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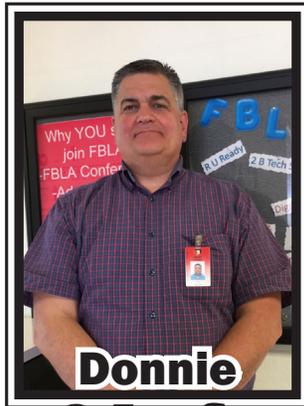
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New Faces to PHS

by Chloe Kemper



**Donnie
Schaefer**

Mr. Schaefer is a first year teacher. He moved here from Lincoln, Arkansas. He teaches Social Media & Communications, Business Law I & II, Financial Literacy, and Keyboarding.



**Josh
Duggins**

Mr. Duggins transferred to PHS from PJHS. He has been teaching for our school district for the past four years. He teaches AP World, History, Economics, and Civics.



**Keith
Smith**

Mr. Smith is a PHS graduate of 2014. He has returned to PHS as a first year teacher. Mr. Smith teaches Psychology, Sociology, Algebra 2, Advanced Topics and Mathematical Modeling.

Welcome New Students!

Sophomores

Trace Toy
Logan Dunkerson
Wyatt Clark
Cody Hampton
Trenten LaDouceur
Justin McCain
Stella Tsitsi
Ricky Nilo

Juniors

Cayden Raglin
Hunter Dorris
Eason Adams
Caleb Bennett
David Gosha
Misti Sorg
Eric Buckner
Ashley Russom

Seniors

Colin Marlin
Anna Poisso
Victoria Pike
Randi Rief
Julynntha Tibo



Summer in the Sun



By Josie Inman and Alanna Drakeford

Shelby Aguilar

"This summer I spent two weeks in Destin, FL. The first weekend we were there my dad and brothers decided that they wanted to go on a camping trip before we went to the house we were staying in. So, of course Bailey and I were forced to go too. The second night the sky opened up and POURED (and just so you know we were staying in tents...). Within 30 minutes of it raining there was so much water leaking into our tent that our air mattresses were literally floating! As you can imagine we were not very happy, so we made the boys load all of our stuff up while we sat in the car soaking wet. And so for the next week and a half we spent our time beachside :)"



FBLA in Baltimore

Gracie Fears, Jade Stilger, Faith Banks, Gage Guthrie, Omar Rodriguez, and Jared Erwin attended the FBLA National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland this summer! Here is what Gracie Fears had to say about her experience.

"At State, if you place 4th or above in your category, you get to go to Nationals for almost a week in the summer. Four people, myself included, qualified at State to go to Nationals in Baltimore, MD. This was such an amazing experience. We got to see the beautiful harbor in Baltimore & go to the National Aquarium, and we went to Washington D.C. for a day! It was so fun, but also so nice to be able to learn about things you're genuinely interested in. To top all of this off, the four of us that qualified to go to Nationals got money from the state of Arkansas just for going. I can't thank our wonderful sponsors enough for being there to support and encourage us through all the competitions and also the school district for supporting us."



Quy Le

"So this summer I went to Vietnam to visit my family. I didn't really know most of them, but that changed really quick after a month of being there. I'd say the most different thing about it is the houses. They're more vertical, so more houses can fit into the neighborhoods. And you could get food practically anywhere. And most people traveled by moped; you could see four people on one moped at most. I'd say my most favorite thing to do was go to the beaches; you could go to the country side and find beaches that no one knows about. One activity we did, was go to the country side where the poverty was really bad, and my parents bought a giant shipment of food and we made cards and handed it out to the people"



Summer Sun--in the Classroom!

PHS students spend summer prepping for their future.



Girl's State

“Girl’s State was the coolest experience, said Josie Inman & Alanna Drakeford. We got there the first day, moved into our dorms, and got to meet our city. The three of us didn’t get to be in a city together since there were over 800 girls there, but we got to meet so many new people and make a lot of friends. Girl’s State is set up where you run in city elections for mayor, treasurer, sheriff, etc., and then you get to county and run for county seats. When running you give short speeches to help your case. After county, if you are one of the elected delegates, you can run for state office. So the whole week we were basically building a new state. It was a lot of fun!”



Josie Inman, Alanna Drakeford, and Rylie Mangold attended Girls State.

