

HACKERS BRIEF

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AMAZON MAIL SERVICE 77 TEXT

A Big Horn citizen reported a text from amz_mail_service_77 saying her account was locked and a new login was detected from New York. The link to click on in the text was unusually long and went to hubapi.com instead of Amazon. If you get nervous about your Amazon account, it is always best to open a browser and sign into amazon.com directly. Don't click on links.

NORTON INVOICE IMPERSONATION

If you receive an email with a Norton 360 (popular antivirus software) three year renewal for \$422.53, a Sheridan citizen wants you to ignore it. The email is from William Rose at a Gmail address and the subject line is “#!THANKS FOR YOUR ORDER:-#NT2J4R8.” Don't call the number in the email.

PUBLISHER'S CLEARINGHOUSE

If you receive an email from “**PCH Sweepstakes**” at a lbdmessage.com email address, note that lbdmessage.com isn't Publisher's Clearinghouse's website address. The subject line of this fake email is “December 30th is approaching. What is your decision?” and the email encourages you to make your decision immediately for the prize. Emotion and urgency are weapons hackers often use to get you to click. Reported by a Sheridan citizen.

ANSWER & WIN IMPERSONATING ACE

Customer surveys through email are often a ploy to get your personal information. A Big Horn citizen reported an email impersonating Ace Hardware from Craftsman-Generator at a .ml (Mali) country code with the subject of “You've Been chosen!”

REALLY LONG SUBJECT LINE IS A CLUE IT'S FAKE

A Sheridan citizen received an email with the subject line of “Individuals would then be given a refund of your compensation if you continue to work with us #FWJO564FHN.” This is so long, it is definitely a clue it's fake. The email was from Gazali Dan malumma at a Gmail Address and the attachment showed a Geek Squad invoice. Don't respond or open the attachment.

ZELLE SCAMS COST

A newly-published U.S. Senate report shows that fraudsters using the bank-owned Zelle cash transfer and payment service netted almost \$214 million from more than 192,000 victims during 2021 and the first half of this year - from just four major banks. Only 3,500 of the victims were reimbursed. In other words, if you fall for a Zelle scam, your chances of getting your money back from the bank are fairly slim. Brought to you by scambusters.org.

ZELLE SCAM ALERT

- Zelle is a digital cash transfer service that is now starting to be impersonated by scammers. Here's how to protect yourself (from Scambusters.org):
- Never accept a message on face value that seems to come from Zelle or your bank. Always check your accounts directly online.
 - If you're told there's a security issue with your account, contact your bank directly to check.
 - Ignore threatening calls saying you'll be cut off, fined or even jailed if you don't send money immediately via Zelle. Legit organizations don't do this. But if you're worried, again contact the utility or other organization directly to check.
 - Make your accounts more secure by using a second code or password to access your account. And never give this to anyone, no matter who they say they are. We covered this in issue #637 <https://scambusters.org/passwordsecurity2.html>
 - Try to limit Zelle sending or receiving Zelle payments to people you know or those you have thoroughly checked out.
 - Never refund money without first checking that it's truly in your Zelle account.
 - If you have the Zelle payment app installed on your phone, make sure the device is always locked when not in use.
 - Don't let someone else use your phone unless you know them, or you can watch them all the time. And if you lose your phone with the Zelle app, notify the company and your bank immediately.

FTC ALERT – WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES

Remember that scammers also watch weather reports and storms, scammers may call, email, or knock on your door promising to inspect your furnace, repair your leaky roof, clean your heating ducts, or remove your snow. Remember to get references, search for the company's name with the words like “scam” or “complaint”, get a contract, and always pay by credit card.

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 Cisco's Identity Services Engine, Samba, and Mozilla's Firefox and Thunderbird 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/scamtracker/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

VICTIM SUPPORT

The AARP Fraud Watch Network and Volunteers of America (VOA) created a new, free program to provide emotional support for people impacted by a scam or fraud, called ReST. Visit www.aarp.org/fraud-support to learn more about the free program and register.

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The season of giving – your contribution matters

As we roll quickly into the holiday season, I am sure many of you are feeling the way I do, a bit overwhelmed and a little harried thinking about the number of items on my quickly growing to-do list. Preparing for holiday gatherings, decorating, gift buying, school concerts, busy work schedules and many other things tend to take my focus away from the real meaning of this wonderful season.

In thinking about the topic for this month's column, I thought it was a perfect time to take a minute and reflect on the season and what could I do to be more in the moment and appreciative of all the good in my life and our community rather than focus on all that is stressful.

