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Destiny Hanson	Shauna Mills	Shawn Broten	Amanda Phillips
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Hannah Heideman	Brittany Norem	Aubrey Duncan	Kensley Ricklefs
Cole Heiple	Danielle Reicherts	Sarah Fager	Justina Snyder
Hannah Johnson	Cassidy Rigdon	Lydia Herman	Kaylie Strauss
Charles Magee	Xena Root	Bradley Jessen	
James McClain	Lauren Sebetka	Tristan Kerr	12th Grade
Jordyn Nagel	Mackenzie Segebarth	Jordan Kubitz	Katrina Barker
Justine Nagel	Rylie Stanton	Kory Kuenstling	Cody Berry
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Jenna Salisbury	Gage Brandt	Brittany Pfautsch	Samantha Bruns
Sara Scoles		Jessica Rottinghaus	Paige Donohue
Brianna Stone	9th Grade	Delana Smith	Brandon Eighmey
Jonathan Strauss	Jacob Cox	Madison Steffen	Elizabeth Fangman
Hailey Weston	Abby deNeui		Tyler Gamerdinger
Mitchell Winkers	Bailey Epling	11th grade	Michael Leonard
Jordan Yessak	Morgan Finck	Jason Bedard	Ashlea Malek
	Bethanie Fish	Leeann Bienfang	Abigail Miller
8th Grade	Lanae Johnson	Kelsi Block	Daniel Rigdon
McKenna Boesch	Emilee Miller	Morgan Boesch	Ashley Satterlee
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Chelsea Fager	Harley Schuety	Lexee Gamerdinger	Randi Smith
Alexander Garbes	Andrew Winkers	Robby Gibson	Laura Steffen
Carley Happel		Hunter Heideman	Logan Studer
		Rylan Johnson	Kelli Zuck

4.0 Students

- 7th
 Jordyn Nagel
 Mitchell Winkers
- 8th
 McKenna Boesch
 Sarah Heideman
 Shauna Mills
 Brittany Norem
 Mackenzie Segebarth
 Rylie Stanton
- 9th
 Emilee Miller
 Andrew Winkers
- 10th
 Madison Steffen
- 12th
 Elizabeth Fangman

HCC Fall Graduates

WATERLOO--The following are Hawkeye Community College Fall Semester graduates and their programs of study. Graduates are listed in alphabetical order.

April Kimball
 Practical Nursing
 DIPL of Dunkerton

Justinia Speer
 Practical Nursing
 DIPL of Dunkerton.

Congratulations!

Scholarship Applications Being Taken

Smith / O'Connor Scholarship for Nursing Students
 January 24, 2012 - Covenant Medical Center Auxiliary and the Smith/O'Connor Trust Fund will award a scholarship to area students in 2012. The scholarship will be awarded in

May, 2012 and must be used in the 2012-2013 academic year and will be paid directly to the nursing school where the student is enrolled.

Qualified applicants must be second, third or fourth year student currently enrolled in a

nursing school program. Scholarship will be awarded on the basis of academics and financial need. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average and be from the local area (Black Hawk, SEE VISION/Page 4

Lost Black Hawk County

Press release—Linda Betsinger McCann will be speaking about her book, *Lost Black Hawk County*, at the Dunkerton Library on Saturday, March 10 at 10 am. Her book deals with towns or named locations within Black Hawk County that no longer exist. This is her second book in the *Lost Towns* series, after *Butler County*. She has written fifteen books, all dealing with history in the Cedar Valley or genealogy.

Have you heard the names of Emert or Lester? Do you know where they were located and what was at the towns? How about Knox, Greenfield or Aladdin? Each of these names were tied to a location in Black Hawk County. How did the Interurban affect Black Hawk County? Linda

will talk about these names and many more. How many names were in Black Hawk County? Come and find out.

Linda is the president and a founding member of the Shell Rock Historical Society in Shell Rock. She has been researching genealogy for about thirty years. She was surprised to discover she was descended from the founder of Shell Rock. Linda's great-grandparents settled in Iowa as early as the 1850s, and the seventh generation of her family lives in her hometown presently.

Everyone welcome and there is no admission charge. Linda will have copies of her *Black Hawk* and *Butler* books for sale to those who are interested.

Show Some LOVE!

