

**TOWN OF LEE, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**249 Calef Highway**  
**Lee, New Hampshire 03861**  
**(603) 659-5414**

**Lee News & Upcoming  
Events  
February 18, 2022**



**THE TOWN OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 7 am- 7 pm**  
**LEE PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX**

**MASKS REQUIRED PLEASE**

Select Board	(1) 3-year position	Cary Brown Rebecca Hawthorne Donald Quigley Benjamin Genes Gloria Quigley Jeff Liporto Katrinka Pellicchia Emily Woodall Peter Hoyt Scott Bugbee Thomas Murdoch
Moderator	(1) 2-year position	
Treasurer	(1) 3-year position	
Supervisor of the Checklist	(1) 6-year position	
Trustee of the Trust Funds	(1) 3-year position	
Library Trustees	(2) 3-year positions	
Cemetery Trustees	(1) 3-year position	
Advisory Budget Committee	(2) 3-year positions	

**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR 2022 VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE**  
**[CLICK HERE](#) FOR A SAMPLE 2022 BALLOT**

**TOWN OF LEE DELIBERATIVE SESSION**  
Stream it Live at [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org) under view meetings  
[CLICK HERE](#) for FY23 Budget  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Warrant Articles

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**SELECT BOARD MEETINGS**  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> Select Board Meeting 6:00pm  
Public Safety Complex, 20 George Bennett Road  
Subject to change, please check the website meeting calendar

Meetings can be seen on  at [CLICK HERE](#)

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### **SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST SESSIONS**

The Supervisors of the Checklist will hold a session for the purpose of accepting applications for new voter registration, as well as requests for corrections to the checklist and/or change of political party affiliation on Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-10:30am at the Lee Public Library, 9 Mast Road. **This will be the last opportunity to register to vote until Election Day, March 8<sup>th</sup>.** Lee citizens may also register to vote at the Town Clerk's office at 249 Calef Highway during normal business hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8am-4pm through February 25<sup>th</sup>. **Applicants for voter registration who possess proof of identity, age (18 years of age), citizenship, and domicile should bring that proof when they come to register.** Driver's license and passport are helpful. Qualified applicants who do not possess proof or who do not bring proof with them may still register if they sign an affidavit attesting to their qualifications for identity, age, citizenship, and/or domicile.

The supervisors will hold a work session/meeting on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the Town Offices to approve changes to the official checklist for the Town of Lee.

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**MEET THE CANDIDATES EVENT**  
**Thursday, March 3, 2022 7:00 - 8:00 pm via Zoom**  
**Hosted by the Lee Public Library Trustees**

All candidates that have filed for any office for the Town have been invited to share their background, qualifications and reasons for running for office with the voters.

Any questions for the candidates can be emailed to the library ([leelibrary@comcast.net](mailto:leelibrary@comcast.net)) before the date. Zoom details will be published in next week's E-Crier and in the monthly library newsletter "Bookworm Digest".

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### **LEE HERITAGE COMMISSION 2022 CALENDARS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!**

Caleendars can be purchased in person at the Lee Library. They are \$10 each, payable by cash or check made out to the Town of Lee. If you would like to order copies online and have them shipped go to <https://www.ebay.com/itm/133965658009>.

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## Women in the Woods: Winter Tree Identification Walk

March 19, 2022 9:30 - 11:30am

Little River Park, 34 North River Road, Lee, NH

Join Extension natural resource field specialists, Rebecca DiGirolomo and Wendy Scribner, and the Lee Conservation Commission for a tree identification walk at Little River Park in Lee, NH. In this women-focused program, participants will learn about the different tree species found on the property and tips and tricks for identifying them. This workshop will take place entirely outdoors at Little River Park in Lee, NH so come prepared and dress for winter weather. Detailed location and parking information will be provided to registered participants. **Registration is required.**



[Women in the Woods](#) is a collaboration between UNH Cooperative Extension, [NH Timberland Owners Association](#), the [Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests](#), and other partners aimed at connecting women landowners and land managers with the resources, skills, and community they need to make informed stewardship decisions that promote healthy forest resources. **For more information about Women in the Woods, visit:** [extension.unh.edu/womeninthewoods](https://extension.unh.edu/womeninthewoods).

