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MILLARVILLE RACING AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IS DEDICATED TO BUILDING COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

OUR MISSION

MILLARVILLE RACING AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY PROVIDES AUTHENTIC FAMILY EXPERIENCES AND EXCEPTIONAL FACILITIES WHICH CELEBRATE OUR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE, INSPIRING A SENSE OF BELONGING FOR THE COMMUNITY.

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Secretary's Message



Andrea Neumann
MRAS Secretary

Dear MRAS Members,

Spring blessed us with generous rain, and as I seek a shady reprieve to write, we can certainly say that the dog days of summer have settled in! The beauty and bounty of the foothills is on full display and a quick tour through the countryside reveals the welcome sight of endless greenery, radiant wildflowers, and countless hay bales. At MRAS, we have also been blessed to recently receive approval of a grant from the Agricultural Societies Infrastructure Revitalization Program (ASIRP), which will be used to install an updated, facility-wide public address system! This is a great achievement for our organization and will greatly improve guest experience during events on the property.

As we find ourselves in between our two most storied events at MRAS (the Races and the Fair), it is only fitting that archaeologists are currently sifting through the site of the original John Ware homestead just a few miles down the road from our own historic grounds. Looking to the future of MRAS and how best to serve this community, it is a great reminder that this place has always provided the scenic backdrop for people that aren't necessarily "from" here to make this their home and flourish.

Over one hundred years since John Ware's homestead was removed, it still is a part of the fabric of this countryside, and it offers clues to what life on this land was like, with many stark contrasts and similarities. A hundred years from now, someone may unearth one of my horse's abandoned shoes in the hillside, but I certainly didn't forget it myself and the role the horse plays in my life is a far cry from the those of the early homesteaders! However, the same peaceful landscape and awe-inspiring views of the foothills and mountains continues to draw people to this area and its vibrant community.

I hope you help us continue this amazing legacy by joining us for 117th Priddis & Millarville Fair on August 17 & 18. The Fair book is full of competitions and demonstrations of home baking to gymkhana and everything in between. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Andrea Neumann

A graphic on the left side of the page shows several stylized human figures in a circle, holding hands. The figures are in various shades of green and yellow, and are arranged in a way that suggests a group or community. The background of the entire page is a solid light orange color.

MRAS STAFF SUMMER 2024

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Summer Student Maintenance



In July, two prominent rental groups collaborated and utilized our MRAS Equine facilities. With the commitment of over 1000 individuals, they achieved their objectives successfully.



Community collaboration and involvement
at the MRAS!

**FEEDING THE TROOPS
(and Exploding the Whipping Cream!!)**



**Doreen Marthaller
MRAS Life Member, Caterer**



MRAS “Name A Brick” Campaign Continues

Our agriculturally themed playground is much loved by children and adults alike. Many stories have been shared about delighted children and their families enjoying our playground so much that the children don't want to leave! From the barn play structure to the tractor, farm animals and every other piece of equipment, our playground is a hit. It is a credit to all the volunteers who worked to make it a reality and to everyone who donated funds.

Is there someone in your family that is hard to buy for? The MRAS may have the perfect solution for you! For \$200 a brick, you can not only give a long-lasting and meaningful gift but also help MRAS continue to build our playground legacy. Please consider buying a brick and having your choice of a name or names engraved as your individual or family legacy.

The purchase forms are on the MRAS website under Facilities/Playground and also available at the office. For more information, please contact the MRAS office at 403-931-3411.

Thank you for your kind consideration of continuing to build our playground legacy one engraved brick at a time. Here is the link to buy a brick:

<https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/MRAS-Name-a-Brick-Donation/>



HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY



July 18, 2023

MILLIE



July 18, 2024

WOW!

Look how much
MILLIE has grown!

55 rocks at last
count!

Check out Millie in our
Playground! Keep adding to
her too!



HAPPY HERITAGE DAY



MRAS EQUINE FACILITIES

Questions about the MRAS Equine Facilities email: grounds@mras-track.com.

For memberships email: office@mras-track.com

Hello Equine Members,

The MRAS riding rules, and sign-up sheet have been developed to help our members have a safe and enjoyable time riding while also maintaining our building in good condition.

Riding Rules: These have been created and agreed upon to ensure everyone using the facility remains safe and that our facility can be kept in great condition. Please continue to follow the rules and encourage your fellow riders to follow the rules. Click HERE for the rules or go to: <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/equine/>.

