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## Smoke Signals from the Big Chief's Tepee

As warmer weather approaches, we, as All Stars have many events to look forward to this summer. But before we look forward, I would just like to say "thank you" to the many people who helped make Midwinters a successful conference. A special thank you goes to my fellow Executive Committee members who all pitched in at the last minute during my illness.

Our first event of the summer will be the Tapping Ceremony. The ceremony is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 in the Ag Quad on the campus of Virginia Tech. This is the same location as last year. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join the circle as we induct the newest members into our organization.

Our Summer Conference, "4-H All Stars at Camp.....S'More than Fun", will be held on July 16-17 at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal. Tours, swimming, hiking, crafts, and many more camp-style activities are being planned for this fun-filled weekend. Please encourage the newly tapped initiates to attend Summer Conference. For more information about the Tapping Ceremony and Summer Conference, see the more detailed articles in this edition of The Virginia Star.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Tapping Ceremony	June 22
Congress Virginia Tech	June 20- June 23
Summer Conference Northern VA 4-H Educational Center	July 17- July 18 2005
Interstate 2005 Martinsburg, WV	August 10-14 2005
Deadline for The Star	Nov. 1 2005

Hello fellow All-Stars,

I am working on putting together an All Star listserve. If you know of anyone that should be on the list (and is not), please forward their e-mail address to me so I can get a personal invitation to them from the message board. Please forward to [fourh\\_dan@hotmail.com](mailto:fourh_dan@hotmail.com) Thanks! *Daniel Collins*

Check out the Yahoo All Star Discussion Group at [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia\\_4-H\\_Allstars](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Virginia_4-H_Allstars)

*Thanks to Daniel for his hard work with this project!*



Carol Nansel and Richard Funkhouser with their awards at Mid-Winters



## DISTRICT NEWS

### Northwest District Meeting

The Northwest District 4-H All Stars held a meeting on Sunday, February 6, 2005 at the State 4-H Midwinter All Star Conference. The conference was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Williamsburg, VA. The meeting was called to order by the District Chief, Kevin Cabbage at 9:35 AM. The minutes from the last meeting were not available.

#### Meetings to keep in mind:

**May 16** – Combined meeting of Northwest District All Stars and Leaders to plan the Combined Fall Conference. There will be pizza at 6:30 – bring a soft drink and/or dessert and the meeting will be at 7:00.

**July 16 & 17** – State 4-H All Star Summer Conference at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal, Va. Conference will be totally casual. Tours will be available Saturday afternoon to the Conservation Center and Skyline Caverns.

The theme is "4-H All Stars S' more Than Fun".

Frederick County is responsible for Table Favors

Warren County – Registration

Shenandoah County – Vespers

Richard Funkhouser and Carol Nansel were congratulated for having been awarded the Bradshaw Award and Hall of Fame respectively. Shenandoah County, Clarke County and Frederick County were awarded charter seals for 2003. All stars were encouraged to go back to their units and encourage their units to apply for a charter and/or charter seal, and to submit applications for The Bradshaw Award, the Hall of Fame Award and the C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence.

Officers were discussed. A motion was made by Rory Nansel and Geraldine Cabbage to re-elect the slate of officers that we currently have. The motion carried. The officers are: Chief – Kevin Cabbage; Lesser Chief – Rory Nansel, Scribe – Elwanda Luttrell, and Treasurer – Steve Wood. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Geraldine Cabbage and Richard Funkhouser. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elwanda Luttrell, Scribe

### Northeast District 4-H All Stars

March 28, 2005

On December 7, 2004, the Northeast District All Stars met at the Henrico Extension Office for a Dinner meeting. They reviewed the 2005 All Star nominations and made plans to support the District Contest with judges and room chairs, Open House with registrations, and the Capital Campaign with buying a Brick and/or a Bench to be place in the courtyard at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center.

