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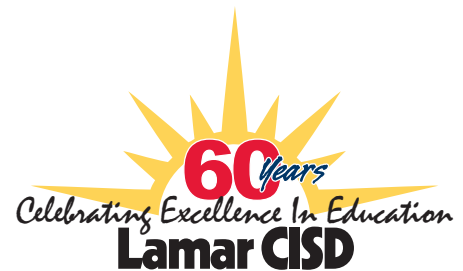
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HIGHLIGHTING PROUD TRADITIONS AND
BRIGHT FUTURES OF LAMAR CISD

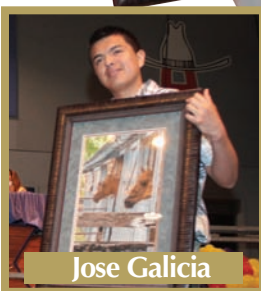
Foster High artist earns record bid at HSLR Art Auction



**"A PIECE OF HEAVEN"
BY: CHRISTY BELTZ**



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"A Piece of Heaven," an oil painting by Foster High School freshman **Christy Beltz**, went for a record bid of \$190,000 at the 2010 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo School Art Auction. Tom and Mimi Dompier, Jim and Lynda Winnie, Paul Somerville and Joe Van Matre combined on the winning bid.

Beltz's painting earned the title of Grand Champion at the HSLR School Art Show, after earning top honors at Lamar CISD Art Show.

Five other Foster High School Students made the art auction, which was limited to only 54 pieces.

"Shades of Mist," a colored drawing by **Christy Utech**, earned \$50,000 at the auction. Her work was the Class Champion for Colored Drawing;

"Cowboy Whisperer," by **Morgan Mee**, sold for \$18,000 at the auction;

"Running Free," by **Jennifer Eaves**, brought \$16,000;

"Just a Couple of Studs," by **Breanne Carr**, earned a winning bid of \$10,000; and

"Barnyard Buddies," by **Jose Galicia**, was purchased for \$12,000.

Seven Lamar CISD students named to TMEA All-State Choir and Band

Caption: Foster High's 2010 Academic Decathlon Team is made up of (left to right) **Brett Lazarine, Molly McCarthy, Will Neeper, Daniel Wainikainen, Brad Kilgore, Armando Ghinaglia and Will Byers.**



A record seven Lamar CISD students earned Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) All-State status after performing at the All-Area auditions.

The students competed against schools along the Gulf Coast, stretching from Sugar Land to the Rio Grande Valley. The students also participated in the All-State Band and Choir as part of the TMEA Clinic/Convention, February 10-13, in San Antonio.

Terry High's **Joseph Flores** is a member of the TMEA All-State Band. **Tim Taylor** is the Band Director at Terry.

TMEA All-State Choir members from Lamar CISD are Foster High School's **Alayna Thomas**, Terry High School's **Carolyn Castillo** and **Porscha Shaw, Quiterius Jackson, Chika Iguh** and **Richie Heussner**, all from Lamar Consolidated High.

Jackson is now a three-time TMEA All-State selection and Iguh earns his second TMEA All-State designation.

Be expecting more great things from this group. Thomas, Castillo and Iguh are all sophomores.

Billy Craven is the Choir Director

at Foster, **Rhonda Klutz** is Choir Director at Terry and **Jack Vandiver** is the Choir Director at Lamar.

"This is a remarkable achievement for these students, and the experience of performing with the All-State Band or Choir is something they will remember for the rest of their lives," said **Ram Estrada**, Lamar CISD's director for Fine Arts. "These students are part of a group that is made up of just the top half of one percent of the best musicians in the state."

Foster High School's Academic Decathlon team places at State Tournament



Foster High School's Academic Decathlon team finished fourth in the Medium Division at the State Tournament held in San Antonio. The team advanced to state after finishing second in Region VI Tournament.

Each Academic Decathlon team is composed of three levels of competitors-Honors students (those with an "A" grade point

average), Scholastic students (those with a "B" grade point average) and Varsity students (those with a "C" grade point average).

The students compete in 10 events: Essay, Speech, Interview, Math, Language and Literature, Music, Art, Science, Economic and Super Quiz (History). This year's theme was "The French Revolution."

Julie Horton and **Jacob Nowaczewski** are the coaches of the Foster High School Academic Decathlon team.

Foster's **Armando Ghinaglia** had the highest individual score in the Honors Division and had the highest individual score in

the entire competition.

Molly McCarthy was the second highest individual scorer in the Honors Division. The Foster student finished first in Speech, second in Economics, Essay and Math and third in Art and Language and Literature.

As a team, Foster finished second in both the Super Quiz and the Super Quiz Relay.

Lamar Consolidated High School's Academic Decathlon team finished fifth at Regionals.

