

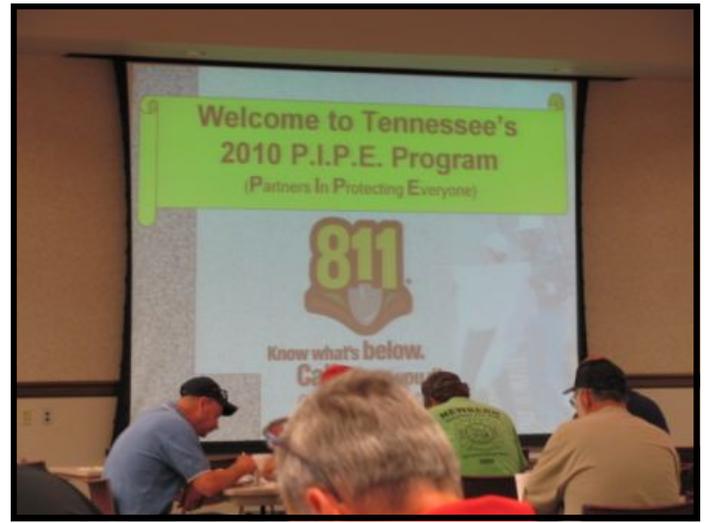
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Dyersburg City News

"We're here for you"

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The 2010 Partners in Protecting Everyone (P.I.P.E.) Program was held at the Lannom Center on June 22nd. Government employees, contractors, excavators and others attended. This annual program, sponsored in part by Dyersburg Gas & Water, is required by the State of Tennessee to promote a higher level of public safety, reduce underground utility damages, minimize utility service interruption, reduce on-the-job injuries and worse, and to protect the environment.

The Tennessee One-Call-System, Inc. a non-profit corporation, is a statewide one-call notification system which was developed to provide excavators and the general public with the ability to inform multiple owners of underground facilities of intended excavation with just one phone call. Its purpose is to receive excavation and demolition location information from excavators, contractors, builders and private citizens who are going to dig, drill, blast and/or bore and to distribute this information to its members.

Dial 8-1-1 before you dig and provide information such as the scheduled start date, start time, the county and town, street number and nearest intersecting road. All utility providers will be notified of the request and will respond by marking, with different colors of spray paint, the approximate location of its utility lines that have been "located" in the proposed dig site within 72 business hours.

If you would like more information you may call Dyersburg Gas & Water at 731-288-7630. We will be happy to answer your questions about calling 8-1-1 before you dig; a Tennessee Excavation Guide is also available; free of charge.

•Call 811 Before You Dig, Spread The Word!

MAYOR'S OFFICE

As many of you are aware the City of Dyersburg passed a continuation budget at the last board meeting held on June 21, 2010. The new 2010 / 2011 budget cannot be properly finalized as we are awaiting information concerning state shared revenues. Also we are waiting for property tax assessments for the areas affected by the flood in May. This year has been an extremely difficult year as well. We are in the midst of the worst recession in 70 years and sales tax collections have declined in each of the two previous years. Also appraised property values are down 8.5 million dollars which equates to a loss of over \$200,000 in property tax collections. So, faced with declining revenues and expenses that are ongoing and in some cases increasing, you can see how we, as well as all cities, are struggling to balance our budget. I would ask for your patience and understanding as we work through this. It is extremely important that we continue to look for ways to manage our expenses, reduce costs, conserve fuel, reduce utility costs, reduce idling time, and continue to look for opportunities within your respective department to save money.

The fireworks show this year will be held on Sunday night July 4th, beginning around 9 pm. Fireworks will be shot from Dyersburg High School between the baseball and softball fields. I would like to thank Gerald Ketchum and the group of volunteers for their dedication each year in doing this event for the City of Dyersburg. I would also like to thank those individuals and businesses that help sponsor this event. It is always a great show !

We are planning again this year a back-to-school swim party for all city employees and their families at Okeena Park. The date will be July 22nd from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. More details will follow and information will be sent to each department about this.

I have received a couple of letters recently praising and expressing appreciation for two of our city departments. These are the Fire Department and the Dyersburg Municipal Golf Course. The letters are enclosed in this newsletter. I would like to thank all of the city employees for all that they do for our city. Your dedication and commitment is appreciated and noticed by many.

