

(1) Hang up; (2) Destroy

Today, I will deal with two more scams, one brought to our attention by Sandy Praeger, Kansas Commissioner of Insurance, and the other via e-mail in which I was told I won more money than I could ever count. If you have any personal experiences like these, or otherwise, and want to share them, feel free to e-mail me at tomd@nwkans.com, fax 877-3732, mail to me at 215 S. Kansas Ave., Norton 67654 or drop by the office. Your name won't be used unless you ask otherwise.

At Week's End

Commissioner Praeger says that scam artists are fast at work and have come up with yet another way to take advantage of senior citizens. In this particular scam, the caller claims to be from "Medicare" and then advises an unsuspecting senior they have overpaid Medicare the previous year and are entitled to a refund.

The caller says they need to verify personal information and then request bank and checking account numbers so that an automatic refund deposit can be made directly back into their account.

Commissioner Praeger said that she has not heard of anyone in Kansas falling for this scam, but felt that in the best interest of our senior population that this warning be made public in advance of incidents, which, hopefully, will prevent our seniors from becoming victims.

If you get any call like described above, simply and quickly hang up. Then just as quickly report the incident to Medicare by calling 1-800-447-8477. And continue stressing to the senior members of your family the importance of NEVER giving anyone any personal information over the telephone.

Now, the following scam needs no explanation. As you read it you

will tell yourself, "Certainly no one would get involved in this obvious attempt to gain entry into your banking account."

Read on (and keep in mind that I didn't cut anything out of the e-mail I received).

FROM THE DESK OF THE DIRECTOR

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Dear Winner,

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CONGRATULATION !!!

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All participants were selected through a computer ballot system drawn from over 75,000 companies and individual email addresses from Europe, America, Asia, Australia, Caribbean, Africa and New Zealand as part of international program which we conduct once every year.

To process your claims, you are urgently requested to contact your claim agent immediately. Upon contact, make sure you quote your REF NO: NLD/552/483/01717, Batch No:435/686/ 211 /VKT, your name, country and telephone in all your correspondence with the Manager and please follow all his instructions religiously.

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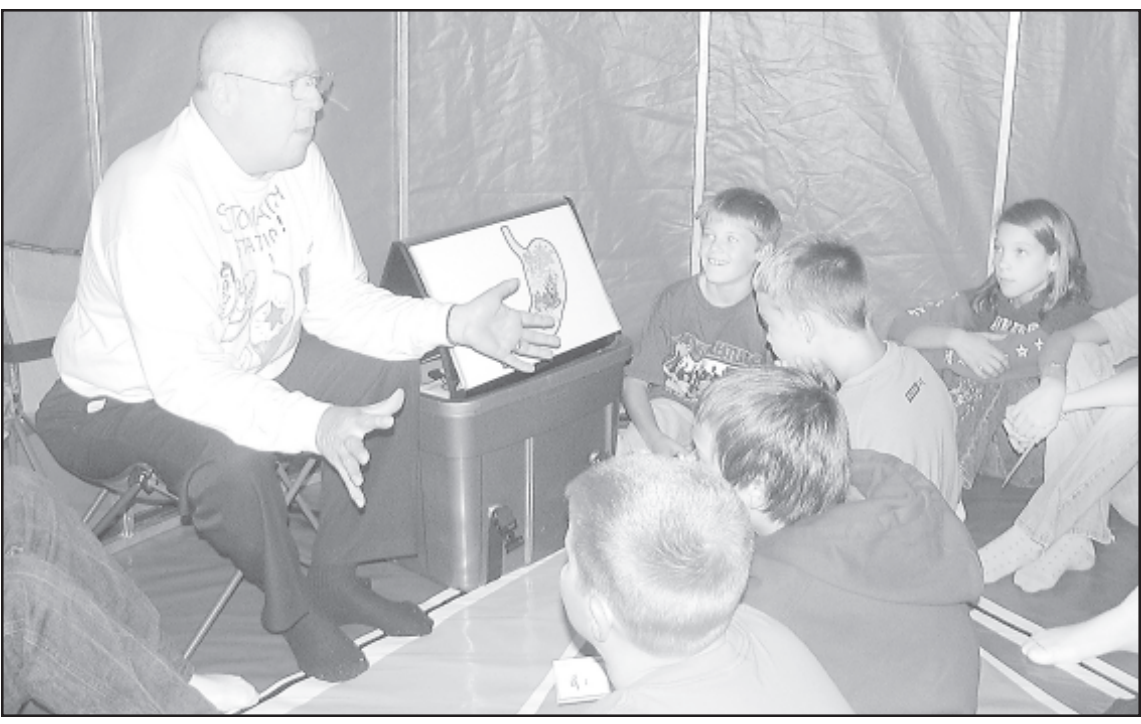
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For the processing and remittance of your prize money to a designated bank account of your choice.