The District 4-H Contest for presentations and Share the Fun will be April 9, 2005 at Charles City High School. Open House at the Jamestown 4-H Educational Center will be June 5, 2005 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Following the Open House, the District All Stars and 4-H Leaders will meet for their Annual BBQ Dinner meeting with 4-H Entertainment.

The All Stars and 4-H Leaders have been supporting the renovations at the 4-H Center. When you visit the Center this sum-

### Central District Meet and Eat

The Central District All Stars will "Meet and Eat" at Holiday Lake 4-H Educational Center on Saturday, July 30. Enjoy an afternoon beginning at 2:00 p.m. swimming, canoeing, relaxing or whatever else your heart desires. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge. Please bring a side dish or dessert, and a beverage. Hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments will be provided. Skeet/Trap shooting will be available at cost (ammunition and runs) however prior notification is mandatory to have supplies available. RSVP to Pamela Levinson at 434-385-7907 or shlevinson@aol.com.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AWARD WINNERS

### The following Awards were Presented at Mid-Winters in Williamsburg, Virginia on February 5, 2005

**The Hall of Fame**—awarded to a 4-H All Star with more than 15 years of Service:

**Carol Nansel**—received the 2004 Hall of Fame Award. Carol has been an All Star for 30 years, originally being tapped as a 4-H member from Fairfax County in 1974. Carol currently resides in Shenandoah County, where she is an Extension Agent, and serves as an Advisor to the Virginia 4-H All Star Organization. Congratulations, Carol.

**The 2005 Bradshaw Award**—awarded to a 4-H All Star with less than 15 years of Service:

**Richard Funkhouser**—received the 2005 Bradshaw Award. Richard has been an All Star for 13 years, being tapped in 1991 from Shenandoah County. Richard is a strong influence in his local All Star Unit with his dedication and service to 4-H. Congratulations, Richard

**The C. Dean Allen Award for Excellence** was awarded this year to **Mary Elizabeth Williams**:

Mary Elizabeth is an Extension Agent in Clarke County, where she has worked for the last three years. She previously served 1.5 years as Extension Agent in Culpeper County. Mary Elizabeth has been active with service, leadership and support of the 4-H program, particularly the International 4-H Youth Exchange program. Way to Go—Mary Elizabeth!

**Wayne M. Keffer Memorial Scholarships** were awarded to:

**April Pyle**: April is a Freshman at Virginia Tech where her major is Agriculture Economics. April is from Chesapeake, Virginia where she was tapped as an All Star in 2003. April has been active in her unit with various agriculture projects. She has shared her leadership and citizenship skills within her 4-H unit and throughout her community.

**Christi Spark**—Christi is a Freshman at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College in Richmond. Christi is from Glen Allen, Virginia. She was tapped as a All Star in 2001. 4-H has been a great part of Christi's life during the past 8 years of membership. She plans to continue to use the skills that she has learned in 4-H as she strives to become an Elementary School Teacher. *Congratulations to April and Christi.*

### 2004—Charter Seals

Charter Seals were awarded to the following Units:

Carroll County \*\*\* Shenandoah County \*\*\* Clarke County \*\*\* Frederick County



Battleship Wisconsin was toured during Mid-Winters 2005



Soldier Care Packages prepared at Mid-Winters. We shipped 20+ packages to our troops. Thanks to all!



## 4-H ALL STAR TAPPING CEREMONY

The 4-H All Star Tapping Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 22, 2005 at 2:00 pm on the campus of VPI & SU at the Ag Quad. Steve Wood is serving as this year's Eagle Scout and teaching the New Initiate Orientation class for new initiates. Mr. Ray Daubenspeck is the Ceremonial Committee Chairman. All Stars are needed to complete the circle, as well as serve as Scouts in the Tapping Ceremony. Sarah J. Gregory, Hazel Zinn Day and Debbie Zinn are the song leaders.