**COVID-19 Safety Precautions:** The program will be held entirely outdoors, **limited to 15 participants**, and social-distancing will be encouraged. Participants will be asked to stay home if they have tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 [symptoms](#), or have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for or who has symptoms of COVID-19 in advance of a field trip.

**What to Bring:** Dress for being outdoors in winter conditions. Bring a snack, plenty of water, and your own snowshoes or traction devices. Bring binoculars if you have them.

**Cost: Free – Registration is Required**

Co-sponsored by: [Society for the Protection of NH Forests](#), [NH Timberland Owners Association](#), and the [Lee Conservation Commission](#).

**[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)**

**CONTACT** [Jennifer Adie](#)

**SPECIALISTS** [Rebecca DiGirolomo](#) [Wendy Scribner](#)

## ICE SKATING RINK AT TOWN FIELD

### GUIDELINES WHEN USING NEW ICE RINK

1. DAWN TO 8pm
2. PARKING OUT FRONT, AT MAST WAY OR AT HWY DEPT
3. HOCKEY MAY BE PLAYED IF NO ONE ELSE IS SKATING
4. HOCKEY ONLY HOURS: SAT & SUN 8-10am WED 6-8pm

## THE LOVE GARDEN OF THE RED VELVET MITE By Catherine Fisher

Likely you've seen them - tiny, plush, brilliantly scarlet creatures moving so rapidly on their little legs that they seem to flow across the surface of the soil. They are red velvet mites, small arachnids belonging to the family Trombididae - true velvet mites. There are hundreds of species, and with the exception of the polar regions, they are found in diverse habitats across the planet. Red velvet mites are harmless, interesting creatures, who, when conditions are favorable, spend their time crawling across the ground hunting for mites and other small arthropods.



Once the days begin to warm and the ground thaws, red velvet mites will begin to emerge from their underground dens. Resembling a cross between a spider and a potato, red velvet mites have an anatomy similar to their spider relatives: four pairs of segmented legs, a pair of pedipalps for sensing objects around them, and a pair of claw-like chelicerae that act as fangs. Though they do not make webs, they do produce silk which they use to line their subterranean grottos. Because they are susceptible to desiccation, hunting primarily takes place on damp days, particularly following rain showers, hence their folk name *rain bugs*. Their entire life history is fascinating, but as Valentine's Day was on Monday, the focus here will be on their love life.

In spring, when a male red velvet mite's fancy turns to lady mites, he builds what entomologists refer to as a "love garden". Gathering twigs, blades of grass, flakes of bark and other floral bits and pieces, he constructs a mound or nest. When he is satisfied with his creation, he decorates the tips of some of the garden's leaves and sprigs with packets of his sperm, called spermatophores.

With his love garden suitably adorned, the red velvet mite is ready to seek a mate. To guide a female to his pleasure dome, he lays down a trail of pheromone-doused silk leading from the garden. Now there is nothing more for him to do but wait at the head of the trail for a female to come along.

The course of true love doesn't always run smooth, however, and there can be, on occasion, a dark side to red velvet mite romance. Should a competing male happen upon another male's love garden he will, like a miniature Berserker, utterly destroy it - tossing the twigs, leaf fragments, and bits of bark every which way. Any spermatophores the invading male finds he will bury under one of his own, so that if a female does come upon the trashed love garden, she'll be inseminated by the invader's sperm and not that of the gardener.

Often, however, the love garden is not discovered by a rival male. Instead, a female red velvet mite, drawn by the intoxicating scent laid down by the male, arrives to check out what he has on offer. To coax her down the garden path, the male has one final move: he dances for her. In some red velvet mite species courtship involves both the male and female performing a pas de deux, in other species only the male puts on a show. If his performance pleases her, the female red velvet mite proceeds down the silk trail, enters the garden and impregnates herself by sitting on one of the spermatophores.

Human beings aren't the only creatures for whom finding and winning a mate requires energy and creativity. Nature abounds with elaborate and moving courtship rituals. Though writ small, there is much to admire in the red velvet mite's mating rituals. With his soft, crimson coat, painstakingly constructed and embellished garden, pathway of scented silk and seductive dance, the red velvet mite is the perfect creature to celebrate the day when love is celebrated.

