



4-H Facts



CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION HERKIMER COUNTY

JUNE - JULY 2021

Secretary Reports due the 5th of every month!

June	
1	Registrations due for Farmers' Museum Jr Livestock Show
1	Due to the 4-H office: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-owned project animal lease agreements • Non-ownership (lease) paper for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing • Hog and Lamb animal ID forms for the 4-H Livestock Auction
4	Registrations due for 4-H Clover Painting
5	4-H Clover Painting - Beaversprite
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
9	Virtual / In Person Animal Clinic: Beef
12	Poultry Showmanship Clinic (CCE Oneida County)
17	Virtual Career Explorations Begins
26-27	NYS Free Fishing Days
28	Pullorum Testing (4-H office)
30	Beginning & Junior Dairy Leader Program applications due
July	
1	Registrations due for Canvas Painting Workshop
1	Virtual Career Explorations ends
4	Independence Day
5	Independence Day observed (CCE Office Closed)
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
9	Canvas Paining Workshop
11-13	Farmers' Museum Jr. Livestock Show

August	
5	4-H Day at Enchanted Forest - Water Safari
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
15	Fair Entries for Non-Animal Exhibits
17-22	Herkimer County Fair
23	Exhibit Pick Up Day
20	New York State Fair Starts
September	
5	Secretary Reports due to 4-H Office
6	Labor Day (CCE Office Closed) Summer Hours End
6	New York State Fair Ends



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4-H HONOR SECRETARIES

Congratulations to: **Jonah Hitchcock**, of the All Seasons 4-H Club; **Sasha Zaitseva**, of the Green and Growing 4-H Club; **Hannah Carnright**, of the Kuyahoorra Kaprines 4-H Club; **Morgan Hunt**, Milkshakers 4-H Club; and **Laken Dyn**, Independent member for turning in their March 4-H club secretary report by April 5.

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FARMERS' MUSEUM JR LIVESTOCK SHOW & CHOBANI SCHOLARSHIPS



If you haven't done so already, entries for the Farmers Museum Junior Livestock Show are due **June 1**. All the details on the show and the registration link can be found here: <http://bit.ly/4-HJrShow>

The Chobani Scholarships will be happening again this year, but as of print of the 4-H Facts, the details were not available. Be on the lookout for upcoming emails with all the details and how to apply.



JUNE 1 REMINDERS

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- Non-ownership (lease) paper to the 4-H Office for any market/non-registered animals you will be showing.
- Hog and Lamb animal ID forms for the 4-H Livestock Auction due to the 4-H Office

ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY & STATE FAIRS

For a complete list of animal health requirements for fairs, go to <http://bit.ly/2021AnimalHealth>

BEEF CATTLE SHOWMANSHIP

Join us **June 9** at Arabeth Farm in Mohawk to learn the ins and outs of beef cattle showmanship. Clinic will start at 6:30pm and last for about an hour. Registration is required and can be completed here:

<http://bit.ly/4-HLivestockShow> Can't make it in person...it will also be offered virtually so be sure to register so you get the link to join.



PAINT SOME 4-H CLOVERS!

When: June 5
9am - 12pm

Where: Beaversprite Nature Center
Cost: FREE

This is a community service project open to 4-H youth 8 years old and older. Come paint wooden 4-H clovers that will be attached to the wooden planter boxes made last year. We will also be having some fun launching stomp rockets while we wait for the paint to dry.

The completed boxes were made for the Herkimer County fair to highlight 4-H awareness and beautify our county fair. Boxes made will be used by 4-H at the Herkimer County Fair each year. Wear paint clothes and bring paint cloths and gloves.

Register through the 4-H office by **June 4**. Call 315-866-7920 or stop in.



Poultry Showmanship Clinic

Open to ALL youth!



DATE: Sat, June 12th 2021

TIME: 9am – 11am

LOCATION: CCE ONEIDA

121 Second St Oriskany, NY 13424

Come learn all about Chickens!

