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A Note from Natalie Hedlund, County 4-H Coordinator:

THANK YOU to everyone who helped out at the 2023 Boone County Fair - exhibitors, leaders, superintendents, parents, and volunteers!

Many of you received trophies at the Boone County Fair. Please **remember to write thank you notes** to trophy donors and auction donors. 4-H Thank You notes were provided on all trophies and plaques. Addresses for trophy donors were in your exhibitor packet and can be found on <u>our website</u>. Please take the time to write a short note to the donor and possibly include a photo of you and your animal. This is very important for continued support.

Thank you to all the families that emailed photos from the fair to us for our social media and for the newspapers. Boone County Fair photos are posted on our Facebook page. Check out and "like" <u>our facebook page</u> today.

This newsletter includes information to help you complete records and to nominate yourself for awards. Remember-- your records should include everything you have done related to each project, not just the exhibit write ups from fair. The Yearly Participation Summary is the most important document in your records to complete. The Yearly Participation Summary was redesigned in 2019 to be more user friendly and understandable. We look at the Yearly Participation Summary to determine Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We also use the Yearly Participation Summary for many of the awards. When you are completing your records, don't forget to show what you have learned and how you have grown. DO NOT HAVE THE SAME GOAL EVERY YEAR!!!!!

Congratulations to the over 80 4-H'ers that showcased their Static, Fashion, Animals and Communications exhibits at the Iowa State Fair!

Our new 4-H Year will start on September 1st! That means that all members will need to re-enroll in 4-H for the new 4-H Year. I will be sending out more information on reenrolling in 4-H soon. Like past years, 4-H enrollment will be online through 4honline.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions regarding 4-H! natm@iastate.edu or 515.432.3882

Thanks for all that you do!!

- © Superintendents and committee members for preparing for, carrying out and following up on judged exhibits.
- © Club Leaders for everything you coordinate for your club members.
- © Boone County Fairboard for the wonderful facilities.
- Boone County Pork Producers for providing and grilling burgers for the exhibitors.
- © Boone County Cattleman for sponsoring the beef barn bedding, tags, donating the taco meat for the foodstand and also providing and grilling beef burgers for exhibitors!
- © **Leonard A. Good Trust** for sponsoring the carcass data collection for beef, sheep and swine.
- © **Key Cooperative** for sponsoring the overall Beef Pen of 3 Winners.
- © ISU Field Vet Services for providing vets during fair.
- © **Jeff and Barb Clawson** for coordinating and sponsoring the 5 Gallon Bucket Challenge
- © Vision Bank for volunteering for a couple of 4-H Foodstand shifts.
- Boone County 4-H Council for coordinating a really fun Ag Olympix, a scavenger hunt and for all their help during County Fair.
- © Landus Cooperative for the \$1,000 4-H Core Grant.
- Tim & Vicki Heiller for managing the 4-H Foodstand!
- © Kennedy Frazier and Heidi Hopper for being our 4-H Foodstand cooks!

Congratulations to the Iowa 4-H Hall of Fame Awardee, Lori Weyhrich!

Boone County 4-H is proud to honor Lori Weyhrich as their 2023 4-H Hall of Fame Inductee.

Lori, originally from Oklahoma, never participated in 4-H as a child. However, when her daughters expressed interest, the entire family fully embraced the program. Over the years, Lori has served in many roles, including 13 years as a Luther Livewires 4-H Club leader, 8 years on the Boone County 4-H Youth Development Committee, 3 years on the Recordkeeping and Recognition Taskforce, and two years as Dog Superintendent.

Lori was a valuable member of the Recordkeeping and Recognition Taskforce, contributing to the improvement of the Award Nomination Selection process. She played a key role in devising and experimenting with new Participation Summary Forms that were simpler to comprehend compared to the outdated recordkeeping form.

From a young age, Lori has found joy in working with horses and dogs. She has trained a few therapy dogs and is now a certified therapeutic riding instructor for people with disabilities at One Heart Equestrian Therapy. She has also passed on her love for animals to her daughters.