Boy’s State was also held this summer at the University of Central Arkansas. Matthew Waymon and Taylor Kingery attended.

MASH

Seniors Rylie Mangold, Allie Barnes, and Lyndsey Johnson, along with junior Madi Akins, participated in MASH for two weeks this summer at Black River Technical College. Both Rylie and Allie said that there was nothing else that they would have rather done this summer.

Q: What were some of the new experiences you learned while in MASH over the summer? Rylie: *We learned how to give CPR, give shots, take someone’s blood pressure, dissect a heart, and deliver a baby.*

Q: Did you take any trips to other hospitals over your two week experience? Allie: *Yes, we went to UAMS in Little Rock. While we were there we got to tour the campus and learn about their medical program.*

Q: Did this experience help you determine if you definitely want to go into the medical field or not? Allie: *Yes, I wasn’t exactly sure what I wanted to do but MASH helped me decide for sure what area I want to go into. I learned that location is really important because not all professions are the same in different areas of the state.*
Rylie: *I wasn’t sure about going into the medical field before we started MASH but, once it was over it was a for sure thing that this is what I want to do.*

by Jordyn Rice and Emma Hoggard

Governor’s School

Senior Brooks Carter, attended Governor’s School this summer at Hendrix University.



Q: What is Governor’s School?

A: Governor’s School is an alternative learning experience for Arkansas’s best and brightest. It promotes alternative styles of learning, social development, and exploration into philosophical ideas.

Q: What was your favorite part of Governor’s School?

A: “My favorite thing about Governor’s School was the diversity of people that I came into contact with, and also the amount of new ideas I was exposed to each and every day.”



Sports

Sports Staff: Brenna Baltz & Dustin Rose



Sophomore

**Dawson
Chester**

How was your first day of high school? **"Uneventful"**

What is the biggest difference between junior high and high school? **"There are more people in the hallways."**

How was your first scrimmage as a PHS football player? **"I talked a lot more and got hit a lot harder."**

What is your favorite part about high school football? **"The whole town comes together on Friday nights. It's like you're a mini celebrity in this town. Every time you go out there's someone there to ask you about football."**



Sophomore

**Josslynn
Thompson**

How was your first day of high school? **"I didn't like it at first, but it's better now. I felt like a little kid again."**

What is the biggest difference between PJH cheer and PHS cheer? **"More freedom"**

How is sophomore parking? **"People can't park. I'm afraid I'm going to get hit because my class can't drive"**

If you could change one school rule, what would it be? **"That dress code would include Nike drift shorts."**

What is your favorite moment so far this year? **"The scrimmage, because it started the school year off with a great football win."**



Sophomore

**Rob
Mason**

How was your first day of high school? **"Outstanding"**

What is the biggest difference between junior high and high school? **"The classes are harder."**

How was your first scrimmage as a PHS football player? **"I was much more tired even though I slept the whole way there and back."**

What is a funny story you have from this year? **"In football, we convinced Preston Dutschke that Devon Adams' name was 'Cevon'"**

What do you think about Coach Ward? **"He brings very good energy to the team and brings an intense mindset."**

Jungle Themes



September 28- Country vs Country Club

October 5- Homecoming October 12- Pink Out

October 19- Pajama Party

October 26- Halloween Costumes

November 2- Red & White

SCORE BOX

Pocahontas	0	Nettelton	31
Pocahontas	49	Paragould	21
Pocahontas	8	Batesville	28



VOLLEYBALL



Head Coach: Ali Brooks
Assistant Coach: Martha Holt
Manager: Allie Barnes

Kyla Brandt #23	Rylie Mangold #11
Alexis Crosby #8	Bryn McDonnough #25
Taylor Donner #5	Jocelyn Morris #10
Kaylee Fish #1	Kelsie Ogden #13
Grace Holt #21	Allana Sisco #24
Madeline Holt #6	Kate Sorg #12
Jenna Kester #18	Emma Turner #3

Head Coach: Marie Cavanaugh

Chase McDonnough	Sierra Eddings
Kyle Kaczmariski	Cameren Arthur
Brooks Carter	Destiny Arndt
Drew Capps	Kierstin Pratt
Brooke Spurlock	Gary Jackson
Skylar Frazier	



