



# National Fall Leadership Conference

The National Fall Leadership Conference was held in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. The workshops started Friday afternoon, with the opening session was Friday night. The workshops continued all day Saturday and the closing session was Saturday night. After the closing session, the FBLA students attended a dance.

At the opening session, the Kansas State Officers held up their sunflowers high as everyone got seated. After the National Officers gave their speeches, we listened to the fantastic speech of the keynote speaker, Dr. Joe Martin. He talked about his life growing up in a time when African Americans did not have many rights and how no one believed that he could make it in life. He proved them wrong by going to college and succeeding in life by becoming a college professor and writing a book.

The Social Events were on Friday night included a Board Game

Night and a chance for other FBLA members to connect with others. On Saturday night a dance was held.

Among workshops that were offered at NFLC. Was student communication for better leadership. The Mountain Plains Vice President gave a workshop called "Communication is the Key" in which he talked about the different ways to communicate and how to make communication easy. Kim Dhority and Jessica Dhority from Northern Heights High School also gave a workshop called "Cover to Cover." Their workshop was about the equipment they use to make their yearbooks in-house and how it compares to other yearbook companies.

At the closing session again the Kansas State Officers held our Kansas sunflowers high while everyone got seated. We listened to the National Officers speeches and listened to Jean Buckley talk about

how FBLA has grown over the years. The keynote speaker for the closing Saturday night a dance was Grant Baldwin. He talked about having goals and challenging oneself to get better. Baldwin is a leader and communicator who makes a significant impact on the students lives. He enjoys challenging and inspiring those around him to overcome obstacles and becoming something significant in life.



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# Letter From the Mountain Plains Vice President

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Dear Kansas FBLA

As the school year unfolds, FBLA members continue to “Get the Edge” by working in local chapters, networking with local and state business leaders, and getting involved with various service projects.

Though membership deadlines are right around the corner, it is not too late to recruit members! To date, Kansas has experienced an increase in membership! Keep striving to recruit members and make Kansas FBLA even stronger. Potential new members have until March 1 to make the right choice and join our great association. Help those new recruits “Get the Edge” with one of the country’s largest student career organizations.

The 2008 National Fall Leadership Conferences were times of excitement, learning, and fun. Over 4,500 FBLA members attended general sessions and workshops covering a wide range of leadership topics. Motivational speakers inspired the audience to overcome adversity and challenges so we can meet our full potential. Networking and making new friends is always an important part of any conference.

Your 2008-2009 national officer team thanks Kansas FBLA chapters for all you do to make our organization great. You, the members, make FBLA the success it is today. As your Mountain Plains Vice President, I encourage you to “Get the Edge” with FBLA.

Sincerely



Justin Schultis  
Mountain Plains Vice President



# District Competition

The 2008-2009 District Competitions are approaching fast. The first competition is District II on January 19, 2009.

At Districts, students are able to meet the candidates who are running for the district Vice-President position. Voters will get the chance to hear the speeches and watch skits prepared for the campaigns.

Students can also get the chance to compete in events and practice for the state competitions. Students could also win awards for the top spots in the events.

At Districts there will be opportunity to meet new people and talk with FBLA friends made over the years. The district competition is a blast!

## 2009 District Conferences

January 31 District I Conference

January 19 District II Conference

January 21 District III Conference

January 31 District IV Conference

February 7 District V Conference

February 12 District VI Conference

February 4 District VII

# State Officer Applications and Interviews

Do you want to be a State Officer? If you do, the interviews will be conducted January 3, 2009. Materials for this are due by December 10, 2008. Applicants can find this material on the state

website. If you know of someone that would be a great state officer, encourage him or her to join the state officers and state officer candidates on January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

# FBLA-PBL Week

FBLA-PBL week is February 8<sup>th</sup>-February 14<sup>th</sup>. During FBLA-PBL week advisors and members can celebrate the achievements of FBLA. It is also a great chance to promote FBLA in your community and high school. It would also be a great chance to get more people to join your organization.

