is held from 10:45-11:45 with stories, songs, crafts and fingerplays.

Macomb

FRIDAY, JAN. 24

Macomb VFW Fish Fry

4-8pm at the VFW Post 1921, 1200 E. Jefferson St., includes fish or chicken, baked beans, potato salad for \$12.

SATURDAY, JAN. 25

IL S3DA Crooked Creek Indoor Regional

10am-3pm Illinois S3DA Crooked Creek Indoor Regional at Crooked Creek Outdoors, 1025 W Grant St, Macomb, IL.

Benefit for Robert Hotto

from 4-7pm at the Macomb 4-H Center. Meal \$4 donation and Live Auction. Hotto has been diagnosed with cancer and must travel to St. Louis for recurring treatments. To donate a bank account has been set up @ United Community Bank, Robert Hotto Benefit Donation Account. For more information contact MS B Deford 309-333-2389.

Shooting For The Stars Live Pro Wrestling

at Destination 6 Pro Wrestling, 136 W. Carroll St., Macomb. Tickets will be available online through cash app or at the Destination 6 Arena. Doors open at 5:15 for VIP tickets and 5:30 for general admission, show starts at 6pm. No outside food or alcohol will be allowed.

Glow in the Dark BINGO

The 2nd Annual Glow in the Dark BINGO Night date is set for 7pm at Macomb Elks Lodge. This year you can buy your tickets in advance to guarantee your spot! Tickets can be purchased for tables of 6. Event by McDonough County Ag in the Classroom and Macomb Elks Lodge #1009.

Gold Hills Golf Club 1st Soup Cook Off

Join in for the 1st Soup Cook-Off at 3pm. Whether you're a soup connoisseur or just hungry, this event is for you. Bring your favorite soup or just your appetite and get ready to taste some delicious soups.

SATURDAY, FEB. 1

St. Paul Music Trivia Night

at 6:30pm at St. Paul School Gym. \$20/person, 8 player teams. \$250 for corporate table with perks. Call 309-833-2470 for more information. Register online at <https://form.jotform.com/243166494805160>

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

Winter Farmers Market

Macomb Farmers Market monthly indoor Winter Market inside Macomb's American Legion hall (on E. Washington between Campbell & Randolph) from 8:30 to Noon.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

Caring and Connections Brunch

The Lamoine will have a monthly brunch on the 2nd Wednesday of each month called Caring and Connections. This will be a monthly overview of a topic that affects the elderly. Our first brunch connection will be held Wednesday, December 11 at 10am. We will be reviewing the services of The Lamoine. Each month will cover a new topic with time for guests to socialize over a light breakfast.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Casino Night

The Humane Society of McDonough County CASINO NIGHT will be held at Macomb's Park Place, 127 E. Carroll St. on March 1, 2025 from 7-10pm. All funds raised go towards the construction of a new animal shelter for McDonough County. We're rolling out important details about this year's event on our Facebook page!

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

HOWL260

Join the Macomb Educational Foundation and dueling pianos company HOWL260 at Park Place at 7pm to raise money to help support grants that directly support our local schools!

Carthage

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

Dave Danielson Benefit

at the Eagles Club in Carthage from 5-11pm. There will be a live auction, 50/50 drawing and DJ music by Peggy Day. Dinner will be served at \$10/plate. Dave is facing significant challenges after a recent diagnosis of diabetic retinopathy. For donations call or text Jennifer at 309-569-2440 or Lacey at 573-719-7377.

Plymouth

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

90's Music Trivia

at Pop A Top Again! We did the 80's now it's time for the 90's! Dress up your teams in your best 90's costumes for a chance to win cash! Teams of 8 \$100 (You can up to 2 additional players for \$15 each) Team of 9- \$115, Team of 10- \$130. No cell phones or smart watch's at the table. 100% payback

Prairie City

SATURDAY, FEB. 8TH

Firemen's Pancake and Sausage Day

at the Prairie City Fire station from 7-10 am for a free will donation. Can't make it for breakfast? Don't worry they will also be serving pancakes & sausage for dinner from 4-7pm.



The Café

Wednesday, Jan 22, 5:30-7:30pm Dennis DeVoulder
Wednesday, Jan 29, 5:30-7:30pm JT Doubet

The Forum/Two Dogs

On Jan. 24th come and enjoy two of country music's most talented contemporary songwriters, Cody Hibbard and Duke Oursler together in a very special showcase from 7-10pm at Two Dogs in downtown Macomb. Tickets: \$20 General Admission.

The American Legion

The Post 6 Big Band led by John Cooper plays from 7-9pm on Wednesday, Jan. 29 in the American Legion Post 6. No admission but there is a free-will offering during the shows.

Let the Sparks Fly Fundraiser

Live music by Captain Quirk at 7pm on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Bushnell Recreation Center, doors open at 5. Dinner by Rolling Smoke. Cover: \$15 single, \$25 couple. Meal ticket \$10ea. Proceeds help fund City of Bushnell's 4th of July fireworks.

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Death Notices continued from page 3

Richard (Dick) Frowein

94, of Macomb

Richard (Dick) Frowein passed away Wednesday, November 28, 2024 at Wesley Village in Macomb.