Submitted

Can't decide what to get for that special someone for Valentine's Day? How about a romantic getaway at a Bed and Breakfast, or a relaxing massage? Dunkerton PTO's Raider Rewards are available from BandB.com and Vanderloo Clinic to supply them both! There are also lots of cards available for a nice dinner out and a movie at Marcus Theatres!

PTO is always looking for new members. We have lots of jobs available, and we only meet 6 or 7 times per year, so it's not too much time to give! If you are interested in joining us, come to our next meeting on the first Thursday of the month, 6:00 p.m., in the elementary computer lab. You can also contact pwinkers@dunkerton.k12.ia.us for more information.

Free Home Repair to Hit the Cedar Valley Area

Applicants wanted

Cedar Valley –TeenServe, a Wisconsin based, non-profit corporation, along with local co-sponsors from the Cedar Valley, will be combining efforts to provide free home repairs for elderly, disabled and low-income residents when a one-week workcamp will be held from June 24-30, 2012.

Approximately 400 teens and adult leaders will be coming from all over the USA and will be staying at Central Middle School. Six person crews (at least one adult and five teens) will spend their days completing home repair or painting projects for the elderly or others who cannot complete the work themselves because of physical or financial need. There is no charge to these families for labor or materials.

Supported by numerous local volunteers, each workcamp week will involve teens and adult leaders who each pay a fee for the privilege of lending a helping hand. All elderly and needy families who are struggling to keep up their homes are urged to apply to be a worksite.

Work will consist of building wheelchair ramps, weatherization, carpentry, and interior and exterior painting. TeenServe will work on approximately 80 individual homes within a 25-mile radius of Central Middle School

Teen Serve is in need of help in the following areas: fundraising (for materials), publicity, worksite visitation and volunteer coordination. If you or your organization would like to get involved in this effort, or if you would like to fill out an application to have TeenServe work on your home, please contact Pastor Brian King at brian.king@naz.org or call 266-7589. You can also visit our website at www.teenserve.bgcbhc.com for more information on how to apply.

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Senior Citizen Potluck

The next senior citizen potluck will be on February 21st, 2012 at the Community Hall. Anyone 62 & older is welcome. Bring a dish to share and small gift for Bingo. Lunch starts at 11:45. Call 464-5384 for more information.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Monday, Feb 6, 2012

State Jazz Choir

4:00 pm Basketball:G&B JV & G&B V Game vs. Colonesco @ Dunkerton HS - Gym-Main

Tuesday, Feb 7, 2012

12:45pm Ronald McDonald Visit

4:00pm Basketball:Boys JH Game vs. Tripoli @ Dunkerton HS - Gym- Junior High

6:00pm-8:00pm Basketball Practice-Elementary-4-6 Girls Gym- Junior High

Wednesday, Feb 8, 2012

Elementary-Green for Responsibility

1:00pm-3:00pm ACT Practice Test Testing Room

1:00pm Early Release

1:30pm-3:30pm Inservice

7:00pm-8:00pm Fine Arts Booster Meeting ICN Room

Thursday, Feb 9, 2012

Mid-Term - 3rd Quarter

4:00 pm Basketball:Boys JH Game vs. Clarksville JH @

Dunkerton HS - Gym- Junior High

6:00pm-8:00pm Basketball Practice-Elementary Boys-5-6 Gym- Junior High

6:30pm Basketball: Varsity Game vs. Clarksville High School @ Dunkerton HS

7:00pm Basketball:Girls Varsity Tournament vs. Janesville @ Janesville HS

Friday, Feb 10, 2012

TBD Bowling: Varsity Match Denver Community Schools, Valley Lutheran vs. Oelwein @ Viper Lanes, Oelwein

4:00pm Basketball:Boys JH Game vs. Don Bosco Catholic @ Dunkerton HS - Gym- Junior High

5:00 & 8pm Basketball:Boys JV & V Game vs. Clarksville High School @ Dunkerton HS - Gym-Main

8:00pm Basketball:Boys Varsity Game vs. Clarksville High School @ Dunkerton HS - Gym-Main

Saturday, Feb 11, 2012

ACT Test Date UNI

8:00am-10:00am Basketball Practice-Elementary Boys-5-6 Gym- Junior High
10:00am-12:00pm Basketball Practice-Elementary-4-6 Girls Gym- Junior High

Sunday, Feb 12, 2012

Random Acts of Kindness Week

Monday, Feb 13, 2012

Contact Linda with any news for The Dunkerton News
6:00pm-8:00pm Basketball Practice-Elementary-4-6 Girls Gym- Junior High

Allen Dean's List

Two local students have made the Allen College Dean's List at the completion of the fall semester of the 2011-2012 academic year.

