Calendar

Homecoming service

The Greater Independent Baptist Church, 301 N. 3rd St., in Haskell will hold their 44th Homecoming and Memorial Service Sat., July 14 beginning at 7 p.m. and Sun., July 15 beginning at 9:45 a.m. The theme for the event is Phil. 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ." Speaker will be Rev. Anthony Hanson of Pflugerville and Rev. Camelia Wade of Goree.

TCR fiddlers contest

The TCR Old Timer's Association Fiddlers Contest will be held Sat., July 7 at 10 a.m. at the Roundup Hall next to the rodeo grounds in Stamford. Admission is free. Three age groups and cash prizes will be available. Call 325-773-3079 or 325-773-3582 for more information.

Vet office open

The Veterans Service office in Haskell is now open. The office, located on the first floor of the west wing of the courthouse, will be open on the first and third Thursdays of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. For information, call 940-256-1125 any time or email Haskell vaso@yahoo.com.

Benefit lunch

A brisket/sausage lunch will be held Sun., July 22 from noon to 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell to benefit the Randall Pace medical fund. The meal will include brisket, sausage, beans, potato salad, bread, pickles, onions, jalapenos, cobbler or cake and tea or water. Cost for adults is \$8, children, age 5 and under is \$4. Tickets are available by calling Sharon Bird at 940-203-0353 or Creora Scheets at 940-256-0260.

Water conservation

The City of Haskell has implemented stage one of the Drought Contingency Plan for the North Central Texas Municipal Water Authority. Stage one calls for a voluntary 10% reduction in water use by all City of Haskell Water Customers. Please make every effort to conserve and help secure our water supply as long as possible.

Library reading

The summer reading program will continue at Haskell County Library Tues., July 10 with Brian Burgess as presenter. No program will be on July 5. The event will be from 10 to 11 a.m. Ages K-fourth grade are invited for reading, crafts and cookies.

Summer lunches

Haskell CISD announces the sponsorship of the Summer Food Service program. Meals will be provided at Haskell **Elementary School** Cafeteria, 306 S. Ave. G, and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday through July 27. Anyone ages six months through 18 years of age is invited to come eat free. Adults are also invited to come and eat for the price of \$3.00 per plate.

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First National Bank to become First Bank Texas



NEW NAME-Customers of First National Bank in Haskell will soon see the bank's name appear as First Bank Texas. The new merger will provide the bank with additional means to serve customers, while offering the same high level of quality and personal service from local personnel who customers

Haskell Singing School to be conducted July 8-13

by Caron Yates

Forty-seven years ago, The population of Haskell then church pastor T.J. Finley, is expected to swell when the along with other church 47th annual Haskell Singing leaders began researching School and Praise Camp and planning the possibility kicks off July 8-13. The event of hosting a singing school. is sponsored by the Haskell At that time there were only Church of Christ and is a couple of the schools being open to boys and girls age offered in the state. The idea 10 years and older, as well as took hold and it soon became a reality.

Summer reading resumes July 10 at the Library

The Haskell County Library will conduct the July 12, DPS Sgt. Jodie Tullos; annual summer reading program titled, "Summer Reading Time-Yippi!" through July 31 from 10 to 11 a.m.

The program is geared to ages Kindergarten through fourth grade. Volunteers may come help with the crafts for

Story time will not be held agents. the first week in July.

July 10, Brian Burgess; July 17, Jane Rowan; July 19, Mike Fouts; July 24, Wes Utley; July 26, Mary Murphy; July 31, Susan Cockerell and Lynn Dodson.

Reading program presenters include teachers, preachers, clowns, judges, attorneys, photographers, homemakers and extension

Reading time will be Reading this summer will followed by crafts and

the first time, while others return year after year. The Singing School and Praise Camp focuses primarily on the rudiments of music, song leading, sight reading and the many other aspects of music and its contribution to the worship service. It is however, about so much more. Students have the opportunity to meet, study and fellowship together, while the church membership has the opportunity to reach out and touch the lives of others, many of whom they have never met. Students coming from out of town will stay with host families from the Church of Christ.

Students of many different

ages, and from many different

parts will begin arriving in

town on Sunday afternoon.

Many will be attending for

Some things have changed since the first school in 1966. The school was originally planned and held, for some years, as a two week event. Also a mere \$5 fee was charged to attend the day classes, but as is true of most everything, it has been necessary to increase the camp fee. Cost for Haskell students is \$35, which includes five noon meals and a book for the classes.

What hasn't changed throughout these fortyseven years however, is the its members to organize and line of successful singing schools.

Camp and Singing School p.m. for parents, family and

Munday, chartered in 1932, is pleased to announce that it has converted the bank to a State Savings Bank (ssb) charter, effective immediately. This will more closely align the bank with the Texas state supervisors of the banking industry instead of those based in Washington, D. C. The change will not result in less regulation or less compliance with all laws, but it will mean closer and more effective communication with regulators on the state level as opposed to the federal level.

The bank's customers will continue to experience the same high level of quality service and personal attention to which they are accustomed. The new charter will provide the bank with additional means to serve customer needs. The loan officers in Munday, Stamford and Haskell, all of whom have many years of hands on experience in agriculture, will continue to make loan decisions based on local experience and local knowledge of each community. They will not be required to go to New York, Chicago or even Dallas for final approvals. Friendly service from people you know and trust will continue to be the bank's

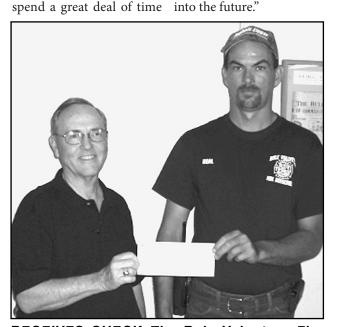
first priority. "This conversion will provide a higher lending limit to meet the credit needs of our customers and it will result in significant cost savings to the bank which will allow the banks to better invest in our communities," said Lyndle Reeves, President of First National Bank Munday since 2002. He further stated that, "recent federal legislation requires bank employees to spend a great deal of time

First National Bank complying with an increased number of regulations that were mainly designed to curb the excesses of large multinational banks. I want to emphasize that the bank is and will continue to be well capitalized, conservatively managed and FDIC insured."

