

Bulletin



Promote the understanding of agriculture in our community to improve the profitability of farmers and enrich the quality of life in Knox County.

Grants Promote Ag Literacy for Knox County Youth Through Ag in the Classroom

The Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom (IAITC) program continues to thrive as a resource for educating Knox County children about agriculture. This week the program received funding to continue classroom lessons thanks to IAA Foundation grants to local county coalitions.

Eighty coalitions serving 89 Illinois

counties were awarded \$647,000 in grant dollars which can be used for materials, training, educational lessons, and activities taking place during the 2022-2023 school year. "Providing these grants ensures teachers have the right resources to integrate accurate agricultural content into their classrooms," said Kevin Daugherty, education director, IAITC.

Last school year, 582,594 students and 40,046 teachers engaged in ag literacy lessons through IAITC. County AITC programs presented 28,848 individual programs throughout the state. Classroom presentations, farm field trips, and agriculture expos add a new dimension to existing curricular standards.

"IAITC continues to help highlight Illinois' #1 industry. Student reach increased 182%, showing a positive trend as we adjust to post-pandemic education," Daugherty reflected.

County coalition grants are made possible through funding from the IAA Foundation, the charitable arm of the Illinois Farm Bureau. The IAA Foundation raises funds for the IAITC program each year, and in addition to county grants, provides funding for Ag Mags, teacher grants, Summer Ag

Academies, and more.

"Consistent and sustainable funding is key for IAITC to have great results," said Susan Moore, director, IAA Foundation. "And knowing that so many Illinois students are making stronger connections to agriculture drives our donors to keep making ag literacy a priority, and we are grateful for that."

Partner organizations of IAITC include Illinois Farm Bureau, Facilitating Coordination in Agricultural Education, University of Illinois Extension, Illinois Beef Association, Illinois Corn Marketing Board, Illinois Pork Producers Association, Illinois Soybean Association, Midwest Dairy Association, Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

In addition, annual donors include agribusiness partners and individuals with an interest in supporting the future of agriculture. For information on how individuals can contribute, visit www.iaafoundation.org. For information on IAITC, visit www.agintheclassroom.org.



KCFB Present Knox County Board with Plaque

During the October Knox County Board Meeting, Knox County Farm Bureau Board Members Kurt Emken, Lori Engel, and Jason Bollivar presented the Knox County Board with a plaque recognizing Knox County as an "Ally in Agriculture." The plaque displays the county seal and KCFB logo. A big thank you once again to County Board Members Cheryl Nache, Anthony Weiss, Amanda Smith, Greg Bacon, Erin Pugh, Robert Bondi, Pamela Davidson, Kimberly Thierry, Samuel Cohen, Jared Hawkinson, Joshua Kramer, Todd Olinger, Rick Sandoval, Brian Friedrich and Patty Boone for unanimously approving this resolution and for their continued support of Knox County agriculture. Pictured above, left to right, County Clerk Scott Erickson and County Board Chairman Jared Hawkinson with KCFB Board Members and the Allies in Agriculture Plaque.

SHINE A Light on Ag Literacy

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Longhorn	3 lb	\$16.00		\$	Summer Sausage	10 oz	\$7.00		\$
Calico	1 lb	\$6.00		\$	Parmesan, Grated	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Calico	3 lb	\$16.00		\$	Cranberry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Swiss	1 lb	\$7.00		\$	Blueberry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Swiss	2 lb	\$13.00		\$	Cherry Cheddar	1 lb	\$8.00		\$
Mozzarella	2 lb	\$11.00		\$	Cheese Curds, Yellow	1 lb	\$6.00		\$
Baby Swiss	1 lb	\$7.00		\$	Avanti Cheese Gift Boxes: 8.5 oz Swiss, 10 oz others				
Baby Swiss	2 1/2 lb	\$16.00		\$	Gift Box A Couples Delight:		\$20.00		\$
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In the Bag

Pizza project promotes the families in farming

For years, I triggered curious looks from fellow restaurant patrons while holding my commercial-sized pizza delivery bag. Nowadays, I get asked if I'm with DoorDash, a food delivery service.