Lori is a person who is always ready to lend a helping hand wherever needed. For instance, when the Dog Committee was going through a transition phase, Lori stepped up and offered to take on the role of Dog Superintendent until a new one could be ap-

pointed. She continued to hold this position for a period of two years. Lori is known for creating a welcoming atmosphere and ensuring that everyone is appreciated for their hard work.

Lori is the proud mother of three wonderful daughters. She possesses a kind and generous spirit, which she has instilled in her children. As a result, her daughters have carried on this trait by actively volunteering with the 4-H program even after graduating. Lori motivates not only her own daughters but also others to explore new opportunities and pursue their interests with enthusiasm and hard work. Lori's heart is filled with generosity, and she always finds ways to give back to others. Lori's volunteer work has left a lasting impact on the lives she has touched in a positive way, ensuring that she will be remembered.



Herdsmanship Results

2023 Herdsmanship winners announced! All clubs with livestock exhibits at the county fair are given a herdsmanship score each day according to the following criteria: cleanliness of alleys, stalls, and pens; arrangement of exhibit area; and appearance of animals.

Here are the Overall Herdsmanship Winners:

Swine- Harrison Hilltop Hustlers Poultry- Madrid Merry Makers

Rabbit- Green Clovers **Beef-** Westside Hustlers

Dairy—Town & Country Pioneers Dairy Goat—Bluff Creek Wranglers

Meat Goat- Luther Livewires *Sheep*- Rural & City Newcomers

Horse- Boone Clover Pride

PO3/Herdbuiler-Rural & City Newcomers

Congrats to all the 4-H'ers whose photos where chosen as staff pics to be put on display at the Extension Office for the next year!



Flower Bucket Challenge

1st Place: Westside Hustlers

2nd Place: Luther Livewires

3rd Place: Harrison Hilltop Hustlers

Great Job! Congratulations!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE BOONE COUNTY IOWA STATE FAIR ANIMAL EXHIBITORS!

Beef

Jordyn Crosman, Boone
Zachary Crosman, Boone
Abigail Dies, Ames
Preston Kennedy, Grand Junction
Ben Snedden, Grand Junction
Aubree Stewart, Rippey
Anna Wilson, Ogden

Dairy Goats

Addyson Hicks, *Pilot Mound*Brylie Hicks, *Pilot Mound*McKindry Plummer, *Boone*

Dog

Morgan Christensen, Madrid

Meat Goats

Case Curry, Pilot Mound
Sawyer Curry, Pilot Mound
Triston Kennedy, Grand Junction
Maverick Stolte, Boone
Riley Stolte, Boone

Poultry

Jaidyn Achenbach, Woodward

Horse, Pony and Mule

Kayla Beckett, Boone Caelan Daniels, Boone Rylee Dillinger, Boone Rylee Ferwerda, Grand Junction Alex Wilson, Ogden Anna Wilson, Ogden

Sheep

Jaidyn Achenbach, Woodward
Camryn Askelsen, Ogden
Clayton Askelsen, Ogden
Hallie Bristle, Ogden
Macy Bristle, Ogden
Karli Herrstrom, Boone
Wyatt Herrstrom, Boone
Trinitee Johnson, Boone
Nolan Jonas, Boone
Alex Jones, Grand Junction
Matthew Samuelson, Ogden
Cash Williams, Ogden
Tenley Williams, Boone

Swine

Sydney Adams, Boone Clayton Askelsen, Ogden Rylee Dillinger, Boone Hannah Chesnut, Boone Kaylee Chesnut, Boone Macy Chesnut, Boone Whitney Chesnut, Boone Rylee Dillinger, Boone Andrew Fitzgerald, Boone Matthew Fitzgerald, Boone Andy Good, Boone Delaney Good, Boone Tabor Lettow, Woodward Eli Nelson, Madrid Abby Oostenink, Boone Mason Oostenink, Boone Oscar Potter, Woodward Oliver Potter, Woodward Maverick Stolte, Boone Riley Stolte, Boone

CONGRATULATIONS BOONE COUNTY STATIC IOWA STATE FAIR EXHIBITORS!

