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### Marmora and Lake Tourism Office: Grant of \$50,000

The Ontario Tourism Development Fund is giving \$50,000 to the Marmora and Lake Tourism office to study the potential tourism and economic benefits of the Marmora Pumped Storage Project. The grant was announced on November 14 at a site overlooking the Marmora mine. Deputy Reeve Rita Cimprich, a CLWA member, welcomed Jeff Leal, MPP for Peterborough and Minister of Rural Affairs, and Eric Hoskins, Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Employment to Marmora.

She thanked them for their support of the Pumped Storage Project and their support of the economic development and tourism in Marmora and Lake. Sam Mantenuto, the Chief Operating Officer of Northland Power, thanked the Ministers for their support and thanked the community for their continuing support of the Project.

The Tourism Development Fund supports projects that promote and expand tourism opportunities. A company will be hired to do a study of tourism ideas for the Pumped Storage Project including a centre to explain the project, discuss the history of the mine, and the geology of the area; a night observation area; recreational components such as trails, wetland boardwalk, and multi-use trails; and other ideas. Part of the study will be an analysis of the economic contribution of the Project and associated tourism to the community and the province.



Rita Cimprich with Eric Hoskins, Jeff Leal and Sam Mantenuto at the proposed site

Typhany Choinard said the study will provide a roadmap for tourism around the site and will identify infrastructure needs. They will have input from a subcommittee of the M&L Economic Development Committee and other interested parties, including CLWA. It could take 6 to 12 months to complete.

#### Walleye Stocked in October

On October 8<sup>th</sup> approximately 22,700 Walleye fingerlings were stocked in Crowe Lake. This is the second stocking with approximately 25,000 fingerlings stocked in 2011. The stocking is the result of cooperative efforts by CLWA, the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). Stockings of a similar number of Walleye fingerlings are scheduled for 2015 and 2016.

The fingerlings were brought from the White Lake Fish Culture Station to Booster Park.

They were transferred from their tanks into containers and loaded onto flat-bottom boats and pontoon boats. Then they were taken to various parts of Crowe Lake and carefully transferred to the lake. Stocking was done by Robert Taylor and Norma Sedgwick-Taylor who have been leaders in the stocking effort, Bill Neill, Jamie Drummond, Wayne and Elinor White, Margaret Berube and two staff members from MNR, Dawn Sucee from OFAH, and Kim Zippel from Peterborough Field Naturalists.

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2014

## Words from the President

On behalf of the CLWA Executive Board, I want to wish you a Happy New Year.

This could be a challenging year for CLWA. We lost one of our stalwart members when Robert Taylor resigned from the Board and we are still trying to find a replacement to manage the winter Pike Only Ice Fishing Derby in February (see page 12). Our financial position is stable and in the black, but we could be facing a shortfall in our funds for the Fireworks on the Lake. But, we are addressing both issues and I am sure we will find solutions.

There has been some confusion about our Fireworks on the Lake program and I want to make sure you understand that our plans have not changed and there will be fireworks on the lake for Canada Day weekend in 2014. The confusion apparently comes from the fact that the group raising funds for the Village fireworks program resigned in November. CLWA receives no funding from the Marmora and Lake Council. We rely on donations from you, our members, from businesses, and some funds from the Canada Heritage program. For many years, CLWA fireworks for Canada Day have been on the Saturday before Canada Day. This tradition will continue in 2014.

We will have the World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake program for Canada Day Weekend. We hope to have a summer fishing derby. We will have an AGM. We will continue to publish the Crowe Lake Matters newsletter. We're working with the Marmora Tourism office on a new summer program, possibly canoeing on the river. We have just finished the CLWA Photo Contest but we are looking for ways to expand it for 2014. And (drum roll and trumpet noises) we have <u>not</u> raised your dues.

We could use some help from you, however. We rely on member dues and donations and participation. Please renew in the Spring. Please recruit your friends and neighbours and get them to join CLWA. Please visit the website, like us on Facebook, tell us what you think about what we are doing, and think about being on the Board or a committee. If you made and broke a New Year's Resolution, why not make another one and resolve to get involved?

