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Calling 911

EMS Week is May 20-26

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member, time is of vital importance. Front row l-r: Heather Stout, Karena Donohue, Tim Dalton, Denise Sommerfelt. 2nd row: First Responder Schultz, Barb Nesbit, Russ Nesbit, Steve Morley, Paul McHone, Jim Stanton, Lynne Stout. Not pictured: Jeff Anderson, Dave Lingenfelter, Kim Lingenfelter, Ron Reil, Jeff Seamans, & Jamie Zedecker

Memorial Day Services

by Cal Smith
 Memorial Day is Monday, May 28. This years Memorial Day services are as scheduled below:

- 7 AM Veterans Memorial Park
- 7:15 Charma Park Bridge-for those lost at sea
- 7:30 Lester Cemetery
- 7:45 Greshem Cemetery
- 8:00 Bennington Cemetery
- 8:30 St.Francis Cemetery
- 10:00 Fairview Cemetery

This year's guest speaker, at Fairview Cemetery, is Master Sergeant Randy McClain of Dunkerton. He will be presenting to Peter Kress Post 636 an American flag that was flown over his duty station while serving in Afghanistan. The traditional Legion breakfast will be hosted by Earl and Norma Bartholomew family @ the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

nated for inclusion in the Extreme Makeover: Home Edition television show in November 2009. Friends and

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Students Donate Toward Home Project

By John Klotzbach
 DUNKERTON – National Honor Society members at the

Dunkerton High School decided to donate the proceeds of their Bowl-a-thon fund raiser

to Building Dream in the Country (BDC), an organization near and dear to the heart of their guidance counselor, Mrs. Shalon Frye.

The history of BDC began when the Spece family in Buchanan County was nomi-



On hand for the Dunkerton National Honor Society check presentation to the Building Dream in the Country project were (front row, left to right): Kathy Finholt (BDC committee), Ashlea Malek, Hayley Dodge, Logan Studer, Lizzy Fangman and Shalon Frye (BDC committee and Dunkerton High School counselor). Second Row: Daniel Rigdon, Tyler Gamerdinger, Robby Gibson and Austin Segebarth. Third row: Cassie deNeui, Lexee Gamerdinger, Kelli Zuck, Laura Steffen and Alivia Littlefield. Fourth row: Rylan Johnson, August Magee, Conner Pollock and Brandi Smith, Fifth row: Madison Stefen, Mr. Jeff Thompson (NHS sponsor), Amanda Phillips and Randi Smith.

Photo courtesy of John Klotzbach/Independence Bulletin Journal

Special Olympics Torch Run

The annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Iowa Special Olympics was run throughout the state starting May 14th, and culminated in an opening ceremony which started the Iowa Special Olympics Summer Games, at Hilton Coliseum in Ames on Thursday, May 17th.

The Black Hawk County leg of the run commenced on Friday, May 11th along Poyner Road into Gilbertville. Officers from several local law enforcement agencies ran the torch through Gilbertville and met up with approximately 200 Black Hawk County 6th grade drug education students and local Special Olympians to

run the last half mile into the city park. All participants enjoyed a barbecue lunch furnished by Tyson Foods, Con-Agra, Hostess, Old Dutch, Wonderbread, Casey's and several other local sponsors. The torch run is an annual law enforcement fundraiser for the Iowa Special Olympics and is a great way to publicly recognize area Special Olympians who have qualified for the Summer Games in Ames. Schools participating in the run this year were Gilbertville Don Bosco, Union Community, and Dunkerton Community Schools.

HVAAA Meals

(Waterloo, Iowa) November 16, 2011 – Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging has its May & June meals planned. Each meal includes milk. Meals are offered on a contribution basis for people over 60 year of age. Actual cost for the meal is \$6. People under 60 must pay the actual cost.

There are two menu options on most days of the month. Both congregate and home delivered meals may choose between option A and option B. Meals must be ordered in advance. All meals must be ordered by 9 a.m. the day before receiving a meal. Preference for Option A or B must be given at time of order – if no preference is given, Option A will be served.

