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Celebrating July 4th: A Few Fun Facts

In honor of the Independence Day, here are a few fun facts from CBS News to share with your friends and family.

- > America gained its independence on July 2, 1776. Kenneth C. Davis, author of the "Don't Know Much About" book series explained, "The fact is that John Adams wrote home to Abigail on the 3rd that 'this day, July 2nd, will go down in history. We'll celebrate it with parades and pomp and bells ringing and fireworks.' And it was because Congress actually ruled it in favor of independence on July 2."
- > It was two days later, of course, that Congress then accepted Jefferson's declaration, explaining the vote two days before that really got fixed in the America's imagination as our birthday."
- > Thomas Jefferson drafted the Declaration of Independence on a "laptop," a kind of writing desk that could fit on one's lap.
- > John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826. Davis explained, "That may be the most extraordinary coincidence in all of history. On the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the declaration...the two giants of the declaration both died. ... Jefferson died first. Adams was alive, of course, in Massachusetts. He didn't know that Jefferson had died but said, famously, perhaps apocryphally, that 'Jefferson still lives.' And people took that to mean his words will live forever."
- > The Liberty Bell had nothing to do with July 4th. It wasn't called the "Liberty Bell" until the 1830s and that's also when it got its famous crack.
- > Only two men signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th 1776 -- John Hancock and Charles Thompson, secretary of the Congress.

We wish you a safe and enjoyable July 4th!

**Facts found at <https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/independence-day-fun-facts-you-may-not-know-about-july-4/9/>*

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July 1 – Palmerton Band

July 8 – Large Flowerheads (60s Oldies)

July 15 – Sunshine Symphony (80s Oldies)

July 22 – Marine Band of Allentown

July 29 – New Individuals (Oldies)

August 5 – The Pennsylvania Villagers (Polka and Variety)

August 12 – Hazleton Band

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JULY 2018 RECIPE

Fourth of July Berry Dessert Pizza

Ingredients:

- > 1 package or batch of sugar cookie dough
- > 1 package cream cheese, softened
- > 2 cups heavy cream
- > 1 cup powdered sugar
- > 2 teaspoons lemon zest
- > 1 cup strawberries, sliced
- > 1 cup blueberries

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Form the cookie dough into a large ball, then roll out into a flat circle on a pizza pan. It will expand, so make the crust slightly smaller in diameter than your pizza pan. Bake for 12-15 minutes or until the crust turns slightly golden.

While the cookie crust is baking, whip the cream cheese for 2-3 minutes on high until it is smooth. In a separate bowl, whip the heavy cream until it becomes stiff and peaks form. Fold the whipped cream into the cream cheese and add in the powdered sugar and lemon zest. Mix well until it's smooth and creamy. Cover and let chill in the refrigerator.

Remove the cookie crust from the oven and let it cool for 15 minutes. You can place it in the refrigerator so it chills more quickly. Once it's cool, spread the icing over the entire crust. Decorate the pizza with circles of alternating strawberries and blueberries, or whatever design you desire. Serve immediately. Cover and save the leftovers in the refrigerator for up to five days.

Featured Feature Calling Feature Star Codes

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Activate *69
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Deactivate *73

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Activate *67
Deactivate *67

Do you know that Palmerton Telephone copper wires, connected end to end, circle the earth 4 times at the equator?

Brain Teaser May 2018 Winner

Congratulations to **Donna Kilgallon of Palmerton, Pa.** Donna was the winner of a \$25 Gift Card to Claude's Creamery in Palmerton, Pa.

A boy is walking down the road with a doctor.
While the boy is the doctor's son, the doctor is not the boy's father. Then who is the doctor?

Answer: The doctor is his mother

The Internet of Things

AND UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL PRIVACY IN A HYPER-CONNECTED WORLD

Every company has a product. For home improvement stores, it's building materials and tools. Book stores sell books. Coffee shops sell coffee. PenTeleData's product is the Internet. Our partners' products are phone, cable, Internet, and security systems. All of these are pretty straight-forward. What about Google, Facebook and other social media and content providers? Their product is YOU!

Each of these companies collect and use your information, including browsing habits and any other details, to target your content. Social media providers may offer networking opportunities, but in turn, you are sharing your viewing habits, contact lists, and more. This can be filtered to determine what you should or should not see, including political opinion or articles promoted by advertisers who want access to you. They can even use your information to sell your habits, views, shopping detail, etc. to others who can also use this information for profit. In fact, all of this is even more possible with "Internet of Things" (IoT).

The IoT describes the relationships between the giant network of connected "things" and people. The IoT is basically the connecting any device with an on and off switch to the Internet and/or to each other. This includes everything from cellphones, coffee makers, washing machines, headphones, lamps, wearable devices and almost anything else imaginable, like machine components such as a jet engine of an airplane or the

drill of an oil rig. The IoT is here to stay. Perhaps cars will have access to our calendars and already know the best route to take. If traffic is heavy, it could switch your route and send a text message to the other parties involved with the meeting. On a broader scale, IoT could be applied to transportation networks and smart cities with reduced energy consumption. The ideas are endless. We are, no doubt, living in an age of a digital lifestyle. For individuals, that means we may want to be more cautious about how to protect our personal information. Here are a few ideas to help:

- > Routinely Update all software (PC, phone, tablets, etc.)
- > Establish and maintain strong passwords
- > Secure privacy settings on all social networks
- > Lock down your home network
- > Think carefully about what you are posting/sharing online (Don't overshare family details such as names, travel, location, address, friends)
- > Don't use apps for tracking if you don't want to share the information it requires (For example, a fitness tracker might store and track your health goals.)
- > Check your privacy settings for all devices

July 2018 Product Feature

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Brain Teaser

Palmerton Telephone is giving away a \$25 Gift Card to Claude's Creamery in Palmerton, PA.

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Good Luck! Palmerton Telephone

You may enter, but you may not come in, I have space, but no room, I have keys, but open no lock.
What am I?

FUN FACTS

Like most spider webs, the webs of cobweb spiders are sticky. When the spiders move away or die, the abandoned webs start to collect airborne lint and dust. The resulting dust laden strands hanging around lead to the false idea that cobwebs are not made by spiders.

There are 12 giant pandas in captivity in the United States, housed at the zoos in Atlanta, Memphis, San Diego and Washington. Zoo Atlanta and the San Diego Zoo have two cubs each. The youngest cub was born in San Diego in July.

The only vegetable or fruit never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any form but fresh...lettuce.

The concentration of salt in seawater (salinity) is about 35 parts per thousand. Stated in another way, about 3.5 percent of the weight of seawater comes from the dissolved salts; in a cubic mile of seawater, the weight of the salt (in the form of sodium chloride) would be about 120 million tons.

A gaffer in the motion picture industry and on a television crew is the head electrician, responsible for the execution (and sometimes the design) of the lighting plan for a production. The term gaffer originally related to the moving of overhead equipment to control lighting levels using a gaff.

Russia and Alaska are divided by the Bering Strait, which is about 55 miles at its narrowest point. In the middle of the Bering Strait are two small, sparsely populated islands: Big Diomedes, which sits in Russian territory, and Little Diomedes, which is part of the United States.