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Social Security Administration addresses telephone scams

The Social Security Administration launched a new Public Service Announcement (PSA) campaign to continue warning people about the ongoing nationwide telephone impersonation scheme. PSAs feature a message from Social Security Commissioner Andrew Saul.

Scammers mislead victims into making cash or gift card payments for help with purported identity theft, or to avoid arrest for bogus Social Security number problems.

People should also be on the lookout for a new ver-

sion of this scam. Fraudsters are now emailing fake documents in attempts to get people to comply with their demands. Victims have received emails with attached letters and reports that appear to be from Social Security or the OIG. The letters may use official letterhead and government jargon to convince victims they are legitimate; they may also contain misspellings and grammar mistakes.

Social Security employees do occasionally contact people - generally those who have ongoing business

See SCAMS on other side



Bidder! Bidder!

Jon Mowrey, left, points in the direction of a bid as Craig Lee continues his auctioneer chant during Saturday's Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni Scholarship Auction. Emily McCray, seated, handled bookwork for the event, which raises money for the FFA program.

Possible census scam reported

Just the Facts has received two reports of census workers in Hoopeston. Workers showed no identification connecting them to the census.

April 1 is Census Day, when most households should have received their census information. Sometime after that, census workers will canvass neighborhoods. Census workers will identify themselves and have proper identification.

Residents should not provide personal information to anyone who cannot provide proper identification from the Census Bureau. Those who are visited by someone claiming to be conducting the census should take note of the person, call Hoopeston Police Department at 283-5196 and describe the person.

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Letters to the Editor

Bidders, donors make auction a success

The Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni would like to thank everyone who made our fifth annual Scholarship auction another huge success.

To all the bidders that came and purchased items we say thank for your generosity and for coming out.

To the businesses who donated a full list of items that gave everyone something to buy, we couldn't have had this auction without your willingness to give. Your support allows us to support the FFA program and to provide funds to students to continue their education. Thank you so much!

A special thank you to Doug Wagoner and the Pit Stop restaurant for providing barbeque for the meal and Hoopeston IGA for providing the items for the chili. You

Weather

Slight chance of snow then cloudy today. High 34. Tonight, cloudy Low 26. Tomorrow, cloudy. High 36, low 28.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

are much appreciated.

Please tell the businesses thanks for donating and support our local businesses - they are the best!

Again thanks to everyone who participated or contributed

We look forward to next year

Hoopeston Area FFA Alumni

Just the Facts welcomes letters to the editor. Letters must include the writer's daytime phone number for verification and may be emailed to publish@justthefacts.net or mailed to P.O. Box 441, Hoopeston IL 60942.

Obituaries

CATRON - Charlie Chester "Chet" Catron, 81, of Hoopeston, died at 3 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. funeral Friday at Anderson Funeral Home, Hoopeston. Burial will follow in Floral Hill Cemetery, with military rites by Hoopeston American Legion Post #384. Memorials are suggested to Hoopeston American Legion Color Guard, 502 E. Penn St., Hoopeston IL 60942.

Scams continued from other side

with the agency - by telephone for business purposes. However, employees will never threaten a person, or promise a Social Security benefit approval, or increase, in exchange for information or money. In those cases, the call is fraudulent and people should just hang up.

Generally, the agency mainly calls people who have recently applied for a Social Security benefit, someone who is already receiving payments and requires an update to their record, or a person who has requested a phone call from the agency.

If a person is not in one of these situations, they nor-

mally would not receive a call from the agency.

If there is a problem with a person's Social Security number or record, in most cases Social Security will mail a letter. If a person needs to submit payments to Social Security, the agency will send a letter with instructions and payment options. People should never provide information or payment over the phone or Internet unless they are certain of who is receiving it.

Anyone who receives a fraudulent call should hang up and then go online to oig.ssa.gov to report the scam call to Social Security.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Hoopeston Area CUSD #11 has an opening for the following: Part time Computer Technician Assistant. Applications are available online at Hoopeston Area CUSD's website, www.hoopeston.k12.il.us

The City of Hoopeston Swimming Pool is accepting applications for Pool Manager. This is a Seasonal Position, May through September. Applicants should be able to manage employees and schedules, have customer service skills, and help maintain swimming pool. Lifeguard and CPR Certification a plus. Applications may be picked up at City Hall, 301 W Main St. For more information, call 217-283-5833.

The City of Hoopeston is seeking applications for a fulltime Street and Alley position. Applicant must have a CDL or the ability to obtain one within 60 days of hire. The ability to operate and maintain equipment a plus. Flexible schedule required. Please inquire at City Hall for more information about the position, 217-283-5833. Applications may be picked up and returned to City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

Hubbard Trail Country Club is currently taking applications for a Clubhouse manager. Duties included are: Supervise, Train and Schedule bar and kitchen employees. Place food and beer orders. Schedule and coordinate wedding and party events, golf outings and clubhouse activities. Promote activities through email, social media and print ads. 20 hours per week, salary is based on experience. If you have experience in the service industry, enjoy working with the public, email your resume to hccgolf@yahoo.com or mail to PO Box 305, Hoopeston, IL 60942.

We are currently hiring for our Verizon location next to McDonald's in Hoopeston! Are you interested in pursuing a career in sales where you can earn a base plus commission? Then this position might just be for you! If you like sales, love technology and have a competitive spirit you may have what it takes to join our amazing team! You'll use your knowledge and passion for technology to deliver an effortless customer experience while pursuing challenging and rewarding goals! This role comes with

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