Topics: Different Breeds, Basic Care, Knowledge, Show Prep and Showmanship



Register at https://reg.cce.cornell.edu/PC2021_230

Any Questions contact Casey at

E: cch244@cornell.edu P: (315)736-3394 Ext. 108

Cornell Cooperative Extension is an equal opportunity, affirmative action educator and employer.

Go to <http://bit.ly/PoultryShowmanship> to register or scan the QR Code above.

PULLORUM TESTING

When: June 28
2pm - 3:30pm

Where: 4-H Office

Requirement to exhibit at the county fair.

Birds at least 4 months (16 wks) old: Chickens, turkeys, guinea fowl, peacocks. Pheasants & quail eligible.

Birds obtained from an NPIP certified hatchery/flock (or from a feed store) may exhibit with a copy of the NPIP certificate or receipt showing the NPIP information. These expire in one year.

Appointments required. Call Jenn to set up yours.

Due to COVID-19:

- All producers arriving at the testing site must not be showing symptoms of COVID-19
- All producers attending Pullorum clinic event must not have been in contact with anyone who has had a positive COVID-19 test result in the past 14 days.
- Only one person/producer allowed to enter the testing site to hold birds during Pullorum testing.
- All producers handling birds must wear a face covering and be 13 years of age and older.
- All other producer or family members must remain at the car.

Please contact Jenn with any questions at 315-866-7920 or JLR34@cornell.edu

BEGINNING DAIRY LEADER PROGRAM

"Helping Young People Explore Post-Secondary Agricultural Education and Career Opportunities"

The Beginning DAIRY LEADER program gives high school participants the opportunity to explore post-secondary agricultural education and career opportunities in a networking environment through interaction with faculty and students, college planning, and personal development.

Program Cost: **\$100**

Eligibility/Requirements:

1. High school students entering at least their sophomore year. High school graduates are not eligible.
2. Have potential interest in dairy industry careers.
3. Have an interest in pursuing post-secondary education in agriculture.
4. Can reasonably commit to one Saturday program in November of current year and February, March, April, and June of the following year.

More information can be found at <https://bit.ly/3tSSvx3> and the website will be updated by the end of April to take applications. Applications are due to Debbie Grusenmeyer by **June 30**. Contact her at 607-255-0656 for more information.

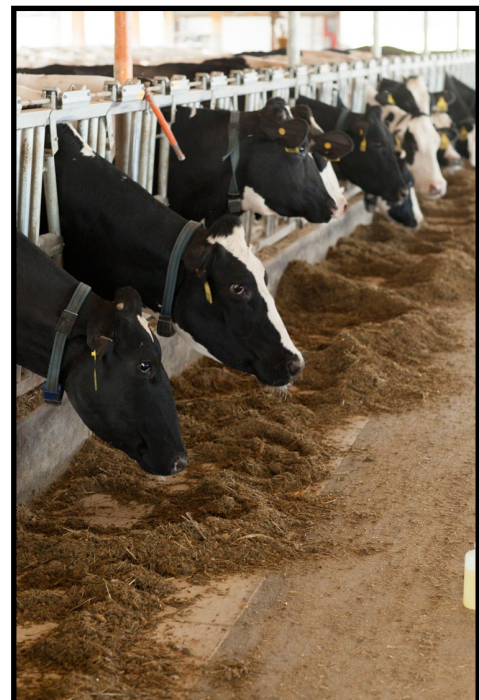


JUNIOR DAIRY LEADER PROGRAM

If you know of youth in your area or region who has an interest in learning more about dairy careers and leadership development, the Junior Dairy Leader program may be for them.

The program is a year-long program for youth/adults ages **16-19** years old. Must have an interest in the dairy industry, career planning and their own personal and professional development. The program starts in late September with a 7-day trip to Madison, Wisconsin, to tour the Wisconsin dairy industry and also attend the National 4-H Dairy conference. The program ends the following August with a graduation ceremony and presentation. We will have 8 to 9 workshops in the program year.

Apply online at <http://bit.ly/NYSJRDairy>
Applications are due by **June 30**. Please contact Debbie Grusenmeyer at 607-255-0656 if you have questions or concerns about the program or application process.



HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

The Herkimer County Fair generously invites all 4-H members to come show the public what your 4-H story is all about. Whether it is showing animals, displaying exhibits in the youth building, making a project with the public, or a cooking demonstration; all are part of showcasing your 4-H SPARK.

Now is the time to assist 4-H members in preparing for the Herkimer County Fair. An early start will help insure that the Fair is a positive and fun experience for everyone. Many last minute problems and disappointments can be avoided by making plans now. 4-H projects for the past 2 years can be entered at the Herkimer County Fair. No projects that have been previously exhibited for a premium are allowed.

Fair time is fast approaching, so here are some dates to remember. Non-animal exhibits can be entered at the fair on **August 15** from 10 am – 2 pm. If you would like to help out on the day of judging, please contact the 4-H office. We need adults to help with evaluating; and youth to help as assistants. All exhibits are released to be taken home on **August 23** from 9 am – 11 am.

THE YOUTH BUILDING AT THE NY STATE FAIR WILL NOT BE OPEN THIS YEAR!

The exhibits are not going to the NY State Fair in 2021, so all 4-H exhibits at the Herkimer County fair will need to be picked up on **August 23**. Any exhibits not picked up will remain at the Herkimer County Fair. If your exhibits were chosen to go to State Fair, we'll be glad to take photos of your exhibit to be entered at the virtual NY State Fair showcase. You must fill out the Exhibitor Entry Statement to be submitted with the photos.



Here is a checklist of “to dos” to get you started:

- Go over the Herkimer County Fair book with your 4-H members. Make sure they have a copy. Read it together. Plan exhibits they will bring to the fair; and what preparation the exhibit will need.
- Assist members to fill out their entry blank and exhibit tags **COMPLETELY**, prior to the fair. It makes for a much smoother day; and less stress on everyone if you come with all your paperwork completed ahead of time.
- Explain the conference evaluation style of judging to members. Conference judging helps the member feel at ease and in a more receptive frame of mind. Conference evaluation is often easier for the judge. The member gains a greater benefit from the experience. Conference evaluation eliminates the question of why an item received a certain ribbon, therefore, making the evaluation of project work more educational.
- Explain the Danish System. Within the Danish System, each exhibit - be it a birdhouse or a flower - is compared to the ideal for the exhibit given the exhibitor's experience & age. Exhibits are not placed in a ranking, rather each item is judged on its own merit. Participants receive either a blue ribbon (excellent), red ribbon (good) or a white ribbon (worthy). Green ribbons (participation) are distributed to exhibits that are display only. The emphasis is placed on the process of learning, not necessarily the end product.

REMEMBER, it's a well-known fact (with historical basis, ask any old 4-H member) that those who take an active part in the fair have more FUN!!!

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HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR CONT.

4-H PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR

The 4-H office would like to encourage 4-H members to do a Public Presentation or a demonstration in the youth building at the County Fair **August 17 - 22**. If there is a project your club worked on during the year, please consider demonstrating what you learned in the youth building for the public. Pick whatever day and time works best for you. We can help you with ideas and supplies if needed. Please plan to help showcase 4-H in the Youth building by demonstrating activities for the general public. Not sure what to do, but would love to lend a hand, Herkimer County 4-H has many different activities to showcase like finger crocheting, origami rockets, or Rocket launching, (weather permitting). Contact Wendy to reserve your time.

HERKIMER COUNTY FAIR THEME CHALLENGE

Yay to Herkimer County Fair!!! We are challenging you to come up with a club or family exhibit for the youth building that best reflects the Herkimer County Fair theme "Something Old, Something New - Forever Red, White & Blue". Photos, posters, sculpture, quilt... use your imagination. If you can incorporate 4-H into your exhibit, even better. Prizes will be awarded to the most original and best interpretation of the theme.



CANVAS PAINTING WORKSHOP

When: July 9
6-9pm

Where: 4-H Office

Cost: \$20 per 4-H member

Come paint a multi colored animal on canvas.

