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Hello NCKCN internet members

Halloween has its share of scary characters, as does the Internet. In this October issue, we start by reminding you of how scammers take advantage of natural disasters like Hurricane Irene to try and lure you to malicious links. Speaking of scary, check out the elevator video in our Two to View section; it's a claustrophobic's worst nightmare. This issue also includes advice on how to quickly screen websites (so you can avoid the disreputable ones) and highlights a few wonderful websites to inspire you for pumpkin carving, fall baking, family photography, and more.

The goal of each of our eNewsletters is to keep our subscribers informed regarding their Internet connection and to improve their Internet experience. We think you'll find this information interesting.

To see what's inside this issue, simply scroll down the eNewsletter or click on the links within the index to the left. Thanks for reading!

- The NCKCN Team

Facebook Warning - Scams Often Follow Big News Events

Newsworthy events, like the devastating Hurricane Irene in August, often trigger malicious links and phishing attacks that spread quickly across Facebook. The lure used by scammers is a promise of showing "leaked" videos, pictures, and other sensational information.

The Hurricane Irene version looks something like the screen shot to the right. No video actually exists. The page displays a clickable image of a fake video player. Clicking "Share" displays the link on the Facebook user's wall. Clicking "See the video" displays a list of deals that require user registration.

The scammers' goal is to drive more traffic towards certain sites. They earn their money by getting a commission for every survey completed, every product purchased, and/or every account compromised. They may also use these types of Facebook scams to spread malware and obtain personal information.

Regardless of the disaster that's in the news, remember this: Whenever you're offered the chance to see a video or pictures that no one else has seen, don't be tempted to click. At the

very least, these types of scams will place you in a cycle of worthless advertising promotions. In the worst-case scenario, you may unknowingly load nasty spyware and viruses on your computer. If you fall victim to a scam like this and the scammer's page appears on your Facebook wall, go directly to the page and click the "Unlike" link in the lower left-hand column. This will stop the scam from spreading via your wall.

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Watch Why Broadband Is Essential In Rural Communities

Broadband is the "universal equalizer," allowing residents in rural communities to have instant access to the same resources as residents in big cities. For example, broadband enables rural hospitals to send CAT scans to faraway physicians for review and interpretation, compensating for the lack of specialists in their own communities. Broadband also helps keep rural businesses thriving, attracts new businesses, and aids in education. To watch videos showing examples of rural broadband at work in Minnesota, Missouri, and Montana, visit www.youtube.com/saveruralbroadband now.

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed radical policy changes that could deprive millions of individuals, businesses, and governments of affordable, high-quality broadband Internet access. Rural broadband providers have responded by putting forward alternative proposals that will make reform work for consumers, and that alternative is now before the FCC for review.

NCKCN needs our customers to reach out to their members of Congress on this issue, and urge them to Save Rural Broadband. It takes just a minute to make your voice heard. Simply visit www.saveruralbroadband.org to complete a pre-written letter and send it electronically. Act now; the future of rural America hangs in the balance.

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Two To View – A Couple Of Amazing Videos You Don't Want To Miss

These Women Know The Ropes
Think you can jump rope? Think again. The Kings Firecrackers have jumped way beyond the basic moves and they show off their amazing jump rope abilities at halftime during a Navy versus Army men's basketball game. You'll see it all, including one athlete being used as the jump rope.

41 Hours In An Elevator
In October 1999, Nicholas White was trapped alone in an elevator car for 41 hours—a horrifying ordeal more than 7 million people have viewed since the *New Yorker* posted time-compressed footage. (If you're claustrophobic, you may find this video more frightening than any Halloween movie!)

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This Month's FAQ – Is There A Way To Quickly Screen Websites?

Question: I don't want to get scammed dealing with suspicious websites. Is there a way to quickly screen websites before I do business with them?

Answer: Yes, there are a number of ways to do this type of screening. Both Internet Explorer and Firefox have features that monitor your browsing activity and alert you if a site seems suspicious. Review the help section within your browser to find out how to activate these features. There is also software available that serves the same purpose. Contact your Internet Service Provider for more details.

In addition, you should always keep your eyes open and watch for the warning signs of phishing sites. Here are two key strategies:

- When you navigate to a website, such as PayPal, be sure the URL shows the correct address (such as www.paypal.com), and not a variation (such as www.scammercentral.com/paypal). Move your mouse over links on the site or try clicking on them to see if they are active. Many phishing sites use links that don't work or that open to blank pages.

