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## Fish Fry at the American Legion

*Submitted*

The American Legion, 1110 6th St, Gilbertville will be holding a fish fry every other Friday, starting February 12th and ending on March 18th.

Stop on in from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and enjoy a tasty supper with your family! Adults are \$8, kids (6-9 years old) are \$3.50, and under 6 are free!

## Prince of Peace to Host SWEET Morning of Inspiration

*Submitted*

The women of Prince of Peace invite you to a SWEET morning of inspiration, treats, and conversation. Saturday February 13 at 10:00am we will meet

in the church fellowship room at 4031 Lafayette Rd. Join us and bring a friend.

## AMVET Ladies Auxiliary Vendor and Craft Show

*Submitted*

The AMVET Ladies Auxiliary will be having a Vendor and Craft Show on Sunday, March 6th from 12:00 PM to 4:30 PM at 20th & Irving St. Cedar Falls. Come on down and enjoy a fun filled day of shopping!! Vendors and crafters include Engelbrecht Wines, Busy Day Crochet, Pink Zebra, Bam Treasures (Painted Rocks), Mary Kay, 31 Bags, Essential Body Wear, Tastefully Simple, Shelly's Crafts, Natural Touch,

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Proceeds from this event will help Randy French, a Veteran; obtain a service dog from Retrieving Freedom!

## Fall Semester Dean's List and Graduates

*Submitted*

### ISU Fall Dean's List

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work:

*Elk Run Heights, IA*

Heather Lynne O'Brien, 4, Psychology

*Evansdale, IA*

Haley Rae Beckner, 1, Open Option (LAS)

Noah Benjamin Cary, 4, Public Relations

Shelby Joann Hockey, 4, Computer Science

Shawn B. Robinson, 2, English

Olivia Karen Todd, 4, Communication Studies

### Hawkeye Community College Announces Fall 2015 Graduates

The following are Hawkeye Community College Fall Semester graduates and their programs of study from the Evansdale/ Elk Run area:

Steven Begle, Product Development Technician, Certificate (with Honors)

Alexzander Chase, Liberal Arts, AA

Hillary Cronk, Human Resource Management, AAS

Jacob Ernst, Practical Nursing, Diploma (with Honors)

Lori Johnson, Liberal Arts, AA

Slobodanka Maljkovic, Practical Nursing, Diploma

Nonyameko Minikus, Liberal Arts, AA

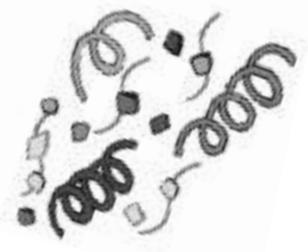
Congratulations to all our local graduates and Dean's List recipients!!

### Mount Mercy University Fall Dean's List

The following student(s) are named to the Fall 2015 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:

*Evansdale, IA*

Ashley Tyler, Business



# 2015 • Calendar of Events • 2015

## Saturday, February 6

• Dads Belgian Waffle Breakfast hosted by the Evansdale Cub Scouts, Lofty's on Lafayette Rd., 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

## Friday, February 12

• American Legion Fish Fry, 1110 6th St, Gilbertville, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, February 13

• Food Pantry at Countryside Vineyard Church, 3467 Lafayette Rd., 10-11:30 a.m.  
• SWEET Morning of Inspiration at Prince of Peace, 4031 Lafayette Rd., 10:00 a.m.

## Sunday, February 14

• Valentine's Day.

## Friday, February 19

• Next Issue of Evansdale News

## Friday, February 26

• American Legion Fish Fry, 1110 6th St, Gilbertville, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, February 27

• Food Pantry at Countryside Vineyard Church, 3467 Lafayette Rd., 10-11:30 a.m.

## Friday, March 4

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## Scambusters: FBI Alert as Virtual Kidnap Scams Rise



by Scambuster Keith

Issue #685, January 27, 2016

**WARNING:** What follows is based on information and advice from the FBI. It does not constitute legal advice from Scambusters. If you suspect you or someone you know may be a victim of this crime, you should seek appropriate advice from qualified legal and/or law enforcement professionals.

The FBI is alarmed about the increased incidence of virtual kidnapping and has posted alerts about the crime.

Virtual kidnapping is a terrifying version of the well-known imposter scam, in which victims receive a phone call from a crook claiming to have kidnapped a relative and demanding immediate payment of a ransom.

In other cases, crooks have been known to operate a sort of virtual extortion scheme, a bit like a protection racket, when they threaten to kidnap or frame an individual if he or she doesn't pay the protection money.

In one incident cited by the FBI, a famous "ironman" athlete competing in Mexico received a call in his hotel room in which he was ordered to pay them \$10,000 or be framed for a drug-related crime, for which he would spend time in jail.

In this case, his wife became alarmed at his behavior and alerted police, who safely re-

turned him home.

These types of crimes are all the more alarming because you may have no reliable way of knowing whether individual incidents are genuine or not.