Meals are served in Dunkerton Mondays and Thursdays, for reservations call 319-822-7910

May 21:

A: Beef Cabbage Casserole, Whole Kernel Corn, Stewed Tomatoes, Wheat Bread, Cinnamon Applesauce, and Margarine

B: Oriental Chicken Salad, Orange Juice, Crackers, and Cinnamon Applesauce

May 24:

A: Chicken Cacciatore, Roasted Potato Medley, Spinach, Multi-Grain Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Margarine

B: Mixed Bean Soup, Egg Salad, Carrot Raisin Salad, Multi-Grain Bread, and Fresh Fruit

No meal on the 28th

May 31:

A: Roast Beef with Gravy, Baked Potato, Green Peas, Wheat Roll, Chambord Pudding, Sour Cream, and Margarine

B: Apple Glazed Pork Patty, Baked Potato, Green Peas, Wheat Roll, Chambord Pudding, Sour Cream, and Margarine

June 4:

A: Beef Spaghetti Casserole, Italian Mixed Vegetables, Tossed Salad with Dressing, Wheat Bread, Carnival Cookie, and Margarine

B: Chef Salad with Turkey, Orange Juice, Crackers, Carnival Cookie, and Assorted Salad Dressings

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Alive & Running

The 3rd annual Dunkerton Alive and Running 5k for Suicide Awareness and Prevention is quickly approaching. The 5k is at 7:30am on June 16 and registration guaranteeing a t-shirt cuts off on June 2.

There are 3 ways to be a part of the largest suicide awareness event in our entire state: run/walk the 5k, volunteer at the event, or donate money to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. To register for the 5k or to donate directly to AFSP, please go to www.aliveandrinning-iowa.com

To volunteer to help at the event, please contact Ryan Nesbit directly.

Our goal is 1000 people walking/running the streets of Dunkerton on June 16. Please support us in reaching this goal.

There will be a fish supper at the Community Hall Friday night benefiting the Dunkerton Veterans. Also a sky lantern ceremony around 9:00pm Friday night that you won't want to miss.

Saturday morning starts off early with the 5k at 7:30, awards ceremony and guest speakers around 8:30, and then breakfast will be served at Chucky's Tollgate.

Please support this tremendous event in any way that you can. Suicide has directly affected many of us and our state currently averages one suicide per day. Join us to raise awareness, get a little exercise, and bring hope to those who are hurting.

Thank you,
Ryan Nesbit

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, May 21, 2012
 Softball: Girls Varsity Game
 6:00PM JV 7:30 Away vs.
 Jesup Jesup HS

Tuesday, May 22, 2012
 Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls Varsity
 Game 4:00PM Away vs.
 Wapsie Valley Wapsie Valley
 High School

Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls JV Game
 5:30PM Away vs. Wapsie
 Valley Wapsie Valley High
 School

Wednesday, May 23, 2012
 Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls Varsity
 Game 5:00PM GMG Com-
 munity School District
 Dunkerton High School

Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls JV Game
 6:30PM GMG Community
 School District Dunkerton
 High School - Baseball Dia-
 mond

Friday, May 25, 2012
 Softball: Girls Varsity Tourna-
 ment 3:30PM Away vs.
 Jesup Jesup HS

Saturday, May 26, 2012
 Softball: Girls Varsity Tourna-
 ment 09:00AM Away vs.
 Jesup Jesup HS

Monday, May 28
 * MEMORIAL DAY

Wednesday, May 30, 2012
 Baseball: Boys Varsity Game
 5:00PM Away vs. Meskwaki
 High School

Softball: Girls Varsity Game
 5:00PM Away vs. Meskwaki

High School Meskwaki
 High School - MESKWAKI
 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

Bsb/Sb: Boys (6:30) & Girls
 (5:30) JV Game Away vs.
 Meskwaki High School

Thursday, May 31, 2012

Bsb/Sb: Boys & girls JH Game
 10:00AM Tripoli Dunkerton
 High School - Baseball Dia-
 mond

Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls Varsity
 Game 5:00PM Janesville
 Dunkerton High School -
 Baseball Diamond

Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls JV Game
 6:30PM Janesville Dunker-
 ton High School - Baseball
 Diamond

Friday, Jun 1, 2012
 Baseball: Boys Varsity Game
 5:00PM Away vs. CAL
 Cadets Cal High School @
 Alexander

