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## February 15, 2022

### GOOD NEWS STORY - IT'S JK AND KINDER REGISTRATION TIME!



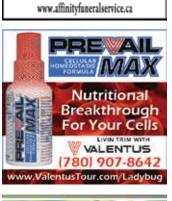
Submitted by GYPSD

Online registration is now open for your little one to begin their new learning journey into our junior kindergarten or kindergarten programs for September 2022!

GYPSD is proud to offer exemplary early learning programs at all our elementary schools.

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### HELLO! FROM THE WILDWOOD AND AGRICULTURE SOCIETY

Submitted by The Wildwood and District Agriculture Society

Hope you are enjoying this spring like weather. I bet some of you have got your seeds planted already. Oh yes... I hear you.... "Mine are already up". Isn't it so exciting to know that you can enter all those things in the bench show this year. Yahoo!! The society has chosen the theme for this years fair... "We're Back and It's a Celebration." That's a challenge to decide how to decorate your float.

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### COUNTY RECEIVES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR RURAL BROADBAND PROGRAM

Submitted by Yellowhead County

Several Yellowhead County communities to benefit as part of a Government of Canada investment to bring high-speed Internet to underserved communities in Alberta (February 9, 2022 - Yellowhead County will receive funding as part of the Government of Canada's Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) to bring broadband services to several underserved areas in the western part of the County.

1. Background

In 2014, Yellowhead County started work on our municipality's Rural Communications Strategy. It was part of a multiyear plan to develop...

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# Good News Story - It's JK and Kinder Registration Time!

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Our meaningful play-based child-centered approach for our Junior Kindergarten and full-day Kindergarten programs promote social and emotional learning, empathy, language, communication, physical activity, literacy, numeracy, inquiry, and exploration - allowing for individual growth and development of a positive self-image. Our early learners become welcomed and loved members of the GYPSD school community and have all of the supports and services available to students in our elementary schools:

a certified teacher to support programming

vital opportunities to interact/partner with older students

large gymnasiums and a variety of equipment to keep physically active

up-to-date libraries to grow a love of reading

special presentations, speakers, and other celebrations enjoyed by the elementary school community

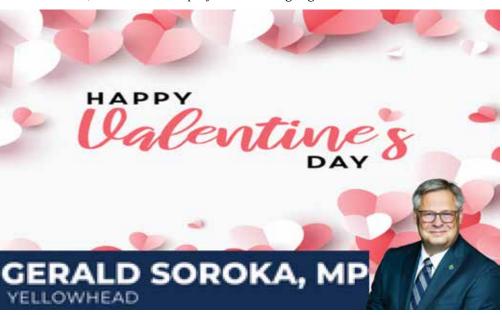
early intervention supports and resources such as speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, and our division psychologist

# **HIGH-SPEED INTERNET**

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka, Member of

Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise that over \$41 million in funding for 21 projects will bring highspeed Internet to 2,676 households in rural Alberta.



JOKE of the week

There is a skeleton in our neighborhood who always knows that something bad might happen way before it actually happens. He has actually become quite famous and when a TV crew interviewed about the reason behind this ability, the skeleton finally disclosed his secret: he could feel the bad vibes in his bones. Riverside Diner and Lounge **2 for 1 Pizza** (is now available 5109-47Ave Entwistle, AB Hwy 16 Open Mon-Sun 9am-9pm Phone **1** 780 727-3630

### Alberta residents are saying great things about Xplornet's 50/10 Unlimited package.



District Manager, AJ Struyk, poses in front of one of Xplornet's LTE towers in Alberta.

Mayanne, who recently relocated from the city to Rocky View County, summed it up as, "We expected we'd be back in the days of dialup, but we have been pleasantly surprised with our speed. We often getting higher speeds than our plan offers. We are very pleased so far. And, I also have to say the customer service was amazing to deal with."

Xplornet District Manager, AJ Struyk, says that happy customers like Mayanne are as a result of Xplornet's investments in LTE through out rural Alberta and he's excited for what's to come. "In Alberta, we're investing in our LTE market and upgrading our towers to 5G. 5G is the future of wireless Internet, with speeds up to 100 Mbps," he said.

#### Xplornet's commitment to supporting local has set them apart.

"We use local dealers, so you might even know the person coming to your house to install your service. We're a Canadian company with roots in New Brunswick. Our customer service teams are based in Canada, and we pride ourselves on supporting local businesses. We try to make sure we're positively impacting the communities that we're in on multiple levels," AJ said. He also noted that Xplornet's Xplore 50/10 UNLIMITED plan has a track record of customer satisfaction.

