

HACKERS BRIEF

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EMAIL WITH SUBJECT "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

A Wyoming citizen reported a phishing email from Jerry Walland, an auditor. He wants you to join with him in a business venture worth \$20 million. The email is really from idola.net.id, which is in Indonesia.

EMAIL WITH THE SUBJECT "ACTION REQUIRED: INCOMPLETE DSBS/SAM REGISTRATION"

A Boulder citizen reported receiving an email that his SAM registration was incomplete and to call a phone number to fix it. The citizen had just finished the registration, and the email came from samsregistration.com, so it seemed legit, but it was a scam. *CyberWyoming note: Always look up the phone number via a different channel, and then call that number to verify. In this case, the phone number is not searchable, and the SAM (System for Award Management) and SBA (Small Business Administration) websites explain that many scammers are impersonating their websites, email addresses, and phone numbers.*

HAVE YOU EVER RECEIVED AN EMAIL OR TEXT THAT JUST SAYS "HI"?

Never respond as these are how "pig butchering scams" start, leading to conversations with scammers who have increasingly sophisticated investment playbooks as well as websites, dashboards, and phone apps. An investigator for Wired Magazine found that the scammers didn't care that he was an investigator and continued to try to ensnare him in their schemes. The scammer's investment website was even rated high on a Google search so that any potential victim might think it was a legitimate. These pig butchering scams are run by crime syndicates in China and some other Asian countries, and they have stolen at least half a billion dollars in 2021. Check out the full article: <https://www.wired.com/story/pig-butchering-scams-evolving/>.

2023 OUTLOOK

The Internet Theft Resource Center (ITRC) warns that impersonation will be the scam category in the coming year, along with social media account takeovers and romance/dating scams. Other experts have said they expect to see a further sharp rise in the use of ransomware. The Center also predicts an increase in con tricks and fraud targeting immigrants and ethnic minorities who don't have good command of English. Brought to you by scambusters.org. *CyberWyoming Note: Wyoming companies and charitable organizations have been impersonated, so before you give out your personal information or money, always call to double check.*

TOP 7 SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR IN 2023

AARP has compiled a list of the top scams that have been repurposed for 2023 including payday loans, one-time password bot scams that get you to provide authentication codes to your bank or investment funds via an unsolicited phone call or text, student loan forgiveness, puppy purchases, stealing checks from mail boxes, and fake QR codes. *CyberWyoming Note: It's worth checking out these scams on <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2023/top-scammer-tactics-2023.html> as some of these are really sneaky such as replacing the QR code on a restaurant menu!*

USPS TRICK

Ignore any text message you receive saying the United States Postal Service can't deliver a package because your address is incomplete. For instance, it may say they don't have your house number. Victims are told to call a toll-free number where they're asked to pay a \$3 fee to update records, using a credit card. USPS doesn't operate this way, and the crooks not only get your \$3 but also your card number. Brought to you by scambusters.org.

FTC LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE TO HELP YOU SPOT A SCAM AND EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY

The FTC launched a new website called Money Matters: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/money-matters-how-spot-avoid-and-report-scams>. It outlines information on credit reports, buying/renting a home, employment scams, borrowing and debt, your rights when shopping, buying and owning a car, student scams, and prizes/grants scams. Educators, check out the presentations, graphics and more for your classroom!

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 Apple products including Safari, macOS, iOS, iPadOS; Citrix Workspace Apps, Virtual Apps, and Desktops; Firefox 110 and ESR; Adobe products including After Effects, Connect, FrameMaker, Bridge, Photoshop, InDesign, Premier Rush, Animate, Substance 3D Stager; many Microsoft products including Azure, Office, and Windows. If you use these products, make sure the software (or firmware) is updated.

DATA BREACHES IN THE NEWS

Reddit, Pepsi Bottling, and a breach of GoAnywhere developer Fortra affected over one million patients of Community Health Systems (one of the largest healthcare service providers in the U.S.). *CyberWyoming Note: If you have an account with one of these companies, be sure to change your password and consider placing a credit freeze on your accounts through the three credit reporting agencies: TransUnion, Experian, and Equifax.*

Please report scams you may experience to phishing@cyberwyoming.org to alert your friends and neighbors.

Other ways to report a scam:

- Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker: www.bbb.org/scamtracker/us/reportscam

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GUEST COLUMN

Transporting Sheridan

How many of us jump in our cars every day to go to work, medical appointments, the grocery store or just out for a drive and don't give a second thought to having a consistent and reliable mode of transportation? It's me. I do this every day.

For many of us, owning and driving a car is just part of everyday life and not something we see as a luxury. But for many, the lack of reliable transportation is a barrier to keeping a job, obtaining needed medical care, purchasing groceries rather than fast food or just being able to interact with peers socially.



MEREDITH SOPKO

Thankfully, Sheridan does have a public transportation system that has become a vital part of the community and a resource utilized by many. Goose Creek Transit, which is a program run by The Hub, provides both public transportation and a door-to-door service. Many are unaware of this, but the door-to-door service, formally known as the Mini Bus, was the first service that The Hub provided when it opened in 1973.