Additionally, First National Bank Munday, First National Bank Baird and First National Bank Mid-Cities have merged into First Bank Texas, ssb. The merger will result in cost savings and efficiencies which will provide better service to all customers. It will further allow all bank customers, in the near future, to have access to ATM and lobby services in any location in Munday, Haskell, Stamford, Baird, Clyde, Abilene and Bedford. Watch for the updated signage and promotions.

Reeves continued by saying, "The State of Texas is leading the nation in growth and prosperity, and we intend to be part of this. I am confident that this merger will strengthen us and enable us to better serve the financial needs of our communities now and in the future."

First National Bank of Baird and First National Bank Munday-now First Bank Texas-remain a part of the First Baird Bancshares family of banks. The banking group has a history of being well managed and well capitalized institutions with a commitment to the communities they serve. Reeves added, "We look forward to the future with the confidence that has made the newly combined bank strong for more than a century, and will make us strong and available to serve the needs of our community



dedication of the church and RECEIVES CHECK-The Rule Volunteer Fire Department, represented by Neal Kreger, Rule Fire conduct another in a long Chief, right, received a check for \$150 recently from Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies, represented by Kenny Tanner, left, as an expression Anyone interested in of thanks for the department's work on the property of Herbert Williams. The money will be used for their loss prevention program. Texas Farm Bureau Insurance Companies pay fire departments this amount when the department works at a fire in rural areas, involving property insured by them. The insurance company believes fire departments have contributed to reduce the amount of loss involved by fire and more importantly, to prevent fires. It is their hope this money will help the Rule Fire Department in their program.

Crime of the Week

Clear Fork Crime S. Ave E/S. Business 277. Department, is offering cash rewards for information that leads to arrest(s) for two recent crimes.

Sometime during the night of June 5 or early morning June 6, person or persons unknown did extensive damage to three greens at the Haskell Country Club on County Road 210. Police think they were driving a medium size vehicle. This is a criminal mischief case with damage ranging from over \$1,500 up to \$5,000.

On May 27, person burglarized Quenchers on

Stoppers, in cooperation A forced entry was made with the Haskell Police through the backdoor, into the office. Money was taken from a drawer.

Anyone with information about these crimes is urged to call the tipline at 800-222-TIPS or text CFCS@ CRIMES. All callers and texters remain anonymous. We want your informationnot your name.

Clear Fork Crime Stoppers pays rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to arrests for crimes committed in Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Stonewall and Kent counties. or persons unknown Remember-See something, say something.

attending this year's Praise can drop by the Church of Christ office at 510 N. Ave. E to pick up an application. A closing program will be held on Friday, July 13 at 6:30



2012 MULLINS FAMILY REUNION

Mullins Cousins attend annual reunion

The grandchildren of Will Lubbock, the youngest. and Betty Mullins, early Reunion Sun., June 24 at Haskell. Approximately fifty Mullins relatives and guests attended. Registering guests were Norma Dale Linton and Marie Brown. Offering the dinner prayer was Wayne Offutt.

distance to attend was Michael Smith, New York City. Oldest grandchild attending was Wallace Pack, San Angelo. There are currently 16 living first cousins with Maple oldest and Gaylon Amonett, 2011-2012 stories of family

In 1916, Betty Meadors Haskell settlers, held their Mullins brought the family annual Mullins Cousins money to Haskell with it sewn into her petticoats the Occasions building in for safekeeping. Will Mullins moved his cattle to the Haskell area by train through Abilene. Will and Betty bought farmland in the north part of Haskell County and made that their home.

Gaylon Amonett, the Traveling the longest family auctioneer, conducted the entertaining auction of Clarkson will chair the family-donated items. Frank Clarkson assisted to add to the fun. Shirley Olbert Amonett of Lubbock; recorded bidding data.

Thomas, Olney, being the at the microphone to share

was catered.

Great granddaughter Shirley Brown Olbert distributed the Will and Betty Mullins Descendants' Military Service Booklet that she researched and published recently. She presented the Marie Mullins Brown, granddaughter of Will and Betty Mullins.

Frank and Barbara reunion for 2013.

Attending were Gaylon Marlin and Marie Brown of Each family took a turn Farmington, New Mexico; Ruth Burks, of Waxahachie; Arvil Lee and Wanda Fay Campbell of Ralls; Frank and Barbara Clarkson of Lubbock; Deborah Cole of Lubbock; Lyndell and Marie Garrett of Throckmorton;

> Kristen Grand of Abilene; J.B. and Carolyn Griffin of Abilene; Rodney and Peggy Hamon of Voss; Dale and

members. A barbecue dinner Dalton Linton of Midland; John and Jennifer Linton of Midland; Lois McDonald of Eastland; Donna and Clifton Morrison of Anson; Jeremiah and Kim Morrison and son James of Anson; Holman Mullins of Alvarado;

Willard Mullins of first copy to her mother, Haskell; Wayne and Shirley Offutt of Wichita Falls; Robert and Shirley Olbert of Bloomfield, New Mexico; Wallace and Millie Pack of San Angelo; Donnie and Sharon Smith of Abilene; Matt and Kyera Smith and Kaysalynn and Matt, Jr., all of Abilene;

Michael Glenn Smith of New York City; Ricky and Samantha Stevens, and children Austin and Nate of Granbury; Richard and Doris Thames of Eastland; Jimmy and Gayle White of Rochester.



MULLINS BOOK-Shirley Brown Olbert, right, distributed the Will and Betty Mullins Descendants' Military Service Booklet that she researched and published recently. She presented the first copy to her mother, Marie Mullins Brown, right, granddaughter of Will and Betty Mullins.