# Customers have appreciated the recent increase in speed.

Take Andre in Wetaskiwin, for example. "I've been on the 50/10 unlimited for about 8 months now. I'm in an excellent location for Xplore 50/10, about 5 km from a tower with a good line of sight and couldn't be happier. Excellent speed and streaming quality. 4K plus is smooth and no problem with multiple devices. No surprises on the bill either," he said. AJ knows that unlimited data is a big selling point because customers need to be able to use the Internet worry-free, "It's the freedom from overages. You don't have to monitor your usage. It's peace of mind." he said.

#### Truly unlimited data is especially important too.

Unlimited data has been making a big difference for Dana in Buck Creek, Alberta. "I'm thankful for the upgrade and unlimited Internet. It has made working from home easier," she said. AJ thinks that truly unlimited data is especially important. "I think Internet has become a utility. It is no longer something you just want, you need it, it's a way of life. Everything is online now and that's never going to change," he said.

Peter, an Xplornet customer from Olds, Alberta has been relying on Xplornet throughout the pandemic. "It has been so helpful with keeping all the computers in our household online for schooling the last two school seasons," he said.

#### Xplornet's investments are designed to keep up as demand for faster speeds continue to grow.

"It is truly faster than it's ever been and it's only getting faster. We are using future-proof technology. We can connect you to the Internet today and keep you connected as your family's usage needs grow," AJ said. Xplornet has built and upgraded hundreds of towers in the past year and there's more to come!

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The picture that might be used on the front cover of the fair book needs to be black, white and vertical. Submit your creation to Wilma.

The society is hosting a garage sale and the Wildwood Recreation Complex on May 7, 2022. It MAY extend to include a tailgate odd and unusual sale as well as tack. We'll keep you posted. We will also co-host, with the Yellowhead County, a Farm Safety day on May 25, 2022. Everyone is welcome to take part. Watch for further postings.

Wildwood Bronc Busting will be hosting their event at the grounds on June 18, 2022. Mark your calendar.

Enjoy this wonderful weather and watch your step... on the ice of course.. LOL.

Until next time- stay well and be safe

# QUEEN ELIZABETH II PLATINUM JUBILEE

Submitted by Gerald Soroka MP for Yellowhead

Gerald Soroka Member of Parliament for Yellowhead wishes to advise the launch of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Platinum Jubilee marking the 70th anniversary of her accession to the Throne.

The deadline to apply for funding for community projects is February 22, 2022.











Online Registration opens February 14 - spaces for JK and Kinder programs for September 2022 are limited so don't wait to register!

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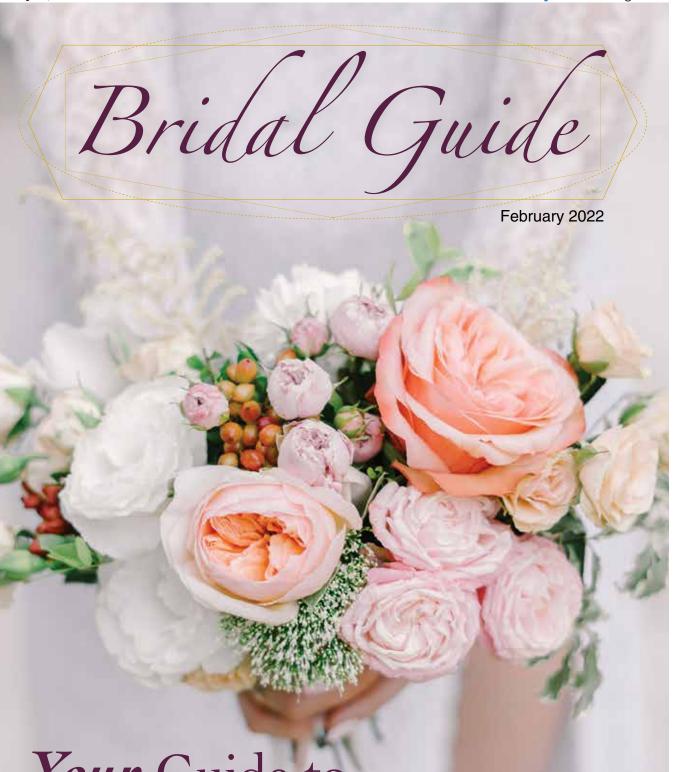
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# *Your* Guide to Planning Your Big Day

Filled with helpful planning advice, savyy how-to tips and the latest wedding trends, as well as a host of local wedding vendors here to help you plan the perfect day!



# SAVINGS STRATEGIES FOR WEDDINGS

The question was popped; the engagement ring presented. What's the next step on the road to the wedding? Saving should definitely be on couples' minds.

