

HACKERS BRIEF

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ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS ISN'T CONTACTING YOU

The Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, is a typical person for scammers to impersonate to gain legitimacy. A Sheridan citizen reported an email from a Gmail address claiming to be Mr. Mayorkas, warning her of an investigation of her communications with known fraudsters. This would definitely be below his pay grade and they misspelled his name Mayokas, without the ‘r’. Fake!

MORE FROM TUT.COM

If you receive an email spoofed as Walmart but really from a tut.com email address saying “Hi [your name], It’s your Lucky Day, Get a new Iphone 13 for free” note the odd capitalization and that the entire sentence is a link to a Christmas Card company in the UK. Don’t click on the link! Reported by a Sheridan citizen. Note that this citizen also reported two scams from the same email address with a surprise from Sam’s Club (and another one from Walmart with the same message), a different one spoofing Walmart just saying “3rd attempt,” a package delivery notification impersonating DHL, a thank you impersonating Ace, a reminder spoofing Lowes, and another one claiming to be from the 3 different credit agencies encouraging you to click on the link to check your credit score.

SHANEL WANTS TO BUY YOUR HOME

If you receive a text from Shanel at a 307 number asking to buy your home, a Big Horn citizen wants you to know it is fake. The Big Horn citizen forwarded this scam to us saying “we haven’t owned that home since 1992” which was probably a comfort that the scammer didn’t have their current address.

GEEK SQUAD AND NORTON IMPERSONATION SCAM

An email with the subject line of “Your Order has been placed with Tracking Refrence: AKH-6002AKL” (note the odd capitalization and typo of reference) from Stuart from Geek-Squad Billing, but with an iCloud email address, was reported by a Sheridan citizen. The email claimed that it was time for your Norton360 Deluxe to be auto renewed for \$599.99 and gave a fake 803 area code phone number to cancel or refund. Do not call the number! Reported by a Sheridan citizen. A Laramie citizen reported a similar Geek Squad (but called G Squad) scam from a .co (Columbia) email address. A helpful Wyoming citizen from Burns found this link explaining the Geek Squad Email Scam: <https://geeksadvice.com/geek-squad-email-scam/>.

PASSWORD RESET FAKE NOTIFICATION

A Laramie citizen reported a fake password reset that asked you to “Click and Keep the Same Password,” something no reputable company would ever tell you to do. The citizen was clued in because the email was from a Hotmail account and the subject line said it was 12:48 p.m. but the email actually came in at 6:48 a.m.

SUPPORT@[REDACTED COMPANY NAME] SCAM:

It isn’t unusual for scammers to spoof your own company’s email address by creating a “support@” email address with your company’s name. It is a good idea to educate your users on this use of generic email addresses to spoof users. This scam was reported by a Laramie company and they researched it and found that the link went to a Russian server.

BITCOIN TRANSACTION THROUGH CASH.APP SCAM

A Sheridan citizen received an email from cashapp@support.com asking her to download an attachment that contained an invoice to buy Bitcoin. The citizen doesn’t have a Cash.app account and didn’t buy Bitcoin.

AARP ALERT – GRANDPARENT SCAM

They will call, text, email, or message on social media claiming to be your grandchild or someone reaching out on behalf of your grandchild and they say that there was an accident and your grandchild is in jail. Then, the scammer asks you to send money right away through gift cards or a money transfer. *CyberWyoming Note: Sometimes they even mimic your grandchild and you may swear it is then, so be sure to create a family password. If the person on the other end of the phone doesn’t know the password, then you can be assured it is fake. When in doubt, hang up and call another family member before sending money.*

GOOD NEWS

Focusing, as we do, on the baddies makes it easy to overlook the fact that many organizations work tirelessly to protect us against scammers. So, it’s nice to be able to report a significant step forward in the battle against illegal robocallers. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has just required small phone service providers to implement the same ID authentication process (known as STIR/SHAKEN) used by bigger outfits. Brought to you by scambusters.org.

MS-ISAC AND CISA PATCH NOW ALERT

The Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (MS-ISAC) or the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has published a patch now (update your software) alert for Samba, Grails Framework (the back end of Apache Groovy), Google’s Android operating system, Google’s Chrome browser, F5, and Cisco’s Small Business RV Series Router 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/>

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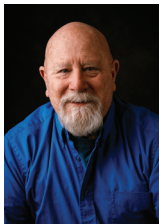
GUEST COLUMN |

Smoke detectors key home-safety asset

Smoke detectors save many lives each year. The risk of dying in a residential fire is cut in half in homes with working smoke detectors. If you use a walker or wheelchair, lose your balance easily or have low vision making it harder for you to get out of a burning house, a smoke detector can improve your odds of getting out without harm.

