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Notice of Formation of CPL Environmental, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/25/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to CPL Environmental, LLC: 6116 E. Handsome Brook Road, Franklin, NY 13775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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15 MAPLE RIVER, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/22/24. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Grazia D'Arpa, 164-34 89th Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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BURN AYR FARM LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/23/24. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 21031 State Route 28, Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

DELAWARE ACADEMY CSD AT DELHI LEGAL NOTICE

Accepting Bids for Lease of School Buses

Pursuant to Chapter 472 of the 1998 Session Laws of New York, the Delaware Academy Central School District at Delhi hereby requests sealed bids for the lease of nine (9) 2025 66 Passenger Thomas Saf-T Liner C2 school buses for the term of five (5) years, commencing on July 1, 2024. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM on Thursday, July 3, 2024, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

Bids should be submitted to the Assistant Superintendent for Business and Personnel. Bid specifications can be obtained from the Assistant Superintendent by calling 607-746-1304. The Board of Education reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids, or to accept the bid that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the District.

Lisa A. Kulaski
District Clerk

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Notice of Formation of Mari Bake LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/25/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Maria Strelkovski: 1435 County Highway 23, Walton NY 13856. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Physical Therapy In Catskills By Grace, PLLC. Filed with SSNY on 6/3/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail to: 10 Redmond Rd Arkville NY 12406. Purpose:Physical Therapy

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ROXBURY CENTRAL SCHOOL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Annual Organizational Meeting

The Annual Organizational Meeting of the Roxbury Board of Education will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the RCS Chorus Room

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Notice of Formation of 1965 Holmes Hollow Road LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 6/7/24. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 1965 Holmes Hollow Rd, Delhi, NY 13753. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Matt's Construction, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/28/2024. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Matt's Construction, LLC: PO Box 41, Franklin, NY 13775. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

TOWN OF DELHI LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Filing Completed Assessment Roll

Pursuant to Section 516 of the Real Property Tax Law, Notice is hereby given that the Final Assessment roll for the Town of Delhi, County of Delaware, for the year 2024 has been completed by the undersigned Assessors. A certified copy thereof will be filed in the office of the Town Clerk on the 1st day of July 2024, where the same will remain open to public inspection.

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Mon. Jun. 24th – Cull Dairy ave. \$1.12 top cow \$1.29, Organic Grassfed cull dairy \$1.25- \$1.29, Organic cull dairy \$.02 – \$1.34, Maiden heifers \$1.37, Dairy Feeders \$.86 – \$1.44, feeder bulls \$1.60 – \$2.06, Bull calves top \$6.70 top beef calf \$10.00, Heifer calves top \$5.90 beef calf \$10.00.

Mon. July 1st – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Fat Cow & Feeder Sale

Mon. July 8th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Heifer Sale. 4 jersey cows and 2 bred jerseys, expecting a lot more for this day.

Friday, July 12th – sale held at our facility. 11:30AM – Summer Production Sale – Due to several overstocked Dairies we are having a Production Sale featuring Milking age & bred heifers. Selling 125 head Registered & Grade All Breed Dairy Cattle. This sale is already filling up so if you have anything please let us know asap. Cattle are to be here Wednesday by 2PM. Consignments in already from Morrill Dairy, Cedarlane, Peaceful Valley, RRR Dairy, Fantasy-Found, Rama-Way plus more.

Mon. July 15th – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Sheep, Lamb, Goat & Pig Sale

Mon. July 22nd – Normal Monday Sale & Monthly Organic Day

Mon. July 29th – Normal Monday Sale

Upcoming Sales:

Sat. Sept. 21st – Morrisville, NY. 11AM. 41st SUNY Autumn Review Sale. Contact Sale chairs – Shyanne Ackerman 484-892-0504, Emily Button 585-444-1123, Jack Kowalewski 570-903-1738, Chloe Renaud 716-880-7185. Selling All Breeds of Registered Dairy Cattle – showage heifers, bred heifers. Embryos, and Picks of Flushes and Semen lots.

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How about a little shopping?!! Below is a “wish list” of items that can be used by the Shelter. Buy one item...or many! Every little bit counts! The residents and staff of the Shelter would be most grateful for your generosity! Cut out and use the below list to make your shopping easier.

