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## Commissioners discuss 4H building with fair board

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fair board members what they had to say on the possibility of taking over that building. Fair Board member Roger Carbon noted the board was not in a position to take on the maintenance and liability of the building.

“We’ll try to do our best to kind of help with it,” added Carbon, “but we just don’t have the people to be there and do the maintenance of it every other day or whatever needs to be done.”

“We’ve got lots of things we’ve tried to spend our money on which we’re getting assistance from you with,” Carbon added, “and we appreciate all the help that you give us, we just can’t hardly function without you; so, we’ll try to cooperate however we can, but we just can’t take the building.”

Hightower noted that what Carbon had said made sense, and Commissioner Jim Johnson stated, “That’s our issue - the maintenance of the building.”

Johnson added it’s expensive and time consuming for county employees.

Carbon noted the whole fairgrounds and the building are used a lot and that the Arts and Crafts group need to be paying rent on that building.

“They may be paying you \$75 a day for two days for their office space to be in there, but you should be getting money out of their booths,” said one board member.

Johnson then asked the board members if the fair board receives a percentage of every booth on the fairgrounds to which they  
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## Fear & urgency at heart of Centerville couple scam

### Ungeheuer – “it can happen to anyone”

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Dillard and Charleta Ungeheuer sat at their kitchen table and contemplated many of the reasons the couple became victim’s costing them \$20,000 and much stress and heartache.

Dillard, who’d just come in from farm work, sat down and began the long tale and said, “I’d gone through open heart surgery Nov. 3 and was told to lay low.”

The day the scam occurred, Thursday, Nov. 20, Charleta was acting as a caring wife and trying to take care of issues not to bother her husband.

Charleta had received a message on her iPad from ‘Apple Support’ stating she owed \$300. The text asked if she authorized the charge. She called the phone number on the iPad and “they were very professional.”

Ungeheuer’s daughter, Abra Livengood, said that the scammer speaking under the guise of Apple Support, had Charleta download remote software where they were able to see everything on her computer, including bank



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**Dillard and Charleta Ungeheuer tell the story of their scam**

accounts.

He then had a form she had to type up and told her “We’ll fix this charge.”

Dillard said, “The next thing she knows he said ‘ma’am, you typed in \$20,000 - that’s a problem.’”

He said that in hindsight they found out that Charleta had high blood pressure and the scam exacerbated the problem. “I was 200 over 120,” she said.

“We wondered if she had a stroke and then we checked her into KU for very high blood pressure for two days,” said Dillard. “With high blood pressure, we don’t make good decisions.”

Abra said, “She was coerced; he earned her trust like she was in a trance. He had her scared

to death.”

Charleta said the scammer threatened her that the problem had to be fixed or the authorities, including the KBI and FBI, would be ‘getting’ her.

Abra continued that people shouldn’t “click the links; he coached her. It’s why elderly people are often targeted.”

Dillard looked at his wife and said that all it involved was her trying to handle a problem.

He said she told him, “I have to go to the bank and straighten out something, I made a mistake and I want to go to Paola or Osawatomie shopping.”

Dillard said he didn’t think much about it as he was still under the influence of heart surgery.

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**U.S. Senator Roger Marshall speaks with Jayhawk Linn students last week on various topics.**

## Sen. Marshall visits JLHS, speaks with students

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of healthcare, noting the hard work that organizations and businesses in the area are doing to grow their communities and local economies.

One of the stops he made in his six-county tour was at Jayhawk Linn High School in Mound City to meet with Superintendent Shawn Thomas and students from across Bourbon and Linn counties.

During the visit, Sen. Marshall noted that federal funds from Title 1 funding remain intact, continuing to provide

a significant part of the Jayhawks’ operating budget. He also continues to support IDEA Part B funding in the appropriations process to make sure special education students across the state receive the resources they need.

Marshall also spoke with the students about his life growing up in rural Kansas and his choice to pursue a degree in medicine. He encouraged them to seek paths in life ranging from college to trade schools, reminding them that not everyone needs a degree to be successful in life.

U.S. Senator Roger Marshall, M.D. (R-Kansas), spent Friday in Eastern Kansas visiting various entities across six counties to hear directly from business owners, educators, students, pharmacists and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He learned about local concerns and highlighted his support for businesses, education funding and his ongoing efforts to lower the cost

## La Cygne PD warns of scam

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On Monday the La Cygne Police Department put a warning out on Facebook regarding a scam they said one of their citizens reported.

The scam involves a message sent to the citizens phone that appeared to be from KDOT (Kansas Department of Transportation) and stated the recipient had unpaid tolls or fines and directing them to pay it immediately.

Police Chief Zachary Mathies stated the first giveaway was the fact that the law referenced in message was not listed like Kansas laws would normally look if coming from an actual state agency.

Chief Mathies further stated that a bit of research led to the discovery of a warning about the scam on the KDOT website.

If you receive such a message, do NOT click the link. Report it to your local police department or to the Linn County Sheriffs’ Office.

## Pleasanton Dog Pound can-drive underway

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The city of Pleasanton is once again holding a can drive to help with costs associated with transferring dogs to a no-kill rescue.

Money raised will go towards vet expenses to get dogs necessary shots so they meet shelter requirements.

Full aluminum cans are being accepted and can be dropped off at Pleasanton City Hall, 1608 Laurel, the compactor or call city hall and they can be picked up at your home, 913-352-8257.

## SB 360 curbs PBMs, brings sanity to Rx pricing

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when it comes to prescription drugs, we do not have a free market. We have a monopoly – and it is costing patients, employers and taxpayers far more than they realize.

Pharmacy benefit managers, or PBMs, were originally created to help administer prescription drug benefits. They were to process claims. Today, through consolidation and

vertical integration, they have become something very different.

A handful of PBMs now control which drugs are covered, where patients are allowed to fill prescriptions, and how much pharmacies are paid – while owning their own “specialty” and mail-order pharmacies. They pay

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## USD 344 pays off STARS building

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The USD 344 Board of Education met Monday night and addressed several items including

the payoff of the STARS building.

Superintendent Don Epps said he’d spoken with Wade Teagarden, Labette Bank, and re-

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