HAPPY NEW YEAR AND LET'S HAVE A GREAT 2014 ON THE CROWE LAKE WATERWAY.

Ritch Smith

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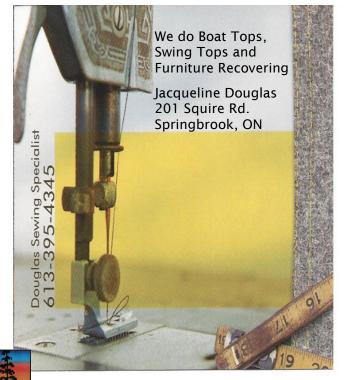


# Marmora Has Two Hoties

The Hastings County Opportunities in Tourism (HOTie) Awards program recognizes businesses and organizations that have made significant contributions to tourism in Hastings County. Two of the six awards for 2013 were won by a Marmora organization or individual. Marmora and Lake winners are:







- Marmora #7 Classic Cruisers Organization of the Year
- Leo Provost MVP Volunteer of the Year

The Organization of the Year Award recognizes an organization whose products or services enhance the tourism in Hastings County. Marmora #7 Classic Cruisers sponsors the Thursday Cruise Night from May through September. CLWA member Mary Provost was 2013 President. The raffles and 50-50s support the Food For Learning Breakfast Club at three Marmora schools, the Heart of Hastings Hospice for Central Hastings, the M&L Disaster Relief Fund, and the Splash Pad. The Cruise Night attracts large crowds to downtown Marmora every Thursday night.

The MVP of the Year is a volunteer or staff member who has demonstrated significant dedication and hard work, going above and beyond their normal duties or responsibilities. Leo Provost has been in Lions Club activities for 22 years. He has been involved with the Lions Club Jam Session, the Lions Jamboree, summer Music in the Park, Canada Day celebrations, and the maintenance of Memorial Park.

Also nominated from Marmora and Lake were CLWA for Organization of the Year, Crowe Lake Cruises for Rookie of the Year, and Country Cuisine Café and Catering for Rookie of the Year. Two of the five nominees from Marmora won awards and two of the six HOTie Awards came home to Marmora.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASSIC CRUISERS AND TO LEO PROVOST.





#### ...Walleye (continued from page 1)

The Walleye should be harvestable in two or three summers after stocking. An assessment strategy is being developed by MNR in Peterborough. These fingerlings had the left front fin clipped at the top for future identification. Robert Taylor emphasized that this project has taken a tremendous amount of time and effort. To help ensure that the Walleye are successful in Crowe Lake, the public is encouraged to report poaching, overharvesting, or keeping Walleye outside the harvestable size of 35 to 50 cm to MNR.

# CVCA Update

In prior issues of the Crowe Lake Matters newsletter we talked about the financial problems at Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA) and the review by the CVCA Board of CVCA finances, the state of their infrastructure and equipment, etc. Marmora and Lake Council member Sandy Fraser, a CLWA member, spoke at the AGM about some of the changes being considered. Our last newsletter reviewed developments during the summer. Three subsequent meetings have taken place. Extensive reports by Judy Backus on the October 25 and November 7 meetings were in the Central Hastings News.

October 25 Public Meeting: The meeting was to get public comment on a possible support agreement between the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority and the Quinte Conservation Authority. The agreement had been worked on for the past year by a special committee of the CVCA. I think the expectation was that the next step, after this public comment meeting, would be the development of a detailed proposal for a support agreement from Quinte to CVCA.

Instead, the CVCA Board voted not to proceed with the development of the support agreement.

Public comments came from 3 individuals and 6 or 7 lake associations, including CLWA. Questions were about how numbers were reached or what the results of something might be or suggestions for the Board. I thought the comments were pretty evenly split for and against the idea of a support agreement.

Following the comment period, a motion was made to proceed with development of the support agreement taking into consideration the comments and suggestions from the public. The vote was 5 to 5 and the tie meant the motion was defeated.