Booking Sheet: Please use the booking sheet when you plan to ride and honor your time. This practice is in place to ensure fair usage of the facility and helps the maintenance team plan when they can be in the arena for maintenance.

Manure: Please continue to clean up after your horses. I know the vast majority of you are excellent at this, but it continues to be a problem.

****NEW PROCESS****

Remove your horse's manure from the arena using the forks and pails and transport it to the blue bins. Pails should not be used for storage of manure; it belongs in the blue bins.

Help us take pride in our arena and its use by following the rules that we have in place,

Thank you!

UPCOMING EQUINE ACTIVITIES:



The volunteer members of the MRAS Equine Committee are working hard to bring a variety of clinics and activities to the MRAS riding membership and equine community. Please check the website regularly to see what is available at: www.millarvilleracetrack.com, Equine tab under Upcoming Events.

KIDS SUMMER 4-DAY HORSE CAMP

Dates: August 6 - 9

This is a perfect place for that horse loving kid to spend summer days with their horse. Come and have some fun in the sun! There will be Lessons with Danielle Bartlett 3 of the 4 days plus other riding activities!

Crafts, games, grooming, ranch riding, patterns, showmanship and more!

Kids must have their own horse as there are no horses supplied. It is suggested that an adult stay while their child is riding. Best suited for ages 6 to 12.

Cost: \$200.00 MRAS Riding Members
\$240.00 for Non-Members
(All prices include GST)

Any questions or to register please contact lynnbrunton@gmail.com

KIDS FALL RIDING LESSON SERIES

With Danielle Bartlett 🐾

Dates: Fridays, September 6, 13 & 20, October 11 & 25

Lesson Times 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 pm

Lessons can be purchased as a package or individually

Cost: MRAS Riding Members \$290.00 for all 5 lessons. Individual purchase \$60 per lesson
Non-Riding Members \$335.00 for all 5 lessons. Individual purchase \$69 per lesson
(All prices include GST)

Riders will be divided into their appropriate riding level groups, in a group of 4 riders or less. When registering please advise the earliest time you can get to the arena as we are considerate of those times when making groups.

Registration will open for MRAS Riding members August 1 and for Non-Riding Members August 10.

Please email lynnbrunton@gmail.com to register or for more information.

WORKING EQUITATION 3-DAY CLINIC WITH JILL BARRON

Friday through Sunday, October 18-20, 2024

Jill's approach to training horses and riders blends classical techniques and natural horsemanship. Her expertise has won her global accolades and Championships. She teaches clinics and judges Working Equitation in many international destinations. She is the only judge in North America to hold three cards.

ANY BREED OR TYPE OF TACK IS WELCOME. The first 2 days of the clinic will focus on Flatwork and Horsemanship Skills and the final day will be obstacle work.

Cost: Current MRAS Riding Members \$540.00 Priority registration until August 10, 2024
Non-Riding Members \$600.00

50% deposit required to complete your registration. Balance required 30 days prior to clinic start.

Audit Fee: Current MRAS Riding Members \$40.00 One Audit Fee for All 3 Days.

Non-Riding Members \$50.00 Auditors must register and pay prior to the clinic.

Registration opens August 1st.

To register contact mras.equine@gmail.com and include your level of experience.

117th PRIDDIS & MILLARVILLE FAIR -

Country Fun for Everyone

August 17 & 18, 2024

Horses Shows and Events:

Saturday, August 17th

Morning: English Light Horse Flat Classes - 15 class choices

12:30pm: Horse Costume Competition

Afternoon: English Light Horse Jumping Classes - 13 class choices

Sunday, August 18th

Western Light Horse Flat Classes - 26 class choices

Western Trail Classes - 2 class choices

1:00pm Start: Light Horse Gymkhana - 17 class choices

Come out and participate for the fun of it! Fair book and registration information for horses shows and more, can be found on the Fair page on the MRAS website - <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/priddis-millarville-fair/>

Clinic and Lesson Series Cancellation Policy

MRAS cannot guarantee your spot will be filled in the event of cancellation; however, every attempt will be made to do so. Should your spot be filled, a refund will be issued less a 15% administration fee. If your spot cannot be filled, the full amount will be forfeited.