Communications

Extemporaneous Speaking

Lane Longhorn, *Pilot Mound* Zachary Loecke, *Ames*

Educational Presentations

Erin Barnes, *Boone*Jane Baker, *Boone*Morgan Christensen, *Madrid*Mila Grothus, *Madrid*Eliza & Zachary Loecke, *Ames*Titus Rosheim, *Madrid*

Share the Fun

Adam & Jane Baker, Cecilia & Clara Fulton

Lydia Longhorn & Mirrka Taylor

Working Exhibits

Morgan Christensen and Braylee Mathre Jane Baker with

Cecilia & Clara Fulton

Awardrobe \$15 Challenge

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Cianna Weddle, Ames

Clothing Selection

Erin Barnes, *Boone* Lane Longhorn, *Pilot Mound* Lydia Longhorn, *Pilot Mound*

Personal Development

Morgan Christensen, *Madrid* Mila Grothus, *Madrid*

Family and Consumer Science

Clothing & Sewing

Delainee Anderson, Boone Cecilia Fulton, *Ames* Lucy Read, *Ames* Mila Grothus, *Madrid*

Food and Nutrition

Sawyer Alcott, Boone Grace Bielfelt, Boone Kaylee Chesnut, Boone Rylin Casey, Ogden Clara Fulton, Ames Zachary Loecke, Ames Titus Rosheim, Boone Clay Warson, Madrid

Home Improvement

Erin Barnes, *Boone*Carley Peterson, *Boone*

Science, Engineering and Technology

Halle Heyer, *Boone*Shane Plymesser, *Ames*Titus Rosheim, *Madrid*Levi Venard, *Ogden*

Woodworking

AnnDre'a Cline, *Polk City* Madelyn Grothus, *Madrid* Clay Warson, Madrid

Animals, Ag and Natural Resources

Hallie Bristle, Ogden Rylin Casey, Ogden Morgan Christensen, Madrid Abby Dies, Ames Madelyn Grothus, Madrid Drew Hayworth, Boone

Creative Arts

Visual Arts

Delainee Anderson, *Boone*Morgan Christensen, *Madrid*Eliza Loecke, *Ames*Lucy Read, *Ames*Emily White, *Madrid*

Photography

Chivon Bowley, *Urbandale*Bella Bryan, *Ogden*Abby Dies, *Ames*Halle Heyer, *Boone*Sydney King, *Ogden*Eliza Loecke, *Ames*Maeve Stevenson, *Boone*Rozzie Stevenson, *Boone*

Music

Madelyn Grothus, Madrid

Horticulture

Nolan Jonas, Boone















Spark Your Adventure: Join the County 4-H Council

The Boone County 4-H Council is a group of 9th through 12th grade 4-H'ers who are interested in a leadership and citizenship role in the county youth program. They help promote an active and fun 4-H program.

Purposes of the council are the following:

- * To provide leadership training and opportunities to older 4-H'ers.
 - * To provide input and recommendations into the county 4-H program, its policies, procedures, guidelines, and activities. To be a liaison between 4-H'ers and adults.
- * To serve as role models and examples for younger 4-H'ers.
- * To be an ambassador to the public for promoting 4-H programs.
- * To promote active participation by all 4-H'ers in the total county 4-H program.
- * To enhance your self-confidence and self-esteem.
- * To plan, conduct, and evaluate county 4-H educational events and activities.

How to Join

Membership on Boone County 4-H Council is open to 4-H'ers who are high school **freshman to seniors** based upon written answers on an application, earning points, and participating in an interview. This completed form is due to the Boone County Extension Office by **September 1**. After September 1, youth will be contacted to set up a short interview. Applications can be found on our website https://www.extension.iastate.edu/boone/member-resources

New and returning County 4-H Council members will begin terms in late September and will be installed at Awards Day in November. Council members will hold a one-year term.

<u>Involvement</u>

The amount of involvement is up to the council; though there are some things that the council usually helps with or is a part of. Some of these are the following:

- * County Fair -- Prefair work day, parade, community building set up, building clean up, and photos
- * All members of County Council are expected to work at the 4-H foodstand in the evening at least one time.
- * Member recruitment new member/family meeting National 4-H week
- * Awards Day (all)

- * Junior Fun Night (all)
- * 4-H Halloween Night (all)
- * 4-H workshops
- * Leader/volunteer recognition
- * Fashion Day and Communication Activities
- * Representatives sit on County 4-H Taskforces

Other things are planned according to what the council wants to do. Council members also become more aware of opportunities such as camps, conferences, recognition, scholarships, and other leadership roles.

