

Free government grant scam could cost victimsbig bucks

Dear Attorney General Phill Kline:

I would like to start my own business and have been exploring different options for funding. Recently, I received a phone call notifying me that I was eligible for a free government grant. The caller claimed to be an agent of the federal government hired to help persons like me get grants. Should I be concerned about sending the processing fees that they require or is it OK since they represent the government?

Dear Kansas Consumer: Con artists and shady businessesman claiming to aid the federal government in grant distribution are making their way across the nation and are, once again, targeting Kansas consumers. The “grant money” scam seeks to sell you material that you can get for free.

Scam artists play upon the vulnerabilities of those they target. In



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the “grant money” scam the unscrupulous individual announces, usually with great enthusiasm, that the potential victim has been deemed eligible to receive a “free government grant.” Screening is important to make this scam work. The con artist often seeks out individuals who need money for a project like a small business start-up that could, conceivably, be funded through some sort of a loan or grant.

In its most basic form, the victim is told that all they need to do to become eligible for the grant is to give their credit card or bank account information to the grant pro-

cessor. The scam artist claims this information is necessary so that a “one time processing fee” can be debited, promising that soon thereafter a large amount of federal grant money will be transferred to their account.

While the money is promptly removed from the victim’s account, the federal monies never arrive. What is often delivered instead is a catalog of available grants. The victim is left to explain to his or her bank or credit card company that what was delivered was in no way what was promised.

If you are truly interested in re-

searching federal grants you do not need to pay for the information because it is readily available for free! The federal government’s General Service Organization publishes a catalog of government assistance programs entitled the “Federal Domestic Assistance” catalogue. This publication lists all service programs funded by federal agencies and sets forth the criteria for eligibility. This catalog may be viewed online by going to: <http://www.gsa.gov/fdac>. If you are not savvy with a computer then visit your local library and ask the staff to help you access the web page.

What you will learn there is that the federal government administers very few grants directly to individuals. Almost all are first sent to local or state organizations. Anyone representing themselves as an agent of the federal government helping individuals get grant money should be

considered to be a con artist.

If you are ever tempted by the “government grant” or other such scams, keep the following tips in mind:

1. Anytime you are asked to pay money to receive a gift, wire transfer money to become a millionaire, or buy an item in order to become eligible for a prize, you should just say “no.”

2. You should never give your credit card or bank account information to anyone who calls you over the telephone. When you are giving such sensitive information to someone, always ask yourself: “How do I know that they will not abuse this trust?”

3. It is good to enroll your telephone numbers on the Federal No-Call list. This may be done by calling (888) 382-1222. If anyone calls to sell you something three months after you have so registered on the

No Call lost, then assume that they are up to no good and turn them into the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division.

For more information on current scams, what can be done to protect yourself from scam artists, and other information about a variety of consumer topics, call Attorney General Phill Kline’s 24-hour Consumer Infoline at (785) 296-2424.

Editor’s note:Attorney General Phill Kline offers this public service to help people avoid becoming victims of consumer fraud. Although some of the details have been changed, the cases appearing in this column are based on actual complaints or questions. For information or to file a complaint, write Attorney General Phill Kline, Consumer Protection Division, 120 SW 10th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66612, or call the toll-free Consumer Hotline, 1-800-432-2310.

Reunions, visitors keeping Winona residents busy and on the go

Kalin Lewallen and Daniel LaBarge of Hays were weekend guests of Mark and Pam Lewallen. Friends and generosity are key words to the survival of one of their family food traditions. Daniel was amazed at the rectitude of plain upright country folk. He found if one asks in Winona, one receives.

The annual Bartell family re-



Jean Lowe

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union was held last weekend at the lake in Ellis. Joyce, Dalene and Kyle hosted the event. Attending

were Glen Kemp, Rhonda Fischer, Virgil and Myrna Bartell of Salina, Mike Bartell of Hays, Chancey and Isabel Finch of Garden City, Louie and Del Tholen of Baker, Ore., and Carrie Martinez of Thornton, Colo., and Bonnie Fry and Charleton of Mulvane.

