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Kentucky Scam Jams To Promote Financial ‘Spring Cleaning’

Events include community-wide shredding, games and prizes

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 15, 2024) – Spring cleaning isn’t just about getting your house in order, it’s also about ensuring your finances are in tip-top shape. To help Kentuckians assess their financial knowledge and wellbeing, the Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) will participate in two Scam Jam and Community Shredding events. Attendees will learn how to identify financial scams, plus securely destroy any old documents taking up space.

Somerset Scam Jam & Community Shredding Event

Date: April 26, 2024
Location: The Center for Rural Development
2292 S HWY #300
Somerset, KY 42501
Times: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Scam Jam)
10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Shredding)

Monticello Scam Jam & Community Shredding Event

Date: May 8, 2024
Location: Wayne Theatre
30 Main Street
Monticello, KY 42633
Times: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Scam Jam)
10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Shredding)

DFI will present on *Recognizing and Avoiding Top Financial Scams*, which will include financial fraud bingo. Attendees will learn about the red flags associated with various scams and protection measures they can implement to better protect their finances.

“The more Kentuckians know now, the better their chances are of avoiding devastating scams in the future. I encourage those in the Somerset and Monticello communities to spend the day with us,” said Marni Rock Gibson, DFI Commissioner. “What better way to check in on your financial wellbeing than by learning about ways to protect your hard-earned money?”

“While you’re there, stop by the shredding truck. Spring cleaning is a great time to go through old paperwork that’s cluttering your house, but don’t just throw it in the trash where scammers can access your sensitive information. Those who utilize the shredding services at this event can rest easy knowing their documents are securely destroyed for no charge.”

Event partners include Kentucky AARP, the Attorney General's Office of Senior Protection, and the Kentucky Financial Empowerment Commission. This free event is open to all ages and lunch will be provided. Vendors will be available to further discuss scams and identity theft with attendees, and door prizes will be awarded.

Attendees are required to register for each event using the following links:

Somerset – <https://events.aarp.org/KYScamJamSomerset>

Monticello – <https://events.aarp.org/KYScamJamMonticello>

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