- If you are performing a financial transaction, look for "https" at the beginning of the URL (the "s" stands for "secure") and the locked padlock "secure browsing" symbol (usually located at the bottom left of your sceen). Be wary of pop-ups or requests for information the site should already have, such as your name, address, password, credit card number, or Social Security number.

Remember, phishing is successful not because of advanced technology but because of unsuspecting Web users. When you're aware of what you're doing, you reduce your chances of landing on a phony site and becoming a phishing victim.

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Sites Of The Month – Great Sites To Check Out In October

Scary Good Pumpkin Ideas
marthastewart.com – Leave it to Martha Stewart to come up with so many amazing ideas for pumpkin carving and Halloween decorating. Check out the slide show of dozens of unique pumpkins—like pretty Leaf Carved Pumpkins, elegant Glitter Pumpkins, and scary Snake Pumpkins—or go right to the pumpkin carving patterns and templates. New to pumpkin carving? Visit the "How to Carve a Pumpkin" and "Pumpkin Carving Tools" sections.

"Past Meets Present" Photos
dearphotograph.com – This site, presented in blog format, allows viewers to upload photos of past snapshots (often from the film photography era) held against the original setting in the present day. They offer a fascinating juxtaposition between past and present, and the captions provide glimpses into how photographers remember the people and events in the photos. Browse through the images or upload some of your own!

Got A Minute For A Timed Game?
sporcle.com – Do you know the names of all 50 states? How many corporate logos can you recognize in six minutes? Can you type the numbers 1-100 in under a minute? Visit this site to test yourself with these and many other fun games. Topics include geography, history, language, sports, TV, and movies. Choose games by these categories or by most popular, newest, or favorites. Or challenge yourself with a random quiz.

Life Expectancy Calculator
livingto100.com – If you're interested in living to a ripe old age, this site may be able to help. The Life Expectancy Calculator asks you 40 quick questions related to your health and family history and then estimates how old you will live to be. It also gives you detailed action items on what to do to live longer. Unlike many similar sites, you don't have to enter your email address to get the results.

Delicious Apple Recipes
sunset.com – Fall is a great time to enjoy apples and you can make the most of them with the recipes here. How about Pumpkin Waffles with Apples and Apple Cider Syrup for breakfast? Toasted Turkey, Brie, and Apple Sandwiches for lunch? Or Spiced Apple Carrot Cake for dessert? View, print, or save the

recipes, or use the social media links to share with friends.

Short Tutorial - Removing Contacts From Your Address Book

If your email address book is cluttered with names from inactive relationships or filled with out-of-date email addresses, you're wasting time wading through an unnecessarily long list. So it's worth taking a few minutes now to clear out the clutter.

To remove contact information from your address book, simply follow the steps below for your specific email program:

Removing Contacts From Your Address Book When Using ...
Email Client: Thunderbird 6.0.2
Computer Operating System: Macintosh OS X 10.6, Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7

1. With Thunderbird open, click your cursor arrow on the "Address Book" button located on the toolbar.

2. When the Address Book window opens, click on the contact you want to delete. (The contact's name will be highlighted when you click on it.)

3. Click the "Delete" button located on the toolbar. If you are using Windows XP, the selected contact is now deleted.

4. If using other operating systems, a Confirm dialogue box will appear asking, "Are you sure you want to delete the selected contact?" Click the "OK" button. The selected contact is now deleted.

Removing Contacts From Your Address Book When Using ...
Email Client: Mail 4.5
Computer Operating System: Macintosh OS X 10.6

1. With Address Book open, click your cursor arrow on the "All Contacts" icon in the "Group" column.

2. Click on the entry you want to delete in the "Name" column to select it. (The contact's name will be highlighted when you click on it.)

3. Click on the "Edit" menu and select "Delete Card" from the drop-down menu. A dialog box will drop down asking, "Are you sure you want to delete the card for..." Click the "Delete" button and the contact is deleted.

Removing Contacts From Your Address Book When Using ...
Email Client: Windows Live Mail
Computer Operating System: Windows XP, Windows Vista, and Windows 7

1. With Windows Live Mail open, click your cursor arrow on the "Contacts" button located in the left-hand column of the Windows Live Mail window.

2. Select the contact you want to delete. (The contact's name will be highlighted.)

3. Click on the "Delete" button located on the toolbar.

4. A Windows Live Mail dialogue box will appear asking the question, "Delete this contact?" Click the "Yes" button and the contact will be deleted.

We hope you found this newsletter to be informative. It's our way of keeping you posted on the happenings here. If, however, you'd prefer not to receive these bulletins, click here.

Thanks for your business!

Thank You

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