

HACKERS BRIEF

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ELON MUSK IS NOT SENDING OUT AWARDS

A Laramie citizen reported an email from a Vietnamese email address claiming "You have an award. Contact elonmusk@donationdetails.com for details."

EASTER GREETINGS SCAM IMPERSONATING SAM'S CLUB

If you receive an email with 3 Easter Eggs claiming to be from Sam's Club, don't click on the egg to see your hidden reward. The email is from an email ending with nerolikeys.com with the subject line of "Congrats, You have been Selected," and was reported by a Laramie citizen. Cyber-Wyoming Note: This same scam was reported by a different Laramie citizen a few weeks ago.

EMAIL WITH SUBJECT LINE OF "MY SUBJECT"

A Laramie citizen reported an email spoofing systemart.com (which appears to be a legitimate website) with the reply to address as a Gmail address claiming that a philanthropic foundation in India is "please to inform you that you are one of the lucky people to benefit and receive a million dollars." These emails are often used to steal your personal information. Do not click on the link in the email.

TWO PAYPAL EMAIL SCAMS

A Sheridan citizen reported two very poorly written emails with the subject line of "PLY-77A7a-APRIL-7" impersonating PayPal. The emails were a thank you for renewing PayPal membership and the phone numbers were spaced very strangely, ex +1 (2.0.5)-4.1.9 etc. The emails were from two different Gmail addresses spoofed as "BillingConfirmationj". (Note the spacing and the extra letter at the end.)

MCAFFEE SUPPORT TEAM WITH A GMAIL ADDRESS

An out-of-state citizen reported a scam email claiming to be a receipt for purchasing McAfee antivirus software. Dead giveaways in the email were "Dear user", some poor wording, the Gmail sender's address, and the amount of \$349.89 when the real antivirus software retails for under \$40.

PRO TIP FROM FIRST FEDERAL BANK & TRUST, SHERIDAN WY, ABOUT BROWSER UPDATES

If you set your homepage to the "About" page, it will automatically go out and pull the update each time you launch. Edge: edge://settings/help

Chrome: chrome://settings/help

The only hitch is that you need to wait for the browser to finish checking for updates before you navigate from the page (it only takes a few moments). If you have a group of tabs you open, just set it as one of the group.

TAX TIME ALERT

The only legitimate debt forgiveness program with the IRS is the Offer in Compromise (OIC), which enables taxpayers to request a debt write-down. Taxpayers needing this service need to be wary of turning to 'experts' that charge money to submit the real OIC application. Best bet? Go directly to the IRS's website and look up the OIC program. Brought to you by Scambusters.org.

SCAMBUSTERS.ORG REPORTS SURGE IN ROMANCE AND CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS

Social media sites are rife with scams, but be especially aware of romance and cryptocurrency scams as they are on the rise. Crypto scam victims lose an average of \$1,750 according to the National Consumers League and the FTC shows that romance scams have hit a record high with victims losing \$547 million in 2021. Bottom line, don't send money if you can't meet the person and validate they are who they say they are.

FTC ALERT CREDIT REPAIR

The FTC and the Department of Justice filed a lawsuit with Alex Miller Credit Repair, formerly known as Turbo Solutions Inc., saying they took people's money without delivering on its promise to boost credit scores. The FTC would like to remind you that anything credit counselors do for you legally, you can do for yourself, but if you are considering hiring someone to help remember that reputable credit counselors don't require you to pay in advance.

NEW ANDROID HIJACKING MALWARE ALERT

Malware called Escobar Lives has been spotted hijacking Android cell phones to steal passwords. Escobar Lives installs via text message links. Brought to you by Scambusters.org.

MS-ISAC PATCH NOW ALERT

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) has published a patch now (update your software) alert for Apache Struts, Google Chrome, Citrix SD-WAN, Microsoft, and Adobe products. If you use these products, make sure the software (or firmware) is updated.

Other ways to report a scam:

- Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker: www.bbb.org/scam-tracker/us/reportscam
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint
- Report your scam to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/complaint>
- Reported unwanted calls to the Federal Trade Commission's Do Not Call Registration. Online at <https://complaints.donotcall.gov/complaint/complaintcheck.aspx> or call 1-888-382-1222, option 3
- Office of the Inspector General: <https://oig.ssa.gov/>
- AARP Fraud Watch Network (any age welcome) Helpline 877-908-3360
- IRS: report email scams impersonating the IRS to phishing@irs.gov
- Call the Wyoming Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) for assistance with potential Medicare fraud, abuse, or errors at 800 856-4398

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GUEST COLUMN

Many benefits come from volunteering

It seems very appropriate that there is a month that honors volunteers. National Volunteer month in the U.S. takes place in the month of April. This month is dedicated to honoring all of the volunteers in our communities as well as encouraging volunteerism throughout the month. Why be a volunteer?



STELLA MONTANO

It's not for money, it's not for fame. It's not for any personal gain. It's just for love of fellow man. It's just to send a helping hand. It's just to give a tithe of self. That's something you can't buy with wealth. It's not medals won with pride. It's for that feeling deep inside. It's that reward down in your heart. It's that feeling that

you've been a part. Of helping others far and near, and that makes you a volunteer.

— Author unknown

Volunteers help change the lives of those in their community as a social responsibility rather than receiving a financial reward. As the volunteer coordinator at Sheridan Memorial Hospital for 12 years, I had the opportunity to work with some of the most amazing people. Their stories of why they gave of their time and what brought them back day after day were all along the same line — because they felt fortunate that they could give back to their community.

