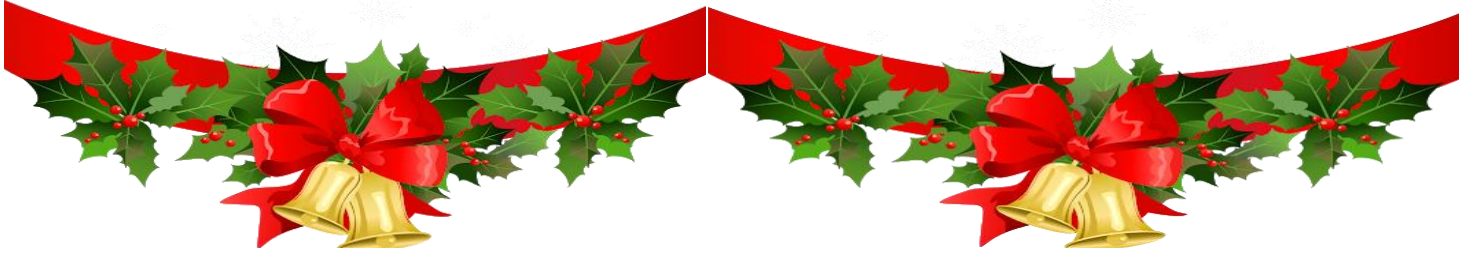




# CITY SCOOP

December 2020

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*Councilman Albert King*

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*We Wish You a  
Merry Christmas!*



## Celebrating 100 Years

**Mrs. Mary King**, Mother of City Councilman Albert King, was presented the Key to the City of Vienna by Mayor Eddie Daniels on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



## Dooly County Courthouse Gets New Addition

You may have recently noticed an addition to the rear side of the Dooly County Courthouse is in process. The purpose of the construction project is to create additional office space on the first floor.

Effective 01/01/2021, the Probate Court and the Magistrate Court will be combined as a result of legislation that was adopted by the 2019 Georgia General Assembly.

Currently, Rooney L. Bowen III serves as the Probate Judge and Al Willis serves as the Chief Magistrate. Mr. Willis is retiring on 12/31/2020. Effective 01/01/2021, Mr. Bowen will serve as Probate Judge/Chief Magistrate.

Currently, the Probate Court Office is located in the Courthouse and the Magistrate Court Office is located on North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. When the construction project is completed, the Magistrate Court Office will be moved to the Courthouse.





## Dooly County High School has 90.24% Graduation Rate

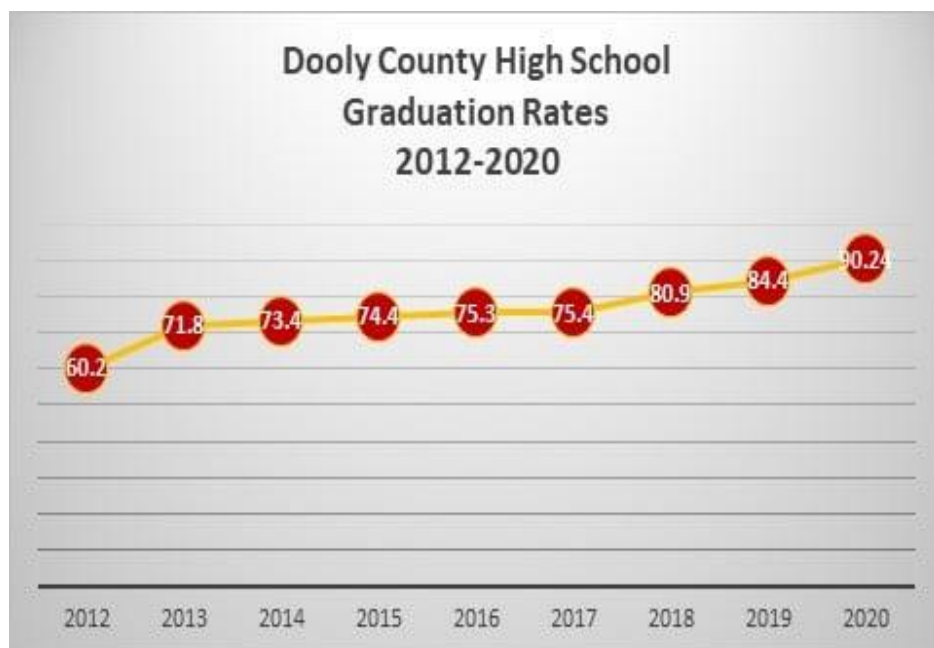
***Congratulations from the City of Vienna!***

