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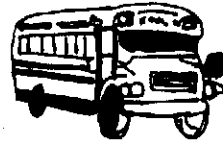
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Tue. 1 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 16 Crafts, Quilting

Wed. 2 Crafts, Quilting
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



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Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 3 Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.
By S.H.A.N.N.O.N. Club

Thurs. 17 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.
Catered by Emmanuel UCC

Fri. 4 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 18 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Sun. 20 **Oregon trip returns.**

Mon. 7 **CLOSED!!! Labor Day**
No Bingo!

Mon. 21 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 22 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Tue. 8 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.



Wed. 23 Quilting, Crafts

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Potluck, 12 Noon
Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

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Thurs. 10 **Bowling, 9:30 a.m.**
Generous Living Seminar, 10 am
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

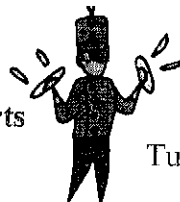
Thurs. 24 Bus trip to **LaComedia,**
Depart at 8:45 a.m.
Bowling, 9:30 a.m.
Wii Bowling, 1 p.m.

Fri. 11 Bus trip to **The Wilds, departs**
8 a.m.
Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Fri. 25 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 28 **Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.**
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Sat. 12 Coach trip to **Oregon, departs**
At 6:30 p.m.



Bingo w/Richland Manor, 2:30 pm
Western Square Dancing, 6:30 pm

Mon. 14 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Monthly Dinner Meeting, 6 pm
Catered by Mt.Cory Methodist Church

Tue. 29 Coach for **Mystery Trip,**
Departs at 9 a.m.
Dance, 6 p.m. -8 p.m.

Tue. 15 Dance, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed. 30 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



TIME: Monday, September 14th, 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, September 9th so the caterer will have enough food for everyone.

M.C.: Carolyn Green

HOSTESSES: Judy Erven and friends

PROGRAM: Scott Edwards will entertain us on the organ.

LABOR DAY

The Bluffton Senior Center will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. Enjoy your long weekend!!



BINGO!!



Because the first Monday of the month is **Labor Day**; **MHCO** will not have Bingo in September. **Richland Manor** Bingo will be at its regular time, **September 28th at 2:30 p.m.**

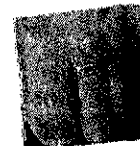
45 YEARS SHIRTS



We will continue to take orders for shirts until the end of September. So hurry in and order the right shirt in the right size. The royal blue polo shirts come in eight sizes, four men sizes and four women sizes and are **\$16.00 each**. Money is due when they are ordered. The finished shirts will have the Bluffton Senior Center Logo and 45 years embroidered on them. The sizes are in the Senior Center to help with ordering.



TOE NAIL CLINIC



Our next **Toenail Clinic** with **Dr. Kirk** is scheduled for Monday, September 28th at 10 a.m. You must call ahead to make an appointment with Dr. Kirk, 419-358-8971. A **\$10 fee** is due at the time of your appointment.



BOWLING



It's here!! Time to Bowl again! Grab your shoes and head to the alley. Bowling starts Thursday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. Come early to get your lane. New bowlers are always welcomed.



THANK YOU, GARDNERS!!!

Those of us who enjoyed the wonderful fresh vegetables would like to **THANK** all the gardeners who donated to our share table. Summer would not be the same without fresh veggies, so **THANK YOU** for your hard work and generosity.





**COACH TRIPS WITH TONYA
2015**

OREGON'S NATURAL WONDERS, September 12-20 2015, We will depart at 6:30 PM on Saturday, September 12th. Supper is on your own that night so you can eat before we leave or after we arrive in Detroit.

MYSTERY TRIP, September 29th, We will depart the Senior Center at 9 AM for parts ??? unknown to all but the driver and Tonya. Cost is \$50.00 due Sept. 1st. Lunch is included.