# New Competitive Events

It seems like every year there is at least one new competition added to the FBLA events. Last year there were seven new events. This year



there is just one and it is **Sports Management**. Sports Management is an objective test that has to do with the sport industry. It



emphasizes sports marketing, facility and event management, financing and economic input, as well as many other related topics.

## FBLA Moms as Advisors

This year there is something unique about your Kansas State Officer Board. We have three state officers who have their moms as their advisers. Ryan Patterson, District VII Vice President, has his mom as an adviser. Judy Patterson and Ryan

are at Lyndon High School. Alex Leach, State Secretary, has her mom, Cheryl Stanley, as an adviser. Mrs. Stanley and Alex are at Jackson Heights High School. Jessica Dhority, State Editor, has her mom as her adviser. Kim Dhority

and Jessica are at Northern Heights High School.



## Governor's Proclamation

On November 14, 2008, your State Officer Board took a trip to the capitol in Topeka for the Governors Proclamation. Kathleen Sibelius signed a certificate saying when FBLA week and PBL week were. After she signed the certifi-

cates the state officers got their picture taken with the Governor.



## Business Achievement Awards

The FBLA Business Achievement Awards are an aggressive, self-directed, results-based business and leadership program designed to complement academics, while accelerating a student's leadership skills. The individual recognition is a

four-tier program aligned with the FBLA-PBL Goals, NBEA Standards, and Career Clusters.

The deadline for the individual program is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Business Achievement Award has four distinct award levels: Future, Business,

Leader, and America.

To learn more about these awards and to apply for these awards you need to go to the national website at [www.fbla.org](http://www.fbla.org) and then click on the tab for Business Achievement Awards.

# Local Chapter News

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## Jackson Heights

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It has been a busy semester for FBLA with attending meetings, planning and fundraising for trips and organizing community service for the holidays and beyond.

Members chose to give Amber Jones \$25 for her medical assistance fund.

Members are discussing plans to be a part of the 2009 Relay for Life at Jackson Heights.

High school students are competing against each other to raise the most money for the March of Dimes by purchasing a MOD ribbon for the display. The winning class or staff will win ice cream! Donations will be doubled to help prema-

ture babies even more!

Members voted to do a school wide canned food drive for NEK-CAP for Christmas. A contest for the most food donated by each class will end with ice cream treats for the winners. Grades P-5, 6-8, & 9-12 will compete against each other.

Along with that members are planning to have a chapter wide collection and donation of laundry soap and antibacterial pump hand soap to be donated to NEK-CAP as well.

Students are also collecting treats to send to soldiers in Iraq. FBLA will pay the postage.

Members will also take time this busy holiday season to ring the bells for the Salvation Army in Holton.

A favorite Christmas fundraiser for the chapters is selling Schalegel's Popcorn. This makes a great gift and supports a local business that supports Jackson Heights FBLA.

While this is a busy time of year, FBLA members strive to help others make a blissful holiday season!

Macey Bachamp

## Oskaloosa

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Oskaloosa High School FBLA members and advisers volunteered their help at the 1<sup>st</sup> Downs for Downs Buddy Walk Festival on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. The event took place in the parking lot of Chiefs stadium and raised awareness and money for Downs Syndrome. They worked at registration and served food to the participants.

Those participating in the event were Kinsey Brooks, Braden McGinnis, Stephan Metzger,

Karissa Bryant, Chelsie Ams, Stephanie Aldridge and Shackelford, Ashlee Fowler, Breanna Robbins, Audrey Trowbridge, Dori McHardie, Natalie Killingsworth, Chanel Reiling, Rachael Metzger, Michelle O'Connor, Olivia Brien, Sam Drinkard, Jimmy Harding, Allyson Ottensmeier, Julie Ad-



# Clifton Clyde

## September Meeting

The FBLA meeting was held September 17, with Ashley Moore presiding. D J Fahey, Points Director, Trevor Barnes, Treasurer, and Laura Rogers, Recycling provided members with work lists, points, and credit information. Details for the Fall Leadership Conference, which will be held November 6-9, in Minneapolis, MN was available for members to preview. Sarah Condray was responsible to find volunteers for the radio spots for the Clay Center and Concordia radio stations

Mr. Lucas Chavey, Instructor at Cloud County Community College explained to the FBLA chapter, about the new Wind Energy Technology curriculum. He distributed brochures, discussed career opportunity, and provided a question/answer session with the members. The additional material about the program was displayed on a bulletin board for Clifton-Clyde students to review.