The Georgia Department of Education released its 2019-20 high school graduation rates on November 10, 2020. Dooly County High School has earned a graduation rate of 90.24%, the highest rating DCHS has received since calculations began in 2012. This means the 2016-2017 freshman class had 90.24% of its students to complete high school in a four-year period.

The Dooly County High school graduation rate surpasses the state of Georgia 2019-20 four-year graduation rate of 83.8 %, meaning that Dooly County once again beat the state average.

“This is only the beginning of what is to come as we continue to ‘Head to the Top,’ Dooly County High School Principal Jerry Sanders states. I would like to congratulate the teachers and students for a job well done. I would also like to thank the administrative team for their support. As principal, I would like all stakeholders to know the best is yet to come.”

Superintendent Dr. Craig Lockhart adds, “Graduating high school on time is a feat accomplished by the combined efforts of families, students, and all teachers, leaders, faculty and staff from birth up to the senior year. While we are very pleased with these results, we will not stop until we reach 100% of our students earning a high school diploma. I wholeheartedly congratulate the Class of 2020 who are living up to their fullest potential by completing high school. This is Dooly, and we are indeed Headed To the TOP!”



### **State of Georgia Rates**

Georgia's graduation rate has increased by 14.1 percentage points since 2012, with steady increases each year.

**2012:** 69.7%

**2019:** 82%

**2020:** 83.8%



**Christmas Tree Decorating Contest**

All local organizations, businesses, student groups, and families are invited to participate in the City of Vienna’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Trees are to be placed in the Downtown Courthouse Square by **December 5, 2020**. Winners will be announced on **December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

By participating in this contest, you will not only call attention to your special group or organization, you will also be doing your part in lighting up downtown Vienna and contributing to the festive atmosphere during this Christmas season. After the year we have all had due to COVID-19, we need a little cheer and festivity in our lives!

Ribbons will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Use your imagination, be creative, be festive, have fun! Join us in making downtown Vienna shine this holiday season!

Please return the entry form below to Vienna City Hall or email to [laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org](mailto:laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org).

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**2020 Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Entry Form**

Name/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I understand and agree that trees and decorations will be at the expense of the participant. The City of Vienna is not responsible for any damage or loss to any decorations at any time before, during or after the Christmas events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: December 4, 2020, 5:00 p.m.**

*See rules next page . . .*

## Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Rules

1. Either individuals or groups may decorate Christmas trees. Examples of participants may include youth groups, adult groups, civic organizations, school groups, school classes, church groups, businesses, or families. The event is limited to one entry per person or group. There is no entry fee.
2. Deadline to register is December 4, 2020 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Trees may be artificial or live. Minimum height of 4 feet and maximum height of 6 feet.
4. Trees must be anchored in a way that they will not blow over. No digging is allowed in the park. One suggestion is to place in buckets, support with bricks, then fill with sand. Keep in mind that decorations will be exposed to various weather conditions as well as birds, squirrels, and other visitors to the park.
5. Each participant should attach a sign no larger than 12”X 12” to identify the individual, group, organization or business who decorated the tree. The sign may be attached to the tree or the container in which the tree is placed but needs to be easily visible.
6. Trees can be set up in the park beginning November 27, 2020 and must be in place and decorated by December 5, 2020.
7. Flagged stakes will be placed in the City Park indicating where trees may be placed. Just pick your spot – first come first served. **NO DIGGING ALLOWED!!**
8. Extension cords will be provided by the City of Vienna.
9. Judging will take place December 10, 2020.
10. Winners will be announced on December 11, 2020.
11. Participants must remove all artificial trees and all decorations by January 4, 2021. **Undecorated live trees** may be left on the ground for the City to pick up and take to the chipper.