Meetings, Officers, Committees

The council generally meets once a month with participation in events and activities at other times. The regular meeting time is determined by the council according to the best time for most of the members. Meetings are generally held at the Extension Office. Members are expected to attend meetings and carry through with plans and activities.

The best part of council is that it can be LOTS OF FUN.

RECORDKEEPING AND 4-H AWARD Q&A



WHY IS RECORD KEEPING AND RECOGNITION SO IMPORTANT IN 4-H?

lowa 4-H values the life skills of record keeping. 4-H'ers learn to set goals, plan and work to reach goals, collect and organize information, accept responsibility and tell about what they like and learned. 4-H youth are recognized in a variety of ways for participation, standards, progress towards goals, cooperation, and competition. 4-H records contain your story and can be a resource for job and scholarship applications.

DO I HAVE TO DO A RECORD BOOK?

4-H'ers are encouraged to keep records for the reasons listed above. However, 4-H'ers do not have to keep their records in book format. They may choose to keep their records by video tape, audio tape, Portfolio, a computerized form or create their own method. The records do have to follow the questions on the participation summary, project records and livestock project worksheets.

WHERE DO I BEGIN?

No matter what record keeping format you choose, you need to ensure all the information contained in the recordkeeping forms is included. You can get those forms from your leaders, the Extension office or on <u>our website</u>. If you chose to keep your records in book format, you can check out an example record book from the Extension Office and on the website above you can also find example forms.

WHAT ARE THE FORMS I NEED?

- 1. Yearly Participation Summary: briefly record all of your 4-H club and county activities, communication, leadership, home, school, and community activities. On pages 3-4 briefly record what you have done in all of your projects. The Yearly Participation Summary is the most important form for applying for awards!
- 2. *Project Record Forms:* complete at least two project record forms that details your work in a specific project area. To be considered for outstanding and special awards, complete a project record for most of your project areas. Remember that an exhibit taken to fair is an item resulting from what is learned in the project—not the entire project.
- 3. *Project Worksheets:* should be completed for animal projects and does not have to be accompanied with a project record.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR AWARDS?

PROJECT AWARDS

If you meet the criteria for a bronze, silver, or gold project award (see next page of this newsletter for criteria), simply write which project awards you want to be nominated for on the last page of the Yearly Participation Summary. Turn in your Yearly Participation Summary to your club leader by **September 1** (or date requested). Leaders will verify that you have met criteria and will then take your Yearly Participation Summary to the Extension Office by September 14.

Award: Project award recipients will receive a colored disc with the name or symbol of the project. The first time a member earns a project award, he/ she will receive an 8" X 10" plaque with a nameplate to display the discs. Special awards include a disc and cash. Gold project awards is a gift.

OUTSTANDING AND SPECIAL AWARDS

Criteria for these awards are enclosed. Turn in your records for all years in 4-H to your club leader by September 1 (or date requested). Your club leader will fill out a nomination form and take records to the Extension Office by September 14 for consideration by the Records and Recognition TaskForce.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

You have much to be proud of! The 4-H Records and Recognition TaskForce will not be able to tell what you have learned and what you have accomplished if you don't put those things down in your records. Don't be afraid to brag about your accomplishments. Also, don't forget to include leadership activities that you have participated in with relation to your project areas, especially if you are applying for a Gold Project Award.

BOONE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CRITERIA



BRONZE, SILVER & GOLD AWARDS

Objective: To recognize 4-H'ers who actively participate, gain knowledge and skills, and share learning with others in a specific 4-H project area. The three levels are designed to reward 4-H'ers as they grow and reach the designated criteria.

- Bronze Eligible 4-H members should be active in a project for 2 years with evidence of growth, 1 citizenship, and 1 communication related to project.
- Silver Eligible 4-H members should be active in a project for 4 years with evidence of growth and total of 2 different citizenship and 2 different communications related to project.
- Gold Eligible 4-H members should be active in a project for 6 years with evidence of growth, total of 3 different citizenship and 3 different communications *related to project*, at least one leadership related to project, and project involvement beyond local 4-H club level.