Refreshments were provided by Sarah Condray, and Ashley Moore.

Seth DeRusseau, Reporter

## Swim Party

On August 21, 2008, the FBLA Chapter held a back-to-school swim party at the Clyde pool. Seventy-five students participated in this event which consisted of a supper and swim from 6:30-9:00. Each class was responsible to bring an item for the supper including: dessert, hot-dogs, drinks, and chips. Sponsors included Peggy Wambold, Rod Blaha, Steven and Cheryl Keim. Dawn Seifert, Ashley Seifert, and James Quillen were lifeguards. The evening was a great success.

Rylan Resco, Vice President

## Walk A'Mania

On Sunday, September 28, 2008 Clifton-Clyde High School had its annual Walk A' Mania. It was held at both the Clifton-Clyde High School and the Clifton-Clyde Middle School from 3:00 - 4:30 P.M. There were fifteen grade and middle school students, parents and grandparents who participated in the walkathon.

The walkers collected over \$720 to donate to the March of Dimes. Shawn Fahey, Baylie Bowser, and Coldyn Wei-che accumulated laps to equal 12 miles. Alexis Fahey raised the more money for this cause.

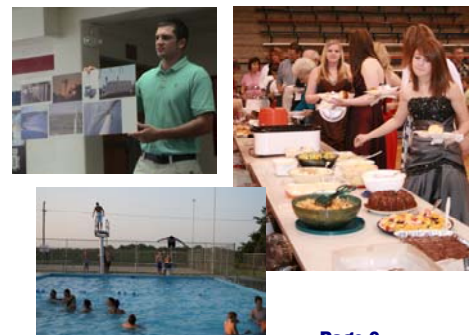
James Quillen, Jarred Hobbs, and Allie Bloomfield coordinated this year's Walkamania. Brett Fahey, Karly VanCampen, and Mrs. Irma Jean Blaha, the F.B.L.A adviser helped work the event at Clifton. James Quillen, Ashley Seifert, Laura Wilson and Mrs. Chris Wilson, were at the Clifton-Clyde High School. Ashley Moore, Sarah Condray, Ashley Seifert, Karly VanCampen, and Mrs. Blaha furnished cookies for the walkers. Thank you to all members of the community for your support.

## Appreciation Banquet

The Clifton-Clyde High School FBLA Chapter hosted their annual Appreciation Banquet on April 24, 2008. The program consisted of a welcome from co presidents, Michaela Koch and Ashley Moore, followed by a prayer which Michaela said, and then a meal. Following the meal was a slideshow that showed the chapter's involvement and accomplishments throughout the year. The slideshow demonstrated things from: nationals, summer leadership seminar, back to school swim party, march of dimes, speakers from meetings, red wheel fundraising, CTSO, District IV Conference, FBLA week, the state leadership conference, and all of the chapter projects.

Following the slideshow was recognition of awards. The awards included awards from district and state competitions. There were sixty-three awards won at district, twenty-two awards won at state, and four national qualifying events. Following the recognition was an installation of officers.

The CCHS FBLA Chapter's officers this year are: President- Ashley Moore, Vice President- Rylan Resco, Secretary- Alexandra Price and Kayla Cyr, Treasurer- Money: Trevor Barnes and Points: DJ Fahey, Program Directors- Blair Bloomfield, Jamie Long, and Megan Blackwood, Reporters- Seth Derusseau, Jordan Breeding, Bethany Branfort, Parliamentarian- Barrett Winter, Civic Directors- Dalton Wurtz, James Quillen, Jarred Hobbs, Allie Bloomfield, Jake Carlson. Finishing up installation were: Historians- Ashley Seifert, Allie Danielson, Chelsi Barnes, Stuco Rep- Sarah Condray, Fundraisers- Kade Flyer, Reed Bergstrom, Shaylynn Morey, Levi Cyphers, and Sam Ratliff, Annual Report- Amanda Price, Stephanie Brownell, and Caitlin Charbonneau, Recycling- Laura Rogers, Webmaster - Dylan Koch, Photographer- Dani DeRusseau. The banquet finished with a farewell from Michaela Koch and Ashley Moore, Co Presidents, a presentation of flowers to Mrs. Blaha from the chapter, and an adjournment from the newly elected president, Ashley Moore.