## SWAP SHOP NEWS – WINTER 2021/2022

**Bulky Items:** Large bulky items are not being accepted at the Swap Shop during the winter months.

**Electronics:** A reminder that there is a Disposal Fee that needs to be paid before drop off of electronics (Radios, Stereos VCR/DVD Players, Monitors, or TV's).

**Smaller items:** With limited space for the winter, please limit your drop off items to One (1) Tote per week.

If you have a large load, we suggest you use the Facebook page "Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH" or one of the local charitable groups (Goodwill, Re-Store, Salvation Army, etc.). Please note the "Swap Shop Treasures ~ Lee, NH" Facebook page is not maintained or controlled by the Transfer Station Swap Shop but provided by a private citizen. Please follow the rules associated with this page.

**Hours:** The Swap Shop is open for now but the number of Volunteers is reducing for the winter months. This open status may change in the future.

The Swap Shop is open, if the garage door is open. **Please do not drop off anything if the Swap Shop garage door is closed.**

The Swap Shop will be Closed due to: High winds, rain or snow; Schools closing due to weather; Temperatures below 10°F wind chill; or the lack of volunteers.

*Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to returning to better hours in the spring.*

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### RECENT COVID-RELATED INFORMATION

[NH COVID-19 WEBSITE](#)

NH DHHS

[COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATES](#)

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### WILKINSON FOOD PANTRY - Lee Church Congregational, 17 Mast Rd

The food pantry is open to any household in Lee, Durham, Madbury, Newmarket, and Nottingham. Delivery is through a walk-up window service to minimize contact during this time. The pantry is open the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month from **5:30pm - 7:00pm**. If you have an emergency need for food outside of the normal hours, please call the Church office at 659-2861 or email at [leechurchucc@comcast.net](mailto:leechurchucc@comcast.net). All visits to the pantry are strictly confidential.

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### LEE TOWN COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

Various Committees have openings to be filled. If you are interested contact the Assistant Town Administrator Denise Duval at 603-659-5414 or email [dduval@leenh.org](mailto:dduval@leenh.org). [CLICK HERE](#) for Application.

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COMMITTEE, COMMISSION & BOARD [MEETING CALENDAR](#)  
[LIBRARY CALENDAR](#)

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## READY RIDES

Ready Rides provides transportation at no charge for the elderly & disabled residents living in: **Barrington, Durham, Lee, Madury, Newfields, Newmarket, Northwood, Nottingham and Strafford** NH. Rides are provided by volunteer drivers using their own vehicles. **Accessible rides available.** To request information about registering as a rider or becoming a volunteer driver, please email [info@readyrides.org](mailto:info@readyrides.org) or call (603) 244-8719. You can find an [Application](#) for riders and a [Volunteer Application](#) on this website. Email or mail it to Ready Rides P.O. Box 272 Northwood, NH 03261. For other transportation options available in the region, please visit ACT's [Community Transportation Directory](#).

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### WHEN SECONDS COUNT... Please take the time NOW to SAVE TIME in an EMERGENCY.



Can the Police, Fire, or Ambulance find your home when you need them for assistance with an emergency? Can they find it at night? Can they find it during a snowstorm?

Having your name and number on a mailbox is just not enough. The Lee Firemen's Association, in a joint effort with the Lee Fire Department, has a program to install reflective house number signs at driveway entrances to assist all emergency responders in locating your home in a time of need. The cost for each sign with a post is \$50.00 and it will be installed by the Lee Firemen's Association. [CLICK HERE](#) for Reflective House Number Sign Request Form

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## Lee Public Library

### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Wednesday 11:00 am – 7:00 pm

Thursday & Friday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

### FOR THE ADULTS

Want to know what's happening next month?! Check out our website for more information [www.leelibrarynh.org/](http://www.leelibrarynh.org/)

**Book Donation Celebration!** Are you looking to do something special for someone important in your life? Then celebrate with a book! Buy a book, donate it to the Library and we will add a note of honor to the recipient of your special gift... they will be the first to check it out and your donation will remain in the library for years to come!

#### Upcoming Library Meetings

Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30pm – **Friends Meeting**

Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30pm – **Library Trustee Meeting**

#### Digging into Native History in NH, Virtual Program with the Lee Historical Society

**Wednesday, March 2, 7:00pm – 8:00pm – Virtual Presentation by Robert Goodby "Digging into Native History in NH":** A monthly series of programs from the New Hampshire Humanities Council held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm through May 4, 2022. Sponsored by the Lee Public Library, the Lee Historical Society and the New Hampshire Humanities. Please call or email the library for your zoom link!