Until recently, the presence of this red pizza bag felt so unorthodox that my husband and kids were too embarrassed to show it in public. But I had no shame for the sake of hot pizza and took that bag right inside the front doors of Casey's General Store or other pizza places during an era when only delivery drivers car-

ried them. We live 30 minutes from a city with significant grocery shopping and restaurant options. We clock 15 minutes from the nearest Casey's, where we frequently order pizza. I permanently carry a cooler in my van, too.

Appropriately timed, National Pizza Month falls in October during the heart of the harvest season when pizza pickups equally deliver "pick-me-ups" for the harvest crew. Field meals provide a moment to look forward to in a 12-plus-hour harvest day. And this year, Casey's teamed with the Illinois Farm Bureau and Illinois commodity groups to use pizza to promote the "We are the 96%" Campaign in celebration of the family farmer.

Contrary to common belief, families – not corporations – own and operate 96% of Illinois farms. Farm groups and Casey's sought to debunk the corporate myth with images of Illinois farm families like ours in self-stick flyers on 250,000 Casey's pizza boxes statewide in the month of October.

Three generations of our family and em-

ployees make up our harvest crew, and the pizza bag performs. It maintains warmth for up to 10 meals in Styrofoam containers and up to five large pizzas, one more than advertised. The bag doubles as an over-sized soft cooler when I throw in some ice packs and certainly makes my list of favorite things. Today, I own pizza bags for two vehicles. My sister-in-law owns one. My mom, three. Collectively, we can handle delivery for the annual 4-H pizza party for 100 people.

"Is Grandma bringing food?" our son often texts from the tractor with grain cart during the 5 o'clock hour. Our now-15-year-old asked the same question at age 4 when he visited the fields during harvest. Now he's working in them.

Yes, and by family tradition, expect pizza one night a week.

About the author: Joanie Stiers farms with her family in West-Central Illinois, where they grow corn, soybeans, hay and cover crops and raise beef cattle, backyard chickens and farmkids.

Getting To Know Your Farm Bureau Policy

88. FARM SAFETY

We support:

Encouraging all county Farm Bureaus to develop and maintain an aggressive farm safety education program to help protect our current and future generations. It is important that youth receive age appropriate training in farm safety.

Working to enhance the safety of farm-

ers by encouraging them to use and, when necessary, replace safety lighting, markings, and reflective devices that are of extreme importance when used on farm machinery.

Encouraging the use and placement of reflective material and safety lighting on farm equipment that conforms with the American Society of Agricultural and

Biological Engineers (ASABE) marking standards.

Encouraging all county Farm Bureaus to work with local farmers, elevators, and emergency response personnel to provide adequate grain safety training. Training should include information pertaining to safe grain handling as well as grain emergencies.

'Soil nerd' wins 2023 CCA award

By ERIN M. HENKEL

FarmWeek

In high school, Brandon Hall, winner of the Illinois Certified Crop Adviser (CCA) award, baked at his family's bakery, producing cookies, donuts and breads.

He once envisioned a culinary career. However, his trajectory changed when a family friend teaching at Black Hawk College East Campus (BHE) questioned his future plans.

Though Hall's grandfather operated a 100-head dairy and row-crop farm in Knox County, he transitioned from "country boy to city boy" after his mother relocated.

Hall told the family friend he wanted to "get back home to the farming community."

The friend saw potential, offering Hall a scholarship at Black Hawk as part of the soil judging team. Hall, without any prior FFA involvement or soil experience, accepted, seeking new experiences.

Hall pursued agriculture at BHE, joined the soil judging team and met his future wife. His skills earned him a spot at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, further igniting his passion, and he soon garnered the nickname "soil nerd."

In 2016, he helped secure gold for Team USA at an international soil contest in New Zealand. "I just really enjoy the soils world, I'm fascinated by it," Hall said.

In 2018, Hall decided he wanted to be challenged and become a CCA. After completing over 300 agriculture-related questions in international and state tests, he achieved his goal.