For me, I always feel more at peace and thankful when I give back. Giving back can be so many different things — gifts of time, monetary gifts or gifts of service. Nov. 29 is GivingTuesday



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have to those in need, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to contribute toward building a better community that we all want to live in.”

In Sheridan, there is no shortage of organizations or people who would benefit from any type of gift. That gift could be something as simple as hold-

ing the door for someone, buying the car behind you in the drive thru a coffee or simply just being kind to those we encounter.

Our community is very giving and many local nonprofits have partnered with generous local businesses to match monetary gifts given on GivingTuesday, which allows your gift to go farther. Other businesses match volunteer time with monetary donations or allow their employees time off from work to volunteer. Regardless of how you give back, I would encourage all of you to seek out opportunities not only on GivingTuesday but throughout this season. Do not underestimate the positive impact of a smile, a kind word or even a couple of dollars on not just those receiving the gift but on you as well.

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Handmade crosses

Students from Martin Luther Grammar School sell handmade crosses, crafted by the students themselves, to raise money for a class trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky during the Christmas Stroll Friday, Nov. 25, 2022.

Cherryville woman dances at her 105th birthday party

CHERRYVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Cherryville woman's first birthday party ever at age 105 turned out just perfect. Line dancers and square dancers performed routines to entertain her, 12-year-old Lily brought her 10-week-old yellow Labrador named Nina for her to pet and she even got the chance to meet a miniature pony named Daniel Jackson.

When her 66-year-old boyfriend, Joseph, fell ill, his brother, Ronnie Parks, stepped in to do the honors of providing the first dance of the night.

Lorene Summey wanted to get 105 birthday cards — one for each year of her life — but ended up with more than 1,200 cards, and more are arriving daily, say her caregiv-

ers at Somerset Court in Cherryville. A birthday card arrived from Wisconsin, meaning Summey has received at least one happy birthday wish from all 50 states. Other cards have arrived from as far away as England.

Cherryville Mayor H.L. Beam was on hand to wish her happy birthday as was Gaston County Commissioner Allen Fraley. Gov. Roy Cooper declared her actual birthday, Nov. 23, as “Lorene Summey Day” in Gaston County. Beam called the Cherryville native the oldest person living in either Gaston or Lincoln counties, and the oldest member of First Baptist Church of Cherryville.

Summey wore a jeweled tiara on her head and a pink Western dress decorated with a bright, flowery design. Members of the Cherryville Police Department and town firefighters escorted her in to her party

“I can't believe it,” said Summey. “It's so unreal.”

About 200 or more people attended Summey's birthday party at the rest home when she resides. She wanted a hoe down, and staff decorated the main dining hall to look like a barn. Summey clapped along to the song “Cotton-Eyed Joe,” as she and the other residents smiled and enjoyed the dancing and music.

Ann Kozliner and Summey eat lunch together

every day, and the younger woman was glad to see her friend having a good birthday.

“She has a wonderful spirit and a great attitude,” said the 67-year-old woman. “She's thankful everyday to be alive.”

Summey put herself through night school and worked at the former trucking company in town, Carolina Freight, for 39 years. Jennifer High of Vale remembered how her great-grandmother loved and cared for her “PawPaw,” who died about 25 years ago.

“She was a very good caregiver. She was right there with my great-grandfather (Walt) until he passed,” said High.

Summey's only child, 82-year-old Roger, talked about his mother as a strong woman who always showed him love, even when she was trying to get him to behave.

“She would yell at me a lot,” he said. “I was into everything coming and going, but I had to listen.”

In 51 years of practicing medicine, Dr. Guillermo Lesassier said he has cared for patients around the same age as Summey, but none in as good shape both physically and mentally. Summey asks questions during her medical visits and carries on conversations easily.

“She is blessed by God,” her doctor said.

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, NOV. 29 Meatloaf Stewed tomatoes Roasted red potatoes Peas Berries and cream	WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30 Chicken cordon bleu bake Wild rice pilaf Broccoli Strawberry shortcake	THURSDAY, DEC. 1 BBQ Pork on a bun Baked beans Carrots Fruit
FRIDAY, DEC. 2 Chicken marsala Vegetable medley Chocolate zucchini cake	MONDAY, DEC. 5 Shepherd's pie Green beans Artisan bread Rocky road pudding*	Renew your registration now! Updates are subject to change.

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