

JCPenney-Roseville and Macomb 4-H Partnership Serving the Community

Thanks to funds raised through a recent "Round-Up" program at the JCPenney-Roseville store, local children in need will continue to have access to afterschool programming through Macomb County 4-H, a JCPenney Afterschool Fund partner. From the April 10-19 Round Up, JCPenney customers were invited to "round-up" their JCPenney purchases to the nearest whole dollar and donate the difference to the JCPenney Afterschool Fund, a public charity that provides at-risk children access to life-enriching afterschool programs that inspire children to be smart, strong and socially responsible.

With over \$1,600 raised from JCPenney-Roseville's recent "Round-Up" program held in April, children can enjoy MSUE 4-H Youth Programs offering a wide range of activities such as entrepreneurship, gardening, mentoring, leadership, and community service.

In addition to providing funds to Macomb County 4-H, JCPenney-Roseville encourages their employees to serve their community through volunteerism. On Wednesday June 10, volunteers from JCPenney along with Macomb County 4-H Staff and a master gardener spent the morning beautifying Veterans Memorial Park, located in Roseville. Twenty flats of annuals as well as over two dozen perennials were planted in numerous beds throughout the park. The planting had a patriotic theme complete with red, white and blue flowers designed in the shape of an American Flag.



Make sure to thank JCPenney-Roseville volunteers at this year's Armada Fair. They have signed up to help collect donations at our major fundraiser, the Macomb County 4-H Petting Farm. Future opportunities to "Round Up" and give to Macomb County 4-H and afterschool programs will be offered at the Roseville JCPenney store on Gratiot throughout the year on the following dates: **August 5-16; October 16 - 25; December 4-13.** So, help spread the word to family and friends to spare their change when they shop at JCPenney-Roseville on Gratiot. The JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to Macomb County 4-H Youth Programs to provide children in our community with access to life-enriching 4-H programs.

Paid Volunteer Wanted

Macomb MSUE 4-H may receive grant funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service through the Michigan Community Service Commission to support the development, operation, and expansion of youth mentoring programs. The grant provides for a full-time AmeriCorps member to provide full-time service in youth mentoring. AmeriCorps is a network of local, state, and national service programs that connects more than 70,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet our country's critical needs in education, public safety, health and the environment.

AmeriCorps members receive an annual stipend (paid bi-weekly) of \$11,400 before taxes, based on a 32 hour workweek. Upon successful completion of one year of service the AmeriCorps member will receive an educational award of \$4,725 that can be used to pay loans or future education costs.

Pin Request Change

Year pins for members are due to the 4-H office by July 15th this year. This is a change from past years. General leaders can request year pins for members by telephone, e-mail, or mail. Include the number of pins needed for each year. Pins are awarded based on years completed beginning at age five. Previously, year pins were awarded to youths ages 9 and older.

The 4-H Mentoring AmeriCorps Member is a vital member of the Macomb 4-H Youth Mentoring Team. The member is responsible for mentor volunteer recruitment, screening, training, mentor program facilitation and evaluation. Experience in the areas of youth development, non-profit management, recreation, promotions, and/or communications field is desirable. Knowledge of Microsoft Office programs is also desirable.

If you are interested in becoming an AmeriCorps member, or for more information, please contact Jan Gwozdz at 586-469-7619 or jan.gwozdz@macombcountymi.gov.

Club & Committee News

Dresden 4-H Outdoor Adventure Challenge Club

We now have 34 members of the Dresden 4-H club. The club meets every two weeks after school to learn about the environment, go hiking, increase physical fitness and develop outdoor skills. So far this spring the club has hiked to Clinton River Park North where they observed the evidence of spring flooding, saw and heard many types of birds, identified lots of different animal tracks and saw a group of seven deer. The kids picked up a ton of trash.

Another hike took place at Inwood trail system at Stony Creek Metro park. On this hike the club members heard the Spring Peeper and the Western Chorus frogs singing loudly. They also completed a nature scavenger hunt that included many unusual items such as five trunked oak tree. The members were surprised to walk through a cedar swamp, a mature forest area and a meadow area on just one hike.