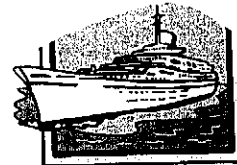
2016

MARITIMES COASTAL WONDERS June 20-30, 2016



ALASKA August 2-14, 2016 we have brochures but not prices at this time. We should have prices by October.

NOVA SCOTIA



The Bluffton Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to **Nova Scotia in June 2016** with Collett. A Collett representative will be at the Senior Center on Wednesday, October 28th, at 2:30 p.m. to tell us about the tour. Come and enjoy the beautiful pictures.



DEB'S SEWING WORKSHOP



Join us for **Deb's** workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 9th, at 1 p.m. where we will be sewing **remote control pockets**. This project is designed to lay across the arm of your couch or favorite armchair. Sewers of any skill level are invited to participate in this easy project. As usual, **please sign up in advance!!!**

PHONE BOOKS



It is not your imagination, phone books are getting smaller. Some of our members **NO LONGER** have their names in the phone book even though they still have a **land line phone**. **Morris Groman** has done the research for us. Call **1-800-9359644** to get your name and address put back in the phone book.

STORE NEWS

We are trying to get ready for Christmas because it will be here before you know it. If you have any ideas of things we could make for the store, please let us know.



The WILDS and Dickinson Ranch September 11th, Lunch and Dinner included \$103.00
Lunch at the Wilds Overlook Cafe followed by a Private Safari viewing numerous animals
found on this 10,000 acre refurbished coal mine land.

Then to the Dickinson Cattle Ranch and a tour of the Texas Longhorns,
the (Belted) Dutch Blue Lingo and African Watusi Cattle topped off with a Texas style BBQ.
Payment due by July 11th. Depart Bluffton at 8:00 am

LaComedia Church Basement Ladies 'Last Potluck Supper" Thurs. Sept. 24th
\$80.00 due by July 15th Depart Bluffton at 8:45 am.

Der Dutchman at Plain City, Karen Knott, Thurs. October 8th
\$80.00 due by August 1st Depart at 8:45 am

"A Christmas Story" at LaComedia Thurs. November 12th.
\$80.00 due by October 1st. Depart Bluffton at 8:45 am.

Ron Retzer's Christmas Show at Der Dutchman, Plain City, December 1st
Ron will play his "Armonica" invented by Ben Franklin.
\$80.00 due by October 1st. Depart Bluffton at 8:45 am.

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2016

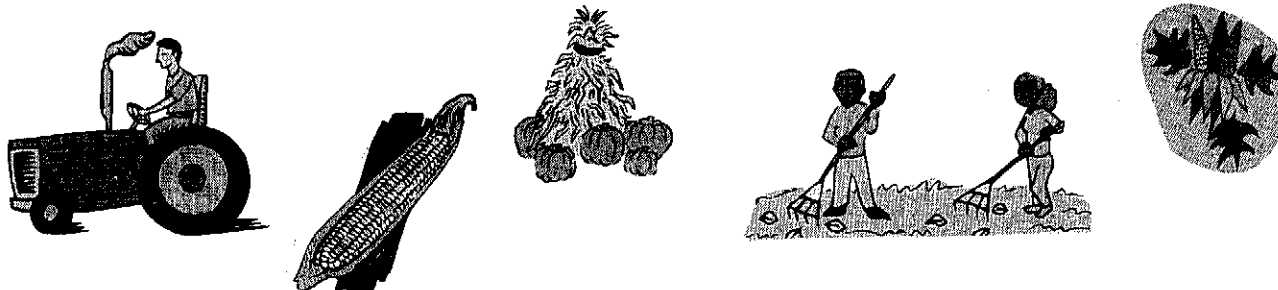
Thursday, March 17th - LaComedia - "Fiddler On The Roof"

Tuesday, April 26th - Showtime at Plain City - "Jason Cramer"

Thursday, May 12th - LaComedia - "Grease"

July 7th - ShowTime with Ron Retzer, Bob, and Jennifer

October 15 - 22 "Vermont - New Hampshire and Maine"



THANK YOU..... "Thanks for the cards when I was in the hospital. I'm so grateful for your thoughts and prayers. I'm up and around again." **Dwight Baumgartner**

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

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Lenore Reiter Charley Shepler



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- Betty Steiner
- Irene Hamman
- Charley Shepler.