Six years later, Hall is the 2023 Illinois CCA award winner, a distinction honoring excellent service in nutrient, soil and water management, pest management and crop production.

"I think it is just a testimony to number one, the team I work with every day," Hall said. "Number two, the customer base that we have here in Wataga. I believe they're very progressive. I believe they're a group of farmers that are wanting to do better and I

believe they're wanting to learn and they're hungry for knowledge that ties into the community service side of things."

Hall said he is grateful to his customers, community and management for supporting him and preventing him from becoming "stagnant" in his career by always challenging him to learn more.

Hall said he does a lot of work with the 4Rs: right source, right rate, right time and right place. He said variable rate technology helps farmers do the right thing for their fields and the environment.

"I do a lot of trials with growers that are willing, and I am very fortunate to have a number of growers who are progressive, so they are asking the right questions: What's next? Where do we get top-end yields and is my soil able to handle that? What kind of seed chemical and seed chemistry and fertilizer do we need to optimize yields?"

Hall, serving as vice president for Knox County Young Farmers, also worked with GROWMARK and Illinois Farm Bureau, to plant 20 acres of cover crops in 20 townships in Knox County. He said he wanted to help those who are on the fence about cover crops.

"We have a very progressive board of Young Farmers that want to do things, they want to learn, they are seeking information," Hall said. "One of the hot buttons that we were talking about as we started brainstorming ideas for this Nutrient Stewardship Grant was cover crops."

The IFB Nutrient Stewardship Grant covered the cost of soil sampling for each plot, as well as the cost of aerial application.

Hall said the project is a complex one that allows growers to look at variable soils and variable rates of cover cropping with different mixes and is "trying to figure out how we can quantify and qualify those numbers as we get several years of data."

They have successfully kept 18 of the plots growing and have offered several field

days and other educational opportunities for growers who may be on the fence about cover crops.

Part of the project included creating a booklet that profiles each plot.

Hall said he hopes to remain an adviser for the project after he ages out of Young Farmers and that the program provided him with valuable connections to his community and growers.

"A lot of those starting to take over farms in our community are very young farmers right now, and so just building competence with them and getting to build relationships as well," Hall said. "The more I get involved, the more that I see this is definitely a valuable tool to have in our Farm Bureaus and I believe it is just building the next generation of Farm Bureau."

Hall said he also is passionate about reaching those in his community who are not from an ag background, including a local ag day event where they bring equipment to the grocery store to provide a hands-on experience for people who may have not seen equipment up close.

When he isn't working as a location manager for West Central FS, servicing more than 40,000 acres annually, leading a group of interns from BHE, or providing coaching to the Williamsfield FFA chapter, Hall is with his wife, Tillie, and their three children: Braxton, 7, Brinlee, 6, and Baylor, 4.

"My wife is wired very similarly to me, and I think that's why this works. She understands the value of community and her family," Hall said. "All credit really goes to my wife because I couldn't do what I do every day for my farmers, for my plant, for my company without the backing at home." Hall's accomplishment will be recognized at the Illinois Farm Bureau Annual Meeting and the Illinois CCA Conference. He will also be considered for the International CCA Award.

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When Do I Need Life Insurance?

You'll likely reach a few milestones when you and your family may think about the value of life insurance coverage. A recent COUNTRY Financial Security Index survey found that 3 in 10 Americans don't have life insurance for themselves or a spouse. While it may not be a priority, meeting with an insurance agent to see how life insurance could protect your loved one is an important part of achieving your financial goals.

We all know life is unpredictable. To protect your family from the unthinkable, consider five life milestones that should prompt you to check in with your insurance agent and ask about life insurance"

1. Going to college -- Life insurance can help pay for those college loans if something happens to you. Depending on the type of loan, parents may be responsible for student loans.

2. Getting married -- Your spouse may need help paying for expenses if something happens to you.

3. Having a child -- If you're married

and have kids, the money from a life insurance death benefit could help your family carry on financially if they no longer had your income. In fact, more than one-third of households say they'd feel the financial impact within one month if the primary income earner passed away.