MULLINS FIRST COUSINS- First cousins attending the 2012 Mullins Cousins family reunion are, I-r, Wallace Pack of San Angelo, Faye Campbell of Ralls, Marie Brown of Farmington, New Mexico, Willard Mullins of Haskell, Barbara Clarkson of Lubbock, Dale Linton of Midland and Gaylon Amonett of Lubbock.

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Wed., July 11

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chips, strawberry cake, tea or coffee

Fri., July 13

Creamy mushroom steak cream potatoes, blackeyed peas, cornbread, jello, brownie, tea or coffee

Announcements begin at 11:45 a.m. followed by

Cancer support

The Haskell Area Cancer Support group meets the last Tuesday of the month from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Haskell Memorial Hospital Educational Building. For more information, call 325-864-4466.

Deadlines

All deadlines for issues of the Haskell Free Press are at noon on Mondays.

Al-Anon

Al-Anon meets Thursday evenings at 8 p.m. at the AA building across from the RV park in Haskell.



JESSIE TUDOR

Graveside services for Jessie M. Tudor, 102, longtime Throckmorton resident were held Fri., June 29 at Throckmorton Cemetery with Rev. Robert Hodgkiss officiating. Arrangements

Jessie M. Tudor Smith Family Funeral Homes Griffin, Ruby Brock and

Obituaries

of Throckmorton. Mrs. Tudor passed away

Throckmorton. Born Nov. 22, 1909 in Little Elm, she was the daughter of John and Caddie Lou (Smith) Hays. She earned her B.S. and Masters Degree in Education and was a teacher for many years in Rule and Throckmorton. She married Edgar Tudor in Throckmorton May 19,

She was preceded in Tudor; her parents, John and Caddie Hays; one brother, were under the direction of Ray Hays; three sisters, Jean

Mary Hilburn.

Survivors include her Tuesday morning, June 26 in daughter, Brenda Lou Lynch and husband Rex of Allen; a granddaughter, Rhonda Riley and husband Erin of Apex, North Carolina; two great grandsons, Brandon and Connor Riley of Apex, North Carolina; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorials may be given in Tudor's name to 1933. She was a member of First Baptist Church, 211 the First Baptist Church in N. Minter, Throckmorton, Texas 76483.

Online condolences and death by her husband, Edgar memories may be shared with the family on www. smithfamilyfh.com.

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EEA Club learns about

Office meeting room, on member attending. June 14. Sue McGee, vicemeeting.

Six members were in attendance, a much smaller refreshments for the meeting showing than usual, probably due to summer vacations and entertaining of grandkids!

Tammy Parham gave the Extension Agency report, 4-H record books. She also relayed that the Dinner Tonight Healthy Cooking School will be held at Big Country Hall, in Abilene, Oct. 11, from 6:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. Jane Rowan, Haskell County Extension Agent, will be a speaker. The fee for attending is \$20.

the State TEEA meeting information.

The Haskell County will be held in Beaumont, Extension Education Sept. 11-13. At present, Association met at the Kathryn Schonerstedt, Haskell County Extension club chairman, is the only

Annual club dues of chairman, presided over the \$10 are due at the Aug. 9

> Delores Medford provided and gave an educational program, "We've Got The hints on energy saving.

The next meeting will be sharing that letters were held Aug. 9 and guests are sent to three applicants for encouraged to attend. The programs are educational, the company delightful, and the refreshments delicious! We invite you to come as a guest and consider joining the Haskell County EEA, which meets every month, except July, on the second Thursday of the month.

Call the county extension It was announced that office, at 864-2658, for more

Cooking Camp to be held Wed., July 18

by Jane Rowan CEA/FCS, Haskell Co.

Texas AgriLife Extension-Haskell, Knox and King counties will be sponsoring a "Cooking Camp" Wed., will begin at 8:45 a.m. and conclude at 3:30 p.m. It will be held at the First Baptist Church Activity Center in Haskell.

Youth ages 8-11 may attend the camp which will focus on Food Preparation, Nutrition, and Healthy Lifestyles. A variety of Box 22, Benjamin, TX child meet new friends with hands-on activities will be conducted throughout the skills, general nutrition, Guthrie, TX 79236. 806and actions to implement to insure a healthy lifestyle.

\$20.00 per participant and contact the Haskell, Knox, includes workshop supplies, or King County Extension lunch, snacks, games and Office at one of the numbers door prizes. To attend, listed above.

youth must pre-register and pay the registration fee by Thurs., July 12. The camp is limited to the first 25 registered.

To register contact the July 18. The one day camp Haskell, Knox, or King County-Texas AgriLife Extension Office at one of the following:

> Haskell County Extension Office, 101 S. Ave. D, P.O. Box 693, Haskell, TX 79521. Choose an activity or camp 940-864-2546.

Knox County Extension Office, 100 W. Cedar, P.O. 79505. 940-459-2651.

King County Extension

For more information Cost of the camp is about the "Cooking Camp"



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Do I need a doctor's examination if everything looks fine

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends a total body skin examination by a qualified skin specialist, particularly for those at risk. The doctor will suggest the correct interval for follow-up visits, depending on your specific risk factors, such as skin type and history of sun

What questions regarding home care do you have for the nurse? Send your questions to Haskell Home Health Agency, 417 S. First, Haskell, TX 79521 or call 940-864-5074 or 1-877-864-5074.

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Home Care: Keeping Texans Proud & Independent

Cypert family holds reunion

was held June 22-24 at the Lubbock. Hester family cabin at Fort Phantom Lake. Fifty-two friends and descendents of the late Ivy and Clara Cypert attended for a time of fellowship, remembrance and making new memories.

Activities included a little fishing, a kiddie pool, a giant water slide, aggie golf, "rest home beanbag toss" and a lively fund-raiser auction. Delicious barbeque and fried chicken were accompanied by many homemade salads and desserts.