### Tapping Ceremony Practices:

**Monday June 20, 2005:**

5:15 – 6: 00 pm – All Star Meeting (current All Stars only)

**Tuesday June 21, 2005:**

5:15 – 6: 00 pm – All Star Tapping Orientation for New Initiates being tapped.

7:15 – 7:45 pm – All Star Practice (current All Stars only)

**Wednesday June 22, 2005:**

10:00 – 11:00 am – All Star Practice (current All Stars only)

2:00 – 3:00 pm – All Star Tapping Ceremony

3:15 – 4:15 pm – All Star Orientation for New Initiates

FYI – The person who stands with an initiate in the circle is technically the person who taps that person into the All Star Chapter. If you would like to tap someone, such as a relative or close friend, you do not have to be a Scout. You can ask a Scout bringing this particular person into the circle to put this special someone in front of you. Practice for Scouts is mandatory. If someone has a specific person they would like to tap please contact me with the name and unit of the person being tapped.

All current All Stars wishing to participate in the Tapping Ceremony must wear the following attire:

*Women: all white dress, or all white skirt and blouse and white shoes*

*Men: white dress shirt, navy tie, navy pants and dark shoes*

If you are able to participate in the Tapping Ceremony as a Scout, or have any other questions, please contact Shawnda Gregory at shgregory@prodigy.net or by calling (804) 275 – 5806.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shawnda Gregory – State Scout

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### Follow The Gleam

1st Verse:

To the Knights in the days of old — Keeping watch on the mountain height — Came a vision of Holy Grail — And a voice thru the waiting night.

Chorus:

Follow, follow, follow the gleam, Banners unfurled o'er all the world, Follow, follow, follow the gleam Of the Chal-ice that is the Grail

2nd verse

And we who would serve the King — and loyally Him obey— In the consecrate silence know—That the challenge still holds today.

Chorus:

Follow, follow, follow the gleam, Standards of worth o'er all the earth, Follow, follow, follow the gleam Of the light that shall bring the dawn.



## *4-H All Stars at Camp - S'More Than Fun!*

### **Schedule**

#### **Saturday July 16, 2005**

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast (Dining Hall)
11:00 - 1:00	Registration (Conference Center Lobby)
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch (Dining Hall)
1:30 - 5:00	Tours and Activities (meet in Conference Center Lobby)
5:30 - 6:30	District Meetings (Conference Center Auditorium) Depart for Banquet directly from here
7:00 - 8:45	Banquet (t-shirt casual) and Business meeting (Villa Guiseppe's in Front Royal)
9:00 - 10:30	Campfire (Campfire circle) followed by S'mores and Stargazing

#### **Sunday July 17, 2005**

7:30 - 8:30	Breakfast (Dining Hall) Check out of rooms
8:45 - 9:30	Vespers (Alan Boyer Memorial Vesper area)
9:45 - 10:45	Camp Class #1
11:00 - 12:00	Camp Class #2
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch and Farewell (Dining Hall)
1:00 - 6:00	Swimming available at the 4-H Center Pool

### **Registration Notes**

- There are lots of choices on the registration form to tailor the weekend to meet your individual needs. Everyone must pay a registration fee - then you add whatever lodging, meals, tours, and classes chosen for the weekend!
- If you are lodging at the 4-H Center, remember to bring your own pillow, blanket, toiletry items and sheets. If you forget them, you can rent linens for an additional fee.
- The rooms in Congressman Lodge at the 4-H Center are air conditioned and sleep 4 people in bunk beds. Each room has a bathroom with shower. Handicapped accessible rooms are available. Please note on your registration form if you need a handicapped accessible room.
- This conference is t-shirt casual for the whole weekend! Bring your most comfortable clothes and shoes. 4-H t-shirts are a-plus!
- You might want to bring a sweatshirt or jacket and a flashlight for campfire on Saturday night.