TENNIS




CROSS COUNTRY



Head Coach: Holly Toney

Brooks Carter	Heather Throesch
Bryce Deboard	Ali Ward
Skylar Frazier	Samuel Frazier
Allana Sisco	Allyson Marlow
Christian Ward	McKenzi Tribble
Alexis Hughes	Dylan Preist

GOLF



Head Coach: Anthony Hausman

Jared Erwin	Caleb Sullivan
David Weick	Mason Baltz
Logan Dunkerson	Emma Hoggard
Skyler Prafer	Madilyn McDowell
Jace Wren	Mia Presley
Dalton Wright	Gracie Miller
Michael Barnett	

Go Redskins!!

PHS CLUB NEWS

Do you want to make a difference in your life or someone else's? Do you want to stand out from the normal everyday crowd? Here is your chance!! Join a club at Pocahontas High School. Why? Joining a club can help you meet new people. It can force you out of your comfort zone and allow you to try new things that you may have never thought of trying in the past! It is a good way to help fill your time during your high school years and can offer some great long-term benefits and friendships. It also looks great on your college applications, so why not be apart of all the fun!! Check out the list of clubs PHS has to offer below!

Senior

Senior Class Sponsors - Mrs. Casillas & Mr. Helms

Junior Class Sponsors - Mrs. Bafy & Mrs. Bass

Prom Coordinator - Mrs. Sandra Bryant (Jr. High)

Sophomore Class Sponsor - Mrs. Crutcher

Student Council - Mrs. Hackworth & Mr. Phelps

NHS - Mrs. Steimel & Mrs. Murray

Fire Marshals - Mr. James

Key Club - Mr. Smith

FBLA - Mrs. Blalock & Mrs. Hall

FCCLA - Mrs. Lynch & Mrs. Bradley

Rotary-Interact - Mr. Kazzee

Spanish Club - Mrs. Inman

Drama Club - Mrs. Bass

Library - Mrs. Johnson

Yearbook - Mrs. Crutcher

Quiz Bowl - Mr. Duggins

Chess - Mrs. Kercheval

Link - Mrs. Phelps

FFA - Mr. Hogan, Mr. Washburn, & Mr. James

Art Club - Mrs. Sullinger

History Club - Mrs. Galvan

Islander Club - Mrs. Johnston

Teacher Cadets - Mrs. Grooms

JUNIOR



PROM

Sophomores



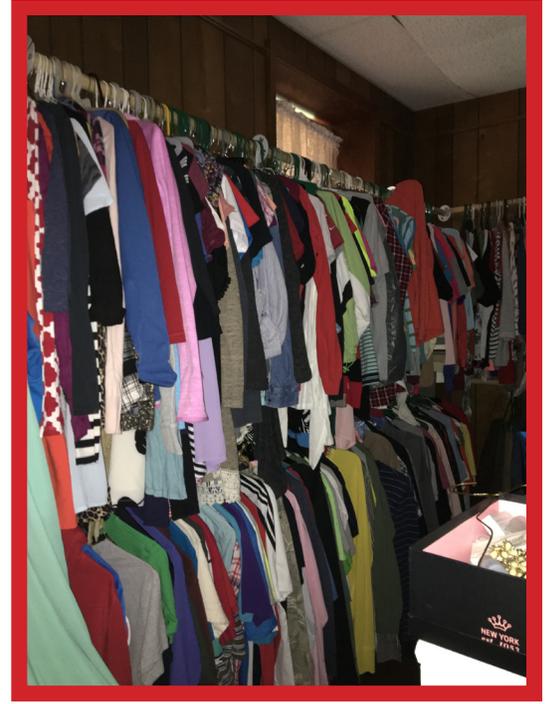
Club Sponsors: Be sure to email Mrs. Blalock information on upcoming events or accomplishments about your club to be published in the October edition of the Smoke Signal.

The Clothing Closet

By: Skyar Frazier

Did you know that PHS has a Clothing Closet?

