

Boehm's Chapel Society

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TO OUR FRIENDS

As announced in the last newsletter, this is the last printed newsletter for those who are not members of the Chapel Society or who have not donated \$10. Nonmembers can still receive the newsletter by email. Please see Page 7.

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Apple dumpling saga

Learn where Apple Festival apple dumplings were once made. Pick up recipes for the popular treat. Page 2



Seven little words

New inscription proclaims Martin Boehm is back in church's fold. Page 5

DROPPING IN



Photo by the Rev. Joan Trout

Boehm's Chapel gets plenty of visitors, but most arrive by vehicle or walk in. In late June, visitors dropped out of the sky. These visitors were not planning a visit, but had no choice. Their hot-air balloon needed a place to land. Pastor Joan Trout, of Boehm's UMC, snapped this picture.

Chapel Society plans events

33rd Apple Festival; program on "Room Enough for Them All"; and vespers in the Chapel.

The public is invited to three activities, planned for the Boehm's campus and historic Chapel between Oct. 6 and Dec. 2, 2018.

33rd Apple Fest



Tim Price

On Oct 6, the Apple Festival will be held across Boehm's United Methodist campus. The event will take place, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Homemade apple butter, dumplings, nuggets and apple ice cream will be available for purchase



Photos by Dona Fizer

throughout the campus.

Stehman's Memorial UMC Church will provide a large variety of hot and cold luncheon foods. Favorite items include chicken and corn, ham and bean soups, french fries, hot dogs, hamburgers, hot and cold cider. Boehm's UMC will offer homemade baked goods and Grandview UMC will be on hand with the much-requested apple bread.

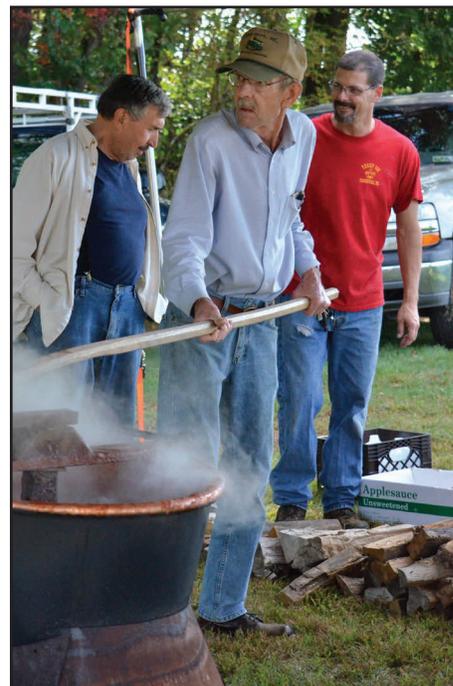
Music will be presented by "The Grace Notes" of Grace Community Church, Peach Bottom Road, Willow Street. Tim Price, one of the country's foremost woodwind artists and educators, will play and serve as guest director for the 20-piece jazz band. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Room Enough for All

Michael Showalter, museum educator at the Ephrata Cloister, will present "Room Enough for Them All" on Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. in historic Boehm's Chapel.

The PowerPoint program will examine the diversity of religions and denominations found throughout Lancaster County as early as 1750.

To quote Showalter, "In this mix of cultures, dissident



Above, at last year's Apple Festival, an Amish family talks with Jamie Fizer, the head apple butter maker. Amish are used to doing things the old-fashioned way. At left, veteran apple butter chief Jim McCullough takes a turn at stirring the kettle. Next to him is another apple butter veteran, Dick Karr.

Vesper service, in the chapel, is scheduled for 3 p.m., Dec. 2. The

religious minorities of Europe were intended to live among Native Americans in peace."

Showalter will touch on a variety of resident groups, including the English, Scots-Irish, Germans, Welsh, French Huguenot and African-Americans, and the area of the county which they called home.

Advent Vespers

The annual Advent

program consists of traditional lessons and carols with congregational singing of familiar Christmas hymns.

Programs at the chapel are free and open to the public. However, donations to offset fees for speakers and musicians are always appreciated. Please contact boehmschapel@gmail.com, phone 717-872-4133, or visit our website www.boehmschapel.org for additional information.