Bachelor's students named to the Allen College Dean's List in the nursing programs must

complete at least 12 semester hours and achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or above. Students are April Belfield of Dewar Nursing BSN and Ashley Kimball of Dunkerton also Nursing BSN Congratulations!

ISU Fall Deans List

AMES, Iowa - More than 5,908 Iowa State University undergraduates have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2011 fall semester Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point av-

erage of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Dewar, IA
Stephani Lynne Anderson, Psychology Dunkerton, IA
Kara Lynn Bader, Music; Connor William Hoogheem, Biology (AGLS); Rebekah Joy Hosford, English; Lael Jean Johnson, Logistics and Supply Chain Management; Lyndsey Riann Johnson, Family Finance, Housing and Policy; Michael E. Rathe, Agricultural Studies
Congratulations!

Wednesday, Feb 15, 2012

3:30pm-6:00pm Basketball Practice - 7th Grade Gym- Junior High

Thursday, Feb 16, 2012

6:00pm-8:00pm Basketball Practice-Elementary Boys-5-6 Gym- Junior High

Saturday, Feb 18, 2012

Speech-All State Festival
7:00am-6:00pm Girls Basketball Tournament - Grades 4-6 Gym-Main, Gym- Junior High

Monday, Feb. 20, 2012

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Inservice
Make-Up Day #1
No School
7:00pm School Board Meeting ICN Room

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Mount Mercy Fall Dean's List

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (DATE) - Breanna Fecht of Dunkerton has been named to the fall 2011 Dean's List at Mount Mercy University. Students with a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better and who are graded (letter

grade, not pass/fail) for six or more semester hours are eligible for inclusion on the Dean's List.

Fecht is earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Lab Science.

Congratulations!

Kirkwood Announces Dean's List Honors

Cedar Rapids, Iowa --Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the Fall 2011 Semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours with the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction include:

Dunkerton
Alli J. Matthias, Liberal Arts - AS
Congratulations!

Scholarship

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Bremer, Fayette, Buchanan, Benton, Tama, Grundy and Butler counties).

Application forms, which include a request for a brief essay, grade transcripts and letters of recommendation, are available from the Covenant Foundation Office, 3421 West Ninth Street, Waterloo, (319) 272-7676 and online at

www.WheatonIowa.org, click on Foundations then Auxiliary Scholarships.. Applications submitted online will not be accepted. Completed applications must be received at the address below by April 6, 2012. Smith/O'Connor Scholarship, Covenant Foundation, 3421 West 9th Street, Waterloo, IA 50702-5499. Questions can be directed to Lois Brimmer (319) 234-2669.

HVAAA Meals

(Waterloo, Iowa) November 16, 2011 – Hawkeye Valley Area Agency on Aging has its December 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

February 6:

A: Beef Strip Patty, Brown Gravy, Baked Sweet Potato, Cabbage, Wheat Bread, Gelatin, and Margarine

B: Grilled Pork with Mushrooms, Baked Sweet Potato, Cabbage, Wheat Bread, Gelatin, and Margarine

February 9:

A: Cranberry Dijon Chicken,

Oven Roasted Potatoes, Green Peas, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Margarine
B: Tomato Rice Soup, Egg Salad, Corn Salad, Wheat Bread, and Fresh Fruit

February 13:

A: Western Pork Patty, Rice Florentine, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Chocolate Pudding, and Margarine

B: Sliced Turkey Breast, Broccoli Salad, Kidney Bean Salad, Wheat Bread, Chocolate Pudding, and Mustard

February 16:

A: Italian Style Pork, Parslied Potatoes, Green Beans with Tomatoes and Onions, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Margarine

B: Chicken Caesar Salad, Orange Juice, Wheat Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Assorted Salad Dressings

February 20:

A: Meatballs with Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Capri Vegetables, Multi-Grain Bread, Pineapple Tidbits, and Margarine

B: Zesty Baja Chicken Salad, Beet Salad, Bayou Coleslaw, Multi-Grain Bread, and Pineapple Tidbits



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By Scambuster Keith
Issue #475 January 18, 2012

Scambusters

The Fourth Credit Bureau You Don't Know About

Keeping track of your credit report via the three big credit bureau companies — Equifax, Experian and Transunion — is a key part of safely managing your finances.

