



Cybersecurity Protection Tips

It's October, which marks Cyber Security Month - a time to think about how to protect your online presence and information. Whether you're a business owner or just want to stay safe online, now is the time to brush up on your security measures.

Protect information, computers, and networks from cyberattacks.

Keep clean machines: having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system can be the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats. Set antivirus software to run a scan after each update. Install other key software updates as soon as they are available. Provide firewall security for your internet connection. Make sure the operating system's firewall and other security features are enabled.

Make your passwords complex.

Create long, complex passwords that include a combination of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols.

- Don't use birthdates, addresses, etc.
- Don't use the same password for several accounts.
- Keep your user ID and password confidential.
- Make sure to log out of websites and/or applications when you complete a transaction or walk away from the computer or mobile device.



Make backup copies.

Backup the data on every computer used in your home and/or business as often as possible.

Control physical access.

Control access to your computers, mobile devices, and network components. Prevent access or use of business computers by unauthorized individuals. Laptops can be particularly easy targets for theft, so make sure they are stored and locked up when unattended.

- Install an antivirus software program that protects against spyware and malware.
- Enroll in a backup program which also provides the capability for your mobile devices to be remotely wiped.

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- Research applications to determine if they are safe before downloading.
- Review what information you are allowing the application access to when you accept the terms and conditions.
- Turn geolocation and GPS off when it is not immediately needed

eMail security in reducing spam.

Spam is the electronic version of "junk mail". The term spam refers to unsolicited, often unwanted, eMail messages. Spam does not necessarily contain viruses – valid messages from legitimate sources can fall into this category. To reduce spam, follow these steps:

- Be careful about releasing your eMail address.
- Check privacy policies.
- Be aware of options selected by default.
- Use filters or spam tagging.
- Report messages as spam.
- Don't follow links in spam messages.
- Disable the automatic downloading of graphics in HTML mail.
- Consider opening separate business and personal eMail accounts.
- Use privacy settings on social networking sites.
- Don't open eMails from unknown senders.











Springs Valley donates \$500.00 to West Baden Springs Police Department K9 Fundraiser.

The West Baden Springs Police Department will be hosting a K9 Fundraiser. The fundraiser is to assist them



Springs Valley's Valley Banking Center's team members presented a gift to Assistant Chief, T.A. Burkhardt to honor K-9 Asher

with raising funds to purchase a new canine for the agency after the recent passing of canine Asher. Canine Asher was an invaluable member of the agency and served the community for 8 ½ years. This event will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2023, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. ET at Legendz Sports Bar and Grill located in French Lick, Indiana.

"Springs Valley recognizes the value that a canine dog brings to the community," said June Moffatt, Personal Banker. "Our donation reflects our commitment to making a positive impact in the communities we serve."

A canine dog, also known as a police or working dog, is a highly trained canine partner that assists law enforcement. These dogs possess an incredible sense of smell, which allows them to detect drugs, explosives, and even locate missing persons. Their agility and discipline make them adept at apprehending suspects, searching buildings, and navigating challenging terrains. Additionally, canine dogs can also provide emotional support to students at school, offering a calming and comforting presence that helps reduce stress and anxiety. Canine dogs play an invaluable role in enhancing the effectiveness of law enforcement, search and rescue operations, and ensuring the safety of communities. These are some of the many reasons why Springs Valley is honored to support the K9 Fundraiser hosted by the West Baden Springs Police Department.

"I'm overwhelmed by the support from Springs Valley Bank & Trust and the community, for the need for a new canine in the community and schools," said Assistant Chief, T.A. Burkhardt. "The support I'm getting shows the need for a canine not just for law enforcement purposes, but also for education and public relations in the community."



COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY

AT SPRINGS VALLEY'S INTERACTIVE TELLER MACHINES

A Springs Valley team member will show you how to use our ITMs!

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

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FROM 9:00am - 11:00am EST.

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