LaVonne Baxter met Karen Baxter and Linda of Garden City in

Scott City Saturday for lunch and an afternoon in the park.

Kelly Hunt and a four-man combo performed in the Oakley High School Auditorium Sunday afternoon.

Winona WPAA members attending were Lois and Warren Starns, Lindy and Lola Bretz, LaVonne Baxter and Jean Lowe.

Two teens, siblings Olga and Tarek Toema, from Guatemala City, Guatemala arrived at the Colorado Springs airport at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday. They were met by host mothers Pam Lewallen and Jean Lowe.

Their quest is to experience the life of a teen at Triplains High School, as compared to their branch

of learning in their native country.

Louise Smith met her sister Luella Baalman in Colby for lunch Wednesday.

Marge Ausmus accompanied Michele Werth and boys to Denver the first of the week.

If you are a grandpa with a Winona address and have a grandson whose name is Matthew Davis living in the state of Washington, please call 846-7637.

Just like the Vikings of old, the Triplains Vikings are prepared to make a raid. Unlike those Scandinavian warriors who infested the seas around northern and western Europe, these Vikings plan to take over Winona Friday, Oct. 15.

The Chamber of Commerce ladies will take over the chow line in the early evening and serve up the best barbecued beef you’ve ever tasted, along with the fixins’. Business owners, housewives, farmers, churches, organizations, classes and yes, even politicians are urged to enter the parade.

The attention was all on Judy Gfeller at a pre-birthday coffee at the Winona Bar and Grill.

Those attending to wish Judy a happy birthday and many more were Erma Latham, Louise Smith, LaVonne Baxter, Wilma and Bob Pfeiff, Pat Margheim, the cake baker, Marge Ausmus and Jean Lowe.

State fair attendance estimates hinting at a successful event

HUTCHINSON (AP) — Although they won’t have final attendance figures for two to three weeks, officials of the Kansas State Fair feel this year’s 10-day run was a success.

“My gut feeling is that we’ve done well,” said the fair’s manager,

Denny Stoecklein. “It’s been an exciting fair. Just overall it seemed like people who came had a good time.”

Stoecklein was shooting for attendance of 350,000 for the fair that concluded Sunday. Last year it drew 343,244, just above the 10-year

average of 342,281.

Through Saturday, carnival numbers were up 7.6 over last year, and concession sales for the first half of the run had increased by 13 percent.

The fair rolled out a new marketing campaign this year, aimed at drawing a younger crowd while

maintaining the traditional appeal of the annual attraction.

Stoecklein said he expects the fair will renew its contract with the Wichita-based Greteman Group, which created the campaign.

Weather was good throughout the run, with temperatures in the 80s and 90s and rain only on one morning in the middle of the week.

“We could not have been more fortunate,” Stoecklein said. “Everything seemed to fall into place.”

There were also new improvements and attractions on the grounds, built as part of a \$29 million renovation project that remains incomplete.

New this year was the Prairie Pavilion, a 92,000-square foot beef barn, and a revamped Pride of Kansas building.

The 4-H, Oz and poultry buildings are due for renovation in time

for next year’s fair.

Stoecklein said the low point was a \$22,000 loss on Saturday night’s Trapt concert, which drew only about 1,600.

The fair lays out between \$300,000 and \$400,000 for booking its grandstand acts, and through Saturday had a profit of only \$7,900 from the seven shows.

REO Speedwagon and .38 Special, which drew 5,561, made about \$31,000, but the other shows made only a slight profit or showed a loss, Stoecklein said.

“We even lost money on the Oak Ridge Boys,” Stoecklein said.

Hypnotist Ron Diamond was a popular attraction, performing an act that was illegal in Kansas until state law was changed in May.

Fair board members said volunteers hoping for a chance to get into the act lined up an hour in advance.