Power," with lots of valuable tradition, everyone over age ten takes a turn in the kitchen, either preparing a meal or helping with cleanup, which is accompanied with lots of good humor and

Attending from the family of the late T.B. and Annabelle Cypert were Janice and Jeff Glazner of Graham; LaNell Shoemake of Cisco; Tom

The 2012 Cypert reunion Sherman; Byron Cypert of

family of Hazel and the late Oscar Cypert were Cathy and Richard Albus of Munday.

From the family of Frances and the late Ralph Cypert were Sue Liles of Lubbock; Randy and Sharon Cypert, Kelli Cypert Cerda and Justin Cypert of Munday and Potosi; Bobbie Jo and Reagan Shepherd of Boyd.

From the family of Rowena and the late Bobby Hester were Rowena Hester of Haskell; Wanda and Jerry As is Cypert reunion Hester of Weinert; Laurie, Paul, Ashton and Seth Irby of Tuscola; Bill and Sheila Hester of Rochester; Michael, Leslie and Wyatt Hester of Caldwell and Gracie Hall of Tomball.

From the family of Alice and the late Toby Yates were Alice Yates, Mary and Ed Murphy, all of Weinert; Linda, Ricky and Tanner Wade of Bryson, and Toby and Rosemary Cypert of White of Stamford.

Summer bullies prey on others' vulnerability, unfamiliar surroundings

Bullying does not end internet or cell phone can summer.

Bullies can show up anywhere, from overnight camps to sporting events. When a bully strikes, a child can feel vulnerable and unsure of where to get help.

Dr. Rashmi Shetgiri, a pediatrician at UT Southwestern Medical Center who has studied bullying patterns, offers the following summer for children:

that your child enjoys and is good at. This will build selfconfidence and help your common interests.

day to teach participants Office, King County eye on your child's electronic they will do, and who they basic food preparation Courthouse, P.O. Box 125, media use. More time on the will tell.

just because school is out for mean more opportunities to be bullied or to bully

•Identify adults who can help. Traveling to camp means being away from parents, sometimes for the first time. Before camp begins, identify a trustworthy adult and make sure your child knows that he or she can confide in that

•Know the rules. Make tips to make this a bully-free sure you know the bulling policy for the camp or •Pick the right activity. activity that your child is participating in.

·Practice, practice, practice. Talk to kids ahead of time about what to do if someone starts bullying them. They should practice •Pay attention. Keep an what they will say, what

the late Billy Paul Cypert was Those representing the Donna Cypert of Munday.

From the family of Dorothy and Gene Brown were Dorothy and Gene Brown of Munday; Cindy Guess of Weinert; Austin Berend, Missy, Landon and Abby Brown of Scotland; and Brenley, Bergen, Braelyn and

Representing Donna and Blythe Waters of Munday.

Unable to attend this year was anyone from Dard and the late Bobby Cypert family. Several friends of family members attended as well.

Family members are looking forward to another good reunion next year during the last full weekend in June.

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HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

Ruling on health law prompts responses

AUSTIN-Texas public officeholders reacted quickly to the U.S. Supreme Court's June 28 ruling on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Gov. Rick Perry said the majority opinion penned by Chief Justice John Roberts would be "a stomach punch to the American economy."

Attorney General Greg Abbott said the case, in which Texas was one of 26 states that petitioned to have the law declared unconstitutional, was not about health care, "it was about the rule of law and a fight against a federal government that continues to expand."

State Comptroller Susan Combs said the law "will place an enormous burden on Texas taxpayers and place a huge constraint on our budget."

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, chair of the state Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said, "The health care system is nowhere near ready for the massive influx of patients who will be forced to buy coverage, especially given our existing health care workforce shortages."

However, Gilberto Hinojosa of Brownsville, newly elected chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, said, "Today's decision on The Affordable Health Care Act by the Supreme Court is a vindication of President Barack Obama and a slam in the faces of Republicans who offer no alternative to this country's broken health care system. A choice between bankruptcy or death is no choice at all."

Hinojosa said that since its passage, the health care law "has improved the lives of Texans of all ages and walks of life" and gave as examples young adults gaining coverage through their parents' plan, coverage for preexisting conditions, savings on prescription drugs and preventive services with no co-pays.

Republican leaders in Congress said they would call votes this month to repeal the act in its entirety. Initial reactions aside, how states and individuals adjust to the court decision will come to light as more parts of the act are scheduled to take

Noah Project plant sale Sat., July 7

The Noah Project North will host a plant sale Sat., July 7, from 9 to 11 a.m. on the west side of the square in downtown Haskell.

Prices will be: 4"pots, 50¢; 6" pots, \$1; 6" geraniums, \$2; and hanging baskets, \$5-\$10.

effect periodically over the next eight years. To wit, the federal government is to pay 100 percent of the costs for those who are newly eligible for Medicaid for 2014 through 2016. And, in 2017, the federal government's share of Medicaid payments to states will begin to decrease but will not fall to less than 90 percent.

Briefly, here is what the court

- 1. The act's "individual mandate" requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance exceeds Congress's authority to regulate commerce and thus is unconstitutional.
- 2. The act's "shared responsibility payment" or penalty on individuals who do not purchase health insurance is a tax that does not violate the Constitution. The penalty is to be assessed and collected by the Internal Revenue Service.

3. The federal government may not withdraw existing Medicaid funding from states for failure to comply with the requirements set out in the act's Medicaid expansion.

Medicaid is the program for pregnant women, children, needy families, the blind, the elderly and the disabled, in obtaining medical care.

DPS to increase patrols

The Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced DWI patrols for a nine-day period from June 30 to July 8 would be increased.

'The goal of our enforcement effort is to save lives and make travelling in Texas safer for residents and visitors during the July 4th holiday," said DPS Director Steve McCraw.