During spring break 19 club members joined other 4-H clubs at Planet Rock in Ann Arbor for a day of indoor rock climbing. The students were able to climb until they

couldn't climb any more. The kids were surprised at how much effort it took to complete a climb on the 55' high walls. For some of the kids it was necessary to overcome a great fear of heights, but even if they did not make it to the top, every participant made great strides.

Some of the sixth grade club members traveled to the Upper Peninsula over Memorial Day weekend to join other 4-H clubs for a weekend of outdoor rock climbing, hiking and camping. The final club event for this year will be a Saturday canoe trip on Harsen's Island. We are hoping for good weather and not too many tipped over canoes.

The club will reconvene next September. The leaders, Mr. & Mrs. Whitenight, will be looking for interested fifth and sixth grade students to sign up in the fall. If the numbers are low they will then invite fourth grade students. However, it is important to keep the group at a manageable size to provide the most benefit to the students involved.

County 4-Hers Take 2nd at 4-H Horse Jamboree, May Advance to Nationals

Success came to three Macomb County 4-Hers competing at Michigan State University on April 18th. Macrina Cipa of Washington Township, Kelly Goolsby of Columbus Township, and Ania Kroll of Shelby Township took second place in the 37th annual State 4-H Horse Jamboree Judging Contest. The team's hard work earned them not only medals but also the chance to move on to a national competition this fall.

Every spring, Michigan State University is the gathering point for horse crazy 4-Hers and FFA members who come to test their skills in a variety of contests. Hippology, or the study of all things horse related, Horse Bowl, essentially quiz bowl using horse facts, and Horse Judging are the events to choose from. In their competition, the Macomb County Horse Judging Team observed and placed eight classes of four horses each, answered questions about the classes, and gave oral reasons. Reasons are a logical explanation of the criteria the contestants used when placing the classes.

The classes presented for judging this year covered a wide spectrum from Quar-

ter Horse and Arabian conformation classes, to Pleasure Driving and Reining. Contestants judged the classes individually and could not confer with each other until the day was over. Their individual scores were combined to arrive at a team ranking. As a team, the contestants from Macomb County placed 5th in the oral reasons category and second overall in the Senior Regular Division. Individually, Ania Kroll placed 5th overall and Macrina Cipa placed 2nd. They now have the chance to move on to a national competition to be determined later this summer.

Throughout the winter, the 4-Hers on the Macomb County Team attended meetings to learn how to judge various breeds of horses and styles of riding and driving. They were also able to practice their skills at clinics hosted by Hox Acres in Washington Township and MacErin Equestrian Centre in Lenox Township. Practice sessions will start up again in late fall and new members to the team are welcome. Anyone interested can contact Lucy Brown at (810) 326-0897.

Submitted by Lucy Brown, 4-H Volunteer



Macrina Cipa, Kelly Goolsby, and Ania Kroll earned second place at the 2009 4-H Horse Jamboree Judging Contest at MSU and have a chance to compete nationally this fall.

Local Youth Awarded Scholarship

Kailynn VanDeWater has been selected to receive the 2009 John J. Schunk Memorial Beef Scholarship. The \$1,000 award will be applied to her Fall 2009 semester tuition at Michigan State University. Congratulations, Kailynn!

Club & Committee News (continued)

K-9 and Company Annual Dog Fun Match



On June 13, K-9 and Kompany held its annual dog fun match at Wolcott Mill Farm Learning Center. Fifty-eight dogs from 11 clubs representing six counties were entered. The following Macomb County clubs were represented: Northern Macomb, School Section, K-9 Shadows, and K-9 & Kompany.

Macomb County members' results were impressive. Carly Maas won High Score in Graduate Novice obedience and Advanced agility. Elise Komer, in her first competition, earned Reserve High Score in Beginner agility, placed first in Pre-Novice obedience class, and took first place in Novice showmanship 9-11 years. Felice Cook was High Scoring handler in Intermediate agility, with Allisha Humenny earning Reserve High Score. All are members of K-9 and Kompany.

Those with multiple placings include: Brittany Bergstrom-second Intermediate agility, third Novice rally and third

Champion showmanship 12-14; Karalee Jerse-first Intermediate agility, first Open Showmanship 9-11; Caitlyn Pichette-first Open Showmanship, third Beginner agility 12-14; Brianna Wilkinson-first Intermediate agility, fourth Novice rally 15-19; Lauren Klena-second Novice rally, third in Novice showmanship 9-11 and Renee' Kolleth-third Novice rally and Champion showmanship 15-19.