Substitutions may be allowed; the Clinic Coordinator must be consulted and approve the substitution. MRAS will have no part in facilitating payments from a substitute.

Additional details available about all of the above Activities and Lesson Series are available on the MRAS website: www.millarvilleracetrack.com on the Equine page.

OTHER ACTIVITIES, CLINICS, EQUINE EVENTS

If you have ideas or suggestions for any clinics or activities that you would like us to explore, please send us the information to MRAS.equine@gmail.com. One of our goals is to incorporate activities that our members are interested in.

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— *to* —
Oct 12th
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117TH
PRIDDIS & MILLARVILLE FAIR

Country Fun

FOR EVERYONE



AUG. 17 & 18, 2024
9AM - 4PM
FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS WELCOME

Mark your calendars and plan to join us August 17 & 18 for a family weekend of old fashioned fair fun. Admission is FREE (donations are welcome). We've got all the favourites – rooster crowing, pie and watermelon eating contests, lots of bench exhibits to admire and inspire, antique cars and tractors, animals of all descriptions, make and take activities for some hands on fun, light horse English, Western and Gymkhana competitions, the famous Millarville Farmers' Market and a Sunday Special Market.

There are several new attractions this year:

- Model As and Ts Clubs will be joining us to show off their beautiful cars
- There will be a hayrack backer-upper contest on Sunday afternoon. The classes for the competition are "Old Hayseed, driver age 50 years & older" and "Green as Grass, any age driver"
- Talk to the artist demonstrating digital art
- Try your luck on the 50/50 poop raffles (the prizes are cash)
- Stock dog demonstrations twice a day on the infield (ducks or sheep, we just don't know)



The deadline for fair entries is close - be sure to get your entries in before the August 4 deadline (Suzon might forget to close the registrations until August 11th). The Fair event page on the [MRAS website](#) has all the information you need – the fair book, judging standards, link to the online registration system. If you prefer the paper book, there are a limited number left at the MRAS office.

Watch the fair page on the website and our social media pages for the detailed daily schedules. There are enough differences between the days to make a visit on both Saturday and Sunday worthwhile.

The Fair Committee is extremely fortunate and grateful to have generous donors and sponsors, and a large, very enthusiastic, forever young, hard working group of volunteers who know that having fun is a goal not just for visitors. The success of the Fair is the direct result of their contributions. A tremendous, heart-felt thank-you! Let's have some fun!!