High-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent will be targeted. Cities rank high in growth

Texas had eight of the 15 most rapidly growing large cities between Census Day, April 1, 2010, and July 1, 2011, according to population estimates released June 28 by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Round Rock, with population 104,664 and a 4.8 percent population increase, was ranked the second-fastest growing city in the nation.

Austin was third, with a 3.8 percent increase and population 820,611. Fourth place Plano posted 3.8 percent growth and a population of 269,776. Fifth place McKinney grew 3.8 percent and was counted at 136,067 residents. Sixth place Frisco grew by 3.8 percent with its population listed as 121,387. Seventh place Denton increased by 3.4 percent with population listed as 117,187. Thirteenth place McAllen grew at 3.0 percent with population 133,742. And the last Texas incorporated municipality in the top 15 was 14th place Carrollton, which grew 3.0 percent and had a population

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Arrest Report

The following arrests were reported by the Haskell County Sheriff's Office during the week of June 24 through July 1:

Lowell Anthony Cody, possession of Marijuana and escape warrants, Taylor County.

Miguel Fiscal, DWLI and unlawful carrying of weapon, Throckmorton County.

Eddie Joe Sutton II, DWLI with no insurance and possession of K2, Throckmorton County.

Derrick Lee Whitt, theft by check, Taylor County.

Jimmy Dean Holley, driving while license invalid with previous conviction, Class B misdemeanor, Throckmorton County.

Bobby Ortiz, public intoxication.

Forty-three calls were made to 911.

From Out of the Past

From the files of The Haskell Free Press

10 Years Ago July 4, 2002

Winners in the district 4-H Horse Show held in Vernon were: Morgan Cox, first in timed events and Barrel Race Champion; Gay Lynn Gary, fifth in registered mares, 4 and under; Aubrey Bassett, first in yearling longe line and fourth in yearling gelding futurity.

Chase Cockerell of Haskell FFA was named the Star Chapter Farmer from Area II during the officers' training session held at Howard College in Big Spring.

Anna Leigh Rieger, daughter of Donnie and Ellen Rieger of Haskell, graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

20 Years Ago July 2, 1992

Bill Comedy received a plaque from the Texas Press Association, in recognition business in Texas.

Four Haskell County Six-Man All Star games in Wichita Falls. Shane LeFevre

of Rule and Mindy Ballard of replace Principal Frank East basketball teams, while Calvin Powers, who have Ross Shaver of Rochester resigned their positions. and Rodney Tsoodle of Paint Creek, will play on the East football team.

University students from were Sharla Jetton of Haskell and Faye Trussell of Rule. were Kathy Futch, Rebecca Russell and Tiffany Thomas, Mrs. R.K. Denson, Jr. all of Haskell.

30 Years Ago July 8, 1982

Gayla Nanny and Ruby Turner were named Artists of the Month by Big Country will be displayed. Both represent the Brazos West Debbie Beauchamp, 5th vice-Art Association.

named Volunteer of the Month. She has volunteered of 55 years in the newspaper Experienced Citizens' Center.

The Haskell school board athletes will compete in the hired Clayton Neal as high school principal and James Bevel as Ag teacher. They

Rochester, will play for the Pulattie and Ag teacher

40 Years Ago July 6, 1972

Joan Caddell, daughter of Hardin-Simmons Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Caddell of Weinert, was crowned Miss Haskell County, who were Hey Day 1972. First runner listed on the President's List up was Pamela Kay Adkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Adkins, while second Named to the Dean's List runner up was Deborah Kay Denson, daughter of Mr. and

Rochester FHA installed officers for the coming year. They are Sharon Foster, president; Riva Hitt, 1st vicepresident; Becky Sloan, 2nd vice-president; Sherry Sloan, Savings, where their work 3rd vice-president; Karen Sharp, 4th vice-president; president; Susan Mullino, Lela Mae Atchison was historian; and Pattie Acree, sgt.-at-arms.

Bailey Toliver, franchised over 170 hours during Chevrolet dealer in Haskell, the past two years, at the has been appointed to the key post of Area Director Dealers Association.

> 50 Years Ago July 5, 1962 Pfc. H.A. (Pinky)

Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sherman, is a marine stationed at Camp Matthews, California. He is a marksmanship instructor at Camp Matthews.

The First Baptist Church of Rule, was host for a Silver Anniversary Tea, on the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary of their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. R.C. Dowdy.

Cadet James R. Griffith, of Texas A&M College, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Griffith of Haskell, has commenced intensive infantry training, held at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma.

100 Years Ago July 6, 1912

A card from R.S. Nolen in Ashland, Alabama asks us to change his paper to Estes-Nolen Tailoring Co. He says he is making good in the tailoring business. He reports that the country is all right, but nothing to compare with "Dear Old Haskell."

The Haskell Bakery of the Texas Automobile furnished 1,000 loaves of bread for the Goree picnic and barbecue, and the local ice plant furnished the ice and soda pop.

Ask the Mayor

By John Gannaway, Mayor of the City of Haskell

I almost always get a few comments concerning this column every week and last week's is no exception. I can't believe that everyone doesn't know viola. She's the lady who goes around with a pick ax chipping holes in the asphalt right next to the curb, plants a few weed or grass seeds, waters them which is the beginning of a pothole and moves on down the road. Okay, so I forgot to use spell check-it should have been voila and not viola.