Firms use these records, in particular your consumer credit score, to decide if you're a safe bet to lend money or extend credit to.

We've explained before how you can access your consumer credit score for free at each of these firms and what to do if you discover that your identity has been stolen and someone is using your name to get credit.

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Of course, as we also reported, a number of firms use the "free credit report" tag to spam (misspelled intentionally) you, or as a means of getting you to sign up for a service that actually costs you money.

So it's worth repeating that the only authorized federal source for your free annual credit report is AnnualCreditReport.com.

You can learn more about this and the general subject of credit reports from the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=OtaeW&m=JddOsXf0uGtWfo&b=gVdWlCgeHCLl01.2xMaC2Q>

However, what a lot of people don't know is that there are also what Consumer Reports magazine refers to as "under the radar companies (that) use unreliable information to create consumers' credit scores."

The Fourth Bureau

Last year, Consumer Reports called for government action against these other firms,

which the magazine collectively labeled "the fourth bureau."

While the Big Three credit bureau firms track activities like credit card payments, store credit accounts and such like, holding more than 200 million records, these fourth bureau outfits look at other details of people's personal financial activities.

These might include, says Consumer Reports, your membership of a gym, magazines that you subscribe to "and other files considered unreliable for determining credit-worthiness."

Add to these, according to a report in the Washington Post, records like utility and cell-phone bills and even home rental payments, medical insurance and insurance claims history.

There's no credit industry standard for this type of data, says the Post, but credit providers still resort to the fourth bureau for information, not least because they likely cover the 30 million Americans that the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation imagines don't show up in the Big Three's records. Some say that figure could be as high as 70 million.

Consumer Reports warns: "Consumers often aren't aware those files exist, nor do they know how to get the errors corrected.

"Existing standards for handling credit information don't cover all the activities of the fourth bureau and enforcement is spotty."

The solution, it suggests, is for Congress and regulators to make these other firms more accountable for the way they operate: "All data brokers should allow consumers to see their records, fix problems,

and know when information is being used to make decisions about them."

The situation is not all bad. People who don't have records with the Big Three can find it difficult to get credit at all, but if they show up in the fourth bureau, and their track record is good, they may get lucky and qualify for credit.

But that's still a big "if." If you've been late on, say, paying your gym membership renewal, you could run into problems, even if your record is clean with the Big Three.

"For consumers outside the Big Three, the data in the fourth bureau can help them establish a track record that proves they are financially responsible," says the Washington Post. "Showing that you've paid other bills on time may help persuade banks to lend you money. But not all of them are willing to accept the data in place of a traditional credit history."

No Free Records

Furthermore, you're not entitled to a free copy of your record unless you get turned down for credit or charged a high interest rate. Otherwise, you have to pay.

Just to make matters worse, there's no single record of the names of these other firms. They don't fit neatly under the single "credit bureau" umbrella. Some of them just track particular types of data and, of these, some offer it directly to firms making credit inquiries while others sell it on.

Another Washington Post article did list some of them. And although you have to pay a subscription to read this article on the newspaper's site, it is available in full elsewhere for free.

One source (at the time of writing) is the nonprofit Cor-

poration for Enterprise Development. You can read the article, which names some of the firms, here:

<http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct/?l=OtaeW&m=JddOsXf0uGtWfo&b=Z7gTSXnNfACxGBtf753DRg>

In a letter to several Congress committees, Consumer Union regulatory counsel Iona Rusu wrote: "Most American consumers have no way of knowing that this information is being collected about them and used in ways that could affect their interest rates, housing, and employment. Even when individuals find out about the 'fourth bureau's' existence, accessing and correcting data about them is nearly impossible."

Obviously, what we're talking about here is not a scam, but a process that can adversely and unfairly affect consumers, over which they have little power to take action.

The one thing you can do though is ask a company from whom you hope to get credit how they vet your records. If you get turned down, ask them the reason and the name of the credit bureau or other organization that gave them the information so you can attempt to set things straight.

That's it for today — we hope you enjoy your week!

