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Out with the Old, In with the New



Preparing for the STARR test, Chance Davis, 6th, and Levi Woody, 6th, study vigorously hoping to pass the test coming up.

By Allyson Ford

The newest state-wide test makes its first appearance next month. The State of Texas Assessment of Academic Readiness, or STAAR, test has been in the making for the past five years; however, this is the first year that students will take the test.

"I am concerned about the time limit, the lack

of breaks for younger students, and really concerned a lot about the unknown about the test makeup," Superintendent Mr. McLain said.

Neither teachers nor students know what to fully expect from the test. It is said to be harder, longer, and more rigorous than the TAKS test. In addition, the timed STAAR test may cause problems for students

that were able to take their time on the untimed TAKS test.

"The questions are supposed to be harder and there is supposed to be more questions, I am nervous because I don't know what to expect," Makenzie Ford, 9th, said.

The questions on the STAAR test require the students to work through five to six steps to get the correct answer. The following is a grade 3 Mathematics test question from <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/staar/science/> > Assessing Process Skills for Social Studies, Science, and Mathematics

Melissa had some money in her purse when she went to the mall with her mother. She spent \$5 on a book. Then her mother gave her \$10. After Melissa spent \$2 on a snack, she had \$23 in her purse. How much money did Melissa have in her purse when she first went to the mall? Mark your answer.

- A. \$26 B. \$17 C. \$20 D. \$6

The question above is an example of a multi-step problem. Some of the high school students had the chance to work on this problem in class. It took them a little while to figure out the

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FUN FACTS

Fun Facts found at:
<http://www.whsv.com>

The actual color of St. Patrick is blue. Green became associated with St. Patrick's Day during the 19th century. Green, in Irish legends, was worn by fairies and immortals, and also by people to encourage their crops to grow.

The very first St. Patrick's Day parade was not in Ireland. It was in Boston in 1737.

In Chicago, on St. Patrick's Day, the rivers are dyed green. Mayor Daley is also of Irish descent.

In Seattle, there is a ceremony where a green stripe is painted down the roads.

COMMUNITY UPDATES



4-H Updates



By Bailee McKay

The 4-H Club has just started a Clothing and Textiles project; a few members kicked it off by attending the Fashion Extravaganza in Dalhart. Also, the Clothing and Textiles project participants are collecting travel size toiletries for

a community service donation. If anyone would like to donate these items please get them to Bailee McKay or Savannah West in the next few weeks. The 4-H will also be starting a Shooting Sports Club and attending The Shooting Extravaganza in Brownwood during April.



FFA Update



By Lane Harrington

Since San Angelo is over, the students in FFA are slowing down and focusing on other things. Currently they are just doing some spring cleaning and re-or-

ganizing the shop before the spring LDE and CDE competitions begin. They hope everyone had a good spring break.

Senior Class Update

By Bailey Hooten

The Senior Class is now finished with all of their fundraisers. However; they still have a few people who still need to pay their concession stand charges. Please get your payments to Mrs. McLain or Mr. Hawkins as soon as possible. With the fundraisers done, the seniors are ready for their trip

to Florida in May. They are excited and anticipating the trip. The seniors will leave for Florida on the fifth of May and return on the eleventh. The seniors would like to say thank you to all those who have helped support them throughout the year and with everything they did.

Pee Wee Basketball

Forms for Pee Wee Basketball went out on February 23, 2012. Grades 2nd through 5th can participate and will be divided into teams. If you are interested in being a coach, contact Mr.

McLain at 235-3432. If you need another form there are more in the office. For more information go to the school website at www.channin-gisd.net.

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Sunday Night Bible Study	6 p.m.
Sunday night Youth	6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

Methodist Church

Sunday Morning Service	9:30 a.m.
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Saddle Mountain Cowboy Church

Sunday Morning Service	10:30 a.m.
Thursday Service	6:30 p.m.

What Steams My Pickle



By Alex Joslyn

You know what really steams my pickle? When I'm concentrating on life's mysteries and I hear one of the most annoying sounds ever to curse my ears: gum smacking. The cursed sound of Double Bubble rolling around in someone's agape mouth just really gets on my nerves. When I'm telling a story, and I

hear a squish-squish of gum from someone who doesn't respect my heaven-sent voice, I go crazy. It doesn't matter what kind of gum it is: Bazooka, Wrigley's, Double Bubble, Hubba Bubba, or Big League, they all make the same noise; Annoying isn't even the word to describe the horrid sound echoing from someone's big mouth. The next time I hear smacking of gum, I might just smack it out of that person's mouth.