Apple Festival, 2017



Photos by Dona Fizer

Asher, son of Kevin and Heather Moore, takes in the Apple Festival in the photo above. In middle photo, Penn Manor club members sell apple dumplings. Below, vendors alley is shown.



Photos by Dolores Myers

Dave and Kimberly Walker pose after their wedding.

Former Boehm's pastor marries in Chapel

The marriage ceremony of the Rev. David McMillan and Kimberly Walker was held Sunday, June 15, in historic Boehm's Chapel.

Dave served as the pastor at Boehm's United Methodist Church 1995-2000 before being transferred to Hibernia United Methodist Church, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. In 2011 he returned to Lincoln Park United Methodist



Church as the senior pastor, where he had previously served, as associate pastor, 1989-1995. Dave is currently the pastor at St Paul's United Methodist Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

Members of the wedding party included: Hannah McMillan (Dave's daughter), Becca, Sharon and Rachel Walker.

Serving as groomsmen were Mike Hook and Isaac and Nathan Walker.

Did we mention apple dumplings?

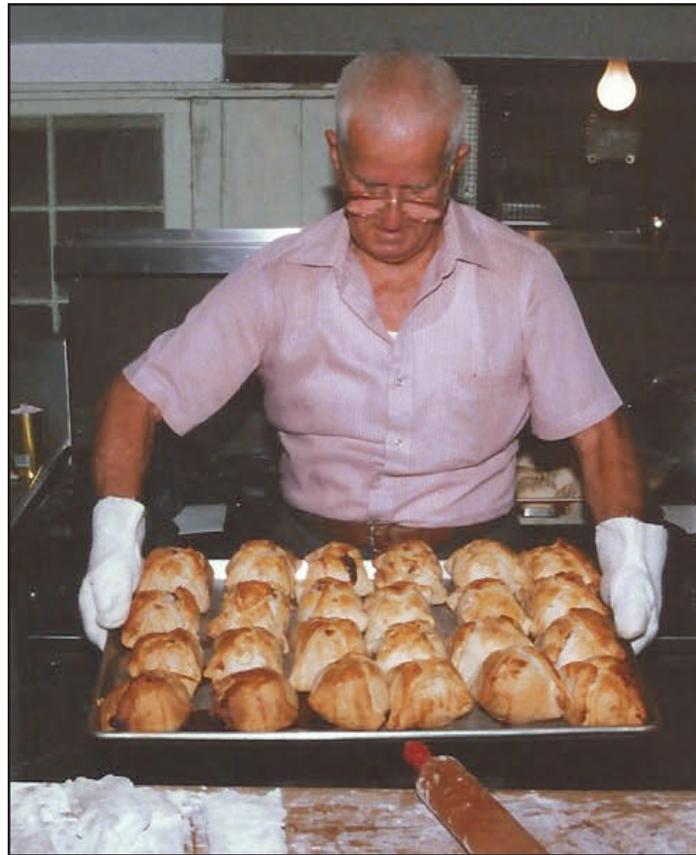
When Apple Festival time rolls around, the thoughts of the members of the Boehm's Chapel Society Board and the Boehm's United Methodist Church congregation revolve around apples, apples and more apples.

There is, of course, the homemade chapel apple butter, the central feature of the festival. The generous bakers of Grandview United Methodist Church set up their stand, which features their delicious apple bread. While walking around the Boehm's campus, visitors can savor apple nuggets, caramel apples, homemade apple ice cream, apple cider, and of course, apple dumplings.

Although folks at Boehm's and most residents of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, are used to a flaky crust encased cinnamon-sugar sprinkled apple dumpling, a recipe recently surfaced from a Virginia Beahm descendant that presents a new twist to the art of making the fall dessert. With plans for the 33rd Boehm's Chapel Apple Festival underway, it seemed an appropriate time to compare the two versions.

A search through the 1958 Personal Recipes Cookbook compiled by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Boehm's Methodist Church ended without finding a recipe for the typical Pennsylvania Dutch apple dumpling. Most likely, the Boehm bakers, of that era, knew how to make apple dumplings from scratch, without the need of recorded measurements and instructions.