4. Buying your first house -- If anyone relies on your income to help pay the mortgage, the money from a life insurance death benefit could help ensure your family stays in their home well after you're gone.

5. Becoming an empty-nester -- whole life insurance can provide benefits while you're still living, such as supplementing retirement income or making a down payment on a vacation home.

Take the time to reflect on the changes you experienced this year, and what may be down the road. Reach out to your insurance agent for information about how they can help you protect the things that matter most and plan for your future.

October Board Highlights

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Knox County Farm Bureau was held on October 19, 2023.

Education & Outreach – Lori Engel

The winter Adult AITC program is being planned with events in December, January, February, and March.

Farm Business – Brian Nelson

Plat Books are available in the office. Plat Books are \$30 for members and \$50 for wall maps for members. The Steve Johnson Seminar will be held November 14 at 7PM at the Knox Agri Center. His seminar title is "Beyond Supply & Demand: Crop Market Price Outlook, Strategies & Plans." RSVP's are appreciated

Government and Policy – Kurt Emken

Sign up for FB Act text alerts by texting the word FARM to 52886. The Knox County Board unanimously passed the Allies in Ag Resolution at their September Board Meeting.

Member Relations – Jeff Grady

KCFB met the 2023 Quota ending with 810 MM, 17 MS, 21PM, 1,789 A Members.

Young Farmers – Tyler Main

Young Farmers met on September 19 for their monthly meeting. A trivia night will be held on March 1 at Big Catz. Jim McNelly, West Central FS General Manager, has won the Friend of Young Leaders award and will be recognized at the IAA Annual Meeting. Cory

Link won the Young Leader FB Act drawing. He was entered for completing every Action Request that was issued in the past year. Tyler Main was selected as the Top County Young Leader Chair for Membership Group 3 and will be recognized at the IAA Annual Meeting

PrimeTimers – Hailey Hennenfent

The PrimeTimers met on October 17 for their fall tour. They went to Teresa & Bob Shipplett's house for a Cider Squeeze. The next meeting is the Holiday Meal on November 21.

Foundation – Hailey Hennenfent

The Foundation Board met on August 22 for their quarterly meeting. On September 1, KCFB Foundation released the Agriculture in the Community Grant. The KCFB Foundation released its first newsletter in the October edition of the Bulletin.

KAC – Hailey Hennenfent

The Knox Agri Center met on August 22 for their quarterly meeting. The Agri Center will be replacing the lighting in the building to be LED, energy efficient bulbs and ballasts.

OLD BUSINESS

There are 3 vacancies on the Knox County Farm Bureau Board.

Potential speakers are being contacted about speaking at the KCFB Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The 2024 KCFB Budget was discussed.

KCFB Board Attendance 2023

	August	September	October
Beard, Jennifer	P	C	P
Bollivar, Jason	P	C	P
Courson, Dustin	A	C	A
DeSutter, Drew	P	C	P
Emken, Kurt	A	C	P
Emmons, Rob	A	C	P
Engel, Lori	P	C	P
Goedeke, Phil	P	C	P
Grady, Jeff	P	C	P
Link, Aaron	P	C	A
Link, Cory	A	C	A
McCormick, Joel	P	C	P
Nelson, Brian	P	C	P
O'Connor, Tom	P	C	P
Shea, Damon	A	C	A
Stevens, Monica	P	C	A
Underwood, Kyle	A	C	P

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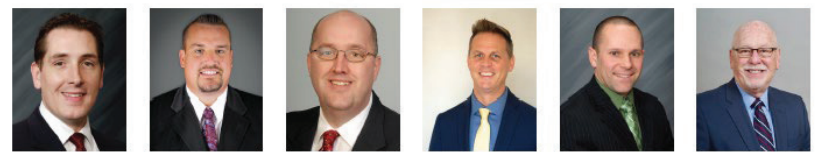
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Farm Family Living Expenses On The Rise

By DANIEL GRANT FarmWeek

Farm budgets are expected to reflect tighter margins this year.