**4-H All Stars at Camp.....S'More than Fun!****July 16-17, 2005****Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center,  
Front Royal**

Come join fellow 4-H All Stars at the Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center in Front Royal for Summer Conference 2005! If you have never been to the 4-H Center in Front Royal, we think you're in for a special treat. Take time to explore the Center and the surrounding area. If you have camped at the 4-H Center recently, we think you'll enjoy sharing some of your favorite camp traditions with other All Stars. And, if it has been awhile since you've experienced our 4-H camping program at all, we think you'll enjoy learning some of the new traditions and meeting some of our current camp leaders. There will also be time to take a trip down memory lane and share some of your fondest camp memories!

The conference will begin Saturday, July 16 with tours and activities around the Front Royal area. Swimming and hiking will be available at the 4-H Center.

The Smithsonian Conservation and Research Center Tour will give you the very rare opportunity to take a bus tour through the National Zoo's research site. You will be able to see maned wolves, red pandas, Mongolian wild horses, clouded leopards, cranes and exotic deer. You will also learn the shared history of the Conservation and Research Center and the 4-H Center – as an Army Cavalry Remount Depot during the early 1900's.

A tour of Skyline Caverns will also be offered. Skyline is one of the only places in the world that features a unique formation known as Anthodites, "orchids of the mineral kingdom". Other features include, The Capitol Dome, The Wishing Well, Cathedral Hall, and Rainbow Falls. Plus, this is a great, cool, place to be in the heat of summer!

There are also numerous antique shops, Civil War sites, museums and self guided tours available in Front Royal, if you'd like to strike out on your own.

After the tours on Saturday, we will have district meetings and our business meeting. Then we head to Front Royal for a night of good Italian cuisine at Villa Giuseppe before we head back to the 4-H Center for campfire activities, s'mores and a star-gazing opportunity.

Sunday morning, July 17, will begin with Vespers amidst the woods overlooking Lake Culpeper, followed by your choice of several 4-H Camp classes. Learn to shoot a rifle, make a basket or a craft to take home, take a hike on the Appalachian Trail, try the ropes course, etc. The conference will conclude with lunch at the 4-H Center. Swimming will be available in the afternoon for anyone who wants to say a while longer.

Lodging for this conference will be in the air-conditioned Congressman Lodge at the 4-H Center. Breakfast and lunch will be served in the 4-H Center dining hall. The dress for the entire weekend is strictly casual. Your county 4-H camp t-shirts are encouraged!

Registration forms will be available during the Tapping Ceremony and will also be available on-line:  
<http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/allstars.html>

To take a virtual tour of the Northern Virginia 4-H Center, visit their website at:  
<http://www.ext.vt.edu/resources/4h/northern/>

Directions to the 4-H Center are on page 10 of this newsletter!



*4-H All Stars at Camp – S'More Than Fun!*  
Registration Form — July 16 - 17, 2005

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M/F

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit &amp; Year Tapped: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

	Number of Persons		Total
<b>Early Bird Registration Fee</b>	_____	<b>x \$10.00</b>	_____
*postmarked by June 10			
<b>Regular Registration Fee</b>	_____	<b>x \$15.00</b>	_____
*after June 10			
<b>Lodging (air conditioned):</b>			
Congressman Lodge (Fri.)	_____	x \$ 15.00	_____
Congressman Lodge (Sat.)	_____	x \$ 15.00	_____
Linens (if needed)	_____	x \$ 5.15	_____
OR bring your own pillow, sheets, towels, blanket.			