Individual placings by Macomb County dog project participants include: Jordan Wichman-second place Advanced agility, Kaylee Nelson-second Beginner A agility 9-11, Allyssa Pichette-second Open showmanship 15-19, Jimmy Maas-third Beginner A agility 12-14, Hannah Rhein-third Beginner A agility 9-11, Rachel LaForge-third Open showmanship 15-19, Jamie Penzien-third Novice showmanship 9-11, Kaitlyn Rhein-fourth Novice rally 9-11, Cari Halsey-fourth Beginner A agility 9-11, Zachary Kwiecinski-fifth Beginner B agility 12-14 and Emily Rishel-fifth Beginner A agility 12-14.

Submitted by Nancy Duemling

A 4-H Alumni wins the Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award

On May 7th, 2009 at Roseville's Sajo's Restaurant, Brittany O'Neal a former peer mentor with the 4H Clindontale M&M Mentor Club, was selected among several contenders to be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her example of youth making a difference in the community. Named for the president of the first Soroptimist club, the Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award honors girls who are making a difference through volunteer service, like Brittany as a peer mentor to an elementary student at the Robbie Parker Elementary School in Clintondale, MI. Each year, Soroptimist clubs honor girls who donate their time and energy to causes that make the community and world a better place—such as working to end discrimination and poverty,

assisting women and children who are victims of domestic violence, or mentoring young girls.

The program begins on the Soroptimist club level, with club recipients becoming eligible for additional awards at other levels of the organization. One winner is chosen to receive a finalist award, which includes a contribution of \$2,500 to the charitable organization of the recipient's choice. 4H congratulates Brittany and thanks the Soroptimist fellowship for the \$100 awarded to Macomb 4-H organization, on behalf of Brittany's 4H participation, for the youth development initiatives that certainly makes Macomb County a better place to live.

Peer Mentors Celebrate Success and Cultural Diversity!

Another successful program year for the 4-H peer mentor clubs ended with a Pizza Pool Party at the Warren Recreation Center on May 29, 2009. In addition to celebrating the programs end, the mentors came together to celebrate the 4-H Destination: Crosstown Cultural Exchange Finale, that concludes their joint participation in a MSU multicultural grant to promote diversity awareness and education. The grant activity began on April 30th, 2009 with an all-day Museum Bus Tour of three cultural museums and lunch; the Arab-American Museum in Dearborn, the Detroit Institute of Art's "Shaping Identity Exhibit" in Detroit, and the Museum of African-American History in Detroit.

The kickoff to the Multicultural Finale celebration activities began with a People Bingo icebreaker that required the mentors to identify other mentors who met the description

in each Bingo square, followed by the "Line of Diversity" activity that gave the mentors the opportunity to identify their self and cultural biases, and lastly a t-shirt design session for each mentor to create their individual "social justice statement" to promote social fairness and cultural tolerance (theirs to keep).

Following the dinner and activities, 4-H certificates were presented to the mentors. By then the mentors were good and ready to head for the indoor water park for the highlight of the celebration—swimming fun! After all was said and done, the mentors felt appreciated for their dedicated service as mentors to their elementary school mentees. The junior and sophomore mentors are committed to return next school year. Congrats and kudos to 2009 graduating mentors! Peer mentoring forever!

Upcoming Events

PQA Training

A second PQA Training will be held at 6 p.m. on July 8th at the Verkuilen Building, 21885 Dunham Road, Clinton Township. PQA certification is mandatory to show swine at the Armada Fair. If you have questions about the training or your certification status contact Gina at 586-783-0902.

MI Livestock Expo

The first annual MI livestock expo will take place at the Ingham County Fairgrounds July 17-19. The expo is a multi-species event including beef, sheep, swine and goats. The event is another opportunity for youth involved in raising and showing livestock to exhibit and compete at a state-wide level.

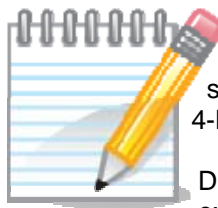
There will be a sale of champions on July 21 at the MSU pavilion. For more information go to www.milivestock.com.

