

Follow Proper Safety Precautions When Using Fireworks

Fireworks have been integral components of celebrations for centuries. These pyrotechnics originated in ancient China, with their earliest forms thought to be made from bamboo stalks thrown into a fire. Fireworks ultimately evolved into gunpowder-filled paper tubes. Modern fireworks still largely use traditional gunpowder as well as additional ingredients like aluminum and iron to create

flashes, bangs and sparks. Additional elements are blended to create the colors that make for vivid fireworks displays.

Fireworks can be a wonder to behold, but there is no denying that shooting them off can be dangerous business. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that eight deaths and an estimated 9,700 injuries involving fireworks occurred in 2023. Of the

eight deaths, five were associated with misuse of fireworks and two with a device malfunction. Fireworks injuries increased between 2008 and 2023, which underscores the importance of fireworks safety.

To celebrate safely, the CPSC urges consumers to follow these tips:

- Make sure fireworks are legal where you live and only purchase and set off those that are labeled for

consumer use. Never purchase fireworks that are designed for professionals.

- Children should not be allowed to play with or ignite fireworks. This includes sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures that can reach or exceed 2,000 F, which is hot enough to melt some metals.
- Stay sober when using fireworks. Alcohol or drug impairment can cause people to act



recklessly and make mistakes when handling fireworks.

- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of fire or another mishap.

- Only light one firework at a time, then move away from it quickly.

- Soak malfunctioning fireworks in water. Do not try to relight them.

- Never place any part of your body directly over a firework

when lighting the fuse.

- Never point or throw fireworks at anyone.

- Douse spent fireworks with water before tossing them in the trash.

Spectators should remain at a distance from any fireworks being ignited. Fireworks should be lit away from buildings or trees. Many times it is safer to let professionals handle the fireworks since they are trained in the proper safety precautions.

By Van Yandell

Mark 16: 15 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

This spring and early summer has been unusually rainy. The grass is growing to the point the mower is getting a more than normal workout and the string-line trimmer is well used.

The ponds are full and creeks are running full speed. Normally by this time of year they have ceased to flow and mostly pooled in a few places. We’ve noticed when out on the Harley, tortoises are often crossing the roads.

There was a snapping turtle down by the creek last week. Those pre-historic looking jaws of his were a warning not to get too close. Too much water had driven him out of his normal habitat.

Early this morning, just after daylight, I walked down the driveway with my first cup of coffee. The fresh sealant on the driveway was shiny after the rain last night.

From about thirty feet away, noticed were spots of mud on the clean driveway. A few steps later it became obvious, the spots were rabbit tracks. The rabbits had come out of the corn field which was muddy between the rows.

We sit on the front porch most mornings and watch our rabbit friends chomp on the white clover. We are amused by their quick bursts of movement to another spot for their favorite breakfast.

Observing the creation of our God gives us more than adequate motivation to engage in our early morning conversations.

One morning we noticed several birds sitting on the power line together and one lonely bird about fifty feet from the crowd. Perhaps birds can also be classi-

fied as introverts or extroverts.

Some choose to perch in the tree tops in the woods across the road while others are in the grass foraging out those tasty morsels of grass seeds. One recent morning, a flock of turkeys crossed our front yard and evenings we enjoy the music of the frogs on the pond, crickets in the trees, and the light of the fireflies over the wheat field.

God’s precious creation is all around us. Not noticed by many is His power and originality.

The muddy rabbit tracks on the driveway make me wonder what mark I will leave on the world. Many, I’m sure wonder the same thing. Most us realize we will live and die and in a few years be forgotten.

Tombstones are important to some but in knowing that after a few years, no one will even recognize our names, what’s the point of having a rock costing thousands of dollars over our dead bodies?

A question asked once was “What can we do on this earth that will make a difference in a thousand (or a million) years?”

For the believer in the Lord Jesus and eternal life (Romans 6: 23), the answer is very clear. In my writing and speaking, the comment has been made, “How arrogant and ridiculous you are in teaching people there is only one eternal salvation!”

One never gets used to that statement and the sorrow felt for those that say (and think) such a thing, cuts into my heart. Their denial of our Lord Jesus is an eternal decision and one believed in all certainty, they will regret.

Acts 4: 12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” The Apostle Luke was of course referring to Jesus when he wrote that verse.

Jesus said in John 14: 6 “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes unto the Father, but by me.” This statement by our Jesus is very conclusive and certain. No room is left for doubt!

Biblical certainty is steadfast and realistic. The information in the Bible written between 1900 and 3500 years ago proves beyond doubt of the reality of the scriptures. The finding of the Dead Sea Scrolls and other artifacts offer irrefutable proof of the age and case for the Bible and the salvation offered by Jesus.

Romans 10: 9-10 “If thou shalt confess (say it, believe it) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.” This is a promise from God.

Those muddy rabbit tracks left a few spots on my driveway that will be washed away by the next rain. But you can make a mark on a precious life that our Jesus died for by telling them about Him. And yes, it will make a difference in a thousand or a million years.