Found in the more recent, 2003 Boehm's Cookbook, Recipes & Remembrances - A Collection by Boehm's United Methodist Church, under the tab "Our Beloved Boehm's Chapel," was a recipe



Above, Russell Kauffman lifts a tray of apple dumplings in the Boarding House at Rawlinsville Camp Meeting. Dumplings, shown at right, are now purchased from an Amish baker.

submitted by former Boehm's UMC and Chapel Society member Harry Neff, who spent many hours helping to snitz and make apple dumplings for previous Apple Fests. (Harry passed away March 0, 2018. A memorial to Harry is included in this newsletter on Page 8.)

For many years it was Harry's recipe, that he acquired while serving as a cook at the Lancaster Woolworth store, that was used for the Apple Fest dumplings. Along with Harry, many dedicated members of Boehm's UMC and Chapel Society spent long days at Rawlinsville Camp

Meeting snitzing, kneading, rolling dough and baking dozens and dozens of apple dumplings. When Boehm bakers could no longer keep up with the increased demand, the making of dumplings was outsourced to local bakeries.

APPLE DUMPLINGS

12 apples
¼ cup + 1 tsp baking powder
2 cups sugar
2 tsp. salt
1/3 cup cinnamon
2 2/3 cups shortening
8 cups flour
2 cups milk

Peel and core apples. Fill hole of apple with a mixture of sugar and cinnamon. (This can be changed and adapted to your own taste). Mix dough and roll, cutting into squares approximately 7 x 7 inches. Place apple on dough and fold over apple. Bake at 375 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. Size of dough depends on size of apple.

The second recipe submitted by Nellie Beahm Duke, a descendant of Benjamin Franklin and Eliza Beahm, surfaced recently when archival papers were being sorted and transferred to the Tying Shed. It is assumed the five-paged sheet containing 12 Beahm/Beam family recipes was distributed at a reunion for Virginia Böhm descendants sponsored by Jim Galloway, a descendant of the Rev. Martin Boehm.

ELIZA BEAHM'S BOILED APPLE DUMPLINGS

Bring to a boil 2 quarts of water.
Peel, core, cut into quarter-pieces or slices, 10-12 medium sized sour apples.
Make pastry:
1 ½ cups milk

More APPLE Page 5

Apple dumplings

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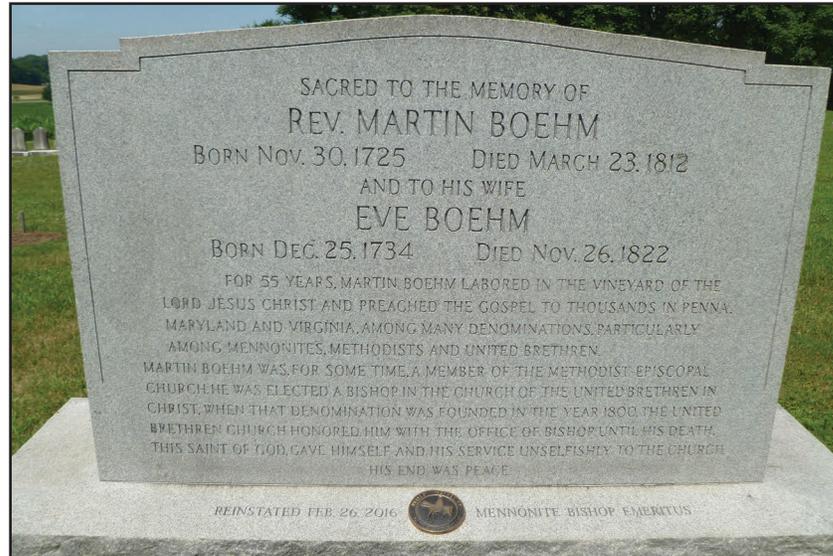
½ tsp. salt
2 tsp. baking powder
enough flour to make a stiff dough

Pinch off a medium sized ball, roll out and place pieces of apple in it. Bring dough edges together on top and pinch. Drop in boiling water and cook until apples are tender.