**45 YEARS AND COUNTING UPDATE
(new info, please read)**



Our window display for the month of August was **TRIPS** we have taken. The first trip the Senior Center took, as far as our research goes, was to Holland, MI in 1973 to the tulip festival. So the window has tulips for that trip. Betty and Dick Cookson use to take trips to the ballgames so we added a bat. Rosemary and Basil Meyer took the group to Alaska and Hawaii (not at the same time) and those are represented by a moose in a lai. Bob and Bev Painter are known for their many trips to Amish Country, so we have an Amish bonnet. Tonya was the first to take a group to Europe, so we have a Swiss souvenir in the window. Other trips are represented as well so check it out before it changes again.

The **Hobby Center** display in July is **Games** we have played. Come see if you remember the games. Let us know if we missed a game.



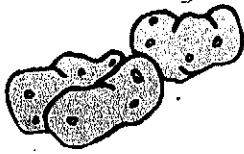
WESTERN SQUARE DANCING

Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, September 28th at 6:30 p.m.** New dancers are always welcomed! The cost is **\$3.00** for non-members and **\$2.00** for members. You do not need a partner as partners are changed throughout the evening. So mark your calendars.

SCAMS

Those scammers just don't stop! The Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel will be at the Bluffton Senior Center on **Thursday, October 1st at 2:00 p.m.** to talk about the latest scams and how to protect yourself. The program is **FREE** and open to the public so bring your friends.





The Bluffton Senior Center will NOT be doing anything for the **FALL FESTIVAL** this year as nothing else is going on downtown. All the activities planned for the day are happening at other venues. For a full list of activities, you can check out the **BLUFFTON FALL FESTIVAL FACEBOOK** page or check the posters around town. Activities will be posted in the Bluffton News and Bluffton Icon closer to the date.

AUGUST DINNER MEETING



It was “back to school” theme at the Senior Center for the August Dinner meeting. **Eileen Amstutz** and **Joanne & Ed Rankey** decorated the tables with books and school supplies and apples. After **Clarence Kooker** opened the evening with a prayer; we all got in the “lunch line” for a delicious meal. After dinner, **Clarence** told some jokes. Some were true stories from his days as a teacher. Then **Mr. LaRee D. Little** taught us all about the **Dixie Hwy**. When class was dismissed, we all agreed that we had a good time.



GENEROUS LIVING... TOOLS for GIVING

Learn more about planned gifts on **September 10th at 10 a.m.** at Bluffton Sr. Center. Local non-profit organizations are planning the informational seminar. The **FREE ONE** (1) hour seminar will teach about steady lifetime payments, tax advantages and generosity that are appealing to many. To reserve your spot at the seminar, please call **Doug Luginbill at 419-358-1015 by Friday, September 4th.** There will be a second seminar the same day at the Town Hall at **7 p.m.** also **FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.**

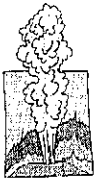
WYOMING TRIP (continues) - June 1-14th, 2015



Friday morning after breakfast, a step-on tour guide met us by the bus, **Eileen**. She directed the bus driver how to go to **Mt. Rushmore** (beautiful as before), walked the path to see the **Presidents** and then ate a bite for lunch here if we wanted: bison burger or bison stew and ice cream. On to **Crazy Horse Memorial** (still not done but there is a hole now under his arm to start on the horse) and to **Custer State Park**. Here we saw a herd of bison, lots of prairie dogs running around their homes, and some of our people fed some donkeys that were standing along the road some carrots. We then had supper and returned to our motel remembering everything we saw today. Wow!