## KNITTERS MEET HERE

Knitters are meeting on the 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 3<sup>RD</sup> Wednesday morning of the month at 10 AM. Their next meetings is Wednesday, 2/16<sup>th</sup>. All skill levels invited, and there is instruction!

### Crafty Creations, Monthly Adult Crafting Group Coming in February!



**Monday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Crafty Creations, Virtual or In-Person Crafting for Adults!** Join us on the fourth Monday of every month (via zoom or in person) as we create wonderful decorations for your home. Pick up your supply program kit from the library and tune in to zoom or come in to the library and create in person! February's craft is 'Spring Flower Candles'. Please call or email to sign up.

### Meet the Lee Candidates

**Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 at 7:00pm via Zoom:** A "MEET THE CANDIDATES" event will be hosted by the Lee Public Library Trustees on Thursday, March 3 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM via Zoom.

All candidates that have filed for any office for the town have been invited to share their background, qualifications and reasons for running for office with the voters. Any questions for the candidates can be emailed to the library ([leelibrary@comcast.net](mailto:leelibrary@comcast.net)) before the date.

Zoom details will be published in next week's Ecrier and in the monthly library newsletter "Bookworm Digest".

### Reflections on Spectacle Pond, Virtual Program with Presenter George Kinder

**Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm – Virtual Presentation by George Kinder:** In this virtual event, George Kinder offers an intimate window into his creative process with a poetry reading, photography slideshow, and discussion about meditation, nature, and inspiration. NOT TO BE MISSED! Call or email us for the zoom link.

### Adult Book Group- Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month

**March 14, 2022 6:00pm - Discussion:** *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### Children's Author and Illustrator Visit with Marty Kelley!

**SPECIAL EVENT! Thursday Feb 24, 10:30am:** Don't miss this amazing opportunity to see Marty Kelly via zoom this month! Marty will join us for fun, and excitement and will share his awesomely funny and inspirational stories! Call Durham Public Library to sign up 603-868-6699.

### Grab and Go crafts

Make sure to like the *Lee Public Library (NH)* Facebook page to see our weekly updates, and watch for info on this month's grab and go crafts. The next kits will be going out on March 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Preschool Story-Times

Thursdays from 10:30am – 11:30am. Stop by for our traditional story time. We will read, sing, wiggle and craft.

### Sensory/Station Story time

Fridays from 10:30am – 11:30am. This is our activity based program. We will listen to a story or two, get out our rhythm sticks/maracas/boomwhackers or scarves and then have fun with assorted stations including sensory, fine/gross motor, puzzles...

There will be no Storytime 24/25 (School Vacation week)

### March Themes:

3<sup>rd</sup> – No program today

24<sup>th</sup> – Trains

10<sup>th</sup> – Mud

31<sup>st</sup> – Laughing

17<sup>th</sup> – Springtime

### Afterschool Offerings – Tuesday & Thursday

Call the library at 603-659-2626 for information on registering for our next 8 week session.



After School story time - Tuesdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

After School Craft Club - Thursdays from bus drop off until 4:45.

### Middle School Book Club – Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

Our middle school book club meets via ZOOM on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6-6:45 pm. Contact the library at 603-659-2626 if you are in grades 5-8 and would like to join us. We have a supply of the books available at the Library. In February we will review *Two roads* by Joseph Bruchac.

### Middle School Crafters

This fun group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month from 3:45 – 4:45pm. Our crafts supplies will include items and ideas to create winter dream catchers and gods eye wall art. Call the library at 603-659-2626 for more information.



## Regional & State News & Events

### **OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS – 1-19-2022**

Several school and community activities are planned as Oyster River Middle School transitions to the new building.

- New ORMS building open for community viewing – Thursday, February 24th, 10am -noon and 4:00-6:00 pm. Masks required and the entrance to the new ORMS is off of Dennison Road. There is also public parking on Coe Drive and Dennison Road within short walking distance.
- First day of school in New ORMS Building – Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Parent open house for grades 5 and 8 – Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> (details provided later by team)
- Parent open house for grades 6 and 7 – Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> (details provided later by team)

Middle school students and staff are excited for the move. Thanks to the entire Oyster River community for supporting the school district and the new middle school building!