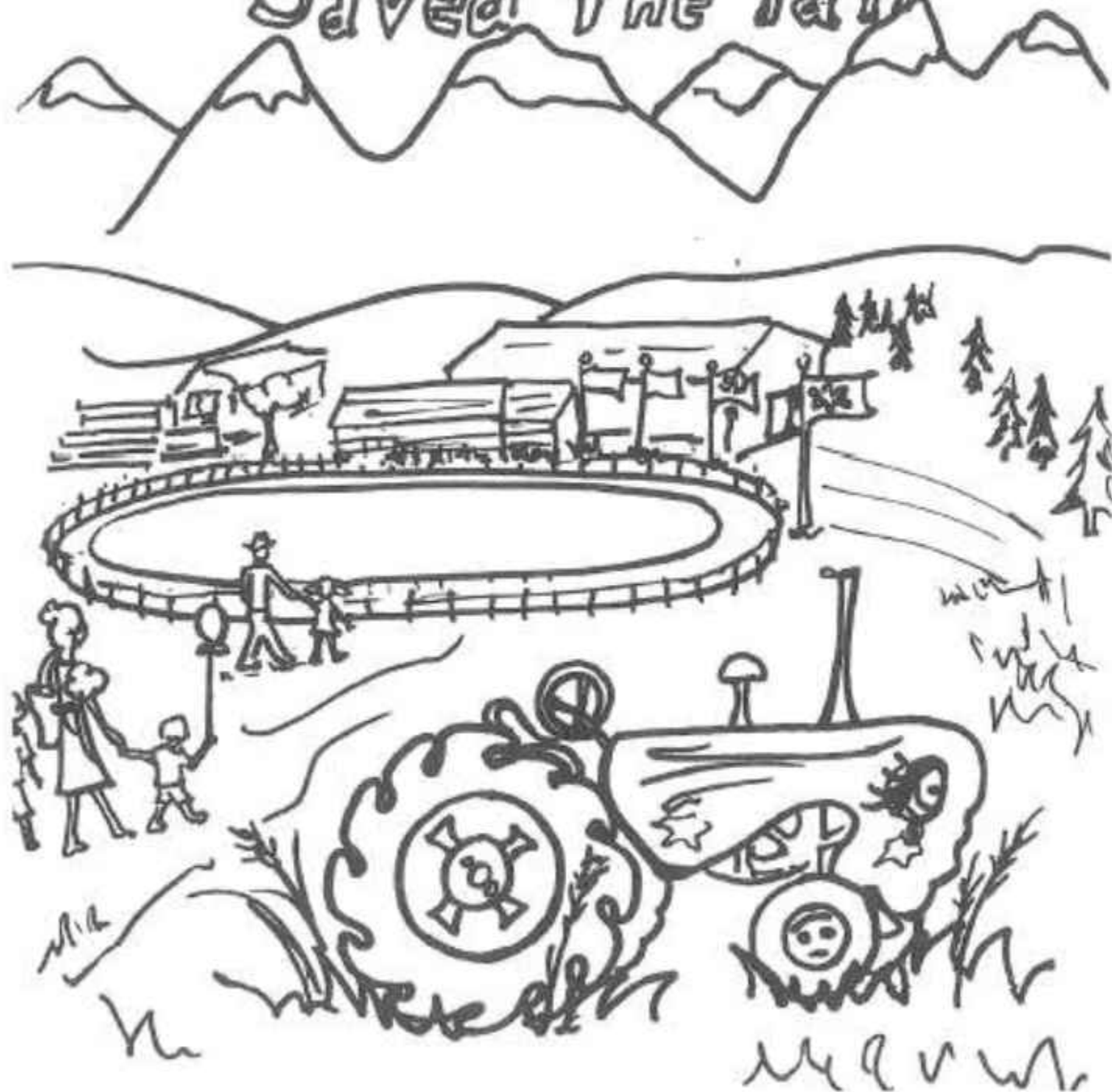
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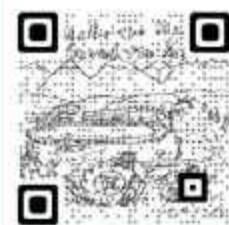
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2023/2024 MRAS Riding Membership Rates

Annual: November 2023 – October 2024

Family \$475.00
Each additional dependent \$70.00
Individual \$325.00

1/4 memberships (per quarter): (May - July OR Aug - Oct)

Family \$225.00
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Individual \$150.00

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Life Member Nominations

Are you aware of a dedicated MRAS volunteer who deserves to be nominated as a life member?



The Millarville Racing and Agricultural Society has a proud tradition of recognizing and honoring volunteers who have made exceptional contributions to MRAS by awarding them a Lifetime Membership. This prestigious award acknowledges their enduring dedication to the society, aiming to uphold and pass down its historical legacy.

Nominations are submitted in writing to the Millarville Historical Society. The MRAS Board carefully evaluates all nominations based on specific criteria and a point system to help reach a final decision. The deadline for submitting nominations is August 31.

For questions or nomination submissions, kindly forward to:
Lorretta Stabler at landcstabler@gmail.com.



MILLARVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

EDWIN "ED" (1881 - 1951) & HARRIET WINTHROP

Written by Eugene Blakley - Vice President of Millarville Historical Society

Edwin Winthrop was born in Ottawa and came west to Winnipeg in 1899. In 1904 he settled on SW30-21-2-w5, which he changed with C. H. Kennedy and in 1906 entered the NE and later purchased SE. later the NE28-21-2-W5. He married Harriet M. Pierson in 1915 and they had two sons William and Robert.

Like many settlers, Ed worked his way west on the CPR crew. At Gleichen, he happened upon some riders from the Circle Ranch. This was a glimpse of a new and interesting life and Ed left the CPR and went riding the Circle Ranch. Ed later worked in B.C. mining and while hauling dynamite on a mule, who balked, lost his footing, and went over the bank taking the dynamite with him. Luckily, nothing exploded, and he rescued the mule and moved on.