Saturday was an early checkout (7:30 a.m.) going to **Devil's Tower** in northeastern Wyoming near **Hulett**. **Devil's Tower** is the nation's first national monument. It stands 867 ft high, and offers the best rock climbing of its type in the world which takes from 4 to 6 hours, up and back. It was the site for a 1978 movie, "**Close Encounters of the Third Kind**," by **Steven Spielberg**. After about 1 hour rest or whatever, we were back on the road crossing **Big Horn** mountain range. Oh my, what a climb and ride on a very curvy road to get over it. Sometimes the road was like a "S" curve or snake like curves. The bus driver, **Alberta**, did a very good job driving and finally at the top, we stopped and just enjoyed looking at the view and letting the driver rest a little. We saw lots of snow on the mountains and not a lot of traffic! Soon we arrived at **Cody, Wyoming** where we were staying for three nights.

Sunday morning, we slept in a little longer than usual because our visit to **Buffalo Bill's Center** was just a few miles down the road. We spent about 2 hours or so looking over the Center plus shopping at the Gift Shop. From here, we were taken downtown to eat some lunch (if we wanted too), shop, or just find a bench and enjoy the tourists or the "locals" of **Cody**. **Kelth** and I checked out an antique shop, and found a blacksmith who did some demonstrating in a store and had a nice visit with him. About 5 p.m. we went to the **Cody Cattle Company** for our evening meal (chuck wagon style) and listened to a hour of Country Music sung and played instruments by a trio of



cowboys. From here we went to the **Cody Rodeo**, next door, which lasted 2 ½ hours and the **BULLS** won. Not one of the cowboys could stay on them that evening and the announcer said that was very unusual! Another contest that people really seemed to enjoy was the ladies' Barrel Racing. A little 3 year old girl rode her big horse with mother riding beside her leading the girls' horse doing the barrels. People really gave her a hand for completing the barrels with the announcer saying they start them very young in **Cody**. Ha!



Monday was the beginning of touring **Yellowstone Park, the Upper Loop**. Picked up our guide, **David**, from the **Lake Hotel**, located on the **Yellowstone Lake**. He shared with us that this is a very popular area for the many animals that live at **Yellowstone**. There are 3000 elk, 5000 bison, 150 wolves, 60 moose, grizzly & black bears, trumpeter swans, and **Yellowstone cutthroat trout**. In this area, there are **Mammoth Hot Springs, Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone**, and a good area for sighting bears. Driving around the park, we all of sudden saw a black mother bear with two little black cubs. That sure was a "special" treat for all of us and even for the guide, he said. Returned to our motel and everyone could choose what or where they wanted to eat that evening. We ate next door to the motel at **Bubba's Bar-be-que** and some just ordered pizza delivered to the motel or just stayed there.

Tuesday we picked up another guide, **Mike**. He directed us around the **Lower Loop of Yellowstone Park**. Here was the **Fountain Point Pots, Yellowstone River's Lower Falls, and OLD FAITHFUL** along with **Norris Geyer Basin**. This basin is the hottest of geyser basins and most active. **Lower Falls** plunge 308 ft into the **Yellowstone River** in the 20 mile **Grand Canyon** of the **Yellowstone**. The highlight for me was seeing "**OLD FAITHFUL**" erupting about every 90 minutes. Our guide reported to us it was posted that **Old Faithful** went up 145 ft that day we saw. We felt maybe about 700 people were present watching (just guessing). It is the world's best known geyser. Continued to drive around the loop and saw more **hot pools** and bison. We then let our guide off at the **Lake Hotel** and heading to **Jackson, Wyoming**. This **Lake Hotel** is the oldest hostelry in **Yellowstone Park**. It was constructed in 1889, painted yellow (and still is) and sits on the banks of the **Yellowstone Lake**. With some hard rain coming down, we left the park reliving what we experienced here for two days. Arrived at **Jackson** and went directly to the **Virginia Restaurant** for our buffet supper. We had a server named **Ed Breeden** and discovered that we were from Ohio and said his wife grew up in **Wauseon**. One lady on the trip seemed to know a relative or something like that of his wife's and what a surprise that was! This evening we stayed at the **Antler Motel**. Very unique furnishings in the rooms and looked very rustic made from unfinished tree limbs. **Jackson** is known for their antler arches located downtown on the corners of their square park in the center of downtown. There is an elk farm close to town and that is where they get the antlers after the elk shed them to build these arches.