Softball: Girls Varsity Game
 5:00PM Away vs. CAL
 Cadets Cal High School @
 Latimer

Bsb/Sb: Boys & Girls JV Game
 6:30PM Away vs. CAL
 Cadets Cal High School

Saturday, Jun 2, 2012
 Softball: Girls Varsity Tourna-
 ment 09:00AM Away vs.
 Hudson Hudson HS

Baseball: Boys Varsity Tour-
 nament 10:00AM Away vs.
 Hudson Hudson HS

Monday, Jun 4, 2012

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 Dunkerton High
 School - Baseball
 Diamond

Bsb/Sb: Boys &
 Girls Varsity
 Game 5:00PM
 Northeast Hamil-
 ton, Blairsburg
 Dunkerton High
 School

Bsb/SB: Boys &
 Girls JV Game
 6:30PM Northeast
 Hamilton, Blairs-
 burg Dunkerton
 High School -
 Baseball Diamond

Up Coming City Wide Events

Dunkerton City Website
www.CityofDunkerton.org

Click on the EVENTS tab for up to date information on Dunkerton City-Wide Events.

City-Wide Garage Sales (June 9, 8am-2pm)

Junk Pickup Day (June 16, 9am-12pm) – downloadable flyer

Contact information for Dunkerton Days (July 27-28)

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All letters to the editor must be signed and include a phone number or address for verification purposes.

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LIBRARY NEWS

School is almost out and summer is in the air. Looking

for some exciting activities to keep your family busy during the next few months of freedom? Join us at the Dunkerton Library this summer for our reading program—Dream Big: Read! Not only can your children be part of a program that fosters an early love of reading and learning, but your teens can also join the fun with our extended program for older readers called Own the Night. We also have activities going on for the whole family. Join us on June 7th at 6:30 P.M. for our kickoff event—live fruit bats in the library! Participants will have an opportunity to get their picture taken with the bats, as well as listen to an educational and exciting presentation from their handlers. We will also have a ventriloquist coming to do programs for the

children at 10:00 A.M. on 6/20, 7/5, and 7/17. We will even be having magician and entertainer Bob Kann come join us at 10:00 A.M. on July 14th! We will also have movie showings and a couple craft Saturdays. Children and teens can register for the program through June 7th. Prizes this year include a chance to win a Nook Tablet and much, much more! Prizes will be announced and dispersed at 12:00 P.M. on 7/21 before a family movie showing of Bedtime Stories. Your children will be receiving registration forms and a calendar of events at school or you can stop by the Library. You can even search for the reading program on Facebook under Dunkerton Public Library Summer Reading Program 2012! In June our hours will be extended until 8:00 P.M. on Mon, Tues, Thurs. So bring the whole family and join us this summer for fun, educational adventures as we Dream Big at our local library.

150 Year Celebration by St. Francis Church

St. Francis Church (Barclay) will be celebrating 150 years as a parish community on Sunday, June 3, 2012. The celebration will begin with Mass at 1 p.m. followed by a luncheon and memories.

All are welcome to join us at 7830 East Airline Hwy, Dunkerton. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 319-822-7477.

City Wide Garage Sale Information

The City Wide Garage Sales date has changed to the 2nd Saturday in June. June 9th won't compete against My Waterloo Days. The Dunkerton Library is the new sponsor. The fee will be \$5 per location, payable at the Library when you sign up. PLEASE DO NOT CALL, please sign up in person.

Last year there were 16 locations that did not sign up or pay, therefore the committee was forced to make changes. Other area small towns have their library as the sponsor, so Dunkerton is doing the same thing. *Please stop in to the library and sign up for the Garage sale if you plan to participate.*

Letters to the editor

By Tom Smock

It has been some time since my last article on the Veteran's Park. The (3) sizes of bricks are still available for your veteran's engraving. Many thanks to Bill Knebel for his mowing of the grass. Last year I recruited Tom Duffy to help with the condition of the grass and weed control. As is evident, he did a great job.