November 7th CVCA Board Meeting: The meeting was a big change from the Public Meeting. Only 7 of 10 Board members were present and I was the only "public" in attendance. There were no motions or actions coming out of the October meeting. It felt as if they had just decided to ignore any past discussion of the Support Agreement.

During Tim Piddick's General Manager Report to the Board, he said he wanted to start meeting with the lake associations as was suggested during the Public Meeting. He said there once was a Lake Associations Presidents group and he wanted to revive something like that. Tim also mentioned plans to upgrade the computer server, redo the CVCA website and redesign the CVCA logo.

The Board also decided to spend \$14,000 to replace the stop logs in the east sluice gate at the Marmora Dam. The sluiceway has not been operated for many years and the condition of the logs is of concern. The work to replace the logs will be done as soon as possible.

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## CLWA Pike Only Catch 'Em and Keep 'Em Fishing Derby July 13, 2013 - And the winners are:

#### In the 13 and Over Age Group

Heaviest (5 lb. 8 oz.) **Bryan Ward** \$80 Gift Certificate (28.5 inch) Martin Krzexzynski \$80 Gift Certificate Longest and Dave Adair \$80 Gift Certificate Mystery Weight Sylvain Kegyes \$30 Gift Certificate and solar mosquito zapper Mystery Length **Kevin Hutchings** \$30 Gift Certificate and solar mosquito zapper

#### In the 12 and Under Age Group

Heaviest (4 lb. 7 oz.) Nick Hutchings \$40 Gift Certificate Longest (23.5 inch) Joshua Adair \$40 Gift Certificate Mystery Weight Aaron Adair \$40 Gift Certificate Mystery Length Jaidyn Savard \$40 Gift Certificate

#### Additional Prizes

Door Prize to Lisa McBride, Samantha McBride and Mike Baumhour – 1 year subscription to Ontario Out of Doors Magazine for each, donated by Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters.

Door Prize to Katie McBride, Dan Hughes, Geordin Hamner, Anthony Mastrogiacomo, Marie Kegyes, and Reese Phillips - \$20 Gift Certificate for each.

Bonus Prize to Ralph Dafoe and Rheo Savard - \$100 Gift Certificate each.

Fight the Bite Solar Mosquito Zapper and medallions for all anglers 17 and under were donated by Chris's Live Bait. Magazine subscriptions were donated by OFAH. Gift Certificates were provided by CLWA.



#### Meeting with Tim Piddick:

Norma Crofts and I met with Tim a week after the CVCA Board Meeting to discuss his ideas for meeting with a lake association group. Norma provided some historical perspective from her participation in the earlier Lake Association Presidents group. Tim is interested in hearing the lake resident's perspective on CVCA and issues of concern to property owners. He hopes to create a network across the CVCA region. He also would like to find volunteers to assist CVCA with some of their programs where CVCA has staffing or funding problems. Tim hopes to have the first meeting in the spring.

We promised support and cooperation.



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# Photo Contest

The 2013 Photo Contest was a big success with have outstanding photos.

We received entries from 14 people, more than last year, and we had 36 photos submitted, again more than last year.

Judging was very difficult.

There were 14 candidates in the Beauty Category and our judges had to find the 3 best – a challenging task.

The Recreation and Wildlife Categories were just as hard.

Thanks to our anonymous judges, to Pierre Chabot for coordinating the contest and judging, and to Dave Savournin, Ritch Smith and Norma Crofts.

The winning photos will be used by CLWA through the year and may be used by the Marmora and Lake Tourism office for post cards and publicity campaigns.

Photos from our winners are presented on this and the following page.

#### Congratulations to all.

Thanks to the following for submitting photos: Michael Forestell, Phillip Putt, Paul Plimmer, Michael McCabe, Edith Forestell, Lynn Gapes, Tim Black, Sandra Johnson, Wade Gapes, Marianik Tremblay, Kendra Savard, Timothy Grier, Kelly Colver, Arthur Smith, Mary Hubbard, Maxine Prentice, Marty Dejczak, Andrew Crofts, and John Crofts.