4-H Money Smart Workshop II

4-H Money Smart Workshop II, will be on Wednesday, July 29, 2009 from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Verkuilen Building. Workshop attendees will participate in "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" money smart trivia game to win "buying bucks" for bidding on 4H Mall Cool Stuff merchandise.

A light dinner, free literature and give-aways will add fun and excitement to learning about financial literacy. RSVP by Thursday July 23rd to Bee Brown at 586-469-7432.

4-H Essay Contest



What it means to be a good 4-H sport... If you have the answer to that, please enter this contest! Good sportsmanship is an important quality of 4-H members.

Deadline for the contest has been extended to Monday, July 15. Please submit your essay to the 4-H office by email riebelqi@msu.edu for your chance to win. The winner of this contest will receive a \$50 cash prize as well as having their name and essay displayed at the 2009 Armada Fair. Limit the essay to 1 page, 3 paragraphs, double-spaced, and 12 pt font. Questions? Call Gina at 586-783-0902

Community Service Club Contest

At last fall's Leader Update meetings all clubs were asked to keep track of their community service activities and were provided a form to do so. The club with the most verified community service hours per youth member completed between 9/1/08 and 8/1/09 will **be awarded \$200**. In the event of a tie, the award will be divided appropriately.

All clubs who turn their forms in by 8-1-09 will also be given a prize. 4-H Community Service Records must be received by the Macomb County MSU Extension 4-H office **by 5 p.m. on 8/1/09** to be eligible. The form can also be found on the Macomb County 4-H website at: http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4h_Forms.htm

Great Lakes Discovery Cruises

This summer, learn about the lakes by being ON the lakes! Sturgeon, eagles, islands, rum-runners, lighthouses, shipping, shipwrecks, wetlands, ROVs, and Bob-lo Island are just a few of the topics that will be explored during the 2009 Summer Discovery Cruises season.

This summer's learning begins June 20 and runs through August 9, with Discovery Cruises leaving from Lake Erie Metropark and Metro Beach Metropark.

Summer Discovery Cruises are open to the public, and both individual (ages 6 and up) and group reservations are accepted. Cost for adults is \$15, and \$10 for children under 18. Last year, more than 1,200 learners from 12 Michigan counties, 7 states, and two foreign countries participated.

This year it is easier than ever to sign up by using our new on-line registration system. See the program website at <http://www.discoverycruises.org> for descriptions of all the educational cruise options, the complete Summer Discovery Cruises schedule, and to register.

Summer Discovery Cruises are sponsored by MSU Extension, Michigan Sea Grant, and the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and DTE Energy.

Questions?

Visit <http://www.discoverycruises.org>. You may also call (734) 379-5020x6836 for information on Lake Erie Metropark cruises, or (586) 463-4581 for information on Metro Beach Metropark cruises.

Fair News

Sign Up to Help

In order to help make the 2009 Armada Fair successful we need you and your clubs help. The 4-H petting farm needs help with cone sales and working the entrance booth. The 4-H exhibit building also needs your help with day chairs and members walking around the barn answering 4-H questions. The exhibit barn needs a minimum of 2 families per hour from your club with adults present. The exhibit building is a great place to show off your club and help promote 4-H. Below are the schedules we have so far. Please call Gina at 586-783-0902 to sign your club up.

Petting Farm

	9-1	1-5	5-9
Tuesday August 18	School Section	JC Penny	JC Penny/ A Little Tacky (7-9)
Wednesday August 19	Romeo Rough Riders	Clever Clovers	Hoofbeats & More/Rays Riding Rascals (7-9)
Thursday August 20	Almont Livestock	K-9 & Kompany	Mini Mighty & All
Friday August 21	Alarro	Ambassador Club	Pirates
Saturday August 22		Fantastic Felines	Midnight Riders
Sunday August 23	Ray Community	Northern Macomb	Northern Macomb

