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## Cadet earns prestigious ribbon for aiding elderly man

By Bobbie Hayse Messenger-Inquirer 3 hrs ago

Abigail Roby is grateful for the skills she has learned in her four years as a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps that were put into action March 19 while she was having pictures taken at English Park.

At that time Roby, a senior at Daviess County High School, witnessed an elderly man falling out of his wheelchair and injuring himself. Her instincts kicked in, she kicked off her shoes, and she took charge of the situation.

For her efforts, she earned herself the Cadet Meritorious Achievement Ribbon, which she was given Tuesday in a special ceremony at DCCHS.

"I used the skills I learned here," the 17-year-old said. "I looked at (the photographer) and pointed and told her to call 911."

The other individuals present were panicking, but Roby was able to hold the man's bleeding head in her lap and talk with him until EMTs arrived.

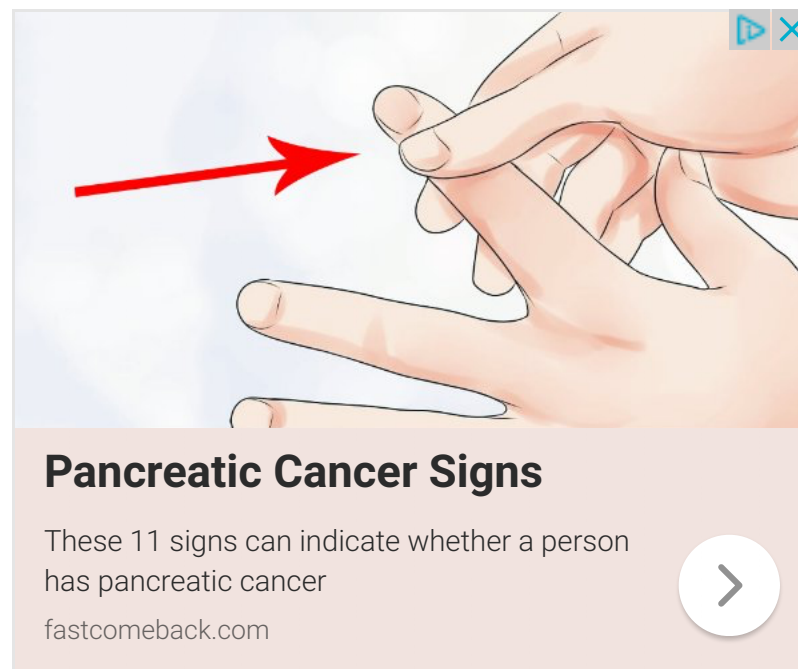
"You could tell everybody was woozy," she said. "I just had this man in my lap, and I kept talking to him."

Stephen White, Lt. Commander, retired, is the senior Naval Science instructor at DCHS who nominated Roby for this award. In his almost 25 years on the job, he has only given out five or six of these ribbons, he said, making this prestigious.

"Her example of meritorious achievement has set a standard that few cadets will ever be able to emulate, and are in keeping with the finest traditions of Daviess County High School, the NJROTC Unit, and the United States Navy," White said in a prepared statement he read allowed to those in attendance at the event.

After the ceremony, White said he is happy to see Roby get recognized in this way.

"Nowadays these kids get bad raps," he said, saying people often consider them lazy. "Here we have an individual that did this, and deserves this kind of recognition."




Matt Mason, DCHS principal, said there isn't a day that goes by where a member of the public informs him of a cadet performing an honorable act of service.

"You don't get the respect and recognition you deserve, but you show up every day," he said.

Roby said there were others present during the event that also rendered assistance, and she could not have helped in the way she did without them.

After graduation in May, she plans to attend Western Kentucky University and study chemistry and pre-med. She hopes to one day have a job in the medical field.