# Jefferson County North

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The Jefferson County North FBLA Chapter has participated in many activities and has been very busy in recent months. We gained 22 new members, bringing our total membership to 84 people. Among these 22 members, 19 are freshman, which indicates a promising future for our chapter.

On November 7th-8th, twelve of our members attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They rose early the day before the con-

ference to begin their 10-hour journey. Matthew Finley had this to say about his trip: "My favorite workshop was about writing speeches. The speaker was Winston Churchill's great-grandson!" Our adviser, Ann Hutchinson, really enjoyed the keynote speaker: "He was amazing!" Brian Bolinger, a senior who has attended NFLC for the past 3 years, said the farewell dance was his favorite part because he met so many new people. Overall, the JCN

trip to NFLC was a success and we are excited for next year's conference. American Enterprise Day is November 17th, and JCN FBLA will be delivering a dozen cookies to each business in our area. Each member is asked to bring two-dozen homemade cookies, and the Enterprise Day committee arranges the plates. The committee, along with anyone else willing to help, delivers the cookie plates to businesses after school.

Jenna, Editor

## Lyndon

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Lyndon High School FBLA members are off to a great start for the 2008-09 school year. The officers did an excellent job recruiting new members with a membership total reaching 50 so far. In October, members gathered at our adviser's house for a food drive and hot dog roast. Over 300 food items were gathered in 1 hour and donated to the local Help House.

Twelve members and two sponsors made the long trip to Minnea-

polis, Minnesota to attend the National Fall Leadership Conference. Everyone enjoyed the keynote speakers, workshops, and the dance!

On Friday, November 14, FBLA members will be celebrating American Enterprise Day a little early by sponsoring a Career Day for the entire high school. Twenty-two speakers will be presenting information about their careers along with college students provid-

ing some tips for a successful transition from high school to college.

In December members will also be busy collecting toys for needy children and also participating in the annual FBLA Christmas party. The district conference will be just around the corner in February, and Lyndon is looking forward to hosting the event at Emporia State University.

Ryan Patterson

## Linn High School

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On Halloween night, the Linn FBLA chapter combined an evening of service with an evening of fun. Members dressed up and went around the local communities of Linn, Palmer, Greenleaf, and Barnes to collect donations for the March of Dimes. The chapter set a goal for each member to collect \$10. With the help of the generous do-

nations from the communities, the 27 members surpassed this goal and collected close to \$475.

Following the canvassing for March of Dimes, members hosted a Halloween party for grades 9-12 where pizza, pop, and lots of goodies were provided. Prizes were given out for the best male and female costumes of the night.

Plans for the rest of the semester include members recognizing American Enterprise Day with a guessing contest; the chapter will adopt a family from the "Angel Tree" at Christmas, and of course gearing up and getting ready for the district contest in January!

Kelli Voelker, Reporter

# Santa Fe Trail

Now that we are later into the season, and past first quarter, FBLA is getting into full swing at SFT. We attended Emporia Business Career Day recently and a lot of students came back with ideas. All the speakers were very informative, and provided good advice for going into the business world. We also re-

cently enrolled in a school-wide volunteer project. It consists of students from each club organization going out and picking up trash and litter off the local highways. FBLA made their contribution to this and had a lot of fun. After that, as a favor that we do every year, the officers got together and or-

dered sandwiches to deliver to all teachers that have to sit through parent-teacher conferences this week. We are looking forward to our annual fall bonfire and other activities coming up as well. We're staying busy here at SFT.