A wedding is likely the most costly party couples will ever throw. According to The Knot's 2019 Real Weddings Study, the average cost of a wedding in 2019 was \$33,900. There are many different costs associated with weddings. Some are predictable, while others are unexpected.

Investopedia says the vast majority of couples budget too little for their weddings and also end up spending more than they had planned. Various strategies can make it easier to save for a wedding and avoid a post-wedding financial hangover.

#### Get informed

It's impossible to budget for a wedding and ultimately save without knowledge of what services and items cost in the region where you live. A wedding in New York City will be expensive, while a wedding in Mississippi will cost a lot less, indicates SuperMoney's guide to wedding costs.

Conduct some research and find out what photographers, florists, transportation provid-

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ers, reception halls, and wedding wardrobe vendors charge for common services. This will paint a vivid picture of what a wedding may cost in your area. Flesh out the budget

Once you have gathered estimates, you can then figure out a financial goal. This also is when you can determine where to rein in spending and where you might want to splurge. If having a video memory of the wedding is not a top priority, you can skip videography services. If you have a special flower that you like, you may want to budget more for that bloom even if it isn't in season.

Set up a dedicated savings account

One of the easiest ways to save for big-ticket items like a wedding, home purchase or other financial goals is to use an automatic savings account that may be available through your bank or employer. An automatic savings plan will pull a set amount from a personal checking account into a savings account through auto-draft. The bride and groom can link individual checking accounts to one savings account to contribute jointly. Avoid overspending

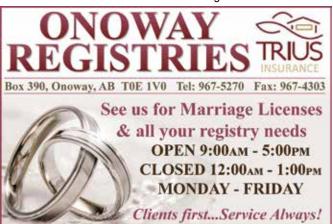
An analysis of your spending

habits will likely reveal areas where you can scale back so you can devote more funds to wedding savings. Do you need a takeout coffee in the morning or can you brew a pot at home? Might you be able to scale back on streaming services? Do you feel comfortable buying less expensive store brand groceries over name brands? Small cost savings can quickly add up.

Add up gifts

Factor in deduction of expenses that other people will commit to covering for wedding expenses, but only if you have concrete confirmation. A parent may host the rehearsal dinner. One's relative may offer to pass down an antique wedding gown to wear. But rather than simply removing these gifts from your savings calculations, keep them as a safety net to put toward unforseen expenses.

Saving for a wedding can be challenging. But various strategies can help couples plan their dream weddings without breaking the bank.





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# PLANNING TRICKS THE PROFESSIONALS USE

Wedding planning can be an exciting undertaking, but couples who have already walked down the aisle can attest that wedding planning also can be stressful. Ensuring all of the details come out right can prove overwhelming at times. Hiring a wedding planner is one way to alleviate some of the stress associated with wedding planning. Couples who do not have the money to hire wedding planner can borrow some of the tips and tricks professionals rely on when planning weddings.

Make guests the first priority Even though it may seem like weddings should be geared around couples tying the knot, many wedding planners advise couples to focus on accommodating their guests. Having a handle on the number of people who will be attending, any of their specific needs (allergies, mobility issues, etc.), providing a comfortable environment (addressing bugs, weather, seating shortages), and knowing how much space quests will require can make choosing a venue that much easier.

Rent what you don't have Renting rather than purchasing items can save couples money. Wedding planners do not stockpile items such as tables, chairs and decorations. Instead, they rely on rental companies to provide what is necessary. According to Minneapolis-based professionals The Wedding Guys, even couples working with small budgets can enhance or elevate their weddings by working with rental companies.

#### Flush out foliage

Wedding planners know that flowers cost a great deal of money, especially flowers that are not native to the region where couples are getting married. The process of making arrangements can be time-consuming. Also, many flowers no longer produce strong scents because they're bred for longer stems and a lengthy vase life. Interspersing potted plants with arrangements that are lighter on blooms and heavier on filler can help cost-conscious couple stick to budget.

Trust vendors' advice



Wedding vendors tend to know one another and can be good sources of information. A wedding photographer, for example, may be able to tell couples which reception venues photograph particularly well, and a reception manager may know which DJs or bands are best at getting guests on the dance floor.

Negotiate before signing the contract

Wedding planners understand that vendors may be more willing to offer perks or extras rather than adding up a la carte pricing before the contract is signed. This way they secure the reservation on good will. Negotiating for more later on may be difficult. Get organized

Organization is key. Bridesand grooms-to-be may want to enlist friends or relatives with a flair for organization to help with details.

Borrowing tricks from wedding planners can help couples save money and avoid stress.



