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Fri. 1 **Closed..Happy New Year!!!**

Wed. 20 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Mon. 4 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.
Bingo w/ MHCO, 2:30 p.m.

Thurs. 21 Bowling, 9;30 a.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.
By Bluffton Presbyterian

Tue. 5 Dance, 3 p.m.- 5 p.m.

Fri. 22 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Wed. 6 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Mon. 25 **Toenail Clinic, 10 a.m.**
Exercise 1:30 p.m.

Thurs. 7 Bowling, 9;30 a.m.
Community Meal, 6 p.m.
By Frist Menn.Church



Bingo w/Richland Manor,
2:30 p.m.
Western Square Dance, 6:30 p.m.

Fri. 8 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Tue. 26 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

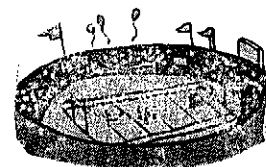
Mon. 11 **Monthly Dinner meeting,**
Dinner, 12 NOON
NO exercise....

Wed. 27 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 12 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thurs. 28 Bowling, 9;30 a.m.

Wed. 13 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon
Deb's Workshop, 1 p.m.
Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.



Thurs. 14 Bowling, 9:30 a.m.

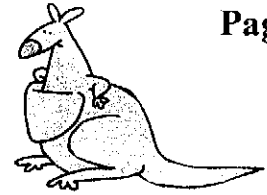
Fri. 15 Dominos, 9:30 a.m.

Mon. 18 Exercise Class, 1:30 p.m.

Tue. 19 Dance, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.



Wed. 20 Quilting, Crafts
Potluck, 12 Noon



TIME: Monday, January 11th, 12:00 noon

PLACE: Bluffton Senior Center

WHAT: Potluck. Please bring a dish to share and your own place setting

M.C.: Bill Peebles

HOSTESSES: Bev Painter and friends

PROGRAM: Pat and Harlan Basinger will share photos and stories of their trip to Australia and New Zealand.

DUES

January is dues month!!! **2016 dues** are now due!! Dues are still **\$18.00 per person** for one year. They can be paid in person or by mail: **132 N. Main St., Bluffton, OH. 45817.** Don't forget, you can opt to receive the monthly newsletter via e-mail. Just e-mail your request to srcenter@wcoil.com

HOBBY CENTER



In January, **Jan Simons** will share her pastel bears. If you have a collection, craft, art work or interest that you would be willing to share, please let the staff know, **419-358-8971.**

JANUARY CLOSING



The Bluffton Senior Center will be **CLOSED** on Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's. The Senior Center will be **OPEN**, Monday, January 18th, during Martin Luther King Jr. Day, so come on in.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



The Board of Directors have chosen to give the **Volunteer of the Year Award** to three (3) people this year: **Deloris Hermon, Mary Hofstetter, and Leannah Reigle.** **Deloris, Mary, and Leannah** are all quilters and do many other craft and sewing projects for the Senior Center. They also help out on fund raisers and other activities at the Sr. Center. Because they are all so active, the Board could not choose just one of them to receive the award and so gave the award to all three. Congratulations, **Leannah, Mary, and Deloris.**

NEW ADDRESS

Elaine Rich has moved to Indiana and asked us to put her new address in the **Golden Age News** so her friends could find her: **Elaine Rich**

**P.O.Box 501 Timbercrest,
North Manchester, IN 46962**



2016



ALASKA August 2-14, 2016 we are half full for this trip as there is a limit of 42. You must have a passport for this tour. Prices start at \$4141.00 for an inside cabin. We will spend three days on a cruise ship and the rest we will be on land. We ride the White Pass Trail Train into Canada and spend two beautiful days in Dawson before flying to Fairbanks. We will visit Denali National Park and the Kenai Fjords. Don't miss out on this great trip to see glaciers, grizzlies and gold-rush dreams.

Keep watching here for day trips this coming summer. We are still planning.



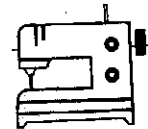
MEMORIALS

The Bluffton Senior Center has received a **Memorial Gift** in memory of **Bertie Swank** from **Betty Moser**.

We have received **Memorial Gifts** in memory of **Betty Cookson** from the **Dale & Anna Ruth Reichenbach** family: **Mona, Dale, Bruce, and Marsha**; from **Hans & Linda Houshower, Doris Srafer, John & Jantet Pilarowki, Richard & Corrine Boehr, Karen & Jerry Blankenmeyer, Marilyn Basinger, Diane Elshire, Jim Dillman, Keith & Shirley Sommer: Christian, Melissa, Heidi, and Joe**; from **Lois & Jan Neuenschwander, Susan & Jack Cupples, Ted & Annie Patterson, and Jane McQuade**.