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

	6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	La Gente	Mat-thews	Good Morning America (CC)		Lilo & Stitch	Fillmore (Ei) (CC)	Proud Family	That's-Raven	Phil of Future	Lizzie McGuire	Kim Possible	Power Rangers
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	Today (CC)				Paid Program	Paid Program	Kenny-Shark	Tuten-stein (Ei)	Trading Spaces	Endur-ance (Ei)	Strange Days	Scout's Safari
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Saturday Early Show (CC)				Lazy-Town	Miss Spider	Dora the Explorer	Dora the Explorer	Little Bill (Ei) (CC)	Blue's Clues	Paid Program	Paid Program
K15CG 3 (3)	Yoga	Market-Market	Clifford	Clifford	Clifford	Clifford	Sesame Street (Ei) (CC) (DVS)	Hand-Crafts	Kansas Spotlight	Barbe-cue	Victory Garden	
WGN 13 (13)	Enter-prise	Adelante Chicago	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Handi-capping	Health Corner	Paid Program	Paid Program	
NICK 29 (29)	Rocket Power	Rugrats (CC)	Jimmy Neutron	Jimmy Neutron	Spon-geBob	Spon-geBob	Oddpar-ents	Oddpar-ents	Danny Phantom	Teenage Robot	Chalk-Zone	Hey Arnold!
FAM 30 (30)	Bey-blade	Bey-blade	Power Rangers	Power Rangers	Super Robot	Digimon-Digital	Spider-Man	Spider-Man	X-Men (CC)	Full House	Full House	
USA 31 (31)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Movie: The Brady Bunch Movie *** (1995, Comedy) Shelley Long. (CC)	Movie: A Very Brady Sequel **½				
TBS 37 (37)	Saved by Bell	Saved by Bell	Movie: It Takes Two **½ (1995, Comedy) Kirstie Alley, Salma Hayek. (CC)	Movie: Universal Soldier: The Return **½ (1999)	Movie: Batman Forever **½ (1995) Batman faces threats from the Riddler and Harvey Two-Face.	Movie: Made in America **½ (1993, Comedy) Whoopi Goldberg. (CC)	Movie: National Lamp.					
TNT 38 (38)	Most Dramatic Police Chases	Most Dramatic Police Chases	Movie: The Lady in Question **½ (1999, Mystery) Gene Wilder, Mike Starr. (CC)	Movie: Renaissance Man **½ (1994, Comedy) An ad exec takes a job teaching inept Army recruits. (CC)	Movie: Days of Thunder **½ (1990, Drama) Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall. (CC)	Movie: Father of the Bride *** (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. (CC)						
DSC 42 (42)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	The Amazing Octopus	Blue Planet: Seas of Life	Animal Face-Off Little vs. Bull Shark					
A&E 47 (47)	Biography Ben Johnson (CC)	Biography Ben Johnson (CC)	Movie: The Lady in Question **½ (1999, Mystery) Gene Wilder, Mike Starr. (CC)	Movie: Bring It On (2000) High-school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title.	Movie: Bring It On Again (2004, Comedy) Anne Judson-Yager, Bree Turner. (CC)	Movie: Rocky II *** (1979)	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.
ESPN 49 (49)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	SportsCenter (CC)	College Gameday (Live) (CC)	College Football					
HBO 7 (7)	(5:30) Movie: The Burbs ** (1989)	Movie: Intolerable Cruelty *** (2003, Romance-Comedy) George Clooney. (CC)	Nine Innings From Ground Zero (CC)	Inside the NFL NFL news and highlights.	Movie: Masterminds (1997)							
DISN 17 (17)	Koala Brothers	The Wiggles	Higgly-town	JoJo's Circus	The Wiggles (CC)	Rolie House of Mouse	Lilo & Stitch	Lilo & Stitch	Barbar-ian	Barbar-ian		
MAX 21 (21)	(5:30) Movie: Cannonball Run II * (1984) Burt Reynolds. (CC)	Movie: Vegas Vacation **½ (1997, Comedy) Chevy Chase.	Movie: Brown Sugar (2002) Childhood friends won't admit they love each other.									