Back from Ruidoso where the high temperature for the day was in the upper 80's to our 108 with more to come. Our house escaped the ravages of the Little Bear fire, but the estimates for homes lost ranges from about 240 to almost 400. Granted some of these were vacations homes but many of them were primary residences. It has been rumored that FEMA has refused to come to the area stating that the majority of homes lost were

secondary residences. We drove north on Highway 48 to Nogal and on to Carrizozo, over to Capitan and back to Ruidoso. We drove by the cutoff to Bonita Lake, but the road was closed. We understand that the area around the lake is devastated. This forest fire damage resembled tornado's hit and miss modus operandi. Some areas destroyed leaving only a metal roof flat on the ground on top of ashes or maybe a stone fireplace. We questioned where were the ceramic/toilets, the appliances. Did they just melt? Consensus is they did just that...that's how hot the fire was in places. We also learned that the fire was so hot in places that it actually burned into the ground destroying the tree roots. One could see obvious hot spots where the ground and trees were charred black. In other areas, there were scorched trees again in that hit and miss fashion. Guess when the wind is blowing 40 mph it would be a factor. Just about leaves New Mexico burned up. And now they are estimating the Colorado fires won't be controlled until the fall.

We visited with fireman from Las Vegas, Nevada and others from Las Cruces, New Mexico. The entire area is covered with signs, "Thank You, Firemen," and other signs of gratitude. One thing that we didn't realize is that the majority of the firemen are volunteers. One who lived in the Ruidoso area was over in western New Mexico fighting the Gila fire and returned home to find his home destroyed. The fireman who was relaying the story told me other firemen

would help him out-they

take care of their own.

When I think of a forest fire, I just think about the loss of property and the devastation it causes to the forest. However, other areas are affected. The residents of Ruidoso are now very concerned about flooding. There is very little undergrowth to slow the movement of the water plus there is lots of debris that tends to stop up the culverts. Also, any pending sales of property are almost always stopped thus hurting their economy even more. We were also told if you did not have insurance on your house you would likely not be able to get any. So the list of consequences of a forest fire grows.

We had an opportunity to check on the two Great Pyrenees puppies we relocated to Lincoln County New Mexico. They are so happy in their new home and working sheep. They seemed to remember us or so we liked to think. The new owner named them Betty and Bonnie which fits in with the rest of the family: Ben, Bear and Belle. We have pictures!

Before we left for Ruidoso we had two breakfasts at DixieBz and they were delicious. The restaurant is clean, reasonably priced and the owners Michelle, Erick and Austin Fellenbaum super

friendly. These people aren't exactly strangers to Haskell. Michelle is granddaughter to the Bill Steeles and niece to Betty Sue McDermett. Another couple who wearied with the city life of Arlington and came on back home. Welcome home!

We were so pleased and surprised to see the colorful new buildings on the northside of the square. The Tribbeys have been busy painting the Bassing building and the other two smaller ones. They are quite a nice addition to a town trying to spruce up. By the time you read this KTAB will have been here and gone. Not only KTAB but so will have about 30 golf teams playing in a tournament plus about 20 softball teams. With all of this happening, we could easily have had an additional 300-400 or maybe more people in town. I hope we put our best foot and prettiest face forward remembering our unofficial slogan, "Haskell: it's the people."

The Fourth of July is just around the corner and I'm so hoping people will be responsible with the fireworks. I wish you'd just find another way to honor the country and celebrate and leave the fireworks to another, wetter year. Believe me I've seen enough fire and after effects for a lifetime.

Haskell area residents enjoy KTAB on the Road produced Friday, June 29 around the square





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Annual Fourth of July golf cart parade held at The Anchor

The annual Fourth of July parade was held at The Anchor Sat., June 30 at 6:30 p.m.

Residents of the community and friends decorated and entered golf carts for the annual parade around the site.

Grand Marshall was Haskell County Chief Deputy Sheriff Winston Stephens.

Donations were accepted by the group to continue to fund the expenses incurred by the community storm shelter.

Another project started by the group is the placement of memorial signs to remember those residents and others that have passed at The Anchor. Golf carts displayed the signs that have been made. Others are in the process of being

A display of the signs will be located on the property of The Anchor for all to see. That display will be constructed in the near future.

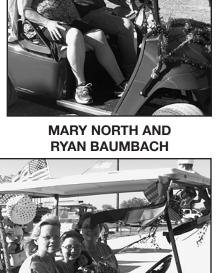


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his Week's Devotional Message:



Faith calls etiquette an important part of marriage

Etiquette is a rather old-fashioned word because the marriage partners fail to show about which many books and newspaper columns have been written by the experts on it. In keeping with the times, they describe the rules for nearly every social situation. However, very little has been said about the manners of a married couple toward each other. Sadly, it is this lack of basic domestic courtesy that so often leads to divorce,

enough respect for each other's opinions and make no effort to reach a compromise. Perhaps a talk with the clergyman at the house of worship can provide the answer which is so seldom found in the etiquette books. A marriage is usually performed at the altar of God, and this may well be the best place to save it.

ATTEND CHURCH THIS SUNDAY

Hopewell Baptist Church

Sun. 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

•---HASKELL---• **East Side Baptist Church**

Jay Beerley, Senior pastor Shawn Smith, Youth Worship pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.; Wed. 7 p.m. 600 N. 1st East, Haskell

> **Christian Church** Frank Slayton, minister Sun. 10:45 a.m.

107 N. Ave. F, Haskell Church of God Bruce Ray, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. 7:00 p.m. 714 North First East, Haskell

Trinity Lutheran Church Rev. David White, pastor Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 Hwy 380 East, Haskell

Iglesia Bautista El Calvario Art Flores, Interim pastor

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 607 S. 7th, Haskell

First United Methodist Church Rev. Dustin Wilhite, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 10:50 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. 6 p.m.