Sauce:
1 ½ cups sugar
2 cups milk
Cook until sugar is dissolved.
Pour over dumplings when ready to serve.

Any Böhm descendant, with a current Chapel Society membership or additional 2018/19 Boehm's Chapel Society members, may receive a copy of the Boehm Family Recipes, by emailing a request to boehmschapel@gmail.com; leaving a message at 717-872-4133; or sending a note to Boehm's Chapel Society P.O. Box 272, Willow Street, Pennsylvania 17584.

Böhm descendants are invited to submit "vintage" Böhm family recipes which will be maintained in the archival collection and may be included in future publications of the Chapel Society newsletter.



The tombstone for Martin and Eva Boehm near Boehm's Chapel. In the bottom photo, the new inscription at the bottom of the stone.

Martin Boehm tombstone updated

On Feb. 26, 2016, the bishops of the board of the present-day Lancaster Mennonite Conference, granted a remission of the censure of excommunication of the Rev. Martin Boehm and honored him with the status of bishop emeritus of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference. In June of this year, Boehm's Chapel Society had the notation of the reinstatement added to the bottom edge of the large, granite tombstone of Martin and his wife, Eve.

Martin had been banished from his position as a minister and bishop within the Lancaster Mennonite Conference for more than 240 years.

The 18th century Lancaster Conference bishop's report, announcing the ban of Martin Boehm, listed five reasons why Martin could no longer remain within the fellowship of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference.

In an 1811 interview with his son, the Rev. Henry Boehm, Martin mentioned only being criticized for keeping fellowship with those of other denominations and tongues.

Several local historians felt that Martin had never entirely separated from his Mennonite brethren within his own heart. He continued to serve, by self-appointment, congregations, compiled principally of Mennonite listeners.

The Rev. Abram Sangrey, (1915-2004), broached the subject of reconciliation for Martin Boehm with Lancaster Mennonite Conference bishops various times while serving on the board of the Boehm's Chapel Society.

After prayerful consideration, Mennonite pastors Joe Garber and Matthew Buckwalter, both members of the Boehm's Chapel Society, in 2106 again presented the suggestion of rescinding the censure against Boehm to the bishops

of the present day Lancaster Mennonite Conference, who granted the remission by unanimous vote.

The reading of the resolution of reinstatement, by Mennonite Bishop Stephen Weaver, on June 26, 2016, was the culmination of the celebration of the 225th anniversary of Boehm's Chapel.

Bishop Peggy Johnson, of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church, and 2016 Boehm's Chapel Society president Marvin Adams, were presented with copies of the reinstatement. A large mixed crowd of Mennonite and Methodist believers attended the emotional ceremony.

Added to the bottom edge on either side of the bronze Methodist Circuit Rider Medallion:

"Reinstated Feb. 26, 2016 - Mennonite Bishop Emeritus"



Heritage Sunday brings changes

During the annual business meeting June 24, called to order before the Heritage Sunday worship celebration, four nominees were elected, by unanimous vote, to assume a two-year term (2018-2020) as directors on the Boehm's Chapel Society Board.

■ Don Dale, a member of Covenant UMC, Lancaster, and local design-builder, who has worked professionally with BCS since the 1991 restoration of the chapel;