# Fruits of Vienna B&B

509 N. 3rd St, Vienna, GA 31092  
229-947-3401

**December 19: High Tea, 12:30 p.m.**

*Call for reservations for your private Christmas party, brunch, lunch, or dinner with your family, friends, or co-workers. (COVID complied)*

**OR**

*Rent a chef and I'll come to your place.*



## New Georgia Grown Trails App *It's Free! Download Yours Today*



The new Georgia Grown Trails app provides mobile access to trail stops and locations. The app allows travelers to explore the different stores, farms and towns that have bonded together as Georgia Grown members.

As you explore the app you will find new local businesses around you to find true Georgia Grown experiences. Not only will you be able to use the app for exploration but there is a lot of great information on what it's like to be a Georgia Grown member.

The app is available as a free download on the [Apple App Store](#) as well as the [Google Play Store](#)!

**THIS  
HOLIDAY  
SEASON  
DON'T FORGET  
TO SHOP SAFE  
AND  
TO SHOP LOCAL**

A graphic with a teal background. At the top is a logo for "GEORGIA MAIN STREET". Below it, the words "Shop Safe" are written in large, white, bubbly cursive font. To the right of the text are icons of a hand wearing a mask and a hand being washed with soap. Below the text is a small icon of a storefront with an "OPEN" sign. At the bottom, it says "RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PATRONS" in white text on a dark teal background. In the bottom right corner, there are social media handles: "#ShopSafeMainStreet", "georgiamainstreet.org", and "Georgia Community Affairs".



# REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP

Building a skilled workforce through training and partnerships.

## What is Registered Apprenticeship?

Registered Apprenticeship is a nation-wide training system that produces high skilled workers to meet the demands of a skilled American workforce. It is a unique, flexible system that combines job-related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences.

**Central Georgia Technical College is committed to supporting the on-the-job curriculum through technical instruction.**

Apprenticeships are employer-designed and structured for on-the-job learning (OJL). Technical instructors complement and parallel OJL by working with employers to craft a customized curriculum.

Apprenticeships can be found in industries such as:



Construction & Manufacturing



Information Technology & Networking



Healthcare



Service & Retail Industries



Military



Public Sector & Public Utilities

## Employer Benefits

- Skilled workers trained to industry specifications to produce quality results
- Reduced turnover
- Pipeline for new skilled workers

## Apprentice Benefits

- Jobs that typically pay higher wages
- Higher quality of life and skills versatility
- Opportunity for college credit and future degrees

## National Benefits

- Highly skilled workforce
- Increased competitive edge in global competition
- System that contributes to and sustains economic growth

## FAST FACTS:

# 847,000

new apprentices entered a Registered Apprenticeship in FY 2017.

# \$70,000

is the average starting annual salary of apprentices while earning a credential equivalent to a 2 or 4 year college degree.

# 94%

of apprentices remain employed by their apprenticeship company.



[www.centralgatech.edu](http://www.centralgatech.edu)

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# dates to Remember

**December 14, 2020**

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.  
Vienna City Hall

**December 21, 2020**

First Day of Winter

**December 24, 2020**

Christmas Eve  
City Hall Closed



**December 25, 2020**

Christmas Day  
City Hall Closed

**December 28, 2020**

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.  
Vienna City Hall

**January 1, 2021**

New Year's Day  
City Hall Closed



## Election Dates

**January 5, 2021**

U. S. Senate

Kelly Loeffler (I-Rep) vs Raphael Warnock (Dem)  
David Perdue (I-Rep) vs Jon Ossoff (Dem)

**March 16, 2021**

Vienna City Special Election

To fill the unexpired term of the late City  
Councilman Henry Johnson

## Update on 2020 Census

The official logo for the 2020 United States Census, featuring the words "United States" in a small font above "Census" in a large, bold font, with "2020" below it.

