

In Touch

SUMMER 2017



Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting for Albany Mutual Telephone will be held Wednesday, June 7th. The meeting will begin at 8:00 pm at the Seven Dolors Parish Gathering Center.

Summer Hours

Beginning May 29 through September 1st, our office will be open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm and on Friday 7:30 am to 11:30 am.

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Watch Out for the Grandparent Scam

Callers pretending to be grandkids are targeting older Americans to try and scam them out of money. Typically, the call begins with “Hi, Grandpa” or “Hi, Grandma,” followed by a sob story about an emergency—such as an arrest or car accident—requiring money to be sent immediately through services such as Western Union or MoneyGram.

How do scammers select their potential victims and know the names of family members? They may use marketing lists and information from social networking sites or obituaries. Or they may hack into email accounts to get contact lists.

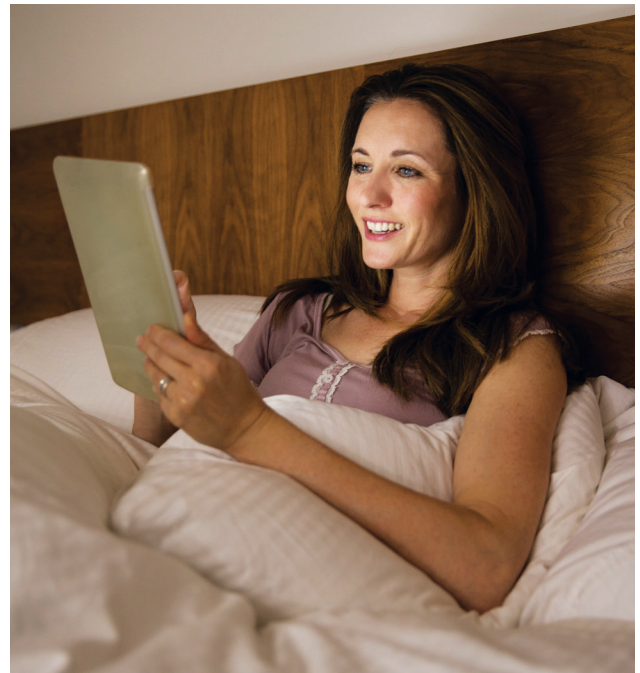
These crooks often call in the middle of the night when people are startled and not fully awake. If you get a call like this, take a deep breath and try not to get emotional. Instead, ask some personal questions that would be hard for an impostor to answer correctly. You should never agree to a money transfer based on a single call. Always hang up and do some research, such as calling the relative directly, to check out the story.



Free (and Guilt-Free) Places to Download Movies

With so many sites out there offering free movies to download, it can be confusing to determine what’s legal and what’s not. If you choose the wrong ones, you could commit copyright infringement (also known as piracy) and face penalties. In addition, using illegal sites often leads to malware being downloaded to your device.

To enjoy movie night without worries, grab some popcorn and check out these free and legal sites:



Internet Archive (<https://archive.org>)

The Internet Archive is a treasure trove for movie fans. You can search Feature Films by category including sci-fi, horror, and film noir as well as by the year it was released. The site also offers free books, music, TV broadcasts, and newsreels.

Retrovision Classic Movies (<http://retrovision.tv>)

This free movie download site gives you access to many classics in the public domain and makes your search easy with its genre-specific menus. Or you can look at everything by choosing the All Movie List button.

Crackle (www.crackle.com)

Crackle is owned by Sony and gives you lots of popular movie choices that you won’t find for free on other sites. Sign up for a free account, create a watchlist, and you’ll be shown recommendations based on your priorities. You do need to be willing to watch commercials occasionally.

Classic Cinema Online (www.classiccinemaonline.com)

If you’re a fan of classic cinema, you’ll want to visit Classic Cinema Online. This site hosts legendary films like *Bye Bye Birdie*, *Moby Dick*, *Lone Ranger* and more—showcased with their movie posters.

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