Day Chair

Tuesday 8/18/09 8:45 am-1:30 pm	Mary Grettenberger School Section
Tuesday 8/18/09 1:15 pm-6:00 pm	Cathy Cooper Mini Might & All
Tuesday 8/18/09 5:45 pm-10:00 pm	Julie Bergstrom K-9 & Kompany
Wednesday 8/19/09 8:45 am-1:30 pm	Valerie Cusamono Clever Clovers
Wednesday 8/19/09 1:15 pm-6:00 pm	Anitia Ciapa A Little Tacky
Wednesday 8/19/09 5:45 pm-10:00 pm	Connie Houin Ray's Riding Rascals
Thursday 8/20/09 8:45 am-1:30 pm	/Wendy Butler:10:30- /Shining Stars 1:30
Thursday 8/20/09 1:15 pm-6:00 pm	
Thursday 8/20/09 5:45 pm-10:00 pm	
Friday 8/21/09 8:45 am-1:30 pm	Patricia Fons Pirates
Friday 8/21/09 1:15 pm-6:00 pm	Rachel Calcaterra/ Karen Hakim 4-H Mentoring/ Ambassadors
Friday 8/21/09 5:45 pm-10:00 pm	Karie Richardson Hoofbeats & More
Saturday 8/22/09 8:45 am-1:30 pm	Marilyn Bohm Ray Community
Saturday 8/22/09 1:15 pm-6:00 pm	Jennifer Miller Alarro
Saturday 8/22/09 5:45 pm-10:00 pm	Faye Cerku Midnite Riders
Sunday 8/23/09 8.45 am-1:30 pm	
Sunday 8/23/09 1:15 pm-5:30 pm	
Sunday 8/23/09 5:15 pm-9:00 pm	Denise Lotan Northern Macomb

Reminders for Fair Superintendents!!

Please make sure you are contacting folks from your area for judging on Sunday, August 16th at the Armada Fair grounds. Below is the web address and list of forms your judges will need:

<http://macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/Clubs.htm>

These forms can be found on the above web page under the Armada Fair section:

- Armada Fair Judging Forms and Tools:
 - [Types of 4-H Judging](#)
 - [Guidelines for Judging 4-H](#)
 - [Fast Facts for Successful Interview Judging](#)
 - [Sample Questions for Interviews](#)
 - [Filling Out Judges Book](#)
 - [Danish Judging Score Sheet \(letter size\)](#)

Judges packets will also be available! Watch for more information in the e-mail updates!

Fair News (continued)

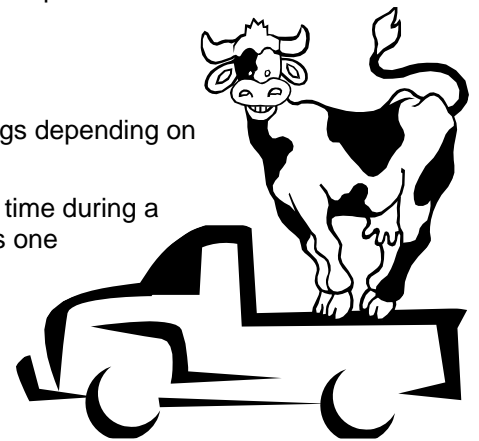
Good Management Practices for Transporting Livestock to the Fair

Prior to transportation of livestock to the fair:

- Clean and properly disinfect the trailer: keep the trailer free of manure and debris to decrease the risk of spreading disease between facilities and to prevent animals from becoming dirty. Dry, non-slip flooring should be provided.
- Have all animal health documentation completed and ready to go. Have any necessary tests completed in plenty of time for results and paperwork to be completed. Carry all necessary documentation in the truck while hauling livestock.
- Load everything except the livestock. Livestock should be on the trailer for minimal amount of time possible to avoid injury and stress, especially due to heat.
- Allow adequate time for loading animals on the trailer and transportation to ensure arrival at the fair in plenty of time for check in.

Transportation of livestock

- Livestock should be hauled during the cool part of the day, mornings or evenings depending on when the animals need to arrive at the fair for check-in.
- Keep the trailer moving to avoid build up of heat. It takes only a short period of time during a hot summer day for the temperature to rapidly rise in a stationary trailer. This is one reason to load the other items in the truck prior to loading the livestock.
- Do not overstock livestock in a trailer. This could lead to injury, bruising, or create heat stress. Make multiple trips if necessary. Do not allow species to commingle inside the trailer.
- Always follow humane animal handling practices to ensure safety and welfare of both humans and animals.