Community Updates

Danae Parman is gathering up used eye glasses to give to the Lion's Club for their eye glass drive. These glasses will go to those who have difficulty affording glasses. If you have any unused

pairs that you would like to donate, please contact Danae Parman or there will be a box at the school that they can be dropped off at. Thank you very much for help and support.

Out with Old... continued

steps needed to take to get the answer. The correct answer to the problem is C.

"I am scared I will fail because it is too hard for me," Hadley Strack, 6th grade said.



While filling in her bubble sheet, Chesna Harbert, 3rd, checks over her answers.

The TAKS test gave students the ability to work on the test as long as they needed. They were able to work through the problems

thoroughly without worrying about the time. However, the new test will give the students four hours to complete the longer test.

"I am concerned that I will fail it and not get it finished." Mathew Herbert, 9th, said.

Another major change from the old test is the new grading system. The high school tests will count as 15% of their grade.

The new grading system will be a hard downfall for some students. In Texas, class rank is an important factor to being accepted to colleges. The test could possibly fail a student or debunk them from their class rank. Many districts have the opportunity to defer the 15% rule for the first year.

"I think it is unnecessary, I am not in favor of it. We will probably defer the rule this year." McLain stated.

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A Successful Turnout



Standing with her award winning rabbit and trophy, Kenzie Riddle, 6th, smiles at her accomplishment with her sister, Cassidie Coke, 11th, doing the same.

By Danae Parman

After months of preparation and 370 miles of traveling, the Ag Mechanics team and other livestock exhibitors found themselves in San Angelo at the stock show throughout its duration.



Returning from their trip to San Angelo, Ag teacher, Mr. Hawkins, Willie Morris, 12th, Austin Lindsey, 11th, Garrick Gambrell, 11th, and Josh Lookingbill, 11th, stand in front of their first in class trailer.

The Ag Mechanics team, consisting of senior Willie Morris and juniors Josh Lookingbill, Austin Lindsey, and Garrick Gambrell, showed their 24 ft. gooseneck livestock trailer

on the 22nd of February. They have been working on this project since November and all of their late nights and hard work paid off in the end with the team receiving 1st in their class.

“They put a lot of hard work into the project,”

Ag teacher, Mr. Hawkins said. “They did a great job and will do even better next year.”

Other successful turnouts came with the livestock exhibitors. Cassidie Coke, 11th, won Intermediate Division Champion with her heifer. Tori Smith, 11th, also did well with her heifer by winning Reserve Breed Champion.

“At first I was really nervous it was my first major [stock show], but every time I walked in the ring the judge kept looking at my cow and every time I progressed into the next round my confidence grew,” Coke said. “I knew me and my cow made a great team, and I was just happy to have made it to the breed drive [final round].”



Preparing for the show, Tori Smith, 11th, washes her heifer.

Not only did the heifer show turn out well for the students, but also Kenzie Riddle, 6th, won Reserve Grand Champion of the Fancy Breeds with her rabbit. Danae Parman, 12th, also showed rabbits and had the opportunity to judge the Junior Showmanship.

“I felt good about myself,” Riddle said. “I succeeded and got where I wanted to be.”

Overall, the students were very successful and represented the school well. Congratulations to all of those who participated and good luck with future shows coming up.

The following pictures are of the Ag Mechanics team during their trip to San Angelo.



A Not So Happy Ending



Willie Morris 12th goes up for two points with two defenders from Happy ready for a chance at a rebound.

By Willie Morris

The varsity boy's hopes, but as any sports fan basketball team went into or player knows, there are the playoffs with high good nights and there are



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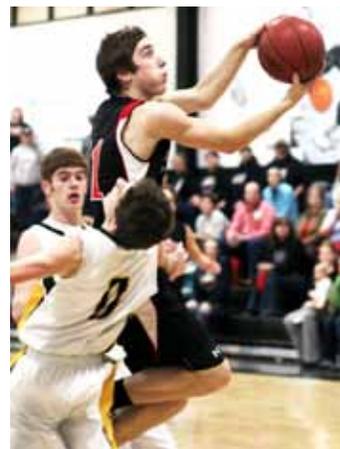
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bad ones. Defeated by Happy in the Bi-district game, the Eagles walked away disappointed, but proud of their overall season record.