Kaleigh Poole

# Pleasant Ridge

November has been a busy month for the Pleasant Ridge FBLA chapter. Many activities have taken place for both American Enterprise Week and the March of Dimes Pre-maturity Awareness Month. A slogan quiz was given to students during lunch for American Enterprise Week, and on November 13, the chapter held a model meeting for its members. Upcoming issues

were discussed, and a guest speaker, Rick Warren, presented his entrepreneurial business plans. On November 14, a balloon-release was conducted on the school grounds.

The chapter has also been consistently fundraising for the March of Dimes. A silent auction held on October 17 raised 480 dollars. Other activities took place in the month of November. Blue Jeans for Babies gave teachers the opportunity to

wear jeans to work for a week in exchange for a donation, and Ball Caps for Babies allowed students to pay for the chance to wear hats in school. Baby Ruth candy bars were also sold during lunch to raise funds for the charity. These fundraisers and activities were successful due to the teamwork and dedication of Pleasant Ridge FBLA members and the support of the Easton community.

Nicole Miller

# West Franklin

Twenty-five West Franklin FBLA members joined the Kansas delegation at the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis. The WFHS group enjoyed the motivational speakers, attended several great workshops, and mixed and mingled at the dance. They also boosted the Minneapolis economy with their time spent at the Mall of America and were fascinated with the attendees of the Vampire conference!

Teachers and staff of WFHS will be recognized during American Education Week with "You Make a Difference" keychains. FBLA mem-

bers are also collecting school supplies that will be sent with a military parent who is going to Iraq. Holiday activities include decorating the Senior Center, collecting toys for those less fortunate, and caroling with FCCLA and KAYS. Members contribute fruit, nuts, and homemade goodies and assemble plates that are delivered to elderly members of our community while caroling. Chapter members always look forward to the Christmas meeting with DQ ice cream cake!

And, of course, it's time to begin

planning for District VII Conference. West Franklin will join other District VII chapters on the ESU campus on February 4.

FBLA Week activities always include daily locker treats for all WFHS students reminding them of the benefits of career and technical education. Our Data Match printout sales are scheduled for Friday of that week, with proceeds benefitting the March of Dimes, along with root beer floats at lunch for all FBLA members and staff.

# Wellsville

Wellsville FBLA officers hit the ground running when school started in August, and their hard work has not faltered yet, as they have tackled the busy winter months. With this fall being one of the busiest, FBLA officers were ready to kick off November by attending the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Not only was there shopping for all, but the local officers also acquired new knowledge from the exciting workshops and inspirational speakers. Once we were back in Kansas, the officer team started the following week by hosting their monthly FBLA meeting with exciting ideas. Fifteen students volunteered to help run the WHS Scholar's Bowl tournament by being buzzers, runners, timers and score-keepers, which resulted in Wellsville hosting another great tournament. The officers also participated in Wellsville's annual Veteran's Day assembly by carrying several flags representing our countries' military forces, while ten other members helped to escort residents from the local nursing home to and from this honored event.

With March of Dimes baby feet already being sold, Wellsville started off Prematurity Awareness Month with a bang when they raised \$57 at a home football game. Staying strong for this cause, FBLA officers

traveled to Ottawa's local radio station, KOFO, on November 20 to pre-record announcements about the March of Dimes and prematurity.

Thirteen FBLA members also dedicated their time to make batches of brownies after school for all of the local Wellsville businesses to celebrate America's Free Enterprise Day. Not only were the local businesses being recognized for their actions, but faculty and staff in USD 289 were recognized, as well. Cocoa mix and cookies were provided for all those who are integral in making USD 289 a great place for students and the community. This was done in celebration of American Education Week.

However, it is not all work and no play for the hardworking volunteer members of Wellsville FBLA. On November 22, forty students went Cosmic Bowling. Not only were the students able to kick back, relax, and lavish in radiant lights and clashing pins at Olathe's Incred-A-Bowl, they were also able to participate in our annual lock-in afterwards. With over 30 additional members, everyone had a good time enjoying pizza, games and movies until 5 in the morning.

Some activities Wellsville FBLA has planned for the upcoming

month of December include: Holidays in Wellsville, the FBLA pizza party, adopt a family and the FCA/FBLA Kids Movie Day. Holidays in Wellsville is always a hit with the younger kids as they were able to shop at the FBLA Christmas Mall by themselves and then wrap the gifts they selected with the assistance of FBLA members. FBLA members are also looking forward to this annual pizza party, where pizza, pop and fun door prizes will be available for all.