The Region VI Academic Decathlon was held January 29th-30th. Twenty-four teams competed in the tournament held at Bellaire High School in Houston.

Jess Osborn accepted into U.S Marines



The U.S. Marines call themselves “The Few. The Proud.” Lamar Consolidated High can be proud that one of their own has been accepted into a part of the Corps where even fewer Marines serve. Senior **Jess Osborn** has been accepted into the U.S. Marine Musician Enlistment Option Program. After he graduates in May, he will begin a journey that will earn him to a spot in one of only 12 U.S. Marine Corps bands. There are only 50 members of each band, which are stationed both inside the continental United States and overseas. “I’ve been interested in a career in the military for some time,” said Osborn, a captain in the Air Force JROTC and a French horn player in the Mustang Band at Lamar Consolidated. “I didn’t think I’d be able to combine that with my other love, which is music.” Jess is the son of Hugh and Martha Whitlock.

Three LCISD students named National Merit Finalists

Foster High’s **Dorothy Bateman** and **Florencia Chinaglia** and Lamar Consolidated High’s **Leslie Montes** are finalists in the National Merit® Scholarship Program.

Only 15,000 high school students in the nation achieve this rank. Less than one percent of high school seniors are named finalists.



National Merit Finalists:

*Dorothy Bateman
Florencia Chinaglia
Leslie Montes*

Terry High takes on WorldQuest

The B.F. Terry High School Academic WorldQuest team placed third in this year’s Houston-area competition. WorldQuest pits high school students in a trivia competition about history, geography, current events, world leaders, international business and commerce.

Team sponsor **David Wolf** said the contest was tremendously tight in all four rounds. There were 5-, 6-, or 8-way ties for top scores in each round, with the Terry junior/senior team ranked in the top three in every round. In the end, the Rangers were only two points behind the Houston-area winners, the Kincaid School.



“This is our best showing ever,” said Wolf. “This year’s test had an abundance of geography questions, and we thank our geography teachers for helping these students master country locations, flags and major geographic features.”

Community Center celebrates Black History

David Usen portrays Stevie Wonder and **Ciara Jackson** portrays Oprah Winfrey during the Community Center's Black History Program. Other students portrayed Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., Michael Jackson and President Barack Obama.



LCISD shows Heart of Giving

Congratulations! Employees in Lamar CISD set a record, donating \$33,900 in this year's Heart of Giving Campaign. That total is an increase of \$3,637.93 in comparison to the 2008-2009 campaign.

Ray Elementary under the leadership of **Donald Clark** had the highest campus total with \$3,289. Other campuses giving more than \$1,000

were McNeill, Briscoe, Beasley, Bowie, Frost, Hubenak, Meyer, Travis, Velasquez and George Junior High.

Brazos Crossing took the lead among the departments this year with \$3,312.

Again, congratulations for an outstanding campaign and know that many members of our community will be better served due to your contributions.



Let your fingers do the walking



Pink Elementary is moving towards becoming a 21st Century Campus using just the tips of the fingers.

Three years ago, Pink created ID badges with barcodes for all students and staff to use in the library and in the cafeteria. For two years the system worked well, but there were still problems with missing, chewed and torn student ID badges and having enough people print or reprint badges.

Now Pink has taken the next step, with the use of finger scanners in both the library and cafeteria.

Librarian **Seanette Meserole** enrolled the finger prints and ID numbers all staff and students in January. The system was an immediate success in the library.

March 1, the finger scanner went online in the cafeteria. While there have been some delays in the lines at breakfast and lunch, Technology Specialist **Amanda Peterson** said that just a bit more training is needed.

"This system took a lot of work to set up," Peterson said, "but in the long run it is worth it."

SCORE rewards LCISD for being “green”



CenterPoint Energy rewarded Lamar CISD with some “green” for being “green,” as part of the company’s Schools Conserving Resources (S.C.O.R.E.) Program.

Cheryl Bowman of CenterPoint Energy presented a check for \$73,687.35 to (left to right) Lamar CISD School Board President **Sam Hopkins**, Superintendent **Dr. Thomas Randle**, Director of Maintenance and Operations **Aaron Morgan** and Administrator for Operations **Kevin McKeever**.

The S.C.O.R.E. Program provides free assistance and financial incentives to reduce energy demand.

News to Know



▶ Lamar Junior High School’s Student Council recently raised \$1,203 to help earthquake victims in Haiti. The students made the donation to the American Red Cross.

Red Cross representative Caroline Egan (front row, far left) accepted the check.



▶ It was Hat’s For Haiti at Huggins, as the Student Council raised more than \$700 for Haitian relief. Students paid \$1 to wear a hat during the school day. All funds were donated to the Red Cross.