There are 4 beds per room. \_\_\_\_\_ Assign me to a room.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Assign me to a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Meals: (All are at the 4-H Center except the banquet.)**

Saturday Breakfast	_____	x \$ 5.50	_____
Saturday Lunch	_____	x \$ 6.75	_____
<b>Saturday Banquet</b>	_____	<b>x \$26.00</b>	_____
Sunday Breakfast	_____	x \$ 5.50	_____
Sunday Lunch	_____	x \$ 6.75	_____

**Saturday Tour Fees: (Note: Select only one)**

Conservation Center Tour	_____	x \$ 20.00	_____
(limited to 28 people)			
Skyline Caverns Tour -adult	_____	x \$ 12.00	_____
Skyline Caverns Tour -child (7-13)	_____	x \$ 5.00	_____
Swimming at the 4-H Center	_____	free	_____

**Sunday Camp Classes (Note: There are 2 class periods)**

Basketry	_____	x \$ 5.00	_____
Crafts	_____	x \$ 3.00	_____
Hiking (2 period class)	_____	free	_____
Rifle	_____	x \$ 2.00	_____
Rocketry	_____	x \$ 2.00	_____
Ropes (2 period class)	_____	x \$ 3.00	_____

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**4-H All Stars at Camp – S'More Than Fun!  
Registration Form — July 16 - 17, 2005**

**Dues:**

Annual	\$10.00	_____
Life	\$ 50.00	_____

**Contributions:**

New Member Fund	_____
Keffer Scholarship Fund	_____

**TOTAL**

\_\_\_\_\_

- Inactive members may become active by paying two years annual dues (\$10 per year) or life membership (\$50)
- Conferences guests, other than spouses and / or children, must be approved by the Big Chief and / or 4-H Department Liaison (Policy 107). Guest(s) WILL NOT receive discounted rates.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at All Star functions (Policy 110).

**Special Needs** – Dietary, Handicapped, or Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Code of Conduct**

All Conference registrants need to read and sign the following Code of Conduct:  
As a Virginia 4-H All Star event participant, I will conduct myself during the course of this conference in a manner which reflects the qualities of an All Star.

All Star Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If All Star is under age 18)

**Make checks payable to:** Virginia Chapter of 4-H All Stars (\$10 service charge for returned checks)

**Send registration and check to:** Randy and Irene Leech, 4220 N Fork Rd.; Elliston, VA 24087

**Questions:** Phone (540) 268-5373 – Home; 540 268-1018 – Fax; Email: ileech@vt.edu

## REMINDER

Officer Elections will be held during  
the 2005 Summer Conference





## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Want an international experience for your family, but you're unable to travel this summer? Why not bring the world to you! Virginia 4-H will be hosting several international 4-H youth exchanges this summer. Host families are needed with a variety of backgrounds from around the state to give the delegates a true view of what life in American is like. The typical hosting period is three weeks.

If interested, please contact Dottie Nelson at P.O. Box 144, Bland, VA 24315, work: 800-752-0673 Ext. 245 or home: 276-688-4028 or via email at [dottieifye@yahoo.com](mailto:dottieifye@yahoo.com). The host family application form can also be downloaded from this website: <http://www.ifyeusa.org>.

Becky Moyer is seeking host families for the school year for both FLEX and Japanese students, and Judy Ann Fray is seeking host families for one-month Japanese students from mid-July to mid-August. Judy Ann's address is P.O. Box 263, Madison, VA 22727; phone 888-259-4272 PIN 7916. Becky's phone is 540-459-3048.

The West Virginia 4-H All Stars Invite You to come Visit & Discover the  
*"Appealing" Treasurers of the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia.*

August 11-14, 2005

Conference Headquarters:

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## IN MEMORIAM

Sympathies are extended to

—Bob Meadows in the passing of his father Robert H. Meadows, January 2, 2005.

—The family of Rodney E. Didawick - Rodney was the first All Star tapped from Shenandoah County in 1930. He passed away on February 13, 2005.

## BABY TWINKLE NEWS

Congrats to Wade Ludwig (Shenandoah 2000) & Carla on the birth of their triplets, Chad, Cody and Dylan Ludwig in August 24, 2004. After a "small" start they are home, doing well.

Congrats to new "Grandmother Billie" Cline (Honorary '86) and Bob on the birth of their first grandchild Megan Elizabeth Furey on February 15, 2005. Megan lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.