And farm families, like most Americans, also continue to deal with inflation and higher living costs, which will impact the bottom line.

Total noncapital living expenses of 1,329 farm families enrolled in the Illinois Farm Business Farm Management Association (FBFM) increased 6% in 2022 and remain under pressure.

The living expenses on farms in the FBFM program averaged \$91,401, or about \$7,600 per month, last year. And, another \$7,432 was used to buy capital items such as a personal share of the family automobile, furniture and household equipment.

The grand total of living expenses came out to an average of \$98,833 per family in 2022, which is an increase of \$6,496 per family compared to 2021, according to Brad Zwilling, vice president of data analysis for FBFM.

He recently urged farmers to keep fam-

ily living costs in mind for 2024 crop budgets in an article posted at, farmdocdaily.illinois.edu.

“As you work on your crop budgets, keep in mind that a \$118 per acre family living is equal to a 54 cent per bushel price change on 220 bushels per acre for corn,” Zwilling noted.

Farmers spent an average of \$108 per acre annually the last decade on family living expenses (expendables plus capital) divided by tillable operator acres. But, it increased to an average of \$118 per acre in 2022.

Loan rates highest since 2007

Another factor impacting farm budgets involves higher interest rates.

Average interest rates on all types of farm loans recently increased for a seventh con-

secutive quarter and reached the highest level since 2007, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

“The quick rise in rates has pushed up financing costs considerably and likely influenced producers’ decision making related to

debt usage,” according to Nathan Kauffman and Ty Kreitman of the Kansas City Fed. “As rates have risen, the average maturity of longer-term loans has increased notably.”

Farm lending activity at commercial banks subsequently softened in the third quarter.

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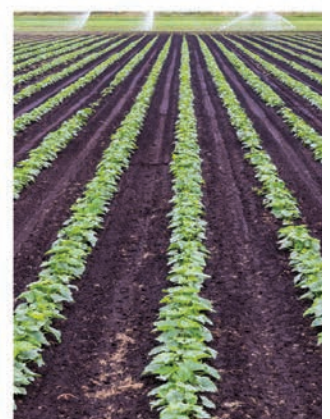
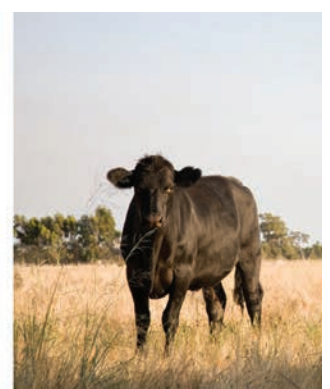
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Health on the Farm

By the Knox County Health Department



Knox Community Health Center Offers Marketplace Enrollment

Health insurance can be confusing. The Knox Community Health Center can help people through the complexities of health insurance and help individuals choose a plan.

The open enrollment period is a time during which people can change or sign up for a health insurance plan through the health insurance Marketplace. Open enrollment for a 2023 plan runs from November 1, 2023 through January 15, 2024. Those wanting to start coverage on January 1, 2024 must sign up by December 15, 2023.

Outside of this time period, people can enroll in plans only under certain circumstances, including getting a new job, getting married or having a child.

Regardless of the source of health insurance, though, most people face some level of confusion. This is where our two Licensed Health Care Navigators come in. They can assist with resolving confusion and answer questions. They can walk applicants through the steps of finding an insurance plan that meets their needs. For more information on Marketplace

we encourage all who are eligible to look at the information available at HealthCare.gov and learn about plans that may meet your needs.

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Whether you are looking for health insurance, a family doctor, family nurse practitioner, a family dentist or a behavioral health counselor-Knox Community Health Center can be your "provider of choice" for your entire family. To schedule an appointment with one of our Licensed Marketplace Navigators or any other service, please call 309-344-2225, Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Come see us today & we'll be here when you need us later.



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October Ag in the Classroom Events Numerous

October has been a busy month for the AITC coordinators. Mrs. Green participated in the District 1 meeting in Mercer County and has been teaching about pumpkins. Mrs. Hennenfent has been sharing information about beef and pork using the all-American food, hot dogs!