Bertie and Betty's names will be put in our **Memorial Book** for all to see how much they meant to us.

DEB'S SEWING WORKSHOP



January's workshop project is a repeat from last month's. Begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13th. We have been commissioned to make **200 small microwave bowl cozies**. We will be sewing assembly-line style. That mean's each participant will repeat one step over and over. Anyone who wishes to learn all the steps is still welcome to contact **Deb** directly for an individual lesson.

By the way, did you know we have a **new volunteer making rag rugs for the Senior Center? Herb Grismore** comes in a couple of times per week to work the loom. So, we would appreciate some volunteers to cut strips or sew strips together so that we can keep up with **Herb!** You may cut and/or sew here at the Center or take the work home.



WESTERN SQUARE DANCING



Our next Western Square Dance will be on **Monday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m.** New dancers are always welcomed! The cost is **\$3.00** for non-members and **\$2.00** for members. You don't need a partner as partners are changed throughout the evening. So mark your calendars.

Thursday, March 17th - LaComedia - "Fiddler on the Roof" \$75.00

"Fiddler" has touched audiences around the world for over 50 years with its humor, warmth and honesty. Simply, Broadway at its best.
Payment due by February 1st. Depart the Senior Center at 8:45 am

Tues. April 26th, ShowTime with Jason Cramer, Floyd Cramer's Grandson. \$75.

Floyd's unique touch at the piano is still alive through Jason, who started taking piano lessons at age 5, following in his grandfather's footsteps. At age 17 he made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry and never looked back. Some say Jason is as good as Granddad. Come see for yourself and enjoy a family style dinner at DerDutchman in Plain City. Please pay by March 25th. Bus departs at 8:45 am.

Thursday, May 12th - LaComedia - "Grease" \$75.00 This Broadway smash-hit version of the classic

movie starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John in a nostalgic and heart-pumpin look back at the Rock 'N' Roll era of the 50s. Remember: "Greased Lightning" "Summer Nights" and Dancing at it's best.
Due by April 1st Bus departs at 8:45 am.

June 13th Lennon Sisters at Villa Milano, Columbus Ohio \$90.00

Dianne, Peggy, Kathy and Janet will entertain you following a splendid lunch. We will stop at Graeters Ice Cream factory for a tour and sample of their goodies.
Please pay by April 13th. Bus departs at 9:15 am

ShowTime - DerDutchman With Ron Retzer Trio "On Top of the World"

\$75.00 Thursday July 7th.

Amishlands Lancaster PA - "Samson" at Millennium Theatre - Hersheys

**Chocolate World - Amish Countyside tour - Grand Canyon of PA -
Canyon Wagon Tour - Susquehanna River Cruise and more.**

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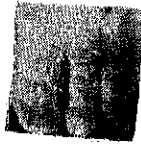
White Star Tours 8 Days - 7 nights \$1100.00

\$50.00 deposit due February 1st. Pick up a flyer at the Senior Center.

Ron Retzler ShowTime on December 1, 2016

Ron's Vocal Trio plus a guitar and fiddle to help him out.

More details later.



Our next **Toenail Clinic** with **Dr. Kirk** is scheduled for **Monday, January 25th, 2016 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.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS...

Marj Hilty, Bluffton Charlotte Heldman, Findlay Milo & JoAnn George, Pandora
Larry Mathewson, Bluffton Harley Steiner, Bluffton Frank & Carol Jalliff, Rawson
Doug Smith, Bluffton Terry & Phyllis Shepler, Mt.Cory



SENT CARDS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN THE HOSPITAL...

Bob Harris Dave Reiter



WE EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF....

- Frances Buroker
- Edith Murray
- Linda Childs on the death of her sister
- Gene LaRoche
- Charles Kissling
- Christine Purves
- Barb Cook
- Walt Early
- Sheila Hurlburt on the death of her grandson.
- Karl Gassman
- Marily Wymer & Nelson Welch on the death of their brother
- Keitha Carver



THANK YOU... "“Though this thank you for the card you sent is late, we have now resolved the problem of my “sickness” during my wonderful Oregon trip. My gall bladder was removed, Oct. 29th and I’m beginning to feel, now, like my “old self,” with some appetite and some energy to get out and about. Thoughts and prayers are always welcome!” **Fran Core**