Ed was strongly associated with the Priddis and Millarville Agricultural Society and was one of those foresighted individuals who signed the application to form the Priddis & Millarville Agricultural Society in 1907. Ed started volunteering in 1905 and became a Life Member in 1983. The Priddis and Millarville Agricultural Fair was a special interest of both Ed and Harriet. Ed served as Fair President for 27 years. Ed Winthrop had a true jest for life and people remember his characteristic hearty laugh. Harriet became a Life Member in 1983. She started volunteering in 1918. Harriet was a Fair Director for nine years.

One local said, "when we bury Ed, we will bury the Agricultural Society". Fortunately, this prophesy proved incorrect, partly perhaps because of the solid foundations upon which the organization was built, and for which a large share of the responsibility much be attributed to Ed and Harriett.

Ed was also active in hockey and loved a good scrap which he often got at games on the Winthrop Slough and on Sheep Creek. He also joined Henry Ford and helped with the Fordville School and was chairman for many years.

Ed also was involved in the formation of the 4H Club and Christ Church.

During the First World War Ed, like many others, sold horses to the Government for army use from his 100 head of Clydesdales and thoroughbreds.

After Ed died in 1951 Mrs. Winthrop moved to Calgary where she lived for many years until her death.



Branding in corral, 1909. C. H. Kennedy (left) and E. L. Winthrop on Kennedy ranch.

Read more historical articles on [Facebook - Millarville Historical Society](#) or email us millarvillehistoricalsociety@gmail.com if you have photos, information, or questions.



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Happy Summer! While Mrs. Claus and her elves are on hiatus for July and August, our newsletter is still being published. Here is the latest copy of everything news for the KOS, click the [KOS Newsletter HERE](#). Enjoy!

Stay tuned for more exciting fall workbees and information in late August. Feel free to reach out should you have any comments or questions to kos@mrastack.com.

Elf Barb

New elves always welcome. Thank you for your continued support to the KOS.



<http://millarvillehortclub.com>

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, September to May, at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are held at the Millarville Anglican Church House on Hwy 549.

The Priddis and Millarville Fair is happening this year on August 17 and 18. The Fair Book is available online on the MRAS website: <https://www.millarvilleracetrack.com/priddis-millarville-fair/>

There are sections for Adults and Juniors: Photography, Fibre Arts, Arts & Handicrafts, Western & English Horse, Beef Cattle, Poultry, Flowers, Baking, Flowers, Vegetables & Fruit, Woodworking, Field Crops. Deadline for entries is August 4, online and in person. Don't miss it!

There will be the regular Farmers' Market on Saturday as well as a Special Market on Fair Sunday. Food trucks on site both days.

Our September 10 meeting will be a potluck at 6:30 pm. This will be our Fall Potluck, so come early and bring your favourite dish, especially things from your garden.

Salute to our Volunteers September 10 meeting:

We will celebrate our dedicated Hort Club Volunteers with a big cake to kick off the new season.

Presentations September 10 meeting:

*Fall Planted Garlic with Louise

Garlic for sale

*The Honey Merchants

Product for sale

Garden tours:

*Many thanks to Frances Dover for the wonderful July 14 Peony Stroll, cookies and musical entertainment.

*August 4 we will tour Paul Rishaug's garden at Millarville, the new Confluence Garden (Fort Calgary), and the Reader Rock Garden. Details TBA

If you are interested in attending any of our presentations, please contact Louise Patterson Bruns (our new president) at louisepattersonbruns@gmail.com or at millarvillehorticulturalclub@gmail.com.

Whether you are a novice or expert in landscaping or gardening, join our club; \$15/year for singles or \$20/year for a family. Check us out on [Facebook](#) as well!

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This year marks the 15th anniversary of Kidney March, a three-day, 100-kilometre charitable march held annually in the Calgary area. On the first day, Friday, September 6th, approximately 500 Kidney Marchers, Crew, and Volunteers will begin their heroic journey from the Millarville Racetrack.

Kidney March is the only walk of its kind in the world. No other walk goes this far, for this long, for this cause. Kidney March is a true testament to the indomitable human spirit and the power of collective action.

Kidney disease is a leading cause of death in Canada and there is no cure. It's called a silent killer for a reason. By the time you know you have it, it's often too late. Unless we stand up and act, this silent disease will continue to take lives and livelihoods.

It's not every day that ordinary people get to be heroes, but at Kidney March they do. The Kidney Foundation is thrilled to see Kidney March celebrate its 15th anniversary and continue to grow every year. Join us in 2024 for an unforgettable journey where kidneys may fail, we won't.

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