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- ☐ Comet Cleanser
- ☐ Paper Towels
- ☐ Laundry Detergent
- ☐ Dishwashing Gloves
- ☐ Dishcloths
- ☐ Towels, Blankets, Sheets (gently used are okay)

PET PRODUCTS:

- ☐ Safe Cat Toys (balls, mice, catnip, etc.)
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Schedule of Events by Day

TUESDAY, JULY 2

Carnival & Rides | Open 6pm
Pay one Price | 6pm-10pm \$25

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

Carnival & Rides | Open 6pm
Pay one Price | 6pm-10pm \$25

THURSDAY, JULY 4

Rides | open 1pm-11pm Pay one Price \$30
Chicken BBQ | Noon til Sold Out
Local Cidery & Beer Tasting | 6pm-10pm
Rockland Cider & Woodstock Brewery
BAND-ROUNDHOUSE ROCKERS | 6:30-10:30pm
GIANT FIREWORKS - 9:30

FRIDAY, JULY 5

Carnival & Rides | Open 6pm Pay one price \$25
Car Show | 6pm
Local Beer Tasting | 6pm-10pm
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SATURDAY, JULY 6

Carnival & Rides | 1pm-11pm Pay one price \$30
Chicken BBQ | Noon til sold out
WRIP RADIO on grounds | 11am-2pm
Local Cidery & Beer Tasting | 6-10pm
Awestruck Cider & Catskill Brewery
BAND - 90 PROOF | 6:30pm-10:30pm
GIANT FIREWORKS Saturday, July 6 9:30pm
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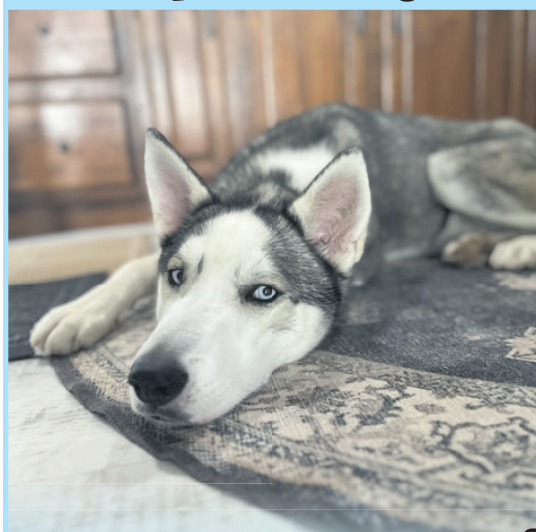
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There is no cost to enter the fairgrounds, although there will be a freewill donation box to help cover the cost of the fireworks. Come to support the volunteer fire department. Fun for all ages with rides, food, beer, fireworks, games, live music, and so much more.

The full schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, July 2: Rides open at 6 p.m. Pay One Price 6 to 10 p.m. - \$25

Wednesday, July 3: Rides open at 6 p.m. Pay One Price 6 to 10 p.m. - \$25

Thursday, July Fourth Independence Day: Chicken barbecue from noon until sold out; Rides Pay One Price 1-10 p.m. \$30; Local cidery and beer tent 6-10 p.m.; Roundhouse Rockers band - 6:30-10:30 p.m. Giant fireworks display at 9:30 p.m.

Friday, July 5: Rides open at 6 p.m. Pay One Price 6 to 10 p.m. - \$25. Car show 6 p.m. Live music - Jason Wicks 6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, July 6: WRIP live radio on grounds, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Chicken barbecue from noon until sold out; Rides Pay One Price 1-10 p.m. \$30; local cidery and beer tastings 6-10 p.m.; Live Music - 90 Proof 6-10:30 p.m.; Giant fireworks display, 9:30 p.m.

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East Branch Fire Department will host its annual Field Days Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6. Each day's activities will be held from 12 noon through 11 p.m. at the East Branch Firemen's Field (Humble Park) on O & W Road, East Branch. Fireworks both nights start around 9:30 p.m.; Live music by Evolver - Friday night, Jason Wicks Saturday night; J&M Amusements - bounce houses, obstacle course, games, face painting, cotton candy & more; live music & DJ; Firemen's parade Saturday at 6 p.m. from the East Branch Firehouse to Firemen's Field; Eight team double elimination softball tournament.