How to apply for project awards:

- 1. To be considered for bronze, silver, gold 4-H project awards, turn in your record book including the Yearly Participation Summary for ALL YEARS to your 4-H club leaders by September 1 (or as requested by leader.)
- 2. Indicate on the last page of the Yearly Participation Summary which project award(s) you want to apply for. Award is a colored disc representing the project to display on an aluminum plaque with nameplate. **Limit of 3** project discs per year. 4-H'er must earn bronze before silver and silver before gold. Members may earn two discs for the same project in one year.

SPIRIT AWARDS

- Any Boone County 4-H adult volunteer (leader, superintendent, committee member) or staff member may nominate a current 4-H member for the
 4-H Spirit Award. Selection will be based on the nominee making 4-H more fun, educational, or cooperative by his/her participation, attitude, or
 extra work at a club or county 4-H event. Preference is given to 4-H members not recognized in other ways. 4-H'ers do not have to complete a
 record book to qualify. The award will be a 4-H medallion.
- A member may receive the spirit award once as a junior, once as an intermediate, and once as a senior. Up to three juniors, three intermediates, and three seniors will be recognized each year.

ADULT AWARDS

4-H Alumni: To honor a former 4-H member whose achievements exemplify effective citizenship, leadership, community and public service, and success in a chosen career. (plaque)

Friend of 4-H: To recognize an individual who has unselfishly given time, effort, and ideas to further the education and experiences of 4-H youth. (plaque)

<u>Meritorious Service</u>: To recognize an organization, business or group of individuals who has provided outstanding support to 4-H'ers through service and/or financial contributions. (plaque)

<u>Fran Thompson Outstanding Leader</u>: To recognize 4-H adult volunteer leaders who have given 4-H youth and the 4-H program in Boone County outstanding time, service, and dedication. The award is given by Fran Thompson's Family in memory of 26 years as Boone County Extension Office Assistant. (plaque and \$250 cash)

JULIE AND CARRIE ENSLEY CLUB CITIZENSHIP AWARD

To recognize a 4-H club that has worked together throughout the year to help others or benefit the community. A traveling plaque is presented to the club with individual gifts for members and leaders.

🜟 RECRUITMENT AWARD

To recognize member(s) who have **recruited the most 4-H members** September 15 through September 1st. Recruited members cannot be in the immediate family. Nomination forms must be signed by a club leader.

TI CARE JUNIOR AWARD

To recognize a junior (4th through 6th grade) 4-H member who is **helpful behind the scenes** at club and/or county events. Selection will be based on Citizenship, Attitude, Responsibility and Effort. Preference given to 4-H members not recognized in other ways. 4-H members cannot be nominated for both the Spirit Award and the I Care Award. Up to 3 awards will be given.



Request nomination form(s) from Boone County Extension or find them on our website

BOONE COUNTY 4-H AWARDS CRITERIA



OUTSTANDING 4-H MEMBER AWARDS

Objective: To recognize 4-H'ers who have just completed 6th, 9th, and 12th grades for **excellence** in 4-H participation, project work, record keeping, and sharing their knowledge with others through communication, citizenship, and leadership.

How to Apply: By September 1 (or date requested by club leaders) turn in 4-H records for all years enrolled in 4-H to club leaders with nomination form attached. Leaders will review records and turn in to the Extension Office by September 15. Award is a disc and cash award.

Criteria for Outstanding Sixer 4-H Member (8):

- * Completed at least **two** years of 4-H and just **completed 6th grade** when applying.
- * Have regular attendance at club meetings and club activities each year.
- * Keep records and show growth in an average of two or more projects each year (including worksheets.)
- * Participate in **one citizenship** or **one communications** activity each year (club or project)
- * Fulfill responsibilities as a club member as requested such as hosting, committees, club officer.

Criteria for Outstandina Freshman 4-H Member (8):

- * Completed at least four years of 4-H and just completed 9th grade when applying.
- * Meet criteria outlined above for Outstanding Sixer.
- * Show significant growth in 4-H projects, participation, exhibits, citizenship, and communication activities.
- * Take on leadership role in local club, county, or community.
- * 4-H role model for younger members by following club, county, fair, and civil guidelines.