One beautiful lady made baby blankets for every baby born at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. When she relocated to another state for health reasons to live with her daughter, she continued to make and send her handmade baby blankets to us. For years, hundreds of babies born at the hospital were blessed with handmade blankets.

There are so many ways to volunteer in your community, your state or even on a national level. Volunteering connects you to others. One of the more well-known benefits of volunteering is the impact on the community. Volunteering allows you to connect to your community and make it a better place. Even helping out with the smallest tasks can make a real difference to the lives of people, animals and organizations in need.

I was at the Second Chance Sheridan Cat Rescue recently, and a volunteer there was sitting in a rocking chair



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From left, Clarence Montano and Wayne Schatz volunteer with a community food drive in Sheridan March 1, 2022.

holding kitties. She said they gave way more to her than what she was giving to them. One of the best ways to make new friends and strengthen existing relationships is to commit to a shared activity together. Volunteering is a great way to meet new people, especially if you are new to an area. If you've ever been to Sheridan Memorial Hospital during the holidays and have admired the beautiful Christmas trees throughout the hospital, it was the work of many volunteers assembling and decorating these trees.

After the Christmas holiday, the trees have to be taken down, delicate ornaments carefully wrapped and put away for the next year.

AARP accepts nominations each year for the AARP Andrus Award for Community Service. This is AARP's most prestigious volunteer tribute recognizing outstanding individuals age 50 and older who share their experience, talents and skills to enrich the lives of others. Last year's recipient of the award was from Goshen County. Paul Novac is known as the "Gem of Goshen County" for his many, many years of contributions. Each community has volunteer gems that make a difference. Thank you volunteers of Sheridan County for your part in making a difference.

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'Golden Girls' shows little age at inaugural fan convention

CHICAGO (AP) — TV shows about sci-fi or comic book fare usually inspire fan conventions — not a sitcom about four women of a certain age living together in Florida.

But sisters Hillary Wasicek, 37, and Melissa Gluck, 43, took this weekend's inaugural "The Golden Girls" convention

at Chicago's Navy Pier to heart. Both women, who flew from California, spent Friday in elaborate cosplay as the characters of Dorothy and Blanche. The series has always held a special place for them because of its themes of friends becoming family and inclusiveness. Dressing up in wigs and all, which they previously did

on a "Golden Girls" cruise, just enhances the convention experience.

"It's a fun expression of showing respect and appreciation for something you admire. It just makes you feel more a part of it," said Wasicek, who plans to don a different costume every day. "We just met so many people and heard so many stories. It's like "These are my people."

For Gluck, meeting other "Golden Girls" buffs gives her "a greater appreciation of the show itself. Now, I've gotten my son and husband into it."

Golden-Con: Thank You For Being a Fan, which lasts through Sunday, is giving those who adored the NBC sitcom a chance to come together. More than 2,000 attendees are expected to converge. The show, which ran from 1985-1992, starred Bea Arthur, Rue McClanahan, Estelle Getty and Betty White — the last remaining "Golden Girl" who died at age 99 in December. It was revered for showing their characters, who shared a house in Miami, dealing with issues later in life like ageism, sex and LGBTQ rights.

Like any "con," there are panels and Q&As with people who guest-starred or worked behind the scenes. There is a vendors market with booths carrying "Golden Girls" themed candles, masks, T-shirts and

other merch. Fans can snap photos in a recreation of the kitchen where the "girls" always ate cheesecake as well as a giant replica of Sophia's trademark purse. There are also two separate drag queen groups scheduled to perform tributes.

Among the guests are actress Bonnie Bartlett, known for roles on "St. Elsewhere" and "Boy Meets World" (both alongside her husband, actor William Daniels). She is notable for playing a stuck-up new friend of Dorothy's in a third-season episode. The two-time Emmy winner, 92, however, did not turn her nose up at the idea of a fan convention.

"I was running around chasing after Betty Grable and people like that," Bartlett said. "I was a big fan when I was a kid. So I understand this. My husband doesn't understand it but I do."

Stan Zimmerman, a TV producer whose second writing job was on the first season, never imagined mingling with fans nearly 40 years later. Being in an industry where popularity is fickle, he's not taking it for granted.

"So I've seen the trajectory of the popularity, but nothing like what is happening now," Zimmerman said. "It's so cool to see young people that obviously were not even born when we wrote it know every line."

DINING ROOM HOURS:
Monday-Friday • 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

BREAKFAST
7:00-9:00 a.m.

LUNCH
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Entrée choice or soup/salad. Entrée only offered for home delivered meals.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27	THURSDAY, APRIL 28
Fish tacos Salsa and chipotle sour cream Lime cilantro rice Corn w/peppers Cinnamon sugar cake	Chili Cinnamon rolls Broccoli Mixed berries and cream	Chicken alfredo fettuccini Green beans Garlic bread Garden salad Chocolate chip cookie
FRIDAY, APRIL 29	SATURDAY, APRIL 30	SUNDAY, MAY 1
Biscuits and sausage gravy Scrambled eggs Roasted zucchini Lemon bars	Honey mustard pork chops Roasted potatoes Vegetable medley Fruit	Herb roast turkey and gravy Cheesy broccoli rice Vegetable medley Fruit

MONDAY, MAY 2
BBQ meatballs
Baked beans
Peas and carrots
Garden salad
Pudding

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