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What to know about fireworks injuries

Fireworks are a common sight at various celebrations throughout the year, but are most prominent during the summer months when Canada Day and Independence Day are celebrated. Fireworks have been in use for thousands of years. Many historians believe fireworks were developed in Liuyang, China, in the second century B.C. The first "fireworks" were made from bamboo stalks that, when thrown into a fire, would explode due to hollow pockets of air in the bamboo, says the American Pyrotechnic Association. Eventually early gunpowder recipes provided the boom behind the fireworks, and modern fireworks are not very different from those early incarnations.

Due to the explosive nature of fireworks, not to mention the required flame to light the fuses, fireworks have the potential to cause serious injury if not handled properly. Many injuries occur each year, particularly among do-it-yourselfers setting off fireworks in their neighborhoods.

The following are some of the most prevalent injuries related to fireworks, courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

- Burns are the most common injuries associated with fireworks. The CPSC says burns accounted for 39% of all injuries in 2022. The hands and fingers (29%); head, face and ears (19%); legs (19%); and eyes (16%) are the areas of the body most often affected by burns.
- Cuts and bruises to the head, face and ears also are common fireworks-related injuries. Such injuries may result from the fast movement of the fireworks upon launch. The blast of fireworks can even damage facial tissue and break bones in the face.

The CPSC says where known,



the fireworks with the highest estimated emergency department-treated injuries in 2022 were firecrackers and sparklers. Many people think that sparklers are safe because they are largely marketed to children, but they burn very hot. According to Wired, sparklers can reach tem-

peratures anywhere from 1800 F to 3000 F. To put that in perspective, iron melts at 2800 F. To protect oneself, it's always best to leave fireworks to the professionals. Safer options for home celebrations include confetti, balloons, silly string, and other colorful options.

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Add a Patriotic ‘Pop’ to Fourth of July parties

(Family Features)
Break out the red, white and blue and (safely) set off your favorite fireworks - it's time to honor America's birthday. Along with all the booms and blasts, make sure your crowd is satisfied with one of the country's most beloved snack foods and a true firecracker in the kitchen: popcorn. Celebrated for its seed-to-snack simplicity, popcorn's smell, taste and versatility means it can enhance any occasion as a budget-friendly solution for family gatherings. As a timeless treat nationwide, it's an especially perfect partner for Fourth of July get-togethers as it bursts while cooking and brings a thrill to the senses.

Whether your gathering will take place poolside, in air-conditioned comfort or while watching spectacular fireworks shows among the backdrop of the night sky, tasty treats that honor the occasion allow you to show off



your patriotic pride. These Peanut Butter Cups are an ideal summer snack that's easy to prepare with everyday ingredients. All you need to do is melt together peanut butter, butter and marshmallows then mix in popcorn, shredded wheat, peanuts and raisins. Bake in individual paper liners for grab-and-go convenience then share with your nearest and dearest. For added flair, use American flag-themed liners or finish your creation with toothpicks connected to miniature American flags.

Add a touch of heat to this year's celebrations with Cinnamon Candy Poppers that bring a real bang to the snack table. Inspired by those classic firecrackers that a Fourth of July party can't go without, these balls of ooey-goey goodness provide a truly patriotic spark.

Find more popcorn-inspired snacks for your summer celebrations at Popcorn.org #17119; Source: Popcorn Board

Peanut Butter Cups

Yield: 24 cups
½ cup peanut butter
½ cup butter or margarine
1 package (10 1/2 ounces) miniature marshmallows
6 cups freshly popped popcorn
6 cups spoon-size shredded wheat
1 cup dry roasted peanuts
1 cup raisins

Preheat oven to 250 F.
In microwave on high heat using large, microwavable bowl, melt peanut butter and butter 1 minute.
Add marshmallows and microwave on high 1 minute, or until marshmallows puff; stir.
Add popcorn, shredded wheat, peanuts and raisins; stir gently.
Place paper liners in two 12-cup muffin pans. Divide mixture into 24 cups.
Bake 10 minutes.
Remove from oven and store "cups" in airtight container.



Cinnamon Candy Poppers

Yield: 24 balls
Nonstick cooking spray
3 quarts popped popcorn
4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) butter or margarine
3 cups miniature marshmallows
½ cup cinnamon-flavored candies
red and blue confection stars
red licorice string

Spread large sheet of plastic wrap on work surface and spray with nonstick cooking spray.
Spray large mixing bowl lightly with nonstick cooking spray and place popcorn inside.
In medium saucepan over low heat, melt butter. Stir in marshmallows until melted and mixture is smooth. Pour over popcorn. Add cinnamon candies and mix well until coated.
Spray hands with nonstick cooking spray and form mixture into 24 balls. Gently press red and blue stars onto each ball. Place piece of licorice string on top of each ball.