Designed for anyone who wants to create a masterpiece

Join us to learn the art of painting as you create your very own work of art! An instructor will lead you step by step as you develop your artistic skills and create your very own painting of a bright colored animal! Animal choices are, cat, cow, horse, lizard, goat, or fox. Looking for something else? Let Wendy know before July 1 and she will see what she can find. You can then take your completed painting home to display, give as a gift, or exhibit at the County Fair!

Registration is due by **July 1st** (your prompt payment confirms your spot). This class is limited to 12 4-H members only. If space fills quickly, a second date will be offered.



Photo is representative. To see in color, go to <http://bit.ly/4-HFacts>

4-H DAY AT ENCHANTED FOREST WATER SAFARI



When: Thursday August 5

Admission tickets are **\$31** per person. Admission with an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet will be **\$40** (\$31 for those 3-7 years of age).

Buffet includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, Italian sausage, peppers & onions, salt potatoes, corn on the cob, chips, watermelon and all-day beverages. The lunch buffet will be served from 12:30 – 1:30 pm so come at the beginning, middle and end to get your fill. Also included with the lunch buffet option will be all you can eat ice cream novelties. They will be served from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in the pavilion, which will be a great afternoon snack.

For those that choose to purchase the lunch option, you will have use of the reserved pavilion for the day to get out of the sun, store your stuff, etc. Only those purchasing the lunch option will have access to the pavilion.

Tickets will be on sale thru **July 30**. Tickets must be paid for in full before they will be given out. If you already have a pass to Enchanted Forest, you can add on the lunch option for \$15 (8 and older) and \$5 (3-7 years of age), which will give you the options as listed above. Feel free to invite family and friends (even if they are not in 4-H) and to take advantage of this great price.

And don't forget. . . If you did a 4-H Public Presentation at either of our county-wide events, you will get **\$10 off** of your ticket! Call Jenn with any questions.

DISTRICT PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the North Central District 4-H Public Presentations event. Making it to the District Event is not easy. Everyone earned a Blue or Red Ribbon. Juniors (8-12) **Jacob Hitchcock**, (blue) **Gwendalyn McCutcheon**, (red) and **Ainslie Hitchcock**, (red); and Seniors (13-19) **Caleb Hitchcock**, (blue) and **Jonah Hitchcock**, (red). Out of 13 participants, Herkimer County 4-H member **Caleb Hitchcock** received a blue ribbon in the Senior division for his Job Interview, and 4-H member **Jacob Hitchcock** received a first place rosette in the Junior division for his illustrated talk about the History of Basketball.



THANK YOU UTICA ZOO VOLUNTEERS

Herkimer County 4-H would like to thank the 4-H volunteers and 4-H members that came out on May 16 to weed and plant vegetables at the Utica Zoo. This year 3 tote gardens were added to the raised vegetable bed area. 4-H members and volunteers planted the raised beds with sunflowers, lettuce, kale, squash, peppers, beans, carrots, peas, cucumbers, catnip and sweet potatoes.

Herkimer County 4-H will be providing volunteers to maintain these gardens for the summer months along with zoo staff, right up to the fall harvest. Many 4-H families and volunteers will be coming in weekly to weed and water the new garden beds. Zoo staff will be helping 4-H members harvest the garden produce throughout the summer month to feed to the many zoo animals.

This is part of the Utica Zoo garden project and is open to all Herkimer County 4-H members and their families. We are so proud of all the hard work that was done by all who came. We appreciate all that you do to make Herkimer County 4-H part of our greater community.

Herkimer County 4-H clubs participating included: **Green and Growing** and **Kuyahooro Kaprines**.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE UTICA ZOO

Herkimer County 4-H has teamed up with the Utica Zoo to grow vegetables for the zoo animals. 4-H members and volunteers will be maintaining and harvesting produce throughout the summer months. 4-H members and volunteers will also be maintaining and weeding the existing flower beds for the summer. It is not too late for 4-H members and volunteers to sign up with us for 1 to 2 weeks out of the summer to go to the Utica Zoo once per that assigned week and weed the gardens.

All participants will receive a t-shirt (indicating that you are there to work on the gardens), and free admission to the zoo on the day you work.