Crowe Lake and Its Beauty

#### Silver



Gold



Morning Dew - Michael McCabe

Bronze - Frosty Morning - Lynn Gapes - See banner on page 1

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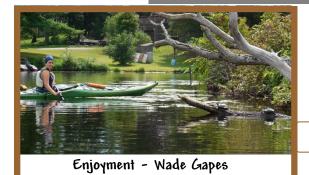
# Photo Contest

Recreation on the Crowe

Gold

Silver





**Bronze** 



Who needs a title? - Kelly Collver

Wildlife around the Crowe

Silver





Crowe River Swan - Tim Black



**Bronze** 





On Saturday, November 2nd, 2013, my wife, Sandy, and I had the privilege of attending the Fall FOCA meeting in Toronto. The focus of the meeting was climate change and water levels. As water front property owners and members of the CLWA, we are, of course, concerned about water levels and every one of us should be concerned about climate change and its effects on our environment.

The main presenter at the meeting was water expert and author Bob Sandford. Bob is the EPCOR Chair of the Canadian Partnership Initiative in support of United Nations "Water for Life" Decade. He has also written several books, among them Water, Weather and the Mountain West, and Restoring the Flow: Confronting the World's Water Woes.

#### **Hydro-Climatic Conditions**

Hydro-climatic conditions refers to the interaction between the weather and the earth's precious water supplies. The climate can affect the availability, quality, use and management of freshwater resources. Although most of us associate climate change with global warming, the changes, as a result of the destabilization of weather patterns, are far more wide-reaching and include:

- changes in seasonal temperatures (heat waves, cold snaps)
- frequency and intensity of storms
- timing of storms and precipitation (hurricanes earlier in the season)

- location of storms and precipitation
- amount of precipitation (floods, droughts)

We all remember the flooding in Alberta and the deluge of rain in Toronto just this past summer, for example.

#### **Impact of Climate Change**

The climate changes described above can impact our water supply by altering lake levels, water availability and quality. These changes can, in turn affect the many uses for water above and beyond the usual life sustaining purpose of consumption. Of course these impacts will vary depending upon where one lives. They include:

- navigation
- shipping
- power generation
- recreation
- industry
- power generation
- agriculture

The impacts are obviously many and varied and depend upon the type of weather event which is experienced – deluge, drought, heavy winds etc.

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There is the prospect of more of these intense weather events throughout Canada which will mean more pressure upon a variety of support infrastructures, as well as increased taxes and insurance costs.

Southern Canada is expected to experience more frequent and larger storms in the coming years. This will result in flooding and its associated impacts upon roads and homes. One added consequence of these big storms could be the increased mobilization in flood waters of contaminants such as E.coli and phosphorous from fertilizers. This could in turn lead to increases in the toxicity levels and further algal growth and blooms in our lakes.

#### What Can We Do?

Bob indicated that, while the situation appears bad, there is a great deal we can do to protect ourselves, our families and our property. Given the expected variability in water supply and quality, we could do the following:

- to prepare for the possibility of drought, try and capture and retain rainwater
- to reduce the risk of rain damage, ensure that your eaves troughs do not concentrate water where it will cause flooding

We appreciate your ideas at:

- avoid down-sloping driveways
- avoid covering a large percentage of your property with a hard surface (asphalt, concrete etc)
- use more natural landscaping to ensure more water absorption
- do not build "in harm's way" (in a flood plain)
- eliminate wasteful uses of water
- reduce the use of phosphorous

Bob believes that the most important factor in the battle against climate change and its impact upon our hydro-climatic conditions is involvement. Everyone from the individual to the lake associations to the various levels of government must become involved in the management of our water supplies.

We must press our elected officials for policy change designed to slow climate change and prepare for its effects. Preparedness is key, since it seems unlikely – albeit not impossible - that we can reverse the trend of severe weather events. We cannot afford to ignore the potential effects of climate change if we are to maintain our quality of life in the future.