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July Fourth is a day when Americans celebrate their independence, but it's also a day to commemorate two men who played vital roles in procuring that independence. Both John Adams, the second president of the United States, and his successor Thomas Jefferson died on July 4, 1826. The two men had an interesting relationship that became increasingly complex as the nation they helped to found developed. According to History.com Adams and Jefferson were confidantes in the 1780s. But as time wore on, each man developed a different view of what the United States government should be, creating a rift in their relationship that was only widened by the 1800 presidential election. The men ran against each other in that election, which is still considered one of the more contentious elections in American history. Jefferson ultimately claimed victory, a result so unnerving to Adams that he left Washington, D.C. prior to Jefferson's inauguration. The two men ultimately reconciled, exchanging more than 150 letters before dying within hours of one another on Independence Day in 1826.

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Impress July Fourth guests with smoked short ribs

Smoked foods are wildly popular. The unique flavor that smoking imparts to anything from beef to poultry to seafood to vegetables is impossible to replicate with other cooking methods, which perhaps contributes to its popularity.

As hosts prepare to welcome friends and family for a July Fourth barbecue, they can cook to impress with this recipe for “Smoked Beef Short Ribs” courtesy of Allen Kiezel of Fatty Butts BBQ and KamadoJoe.com

5 Steps to Grill Vegetables



Photo courtesy of Getty Images

(Culinary.net) Burgers, brats, steak, chicken, pork chops and all the flavors of fresh meat get all the love on the grill, but a well-rounded meal calls for sides and veggies.

Before you plan your next backyard barbecue, incorporate tasty vegetables - peppers, asparagus, onions, tomatoes, zucchini and more - for an all-out blitz of fresh-grilled flavor. Consider these simple steps to properly grill your crispy veggies:

1. **Light the grill.** Step one, of course, is to prep a hot grill. For the best cooking experience, you'll want medium-high heat or even high heat for quick, direct grilling. By lighting the grill ahead of veggie prep, you'll allow plenty of heating time to complete your other tasks.
2. **Prepare vegetables.** Depending on what you plan to cook, there'll likely be some preparation to undertake, such as cutting off stems and blemishes or removing pits and seeds. In addition to cleaning up your ingredients, you may want to chop, dice or slice based on the recipe.
3. **Coat vegetables with olive**

oil. Drizzling just a small amount of olive oil over your vegetables and tossing to coat adds a couple benefits. First, it helps the outer layer crisp rather than dry out, plus it aids in seasonings - like salt and pepper - sticking to the vegetable instead of falling off while on the grill or in a pan.

4. **Consider using foil packets or skewers.** If char marks aren't your thing, tossing chopped or diced veggies into a foil packet before hitting the grill steams them for a bit of a softer texture. Alternately, wooden skewers soaked in water (to prevent burning) can help keep smaller chunks of veggies from slipping through the grill grates while still achieving a crispy exterior.

5. **Pay attention to grill times.** Different types of vegetables and preparation methods call for different cook times, but 5-10 minutes over direct heat generally gets the job done. The smaller you chunk, chop, slice or dice, the less time it'll take.

Find more grilling tips at Culinary.net #14869; Source: Culinary.net

Smoked Beef Short Ribs

Serves 3

Spritz

- ¼ cup beef broth
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 1 spray bottle
- ½ cup water

Main

- 5 pounds beef short ribs
- 2 sheets butcher paper
- 1½ tablespoons mayo

Dry Rub

- 3 tablespoons black pepper
- 1½ tablespoons garlic powder
- 3 tablespoons seasoned salt

1. Remove the beef ribs 1 hour prior to smoking. This will give the meat time to reach room temperature for more even cooking and allow the rub to adhere better. Trim off any extra thick fat and silver skin from the top of the short ribs. You can remove all of the fat, but I keep a thin layer for protection and added flavor. Slather the mayonnaise evenly over the entire surface of the beef ribs. Mix dry rub ingredients in a bowl and sprinkle evenly over the ribs. You'll want a heavy coating of the rub to help build a nice bark on the outside of the beef short ribs. The ribs are thick, so even a lot of rub won't overpower them.
2. Preheat the grill to 250 F.
3. Place short ribs on the grill and smoke at 250 F until it hits an internal temperature of around 175 F in the thickest part



of the meat, approximately 5 to 6 hours depending on the size. I recommend using a good leave-in meat thermometer so you don't have to constantly check the short ribs. We're looking for a nice bark to have formed before we wrap the short ribs. If your bark isn't where you'd like it to be yet, keep smoking for an additional hour or so to help the bark form.

