



WRONG NUMBER!

You receive a call on your cell phone, and you look at the number. It's a local number so you go ahead and answer the call. Then that dreaded voice you hear is a recorded message trying to sell you something. You have been robo-called again, and it is likely occurring several times a day. You think to yourself, but I signed up for the "Do Not Call Registry?"



The answer is technology. The Do Not Call registry was created in 2003 to stop illegal sales practices of companies over the telephone lines. In reality, when you sign up for the Do Not Call registry, nothing really happens. The Do Not Call registry gives you the right to file a complaint and the Federal Trade Commission, who enforces the Do Not Call registry could then go after the bad guys. The problem is, new

technology has overtaken what the FTC can investigate or prosecute.

It is estimated that over two billion calls are placed every month, and the FTC receives thousands of complaints every-day from people who have been called by the scammers. The government simply cannot keep up. The use of "voice over internet protocol" has made possible the bulk dialing used for these scammers. Also, the use of "spoofing," which fakes a local telephone number, has made robo-callers almost untraceable.

In 2009, the FTC outlawed almost all robo-calls, but exempted political organizations, schools, and charitable organi-



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things, from the law. But the law had no effect, and in 2017, the FTC received over 7 million complaints.

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The scammers take advantage of you, thinking you are receiving a local call. Once they get you on the line, they try to sell you a warranty,



timeshare, or credit card services. Many of them are simply scamming you.

So what can you do? The obvious answer is, if you answer one of these calls, the minute you hear the robo-voice, just hang up. Don't be nice, don't talk to them, don't "Press 1" for more services to talk to a human or anything else, just hang up!

Yes, you can file a complaint with the FTC, but you likely won't get a response, and you will not know whether

they investigate your complaint or not, since the FTC simply cannot keep up with the millions of calls and scams. You can also install an App on your phone that will help with robo-calls. Just do some research on the best apps for stopping calls. They likely won't stop all calls, but it may help. Also, the big telephone companies are getting involved, and trying to come up with ways to reduce the headache of these calls.

If your number is on the Do Not Call Registry, it does not expire, so your name should still be on the registry. But the bottom line is, the registry won't save you from robo-calls and scams. You simply have to hang up. Many people are too nice, and agree to talk

May Play Days



Friends in Motion

Anniversaries being celebrated include:

Phil and Lou Reno (50 years), of Bushnell celebrated



their 50th Anniversary on April 20th. Congratulations **Phil and Lou!** **Jim and Barb Spiker** (23 years) of Edwards, CO. Happy Anniversary Jim and Barb!

Birthday celebrations include: **Swede Borg** (76) of London Mills,



Deb Hobbs (75) of Good Hope, **Kay McCance** (79) of Smithfield, **Margaret White**

(83), of Avon, **Lyndall Pigg** of Macomb, **Karen Thompson** (74) of Industry, **Sara Hudson** (91), **Harris Lafary**, and **Carolyn**

UPCOMING

May 4 & Jun. 1 - VFW breakfast, 7 to 10 am.

Jun. 7 & Sep. 6 - Free blood pressure, pulse/oxygen, cholesterol and blood sugar checks at F&M Main Bank, 9 to 10 am.



Sunday, May 12, 2019

Happy
Mother's
Day



Snacks and Treats

OREO RICE KRISPIE TREATS

Jessie Havens

6 cups Rice Krispie cereal
20 regular Oreos, chopped
5 cups mini marshmallows
3 Tbsp. butter
White chocolate for drizzle, optional
Spray 9x13 inch dish with



cooking spray. Mix rice krispies and chopped Oreos in a large bowl. In saucepan, heat butter and marshmallows over medium heat, stirring constantly, until melted. Pour melted marshmallows over cereal and Oreos and quickly combine ingredients. Once combined, spread mixture in 9x13 inch dish and flatten with spatula. When cool, drizzle melted white chocolate on top.

HOMEMADE CHOICE

CARAMELS

Peggy Weiss

2 cups sugar
1-3/4 cups Karo light syrup
2 cups whipping cream
1 cup butter
1 tsp. vanilla
1 cup nuts, if desired
Cook sugar, syrup, half the cream and the butter together.

When it boils, stir in the rest of the cream, but do not allow the boiling to cease. Test for a soft



ball in cold water, 238

degrees on the thermometer. Boiling takes about an hour; stir occasionally. Add vanilla and nuts and pour into a buttered dish or cookie sheet. When cold, cut and wrap in waxed paper. Note: 234 to 240 degrees. Soft ball: Syrup can be shaped into a ball but flattens when removed from water.

OYSTER CRACKERS

Deb Powell

1 (1oz.) pkg dry ranch dressing mix
1/4 cup canola or vegetable oil
1 tsp. dried dill weed
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
1 bag of oyster crackers
Preheat oven to 250 degrees.

In a large mixing bowl, combine dry ingredients and mix well with crackers. Then add the oil and stir well. Pour crackers onto a large cookie

