

Better Business Bureau lists Hot Topics for March

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1. Multiple consumers have reported an employment scam involving a fake company, BeaconCrate Freight. Victims thought they had found a legitimate work-from-home opportunity, only to be ghosted by BeaconCrate when paychecks were due. BBB reminds consumers to always check a company's profile on bbb.org when job searching, and be wary of any work-from-home listings that sound

too good to be true.

2. A consumer was scammed out of \$1,200 via text message by someone claiming to be Morgan Wallen. The scammer invited the consumer to a meet-and-greet, for which the victim would have to pay for travel and other expenses. Never trust an unsolicited text from someone claiming to be a celebrity and never agree to send money to someone you don't know.

3. Consumers have reported receiving multiple phone calls a day from a caller stating they are with the

Lending Department. This is a phishing scam. Ignore spam phone calls, never give out personal or financial information over the phone unless you know and trust the caller, and block scam numbers on your cell phone.

4. A consumer lost \$3,500 in a kitten scam. The victim attempted to purchase a purebred Sphynx kitten from an online breeder, only to discover it was a scam. When purchasing a pet from a breeder, always see the animal in person first, verify the breeder's credentials, and pay with a credit card.

5. BBB has seen a significant rise in passport renewal scams. Victims find official-looking websites for companies claiming to facilitate the renewal or application process. In reality, the sites charge victims for a document that can be accessed for free on the U.S. Department of State website.

6. A consumer reported a suspicious phone call claiming to be from CVS and offering a customer appreciation reward. This is a phishing scam; do not respond to these phone calls. CVS has confirmed that these phone

calls are scam callers.

7. BBB warns of deep-fake videos that promote a weight loss product called LipoMax. With the rise of deep-fake videos, BBB advises consumers to verify information and research a product before purchasing.

8. Multiple consumers have reported spam phone calls from Crestwood Loan Advisor. Ignore spam phone calls, never give out personal or financial information over the phone unless you know and trust the caller, and block scam numbers on your cell phone.

9. Publisher's Clearing House scams continue to target consumers in BBB's service area. As a reminder, the real PCH only notifies its winners by mail, never by phone call or text.

10. BBB has seen an influx in counterfeit product scams. When shopping online, be wary of any deals that seem too good to be true, especially for high-end or popular products. It's best to visit retail websites directly instead of clicking on third party ads.

Salt River Electric scholarships

BY SUBMITTED

For 50 years, Salt River Electric has held a scholarship contest for local students as part of our commitment of giving back to the communities we serve.

This year, two high school students from each Salt River Electric district will receive a one-time \$1,000 scholarship. One scholarship will go to a graduating senior planning to attend a traditional college or university, and one to a graduating senior planning to pursue a career through a trade or vocational program at an accredited school.

Also available is the Larry Hicks Memorial Scholarship. Named in honor of Salt River's former President/CEO, this one-time \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a current college student from our service area who is actively pursuing a degree in account-

ing or finance at an accredited college or university. A completed essay is required for this special scholarship.

To apply, an applicant must submit:

1. A completed scholarship information form

2. A copy of their most recent transcript (unofficial)

In addition to the above requirements, applicants who are applying for the Larry Hicks Memorial Scholarship must submit:

3. A typed essay on the provided topic

Completed applications can be turned into any of our four Salt River Electric offices, to the attention of Diana Edwards. Scholarship recipients will be announced during the cooperative's annual business meeting on June 1st. Funds are not renewable and will be paid to the recipient's school following their announcement.

Deadline is Friday, April 10. Scholarship Applications can be downloaded at <https://www.srelectric.com/scholarships/>,



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1. The Eschman Family Joint Living Trust requesting a zone change from R-1, residential to AG-1, agricultural on a 47.94 acre tract of land located in the 1900 block of Whitfield Lane.

2. Glasscock Sawmill, Inc for Stavey, Inc requesting review of Binding Elements as recorded in Binding Element Book 1 Page 51 that was previously placed on property located in the 3000 block of West River Road.

Information on the above applications is available for review in the zoning office Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Julie Sweazy, Administrator
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