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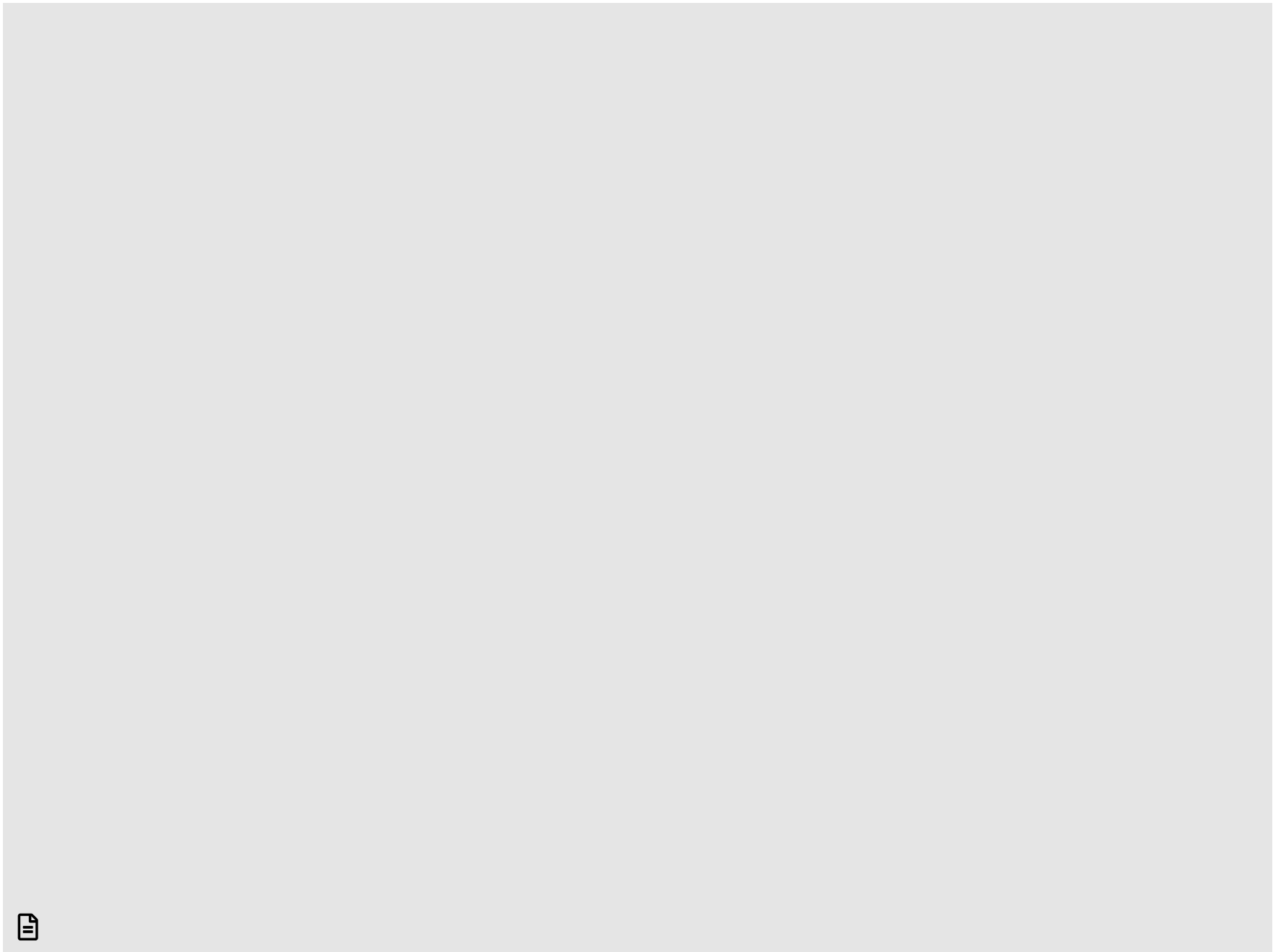