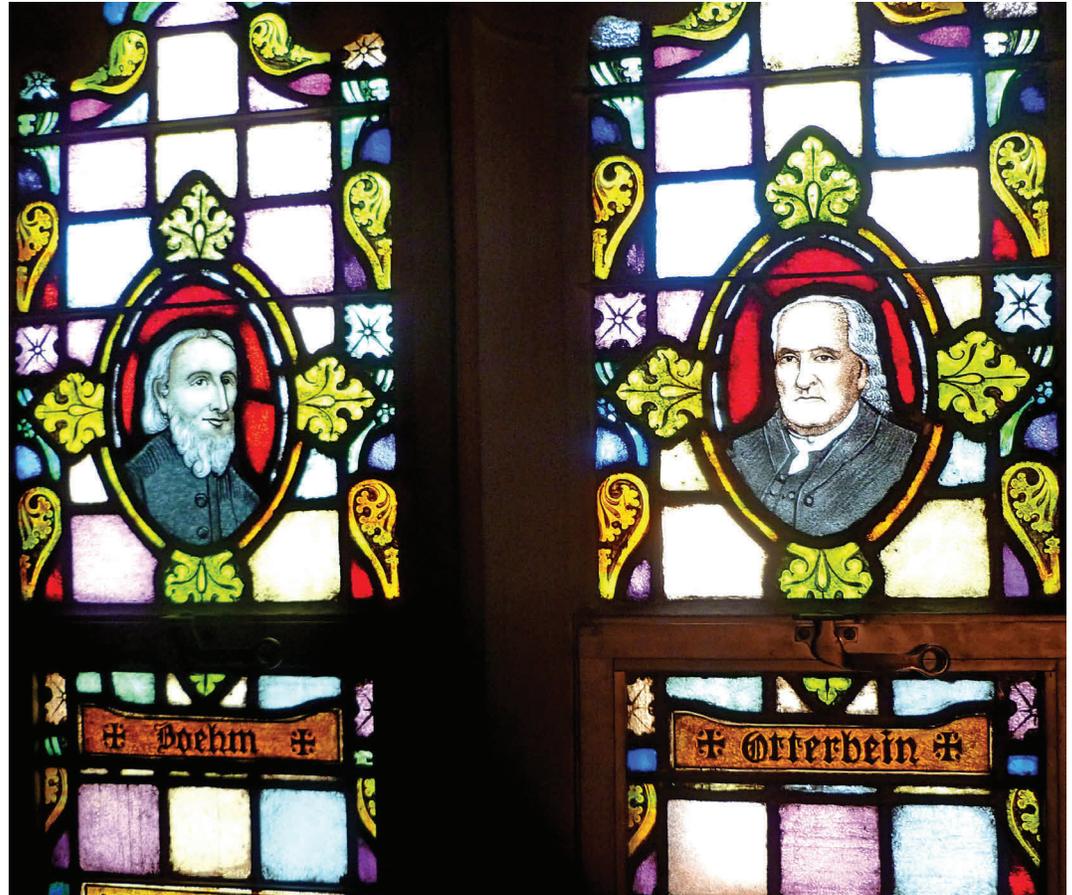
■ JoAnne Foss, a member of First UMC, Lancaster, and a descendant of the Rev. Martin Boehm;

■ Elaine Neff, a member of Boehm's UMC, returning as a director after a leave of absence, having served since 1991 as a director and membership secretary;

■ Doris Moore, a member of Boehm's UMC, who most recently served a six-year term as treasurer of BCS and previously served as director, recording secretary and historian.

Three members retiring from the board after many dedicated years of service include:

■ The Rev. D. Guy Carrigan Jr. a son of Boehm's UMC and long-time Chapel Society director. Guy fully retired from active pastoral



Martin Boehm and Philip William Otterbein, 18th-century co-founders of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, are portrayed in stained glass at Otterbein UMC in Lancaster.

ministry in Dec. 2014 after serving Grace UMC, Windsor, Pennsylvania.

■ James Jolly, due to a recent out-of-state move. Please see the spring/summer newsletter for additional information on Jim's involvement with the Chapel Society.

■ William White, a member of Leola UMC. During his time with the Chapel Society Bill served as a director, docent, co-historian, membership secretary and financial secretary.

We thank this group of dedicated men for their prayers, faithfulness and guidance on behalf of Boehm's Chapel Society throughout the years.

Speaker for the worship program was Anne Brockley, historian of Otterbein UMC, Lancaster.

Anne presented a PowerPoint program on the history of the Otterbein congregation, originally affiliated with the United Brethren in Christ Church, based on her anniversary book, "Otterbein Church -110 Years of History and Service."

A group of spiritual believers, who developed around the teaching of the Reformed Pastor Philip William Otterbein and Mennonite Bishop Martin Boehm, formally organized in 1800 as the United Brethren in Christ Church.