4. Combine the spritz ingredients and place in spray bottle. Each hour after the first 3 hours or once the bark starts looking dry, open up the smoker and spritz the beef short ribs. Make sure your spray bottle is set to spray in a light, even mist and not a direct blast of the liquid. You just want to moisten the short ribs, not soak them.

5. When the bark has formed and the smoked short ribs hit the target temperature of at least 175 F, remove them from

the smoker, lay them in the center of 2 pieces of partially overlapped butcher paper (lengthwise), and then wrap tightly around the ribs. You can spritz the butcher paper a few times to help it form a tighter wrap around the beef short ribs. If you don't have butcher paper, you can use heavy duty aluminum foil instead. Just note, the bark will be a little mushy when it's done, as it's not permeable like butcher paper and will partially steam it.

6. Return to the grill, insert the meat probe again, and smoke at 250 F for approximately 4 more hours. The smoked beef short ribs are done when the internal temperature is around 205 F to 208 F and the meat thermometer slides in and out like a knife slicing through room temperature butter — barely any resistance. I find that this usually occurs around 205 F, but all meat is different. Remember to take the temperature in a few places as the short ribs tend to cook slower in larger areas.

7. Remove the smoked beef short ribs from grill and keep wrapped while it rests for a minimum of 1 hour. If you need to keep the meat warmer even longer, place them inside of a good cooler for up to 4 hours.

8. Slice the short ribs between each bone and serve with the bone or slice into smaller portions and share. Enjoy!

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Interesting facts related to Independence Day

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's Fourth of July celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

- There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July Fourth celebrants know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

- More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57% of Americans own an American flag. And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

- The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

- The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

- July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

- John Adams, a founding father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.



Sparklers are not child's play



Did you know that the average primary flame blowtorch burns at around 2,000 F? USFS National Technology and Development says wildland fires typically burn between 1,600 and 2,000 F. Aluminum, brass, bronze, copper, and cast iron also can reach melting points at or slightly below 2,000 F.

It's likely safe to say that parents would never let their children handle a blowtorch, wander into a forest fire nor touch molten metals, yet many seemingly have no concerns about children playing with sparklers during July 4 celebrations. The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) says people often treat sparklers much too casually, even though they can burn at temperatures of about 2,000 F. Children are allowed to hold and wave these red-hot metal rods like toys. Sparkler sticks pose a serious burn risk, and the sparks can cause additional burns and eye injuries, warns the CHOP. Young children who would not be trusted with other hot materials should not hold sparklers, warn health experts. Older children should be carefully supervised around sparklers and other fireworks.

Those who want to avoid any possible injuries on July 4 and during other summer celebrations would be wise to avoid sparklers in favor of safer forms of entertainment. Here are some ideas.

- Glow sticks light up in the dark and can be worn or waved around safely.
 - Fill water balloons with a mixture of glitter and water. When the balloons pop, it is a festive display.
 - Send children around with canned string products that they can spray on one another. If making a mess isn't an issue, shaving cream "fights" also can be fun diversions for children.
 - Adults can lead by example and leave the fireworks displays to the professionals. Take a ride over to the seaside or where a town is hosting a fireworks display and enjoy the sights from a distance.
 - Purchase battery-powered blinking lights such as those sold at circuses or concerts. Kids can spend hours running around with them in hand. Less expensive flashlights purchased at a dollar store can create the same effect.
 - Let children play with confetti cannons.
 - "Snappers" or "poppers" could be an option if they are sold nearby. These are small noisemakers that explode and pop when they are thrown at a hard ground surface.
- Sparklers may be festive and beautiful to behold, but they are not designed to be handled by children. Alternatives to sparklers are equally fun and much safer.

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July 4 pool party safety



Americans gather in backyards across the United States in celebration of the nation's independence each July. Festivities often include delicious foods cooked on the grill, music, laughter, and, if there is a pool in the yard, hours of splashing around.