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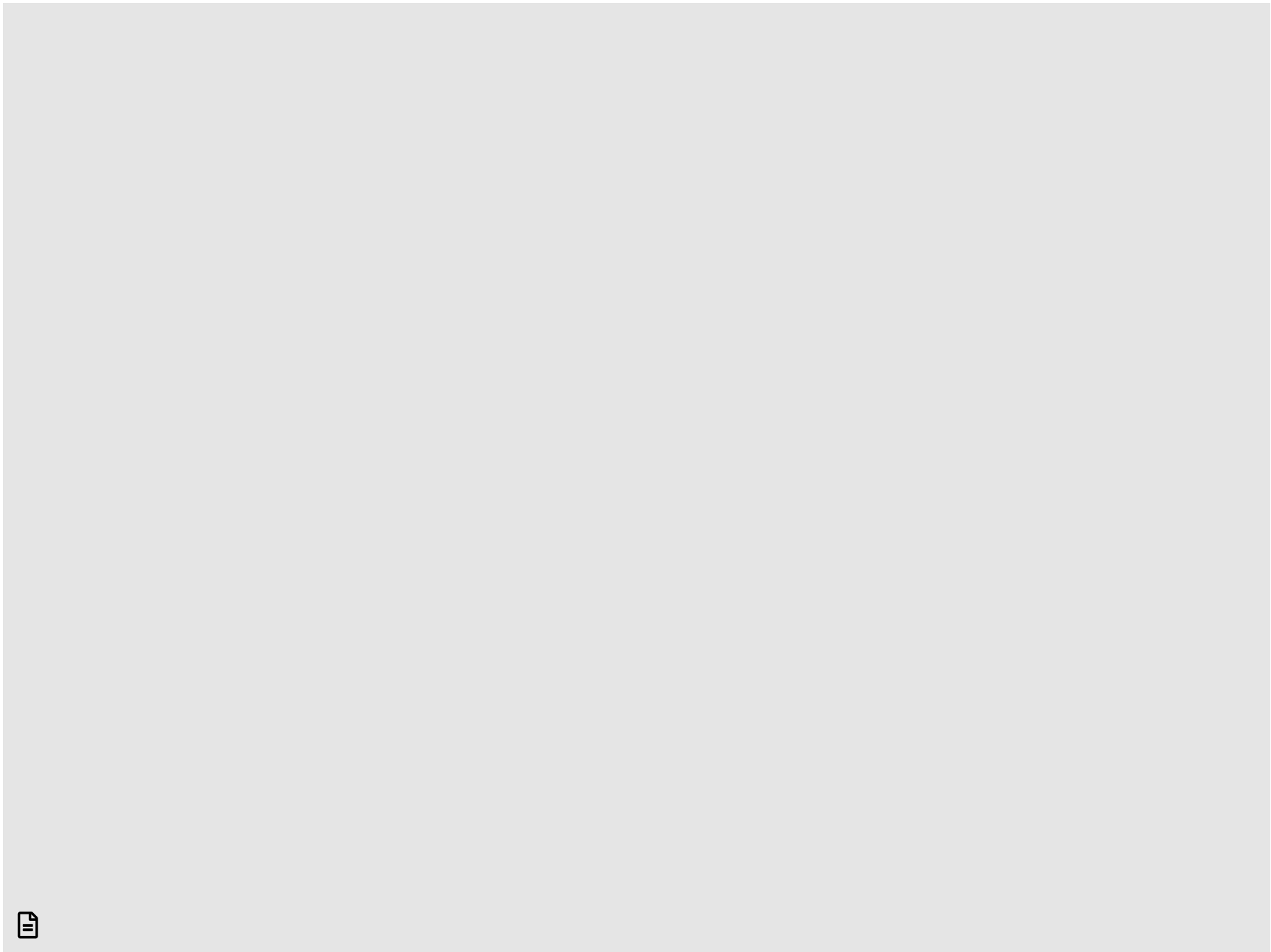