The "Adopt a Family" program will prove to be a success with FBLA members chomping at the bit to take part in this heart-warming charity. The FCA/FBLA Kid's Movie Day is another fun opportunity where active members are able to interact with the disadvantaged youth of Wellsville elementary. FBLA members team up with little "buddies" to attend a movie and grab some lunch together that is paid for by the FBLA and FCA organizations. Following the day out, kids are given a chance to chose a Christmas present to take home. Overall, the Wellsville FBLA organization wraps up a packed November and December, just in time to enjoy the holidays.

By: Jolene Sammons, Editor

**NFLC  
Minneapolis**



# Northern Heights

This is an exciting time of year, with Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner our FBLA chapter is fast at work. Jessica Dhority, Northern Heights Chapter President and the Kansas FBLA State Editor, attended the National Fall Leadership Conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. While at the conference Jessica and Kim Dhority gave a presentation on the yearbook equipment used at Northern Heights to publish the high school hard-cover yearbook and the three soft-cover yearbooks.



We held our annual Veterans' Day Program, sponsored and held by our chapter, on Wednesday, November 12. The posting of the flag was done by members Erik Pracht, James Crabtree



and Cody Britton while the National Anthem was played by the Wildcat Band. The poems "Veterans Day Tribute", "They Did Their Share" and "Armed Forces Day," all written by Joanna Fuchs, were recited by members Elizabeth Smith, Derek Swanson and DJ Bronson. There was then a Slide Show and a Patriotic Parade Sequence and Military Medley played by the Wildcat Band. "When I am Silent" was sung by the Wildcat Choir and "Taps" was played by band member Ashley Buss.

We held an all school Lock-In for a March of Dimes fundraiser on Friday, November 21. Some of the activities held during the lock-in included pizza donated by the NHHS Booster Club, movies, 3 on 3 basketball, 3 on 3 volleyball, 3 on 3 tug-of-war, board games, video games

and much more. Each student was charged \$3.00 plus a snack item to get in. The \$3.00 will be donated to Kansas March of Dimes.

As a fundraiser for our chapter, we have also scheduled a basketball tournament for fifth and sixth graders on Saturday, December 6. We are working on this endeavor with the Pi Omega Pi organization from Emporia State. Our organization will be in charge of the concession stand, score table workers and referees.

We have completed our district entry process and have started working on the tests that must be taken at our building. Our district contest will be February 4 at Emporia State University.

Justin Richardson, Editor



## Canton-Galva

Canton-Galva's High School's FBLA chapter has been on the move, we've had some set backs but for the most part things have gone off without too much trouble. This year we planned for something completely new a March or Dimes walk which we had to reschedule because of the rain. Even after the cancelation the walk was a success although

we had hoped that there could have been more people. In the middle of October our Chapter held its annual pancake feed in "NFLC and the Mall of America which some of our pancakes read "EDGE," which was rather hilarious. We just complete another annual Halloween Carnival/ Haunted House for the kids of Canton and Galva which was another success. NFLC was the following week and though the cold kept our members on their toes and advisors on their toes ica was a lot of fun," says our chapter president Bo Modelmog.

Lynn Volkman, Editor

# Article Deadlines

<u>Deadlines</u>	<u>Mailing Date</u>	<u>Article Ideas</u>
September 5, 2008	October 10, 2008	Local Officer Installations National Conference Results Summer Leadership Seminar
November 14,2008	December 5,2008	Membership Recruitment Ideas National Fall Leadership Conference American Enterprise Day
February 20, 2009	March 13,2009	District Conference Results National FBLA Week
April 10, 2009	April 24, 2009	State Leadership Conference Results National Conference Plans

There will be a contest for every newsletter. For the best article that organization will win a prize. The topics are as followed: November 14 th is National FBLA Week, February 20th is March of Dimes Money Making Ideas and April 10th is Money Making Ideas for Your Local Chapter.

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