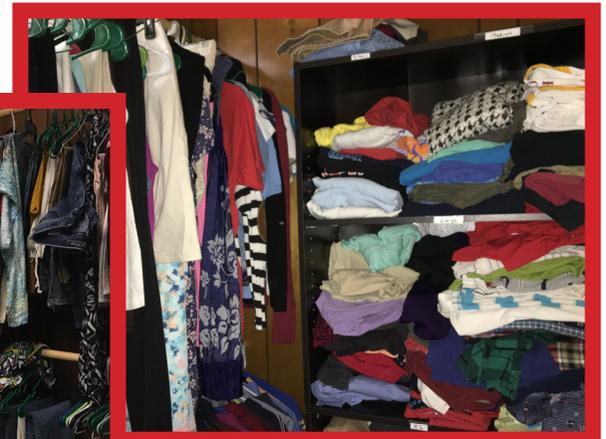
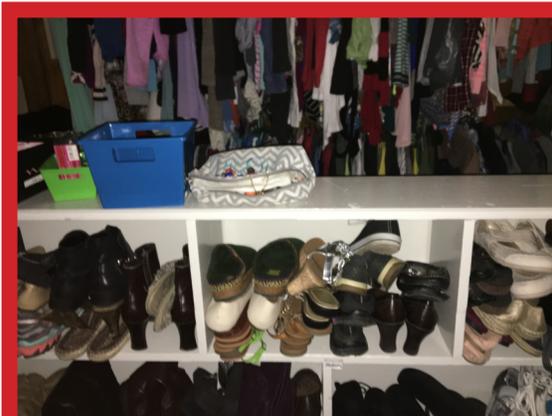
The Clothing Closet was started last year by the National Honor's Society. All items in the Clothing Closet are free of charge to all students. The closet is frequently refilled with new and used items, so visit often!

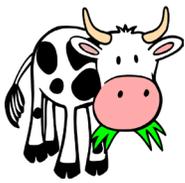


“The Closet” is located in Mrs. Lynch’s classroom (Kitchen/Home Economics Building). One door remains open for student convenience. Many coats & scarves have been recently donated! If you have any clothes that you are not wearing, please donate them to the clothing closet.

If students or parents need to visit the closet before/after school or on the weekend, please contact Mrs. Steimel- lori.steimel@pocahontaspsd.com

Names are kept confidential!





RANDOLPH COUNTY FAIR



By: Jamie Wilson & Corry Riga

The 2018 Randolph County Fair is always a big event for Pocahontas High School. The fair took place from Monday, August 27th thru Sunday, September 2nd at the Randolph County Fair Grounds located right beside Pocahontas High School campus. The fair was started with the annual fair parade Monday afternoon, featuring our high school cheerleaders, football players, members of the community, many pageant queens from our school, and businesses from around town.

The fair consisted of several different booths, events and exhibits. Livestock showing and judging was a big event that involved several of our FFA members. Exhibit booths were created and displayed from FCCLA, Art, and many other clubs and individual students. The Rodeo, sponsored by Chigger Valley Rodeo, took place Friday and Saturday night at 8:00 pm. There were several students from our school that took place in different events at the rodeo, such as barrel racing.

The carnival started at 6:00 pm every night. It consisted of several different rides, including the Round Up.

Parade





Pocahontas FFA Livestock Show Team Awards

Pictures from Randolph County Facebook Page

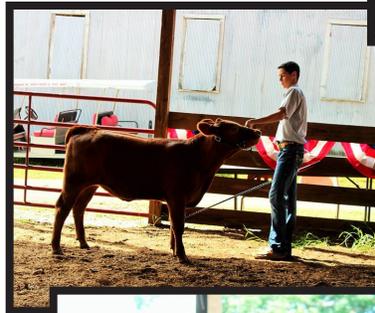
Preston Dutschke - (Sheep) Third with market Lamb, First with Commercial Ewe and Reserve Champion Commercial Ewe, Champion Katahdin Ewe.

Caleb King - (Sheep) Champion Commercial Hair Ewe and Superior Champion Hair Ewe.

Morgan Shelton - (Pigs, Sheep, & Goats) Grand Poland Gilt, Grand Spot Gilt, Superior Gilt, Senior Swine, Showmanship Winner (Swine), First with her Market Lamb, Grand Champion Market Goat, Champion Senior Goat, & Showmanship Winner (Goat).

Braden Reed - (Pigs & Cattle) Grand Champion Market Pig and Reserve Champion Market Pig, Champion Shorthorn Heifer and Champion Shorthorn Bull.