Prepping for this game took a great deal of the practice, from scouting the Happy basketball team, to learning and memorizing new plays in order to counteract their defense, everything that was worked on came out as planned, but shots just wouldn't fall for them.

"No matter what the score is if you play your hardest and give it your all and leave nothing out on the court, you will be victorious," Coach Leeper said.



Grant McLain, 10th, breaks through two defenders to lay up another two.

Jonathon Hall, 11th, man handles a Happy Cowboy for the ball.



Bo Richmond, 11th, shoots a jump shot high above his defender.



Playing hard defence Zack Ransonette, 9th, manages to stop the ball.

Second Finishes First



Starting off the show, second and third grade begin with the simple 'single jump'.

By Carla Adair

The kids grab their jump ropes and get in their designated position on the basketball court. They listen intently as Mrs. McLain tells them how much Jump Rope for Heart money their class raised. The second graders clap and cheer with excitement as they find out their class raised \$1,295; more money than any of the other classes raised. They are now ready to hear the sound of their jump ropes hit the

court beneath their feet. The kids start with the simple exercises such as, double jump, the rocker, the skier, and the 'Can Can'. According to Chesna Harbert, 3rd, "The easiest is Single Jump and the hardest is Grapevine, but my favorite is the Crossover." Their hearts start pumping just as fast as their jump ropes repeatedly go over their heads and under their feet. Mrs. McLain announces that it is time for a snack break. The students rush to form a single file line making their way into the cafeteria for a plate of fruit and a cup of juice. Eager to do some more jump roping, the students scarf down their refreshments and make their way into the gym once more where Mrs. McLain gathers them around the center of the gym. They all form a circle around Mrs. McLain in preparation for 'Jake the Snake'. The first couple of rounds are just fun practice, but then the game gets more serious; its elimination time. One by one, the kids find the jump rope wrapped around their ankles and exit the cir-

cle leaving one kid standing with his arms up in victory. The kids are nearing an end to their fun and now have to head back to class, but they know their hard work raising money paid off. This year the students raised more money than they did the year before with a total of \$4,311, "in fact, that might be the most raised since I have been here," Mrs. McLain said. They won a few prizes such as, water bottles, jump ropes, and t-shirts. Cassidie Davis, 2nd, raised the most money out of all the students with \$520, but Emma Parker, K, Cutter Bell, 1st, and Levi Crain, K, were not far behind her. The students from Kindergarten through 5th grade



After getting warmed up with a few jump roping exercises, Blaine Robbins, 3rd, enjoys his snack as he gathers up more energy for another round of games.



Getting into the more complex jumps, Macy Hanzlick, 2nd, does the 'skier' without a struggle.



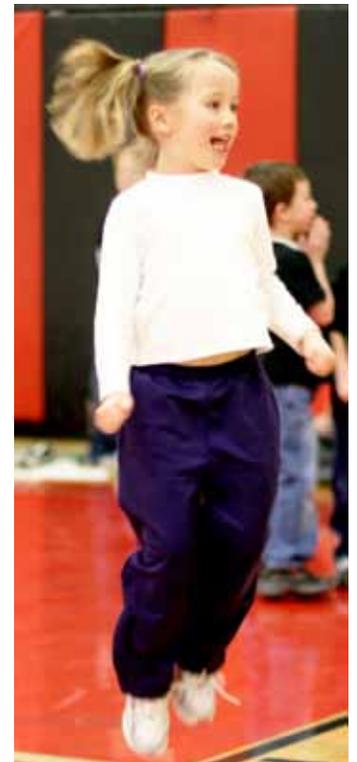
First grader, Carleen Lane, finishes her last single jump as they prepare to rotate.

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Coming back from their snack time the fifth grade gather around Mrs. McLain for a round of 'Jake the Snake'.

did an outstanding job this year raising money for Jump Rope for Heart. This year's participants set a high goal for next year, but this accomplishment can be their motivation for the years to come.

The Kindergarten get in a single file line as Emma Parker calls Blaire Dahl to jump with her. (Right)



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New York-Style Crumb Cake



Don't be tempted to substitute all-purpose flour for the cake flour, as doing so will make a dry, tough cake. If you can't find buttermilk, you can substitute an equal amount of plain, low-fat yogurt. When topping the cake, take care to not push the crumbs into the batter. This recipe can be easily doubled and baked in a 13 by 9-inch baking dish. If doubling, increase the baking time to about 45 minutes. Cooled leftovers can be wrapped in plastic wrap and stored at room temperature for up to 2 days.

