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She enjoys shopping at farmers markets, growing fresh produce in her garden, cooking meals using local ingredients and watching her 4 backyard chickens.