

Science fair shows off projects

At a science fair on May 1, Hoxie elementary students showcased science projects made possible by a \$10,000 grant.

All of the elementary students participated in the experiments; a total of 200 students were involved. Work on the projects began in January and included topics such as soybeans, physical science, magnets, electricity, chemical reactions, plants, weather, minerals and motion.

High school students in the district assisted with experiments and helped to track their progress with newly purchased iPads. The photos, videos and project documentation added a new dimension to the fair and helped students to learn more about creative technology tools.

"This grant provided a tremendous boost to our math and science programs," said Scott Hoyt, district superintendent and elementary principal. "We were able to purchase iPads and a variety of materials for science experiments to incorporate technology into our curriculum. After a semester's worth of work, the students were able to display their efforts at the science fair for the whole community to see."

"Even when students are young, it is important to emphasize science and create an interest in careers in the science and technology fields," Hoyt said. "The kids really enjoyed the projects, and the whole community was impressed with the caliber of projects that the children were able to produce. It has been a really positive experience."



Bailey Weber presented her project about Newton's Law of Viscosity at a science fair May 1 at Hoxie Elementary School. Watching her were (from right) Cyd and Chris Stein, Macy Schamberger, and Addi Campbell.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, the source of the grant from Monsanto, helps farmers support local rural school districts. Another program that is part of the company's effort to support rural education and communities is America's Farmers Grow Communities, which gives winning farmers the opportunity to direct a \$2,500 donation to their favorite community nonprofit organization. To learn about the program go to www.GrowRuralEducation.com.

With a strong grant application and the support of 100 local farmers, the district was chosen as a grant winner in last year's America's Farmers Grow Rural Education, sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. The science fair provided a platform for students to share their work with each other and the community.

Why does it take God so long to act?

The people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. And God heard their groaning ... remembered his covenant ... saw the people of Israel - and God knew (Exodus 2:23-25).



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faith that is grounded and nurtured in the same Word.

We are his people - people of the promise. In time he'll come to our aid. Often, unbeknownst to us, he's already doing something about it. God is not always about the obvious or the significant (miracle) in helping us. Sometimes he works through the small, insignificant things.

Look at how he fulfilled his promise of a Savior to mankind. After he gave that promise to Adam and Eve, generations of sinners would go by before the Messiah would come at the right time (Romans 5:6).

Then when he did arrive it was

in a most insignificant manner - in a stable in the small town of Bethlehem to the economically strapped Joseph and Mary. While he lived on earth he had more than his share of troubles, assuring us that he can truly understand what we go through and that he will hear our cries for help (Hebrews 4:15-16).

The seeming end of his life was even more insignificant than his beginning - a cross meant for the most insignificant of people.

All this insignificance would have given us no significant assurance of God's help if not for the very significant miracle of the empty tomb. The resurrected Jesus, God's son, proved that no problem was too big to conquer, no aid was too impossible to deliver.

In all this Jesus proved himself to be our first and only aid from all that would seek to humble us to hell - sin, death and the devil. If

he's willing to go to such lengths to forgive us, to save us from eternal death, and to give us a home in heaven, then we can be assured he will give us the help we need for all our other troubles and bring it to us at just the right time and in the right manner.

Prayer: Lord God, let me be ever mindful of how sinful I am and how helpless I am, so that I cry out to you for help. In the good news of the resurrected Jesus Christ, my Savior, put a "new song in my mouth" (Psalm 40:3), a song of praise to you who rescued me from sin, death and the devil. Amen.

The Rev. Bob Alexander is pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church at Fifth and Country Club in Colby. He may be reached at 462-3497.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who remembered us on our 40th wedding anniversary with cards, telephone calls, e-mail and facebook messages and wishes. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

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Deaths

Lily Mae Plummer

Lily Mae Plummer, 98, a Colby homemaker, died Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

She was born April 6, 1915, in Randall, to George Louis and Mary Melinda (Zentz) Owens.

She worked at Berg and Grisom Drug Store and the Colby Classic. She enjoyed crocheting, oil painting, ceramics, and crafts of many kinds.

Preceding her in death were two husbands, Herman Chambers and Joe Plummer; four brothers, George Owens, Louis Owens, Raymond Owens and LaVern Owens; five sisters, Mary "Christie" Spencer, Alma Voisin, Lulu Grady, Pearl Brooks and Phyllis Owens; and a daughter-in-law, Dorine Chambers.

Survivors include a son, Larry Chambers, and a daughter, Anna Dean (Ross) Rodenbeck, both of

Colby; a sister, LaVera "Vicky" Davidson, Raton, N.M., six grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 20, 2013, at the Colby United Methodist Church, with the Rev. James Mardock officiating and burial in Beulah Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel in Colby.

The family suggests memorials to the Northwest Kansas Foundation for Hope, the Colby United Methodist Church or the senior living complex, in care of the funeral chapel at 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Condolences for the family may be left at www.kersenbrockfuneralchapel.com.

Museum offers painting class

Two certified Bob Ross instructors, T.R. Mathews and Sandy Seamone of Arriba, Colo., will be teaching the "Joy of Painting with Bob Ross" at the Hansen Museum in Logan in June.

On Saturday, June 1, the class will be painting "John Deere at Home" and on Sunday, June 2, "Moonlight Camp." The classes will run from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. both days.

The classes are through the museum's continued education program at a reduced rate. For information call (785) 689-4846 or go to www.hansenmuseum.org. All supplies but a roll of paper towels are provided.

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