Issue #476 January 25, 2012

Campaigns Focus on Data Privacy, Internet Security Concerns

This week we'll give you double reason to give extra thought to data privacy and security-minded use of the Internet.

January 28 is Data Privacy Day and February 7 is Safer Internet Day — two important events that remind us of our responsibility to take special precautions with our online activity and personal information.

Open House

Nonnie Bartholomew's family is hosting a family and friends gathering to celebrate Nonnie's 85th birthday. The get together is on February 19th from 2-4

p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Dunkerton.

No gifts please.



Brunch & Bake Sale

The Raymond United Methodist Church is having a Brunch & Bake Sale on Saturday, February 18th from 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. The menu includes: Breakfast Bake, Ham & Sausage, Muffins, Coffee Cake, Fruit Cups, Orange Juice, Milk & Coffee. Adults \$6, Students 6-12 \$3, 5 & under are free.

6903 Lafayette Rd., Raymond. 235-0357

Wedding Bells

Amy Delagardelle and Ryan Thacher exchanged wedding vows November 5, 2011 in Waterloo.

Parents of the couple are Tom and Jody Delagardelle of Dunkerton and Dennis and Shari Thacher of Readlyn. The Rev. Gerry Kahler officiated at the 3:00 p.m. ceremony at Orchard Hill Church, Cedar Falls.

Matron of honor was Rachel Delagardelle. Sister in law of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jenna Delagardelle, cousin of the bride Alicia Hesse, friend of the couple Alysha Van Pelt, friend of the bride Sarah Rechkemmer, sister of the groom and Holly Alcott friend of the couple.

Best man was Adam Thacher, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Tyler

Kueth, Kurt Hesse, Jayson Ralston, friends of the couple, Troy Delagardelle and Brett Delagardelle brothers of the bride.

Junior Bridesmaid was Hailey Delagardelle, niece of the bride. The flower girl was Ava Rechkemmer, niece of the groom and the ring bearer was Blake Delagardelle, nephew of the bride.

Seating guests were Chad Rechkemmer, brother in law of the groom. Philip Delagardelle cousin of the bride and Pete Peters uncle of the bride.

The bride is employed as an dental assistant at People's Community Clinic in Waterloo and the groom is employed by Mudd Advertising in Cedar Falls. The live in Waterloo.



Happy Valentine's Day!

St. John's Lutheran Church Bennington

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m.

February 12: Stories Jesus Told - The Parables: 5...About His Followers and the Jews

February 19: What Your Neighbor Believes - 6 ...Scottish Reformers: Presbyterians



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Omelet Breakfast

Raymond

Treat your Valentine to a delicious omelet breakfast on February 12, at St. Joseph Reuter Hall, 313 E. Central St. in Raymond. Serving will be from 8:30 a.m. 50 12:30 p.m. and the cost for the event is \$6.50 for adults, \$4.50 for children ages 4-12, and 3 and under are free. The menu includes made-to-order omelets, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, juice, milk and coffee. The public is invited to attend.

Thank You Blood Donors

Special thank you goes out to those volunteer blood donors who participated at the recent Dunkerton Community blood drive. A total of 15 people registered to donate blood and 12 units of blood were collected at this blood drive. All of these donors made a valuable contribution to the volunteer blood donor program during this month, which is designated as National Blood Donor Month.

Jan Jefferson and Dunkerton Women's Club also deserve a pat on the back for helping to organize and sponsor this blood drive. These dedicated volunteers are recognized during National Blood Donor Month because without their help, life-saving blood drive events could not take place.

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Data Privacy Day
Towards the end of 2011, the National Cyber Security Alliance, which organizes Data Privacy Day, published its annual survey of home-based Internet use, focusing on digital shopping.

In particular, the study, sup-

ported by Internet security company McAfee, showed just how much the use of smartphones is changing our shopping habits.

Three-quarters of the people polled confirmed they were now using their mobile devices more than a year previously.

The survey reveals:

* Half of all Americans are

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now using the Internet to buy or research products using smartphones, and more than one in 10 use them for online auction bidding.

* But 72% of smartphone users have no security software installed on them. Meanwhile, the number of different types of malware leapt 46%, with one in every 20 mobile devices expected to become infected during 2012 and 2013.

* On the positive side — if you can call it that — 42% of users halted a proposed online transaction because of security worries, mainly because they were unsure if the site they were visiting was safe.