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#### Winter Driving Tips from CAA

If you're an experienced driver in winter, you probably have heard all the safe driving tips many times. But, here are a few tips from the Canadian Automobile Association (CAA).

- Keep your exhaust pipe clear of snow. Carbon Monoxide can be exhausted into your vehicle. It is colorless, odorless, and deadly.
- Keep your gas tank at least half full. Condensation can build up in a near-empty tank and that can cause a fuel line freeze-up.
- Do not drive with your heater in the recirculate mode.
   There is too much moisture from you and melting snow on your shoes or boots for the defroster to work properly.
- Keep the following in your car: extra gloves, a blanket, flashlight and batteries, a bag of sand or kitty litter, a small shovel, chocolate for emergency energy, extra windshield fluid, a snowbrush / ice scraper, and a candle and matches for light and heat.

You can save up to \$40 on new memberships as a benefit of being a CLWA member. You get the benefit through the Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations (FOCA). Call Judy Heffernan at 416-526-2557 and identify yourself as a CLWA / FOCA member or go to <a href="https://www.foca.on.ca/caa">www.foca.on.ca/caa</a> for details and the CAA membership form.

#### Robert Taylor Retires from CLWA Board

A valuable asset was lost to CLWA when Robert Taylor presented us with his resignation letter in October. After so many years and so much effort on behalf of the organization, retirement seems more appropriate term.

In his letter to the Board, Robert said "I have been involved in a great many initiatives over the years." That's an understatement. Robert, and frequently his wife Norma Sedgwick-Taylor, was involved in lake capacity studies, testing for invasive species, organizing an Elvis concert, working on Canada fireworks, running the winter and summer fishing derbies for 7 years, attending to the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters/CLWA membership benefits, and putting up CLWA membership signs on Cook Road. He and Norma were responsible for the stocking of walleye in Crowe Lake.

Robert will continue to represent the interests of Crowe Lake and CLWA on the MNR's fishery advisory council. He is cochair of the Council and will continue on it for the next three years. Norma will continue on the council as an alternate.

\*tentative date, watch the website and the newsletters

By Ritch Smith



	Jan 31 – Feb 2	Marmora SnoFest Winter Festival
	April*	Marmora Area Canoe & Kayak Festival – MACK FEST
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	May	CLWA membership renewal
>	June 28	World Famous Lighted Boat Parade and Fireworks on the Lake
	July 12*	CLWA Pike Catch 'Em and Keep 'EM Fishing Derby
	July 19*	CLWA AGM



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### Canadian Authors For Canadian Winter



Alice Munro, the winner of the 2013 Nobel Prize for Literature, or Margaret Atwood or Pierre Berton might be the names that first come to mind when you think Canadian authors.

But Librarian Sheryl Price can recommend others when you visit the Marmora Public Library. Some are writing today and some might be considered classic Canadian authors. Many are winners of the Governor General's (GG) Award for Literature and many have connections to our area. Here are her suggestions for authors and titles.

Ross King: Winner of the GG Award for Non-Fiction in 2012 for "Leonardo and the Last Supper". King writes about art and architecture history and his subjects have included French Impressionists Emest Meissonier and Edouard Manet, the Sistine Chapel in the 2006 GG Award for Non-Fiction winner for "Michelangelo and the Pope's Ceiling", and the Canadian Group of Seven.

James Raffin: writes about history and nature and has authored many books on canoeing. He is the Curator of the Canoe Museum in Peterborough. "The Emperor of the North, the Story of Sir George Simpson and the Hudson Bay Company" is his most recent work.

Al Purdy: Purdy is described in Wikipedia as a "20th Century Canadian free verse poet, and Canada's unofficial poet laureate". He wrote 39 books of poetry and won the Governor General Award for Poetry in 1986 and 1965. He went to college in Belleville and lived on Robin Lake in Ameliasburgh.

Stephen Leacock: An English-born Canadian teacher, political scientist, writer and humorist best

known for light humor and satire. Canada issued a stamp with his likeness in 1947. His "Further Foolishness: Sketches and Satires on the Follies of the Day" was written in 1916 but it could be about today's world.