Please be aware that your paying bank will effect payment swiftly upon satisfactory report and verifications provided by our processing department. Note that all winnings must be claimed not later than 30Th of October 2006. After this date all unclaimed funds will be returned to the promotion company. Furthermore, should there be any change of address do inform your claim agent as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs. Rita Joop
Public Relation Officer.

So there you are. Would you fall prey to this kind of stuff? Hopefully not.



During a Body Walk exercise, Terry "The Stomach" Worthington talked with Eisenhower Elementary students about food choices and the digestion process.

— Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Students take a walk through the body

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larger-than-life mouth, where they learned about dental hygiene, and then were "swallowed" through the esophagus tunnel and moved into the stomach dome. From the stomach, the students traveled through the small intestine where they were "absorbed" into the blood. Then they followed the path

of nutrients to the heart, lungs, bone, muscle and skin stations.

The final station reviewed the key health concepts learned at the other stations and how to apply the slogan, "Eat smart, play hard".

The Body Walk was developed to address increasing national concerns about lack of physical activity and declining nutritional status

of young children.

Volunteers helping with Body Walk were: Chad Manning, muscle; Dale Carlson, brain; Kelli Perez, lunch room; Pam Engelbert, review; Pam Shelton, skin; Judy Coody, mouth/teeth; Jennie Miller, bones; Kayla Tacha, heart; Jeff Nielsen, intestines; and Elaine Mann, lungs.

Parents plead for son's participation

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pation in the ceremonies.

"The problem is not Justin," he said, "but students in the future who see an opportunity to participate in graduation ceremonies when they don't earn it and haven't met the requirements."

He said the district's current policy would allow for this, but the district would need a signed statement from someone in Topeka saying it isn't discriminatory in any way.

"If we could get something signed, then I don't see any problem allowing what you're asking," he said. "If a student has met graduation requirements, then she/he should be allowed to participate."

The matter will come before the board again at the Oct. 9 meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Heard beginning-of-year reports from principals Larry Mills,

Corey Roy and Rudy Perez.

- Heard a presentation on Social Studies from teacher Julie Schrum.

- Adopted the activity guidelines for the year as presented.

- Held a 12-minute closed session to discuss matters relating to employer/employee negotiations.

- After coming out of closed session, the board approved the negotiated agreement as ratified by the teachers.

- Held two closed sessions lasting a total of 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel.

- Hired Cynthia Glennemeier as treasurer for the district.

- Gave the same raise and bonus to Corey Roy, Larry Mills and Greg Mann as was approved for the certified staff.

- Approved a 60 cent/hour increase for all returning classified staff retroactive to July 1, 2006 and also approved a lump sum 1 percent signing bonus for returning

staff based on 2005-06 wages.

- Approved Linda Burge as the Eisenhower Elementary technology aide.

- Reviewed and revised board goals for 2006-07. Final adoption of the goals is set for the Oct. 9 meeting.

- Appointed board member Jennifer Terrell as the voting delegate to the Kansas Association of School Boards convention on Dec. 1-3 in Wichita and named all other board members as alternates.

- Heard that Sally Cauble, a candidate for the state board of education, has requested to be at the October meeting to meet the Norton board.

- Moved the October meeting's starting time to 7 p.m. Board members Craig Renner and Chris Harting voted no.

- Held two closed sessions lasting a total of 20 minutes to discuss matters relating to a student.

It's all about kids' clothes

It got down right nippy the other night and the weather man says it might freeze before the week is over. I sure am glad I took the youngest daughter shopping while we were in Manhattan for the game because she told me she had no long sleeved tops and I wouldn't want her to catch a chill and miss a social engagement (or a class.)

I am not really buying that "no winter tops" line. Anyone who knows Patricia knows whatever she may lack, clothing is not on the list. But, it was her birthday so a little treat seemed in order. She had even scouted out a sale. (She takes after her momma, I tell you!)