## Directions to the 4-H Center

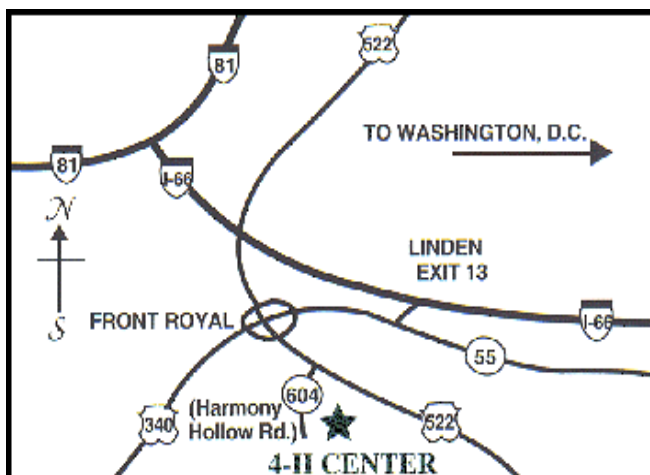
**From D.C.:** I-66W to Exit 13 (Linden). Left off ramp, right on Rt. 55W. Second traffic light, left on 522S. Drive 1.7 miles, right on Rt. 604. Two miles to 4-H Center on left.

**Scenic Route from D.C.:** I-66W to Rt. 29S (Gainesville). Follow Rt. 29S to Warrenton, Va. Right on Rt. 211W. Follow Rt. 211W for 20 miles, right on Rt. 522N. Follow Rt. 522N for 13 miles, left on Rt. 604. Two miles to 4-H Center on left.

**From Roanoke:** I-81N to I-66E. At Exit 6 (Front Royal), take 522S. Follow for 5 miles (through Front Royal), right on Rt. 604. Two miles to 4-H Center on left.

**From Charlottesville:** Rt. 29N to Rt. 231N through Sperryville, VA to 211E. Follow 211E to 522N, turn left. Follow 522N, turn left onto Rt. 604. Drive two miles to 4-H Center on left.

**From Richmond:** I-95N past Fredericksburg, Va to Rt. 17N to I-66W to Exit 13 (Linden). Left off ramp right on Rt. 55W. Second traffic light, left on 522S. Drive 1.7 miles, right on Rt. 604. Two miles to 4-H Center on left.



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Sorry there was no room in this issue for "Irene's Consumer Education Tip" We have a lot of news this issue! So look for it in the next issue :-)

## OUTSTANDING LEADER AWARDS GOES TO..... ETHEL SHOWMAN OF SHENANDOAH COUNTY!!!

The State 4-H Leaders Association presented **Ethel Showman (Shen. '94) the Outstanding Leader of the Year Award for 2004** at their annual conference held in November, 2004. At present, Ethel is the State Vice-President and chairperson for Fall & Spring Conference Planning. At the Fall Conference 2005, Ethel is running for State President.



## HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!!!

### BUY AN ALL STAR GOLF SHIRT

Example of personalization at left

Shenandoah County 4-H All Stars are offering 50/50 cotton/poly golf shirts for sale. Colors available are: Hunter Green, White and Gray.

The All Star emblem will be embroidered on the upper left side along with Virginia 4-H All Stars as shown above – personalization (like your county name) will be available if desired. The Star will be red with a green 4-H clover and outlined in gold trim.

The cost of the shirts are \$20 each and these can be ordered along with your Summer Conference registration for delivery during the conference or can be mailed separately for delivery via USPS to you later.

These will make great graduate gifts, Mother's or Father's Day gifts or Christmas gifts!!

### GOLF SHIRT ORDER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Size S M L XL XXL (please circle)

Color Hunter Green White Gray (please circle)

Additional personalization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of shirts \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Postage (if mailed separately) + 3.00

*Add \$3 for each shirt mailed*

**Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Shenandoah County 4-H All Stars

Mail to: Teresa Funkhouser

P.O. Box 17



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