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### **Resource Fair & Be Aware of Scams**

Alzheimer's is a progressive brain disease that over time destroys one's thinking abilities, memories, and ability to carry out simple tasks. Currently, around five million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease with this number projected to rise to 16 million by the year 2050.

Do you know someone living with Alzheimer's or another dementia? Are you a caregiver for someone living with Alzheimer's or another dementia? Then you may be interested in an upcoming Alzheimer's Resource Fair. This Resource Fair is for caregivers, those living with Alzheimer's or another dementia, and/or anyone interested in learning more. Join us to learn about available resources, get information on Alzheimer's and other dementia, and connect with others. Join us at the River Valley Extension District's Clay Center Office in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association for an Alzheimer's Resource Fair on September 14th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Many of us have experienced some type of scam phone call. It is important to be aware of a recent phone call scam that is targeting older Americans, specifically grandparents. The scam caller impersonates a grandchild who has been in an accident or is experiencing some type of crisis. The scam caller is requesting monetary help. They may also have you talk to a "lawyer" or another professional who is also a scam caller.

The Federal Communications Commission has a helpful article about these "Grandparent" scams and can be viewed at the following link <https://www.fcc.gov/watch-out-grandparent-scams>. Please be aware of what phone numbers you are answering and who you are speaking with on the phone. As always do not share sensitive information over the phone with people whom you do not know. Lastly, if you receive a scam phone call such as this then please report it.

If you have any questions regarding the upcoming Alzheimer's Resource Fair or questions about scam phone calls please feel free to contact me, Jordan Schuette, at the Washington Office by phone at 785-325-2121.

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