It is always interesting to shop somewhere besides "women's world." Not that I would consider wearing the styles she gravitates towards. Somewhere along the line I have acquired a sense of modesty and decorum.

After surveying the Junior Department, here are some fall fashion tips: tops are longer. This is good news! We did not look at jeans so I am not sure if the low rise jeans are in or out but with longer

Back Home Nancy Hagman



tops it doesn't really matter.

No more exposed bellies, glimpses of underwear or worse!

Cropped sweaters and hoodies are in but they are worn over long tops! Items with seams on the outside, rips, tears and moth eaten styles are in. I don't approve but I bought!

We saw one lacy sweater that was so long I was sure it was a dress. Tricia maintained it was a top. It's interesting that sweaters may even be longer than the skirts we have been seeing.

Not that I have a problem with mini skirt I suppose it has to do with the time I grew up in, the shorter the better! And then there were hot pants, my mom was tolerant, so am I!

Once when the hubby and I were dating he confided that his sister

(still in high school) had gotten in trouble for rolling her skirt band to shorten her skirts after she got to school. He was mystified at such behavior. The things we women do and risk just so men will look as us and they have no clue! I'm not sure if it is cute or annoying!

Last spring Patricia won an award from her sorority. It wasn't the sort of thing they send out press releases about but she did score a feather boa for her "fashion sense."

Part of the citation praised her for being able to wear minis and look "Classy, not trashy". Well, now what parent would not be proud?

After she got home for the summer I was doing the laundry and got to wondering just how short are those skirts? So I measured. Moms, for your peace of mind, this is not really a good idea.

I tease but I don't fault the girls their cute little styles (except those low rise jeans, I really don't like them!) Youth is so fleeting. Have fun!

As for us women of a certain age here's a fashion tip: in Manhattan, Kansas on Saturdays in the fall you can't go wrong in purple!

Final farm program loan payments coming soon

Norton and area agricultural producers enrolled in the United States Department of Agriculture's Direct and Counter-cyclical Program, can expect their final 2006 direct payment to be electronically deposited into personal bank accounts sometime after the first week in October. That announcement came this week from Vesta Hobbs, county executive director for the Norton County Farm Service Agency.

Producers who chose not to receive an advance 2006 direct payment will receive a lump sum payments for the year in October, she said.

The local office said the direct payment for a crop equals 85 percent of the farm's base acreage multiplied by the farm's direct payment yield multiplied by the direct payment rate.

The Fiscal Year 2006 year direct payment rates and maximum potential counter-cyclical rates are:

- Wheat, 52 cents, 65 cents per bushel
- Corn, 28 cents, 40 cents per bushel
- Grain sorghum, 35 cents, 27

cents per bushel

- Upland cotton, 6.67 cents and 13.73 cents per pound

- Soybeans, 44 cents and 36 cents per bushel

- Barley, 36 cents and 15 cents per bushel

- Oats, 2.4 cents and 8.6 cents per bushel

"We (Farm Service Agency) will accept late applications for the 2006 DCP (Direct and Counter-cyclical Program) sign up from now through Sept. 29, 2006, if producers pay a \$100 late fee, Director Hobbs said. Producers sign DCP contracts annually and can choose not to participate in the program in any given year.

The Farm Service Agency reminds producers that if changes in operation potentially impacting interest in base acres have been made since signing the last Direct and Counter-cyclical Program contract, the *successions-in-interest* must be reported to the county committee by Sept. 29, so that a final eligibility determination can be made.

Changes that qualify for a *succession-in-interest* include:

- A sale of land.

- A change of operator or producer, including an increase or decrease in the number of partners.

- A foreclosure, bankruptcy or involuntary loss of the farm.

- A change in producer shares to reflect changes in the producer's share of the crops(s) that were originally approved on the contract.

If a *succession-in-interest* has taken place, you, as the "predecessor," are required to refund any advance DCP payments you received for the affected base acres, Director Hobbs said. Not reporting a *succession-in-interest* can result in contract termination and a loss of program benefits for all producers involved, she said.

For more information about DCP or other Farm Service Agency programs, call the Norton County office at (785) 877-5156, or log onto www.fsa.usda.gov. The United States Department of Agriculture is an equal opportunity employer, provider and lender.

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