201 N. Ave. F, Haskell First Assembly of God Rev. J.C. Amburn

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1500 N. Ave. E, Haskell St. George Catholic Church

Father George Roney Sat. Mass 7 p.m.; Sun. Morn. 9:00 a.m. 901 N. 16th, Haskell **Church of Christ** Philip Sims, minister Sun. 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.;

Wed. 7 p.m. 510 N. Ave. E, Haskell First Presbyterian Church

Kelly Pigott, interim pastor Sun. Morn. 9:30 a.m. 306 N. Ave. E, Haskell

Trinity Baptist Church Larry White, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 6:30 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p. 114 S. Ave. D, Haskell

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908 N. Ave. A, Haskell **Greater Independent Baptist Church** Sun. 9:30 a., 11:00 a., 6:30 p.; Wed. 7 p. 301 N. 3rd St., Haskell

New Covenant Foursquare Bill and Renee Glass, pastors

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Wed. 7 p. 200 S. Ave. F, Haskell

First Baptist Church Rev. Jim McCurley Jason Daniels, minister of Youth and Music Sun. 9:45 a., 10:55 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. 301 N. Ave. E. Haskell

Cornerstone Fellowship Baptist Church

Morris R. Johnson, pastor Sun. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. 7 p.m. 1600 N. First St., Haskell

God Loves You Ministries Mark Wallace, pastor Church Service 10 a.m.

West side of square, Haskell •--WEINERT-**First Baptist Church** Dan Bullock, pastor

Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. Weinert **Weinert Foursquare Church**

Rev. Robert Harrison Sunday 11 a.m Weinert -ROCHESTER-

Church of Christ Steve Wilis, minister Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. West on Main Street, Rochester

> **First Baptist Church** Joseph Barrett, pastor Sun. 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m., 6 p.m.; Prayer Time/Team Kids 5 p.m.; Wed. Youth meeting 7 p.m. 500 Main, Rochester

Union Chapel Baptist Church Clovis Dever Sun. 9:45 a., 10:45 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Rochester

Faith Chapel of Rochester Randy Hollingsworth, minister Sun. 10 a.m., 11 a.m., Wed. 6 p.m. Hwy 6, Rochester -SAGERTON-

Sagerton Methodist Church

Stephania Gilkey, pastor Sun. Morn. 9:45 a.m. Sagerton

Faith Lutheran Church Kev. Dr. Keith Paimquist, pasto Sun. 10:30 a.m. Sagerton ---RULE-

First Baptist Church Russell Stanley, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 1001 Union Ave., Rule

Primitive Baptist Church Dale Turner Jr., pastor First & Third Sundays 10 a.m.

Corner of 8th & Robins, Rule **Church of Christ** John Greeson, minister

Sun. 9:45 a., 10:40 a., 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m. 811 Union, Rule Primera Iglesia Bautista

Alfa y Omegs Manuel Marin, pastor Sun. 10 a., 11:00 a., 5 p.m.; Wed. 6 p.m. 500 Elm Street, Rule

Sweet Home Baptist Church Russell Stanley, interim pastor Sunday 9 a.m.

Gladstone Ave., Rule **West Bethal Baptist Church**

Rev. Clovis Dever Sun. 10 a., 11 a., 8 p.m.; Wed. 7:30 p.m. 300 Sunny Ave., Rule -PAINT CREEK-

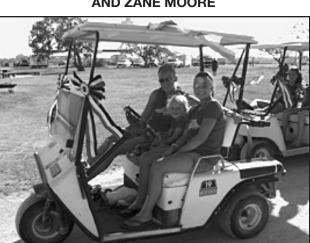
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-O'BRIEN-

O'Brien Baptist Church Jim Reid, pastor Sun. 9:45 a., 11 a., 5 p., 6 p, Wed. 6 p.m.



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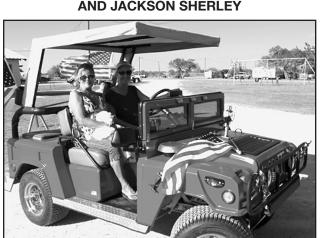
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rhyme and children's song compressions per minute substantially lower chance during CPR for the best of restoring a heartbeat,"

"More or less

Sunglasses are more than a fashion statement

Ophthalmologists at cataract surgery. UT Southwestern Medical Center, tracking another parade of cloudless summer days, remind everyone to protect their eyes from the

The surface of the eye and the cornea are particularly vulnerable to the sun's rays. "Excessive exposure may increase the risk for the formation of a fleshy tissue over the cornea, some forms of cataract, and possibly macular degeneration," says Dr. V. Vinod Mootha, a specialist in cornea, external disease, refractive, and

"Sunglasses should be used by adults and children when outdoors for prolonged periods of time. For eyeglass wearers, polycarbonate lenses, which are thin and shatterproof, offer protection from ultraviolet radiation," Dr. Mootha says.

UV-B exposure is higher on sunny days (especially at noon) and low-ozone days.

Dr. Mootha says some sunlight is good for people, but common sense should be a guide for limiting exposure time while minimizing the chance of damage to eyes.

A well-known nursery between 100 and 120 chest compressions have a chance to restore a pulse. says Dr. Ahamed Idris, Compressions to the chest emergency medicine expert performed to the repeatable at UT Southwestern who was beat of "Row, Row, Row involved in the investigation Your Boat" fall right in that published in the journal Circulation.

> As the swimming and boating season begins, so too does the risk of drowning incidents and cardiac arrests caused by overexertion.

> If someone has suffered cardiac arrest, three steps can significantly improve the chance of saving their

> > •Call 9-1-1;

•Use both palms to press hard on the center of the victim's chest, and repeatedly hum the tune while maintaining the compressions:

Row, row, row your

Gently down the stream. Merrily, merrily, merrily,

Life is but a dream.

•Do not stop until first responders arrive.



PLAY IN SHOOTOUT-The Haskell high school girls participated in the Albany Shootout held June 21-23 at Albany High School in Albany. Over three days the girls played 11 games and finished with a record of 7-4. Team members are, front row, I-r, Taylor Burson, Maci Colley, Ashley Adams and Jacie Klose; back row, Destiny Billington, Tillie McGuire, Reagan Hadaway, Kenzie Shelton and Carson Hadaway.



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At the present time we are currently looking into ways to correct this problem. An engineer has been hired and is awaiting approval for a filtration system. If you are pregnant or have an infant under six months included in this public water system as a customer, we have made arrangements with local grocery store in Haskell (Modern Way) so that you may get bottled water at the City of Weinert's expense. talk to your doctor to get Please go by Weinert City

before charging water

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Garden checklist information for July offered

by Wes Utley CEA-Ag/NR, Haskell Co.