The bushes have been trimmed. They get out of control rather quickly. Next comes the trimming of the hedge. If you noticed the POW flag, it was donated by Neil Whitesell. I really like the colors. We will be having a Fish Fry on the evening of June 15th. Folks will be in town that evening signing up for the 5k Run/Walk sponsored by the "Alive & Running" suicide prevention group, and this will give them a chance to have a nice meal while they are in town. Chucky's is planning a breakfast on the 16th also. We will be looking for fryers to use at the evening meal, so if you have one and know how to use it, let me know if we can plan on you. We will be looking for a youth group to help at the meal. A donation to their

group will happen. I continue to receive comments from out-of-towners on how nice our memorial looks. Just remember, it is a tribute to all those who have wore the uniform. A little fact - Iowa had the most enlistees per capita in the Civil War of any union state. Missouri, our neighbor to the south, was split with the northern half mostly union leaning and the southern half confederate. New Jersey had the most battles fought in their state during the war.

By Tom Smock

The community hall has been the site for the exercise group for nearly a year, and the rent money has been nice. However, I would encourage the hall board of directors to seriously consider not renewing the contract. I do not like the phrase "That's How It Has Been", but maybe that fits here. When funds are needed for the hall, the community always responds. Maybe we don't need the outside source? Bev is a director, but I do not try to influence her on issues concerning the hall's operation. Just an opinion.

Church Rummage Sale

Barclay Presbyterian Church 4 miles South of Dunkerton will hold its annual Memorial Day rummage and bake sale May 26th and 28th. All proceeds go the missions. Clean rummage is accepted. Call 319-822-4263 to make arrangements for pick-up or drop off of rummage you want to donate.



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Project

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 neighbors thought they had an excellent chance of being selected as Sue Spece's three adult children live at home, and all are wheelchair-bound due to a form of muscular dystrophy called spinal muscular atrophy. Unfortunately, the Spece home lacks adequate handicap accessibility. As an example, simple transportation becomes an issue in the Iowa winter, as wheelchairs try to negotiate a gravel driveway with no cover from snow and rain.

When Extreme Makeover: Home Edition announced plans for an October 2011 build in Iowa, the Spece's friends and neighbors were even more hopeful. But when it turned out that a very deserving West Union family would be featured instead, the Independence community turned to itself for support. A new community group formed around "Building a Dream in the Country: A New Home for the Spece Family." The group is raising funds to purchase an All American Home through McNamara Custom Carpentry of Urbana.

Currently, 30 businesses and

families have either made major in-kind donations or pledges. Several groups have donated fundraiser proceeds, including the Gibbs family of West Union (recipients of the Extreme Makeover home). The Gibbs opened their home for a weekend earlier this year and charged admission. The event raised several thousand dollars.

According to Mr. Jeff Thompson, science teacher and NHS sponsor, the students have fund raised in the past for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the American Cancer Society. This year they have become the fifteenth group to donate cash to the BDC cause. Their donation of \$543.75 brings the total amount raised to around \$59,600. The goal is \$200,000, which includes a home with special amenities for someone in a wheelchair such as wider doors, a lift system, lower counter tops and ramps. If enough money is raised, a small wheel chair accessible tornado shelter will be built.

To see a base McNamara home floor plan, find out about donations needed and who to contact, visit www.buildingadreaminthecountry.com.

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but it will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.-Herm Albright

May is National Trauma Awareness Month

Waterloo, Iowa – May 17, 2012 – Spring is in full gear and many Americans head outside to enjoy the sun and pleasant temperatures. Along with people being more active comes the risk of more trauma injuries. Trauma injuries don't discriminate and affect every age group from infants to the elderly. This is why May has been dedicated to be National Trauma Awareness Month.

According to the American Trauma Society the leading causes of brain injury are falls, motor vehicle accidents, and assaults. Many of the motor vehicle accidents are caused by distracted drivers due to texting, talking on the phone, or even emailing. Alcohol is also a major factor in motor vehicle

accidents with almost 30 deaths every day. This is the equivalent of one person being killed by an alcohol related crash every 48 minutes. Alcohol related crashes are expensive as well costing Americans over 51 billion dollars a year.