Please check with the 4-H office to see what weeks are still available if you are interested in this great, fun filled opportunity. Please give us your name and shirt size and what week you are available to cover the care of the garden. For more information, please contact Wendy.



GRADUATING SENIORS

Robert Becker is a Senior from Central Valley Academy. He has been an active member of the Milkshakers 4-H club for 8 years. Robert enjoys showing cows and chickens. When not working on his 4-H project animals, Robert participates in sporting clay shooting at the Iliion Fish and Game club. After High School, Robert plans to work for the Town of Herkimer and also continue to work on the family dairy farm.



Rachael Bruce will be graduating from Herkimer High School. She had been a member of the Occupational Hazards 4-H club for 3 years. Rachael has participated in Public Presentations through 4-H. She has not decided on her future plans after high school.



Hello, my name is Faith Davis.

I am a senior at Frankfort-Schuyler high school. I really enjoy spending time with my animals.

After I finish high school I would like to get a job at an animal shelter to help animals who need me.



Hi my name is Michelle Farnsworth. I am a senior at Frankfort Schuyler High School. I presently work as a unit assistant. My interest after graduation is to work full time at Folts Brook Nursing Home.



GRADUATING SENIORS

Dylan Dyn will be graduating from Richfield Springs Central School. Dylan has been an Independent 4-H member of Herkimer county for 7 years. He has shown beef cattle at the Jr. Livestock show, the Herkimer County Fair and the New York State Fair. He has received numerous awards including Supreme Master Showman at the Herkimer County Fair and Supreme Beef at the Jr Livestock Show. He also won Supreme Livestock animal with his hog at the 4-H Show and Sale.

Dylan is a member of FFA, NYS Beef Association, Honor Society, Yearbook Club, SADD, Ski Club, Varsity Soccer, Clay Target League, Golf Club, and Varsity Track and Field. Dylan plans to attend Alfred University in the fall to pursue a degree in finance.



Hi my name is Destiny LaBarge and I am a senior at Herkimer BOCES. My favorite teachers are Mrs. Gayhart, Mrs. Smith, and Mrs. Connolly. They have helped me through a lot. After I graduate I plan on starting my own business. I would like to rescue dogs and cats off the streets and help them find their forever homes.



GRADUATING SENIORS

Katie Livingston is a graduate of Mount Markham High School. She has been a 4-H member of the Barnyard Buddies for 13 years. Katie shows Guernsey dairy cows and has been an All Around and Outstanding 4-H member. Her other activities include National Honor Society, College for Every Student, Beginning Dairy leaders, Junior Dairy Leaders, FFA Vice-President, and a Herkimer County Dairy Princess.

Katie plans to attend SUNY Cobleskill for two years majoring in Ag Business with a minor in Ag education. She then plans to transfer to a larger out of state school. Katie hopes to work with dairy farmers and consumers in the future.



Hello my name is Brian Reed. I am a senior at Frankfort Schuyler High School. I'm interested in taking care of dogs and flowers, and becoming a mailman. After I get out of high school I hope to graduate, get a diploma, then go to college and explore new tasks for my future in my life.



GRADUATING SENIORS

Hi. My name is Kayla Stevens. I am a senior through the Herkimer Central School District. I will be going to Herkimer BOCES and Herkimer Junior/Senior High School for my graduations. After I graduate, I plan to go to Herkimer College to pursue a degree in Atmospheric Sciences. I am interested in weather and storm chasing. I hope to move to Oklahoma or someplace in Tornado Alley to be close to my future job as a storm chaser.



Natalie Teachout is graduating from Richfield Springs Central School. She has been a member of the Milkshakers 4-H Club for 5 years. She has done projects for the Herkimer County Progress building in Beef, Dairy, gardening, photography, and wood science. Natalie also belongs to a clay target shooting club. She plans to attend SUNY Cobleskill for a pre-veterinarian program and then finish her degree at another college.



CLUB NEWS

The **All Seasons 4-H club** did not hold a meeting in March.