The fixed route or Sheridan Shuttle as many know it, was the result of a community transportation study that was conducted in 2018-19, which identified lack of transportation as a poten-

tial barrier to those of lower income. There were several options identified to implement a public transit system but the option that made the most sense at the time was to have The Hub run it. We had an existing garage, fleet, drivers, admin staff and a knowledge of what it would take. And so, in 2019, the Goose Creek Transit fixed route was born.

Currently the fixed route operates Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and there are 36 stops located around Sheridan. The most recent stop added to the route is at the Whitney Center at Sheridan College in October 2021. While we do not charge a "fare" to ride, there is a suggested contribution of \$2 that can be dropped in a donation box on the buses or bus tickets can be purchased at The Hub. The door-to-door service operates Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Rides must be scheduled 24 hours in advance and the fares charged are based on age of the rider and distance of the trip. Goose Creek Transit also makes trips regionally once a week for those needing transportation to medical or other appointments.

Currently, Goose Creek Transit is transporting between 4,000-4,500 community members a month and on average, 130 people a day. This is 130 people every day who can go to work, school, medical and mental health appointments and buy groceries.

The program, largely funded by Federal Transportation

Administration and WYDOT grants, also requires local matching funds. The Hub is extremely fortunate to have the support of the city of Sheridan, Sheridan County, local businesses, foundations and many private donors. Over the next few months, you will begin to see a few bus shelters being constructed at some of the most frequently used stops. These shelters have been made possible by generous private donors and grant funding from WYDOT. I know that I look forward to seeing the shelter that will be built by the police station on North Main Street. There is not a morning that I drive past it that I don't see someone waiting, rain, snow or scorching heat.

This service is vitally important to a great many Sheridan residents and one that goes largely unnoticed if you aren't using it. The Hub is grateful for the many businesses, private donors, grant funding and especially to the city of Sheridan and Sheridan County for the continued support of Goose Creek Transit. If you have a free minute, please consider sending your state, city or county representative a note, email or quick phone message and tell them thank you for caring about all Sheridan County residents and thank you for supporting Goose Creek Transit. None of us ever know when we may need a lift and it's nice to know the Goose Creek buses will be running.

MEREDITH SOPKO is director of development for The Hub on Smith.

Taking flight

A hawk takes flight in search of prey near the Flying H Polo Club in Big Horn Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023.



MATTHEW GASTON | THE SHERIDAN PRESS

Legacy of Wounded Knee occupation lives on 50 years later

WOUNDED KNEE, S.D. (AP) — Madonna Thunder Hawk remembers the fire-fights.

As a medic during the

occupation of Wounded Knee in early 1973, Thunder Hawk was stationed nightly in a frontline bunker in the combat zone between Native

American activists and U.S. government agents in South Dakota.

"I would crawl out there every night, and we'd just be out there in case anybody got hit," said Thunder Hawk, of the Oohenumpa band of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, one of four women assigned to the bunkers. Memories of the Wounded Knee occupation — one in a string of protests from 1969 to 1973 that pushed the American Indian Movement to the forefront of Native activism — still run deep within people like Thunder Hawk who were there.

Thunder Hawk, now 83, is careful about what she says today about AIM and the occupation, but she can't forget that tribal elders in 1973 had been raised by grandparents who still remembered the 1890 slaughter of hundreds of Lakota people at Wounded Knee by U.S. soldiers.

"That's how close we are to our history," she told ICT recently. "So anything that goes on, anything we do, even today with the land-back issue, all of that is just a continuation. It's nothing new."

Other feelings linger, too, over the tensions that

emerged in Lakota communities after Wounded Knee and the virtual destruction of the small community. Many still don't want to talk about it.

But the legacy of activism lives on among those who have followed in their footsteps, including the new generations of Native people who turned out at Standing Rock beginning in 2016 for the pipeline protests.

"For me, it's important to acknowledge the generation before us — to acknowledge their risk," said Nick Tilsen, founder of NDN Collective and a leader in the Standing Rock protests, whose parents were AIM activists. "It's important for us to honor them. It's important for us to thank them."

Akim D. Reinhardt, who wrote the book, "Ruling Pine Ridge: Oglala Lakota Politics from the IRA to Wounded Knee," said the AIM protests had powerful social and cultural impacts.

"Collectively, they helped establish a sense of the permanence of Red Power in much the way that Black Power had for African Americans, a permanent legacy," said Reinhardt, a history professor at Towson University in Towson, Maryland.

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

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A CENTER FOR ALL GENERATIONS

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.

<p>TUESDAY, FEB. 28 Cabbage roll casserole Green beans Roll Chocolate cake</p>	<p>WED., MARCH 1 Cranberry glazed ham Garlic mashed potatoes Peas and carrots Fruit</p>	<p>THURS., MARCH 2 Teriyaki chicken Rice pilaf Asian blend vegetables Spice cake</p>
<p>FRIDAY, MARCH 3 Philly cheese steak Potato wedges Carrots Berries and cream</p>	<p>MONDAY, MARCH 6 Baked chicken Mashed sweet potatoes Cauliflower Chocolate pudding</p>	<p>Renew your registration now! Updates are subject to change.</p>

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