“These findings illustrate our ever-increasing reliance on mobile technology in our daily lives. Technology has enabled us to enhance our shopping experience with the ability to research pricing, reviews, and product purchase options with ease not previously possible,” said Michael Kaiser, Executive Director of the NCSA. “With this new convenience comes a new responsibility to practice vigilance... People must be aware of the risks they face when making purchases online and ensure that they are using sound judgment to protect their personal information and prevent the loss of data.”

The NCSA is a not-for-profit watchdog organization supported by some of the biggest names in computing, like Microsoft and Intel. Its main website is StaySafeOnline.org and is well worth a visit.

For Data Privacy Day 2012, the aim is to highlight awareness of how our personal information is collected, stored and used. In particular, NCSA wants parents and educators to play an active role in helping young people understand the risks of giving away information about themselves on social media sites and through online video services like YouTube.

Linking with another non-profit organization, Common Sense Media, they provide school curriculum material for digital literacy programs (see <http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct?!=Ot>

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“The technological savvy of students often outstrips that of their teachers,” says NCSA, “but all students can benefit from education about the implications and consequences of texting, blogging, posting to each other’s walls, behavioral advertising, social networking, Internet safety, and good privacy practices generally.”

The organization also calls on businesses to play their part by ensuring they’re following the rules governing consumer privacy.

For more about Data Privacy Day, visit

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Safer Internet Day

Looking at things from a slightly different angle, a global network of Internet awareness centers called Insafe has adopted the theme “Connecting generations and educating each other” for Safer Internet Day (SID) 2012. The thinking this time is that since young people know so much more about the Internet, they could teach their elders a thing or two.

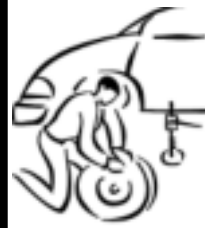
At the same time, older folk have a heck of a lot more real-world experience that could really benefit their children and grandchildren when it comes to spotting dubious behavior.

“Whether you are 5, 40 or 75 years old, whether you use the Internet once a month or several times a day — each person has something different to bring to the table that can help shape our online experiences and our understanding of online competences and safety,” says Insafe.

Although originally a Europe-wide initiative, the campaign how has a global reach and offers important advice for all of us.

Activities in the US are being coordinated by a commercial publisher, i-SAFE Inc., who will be providing printed lesson material for tens of thousands of students at 4,500 schools across the country, as well as in classrooms in 33 other countries.

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California, held as part of last year’s Safer Internet Day, found that:

* One in ten students has been “stalked” or harassed by someone else online.

* Even more — 12% — have gone to personally meet someone they encountered on the Internet.

* A third of 5th through 12th graders agreed their parents would disapprove of some of their Internet activities.

That adds up to a whole heap of things to worry about.

But, says Insafe, we can all do something about that by recognizing opportunities to provide guidance on Internet usage to each other and by encouraging everyone to view it as a family affair.

It’s when we venture into online activities that we don’t know or understand that we most risk heading into trouble. “Today our offline and online worlds are strongly connected, from families communicating via webcam with relatives and friends abroad to children doing their homework online,” says Insafe.

“The online world is a unique arena where people of all ages can learn together and from each other, especially regarding online safety.

“Tech savvy youngsters can teach their elders how to use new technologies, while grandparents can draw on their life experiences to advise younger generations on how to stay safe online, as they discover the digital world together.”

For more on the event, visit SaferInternetDay.org. For US activities and participation, see <http://clicks.aweber.com/y/ct?!=Ot>
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These two events serve an important purpose in highlighting the nature of Internet security problems and helping us work together to tackle them. But, of course, Internet security is a year-round activity. When it comes to data privacy and safer surfing, you can never let your guard down. That’s all we have for today, but we’ll be back next week with another issue. See you then!

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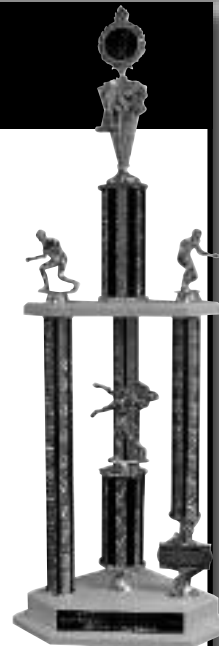
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