Many of us have experienced cooking in our kitchen when something like overheated oil sets off the smoke detector. After removing the pan from the burner your immediate next step is to try and quiet the shrill sound of the smoke detector. You may pull out the battery and get back to finishing the meal you had started and forget to put the battery back. This can be a future danger to you and your family. Statistics show most fatal fires take place at night when you are asleep. A smoke detector can wake you up and let you know you are in danger.

A smoke detector without working batteries is as good as not having one. Pick a time once a year that works well for you to change out your batteries. It could be at the beginning of the year (January) or when you



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change your clocks in the fall or spring. October is National Fire Prevention month and you will most likely see reminders during October to check your smoke detectors. Have at least one smoke detector on each floor of your home. It’s recommended to have a smoke detector outside each bedroom area. Keeping in mind that smoke rises, mount the smoke detector on the upper part of a wall or on the ceiling.

Sheridan Fire-Rescue firefighters are happy to help anyone in need of changing out the batteries in their smoke detectors. They will also provide a smoke detector to anyone who needs one, especially low-income folks. They recommend if you do not feel safe changing the batteries in your smoke detector, call them and they will replace the batteries for you. They especially recommend this for our senior population. You can reach Sheridan Fire-Rescue by calling 307-

672-6126.

Sheridan Fire-Rescue has a program where the American Heart Association as well as private donors and community donations help support the purchase of smoke detectors that are then shared in Sheridan County. The smoke detectors Sheridan Fire-Rescue purchase to install in homes have a 10-year battery life span. Anyone can purchase smoke detectors at a number of local stores that range in types and prices. Some even come as a combination carbon monoxide and smoke detector.

Getting smoke detectors is a good way to keep your family safe. There is even more you can do as a safety precaution. Keep a fire extinguisher on each floor of your home and one in the kitchen. Make sure your family knows what to do if the smoke detector sounds. Plan at least two exits from each room and make sure everyone knows about them.

For more home safety tips, see aarp.org.

JACK WOOD is a member of the Sheridan County AARP Community Action Team.



COURTESY PHOTO |

Welcoming Mountain Works Entertainment

The Chamber Ambassadors welcomed new Chamber member, Mountain Works Entertainment, with a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday, July 28, 2022. Mountain Works Entertainment is a Sheridan County organization that supports comedy, live entertainment and nonprofits. Pictured, from left, are Chamber Ambassadors Blake Mortensen and Thomas Snooks; Mark and Lois Bell, Mountain Works Entertainment; and Chamber Ambassadors Stella Montano and Nick Cordingly.

Inflation Reduction Act may have little impact on inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — With inflation raging near its highest level in four decades, the House on Friday gave final approval to President Joe Biden’s landmark Inflation Reduction Act. Its title raises

a tantalizing question: Will the measure actually tame the price spikes that have inflicted hardships on American households? Economic analyses of the proposal suggest that the answer is likely no — not

anytime soon, anyway. The legislation, which the Senate passed earlier this week and now heads to the White House for Biden’s signature, won’t directly address some of the main drivers of surging prices — from gas and food to rents and restaurant meals. Still, the law could save

money for some Americans by lessening the cost of prescription drugs for the elderly, extending health insurance subsidies and reducing energy prices. It would also modestly cut the government’s budget deficit, which might slightly lower inflation by the end of this decade.

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, AUG. 16 Shrimp and sausage jambalaya Vegetable medley Banana bars	WEDNESDAY, AUG. 17 Roast turkey Mashed potatoes & gravy Carrots Roll Fruit	THURSDAY, AUG. 18 Cheeseburger Potato wedges Cucumber salad Vegetable medley Lemon bars
FRIDAY, AUG. 19 Country-style BBQ ribs Baked beans Corn on the cob Fruit cocktail	MONDAY, AUG. 22 Beef tacos Salsa and sour cream Refried beans Corn and peppers Ambrosia	Renew your registration now! Updates are subject to change.

Find us on the internet at www.thehubsheridan.org or on Facebook: The Hub on Smith, a Center for All Generations.

Front desk: 307-672-2240	Housing: 307-675-4957
Home delivered meals: 307-672-6079	Fun and wellness: 307-675-4952
Loan closet: 307-672-1769	Help at Home services: 307-675-1978
Support center: 307-675-4954	Day Break adult care services: 307-674-496

RE-ELECT

NICK SIDDLER
County Commissioner

I will continue to be a strong voice for common sense and good judgment for Sheridan County.

- ★ Served one term on the County Commission including two years as Chairman.
- ★ Graduate of University of Wyoming (BS and MS).
- ★ Served Wyoming public education for 31 years.
- ★ Past president of both Wyoming Vocational Association and Wyoming Vocational Agriculture Teacher's Association.
- ★ Board member of Sheridan WYO Rodeo.

Nick Siddle
COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Paid for by Nick Siddle for County Commissioner