• Supplemental irrigation is essential for all but the hardiest plants in times of extended drought. Water lawn and garden thoroughly, but not too frequently. As a general rule, soak to a depth of 8 inches. Finish watering by early afternoon, to lessen the chance of disease.

- Check watermelons for ripeness regularly. They are usually ready when the bottom portion is definitely yellow green or even yellow in color.
- Take a critical look at your landscape while at the height of summer development. Make notes of how you think it can be better arranged, plants that need replacement, overgrown plants that need to be removed, and

members.

 Check for insects and diseases. Destroy badly infested plants. Spider mites can be especially troublesome at this time. Select a chemical or organic control, or use insecticidal soap.

•Especially during dry summers, soil moisture becomes extremely important and essential for good plant production. Because continual watering is oftentimes costly and time consuming, it pays to conserve the moisture around plants. This is best done by mulching. A good mulch will retain valuable moisture needed for plant growth, and improve overall gardening success.

Mulches are usually applied 2 to 6 inches deep, depending on the material

mulch. For example, a 2-inch layer of cottonseed hulls will have about the same mulching effect as 6 inches of oat straw or 4 inches of coastal Bermuda hay.

• There is still time to plant some of the colorful, heattolerant summer annuals.

Direct-seed zinnias and portulaca, and purchase plants of periwinkle, salvia, marigold and purslane. Be sure to water transplants as needed until roots become established.

•While staying in a hotel

•When backflushing your

reusing your towels.

Water conservation tips

can be enjoyed by family the material, the deeper the seed will keep them growing crowded spring bulbs. Once and producing flowers. A light application of fertilizer every 4 to 6 weeks will also be helpful.

> moved out of doors this month. Sink the pots in a cool, shaded garden bed to prevent them from drying out so quickly; water pots, container plants, and hanging baskets often. Monthly feedings with house plant fertilizer will encourage continued growth.

• Now is the time to plan • Removing faded flowers for next spring. Consider from plants before they set digging and dividing any

the bulbs have matured and the foliage has turned brown, it is time to spade them up and thin out the stand. • House plants can be Crowded bulbs produce fewer and smaller blooms. They usually need thinning every 3 to 4 years.

> • June is the time to select daylily varieties as they reach their peak of bloom.

> • Fertilize roses every 4 to 6 weeks. Apply a high-nitrogen fertilizer immediately after a flush of bloom.

•Continue to spray susceptible roses with a blackspot control such a Funginex every 7 to 10 days.

•Re-blooming salvias,

such as Salvia greggii and S. farinacea, should be pruned back periodically during the summer. To make the job easier, use hedging shears, and remove only the spent flowers and a few inches of stem below. Fall-blooming perennials, such as Mexican marigold mint (Tagetes lucida), chrysanthemums, physostegia, and Salvia leucantha, should be pruned in the same manner during the summer to keep them compact, reducing the need for staking. This type of pruning should be completed prior to Sept. 1, since flower buds begin forming about that time.

pool, consider using the possible activity areas that used. In general, the coarser water on your landscaping. **Boy Scout Troop 136** celebrates end of year

ceremony Sunday night, June Carmel Pace in Rule.

A backyard burger and ice cream party was held in honor of the scouts and their previous year's accomplishments. Troop Scout Master Patrick Pace, along with Assistant Scout Masters Wilton Weise and Randy Waggoner, presented the boys with their Merit Badges and Ranks. These awards were earned either at Merit Badge College, Tarleton State University, Stephenville; Waggoner's science classroom or Melissa Tatum's theatre classroom, both at Haskell High School; Haskell Veterinary Clinic, owned and operated by Dr. James Robert Gober, or the Haskell Municipal Airport, where the boys had the opportunity to learn about, examine and ride in a Beechcraft Bonanza.

Scouts present included Max B. Weise, Aaron G. Waggoner, P. Ryan Pace, Joshua M. Starr, Braeden C. Alves, Zachary T. Tatum, Garrett S. Tatum and J. Reed Lee. Not attending was James C. Bowers, who has reached the age of 18 and can be connected through the troop as a Jr. Assistant Scout Master.

The troop earned a total of 61 awards since October of 2011. Seven of the boys are now Life Scouts. Two of them presently working on approved Eagle projects that are being supported by the City of Haskell. One more scout has indicated that he wishes to commence work on a project, also with the City of Haskell. These three scouts are working with and through Haskell City Manager, Brandon Anderson. Two of the scouts live in Rule and will be working their projects through the City of Rule. All of the scouts are Life Scouts, but one, who is ranked as First Class.

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> this occasion were Donna on the east and Fisher and Waggoner, Mitsy Reed, Joe Nolan counties on the west. Alves and Melissa Tatum.

the moment, but meetings when school begins. Any boy interested in Scouting that Virginia.

of the three scout masters.

Haskell Scout Troop 136 is but one of the many scout troops that make up the Texas Trails Council, headquartered in Abilene. Texas Trails Council is responsible for the scouting program in the 17 county region that extends from Haskell and Stonewall counties on the Saba counties on the south to Parents present for Erath and Hamilton counties

Scouting has now been in Scouting has ended for the United States for just a little over 100 years; having will resume in September celebrated that birthday in 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill,

•For hanging baskets, or even at home, consider planters and pots, place ice cubes under the moss or dirt to give your plants a cool drink of water and help eliminate water overflow.

•Throw trimmings and peelings from fruits and vegetables into your yard compost to prevent using the garbage disposal.

•When you have ice left in your cup from a take-out restaurant, don't throw it in the trash, dump it on a

•Have your plumber reroute your gray water to trees and gardens rather than letting it run into the sewer line. Check with your city codes, and if it isn't allowed in your area, start a movement to get that changed.

•Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water

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