The majority of Trauma injuries can be prevented by taking simple precautions. For instance seatbelts have saved an estimated 255,000 lives between 1975 and 2008, and sobriety check points have been shown to cut alcohol related crashes by 20%. Some key points to remember to prevent trauma injuries are to pay attention, don't text and drive, and never drink and drive. With a little effort and people staying alert everyone can have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Scambusters

By Scambuster Keith
 Issue #491 –May 9, 2012
 Prescription, Jobs and Mortgage Scams Promise to Ease Money Worries

Mortgage scams are back in the headlines following the launch of the Federal Government's Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP).

We've got the details for you in this week's Snippets issue. We'll also be taking a close-up look at how crooks are cashing in on the launch of the latest iPad model, and how others

are fooling people into paying for prescription services and discounts that they can actually get for free.

And an "old favorite" has recently resurfaced in the shape of a scam in which victims are accused of failing to turn up for jury duty.

Read on to learn more. **HARP Mortgage Scams**
 The HARP refinancing package, launched last December, is supposed to offer help to people whose homes are now worth SEE SCAMS/Page 6

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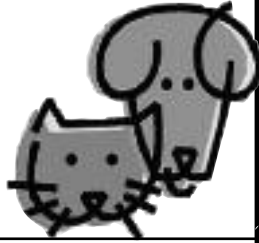
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Worship 10 a.m.

May 27: Lutheran Leaders - 7: The Educators - Michael Reu/Julius Bodensieck and others.

May 29: Worship Services Times change to 9 a.m. through Labor Day. No Sunday School during the summer.

May 30: Memorial Day



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—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth

Officials Visit Healthy Gardens, Healthy Youth Project Sites in Waterloo and Dunkerton

Waterloo – Brad Gaolach and Martha Aitkens from Washington State University and Janet Toering and Linda Naeve from Iowa State University Extension and Outreach toured Lowell Elementary School in Waterloo and Dunkerton Elementary in Dunkerton on Thursday, May 10. These officials are lead organizers of a \$1 million grant aimed at addressing childhood obesity and improving nutrition, a pilot project that spans four states, including Iowa. Each school was selected by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop and run the USDA Food and Nutrition Service People's Garden School Pilot Program.

During the past school year, students in grades 2nd and 4th grade at Lowell and Dunkerton Elementary have participated in gardening nutrition

education with the goal of empowering youth in their communities and increasing fruit and vegetable consumption. This pilot also explores the impact of school gardens on learning and on changing student consumption patterns so they make healthier food choices.

Students at Dunkerton and Lowell have planted their own school garden. School gardens educate students about food production and nutrition, one of the project's goals. Garden tours were planned during the visit. Officials were available to discuss project progress to date.

Kittrell and Poyner Elementary Schools serve as control school sites this year and will plant school gardens next school year. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach specialists are participating in the research, curriculum, and gardening components of the program.

Scams

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less than the mortgages the owners have on them — “underwater” homes as they're called.

Within just a few months of the launch of HARP, dozens of Internet sites have appeared supposedly offering to help homeowners use the program.

Many of these are from companies charging a fee for their services, which is bad enough, but some of these mortgage scams involve homeowners being told they have to sign over title to their home if they want to stay in it.

In other cases, homeowners have been advised to redirect their payments to the scam firms, stop paying their mortgage, or to file for bankruptcy, none of which will avoid a foreclosure and all of which will wreck credit records.

Action: If you're looking to refinance under the HARP program, visit www.making-homeaffordable.gov — the official site for the program, or call (888) 995-HOPE (4673).

Watch out for websites with similar or official-sounding names.

Also, work with your lender to solve problems — don't make payments or upfront fees to anyone else — and never sign

over your home to another individual or organization who promises this will solve your mortgage problems.

Learn more about refinancing scams from our earlier issues. <http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=OtaeW&m=JDlbaXVGUGtWfo&b=IHUF15Hx3On4JaAMXmVlPQ>
http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=OtaeW&m=JDlbaXVGUGtWfo&b=jDXrXCy_nwMXw_AKCYgT9w

Free Prescription Scams

On the subject of official-sounding names, a number of websites have been set up with words like “bureau” and “service” in their names, seeming to offer discount prescription packages.

Some of them, too, use the word “free,” implying they'll get your prescriptions without charge.

What these scammers are really doing is charging a fee, usually \$10 or \$20, to supply victims with a list of legitimate organizations that do, in fact, arrange prescription discounts, or to connect them with free pharmaceutical industry programs for low-income patients.