Stay safe and let me know if ever I can assist in any way.

Sincerely,

Mayor Holden



Department News.....

Sanitation Dept.
Congratulations



**Frank and Stephanie Gooch on baby boy
Ta'miyon Marquise Gooch,
born June 15th. 6 lbs 13 oz, 19" long.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CONGRATS!



Pictured left to right: Officer Scott Bruce, Officer Jessica Luckenbaugh, Officer William Holbrook, and Chief of Police Art Huen.

Dyersburg Police Officers Scott Bruce, Jessica Luckenbaugh, and William Holbrook graduated from the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy in Nashville, Tennessee, in May after successfully completing 10 weeks at the training academy. The officers were hired January 24 and are currently in the department's field training program.

Officer Bruce finished fifth in a class of fifty-eight and Officer Luckenbaugh finished eighth in a class of fifty-eight.

Continuing Education Waste Water Treatment & Water Treatment Plant & Sanitation

*"The only person who is educated
is the one who has learned
how to learn... and change."
Carl Rogers*



Neal Lewis passed Grade 3
Waste Water Certification Test



Neal Hardin and James Lyons
attended a 2 week Lab Training Seminar

*"Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is
the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to
do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or
not; it is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and
however early a man's training begins, it is probably
the last lesson that he learns thoroughly."*

Thomas H. Huxley (1825 - 1895)

Jeff Moore, Heath Ennis & Tiffany Parker (WTP) passed their Distribution II Certification Test

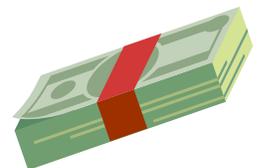
Chris Russell and Greg Wilson (SWM) passed and received their Class A Commercial Drivers License

SAFETY AWARD WINNERS FOR May 2010

We are happy to announce that we have four (4) winners for the safety incentive award for the month of May. They are:



Donnie Hutcheson – Street Dept.
Laquinta Ward – Police Dept.
Shawn Crouch – Police Dept.
Austin McGuire – Fire Dept.



For the month of May, we had two(2) more recordable accidents.

Don't forget to work SAFELY!!!!

DO NOT GET HURT!!!!

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Committee Members

- Keith Burns — Chairperson (Fire Dept.)
- Tiffany Parker — Secretary (Water Plant)
- Sue Teague — (Human Resources)
- Conell King — (Waste Water Plant)
- Kerry Owen — (Street Dept)
- Michael Hunter — (Gas Dept)
- Mike Kesterson — (Water/Sewer)
- Kevin Joslin — (Codes)
- Greg Williams — (City Hall)
- Rickie Tidwell — (Police)
- Lloyd Stewart — (Parks & Rec)
- Brian Lucius — (Solid Waste)
- Debbie Sanders — (EOC)
- Mike Fisher — (City Shop)



If you have a safety concern, questions or ideas that you would like to discuss, please speak with your department head or with one of the committee members.

Our Thoughts and Prayers are with:

Danny Ennis (WTP) & Family
and the Family of Hubert Turner



“The greatest lesson we can learn from the past is that freedom is at the core of every successful nation” – Anonymous

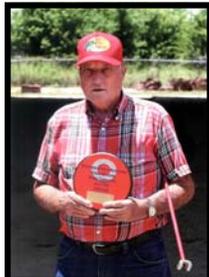
Dyersburg Activity Center

The June 12th Opening Day at the Farmer’s Market was chock full of activities, music, fresh food and other items for sale.

Among the activities was the Washer Pitching Contest. Top honors went to:



1st Place Singles



2nd Place Singles



1st Place Doubles Tournament: Dickie Tinkle and David Wilbanks



2nd Place Doubles Tournament: Robbie “Earnhardt” Joiner and George Lee.

Letters of Appreciation!

June 11, 2010

Dear Sir

My name is Sue Dennis and I am a victim of the recent flood in South Town. This letter is somewhat late but I have had numerous things to do and things to overcome. But I feel fortunate that I have found a little house to my suiting and am now settled to a degree.