Pools are great places to cool off from the hot sun. But pools also can be dangerous. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, drowning remains the No. 1 threat to children. Previous July 4 drownings should serve as sober warnings to those planning to celebrate in and around a pool this Independence Day. Simple precautionary measures can save lives.

- Never leave a child unattended in a pool or around any body of water no matter how small, even for a minute.

- Teach children basic water safety.

- Avoid overloading the pool with too many boisterous swimmers, especially if adults, older kids and young kids are in the water. Small children can quickly get lost in the fray.

- Avoid swimming if you have been consuming alcohol.

- Designate a lifeguard, whether it's a hired, certified professional, or someone who has taken on the task and will keep eyes fixed on the pool at all times while swimmers are present.

- Establish rules and enforce them. Prohibit diving into shallow water and running around the slippery edge of the pool.

- Learn how to administer CPR to both children and adults.

- If a child goes missing, look for him or her in the pool first.

- Minimize the use of pool floats that can obscure the view of the pool floor when there are

many swimmers present.

- Keep a phone handy at all times. Promptly call for emergency services if the need arises.

- Ensure everyone immediately exits the pool if thunder is heard or lightning is seen.

- Turn off the filter pump while guests are swimming, particularly to protect against entrapment on pool drains or pipes.

- The American Association of Pediatrics advises against allowing infants and toddlers in hot tubs. Older children should not be in a hot tub for more than 20 minutes at a time.

- Be sure the water chemistry is balanced in pools and spas so that swimmers are not irritated by the chemicals and the water is sanitary. Also, keep in mind that swim diapers are not fool-proof. Check youngsters often so that waste does not end up in the pool.

These are just some pool safety tips to keep everyone protected during July 4 festivities or anytime a pool is used.

Pie perfect for summer evenings

Summer is a season for relaxation. When it comes to food, nothing quite exudes the spirit of summer like a good dessert. A freshly cooked pie on the windowsill can waft through the

house and into the yard, enticing family members and passersby alike.

Kicking up your heels and enjoying a piece of pie on the patio is a great way to spend a sum-

mer evening. This summer, relax with the following recipe for "Blueberry Pie" from Mollie Cox Bryan's "Mrs. Rowe's Little Book of Southern Pies" (Ten Speed Press). *PC117987*

Blueberry Pie

Makes one 9-inch pie

1 recipe Plain Pie Pastry (see box)

6 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen (thawed and drained if frozen)

2 tablespoons lemon juice

½ cup sugar

½ cup all-purpose flour

¾ teaspoon ground cinnamon

2 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, cut into bits

1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon milk, for egg wash



Line a 9-inch pie plate with 1 rolled-out crust and place in the refrigerator to chill.

Put the blueberries in a bowl, add the lemon juice, and stir to coat. Separately, combine the sugar, flour and cinnamon,

mix thoroughly and stir into the blueberries. Spread the filling in the crust, and scatter the butter over the top. Brush the rim of the crust with the egg wash, cover with the second rolled-out crust, and seal and flute or crimp the edges.

Put the pie in the refrigerator to chill until firm, about 30 minutes. Store the remaining egg wash in the refrigerator, too. Preheat the oven to 425 F.

Brush the top crust with egg wash, then score the top with two perpendicular cuts for steam vents. Bake for 20 minutes, then lower the oven temperature to 350 F and bake for another 30 to 40 minutes, until the juices are bubbling and the crust is golden brown. Cool on a wire rack for at least two hours before slicing, then chill in the refrigerator until ready to serve. Serve chilled or warm.

Plain Pie Pastry

Makes two 9-inch pie crusts

2 cups all-purpose flour

1 teaspoon salt

¾ cup vegetable shortening

5 to 7 tablespoons cold milk

Sift the flour and salt into a bowl. Cut in the shortening with a pastry blender until it is the size of small peas. Sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the milk over part of the flour mixture. Gently toss with a fork and push to the side of the bowl. Sprinkle another tablespoon of milk over another dry part, toss with a fork and push to the

side of the bowl. Repeat with the remaining milk until all of the flour mixture is moistened.

Press the dough together to form 2 equal balls, then flatten into disks. Roll out the crusts right away, or wrap the dough tightly, smoothing out any little wrinkles or air pockets, and refrigerate for up to 2 weeks. On a lightly floured surface, roll out each ball to a thickness of ⅛ inch. Use a light touch and handle the dough as little as possible.

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