The family wishes to thank the staff of Wesley Village and MDH Hospice for the tender care Dick received in the last months and days of his life. Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Please sign guestbook or leave condolences at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Eugene W. Rector

91, of Ipava

Eugene W. Rector, 91, of Ipava, IL, passed away at 6:40 am on Monday, January 13, 2025 at his home.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 in the Baughman Cemetery in Smithfield. Pastor Mike Ulmer officiated. Military rites were conducted by the US Army Honor Guard and the Vermont American Legion Post #26.

Memorials in honor of Gene may be made to the Table Grove Fire and Rescue, Vermont Christian Church or MDH Hospice.

Read the full obit, sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.shawgomemorialhome.com.

Mary "Peggy" Foulk

89, of Macomb

Mary "Peggy" Foulk age 89 of Macomb, passed away Saturday, January 18, 2025, at Blessing Hospital in Quincy. She was born May 20, 1935 in Bowen, Illinois, to George Marvin and Marguerite Harmon Lathrop.

Funeral Services will be 1:00 P.M. Monday, January 27, 2025, at the Jones Funeral Chapel in Colchester. Burial will follow the services at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Macomb. Visitation with the family will be 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Sunday, January 26, 2025, at the funeral home. Friends may view and sign the register book at the funeral home after 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sunday.

Memorial is to McDonough County Animal Shelter. Condolences and memories can be expressed to the family at jonesmortuaryfh.com.

Diana L. Livermore

79, of Macomb

Diana L. Livermore, 79, of Macomb, IL formerly of Bushnell passed away at 6:24 pm on Sunday January 19, 2025 at the Elms Nursing Home.

Funeral services will be at 10:00 am on Thursday January 23, 2025, at the Martin-Hollis Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Eddy officiating. Where visitation will be Wednesday January 22, 2025 from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. Burial will be in the Bushnell Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Elms Nursing Home. Please sign the guestbook and leave condolences at www.martinhollisfh.com.

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- Bill Murdock, President & Chief Executive Officer



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Some of the country’s most beloved songs emerged from this era including The Red River Valley, Brother, Can You Spare A Dime, Stormy Weather, Dream, Happy Days Are Here Again, and Somewhere Over The Rainbow.” The concert also includes narration connecting Canton’s history to the history of the Dust Bowl era (c.1930-1936) as well as visual slides of photographs from the period.

Rehearsals are generally on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 315 W. Elm, in Canton. The first rehearsal is Thursday, February 27. Two concerts take place on Sunday evening, June 22 at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. as part of a 10-day celebration offered by the Canton Bicentennial Steering Committee.

For more information about Somewhere Over the Rainbow: Songs of the Dust Bowl, please email srccommunitychorus@gmail.com.

The SRC Community Chorus, a funding arm of the Spoon River College Foundation, offers quality choral and theatrical performances utilizing local talent while raising funds for named endowed scholarships. The Chorus will close out its 20th anniversary celebration year with a winter concert in December.

For more information about the SRC Community Chorus, please visit www.src.edu/chorus.



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Who needs to file? In general, if you are single, over age 65, and your non-Social Security income is more than \$16,550, or if you had any income tax withheld, you need to file a federal return. If you are filing jointly, that amount needs to exceed \$32,300. For those under age 65, the numbers are lower. You need to file an Illinois return if your income (not including pensions, IRA distributions, and social security) exceeds \$2775 per person or if you had tax withheld. If you are unsure if you need to file, leave your name and number and someone will discuss your situation with you.

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Before your appointment you need to stop by the Senior Center to pick up an intake form and a set of instructions. You need to bring identification and the filled-out intake form with you to your appointment. Bring all relevant documents you received including those that come in envelopes stating "important tax return document enclosed," information on any other income, and a copy of last year's return, if available. If you paid property tax, bring that bill.



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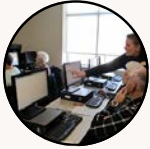
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* Cheerleading was once an exclusively male sport, and the first cheers, copied from military chants, began at Princeton University around the Civil War era.

* Porsche's first car, in 1898, was electric.
 * Motorola has developed an FDA-approved "edible password pill" which, once digested, is activated by the acid in your stomach and emits an 18-bit signal that is strong enough to communicate with and unlock all your devices.

* On Mars, no resource can be wasted -- not even our bodily waste. Urine will be recycled into drinking water and feces into fertilizer.

* Scientists can deduce information about a person's lifestyle, including their grooming products, food and medications, from the chemicals found on the surface of their mobile phone.

* The 1,400-page novel "War and Peace" was copied around seven times by Leo Tolstoy's wife, Sophia, by hand. Now, that's love!

* U.S. Marine John Kelly was the last person to be awarded two Medals of Honor. He ran 100 yards in advance of the front line and attacked an enemy machine gun nest, killed the gunner with a grenade, shot another man with his pistol, and returned with eight prisoners. He was 19.

* The only difference between a fog and a mist comes down to visibility: If you can't see farther than 100 meters, you're in a fog.

* As the planet heats up, flowers are emitting less scent.

* George Washington had one remaining tooth in his mouth when he was sworn in as the first American president in 1789.

* The sound of a Star Wars lightsaber was created by pairing the sound of an idle film projector and the buzz from an old TV set.

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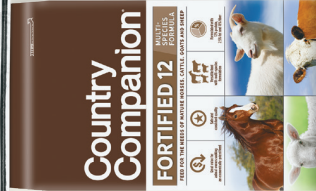


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