Lundyn Dooley - (Sheep) Second with her Market Lamb in Class.



Interviews

Natalie Ballard

How many years have you been in FFA?
- Three years

What are you showing this year?
- Two horses, two heifers, and one goat

Do you enjoy showing?
- Yes

What is your favorite part?
- Being able to get out of school



Arial Picture from Brian Boling



Morgan Shelton

How many years have you been in FFA?
- Since freshman year, but I've shown livestock since I was 8

What animals are you showing this year?
- I am showing four goats, two lambs, and one pig

Do you enjoy showing?
- I love showing

What is your favorite part of showing?
- The bond that I get with my animals and being able to get criticism from a judge about my animals so I know what to fix before the next show.

2018 HOMECOMING

Lights Camera **REDSKINS**

The 2018 Homecoming Theme is “Homecoming Hollywood - Lights Camera REDSKINS.” The fun begins on Monday, October 1st with day one of Spirit Week! Homecoming events will kick off Thursday evening with the annual Tailgate Party from 5:30-6:30 pm, followed by the BonFire and Pep Rally at 6:30 pm.

Coronation ceremonies will begin at 12:40 pm on Friday, in the PHS gymnasium. Homecoming maids and senior football players will be introduced. During this ceremony the 2018 Homecoming Queen will be announced and crowned.

The spirit parade will follow the coronation. It will proceed from the High School, down Thomasville, moving across Highland, past Alma Spikes Elementary, and return by Park Street to circle M.D. Williams and PJHS, before parking at PHS.

PHS will congregate in the football stands for the game day pep rally featuring PHS Band and Cheerleaders. The winners of the floats will then be announced.

Presentation of the court will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Schoonover Stadium, with the game starting at 7:00 p.m. Homecoming activities will conclude with a dance in the PHS courtyard, organized by the PHS Student Council. There will not be a professional photographer this year.



Congratulations to the 2018-2019 Homecoming Court!
Senior Maids - Brenna Baltz, Allie Barnes, Rylie Mangold, Jordyn Rice, Allana Sisco
Junior Maids - Madi Akins, Jade Cannon, Makenzie Emmons, Kate Sorg
Sophomore Maids - Grace Holt, Bryn McDonnough, Anna Schmidt

**POCAHONTAS REDSKINS
 VS.
 CAVE CITY CAVEMEN**

SPIRIT DAYS
 Monday - Decade Day
 Tuesday - Farmer Day
 Wednesday - Holiday Day
 Thursday - Movie or TV Character Day
 Friday - Red and White Day

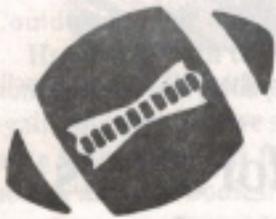
PHS Football Scoreboard

Senior High

Won 39-16 - Mt. View
Won 22-14 - Salem
Won 31-15 - Piggott
Won 16-14 - Walnut Ridge

Junior High

Won 6-0 - Clay County Central
Won 14-7 - Paragould
Lost 0-6 - Piggott
Lost 16-20 - Harrisburg



Homecoming

'Special date' occasion

By Angle Taylor

The annual rush to find a date to Homecoming is a tradition, many students pairing off with the perfect guy or girl for one of the most special dances of the year at PHS.

So what is the perfect date?

Shane Taylor, senior and PHS Student Council president, says his dream date to Homecoming would be a cute, sweet, girl with a good personality. Watch out, ladies, cause if Shane's your date to Homecoming, he plans to pick you up in a limo and take you out to eat at the Linwood in Paragould. Shane also expressed interest in the blond hair, blue-eyed version of the female population.

Misty Modlin, a junior, said her dream date would be the obvious, Nick Baltz.

An anonymous junior stated that she wants a date who can "kiss good while dancing!"

Shawn Carter, a junior, wants his date to Homecoming to be a good-looking girl who wants to

'Dungeon' takes on new appearance

By Sierra Steele

"The Dungeon" has had somewhat of a face-lift. This summer it was made into a locker room for senior high boys and an office space for the coaches.