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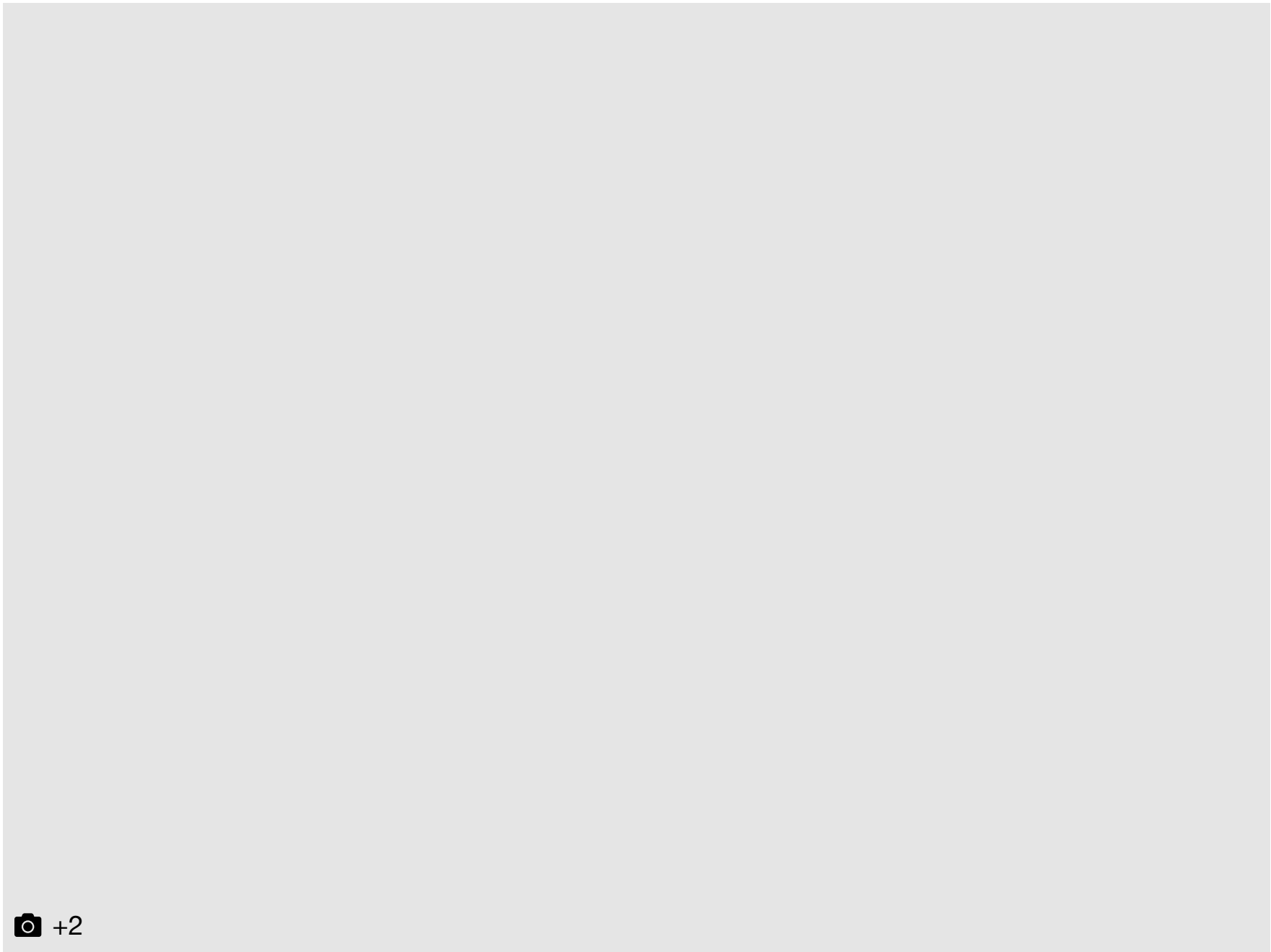
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