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Beware of the scammers!

In the past fortnight we have heard of two townfolk falling victim to scammers. Both have lost thousands of dollars! Both of these folk are clever, alert people so the warning is; if it can happen to them it could happen to the rest of us! In fact, as I sat typing this article, I received an email claiming that I had exceeded my storage data levels and my account was being frozen! Their solution was for me to click on a link that would resolve the issue. My solution was to delete the email!

Now, as clever as we think we are, scammers are more so. They unashamedly cast doubt, and make their message very plausible! So what can we do?

To avoid falling victim to scams, stop, and don't impulse-act. Be wary of unexpected contact by phone, text message or email. Ask yourself, "Do I know and trust this person?"

Anyone cold calling to say something is wrong with your banking, your services, your

computer, and so on should be treated with suspicion. Under no circumstances share or verify your passwords or PIN numbers. Ever! The best solution is to hang up. If you think the call may be legitimate, ask for a name and the organisation they claim to represent, then inform them that you will communicate with the company directly to verify their call.

If you receive an email asking for money or information, or one telling you that your phone, computer or services are under threat, never reply using the number, email address, or link that they list. Look up the company details a different way (eg. Google search) and use those. If in doubt, delete the email immediately. If the email's sender shows the name of a relative or friend, and is asking for money or information, do not click reply. Instead, phone your relative or friend to confirm.

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Tairua/Pauanui's new pharmacist

I got to meet the new permanent pharmacist at Tairua Pauanui Pharmacy last week, and came away thinking that we are truly blessed to have such a wonderful person join our community.

Emma Logan started at the pharmacy in June and is settling well into life here. She and her husband, Josh, and their two children are really enjoying the transition from living in Waiuku to living in Tairua, among "genuinely nice and friendly people"!

Emma studied pharmacy at Auckland University, graduating a decade ago, and has worked in pharmacies in the city and beyond. On a recent break away in Waihi, she saw an advertisement for the permanent Tairua position, made an enquiry and then an application, surprising Josh when she secured the position! But Josh was on-board, and is now adjusting to being more of a "stay-at-home" dad as he manages their youngsters going to Tairua Kindergarten and Tairua School, terming it a "sabbatical" from his previous work!

On the professional front, Emma is keenly interested in lifestyle and natural health and loves the opportunity



Tairua Pauanui Pharmacy's new permanent pharmacist, Emma Logan, is enjoying living in the community.

to discuss health issues and options with everyone, so feel free to drop into the pharmacy to have a chat. She explained that she would be keen to expand this aspect of her health interest into more of a community health forum in the future.

And you know how it is in our towns...as Emma and I were chatting and Emma mentioned the "nice and friendly people" who actually stop to talk with her, sidekick Maria chipped in saying, "That's because they are nosy!" All jokes aside, it is obvious that Emma has landed happily in her new job and is enjoying the fun and banter that comes with it! Welcome to our place, Emma!

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'Ello, 'ello, 'ello A word from our local constabulary

Kia Ora Koutou,

SECURITY, SECURITY SECURITY!!!

This report is all about pushing for everyone to bolster up on their home security.

Adding on from June, Burglaries continued through the early part of July, in the Tairua area. We had several break-ins around town, and we are investigating two likely suspects, with the main culprit believed to be a 47-year-old male from the Far North area.

Thanks to information from locals, we were able to stop a suspicious vehicle on the 10th of July. Although we were short on evidence for an arrest at this time, some convincing to leave town was successful.

We love to catch burglars, but we can't always do it without your help. A great start is to tighten up on your home security, with CCTV cameras, alarms, window stays and sensor lights. If you need some help setting up, or would like to have your alarm monitored, we highly recommend contacting Tairua/Pauanui Security, call Patrick on 027 200 8434. These burglars are only targeting low risk dwellings, so if you can increase their risk of getting caught with better security, we are confident you won't be targeted.

With increased use of social media, this can be helpful and detrimental, so it is important you only share accurate information rather than speculate or post misleading comments. Furthermore, with increased publicity through social

media, this can greatly influence public perceptions, including overall crime rates. These latest burglaries are an anomaly to a normally safe community with generally very low crime rates. As we know, it can only take one or two individuals to cause one hundred percent of the issues. Our collective goal is to be the world's safest country, and our goal is for Tairua and Pauanui is to be the safest communities within the country, so we need everyone to do their part. Let's change the mindsets such as - 'It's just a bach so I won't worry about it' or 'I haven't been broken into in 20 years so why would I bother'. Let's start thinking different, such as - 'I can see my neighbour had a break in so I think I will bolster my security for peace of mind, and then if I do have a break in, it should help the Police catch those responsible'.

We conduct our investigations through evidence-based policing and part of that is identifying the drivers of crime and finding trends/patterns with the locations, times, items being targeted etc. This is why timely reporting is so important as it can add pieces to the puzzle.

The second half of July proved to be much less eventful with only minor incidents attended, including neighbourly disputes, driving complaints and a few job assists at our neighbouring stations.

Stay Safe

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Dylan & Tim, Tairua Police

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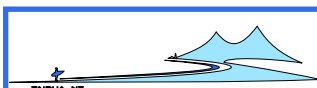
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This recipe was in a novel I read recently! The character in the story was an avid baker and these cookies were a favourite. I adapted several of the measures to more suit a Kiwi audience. Next time, I'm going to try 1 cup of oats and ½ cup of coconut of instead of the full measure of oats.

Ingredients:

- 125g butter (or vegetable spread)
- ¼ cup brown sugar, packed
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup self-raising flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1½ cups quick rolled oats
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup chopped pecans

Method:

1. Pre-heat oven to 180°C. Line a baking tray with baking paper or use a non-stick cookie sheet.
2. Cream butter and sugars together.
3. Add vanilla and egg, and beat well.
4. Sift in flour and salt. Mix well.
5. Add rolled oats, cranberries and chopped pecans. Mix until very well combined.
6. Roll mixture into 3cm balls and place on tray 4cm apart, or drop scoops of cookie dough on to tray, 5cm apart. Flatten slightly with fork.
7. Bake for 10-12mins, cool on tray. Store in an air-tight container.



These ones pictured were adapted to be gluten-free. I substituted GF Cornflakes for the oats (crushed them, then measured), and GF flour + 1½ teaspoons of baking powder for the self-raising flour.

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