Dale "Bubba" Lewallen said, "I like the new locker rooms; it's close to the weight room, and I have more space to get dressed in. However, I don't like the long walk to the locker room at halftime!"

A training and tape room, and the weight room also are housed in the "dungeon".

The old senior locker room is now used by 7th grade and junior high players.

have fun. Of course, she must have "good legs." Shawn also stated the girl must like to move (on the dance floor, of course).

Opey Williams, a freshman, also agrees that she needs to be good-looking and a good dancer.

Not all the girls out there are waiting to be asked out by a guy. After all, this is the 80's.

Tenth grader Lawanna Neece thinks that it's o.k. to ask a guy out. "Homecoming is a special night, so if you want to go with a special guy, go for it."

What do the guys think of this?

Tom Snow and Darrell Layton both said they would like to be asked to Homecoming by a girl. Especially if it was someone they wanted to go out with!

The Homecoming dance this year will be sponsored by the Student Council and will be held immediately after the game. The "Rollin' DJ" will be spinning the hits until 12:00.

Football players 'sacrifice'

By Jennifer Howard

Do you want to be a football player?

According to head football coach, David Williams, "a good football player must be willing to pay the price...a lot of it is sacrifice."

He acknowledges that natural abilities such as speed and athletic ability are inherited, but insists that with dedication and practice, an average person can play.

Coach Williams' practice program includes a combination of endurance activities, speed drills, weightlifting, and, of course, "good football fundamentals."

He says this applies to many other sports. "Sometimes the best thing to do is play several sports, since skills built in one can often be applied in another."



Photographer to be at dance Pictures, anyone?

A photographer from Custom Photography of Jonesboro will be on hand to take pictures at the Homecoming dance, which will begin September 30 at 10:00 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The picture package will include 2 5x7's and 4 wallets for \$7.00.

The picture proofs should be ready after one week.

"Party Pix" pictures will also be made. These casual shots will be displayed in the hall display case, and orders will be taken at \$1.00 per picture.



Where's the spirit?

By Vinna Patel

Spirit, Spirit, Spirit! The senior high cheerleaders say, "The school needs more spirit!"

Kathy Cooper, the captain of the senior high cheerleaders, and Lori Heslep, co-captain, say, "This year we are going to try really hard to get the students to have more school spirit."

The senior high cheerleaders are really going to try and get the student body involved, especially during this homecoming week.

Brandy Martin says, "There are many ways for the PHS student body to get involved. Students can help us make signs, wear red and white, and show more school spirit at the pep rallies."

The homecoming week dress-up days have been Monday - beach bum day; Tuesday - hippy and peace day; Wednesday - hard rock day; Thursday - all-sports day; Friday - red and white day.

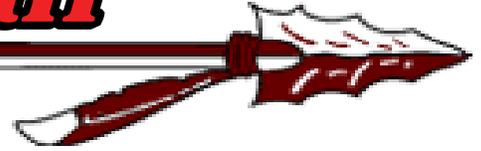
Seniors Ashley Bennett, Angie Jarrett, and Shannon Hyde say they love cheerleading. Even though it takes up a lot of their time, it is definitely worth it. They say they practice every day after school about two to three hours.

The cheerleaders want to have a lot of spirit and enthusiasm at the pep rallies and the ballgames.

So this year let's show how much school spirit Pocahontas High School has and have a great season in football!

Good luck, 'Skins!

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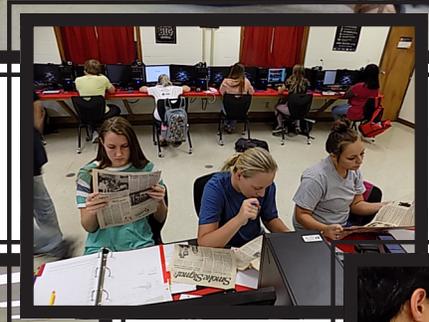


This edition of the Smoke Signal is brought to you by Mrs. Blalock's Senior Technology Seminar class. This course is for selected Seniors who have advanced technology skills in areas such as creativity and software taught in our Business Department here at PHS.

We hope you enjoyed our first edition of the Smoke Signal this year. If you have an event or something you would like to see published in the Smoke Signal, feel free to contact Mrs. Blalock or talk with one of the Smoke Signal Staff Members.

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