WHAT IS YOUR POSTURE? Thanks for all you efforts in making this a smashing success (program held on Thursday, Dec. 3, Wellness Fair). I appreciate all who participated and volunteered to share their knowledge with others. Thank you **Jeanne** from **Jeanne’s Kitchen** for the wonderful vegetable soup and dip. Thanks to **Linda** from the **Food Store** for sharing her recipe for Quinoa Stew and supplying great information on digestion and healthy insides. Thanks to **Amanda and Stephanie** from Blanchard Valley Bluffton Hospital for sharing valuable information for critical healthy decisions. Thanks to the student PTAs, **Rebecca and Amanda**, for helping with the exercises on the stability balls and with postural measures. Thanks to the guys from St.Rita’s home health for the blood pressure and BMI measurements. And most of all, thank you Senior Center members for hosting this event and having the interest to stay well and live strong. With all sincerity and heartfelt thanks for allowing me to share my passion. **Maria L Bennett**, B.S. biology, PTA.SPT.



THANK YOU



Thank you to all who helped with the **Blaze of Lights** from the cooks to the dishwashers. We couldn't do it without all of you. Also, thank you to the float crew and those willing to ride in the cold.

THANK YOU'S.....

"Thank you for the cards I received after my recent surgery." **Bev Hooker**

"To the Board, Staff, and Members of the Center, Thanks for the beautiful flowers you sent for my mother. The Center meant so much to her." Sincerely, **Lee Cookson**



WINTER WEATHER

I hate to say it but winter is coming! If the Bluffton Schools are **CLOSED** due to winter weather, **ALL ACTIVITIES** at the Bluffton Senior Center will be **CANCELLED** for safety! If the weather turns bad in the middle of the day, please call before heading out. We use **WLIO Hometown Station, Lima**, announcement system to announce closings and cancellations. If in doubt, don't hesitate to call the Senior Center before leaving home, **419-358-8971**.

LaComedia – "A Christmas Story"

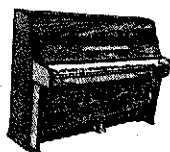


Thursday, November 12, 2015, about 8:45 a.m., thirty four (34) Bluffton Senior Citizens and guests departed for LaComedia in Springboro, Ohio, just south of Dayton. **Sherrie**, our bus driver, did a superb job of battling the gusty winds enroute. **Bev** had a couple quizzes to test our memory and skills. Five participants shared the prizes. We arrived a bit early so we were among the first to go to the buffet consisting of a salad, chicken, ham, fish, potatoes, sweet potato soufflé, vegetables, several choices of bread and rolls plus a cheesecake dessert, all very good. Then we were treated to the LaComedia production of "A Christmas Story" the musical, all about **Little Ralphie Parker** and his quest for a Red Ryder BB gun. Leaving LaComedia, we ventured a couple blocks east to the **Friesinger's Chocolate Factory** where we were welcome with a chocolate treat and many choices of candy to purchase. Ymmmm good! The journey back to Bluffton was also windy but thanks to a careful driver we arrived home safely.

CHRISTMAS in PLAIN CITY



Tuesday, December 1st, was a cold and rainy day as 47 people entered a warm motor coach, met a driver, **Tim**, who safely drove us to Der Dutchman in Plain City. As we rode in comfortable seats, **Bev** gave all a Christmas Quiz of 50 questions and proved a lot of us had wrong or "no" answers. Upon arrival, we were treated to half hour of shopping and then served a delicious Amish meal including pie. Our entertainment featured, **Ron Retzer's** show of "Christmas for You." **Ron, Jennifer Galownia, and Bob Wolfe** delighted us with beautiful Christmas music and spiritual holiday favorites. We had a special treat as **Ron** played the Armonica, a unique music instrument played only by a few rare individuals. After the finale of a great show, some of our folks still had money to spend so we finished shopping and started back to Bluffton. **Bev** delighted us with Christmas readings and of course, cookies from **Bev's Kitchen!** This is the last trip for 2015, so **Bob and Bev** expressed thanks to all who shared the day and wished all good holidays and reviewed show plans for 2016. Everyone left the bus with a smile and a



(Christmas in Plain City continues)

“holiday mood!” Fifteen people shared in the prizes of the day. It was suggested to checkout trips for the coming year, I think they all sound great. Thank you **Bob and Bev** for all your work as tour guides.