The reason for this letter is to offer my appreciation and commendation to five of your men who were patrolling and helping out South Town the day after the water came in. When I left my home the day the water came in it was about to my third step and since I never seen it get much higher I left my four cats in the house with food and water on the counters.

Thinking I'd be back the next day. But of course this was a big one.

I simply had to get my cats out. My friend Bobby Williamson had told me the night before that he would take me back to my house the next day in his boat. Then he told me they would not let us in but he would find a way. To make a long story shorter, your fine fire fighters and rescuers took Bobby and me to my house in their rescue boat. One of the men, and I believe it was Joel Goff, bailed right out of the boat and the water was up to his mid chest. He went into the house, which had about two and one half feet in it, and found my cats and patiently put them in the cage.

As you know that water was nasty and cold.

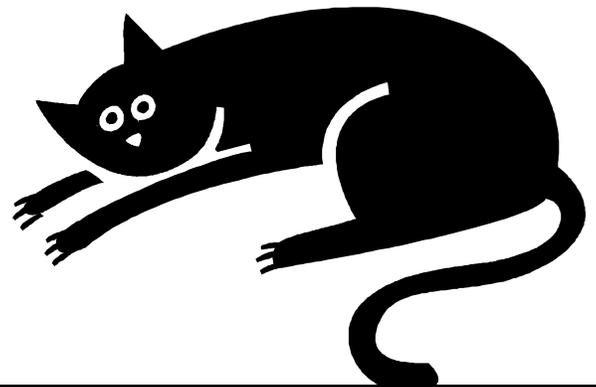
I will always be indebted to these men for their kindness and ability to get the job done for a crazy old woman who loves her cats.

Their names are: Kevin Woods
Joel Burkhead
Joel Goff
Garrett Stork
Ken Riddick

Thank them again for me and I do appreciate them so much.

Sincerely,

Sue Dennis
Dyersburg, TN



Mayor Holden,

I want to make you aware that I feel Mr. Bobby Baker has done an excellent job as the Manager of the golf course over the past year.

I'm a Ripley, TN resident and the Engineering Manager of one of the local industries. I'm a member of the Ripley Rolling Hills Country Club and I've played golf at the Dyersburg municipal course since the mid 90's. I've also played at the Farms County Club in Dyersburg and most all of the golf courses within a 75 mile radius of Dyersburg. Within the past five years, I've played at the Dyersburg municipal golf course several times and this has helped to shape my evaluation of Mr. Baker's performance the following notations:

- The overall appearance and condition of the golf course has improved within the past year.
- Items that have needed painting for some time have finally been painted.
- Some trees that had become overgrown have been trimmed and/or removed.
- The condition of the fairways and greens is excellent, and this really draws those of us who enjoy the sport of golf.
- The staff inside the clubhouse is always courteous, professional, and eager to serve the patrons.
- The clubhouse its kept very clean and its appearance as you drive into the parking lot has improved.
- I have noted that Mr. Baker is quite busy both on the golf course and inside the clubhouse, guiding and directing activities of others or taking care of business himself.
- Last, but certainly not least, Mr. Baker is friendly and always seems genuinely concerned when I ask a question of him or offer a comment.

The price for a round of golf has always been fairly reasonable at the municipal course, but with the changes that Mr. Baker has fostered, I prefer this course over some of the more expensive courses in west Tennessee. Please note that I'm not advocating a price increase, rather pointing out the current value for golf at Dyersburg.

In summary, the City of Dyersburg should be proud of the municipal golf course, which is a real recreational asset to the area for residents and visitors alike. In my opinion Mr. Baker has contributed greatly to this asset over the past year.

Regards,

Edd Lambert
Ripley, TN

Parks & Recreation by Ricky Roberts

Simple Tips to Slimmer Waists

Everyone knows that eating right and exercising are the keys to weight control. But here are some less obvious tips to make your efforts pay off fast.

Eat breakfast. It's true — regular meals and occasional low-calorie snacks help prevent the "famine-then-feast" syndrome.

Great start: Fill up first thing with energizing high-fiber cereal, whole-grain bread and fruit.