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## County Receives Federal Funding for Rural Broadband Program

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... and build a Yellowhead County Tower Network System with a goal to enhance connectivity to underserviced areas in the County.

Yellowhead County needed to build a more robust and reliable backbone system network for cell service, broadband internet service, Protective Services communications connectivity and wildland fire

#### detection.

There are four key parts of the Yellowhead County Tower Network System:

1. Internal staff and Protective Services connectivity

2. Enhanced cellular service by co-locating ISP providers on County Towers

3. Broadband Internet provisions for Yellowhead County residents

4. Early-Warning wildland

fire detection system

The project began with the first two tower tenders going out to the Alberta Purchasing Connection (APC) site for bidders to build two towers – one in Wildwood the other in Obed.

Since the 2014 project start, Yellowhead County has been able to place 11 tower projects on the APC site allowing bidders from all over Canada the chance to participate in build-

# Septic Sense: solutions for rural living

### Understanding and taking care of your septic system

### Online workshop presented by the counties of Lac Ste. Anne, Leduc, Parkland, Wetaskiwin and the Alberta Onsite Wastewater Management Association

Rural property owners are responsible for ensuring their systems operate properly and safely. If you have a septic system on your rural property, you will benefit from attending this virtual workshop.

This workshop is free and includes a homeowner information package. Workshop participants may pick up a package at their participating county office prior to or after the presentation.

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 23 Time: 7 to 9 p.m. Location: online via Zoom Register: online at www.leduc-county.com/septic-sense

For more information or registration assistance, contact Kim at **780-387-6182** or kimb@leduc-county.com.



ing towers, and benefiting the economy. Enabling this project also extends coverage to many regions that previously had poor or no ability for connectivity. This also began to lay the backbone for a broadband system and a platform for cell phone providers and internet service providers.

Tower sites are strategically placed to allow for fibre connection, microwave links, industry needs, emergency services and staff coverage, and to provide coverage and connectivity to residents. These towers can offer numerous immediate advantages, including expanding the public safety communications

infrastructure (through emergency services) and providing communications services for our industry ratepayers.

2. Federal Grant Funding

Part of the ongoing Rural Communications plan was for Yellowhead County to find ways to provide broadband services in a cost-effective manner.

Yellowhead County has been applying for all available Provincial and Federal grants that would fund the Rural Communications Plan since 2014.

In December of 2020, the Federal Government created a program under the Universal Broadband Fund (UBF) called the Rapid Response Stream. This fund was for shovel-ready projects identified by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) as having inadequate or no coverage.

There was a very short timeline for responses to be sent in. A section of the western part of Yellowhead County met the ISED requirements and funding limits.

During the grant application process, ....

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Darwell Seniors, Phone Debra 780-785-2907

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Wabamun Jubilee Hall, 780-727-3947.

Wildwood Community Hall, 325-2180 or 780-514-6105

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Yellowhead County worked with several Canadian partners who specialize in this industry to research and develop the data needed for the grant application. Yellowhead County has been ready to work with the best-qualified companies to help the County meet the grant requirements. The partners included both local and national companies who all have a presence in our province and were determined to be the best fit for the project.

The grant application was successful, and the project to provide Robb, Brule, Mountain View Estates, Aspen Heights, Seabolt, Grandview, Maskuta, Carldale and Yellowhead County East River Road with better broadband services is now underway with the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund.

The number of households that this grant will directly assist in Yellowhead County is 395 residences located in the communities listed above.

This federal grant will allow Yellowhead County to continue to build the network's





Here's How It Works: Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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backbone and expand cellular and broadband services throughout the region. The grant enables Yellowhead County to continue to build an expanding open network that any service provider can use to provide services to county residents and industry. The goal is to get fibre connections to as many households as possible and create new wireless options where fibre is not an option. This network will be an entirely new system and will not use old, unsupported, and outdated infrastructure already in place.

Households in these locations identified by Innovation, Science, and Economic Development (ISED) Canada for the project will have an option to get fibre lines directly to their residences. This will be a one-time opportunity with no cost to the property owner for the installation of the fibre connection.

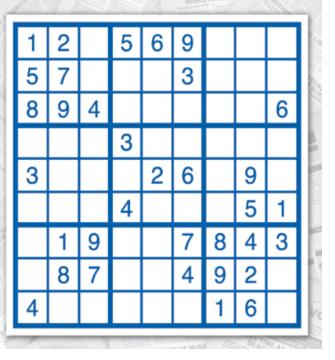
County residents and businesses, however, must still rely on the interest of commercial cellular and internet providers to bring in these services. But as Yellowhead County has effectively covered the cost of infrastructure development–with support from the grant funding– commercial service providers have only to attach their services to these towers. Yellowhead County has made it easier for service providers to bring their coverage to our communities, but it's still up to them to see this enticing business opportunity.