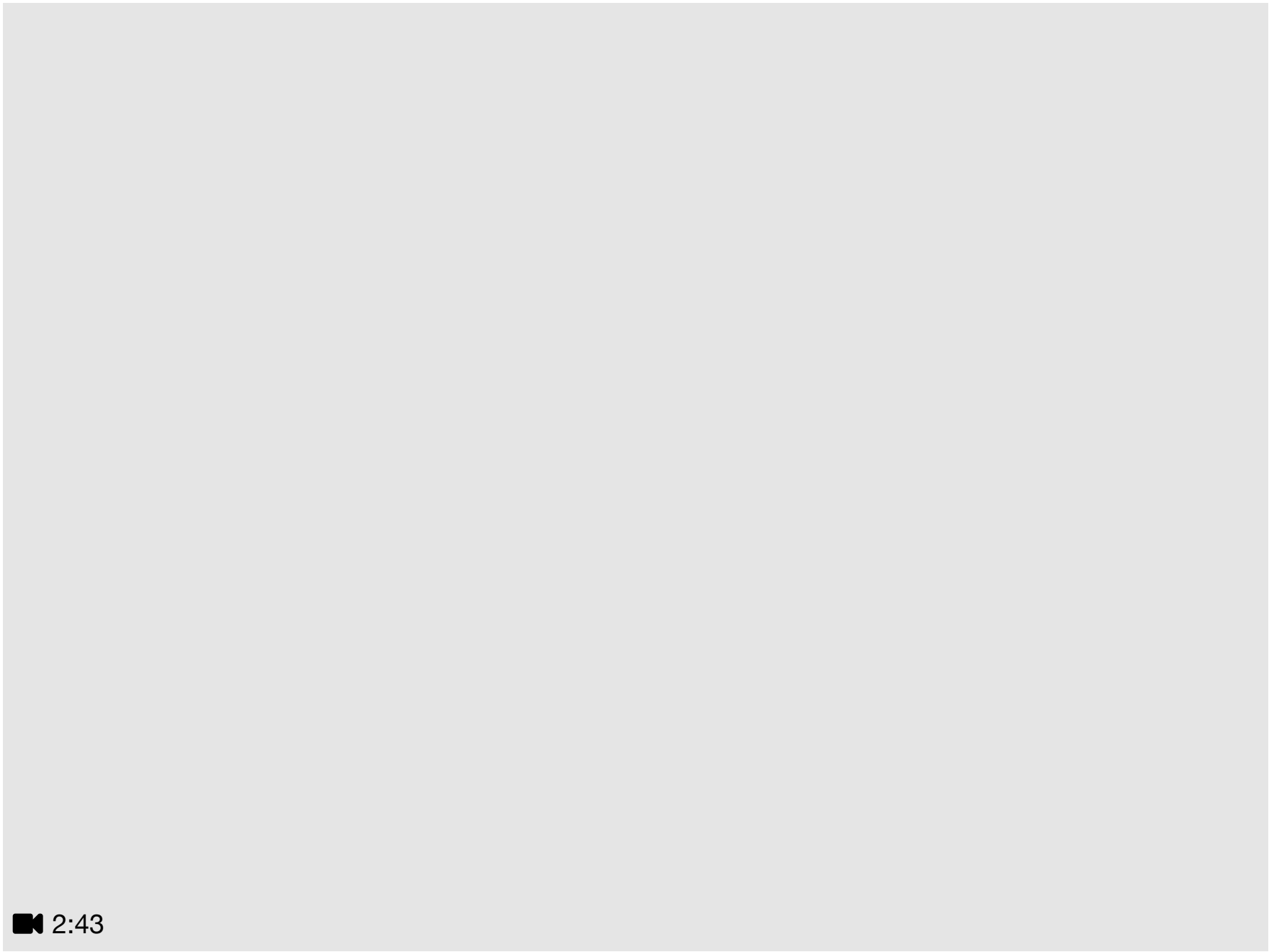
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