"Although these extortion schemes have been around for many years, their numbers are on the rise, and the criminals' tactics are becoming more sophisticated," says the FBI.

"It's big business for them and they do it well. Since the threat is continuing to evolve, the FBI wants to raise public awareness to help individuals from becoming victims."

One reason why the crime is becoming more prevalent is the scammers' ability to collect information about individuals and their activities through social networks like Facebook.

They know when an individual is going to be away from home and perhaps in a situation where they could be at risk — such as traveling to a foreign country.

In particular, information about visitors to Mexico has been used to contact their U.S. families, claiming they have been kidnapped by one of Mexico's infamous drug cartels.

For example, crooks stole the phone of a young woman who was traveling in Mexico and used the contacts on her phone

to call her parents, claiming they had kidnapped her.

They threatened they would cut off her fingers if they didn't pay a ransom, making their threat more realistic by having a woman accomplice scream in the background.

The FBI doesn't disclose what the outcome of this incident was but said the woman traveler was never in danger and knew nothing about the threats until she got in touch with her family later.

### **FBI Advice On What to Do**

As we said earlier, it can be alarmingly difficult to tell if a kidnap call is genuine. Real kidnaps do happen, after all.

And, as we also warned at the beginning, we cannot and do not provide legal advice for these threat situations or any other scam. That can only come from a professional.

However, in its alert, the FBI recommends the following course of action if you get a kidnap call:

### *[Begin FBI guidance]*

Try to slow the situation down. Request to speak to the victim directly. Ask, "How do I know my loved one is okay?"

Ask questions only the victim would know, such as the name of a pet. Avoid sharing information about you or your family.

Listen carefully to the voice of the kidnapped victim if they're seemingly allowed to

speak.

Attempt to call, text, or contact the victim via social media. Request that the victim call back from his or her cell phone.

To buy time, repeat the caller's request and tell them you are writing down the demand, or tell the caller you need time to get things moving.

Don't directly challenge or argue with the caller. Keep your voice low and steady.

*[End FBI guidance]*

And if you become a potential extortion victim like the ironman mentioned above, FBI crisis experts suggest you should try to contact family or friends as quickly as possible and then get yourself to a safe place as soon as you can.

If you have any question about whether a ransom demand is a scheme or a legitimate kidnapping, the FBI says you should contact the nearest FBI office immediately.

"The FBI responds to all reports of U.S. citizens being taken hostage, whether virtual or traditional," the Bureau adds.

"The virtual kidnapers are savvy and prepared, and one of our goals is to make sure the public is prepared as well.

"The criminals' tactics are constantly evolving but the hallmark of any virtual kidnapping is always the same — preying on people's worst fears."

## Evansdale Cub Scouts Host Dads Belgian Waffle Breakfast

*Submitted*

The Evansdale Cub Scouts are hosting a Dads Belgian waffle breakfast Saturday, February 6th from 8-11am at Lofty's. The scouts will be busing tables, serving waffles, sausage, and beverages. Tickets are

available for purchase from any scout for \$6 in advance, or \$7 at the door. If interested in tickets you can also call Brittany @ 319-231-2691. This all you can eat event can't be missed!



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**Evansdale February 11:** VALENTINE'S DAY MEAL

A: Beef Tips & Gravy; Pasta; Green Beans Amandine; Dinner Roll with Margarine; Strawberry Shortcake

B: No Alternative

**Raymond February 17:** BIRTHDAY MEAL

A: Roast Beef; Brown Gravy; Mashed Potatoes; California Vegetables; Multi-Grain Bread; Frosted Cake; Margarine

B: No Alternative

**Evansdale February 18:** A: Pork with Gravy; Cornbread Dressing; Country Vegetable Blend; Tropical Fruit

B: Grilled Chicken Salad; Crackers; Tropical Fruit; Assorted Fruit Juice; Salad Dressing

**Raymond February 24:** A: Hamburger Patty with Bun; O'Brien Potatoes; Mixed Vegetables; Pineapple Tidbits; Chocolate Milk; Mustard and Ketchup

B: Asian Pork Salad; Crackers; Pineapple Tidbits; Assorted Fruit Juice; Chocolate Milk; Salad Dressing

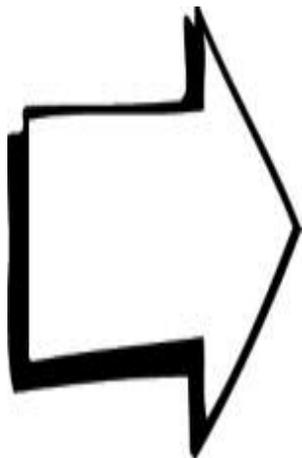
**Evansdale February 25:** A: Pork with Supreme Sauce; Mashed Potatoes; Brussel Sprouts; Wheat Roll with Margarine; Citrus Fruit Cup

B: Roasted Turkey Breast with Gravy; Mashed Potatoes; Brussel Sprouts; Wheat Roll with Margarine; Citrus Fruit Cup

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