



MARTIN VELETA explains his projects to Anita Pochop.

Science students set-up exhibits in school cafeteria

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Poison dart frogs? Indian Cobras? Horned toads that can squirt blood out of their eyes?

Where would a person find creatures such as these?

At the science exhibit held by Marjean Zumbalhen's sixth grade class last Thursday.

The exhibit represented reptiles, amphibians and fish from around the world. The students choose three different creatures, then researched and made clay of models of their creatures.

The students set up their exhibits in the Cheylin cafeteria. The elementary classes came in and where able to ask questions and learn about some exotic creatures.

"We started on our projects the first of the month," said Eddie Frisbie.

"I did a lot of my research by using the internet," said Ty Carmichael.

The students also used their history and science books as part of their exhibits. Elizabeth Pochop used her history book to show that



TY CARMICHAEL points out various locations where his creatures live.

Photos by Linda Schneider

Kissing Gourami fish came from Thailand.

The science exhibit is done every year by the sixth graders. In

addition, the exhibit gives other students the opportunity to learn about creatures great and small from around the world.

Chatting with Cathy

By Cathy Domsch

I'm ready for spring - it's getting closer. Baby calves running around, bunnies coming out and flowers trying to poke through the ground. A time for new beginnings. I would like to work with you to create something new.

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Odd Facts

- Only one person in two billion will live to be 116 or older.
- The mask used by Michael Myers in the original "Halloween" was actually a Captain Kirk mask painted white.
- Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.
- The fingerprints of Koala bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.

Commission releases policy for interstate commerce

Farmers will be happy to know that when hauling grain within the borders of Kansas, they will not be considered interstate commerce unless there is clear evidence the shipper intends for the grain to leave the state.

Congressman Jerry Moran said the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) has released a new policy regarding its interpretation of interstate commerce. Last week, he met with the Commission to discuss regulations that affect farmers hauling grain to local elevators. The Commission then released its interpretation that commodity shipments within the borders of Kansas will not be considered interstate commerce. This change means that many farmers and ranchers who deliver agricultural commodities to local grain elevators and sale barns will not be subject to federal regulations.

"I am pleased the Commission acted quickly to change its interpretation of this regulation," Congressman Moran said. "Had this change not been made, it would have placed burdensome regulations on most of our Kansas farmers and ranchers."

The Commission was proposing to consider the transportation of grain from a Kansas farm to a local elevator as interstate commerce since the grain may ultimately be sold to an out-of-state buyer. Officials informed the congressman that putting forth the rule was for compliance with federal rules, rather than safety concerns.

In the Commission's docket dated Feb. 19, it states: "Upon a review of the available facts and circumstances surrounding a farm to market commodity shipment, if there is no clear evidence that the farmer-shipper's intent as respects

the movement of the items in commerce is one of interstate transport, that intent shall not be inferred. For the purpose of this policy, interstate carrier is defined as a carrier who operates solely in interstate commerce and does not transport placardable quantities of hazardous materials. If the operation is solely within the state of Kansas and the commerce engaged in is solely within the state of Kansas, the shipment is considered intrastate commerce."

Congressman Moran worked with the Commission and state legislators to develop a rule that is compliant with federal law while limiting the impact on Kansas agriculture. The congressman is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

McDonald News By Vera Kacirek

McDonald Area Development - On Valentine's Day, a drawing was held for two restaurant gift certificates. Winners of the drawing were Julie Brogan and Lois Morelock.

Last Wednesday, Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson took Agnes Reeh out to supper and attended the Mission at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Atwood.

On Sunday, Laddie and Vera Kacirek were guests of Agnes Reeh for the benefit luncheon held at the Catholic Church after Mass. Proceeds from the luncheon were for

the benefit of the PDC patrons who participate in the Special Olympics.

R.J. and Susie Sabatka spent the weekend in Springfield, Mo., where they helped Chanda and Garrett Dowling move into their new home.

Lakin and Claire Denny of Colby were visitors of grandparents, Greg and Cheryl Wilkinson from last Thursday to Wednesday.

Kent Banister and Dave Roberson were guests of Amelia Banister and Karlyne Atchison on Wednesday,

March 20 to celebrate the men's birthdays. Other guests were Jim Banister and Lanny DeGood.

Kenny and Phyllis Wilkinson were Sunday afternoon visitors of Laddie and Vera Kacirek.

Last weekend Jim and Lois Morelock spent time in Salina and attended ball games of their grandchildren, the Sager children.

On Wednesday, Lois Morelock went to Littleton, Colo., to visit Matt and Kaleas Casseedy and to make the acquaintance to the new twin baby girls.

A.B. and Judy Fisher spent the weekend in Kansas City where they visited Troy and Lisa Osborne, DeAdre and Madeline.

South of McDonald

By Sandy Binning

Tom and Kelly Dewey and children were Saturday evening and dinner guests of Tyler and Kristina Hills.

George and Kathy Banister attended the Regional girls basketball tournament in Brewster Tuesday to watch Cheylin and Brewster play.

David Banister was home for the weekend.

Joe and Charlene Kramer and Roland and Linda Query returned home Tuesday after attended the Trappers Festival at The Pas, Manitoba, Canada.

On Saturday, Joe and Charlene Kramer had lunch in St. Francis with Susan Kramer, James and Julie Durand of Ozawkie, and Travis, Colleen Gattshall and Linnea of Ruleton in celebration of Linnea's 1st birthday.

Lynn and Rita Officer left Friday for Wichita. On route they picked up Betty Dewey at Seward. They meet Mark, Marilee, and Gracie Gundlach, and Michael, Erin, and Lucy Officer there to watch Kale Regier play in the Christian School basketball tournament. Heartland Christian School took fourth place. They all returned home Sunday.

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