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Grene Vision	Paid Program	Paid Program	College Football: Washington State at Arizona or Teams TBA. (Live)						
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	Jeop-ardy!	Paid Program	Gymnastics: T.J. Maxx Tour of Champions. (CC)			College Football: Washington at Notre Dame. (Live) (CC)						
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Football Today	College Football: Alabama at Arkansas. (Live) (CC)						
K15CG 3 (3)	Yankee Shop	This Old House	Ask This Old	Home-time (N)	Woodwright	Find! (CC)	1 Stroke Paint	School-Fine Art	Love of Quilting	Creative Life	On the Money	Ances-rs (CC)
WGN 13 (13)	Soul Train Truth Hurts.	Movie: Breaking Up ** (1997, Comedy) Russell Crowe, Salma Hayek. (CC)	Movie: Mutant X Traveling death camp. (CC)	Andromeda The Spider's Strategem	Home Improve.	Will & Grace						
NICK 29 (29)	Told by Ginger	CatDog	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV	Nick-toons TV
FAM 30 (30)	7th Heaven There Goes the Bride (CC)	Movie: Addams Family Values **½ (1993, Comedy) Anjelica Huston.	Movie: Bring It On (2000) High-school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title.	Movie: Bring It On Again (2004, Comedy) Anne Judson-Yager, Bree Turner. (CC)	Movie: Rocky II *** (1979)	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.
USA 31 (31)	(11:00) Movie: A Very Brady Sequel	Movie: Bring It On (2000) High-school cheerleaders vie for a coveted national title.	Movie: Bring It On Again (2004, Comedy) Anne Judson-Yager, Bree Turner. (CC)	Movie: Rocky II *** (1979)	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.
TBS 37 (37)	(11:15) Movie: National Lampoon's Vacation (1983)	Movie: Renaissance Man **½ (1994, Comedy) An ad exec takes a job teaching inept Army recruits. (CC)	Movie: Days of Thunder **½ (1990, Drama) Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall. (CC)	Movie: Father of the Bride *** (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. (CC)								
TNT 38 (38)	NASCAR Racing: Busch Series -- Stacker 200. Dover, Del. (Live) (CC)	Police Chases	Movie: Days of Thunder **½ (1990, Drama) Tom Cruise, Robert Duvall. (CC)	Movie: Father of the Bride *** (1991, Comedy) Steve Martin, Diane Keaton. (CC)								
DSC 42 (42)	How High Can You Fly? (CC)	American Hot Rod (CC)	American Chopper Dixie Chopper 2	American Casino Hendon Rocks Party	Rally Round the House (CC)	Double Agents City Slickers (CC)						
A&E 47 (47)	Star Wars: Empire of Dreams	The trilogy becomes a phenomenon. (CC)	Movie: Rocky *** (1976) A boxer faces the odds to make something of himself. Sylvester Stallone. (CC)	Movie: Rocky II *** (1979)	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.
ESPN 49 (49)	(11:00) College Football: North Carolina State at Virginia Tech. (Live) (CC)	College Gmday	PGA Golf: 84 Lumber Classic -- Third Round. Farmington, Pa. (Live) (CC)	College Football: Penn State at Wisconsin. (Live) (CC)								
HBO 7 (7)	(11:00) Movie: Masterminds (1997)	Movie: Chain Reaction ** (1996, Adventure) Keanu Reeves. (CC)	Movie: Intolerable Cruelty *** (2003) George Clooney. (CC)	Movie: The Transporter (2002)								
DISN 17 (17)	Brandy-Whisk	Proud Family	Movie: Brink! **½ (1998) An in-line skater deserts his pals to join a rival team.	Lilo & Stitch	Brandy & Mr. Kim Possible	Proud Family	Brace-face	Lizzie McGuire				
MAX 21 (21)	(10:50) Movie: The Matrix Reloaded	Movie: The Untouchables **** (1987, Drama) Kevin Costner. (CC)	Movie: Analyze That ** (2002, Comedy) Robert De Niro, Billy Crystal. (CC)									