Post a list of small projects on the refrigerator. Then, whenever you're bored and tempted to snack, tackle an item from your list. *Result:* The distraction will help you ride out crave attacks.

Serve yourself half the amount you usually eat if you tend to eat everything in front of you. Make less food look like more by using smaller plates.

Keep burning fat and calories with regular aerobic exercise such as walking, biking, swimming or rowing. *Advantage:* Aerobics can raise your metabolism both during the workout and for hours afterward — the longer the session the better.

Bite into a pickle or a lemon:

Advantages: Neither has any calories to speak of, and the sour taste may curb your appetite. Don't have either? Try brushing your teeth.

Take time to enjoy your food.

It takes about 20 minutes for your brain to receive the signal that you're full. *Slow your meal:* Put your fork down between bites; chew slowly; and savor each flavor and texture.

"Hello, Sugar" Brown sugar, white sugar — they're both sucrose. *The difference:* Brown sugar has a small amount of molasses added for color and flavoring. But it has no nutritional advantages over its white counterpart.



Lose the SALT—But Not the Flavor

Cutting back on the salt in your diet is one way to help control blood pressure. Many people consume much more salt than their bodies need — on average, at least 12 times as much, according to the American Heart Association. If you're used to salty flavors, know that you can shake the salt habit without feeling deprived. *Here's how:*

Limit processed foods, which are usually high in sodium. Eat more fruits, vegetables and other low sodium foods instead.

Drain and rinse canned vegetables before preparing them. They'll keep a little of their salty flavor, but you'll rinse away about a third of sodium, according to the USDA.

Try packaged foods labeled as low sodium.

Season vegetables, poultry and fish with lemon juice rather than salt.

Try cooking with salt-free seasonings, such as vinegar and herbs.

Prepare plain brown or white rice instead of flavored rice mixes. Flavor with herbs or olive oil.



Remember: Try adding these tips gradually to get used to a lower-salt life. You'll eat healthier without sacrificing taste.

THANK YOU!

The Parks and Recreation Maintenance Department would like to thank Dale Snyder and the Street Department for all of their help these past 2 months.

We couldn't have done it without you.....Thanks!



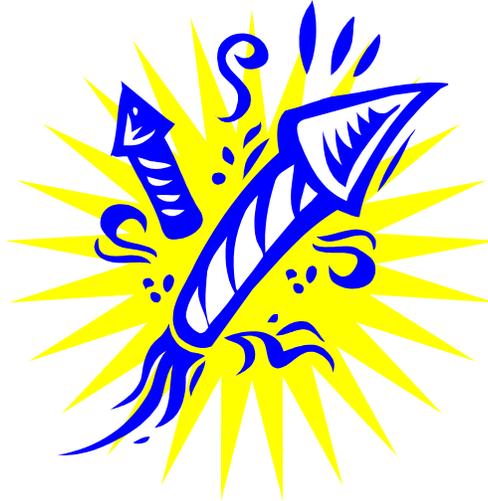
City Shop Happy Retirement!



Wilburn Pierce



We'll sure miss you!



Bruce Community Monthly Fellowship

A monthly fellowship program sponsored by the Bruce Community Center, Holy Angels Catholic Church and Tucker Street Church feeds the soul and the stomach. The program is held the 2nd Thursday of each month and includes the reading of God's Word, a video, singing, a meal, and fellowship.

Please join us at the Bruce Community Center on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 5:30 — 6:30.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

For more information call: Stuart Edmonds

Stuart Edmonds 731-334-7628

DYERSBURG FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

Summer is here and so is sunburn season

Unfortunately, there's no fast-fix sunburn treatment. Once you have sunburn, the damage is done — although it may take 12 to 24 hours after sun exposure to know the full extent and severity of sunburn, and several days or more for your skin to begin to heal.