The funding breakdown for the Rapid Response Program project and the grant amount is:

Yellowhead County has also applied for additional funding under Canada's Connectivity Strategy's UBF program to allow more network backbone to be built in all populated areas of Yellowhead County.

3. Ongoing System Builds:

While there are several additional places in the County that could benefit from better coverage, the next two sites waiting for Provincial grants that have been applied for are located in the McKay and



# TEACHERS WANT NORMALCY, BUT CAUTION IS STILL NEEDED

Submitted by The Alberta Teacher's Associations

In response to the latest COVID-19 provincial update, ATA president Jason Schilling has released the following statement:

Just one month ago, the government decided to extend winter break and provided new, medical grade masks to all schools. Now just days after those masks have arrived in some schools, the provincial government has decided to eliminate masking requirements entirely. The school community expects that the government will make decisions after carefully considering expert scientific advice and, when appropriate, proceed with a gradual reduction in safety protocols so that students and teachers can continue to learn and teach with confidence that our schools are safe and healthy places.

"A return to a more normal school setting is something that everyone is hoping for. However, we do not want a hasty decision, only to take us a step backwards in a few weeks. We urge the government to take a more cautious approach regarding the safety protocols in schools."

"Teachers, like most Albertans, are tired of the pandemic, but they are also worried about the speed at which the government announced the removal of the one protection that was available to all studentsmasking."

Throughout the past two years, the minister of education has consistently ab-

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS.

dicated the responsibility of the pandemic response to school boards. The minister has stated the importance of school boards' autonomy and their ability to make decisions and respond to specific local needs. In response, many boards stepped up and made the hard, but necessary, decisions to ensure community safety. However yesterday, this strategy changed, and the minister stripped school boards of their capacity to respond to COVID in their schools and communities.

"Once again, the government has made a decision without consulting educational stakeholders, including the Association and school boards. Consulting those working every day in schools was the bare minimum the government should have done. They didn't."

The government of Alberta has repeatedly stated that schools reflect the COVID that is present in the community. Average COVID rates remain at a high level across the province, and students will now be in crowded spaces, many poorly ventilated, without masks.

"We have consistently heard from the government that schools reflect the COVID that is present in the community. Why remove the mask mandate so quickly when community spread has not decreased significantly? What will be so different next week from this week?"

#### Submitted by MLA Mark Smith

That is what Albertans were seeing when they looked at January's Labour Force Survey from Statistics Canada that showed Alberta created 7,000 net new jobs in January, while much of the country saw significant losses.

The report shows Alberta continued to lead Canada with an employment rate of 64.5 per cent and a declining unemployment rate. Alberta is one of only five provinces to see such growth and one of only four provinces to see a drop in its unemployment rate.

This data followed a strong year for Alberta that saw nearly 130,000 net new jobs created and our unemployment rate drop to its lowest since before the pandemic began. While modest, January's numbers show a continuation of those trends. Year over year, Alberta's unemployment rate has gone from 10.8 per cent in January of last year to 7.2 per cent last month.

Our people are going back to work. The share of those ages 25 to 54 with jobs – the "prime age employment rate" – exceeded to approximately 85 per cent in January – the highest rate we've seen in seven years.

The January labour numbers also showed very strong numbers for female labour participation. The labour force participation rate for women ages 25 to 54 is now approximately 85 per cent – the highest rate in the history of our province. That is amazing news for our economy.

As the pandemic wanes, Alberta's economic recovery continues to show strong momentum. This is a far cry from when the Notley NDP lost 200,000 jobs with no pandemic. Alberta is starting to look like its old self again as our oilpatch roars and our people go back to work. As many have said, Alberta is starting to get its "swagger back".

Our economy is also continuing to experience strong economic diversification, and I am confident we will continue to see growth in our province as word spreads that Alberta is a business and entrepreneur-friendly jurisdiction with a high quality of life and low cost of living.

Last year, we saw several record-breaking investments in our province, and we are looking forward to even more investment in 2022. The most recent reports show increases in retail sales, restaurant sales, wholesale trade and oil production. Further, the province saw building permits increase by 30 per cent over the past year.

The pandemic has been challenging for so many Albertans, but we will soon be back to normal, at which point our economy will really take-off. I am very excited about the outlook for our province. If we can produce such strong numbers with a pandemic weighing on us, imagine what we will do when we are back to normal. Alberta is coming back, and I am very much looking forward to the days ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your strength and fortitude. I look forward to providing you with more positive updates soon about jobs and Alberta's economic recovery soon. Page 14 Community VOICE

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