The 2020 Census count is complete and early results show fewer than two-thirds of Georgians took the initiative to self-respond to the Census questionnaire. Georgia ranked 38<sup>th</sup> in the nation in terms of self-responses, with a total response rate of 62.9%. Minnesota ranked No. 1, at 75.1%; Alaska came in last at 54.7%.

The information gathered will determine a tremendous array of issues that affect everyday life – from the number of congressional seats awarded to each state, to federal funding for sidewalk improvements in towns across the country, to federally funded lunches for children in low-income households.

The process of analyzing the data has started but most likely will not be completed by the December 31 deadline. Expectations are now for mid-January.



## MEDICAL COLUMN: Are masks effective?



**By:** Dooly County Native, **Robert Mobley Jeter, M.D.** Family Medicine Residency Program, Colquitt Regional Medical Center. Robert is the son of Bob and Virginia Jeter of Byromville.



The year 2020 will certainly be remembered for a great many things, but I would not hesitate to suggest COVID-19 and its surrounding controversies will often sit at the forefront. COVID-19, formally known as SARS-CoV-2 and informally referred to as the coronavirus, was first confirmed in the USA on January 20, 2020, where it simmered for several weeks. February 25, 2020 saw the first US soil local outbreak and by March 11 a pandemic was declared. To date, the CDC reports 7.7 million positive cases in the US with over 214,000 deaths.

Initially, the CDC recommended masks only for healthcare workers and those showing COVID-19 symptoms. As of April 3, 2020, they recommend people in public always wear a mask. While this may seem a reversal to some, it was a revision following new information. The facts include data that up to 25% of COVID-19 infections are asymptomatic and, even further, that the most infectious period (when viral shedding is the highest) is when the symptoms are mild. So now that there is a clear stance on masks, do they work?

When we speak, microscopic droplets are ejected from our mouths and noses which linger in the air and travel up to 9 feet. Droplets can make their way into the eyes, nose, and mouth of another person in the absence of a cough or sneeze. Furthermore, they can land on everyday objects we tend to touch, including doorknobs and keyboards. A laser light scattering experiment by scientists at National Institutes of Health shows that a single minute of loud speaking generates over 150,000 droplets with estimates suggesting at least 1,000 contain viral particles. One study evaluating the efficacy of masks identified that over 99.9% of respiratory droplets were trapped in the mask (droplets smaller than 5 nanometers were not caught but are believed to be too small to contain the virus). The benefit isn't just for others; studies by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Control have shown that wearing a mask can reduce the risk of contracting airborne illnesses including COVID and Influenza by as much as 75%.

So now that we've determined masks do protect us, which one should I wear? While data from Stanford and Duke University shows that N95 confers the most protection, it is also the least comfortable and hardest to find. Surgical masks provide benefit and are often considered comfortable but are notably single use. Cloth masks offer the most variety, are easy to find or even make, and can be reused after washing. It is important to remember that no matter how effective a mask might be, it only works when it is worn correctly; thus, a mask comfortable enough to wear for prolonged periods is essential. If you are consistent in mask-usage and correctly wear one that covers your mouth and nose, the one you choose is not as important. The efficacy of a mask in both individual and group studies is more about compliance than the material.

## ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS!!!!

### *Regions Bank Entrepreneurship Academy For Business Owners*

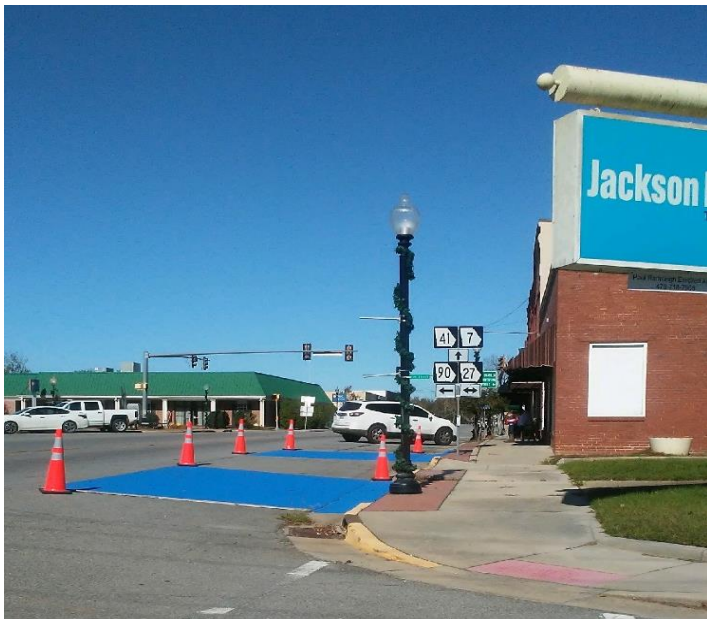
The University of Georgia Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is offering a series of 4 educational webinars that will be offered at **no cost** to business owners around the state thanks to a generous gift from Regions Bank.

These webinars will instruct business owners on how to grow their business and incorporate new processes to improve their efficiency. You can attend any or all of the Entrepreneurship Academy Webinars. Each course will focus on one of the following topics:

- December 08: **Building a Plan**, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- December 10: **Marketing**, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- December 15: **Digital Marketing**, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- December 17: **Funding**, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Business owners who attend all 4 of the online programs will be eligible to receive a certificate. The Regions Bank Entrepreneurship Academy will be offered again in January and February 2021. For additional information, go to <https://www.georgiasbdc.org/regions-adacemy/>.

### Additional Handicap Parking Spaces

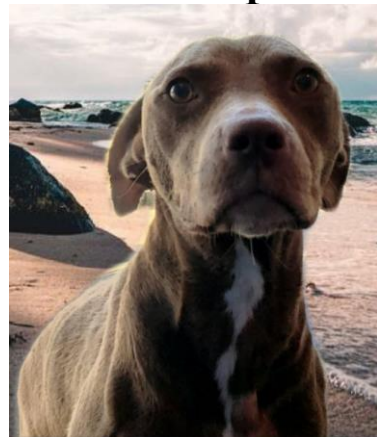


The City recently added 2 handicap parking spaces in Downtown Vienna on South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to accommodate the Southwest Georgia Fyzical Rehab Center located in the former Henley Building.



**Oakley**

**Penelope**



The two cuties recently left the Vienna Animal Shelter and were transported to their “fur-ever” homes in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

An added bonus was Penelope’s 3 puppies went with her!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING in VIENNA?



**Pineview Trace** – A 50 Unit Multi-Family Housing Development located behind Vienna Church of Christ on East Union St.

**COMING SOON!**  
**Vienna Lofts at 214 9<sup>TH</sup> St.**



46 Unit Multi-Family Housing Development

**OPENING in JANUARY!**



990 East Union Street

**Marvair** is expanding with a 20,000 square-foot addition to their building in the Vienna South Industrial Park.



North 5<sup>th</sup> St.

**COMING SOON!**  
Innovative Senior Solutions  
**Personal Care Home**  
North 5<sup>th</sup> Street

Up to 6 residents  
*“Meeting Senior Care Needs Every Step of the Way”*



## Gingerbread Rice Krispie Treats



**Prep Time** 5 minutes

**Chill Time** 1 hour

**Servings** 12 bars

**Cook Time** 10 minutes

**Total Time** 15 minutes

**Calories** 221 kcal

### Ingredients

4 cups Rice Krispie cereal (gluten-free)	1/4 tsp salt *see notes
1 tsp cinnamon	1 cup cashew butter
1 tsp ginger	1/2 cup honey or (maple syrup if vegan)
1/2 tsp allspice	3 tbsp molasses
1/2 tsp nutmeg	1 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp cloves	