When we begin to regard everyone we see as someone Jesus died for, then, and only then, will we begin to make our marks on eternity.

After preaching a revival a few years ago in the town where I was an Industrial Arts teacher, a young man came to me after a service and said: “I just finished building a house for my family and I was able to do that because of what I learned in your class.”

Wouldn’t it be cool to have someone say to you in Heaven someday “I’m here because you told me!”

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Summerfest

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also groups for four to six year olds and seven to nine year olds (girls only).

A pedal tractor pull will begin at 1:00 p.m. with registration starting at 12:30. Play “N” Hooky will provide the tractors and sled with trophies being awarded for first, second and third place in each age division. Adults can also try their luck at having a “pull through.”

At 2:00 p.m. rides will open. Rides featured include swings, a bouncy house and mechanical bull.

Live music will start at 4:00 p.m. with the Independence Bank Train taking children for rides beginning at 6:00.

Miss Sebree Summerfest pageants will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Miss Pre-Teen, Miss Teen and Miss Summerfest being crowned.

Sarah Brewer will perform immediately following the pageants. Her performance will conclude when the fireworks show begins at 9:00 p.m.

GRADD Senior Menu Listed For July

The July Green River Area Development District senior nutrition menu for July has been announced.

Meals to be served in July include Wednesday, July 2-bean soup with ham, spinach, cornbread, fruited gelatin and margarine

Thursday, June 3-chicken cordon bleu, zucchini and squash, garlic mashed potatoes, brownie, dinner roll and margarine

Friday, June 4-Close for the Fourth of July

Monday, July 7-baked chicken, broccoli and cheese, scalloped potatoes, fresh apple, dinner roll and margarine

Tuesday, July 8-fish sandwich, roasted sweet potatoes, creamy cole slaw, hot apples, dinner roll, ketchup

Wednesday, July 9-diced chicken, salad blend, corn chowder, chocolate chip cookie, dinner roll, Italian dressing

Thursday, July 10-pork chop, cooked greens, mashed potatoes with gravy, maddarin oranges, dinner roll, margarine

Friday, July 11-meatloaf, sweet peas, mashed potatoes, peaches, dinner roll, ketchup

Monday, July 14-breaded chicken, cooked greens, au gratin potatoes, red grapes, dinner roll

Tuesday, July 15-roasted turkey, baked potato (1/2), herbed carrots, diced pears, dinner roll, margarine, sour cream

Wednesday, July 16-spaghetti with sauce, house salad, broccoli and

cauliflower, banana, garlic breadstick, French dressing

Thursday, July 17-cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, healthy cole slaw, baked potato chips, apple sauce, hamburger bun

Friday, July 18-salmon patty, succotash, buttered noodles, graham crackers, apple slices, dinner roll

Monday, July 21-salisbury steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, roasted brussels sprouts, mandarin oranges, dinner roll and margarine

Tuesday, July 22-turkey sandwich, tomato soup, broccoli raisin salad, citrus fruit, cheese stick, wheat bread, mustard

Wednesday, July 23-meatloaf, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, clementine orange, dinner roll, ketchup

Thursday, July 24-grilled chicken, brussels sprouts, whipped sweet potatoes, lemon bars, hamburger bun, mayo


Friday, July 25-herbed pork loin, lima beans, sweet potatoes, mandarin oranges, dinner roll

Monday, July 28-BBQ chicken, cooked green beans, whipped sweet potatoes, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll, margarine

Tuesday, July 29-cheeseburger, baked beans, green beans, lettuce and tomato, apple slices, hamburger bun

Wednesday, July 30-breaded chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, sweet peas, banana, dinner roll

Thursday, July 31-pork with kraut, macaroni and tomatoes, lima beans, ambrosia salad, dinner roll



God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Jesus Works In Our Lives For Our Good And For His Glory

Q: I’ve borrowed far more money than I should have. I anticipated a rise in the stock market to help me pay it off, but hard times have hit, and I am getting farther behind all the time. I’ve asked the Lord to see a way to repay my loan. I’ve prayed asking Jesus to help me. Why hasn’t He met my needs?

A: When “answers” to prayers don’t happen the way you hoped and in the time frame you desire, it’s easy to have doubts about whether Jesus can truly meet your needs. I encourage you to examine your expectations for Jesus. You may see Him as someone who should simply fix all your problems and as someone you should be able to access for your own self-centered purposes.

Healthy expectations are grounded in truth. So, we need to see Jesus for who He is: the One who came to earth with a far greater purpose in mind than to solve every problem for us. Jesus came to take our sin-debt upon Himself and to die in our place. To receive the forgiveness of sin He offers, repent of your sins and put your faith in Him (John 3:16).

Of course, Jesus can do miracles, and He can supply our needs. When God doesn’t act according to our timeline, we should patiently watch to see what He is doing. Even when God doesn’t do things as we hope, we should trust Him to do what is for our good and for His glory (James 1:2-4).

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