Attention 4-H Clubs

Please note that if your club is showing any animals, including dogs, the children will have to fill out 3 forms:

1. The 4-H Permission Slip
2. The Hold Harmless Agreement
3. The Exhibitor Agreement Form

You may find these forms at the MSU Extension Office, The Armada Fair Office or the website at www.armadafair.org. Please fill out one form per family, with all the children listed.

At this time, the Armada Fair Board would also like to send out a big "THANK YOU!" to all the clubs who helped with the Fairgrounds clean up on May 16th. Your commitment to the community is to be commended!!

Reminder...4-H trophies are still available to sponsor, pass the word along for this great advertising opportunity!

See you at the Fair,
Armada Agricultural Society

Livestock Sale Reminders

Rabbit and Poultry Tagging will take place on the Sunday July 19th from Noon to 2 pm at the Armada Fairgrounds.

The next *Livestock Sale Meeting* will be Monday, July 27 at the Armada Fairgrounds at 7 pm. . Come help make this year's Sale a success.

Armada Fair 4-H Theme:
"4-H Forever"
Armada Fair
August 18-23, 2009

Notes from the 4-H Office

Tips for Youth Seeking Summer Jobs

Sharon Epperson, MoneySmart columnist for USA Weekend shares the following suggestions for high school and college youth seeking summer employment in a competitive job market:

Be "Google"-ready. Create a professional online résumé (try visualcv.com). You can enhance your résumé with photos, video or graphics highlighting work experience, academic achievements, volunteer work and any teacher recommendations. Clean up your Facebook and Twitter accounts and your blog if you will link to them.

Be persistent. Always carry paper résumés; you never know who you'll meet. Scour websites like hotjobs.yahoo.com, SnagAJob.com and Sittercity.com, and be sure to check with your college's career center.

Be positive. An upbeat attitude is still the No. 1 thing that hiring managers want in a summer employee. Next is schedule availability, and previous experience ranks third.

Be proactive. Start your own business, work as a freelancer or ask a local business about an internship, which you could list on your résumé. Think about your skills and interests, like babysitting, caring for pets, mowing lawns, writing, creating artwork or designing websites.

Alcohol at 4-H Sponsored Events

Summer is upon us and the season for shows, clinics and camps has begun. We want to remind everyone that there is NO Alcohol permitted at any 4-H sponsored events. This includes animal shows sponsored by 4-H clubs that may be open to non-4-H members, camps, workout where parents are observing and/or public clinics that may be sponsored by 4-H groups as fundraisers. These are all 4-H sponsored events and even though the participants may not be 4-H members or volunteers we cannot permit alcohol on the premises. In the case of fairs, the policy of the fair board, regarding alcohol use on the fairgrounds would apply. However, during 4-H activities at the fair, alcohol should not be consumed by anyone participating in or attending the event. Please be sure and discuss this policy with your families. It is also important to include the "No Alcohol Allowed on Premise" policy in any show bills or fliers that your groups distribute so potential participants know about the policy prior to arrival at the event site.

It is our hope that it will not be a problem for those attending the shows, clinics, meetings, workouts and camps to respect this rule. If event participants (adults or youth) are not following the "No Alcohol" rule, it is the responsibility of the group hosting the event to enforce the policy, just as they would enforce any other rules related to the event. Attendees would either need to leave the event or stop the unacceptable behavior. Michigan State University liability coverage will not be in place for groups who do not comply with this policy. Please call the 4-H office with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your assistance in dealing with this issue.

New Gardening Website

MSU's new website www.migarden.msu.edu is packed with information no matter what you are growing. From the home page, select vegetables, fruits, flowers, trees/shrubs, lawn/grass, soil, water or plant problems. The vegetable section begins with a planning/planting calendar, continues with tips on garden location, soil preparation, and what's easy to grow, and ends with harvesting and preservation information. The flower section has information on annuals, perennials, bulbs, tropicals, and color in the garden. The tree/shrub section begins with selection and planting, followed by maintenance. The problems section explains how to identify problems and take advantage of MSU's diagnostic services. It includes both general information on pest management and fact sheets on specific common problems. Each section of the website has links to MSU bulletins, which can be viewed (and printed) in their entirety.

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