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KLBY/ABC 4 (6)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Movie: Cast Away *** (2000, Drama) A courier company executive is marooned on a remote island. Tom Hanks. (DVS)	News (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Entertainment Tonight (N) (CC)						
KSNK/NBC 3 (9)	News	Wheel of Fortune	The Apprentice (CC)	Law & Order: Paradigm (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims	Saturday Night Live Justin Timberlake. (CC)						
KBSL/CBS 12 (11)	News (CC)	Friends (CC)	Cold Case Maternal Instincts (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation	48 Hours Mystery (Season Premiere)	News (CC)	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey	Drew Carey		
K15CG 3 (3)	Antiques Roadshow Chicago	Keeping Up	As Time Goes By	The Lawrence Welk Show	Baxter Black	Red Green	Austin City Limits (CC)	Soundstage Yes performs. (CC)				
WGN 13 (13)	MLB Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox. U.S. Cellular Field. (Live) (CC)	WGN News at Nine (CC)	Becker (CC)	Movie: Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare * (1991)								
NICK 29 (29)	Drake & Josh	Spon-geBob	Grown Up	Romeo!	All That	Amanda	Father-hood	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Cosby Show	Rose-anne	Rose-anne
FAM 30 (30)	(5:00) Movie: Casper *** (1995)	Movie: Nine Months ** (1995, Comedy) Hugh Grant, Julianne Moore.	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock	3rd Rock
USA 31 (31)	(5:00) Movie: Bring It On **½ (2000)	Law & Order: Special Victims	Law & Order: Special Victims	Law & Order: Special Victims	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	The District On Guard (CC)						
TBS 37 (37)	College Football: USC at Stanford. (Live)	Movie: Men at Work (1990) Two fun-loving trash men sniff out a toxic waste cover-up.	College Football									
TNT 38 (38)	(5:00) Movie: Arachnophobia	Movie: The Matrix *** (1999) A computer hacker learns his world is a computer simulation. (CC)	Movie: The Animatrix (2003) Animated. Nine stories related to "The Matrix."	Movie: Johnny								
DSC 42 (42)	New Detectives: Forensic Science	The FBI Files High Stakes (CC)	The FBI Files Dangerous Gamble	The FBI Files Death in the Delta (CC)	The FBI Files High Stakes (CC)	The FBI Files Dangerous Gamble						
A&E 47 (47)	(4:30) Movie: Rocky II (1979)	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.	Movie: Rocky IV (1985) Vengeful boxer Rocky Balboa faces a deadly Soviet fighter.	Movie: Rocky III *** (1982) A merciless contender forces Rocky into a title match.						
ESPN 49 (49)	(4:45) College Football: Penn State at Wisconsin. (Live) (CC)	College Gmday	Movie: Hustle (2004) Gambling leads to Pete Rose's banishment from baseball.	SportsCenter (Live) (CC)	College Gameday Final (Live) (CC)							
HBO 7 (7)	(5:15) Movie: The Transporter (2002)	Movie: Runaway Jury *** (2003) A man tries to manipulate an explosive trial. (CC)	Boxing: Glencoffe Johnson vs. Roy Jones, Jr. From Memphis, Tenn. (Live) (CC)	The Wire (CC)								
DISN 17 (17)	Phil of Future	That's-Raven	Brandy & Mr. Kim Possible	Lilo & Stitch	Barbar-ian	Lizzie McGuire	Phil of Future	Brace-face	Boy Wtd. Mths.	Proud Family	That's-Raven	
MAX 21 (21)	(5:00) Movie: The Matrix Reloaded *** (2003) Freedom fighters revolt against machines. Keanu Reeves. (CC)	Movie: In the Cut ** (2003) An English teacher suspects her lover of murder. (CC)	Black Tie Nite	Black Tie Nite								



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