Although the discounters themselves may be perfectly legal, they often don't secure price cuts any better than you'd get through drug manufacturers' or state prescription subsidy programs.

We've written about these dis-

Century & Heritage Farms

Extension Seeks Information on Black Hawk County Century and Heritage Farms

Waterloo – Black Hawk County Extension and Outreach is seeking information from Black Hawk County farm families that have been designated as either a Century or Heritage Farm by the Iowa Department of Agriculture. An event showcasing these farms is planned on July 27 and 28 during the Black Hawk County Fair at Estel Hall on the National Cattle Congress grounds.

Project chair, Jill Ford, states, “In conjunction with the 100th anniversary of Extension and the 4-H in Black Hawk County, we are seeking to honor and learn about these farm families that have contributed to the economic wealth and well-being of our county. We are accepting pictures, stories or other artifacts that will uniquely tell their story.” During the fair, the community is invited to learn more about these farms by visiting Estel Hall between 11:00 am and 5:00 pm. on either July 27 or 28.

The Century Farms Program recognizes and honors those individuals who have owned the farm land for 100 years or more. The program began in 1976 as part of the Bicentennial Celebration, when over 5,000 certificates and farm markers were distributed across Iowa at local ceremonies. It is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, with the endorsement of the Iowa American Revolution Bicentennial Commission.

The Heritage Farms Program recognizes and honors family members where ownership and operation of a farm by members of the same family for one hundred and fifty years or more. The Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship in conjunction with the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation established the Heritage Farm Program for farm families that have owned at least 40 acres for 150 years or more.

Contact Jill Ford at jill.ford@fbfs.com or (319) 404-4652 for further information about this unique event.

Scams

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counters before. Many of them also charge for “membership.” http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=OtaeW&m=JDlbaXVGUGtWfo&b=cmfLkB_e9pvI35d1FoNDA

In some cases, victims who handed over their \$20 to the scam companies actually got nothing back at all.

Action: Don’t pay to get information about drug discounts.

If you need help, find out about Patient Assistance Programs (PAPs), operated by more than 75 pharmaceutical companies.

There doesn’t seem to be a reliable central database of these programs, so talk to your doctor, speak to your state health department, or check the manufacturers’ websites to find out

more.

Fake iPad “Mules” Scam

The popularity of Apple’s iPad tablet and the recent launch of the latest model have sparked a new wave of fake iPad scams.

Most of these are the sort we’ve written about previously — mainly “bargain” prices for non-existent machines.

For these, it’s a simple matter of applying the “too good to be true” rule to avoid being scammed.

But one new and particularly nasty trick uses victims as accomplices or “mules” to pull off their iPad scam.

They advertise online for “mystery shoppers” whose task is supposedly to return an iPad to a store for a refund, which they then have to wire

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back to their “employer.”

Trouble is, the iPads, which have been bought by the crooks, have been removed, resold and replaced with a chunk of clay. The boxes are then resealed and sent to the mule for return to a big box type electronics store.

The scam doesn’t become apparent until the item is then resold by the store.

Action: There is no such iPad-return “mystery shopper” job and, if you become involved, you could end up on the wrong side of the law.

Return of the Jury Duty Scam

You may have recently seen an email that is currently making the rounds warning about a phone call that tells victims they are about to be fined or arrested for failing to respond to a jury duty call.

The email is legit but the scam has been around for many, many years and we’ve reported on it a couple of times before.

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The jury scam is actually a phishing trick. What the scammers are after is personal, confidential information.

When the victim protests that they didn’t receive a jury duty notice, the scammer asks for their Social Security number and date of birth so the supposed enforcement action can be cancelled.

Action: The jury service doesn’t operate this way and you should never give out this sort of information to an incoming call.

The FBI issued a full alert on this scam back in 2006. You can read it here:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=OtaeW&m=JDlbaXVGUGtWfo&b=7Hz9dJxHiM.mtIJ4v.5NmG>

That’s a wrap for this week’s Snippets issue. But there’s no end to the torrent of scams out there.

Be on your guard. Don’t be hoodwinked by slick tricks like prescription discount and mortgage scams.

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