Six Böhm descendants

Contact us

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attending the service included:

Katherine Tribit, with her daughter and grandson, descendants of John Beahm; JoAnne Foss, a descendant of the Rev. Martin Boehm; Trudy Good, a descendant of Eva Steiner Boehm; and Dolores Myers, a descendant of Susannah Boehm Resch.

LAST REMINDER

We need to hear from you.
Become a member to continue
receiving your newsletter.

By Dolores Myers
Executive Director
Boehm's Chapel Society

The board of directors of the Boehm's Chapel Society would like to thank all persons who donated, renewed or became a new member of the Chapel Society since receiving the spring-summer 2018 newsletter.

To date, we have received 28 new memberships. The combined number of donations, renewals and first-time memberships received, totals 77. However, this means approximately 50 individuals or families have not yet renewed their previous membership with the Chapel Society. Please consider returning the membership envelope, which was included with the spring-summer newsletter.

As of this newsletter, print-

ed copies of the newsletter will only be mailed to those with current membership in BCS or who have made a yearly donation of \$10 to help cover printing and mailing fees.

We will be happy to email newsletters. Please submit your address to boehmschapel@gmail.com. However, please be aware your computer mailbox must be large enough to receive our PDF copy.

Copies of all BCS newsletters are available on our website at www.boehmschapel.org; however, the most-recent issue may not be posted until the date of a scheduled chapel program has passed. Receiving a printed copy before chapel events occur is a benefit of membership in BCS.

In addition to newsletter costs, the Chapel Society is in

One way to donate

In recognition of the recent 225th anniversary of Boehm's Chapel, we hope you will consider making a generous donation to Boehm's Chapel Society. Persons donating \$225 or more will have their name added to "The Builders" plaque in the new Tying Shed. Donations of \$225 in memory of a loved one or to honor a Boehm ancestor will also be noted on the plaque.

To donate: Please make checks payable to Boehm's Chapel Society. Canadian checks must indicate U.S. funds. Please mail your gift to:

BOEHM'S CHAPEL SOCIETY
P O BOX 272
WILLOW STREET, PA 17584

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need of financial aid to cover everyday expenses, to maintain and make repairs to the historic Chapel and Tying Shed, and provide speakers and musicians for events. Please consider making a donation or becoming a member to help

Boehm's Chapel Society continue to share the redemption story, as proclaimed within our walls by such revered Methodists of the past, as Asbury, Strawbridge and Boehm, with the current generation and beyond.



The weather for last year's Apple Festival is the kind we pray for. Shown is a blue sky, with some puffy clouds, looking down on the festival.

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OBITUARY

Harry Neff, 84
served his church

Harry Neff, a long-standing member of Boehm's UMC and the Chapel Society, passed away March 6, 2018, a day before his 85th birthday.

He was the husband of Elaine E. Kiehl Neff, whom he married on July 13, 1991, in historic Boehm's Chapel.

Born in West Lampeter Township, Harry was the son of the late Harry K. and Katie H. Denlinger Neff.

He retired from High Steel in Lancaster in 1996, after 28 years of service. Harry had previously worked for Bethlehem Steel in Coatesville. He served in the U.S. Army between 1953-1957.

Harry was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a diehard Philadelphia sports fan and was glad to see the Eagles win the Super Bowl. He

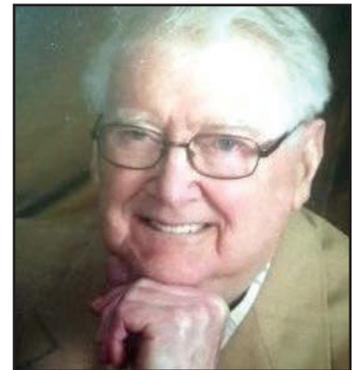
and Elaine together enjoyed Hershey Bears hockey.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are sons Randell and Scott Neff, stepson Richard Graham, stepdaughter Sandi Bruce and five sisters.

Harry's funeral service was held March 10 from Boehm's UMC with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

Memorial remembrances were made in Harry's memory to historic Boehm's Chapel.

Please see the reference concerning Harry's many years



Harry Neff

of service to Boehm's Apple Festival on Page 4.



Apple Festival visitors take time out for lunch in the big food tent last fall.

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