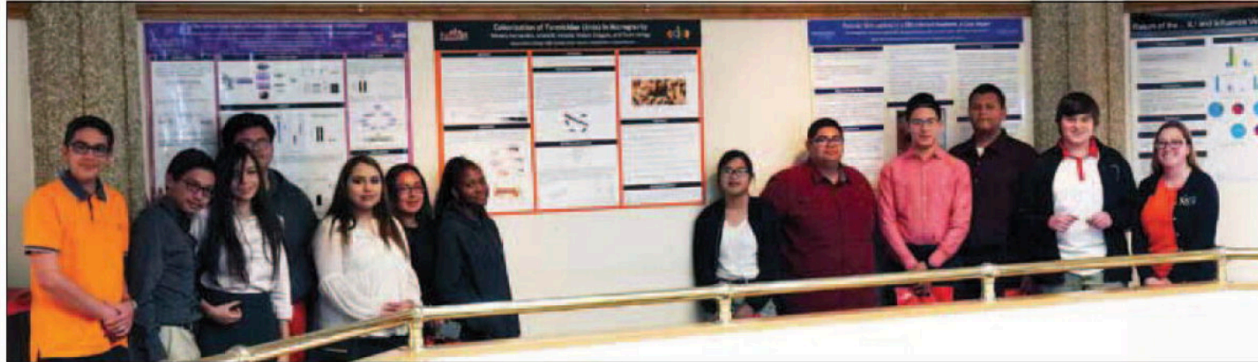
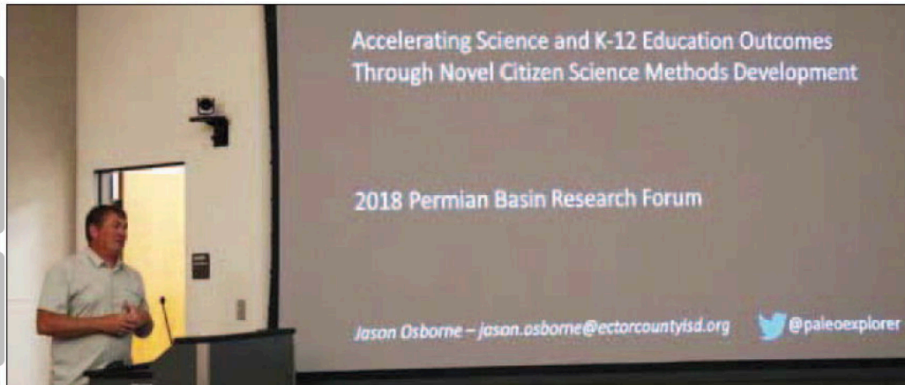


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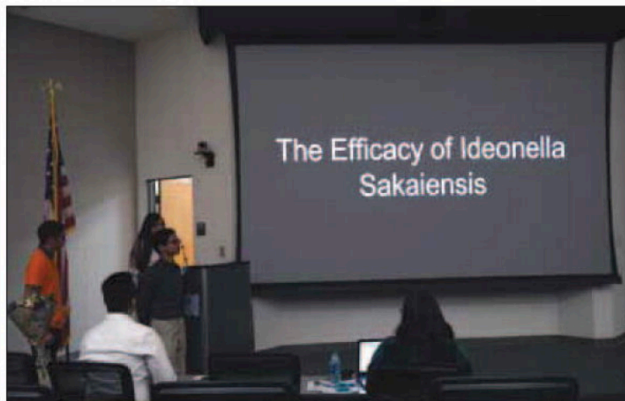


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Students from Falcon Early College High School presented their microgravity experiment proposals at the 2018 Permian Basin Research Forum hosted by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. Several campuses across ECISD participated in the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program (SSEP) Mission 12 to the International Space Station (ISS). The program gives the students the ability to design and propose real microgravity experiments to fly in low Earth orbit and be conducted on the ISS by an astronaut. Two of the three finalists presented the proposals, 'Decomposition in Space' and 'The Efficacy of *Idonella Sakeinsis* in a Microgravity Environment.' The third finalist presented a poster on the 'Colonization of *Formicidae* in Microgravity.' All three proposals were submitted by the team, Falcon XIII, made up of the following students: Deidre Morales, Devin Arriaga, Fabian Carrasco, Francis Dapanas, Mason Driggers, Faith Eleby, Damien Galindo, Kobe Hernandez, Wendy Hernandez, Leodegario Lopez, Juandedios Mendoza, Yazlin Romero and Gracielle Velasco.



At left, ECISD's Chief Innovation Officer Jason Osborne was invited by Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin to present at the 2018 Permian Basin Research Forum. Osborne presented on 'Accelerating Science and K-12 Education Outcomes through Novel Citizen Science Methods Development.' Through this approach Osborne and the ECISD Innovation Department are able to bring real-world opportunities such as the Student Spaceflight Experiments Program to students.



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CORRECTION

The date of a pretrial hearing for James Gabriel McDonald in Tuesday's Odessa American was incorrect. The pretrial is set