In mid-October, District 1 coordinators met for a fall meeting. Some exciting new materials that are available for teachers were shared. AITC Director Kevin Dourgherty attended the meeting to talk about the newly developed material. Coordinators received copies of the new Jr. Ag Mags and a new ag related, Elf on the Shelf.

Current Ag Mags are written at a fourth-grade level, and the new Jr. Ag Mags are written at a first and second grade level. So far the response from teachers has been very positive. Apple Jr. Ag Mags were shared last month with first grade classes, and pumpkin Jr. Ag Mags were distributed to second grade classes. Most young students know about the Elf on the Shelf... but did they

know about the Elf named Sprout? Illinois AITC has created ag themed Elf on the Shelf lessons for teachers! Over 20 activities have been created with a note from Sprout, an ag fact to share, and suggested books to pair with the activities.

Second graders have been learning about pumpkins, and gourds, and squash.... oh, my! Students compared how they were the same, and yet different. Students looked inside the hollow shell of a gourd, and also the slimy inside of a pumpkin! Everyone now knows that Illinois is Number One in raising pumpkins for pies!! Students created a diagram of a pumpkin and labeled the parts.

Mrs. Hennenfent has been teaching third and fourth grade students about beef and pork using hotdogs! Students learned about meats that are used in different hotdogs, and what makes a hotdog kosher. They were able to sample both beef and pork hotdogs to compare the taste. She shared the book, HOT DOG! Eleanor Roosevelt Throws a



Picnic. In the story, Eleanor hosts British monarchs and serves hot dogs as part of an all-American picnic!



Anyone interested in an agriculture lesson, feel free to call the Knox County Farm Bureau office. (309-342-2036)

STAY TUNED

Adult Ag in the Classroom is coming back!

- December 2023 - Wreath Making
- January 2024 - Barn Quilt Painting
- February 2024 - Charcuterie Board Class
- March 2024 - Floral Arranging

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Recipe of the Month Caramel Apple Bites

Ingredients:

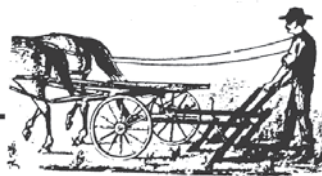
- 2 Green Apples
- 1 Package Mini Pretzel Twists
- 1 Package Rolo Candy
- Toothpicks



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 250 degrees.
2. On a baking sheet, lay out pretzels in a single layer and place a Rolo candy on each pretzel.
3. Put these in the oven for about 3-4 minutes, or until the candy is soft but not melted.
4. Chop the apples into small chunks. Squeeze a little lemon juice on them to keep from browning.
5. Place one apple piece on the end of a toothpick and push into one of the Rolo pretzels. Repeat until all the Rolo pretzels have apples.
6. Ready to serve.

Looking Back



4-H BUILDS FOR THE FUTURE

November 1950

Over 1,900,000 rural young people are building toward well-rounded adult lives through 4-H Club work. Typical of the boys and girls observing National 4-H Club Achievement Week, Nov. 4-12, are these in the painting from 1951 National 4-H Calendar.

Prime Timers News

PrimeTimers will meet on November 21 at Noon at PZ's for the Holiday Meal. Please call the office to be added to the mailing list if you would like to join. Members 55 and older are welcome to join!

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITERS OF THE MONTH

The Knox County Farm Bureau would like to recognize COUNTRY Financial Representatives, Mike White and John Ryner as the top membership recruiters in October. Both representatives signed two new Associate Members. Call your COUNTRY Representative for all your insurance and financial needs.



John Ryner



Mike White

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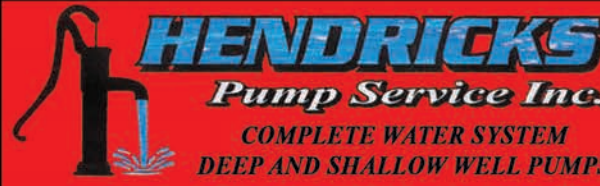
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