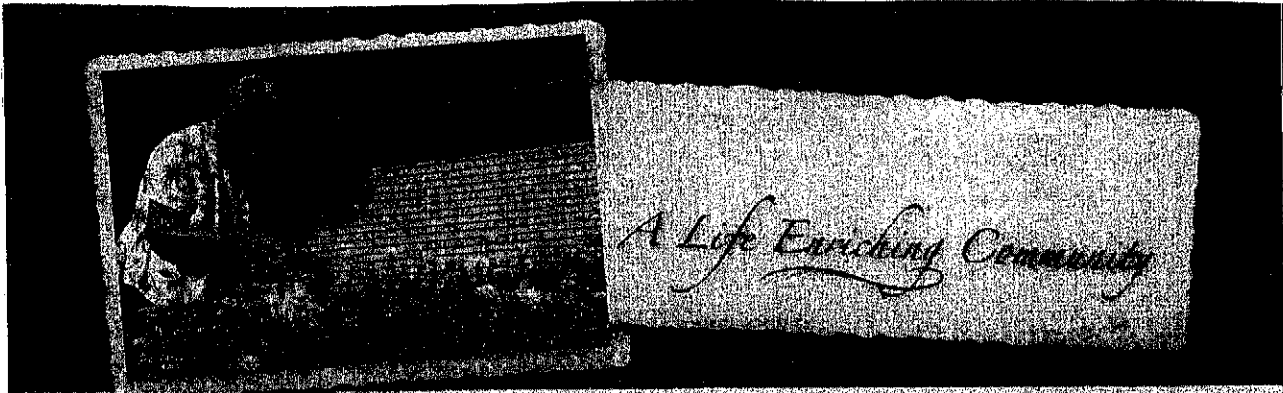


Wednesday morning after breakfast, our schedule got changed around because the **Teton Mountains** were fogged covered. So we decided to wait till after lunch to tour them and went shopping downtown. People who wanted to shop took a bus to downtown and the others just stayed back in their rooms. **Keith** and I checked out a junk shop named, "**You Got To Have It,**" a **Thrft Shop**, a museum, and he found a **Locksmith**, too. A few people rode a stage coach that was located uptown by the square and checked out the "**antler arches.**" At 1 p.m. we picked up **Debbie Beeden**, who was our tour guide for the afternoon. She was the wife of **Ed**, who served us at the restaurant, and truly knew the history and etc about the area. She took us down a road and said one usually can see a moose along here in a grove of trees and so we went very slow and sure enough, she spotted one laying by the trees along creek. The bus stopped and we got out and took some pictures of the moose. He just laid there and looked at us probably wondering what we were up too. Ha! At 6 p.m. we headed out to the **Bar J Ranch** for another chuck wagon meal plus a wonderful western music show given by five men singing and playing different instruments. Before this part of the evening, they helped serve the meal and waited on tables serving drinks. It is a family operated ranch and so everyone works many different jobs. Food was great, I felt, and the singing was wonderful!!!