In the meantime, the most effective sunburn treatment simply helps ease your discomfort:

- **Keep it cool.** Apply cold compresses — such as a towel dampened with cool water — to the affected skin. Or take a cool bath.
- **Keep it moist.** Apply aloe, moisturizing cream or over-the-counter hydrocortisone cream to the affected skin. Beware of sunburn treatment products containing anesthetics, such as benzocaine. There's little evidence that these products are effective. In some cases, they may even irritate the skin.
- **Leave blisters intact.** If blisters form, don't break them. You'll only slow the healing process and increase the risk of infection. If needed, lightly cover blisters with gauze.
- **Take an over-the-counter pain reliever.** If needed, take anti-inflammatory medication — such as aspirin or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, others) — according to the label instructions until redness and soreness subside. Don't give children or teenagers aspirin. It may cause Reye's syndrome, a rare but potentially fatal disease.
- **Treat peeling skin gently.** Within a few days, the affected area may begin to peel. This is simply your body's way of getting rid of the top layer of damaged skin. While your skin is peeling, continue to use moisturizing cream.

Consult a doctor for sunburn treatment if:

Severe sunburn covers a large portion of your body with blisters

Sunburn is accompanied by a high fever or severe pain

Severe sunburn doesn't begin to improve within a few days

To prevent future episodes of sunburn, use sunscreen frequently and liberally. Common sense counts, too. Cover up while you're outdoors, and stay in the shade as much as possible.



Community News.....

July is National Grilling Month: Safety tips for grilling

The National Fire Protection Agency reports that about 1,000 structure fires and 3,400 outdoor fires were caused by barbecue grills in one recent year.

It's important to realize that safe grilling begins before the cooking starts.



With **gas grills**, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line to be sure it is working properly and not leaking. If you suspect a leak, put soapy water on the area and watch for bubbles to discover where it is. Never use a match to check for a gas leak, and never light the grill until the leak is fixed.

Position any grill on a level surface that is at least three feet away from other objects, including the house and shrubs or bushes. Keep children and pets away from the cooking area.

When you are ready to barbecue, **protect yourself with a heavy apron and oven mitts** that fit well over your forearm.

When the party is over, **store the grill outside and away from the house**. Make sure the valves are turned off.

For **charcoal grills**, use **only starter fluids designed for that purpose**. Never use gasoline. If the fire is slow, add dry kindling. Don't add more liquid starter or you could cause a flash fire.

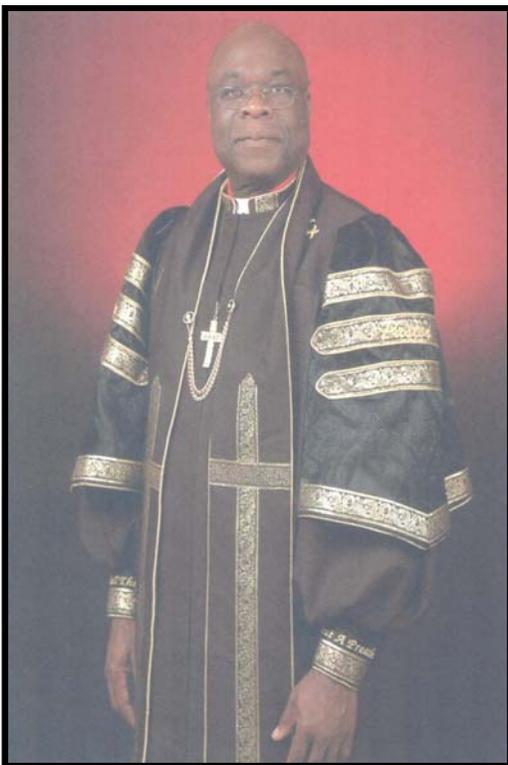
Remember to **soak the coals with water before you put them in the trash**. **Never use a barbecue grill indoors or in an unventilated space**. It's a fire hazard and could cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

**DYERSBURG FIRE DEPT.
HAVE A GREAT & SAFE SUMMER!**





Dyersburg Mall Kids Club is a free monthly event geared toward teaching children about health, safety, gardening, weather, exercise and lots more. Typically on the fourth Thursday of each month, a learning presentation and a craft or activity will be offered for all the Kids Club Members. Parents can bring children to Center Court to join in the fun. Presentations and activities are geared to children between the ages of 3 and 8, but anyone interested is welcome to attend. To sign up for the Club, parents need to bring their children to Center Court at the meeting time, where each child will receive a membership card, or stop by customer service during mall hours. Membership entitles each child to participate in the monthly activities. Parents must accompany the children they bring to each Kids Club meeting.