For the Crumb Topping:

1/3 cup granulated sugar (2 2/3 ounces)
1/3 cup dark brown sugar (2 2/3 ounces)
3/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/8 teaspoon table salt
8 tablespoons unsalted butter (1 stick), melted and still warm

1 3/4 cups cake flour (7 ounces)

For the Cake:

1 1/4 cups cake flour (5 ounces)

1/2 cup granulated sugar (3 1/2 ounces)

1/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/4 teaspoon table salt

6 tablespoons unsalted butter (3/4 stick), cut into 6 pieces, softened but still cool

1 large egg

1 large egg yolk

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/3 cup buttermilk

Confectioners' sugar for dusting

To make the topping: Whisk sugars, cinnamon, salt, and butter in medium bowl to combine. Add flour and stir with rubber spatula or wooden spoon until mixture resembles thick, cohesive dough; set aside to cool to room temperature, 10 to 15 minutes.

To make the cake: Adjust oven rack to upper-middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Cut 16-inch length parchment paper or aluminum foil and fold lengthwise to 7-inch width. Spray 8-inch square baking dish with nonstick cooking

spray and fit parchment into dish, pushing it into corners and up sides; allow excess to overhang edges of dish.

In bowl of standing mixer fitted with paddle attachment, mix flour, sugar, baking soda, and salt on low speed to combine. With mixer running at low speed, add butter one piece at a time; continue beating until mixture resembles moist crumbs, with no visible butter chunks remaining, 1 to 2 minutes. Add egg, yolk, vanilla, and buttermilk; beat on medium-high speed until light and fluffy, about 1 minute, scraping once if necessary.

Transfer batter to baking pan; using rubber spatula, spread batter into even layer. Break apart crumb topping into large pea-sized pieces between your thumb, pointer, and middle fingers and spread in even layer over batter, beginning with edges and then working toward center. Bake until crumbs are golden and wooden skewer inserted into center of cake comes out clean, 35 to 40 minutes. Cool on wire rack at least 30 minutes. Remove cake from pan by lifting parchment overhang. Dust with confectioners' sugar just before serving.

source: <http://smells-like-home.com>

S'mores Pops



7 oz large marshmallows
10 oz good milk chocolate, chopped
1/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
lollipop sticks (4 inch)

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a heat proof bowl set above a pot of simmering water, melt chocolate. Meanwhile, insert lollipop sticks into the centers of the marshmallows, far enough in so that the marshmallow will not fall off when dipping. Put graham cracker crumbs in a small bowl.

3. Dip marshmallows in chocolate, covering completely, allowing excess chocolate to drip off. Quickly dip or roll them into the graham cracker crumbs and place them (standing up on the marshmallow end) on the parchment paper. Either allow the chocolate to set at room temperature or place them in the refrigerator until ready to serve.

source: <http://smells-like-home.com>

Food Fun Facts

Coca Cola was originally green.

There are more nutrients in the cornflake package itself than there are in the actual cornflakes.

Pound for Pound, hamburgers cost more than new cars!

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Apples are a part of the rose family.

According to Domino's, some of the more popular international toppings are pickled ginger, minced mutton and tofu in India, squid (octopus) and Mayou Jaga (mayonnaise,

potato and bacon) in Japan, and green peas in Brazil. In Russia, they serve pizza covered with mockba, which is a combination of sardines, tuna, mackerel, salmon and onions. In France, a popular combo is called the Flambee, with bacon, onion and

fresh cream.

There are over 500 different types of bananas. That means if you ate a different kind of banana every day, it would take almost a year and a half to eat every one!

St. Patrick's Day Search

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CHANNING ISD ACTIVITIES FOR March-April 2012

March 22	Spring Pictures
March 23	High School District U.I.L @ FPC
March 26	English 1, 9th grade, STAAR test
March 27	STAAR test grades 4, 5, 7, 8, 9
March 28	STAAR test grades 4, 5, 7, 8
April 3	District Track @ Panhandle ISD
April 5	Early Dismissal
April 6	No School (Good Friday)
April 8	Easter
April 9	Area OAP @ Randall HS
April 10	Area Track @ Panhandle ISD
April 14	Area Judging FFA @ Texas Tech
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April 21	Regional OAP @ SPC

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