Thursday back at **Virginia's** for breakfast (real thick bacon with our scrambled eggs), and saying good-by to our new friends, **Ed and Deb**. We headed south to **Cheyenne**. During the drive, we continued to see cattle, antelopes, and very few ranches. All of a sudden, the bus driver slowed down and there in the field close to the highway, was a large group of cowboys rounding up a herd of cattle with little calves and we figured they were sorting the babies from mothers, and maybe even going to do some branding. It sure "**topped**" the trip for me to see this activity in Wyoming. It is something one thinks of when speaking about **Wyoming**. About 9 hours later, we arrived in

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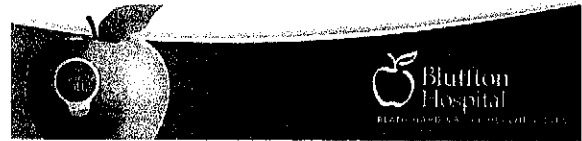
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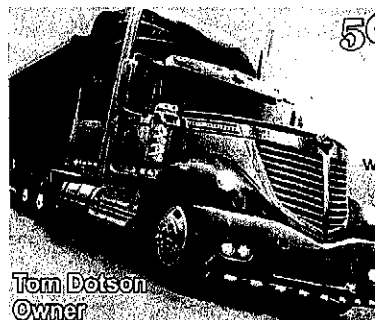
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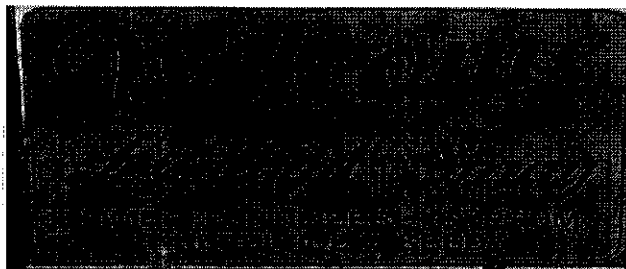
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Cheyenne, ate supper and then to the motel and passed the "famous arena of the **Cheyenne Rodeo**," held on July 3rd and 4th each year. It is known as the "**Grandfather of All Rodeos**."

Friday was a long day of traveling to **Lincoln, Neb.** During these times, we would usually have some printed "thought" games to play prepared by **Bob and Bev**. Otherwise, people would be visiting, sleeping, reading or just watching the countryside go by. **Cracker Barrel** was the place for our evening meal along with shopping at the Gift Shop. Always have a little time to shop. Ha!

Saturday up early again by 7:30 a.m. traveling across the state of **Iowa**. Started to see fields of corn, wheat, bean fields plus farms closer together and raining. Got to **Davenport, Ia**, crossed the **Mississippi River** to **Moline, IL** to the **John Deere Pavilion**. Oh my, what large machines we saw!!! A combine, a road equipment loader, and tractors and 3 older tractors plus the newest style of a lawn mower, goes by itself. As usual, the **Gift Shop** was very popular with quite a few of us and one always has room for a "**John Deere**" souvenir. Ha! Back to the river, to board the **Celebration Belle** riverboat for our 2 ½ hour cruise, meal, and live entertainment for the evening. Lucky we were inside for this, because it really rained hard during the hours on the boat and we stayed dry.

...Sunday, another early day heading for **Ohio**. **Bev and Pat & Harlan Basinger** planned a little "Sunday" meditation time of sharing some readings and sang two songs. About noon, stopped for lunch and continued to **Bluffton**. We started to see lots, lots, of water lying around in fields and in the creeks and felt the "humidity". We realized that we weren't in the mountains any more. About 5:30 p.m. we were in the parking lot behind the Sr. Center and the luggage was being unloaded and everyone departed fast with their luggage and all of their "precious" goodies from the trip.

I would like to say many thanks to **Bob and Bev** for all the work they did to put this trip together; the homemade cookies for our treats, the good and bad we experienced and trying to make it more comfortable for us, and the prizes you gave to the 12 winners of the games. It isn't easy to keep 32 different personalities "happy" and comfortable being together for **14 days on a bus**. Good job done!!!

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