Farley Mowatt: Born in Belleville, Mowatt wrote about conservation, environmental issues, and satire. His novel about living with wolves in the Arctic, "Never Cry Wolf', changed thinking about wolves and became a popular movie. "The Boat That Wouldn't Float" is about life in Newfoundland. He won the GG Award for Children's Literature in 1956 for "Lost in the Barrens".

Jane Urguhart: A writer of fiction novels and short-stories, Urguhart won the GG Award for Fiction in 1997 for "The Underpainter". A multi-generational story "Away" is set in Ireland and the Canadian Shield area of Madoc and Marmora.

Frances Itani: Another Belleville native. Itani is a poet, essayist and fiction novelist. Her latest novel is "Awakening" and is set in part in Belleville at the Ontario School for the Deaf.

Gabrielle Roy: Roy has won 3 GG Awards. Her best known novel is "The Tin Flute" written in 1947. She writes about life in Québec and Montréal.

This is only a very small sample. Visit the library and ask Sheryl or any of the volunteers. There is a special section of Canadiana paperbacks with many classic Canadian works and authors or you can look for the books with the Canadian Flag on the spine.

A future issue of the Newsletter will discuss books by Local Authors and of Local Interest. If you'd like to make a recommendation, let us know.



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#### Employment Service Opens Office in Marmora

META Employment Services opened an office at 10 Forsythe Street on October 21<sup>st</sup>. META will share the space with Community Learning Alternatives (CLA). They are funded by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and by the United Way of Quinte.

META provides services to individuals who are unemployed, laid off, looking for work, interested in training or education or seeking an apprentice-ship. The CLA focus is on education, literacy and basic skills. Employers can use META to post vacancies on the META website.

The office is open every Monday and an employment councilor will be available. Computers are available for job searches. Clients can get help finding jobs, developing resumes and upgrading computer skills.

A program called Moving Forward can help older adults get credits to complete their Grade Twelve. META services are available at no cost to people of all ages and educational background.

# Flashes Summer Activity Heads-Up

We are hoping that Dawn Callan can put together an event with canoes, kayaks or boards that would interest people on the Crowe. Paddling is an activity on the increase! Watch for more information in future CLWA Newsletters, Crowe Lake Matters.

#### Emerald Ash Borer

A tiny iridescent beetle creates tunnels in the bark of ash trees, cutting off food and water so the trees dies. Predictions are that our area may become infected. The sympton is that the top of the ash tree dies.

You may want to inventory your trees to see if any ash are essential to your property. Injections, which are costly, are available. It is recommended that ash wood not be transported to other areas. Be aware of this invader!

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#### Looking For A Volunteer

CLWA members have enjoyed a Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) group. These memberships get a discounted rate in OFAH and their magazine. We are in need of a person to organize this group. Call Bill for details. 705 778-1067

## Did You Know that...

- ....Rosemary Pascoe received an award from the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario for her 20 years of service. The award was presented by Reeve Terry Clemens at an October Council meeting.
  - ... the Beaver Creek Bridge at Cordova Road now has signs for boaters on Beaver Creek showing the 10 KPH speed limit. It took some time but the urging of CLWA and CLWA members got results.
- ...according to a survey of Canadian travelers by The Travel Health Insurance Association, 31% report binge-drinking on vacation, 21% said they have received medical attention while traveling, and 6% do not pack underwear.
- ....the average male would have to jog 2.5 hours to burn off the 1,422 calories contained in the country-style poutine (bacon, chicken, gravy, fries, onions and mushrooms) available nationwide through Smoke's Poutinerie.
- ...the Marmora Helping Hands Food Bank provided food to 618 families in 2013 with a staff of 8 volunteers and a 4-person Board of Directors and they have openings for more volunteers for a 2-hour once a week shift at the Marmora Library location.

### Changes in Fishing Derby

CROWE LAKE PIKE "Catch 'n Keep" Ice Fishing Derby



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