Fairy Parkins



NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING

Sixty-five (65) people gathered in November for the annual meeting. **Marilyn Wymer** had made beautiful blue and yellow center pieces and she and **Mary Hofstetter** had decorated the tables and the Senior Center for our 45th Anniversary. **Bob Painter** opened the evening with prayer then volunteers served the tables the delicious meal from **Henry’s**. After dinner, elections were held for 2016 Officers: **Mary Amstutz, Becky Marshall, and Gene Balmer** were elected to the Board of Directors. **Tonya** then interviewed **Marj Moyer** who turned 90 in November receiving her Life membership and a flower. Awards were then given for the song contest and poem contest for the 45th Anniversary. **Bill Peebles** read **Carolyn Green’s** poem about the Senior Center. **Roger Edwards** read the names of (27) members who had passed away in the passed year. **Bob** then introduced **Jim Boedicker**, the entertainment for the evening. One of the songs that **Jim** sang was **Monetta Lloyd’s** song that she wrote for the Senior Center. Everyone had a wonderful time!



OREGON TRIP, September 12th- 20th, 2015



Senior Center travelers explored the wonders of Oregon for 8 days. We visited cities like Portland, Bend, Newport and resorts Sunriver, Timberline Lodge to experience Rose gardens, fishing for crabs, eating unusual foods found only in Oregon, ordering international foods from trucks, visiting museums and National Parks. The entire trip was a history lesson wrapped up with geological wonders such as waterfalls, lava fields, pines and an understanding of the “High Desert” or how the Columbia River dams work. Our guides poured out a wealth of knowledge with videos and talks even while traveling unless we chose to use that time to catch a quick snooze.

The group members when asked expressed that they most enjoyed (1) the float with some paddling down the Deschutes River, (2) a visit to a collapsed volcano known as Crater Lake, (3) High Desert Museum where we learned about plant/animal life and the pioneer experience, (4) The Sierra Mountains glistening with snow in the bright sunshine, (5) eating at an organic farm (6) The paddle boat ride into the sunset eating salmon and Marian berry cheesecake. (7) Whale watching.

Some fun facts about Oregon: Marion Berries are a combination of blackberries and raspberries developed by the University of Oregon. Crater Lake is the second deepest lake in the United States at 2,000 feet, the clearest lake, but has 2 active volcanoes lying dormant. A “cookie tree” is a Ponderosa Pine whose bark smells like vanilla and ginger. Flaxseed should be stored in the refrigerator according to spokesperson from “Bob’s Mill”. The high desert receives rain 12” or less a year and encompasses parts of Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming, California, Nevada and Colorado.

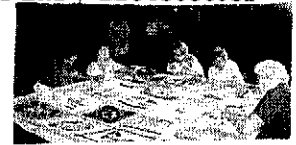
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Come by the center and spend time looking through our photos. **Mary Hofstetter**



DECEMBER DINNER MEETING



Seventy-four (74) people gathered on a very warm and wet December morning to Celebrate Christmas, birthdays, and just having fun. **Tonya** opened the event with **Mele Kalikimaka** because it was so warm! After a short prayer, we enjoyed a meal of soup and bread and cheesecake. After lunch, **Tonya** interviewed **Della Salter** and **Nan Rooney**, who both turned 90 in December. **Roger Edwards** then presented the **Volunteer of the Year Award** to **Leannah Reigle, Deloris Hermon, and Mary Hofstetter**. Unfortunately, **Leannah** was the only one at the meeting. After some announcements, it was **BINGO time!! Julie** from **Richland Manor** had a table full of prizes and **Lloyd Paul** won the cover all prize. A good time was had by all.

DID YOU KNOW?????



The Bluffton Senior Center has works of art from members. **Darvin Luginbuhl, Dorothy Lloyd, Donna Henderson, Reba DeWalt, and Ralph Rammel** all donated art while they were alive that is till proudly displayed at the Senior Center. If you are interested in viewing the art, ask **Tonya** where it can be found.



The Bluffton Senior Center received a **Vantage CCO Reader** several years ago after a member passed away. The reader is a magnifier with a screen and can be used for reading all kinds of documents, such as books, newspapers, magazines, letters, - even viewing coins, stamps and photographs. The reader is located in the lounge area of the Senior Center and can be used whenever the Senior Center is open.



REFLECTIONS

From Maple Crest Pond....

Joanne Niswander has a new book out called **Reflections from Maple Crest Pond**. There are copies available for purchase at the Bluffton Senior Center. 365 daily reflections on life, nature, family, and all things in between. Price is **\$14.95**.