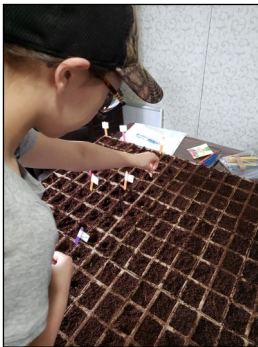
The **Green and Growing 4-H club** had a virtual meeting in March. The 4-H members went over the rules for the bridge contest, and talked about future projects. In April the 4-H member met virtually to make paper Easter eggs and to play a shadow guessing game.



The **Hawkes/Dyn Independent family** did not hold a meeting in March or April.



The **Kuyahoor Kaprines 4-H club** did not hold a meeting in March. Hannah and Hailey Carnright and Logan and Lucas Humphreville participated in the virtual 4-H at Home gardening series. Hannah and Hailey Carnright planted using a small green house and now have their first sprouts starting!



The **Milkshakers 4-H club** met in January and February. The 4-H members did not meet in March. In April club members worked on a club project to be displayed at the Herkimer County Fair. The club also made a poster to be displayed at Tractor Supply during the spring Clover campaign. The 4-H members made some improvements to their club banner for future displays.



4-H STARR

On April 30th, Herkimer County 4-H had 2 youth participate in the Virtual State Teen Action Representative Retreat (STARR). STARR is fun-filled event where 4-H teens participate in a variety of activities meant to challenge, excite and further develop life skills. The Keynote speaker Kyle Scheele, motivated all to make the world a better place and spoke on how it only takes one person to make a huge difference in another person's life.

Participant **Caleb Hitchcock** had this to add: Caleb Hitchcock of the All Seasons 4-H Club joined other teens from around the state at the STARR retreat. We met virtually for the day and participated in full sessions and breakout rooms. The theme of the day was "Be the Star of Your Own Movie." Our discussions included round table activities and ice breakers. The day's discussions focused on being yourself and staying positive. We even did a Kahoot at the end. I had a great time, and I hope to be there at next year's STARR event (and hopefully meet in person). Thanks to everyone who made this event possible.

- Caleb Hitchcock.

4-H AT HOME GARDEN SERIES

In the month of March North Central District 4-H held an at Home Gardening series for 4-H members. Topics included Making a Plan, Starting Seeds, Preparing your Soil, Sensory Gardens, and the Three Sisters Garden. We mailed out 39 sets of seeds to participants and Wendy shared the recorded videos with BOCES and new 4-H members and volunteers that were unable to join the live sessions. If you are interested in gardening or would like to watch any of these recorded topics as a club, contact Wendy Richardson.

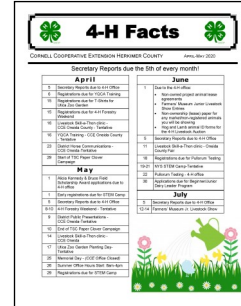


KEEPING YOU UPDATED

In light of COVID-19 we are doing our best to keep you updated on everything in the world of 4-H. Please know that events listed in the newsletter may change at any time and we will keep you all up to date via email and Facebook on any changes that do occur. We are doing our best to offer virtual programming and welcome any suggestions for programming you would like to see. Virtual programs can be found on our Facebook page, our web site and via email. Zoom will be the platform we use for virtual programming and registration will be required to ensure the safety and privacy of those participating. If you have any questions, please contact Jenn and Wendy at 315-866-7920, or email Jenn at jlr34@cornell.edu or Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu.

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The 4-H FACTS is available in color with clickable links online at <http://bit.ly/4-HFacts>



The 4-H office will be changing to their summer hours: 8 am - 4 pm, starting Memorial Day, May 31, to Labor Day, Sept. 6.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Facebook at Cornell Cooperative Extension Herkimer County, and request to join the private group 'Herkimer County 4-H' for events that might not make it into the 4-H FACTS.

Follow us on Instagram at Herkimer4h to see the latest photos about what members are doing in 4-H!

Get text updates from educators about program changes and to stay in touch through the REMIND app: text [@herkimerco](https://text.4h.org) to 81010.

Please call the office if you have any questions or e-mail Wendy at wlr45@cornell.edu or Jenn at jlr34@cornell.edu.

For 4-H projects, visit <http://bit.ly/YouthProjects>



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