### Instructions

1. Line a 9x9 pan with parchment paper with the edges sticking out on either side for easy removal.
2. Pour Rice Krispie cereal into a large mixing bowl.
3. In a separate small bowl, combine cinnamon, ginger, allspice, nutmeg, cloves and salt. Stir until well mixed.
4. Place the cashew butter, honey, and molasses into a small pot and stir until well combined. While stirring, bring the mixture to a low simmer and then immediately take off the heat. Stir the vanilla and small bowl of spices into the wet ingredients.
5. Pour over Rice Krispie cereal and stir until cereal is well covered with the mixture.
6. Pour into the 9x9 prepared pan. Spread evenly using a spatula so the top is smooth and flat. If your spatula sticks, spray it with non-stick spray.
7. Refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
8. After cooled, lift the treats from the pan, and cut into 12 bars.
9. Devour!

**Recipe Notes:** \*If your cashew butter is unsalted, it is recommended to add the 1/4 tsp of salt. If your cashew butter is salted, you may want to leave the salt out.



## *Joiner's Corner*

### *A Contented Man by Neil Joiner*

My father belonged to a men's Sunday School class at Harmony Baptist Church for over six decades. His cousin, Wendell Dunaway, was the teacher for much of that time. Many years ago, Daddy shared with me something from one of their lessons. The scripture they had studied that morning was where Paul says that he has learned to be content. Cousin Wendell asked the class if anyone knew a truly contented man. Alvin Hogsett, a relative on my mother's side of our family, answered without hesitation, "Fountain Bembry."

Uncle Fountain was a brother to my grandmother, Carrie Mae Bembry Hill. He lived much of his life in a small and very old house that was a few hundred yards from my grandparent's home. In his later years he lived with Grandmama. Daddy and I were somewhat amused by Alvin's answer. We knew that Uncle Fountain's contentment could also be viewed as a lack of ambition.

When he was young, I think he farmed a few acres. That was before tractors replaced mules and horses. He drove a school bus for Pulaski County and worked as a store clerk for a while. He did a little weekend barbering out of his house and sold Mason Shoes from a catalog. He worked enough to support his modest lifestyle; a lifestyle more simplistic than most would choose.

Uncle Fountain's small farm was rich in iron ore. It was heavily mined in the early 1960's. It's the only place I know of in our area where that was done. Deep pits were left where the ore was removed. It was no longer suitable for farming or hardly growing timber. I don't know how much money he got out of the iron ore, but he bought a clean used pickup truck, a light blue 1956 Ford stepside. He wore a Stetson cowboy hat and a Texas string tie when he went to church or to see his lady friend.

He enjoyed spending time with Miss Mickie Calhoun, often bringing her to family dinners at Grandmama's house. She was sweet and smart and would have made him a good wife, but he was a committed bachelor. He was satisfied with regular visits and an occasional trip to town. When the weather was good, he would sit in Grandmama's backyard under the shade of a big pecan tree. I enjoyed visiting with Uncle Fountain under that shade tree. He was easy to talk to, never out of sorts, never complained that I can recall. I don't remember talking about anything in particular. Sometimes it was just the two of us, or there might be a half-dozen men following a big Sunday dinner. The men all migrated to the shade tree or the side porch when it was time to clean up the kitchen.

When I was born in 1952, Uncle Fountain was 58 years old. As I got closer to becoming an adult, however, I wondered why he hadn't done more with his life. I wondered why he was content to live in a room he didn't own, to date a woman he had no plans to marry, and to let his small farm be disfigured with almost useless clay gullies.

I wasn't around in Uncle Fountain's younger days. I don't know if he worked hard or hardly worked. Ambition is sometimes doled out in doses that seem pitifully small. But too much ambition can be a treacherous thing, sometimes a lot worse than having too little. We can get so busy building more barns that we forget the importance of shade tree visits.

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**Birthdays**



December 10. .... William Lamb  
 December 11. .... Councilman Albert King  
 December 14. .... Jeri Williams  
 December 18. .... Nathan Jordan  
 December 23. .... Ricky Chadwick



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