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11-19-15

High Score: Men

| | |
|--------------|-----|
| Jack Wickham | 212 |
| Basil Meyer | 190 |
| Bob Hower | 181 |
| Ron Fullom | 172 |

High Score: Women

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|-------------------|-----|
| Bev Armstrong | 162 |
| Nancy Frick | 139 |
| Marcia McCafferty | 127 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 109 |

High Series: Men

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|-----------------|-----|
| Dick Marquart | 340 |
| Ron Fullom | 330 |
| Basil Meyer | 328 |
| Larry Armstrong | 325 |

High Series: Women

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|-------------------|-----|
| Bev Armstrong | 292 |
| Nancy Frick | 264 |
| Marcia McCafferty | 242 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 218 |

Bev Armstrong won the Turkey



12-3-15

High Score: Men

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Larry Armstrong | 174 |
| Ron Fullom | 171 |
| Dick Marquart | 169 |
| Mike Bastian | 159 |
| Allen Eversole | 159 |
| Jack Wickham | 159 |

High Score: Women

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Bev Armstrong | 159 |
| Nancy Frick | 138 |
| Marcia McCafferty | 120 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 104 |

High Series: Men

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Larry Armstrong | 326 |
| Dick Marquart | 321 |
| Allen Eversole | 313 |
| Jack Wickham | 303 |
| Rick Mawhorr | 303 |

High Series: Women

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Bev Armstrong | 268 |
| Nancy Frick | 244 |
| Marcia McCafferty | 216 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 207 |



12-10-15

High Score: Men

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Jack Wickham | 202 |
| Mike Bastian | 180 |
| Ron Fullom | 169 |
| Bob Badertscher | 166 |

High Score: Women

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Nancy Frick | 137 |
| Tonya Meyer | 125 |
| Marilyn Lenhart | 123 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 111 |

High Series: Men

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Jack Wickham | 348 |
| Ron Fullom | 334 |
| Dick Marquart | 317 |
| Mike Bastian | 314 |

High Series: Women

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Nancy Frick | 271 |
| Tonya Meyer | 241 |
| Marilyn Lenhart | 237 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 217 |

12-17-15

High Score: Men

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Jack Wickham | 201 |
| Russel Koontz | 186 |
| Ron Fullom | 169 |
| Jim Baumgartner | 166 |

High Score: Women

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Nancy Frick | 182 |
| Bev Armstrong | 146 |
| Tonya Meyer | 126 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 104 |

High Series: Men

| | |
|-----------------|-----|
| Jack Wickham | 398 |
| Ron Fullom | 334 |
| Jim Baumgartner | 321 |
| Allen Eversole | 313 |

High Series: Women

| | |
|---------------|-----|
| Nancy Frick | 271 |
| Bev Armstrong | 246 |
| Tonya Meyer | 216 |
| Sue Mawhorr | 201 |



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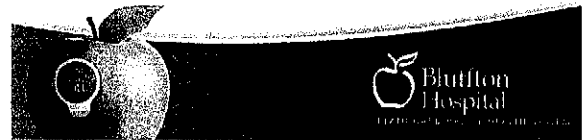
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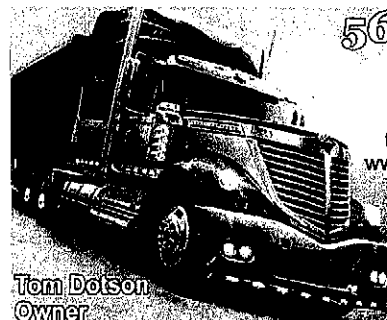
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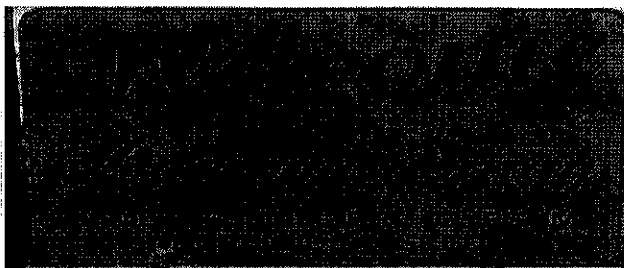
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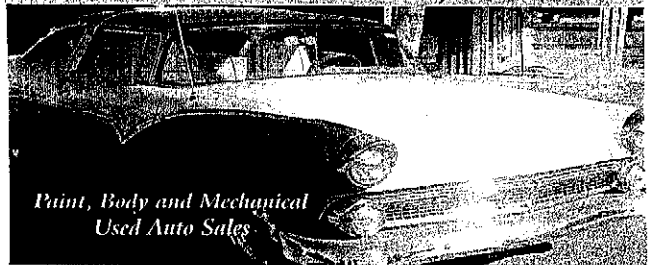
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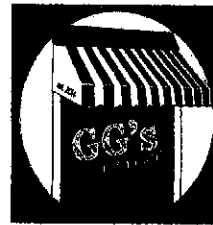
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