Criteria for Outstanding Graduate 4-H Member (6):

- * Completed at least six years of 4-H and just graduated from high school when applying.
- * Meet criteria for Outstanding Sixer and Freshman member.
- * Show superior growth in 4-H projects, participation, exhibits, citizenship, and communication activities.
- * Show leadership in local club, county, or community.
- * 4-H role model for younger members by following club, county, fair, and civil guidelines.

SPECIAL 4-H AWARDS

Objective: To recognize high school 4-H members for active 4-H participation, growth, & sharing with others.

Minimum Criteria:

Evidence of personal growth and accomplishments during 4-H participation.

Evidence of communication, citizenship, and/or leadership in 4-H projects, local club, county or state 4-H events or community participation. A 4-H member can receive each special award only one time and only one per year.

How to Apply for Special Awards: By September 1 (or as requested by club leader) turn in 4-H records for all years enrolled in 4-H to club leaders with nomination form attached. Leaders will review records and turn in to the Extension Office by September 15. Award is a disc and cash award.

- ⇒ Intermediate Merit Award (up to four awards): Completed at least seventh grade and three years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in a project area (1) of personal interest in 4-H and have been active in their local 4-H club and projects(s). "You do what you do well."
- Senior Merit Award (up to four awards): Completed at least freshman year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have excelled in a project area (1) of personal interest in 4-H and have been active in their local 4-H club and projects(s). "You do what you do well."
- ⇒ Intermediate Achievement Award (up to three awards): Completed at least seventh grade and three years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have become productive and self directing individuals in a variety of areas and have been active in their local 4-H club or county, 4-H projects, citizenship, leadership or communication. "You do well in many 4-H activities."
- ⇒ Senior Achievement Award (up to three awards): Completed at least freshmen year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have become productive and self directing individuals in a variety of areas and have been active in their local 4-H club or county, 4-H projects, citizenship, leadership or communication. "You do well in many 4-H activities."
- ⇒ Leader of Tomorrow Award (up to three awards): Completed at least sophomore year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize 4-H members who have shown a willingness to assume responsibility and take on leadership roles such as junior club leaders, County 4-H Council, fair committees, 4-H Task Forces, dog obedience classes, aerospace or horse interest group, project workshops Fashion Day, or Extravaganza. This award is given in memory of Charles and Coletta Nalean, Ogden.
- ⇒ George Leonard Memorial Award (two \$100 awards): Completed at least sophomore year in high school and four years in 4-H at time of application. To recognize a 4-H member who is hard working, who may work in the background to support his/her club or project, and who is a positive example for other 4-H members. Preference is given to graduated seniors (one boy and one girl) who are not recognized with the outstanding graduate award.

Boone County 4-H Scholarships—Due September 15th to the Extension Office or natm@iastate.edu

Application forms

- **John Munson Jr Memorial Scholarship** \$500 to high school graduate or college student who participated in the Boone County 4-H Club program with a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Applicant must have an interest in horses or sheep, evidenced by having carried horse or sheep as a 4-H project.
- Helen Jean Bice Memorial Scholarship of \$300 to a 2023 high school graduate majoring in agriculture at a 2 year or 4 year college.
- Lyle & Alice M. Flynn Scholarship of \$200 for one 2023 high school graduate, majoring in agriculture this fall at a 2 or 4 year college. Criteria will include 4-H involvement, agriculture interest, and financial need. (since 2007)
- Boone County 4-H Alumni Scholarships of \$400 to three college <u>upper classmen</u> (at least 50 semester hours) any college or major. Criteria stress financial need, 4-H / college participation, and career goals. (since 2002)
- **Joyce Safly & Julienne Blomgren Memorial Scholarship** \$500 to one Boone Co. 4-H alum attending a <u>community college</u> or vocational school. Criteria stress financial need, community participation, and future plans. (since 2005)
- Andy Nelson Memorial Scholarship \$500 to a Boone Co. 4-H Alum majoring in a technology related field at a two to four year college.
- **Belle Cleaveland Scholarship** \$500 to an ISU Junior or Senior pursuing a major in the College of Human Sciences who participated in Boone County 4-H for at least the last four years through high school graduation.



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