The next regular school board meeting will be March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Oyster River High School Class of 2022 Graduation Ceremony will be held Friday, June 10, 2022, with a rain date of the next day.

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## GOVERNOR & EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

[CLICK HERE](#) for the 2/16/2022 Minutes

Next Governor & Executive Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 9, 2022 10:00 am in Concord, NH

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[CLICK HERE](#) for the Winter Lamprey River Wild & Scenic Newsletter

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### **Grief, Healing, and Resilience: A Structured Program of Support for Adults Who Have Lost Children/Grandchildren, Nieces/Nephews, Spouses/Partners, or Siblings**

Mondays; April 4, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30pm

Chapel, Community Church of Durham, NH

At some point, most humans suffer grief, often defined as the process by which someone experiences loss. But losing a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling is an especially devastating form of seismic trauma. While grieving is very specific—based on the individual griever, the nature of the loss, and the relationship with the one who has been lost—there are many common elements to the journey. These include an emotional roller coaster at times triggered by passing comments such as “Oh, you’ll get over it” or “You’ll have another child,” or “Don’t be in denial,” or “She’s in a better place.” This program of four 90-minute meetings is NOT clinical therapy, but it is designed to offer information and some tools for engaging with grief and healing. While spiritual in orientation, the program is non-sectarian and non-denominational. Discussion is most welcome, but no one need participate if not comfortable doing so.

**Facilitator:** Steve Hardy earned a graduate-level Grief Support Specialist Certificate from the University of Wisconsin in 2017. More important, he has personal experience in grief—shared with his wife Donna—through the loss of two sons. He retired in 2014 as Professor of Kinesiology and Affiliate Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire, where he won awards for teaching excellence. This is the third time he has offered the structured program. Since 2018, he has also facilitated informal grief support groups. And he has written blogs on resilience at: <https://onesummit.org/what-we-do/profiles-in-resilience/>

**Enrollment:** This program is for grieving adults who have lost a child/grandchild, niece/nephew, spouse/partner, or a sibling. BYO writing material—tablet (paper or digital), pencil, pen. There is no cost, but enrollment is limited to 20 people. For information or registration please contact Steve Hardy at: [stephen.hardy@unh.edu](mailto:stephen.hardy@unh.edu) or 603-781-7194.

#### **Comments from past participants:**

A spouse: “It is really hard to express one’s true feelings, but Steve made it comfortable to do. Some really helpful suggestions to help one get through the tough times.”

A parent: “The Grief Workshop provided me with information, insights and a safe and supportive environment to understand and deal with the grieving process. Steve’s knowledge, personal experience and caring created a healing circle for the participants.”

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## BEWARE OF SMISHING CAMPAIGN

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the New Hampshire Information & Analysis Center (NHIAC) bulletin regarding a COVID-19 themed smishing campaign being distributed to NH citizens. Smishing is the fraudulent practice of sending text messages purporting to be from a reputable company in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information. If you receive a text message like this one, please delete it immediately. If you click on the link, you will be redirected to a fraudulent website that collects personal information

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### **The Seacoast Village Project (a nonprofit)**

*Helping seniors age in their homes and community!*

Educational Programs, Social Activities, Home Services, Resources, Friendships

Membership Information

<https://www.seacoastvillageproject.org/>

(603)-373-8429

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### **If you are a Lee Resident in need of assistance with a Veteran's issue the Lee Memorial VFW Post 10676 may be able to help.**

This post serves the communities of Lee, Durham, Madbury and Newmarket and has Service Officers who can help folks with just about any Veteran's related issue. At the State level they have a seat on the SVAC (State Veterans Advisory Committee) and are linked with tens of other non-profit Veterans organizations that provide a host of services. Please contact **Scott Moreau**, Commander, VFW Post 10676, at [vfwpost10676@yahoo.com](mailto:vfwpost10676@yahoo.com) for assistance.

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### **ATTENTION!**

To receive the E-CRIER via email every week go to [www.leenh.org](http://www.leenh.org), click on the **Subscribe** button under the Town Resource Center section & follow the directions to subscribe.

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