**Consecration to Bishop
Wesley J. Arije
Dyersburg Christian Center
March of Faith International Fellowship, Inc.**

**SATURDAY, JULY 30TH, 2010
11:00 A.M.**

**THE LANNOM CENTER
2000 COMMERCE STREET
DYERSBURG, TN 38024**



MAIN STREET DYERSBURG
FARMERS
MARKET

The Main Street Farmer's Market opened June 12th and was celebrated in conjunction with the 2010 YMCA Y-Knot Race and Annual Bluegrass Festival. Fun was had by all and we had a great turn out.

The Main Street Farmer's Market is open each Tuesday and Saturday (from 7:00 a.m. until sell out) and is nestled in its permanent home located on the banks of the Forked Deer River in Historic Downtown Dyersburg. Now into its fourth year the market has progressed from portable tents to an ever evolving green space. The building, once a lumber shed, offers shade and shelter, electricity and running water, cool breezes, and a stage on the west end of the building.

The Main Street Farmer's Market offers fresh fruits and vegetables, cut flowers, shrubs, trees and vegetable plants for sale and even some free advise from the local Master Gardener's Club. We invite you to enjoy the offerings of the Main Street Farmer's Market in an atmosphere of relaxation and days gone by.

Thanks to Ken Teutsch for the wonderful video featuring Main Street Farmers Market 2010 Season Opening and to Steve Guttery for providing pictures. For more information, you may contact Steve Guttery at 731-285-3433.

You can watch the video by going to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIXp67kH1gw>



HAPPY EMPLOYMENT ANNIVERSARY

- Joe Scott—31 years
- James Earl Johnson—30 years
- Elma Ward—20 years
- Pam Reagan—19 years
- Dale Snyder—18 years
- Keith Burns—16 years
- Chris Davenport—15 years
- Michael Hunter—15 years
- Thomas Langford—12 years
- Chris Pursell—12 years
- James Roy—12 years
- Robert Palmer—11 years
- Brian Peckenpaugh—11 years
- Wendy Thayer—11 years
- Kerry Owen—10 years
- Barry Scobey—9 years
- Cara Johnson—8 years
- Matilda Tipton—8 years
- Joseph Stewart—7 years
- Robert Beard Jr.—6 years
- Rachel Anderson—5 years
- Penny Damesworth—5 years
- Neal Hardin—4 years
- Donnie Hutcheson—4 years
- Annalee Austin—3 years
- Patricia Gibson—3 years
- David Rice—3 years
- Bethaney Willard—3 years
- Richard Wright—3 years
- Doris Jones—2 years
- Randy Littles—2 years

EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

- Board Meetings—1st & 3rd Monday of each month.
- To be placed on the agenda for a meeting you must call City Hall, 286-7600 before noon on the Thursday before the meeting. The meeting can be viewed on channel 4. The agenda and minutes of the Board meetings are on the City's web site. www.dyersburgtn.gov
- Lifeline Blood Mobile is at Dyersburg Electric the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. Help save lives.
Give the gift of life, give blood.
- Dyersburg Municipal Golf Course—
- Every Wednesday at 9:00 am. 55 years and up.
- Play from Senior Tees.
- July 4th—Independence Day
- July 5th—City Offices Closed



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Everett "Anthony" Adams
- Rachel Anderson
- Jimmy Atchison
- Annalee Austin
- Robert Beard Jr.
- Randy Beaver
- Jerry Blair
- Rusty Blalock
- Paul Braithwaite
- Jennifer Burns
- Michael Carman
- Kevin Chaney
- Katy Clark
- Tommy Clutts
- Connie Crawford
- Penny Damesworth
- Vella Denny

- Stewart Edmonds
- Paula Finley
- Mike Fisher
- Michael Galloway
- Jimmy Hurst
- James Johnson
- Doris Jones
- Mitchell Jones
- Y Z Lyte
- Esther Manns
- Jeremy McNutt
- Martha Mitchell
- Randall Pinkley
- Pam Pleasant
- Ricky Roberts
- Robert Simmons
- Linda Webb
- David Williams

NOTICE

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