▶ Wells Fargo Bank in Rosenberg recently made a donation of a new “mascot” for the Colts at Wessendorff Middle School.

Receiving the new steed are the Wessendorff Math Mentors: (back row, left to right) Math Mentor teacher **Lynne Shoecraft**, **Kyle Tran**, **Adaugo Njoku**, Wells Fargo’s **Doug Tagliabue**, **Jacob Triesch**, **Syeda Hussain** and **Wessendorff Principal Diana Tydlacka**; and (front row) **Erika Delarosa**, **Eliana Vazquez**, **Illeana Yanez**, **Mehgan Burger** and **Lynell Smith**.

News to Know



▶ Campbell Elementary thanks the Greatwood community for supporting the Cougar's 2nd annual blood drive with St. Luke's Hospital. There were 24 blood donors and three more that were willing to give, but were not allowed to donate.



▶ Navarro Middle School collected 501 pairs of gently used shoes that will be delivered to poverty-stricken families and orphanages in Nairobi this summer by a group of missionaries from Bethel's Family Church. Navarro's **Charron Smith** will be accompanying the group to Nairobi and will help distribute the shoes to the Kenyans.

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▶ Students at Foster High School raised funds for classmate **Carly Davis**, who is battling cancer. Donations were taken at school and a carnival was held for her benefit in Fulshear.

Among the leaders of for Carly's Big Adventure were **Rachel Sanchez, Travis Mehaffey, Alyssa Garza** and, bottom row, left to right, **Molly Urell, Carly Davis** and **Sarah Truxell**.



▶ A group of Austin Elementary students ran in the Texas Children Fun Run in January at the George R. Brown Convention Center. The students ran a 3K race that finished at the same place the Chevron Marathon finished.



▶ Students in **Daryle Esswein's** class at Smith Elementary, traveled down Mustang Drive to get a look at the Computer-Aided Drawing Lab at Lamar CHS. Members of **Kristen Rausch's** class helped the Smith students draw and print out the bridges that were designed based on the book "Bridge to Terabithia."



▶ Hutchison Elementary's KBZZ Morning Announcement Team took a field trip in January to the set of KPRC Channel 2 News. The guided tour of the station included a "behind the scenes" look at what takes place off camera as well as an opportunity to meet and take photos with Khambrel Marshall and Owen Conflente.

News to Know



► Briscoe Junior High's Science Olympiad captured 2nd place at the regional competition held at Texas A&M-Galveston in February. The Briscoe team captured 18 gold, silver and bronze medals in 13 events, qualifying for the State Science Olympiad at the Texas A&M University main campus in College Station, April 23-24.



► Fourth graders at Hubenak Elementary enjoyed their first "Camp Write-A-Long." The camp designed as final push for the TAKS writing test in a low-stress atmosphere. Students spent much of the day writing, but also doing fun activities to stimulate creativity and build confidence. The students enjoyed using digital cameras on a nature walk, having their campground invaded by critters, building "campfires" in the classroom and much more.

► Lamar CISD Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction **Bonnie Walker** read "The Cat in the Hat" as part of Long Elementary's Hat's Off to Dr. Seuss celebration.

The event was held to celebrate Dr. Seuss' 106th birthday. Students also competed in a hat contest, featuring some headgear that would make even Thing One and Thing Two look twice!



► The Lamar CISD Elementary Honor Choir performed the National Anthem at Rice University's basketball game vs. the University of Central Florida. The group, directed by **Donna Fletcher** and **Phyllis Janke**, also performed at halftime.

The Choir has performances scheduled for a Houston Aeros game on March 26, the Children's Music Festival of Houston on April 12 and their own "Celtic Extravaganza," May 4, at Terry High's Graeber Auditorium.



► Austin Elementary kindergarten teachers **Bridget Helmcamp**, **Dara Kennedy**, **Jennifer Montier** and **Amy Lemos** all turned "100" to help celebrate 100 Days of School. Don't worry ladies; you don't look a day over 97.



► Hubenak's Huskies got a treat when Karen Land brought her Alaskan Husky to campus. Land has participated three times in the Iditarod sled dog race and she and her dog, Borage, shared tales from the trail with the students.





▶ Green Bay Packer **Tramon Williams** visited Smith Elementary to offer encouragement to some of the students. Williams, who lives in Fort Bend County, said he plans to be a frequent visitor to the campus.

Cherise Ardoin, Smith's math facilitator, is married to the one of William's representatives and arranged the visit.



▶ Velesias Elementary celebrated "Hats Off to Reading" with a book parade around the school. Floats included tributes to Dr. Seuss, such as "Horton Hatches an Egg," "The Cat in the Hat" and "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish," as well as "The Lightning Thief."



▶ Long Elementary Science facilitator **Tamera Haring** had students testing the waters for learning. Students learned about the scientific method by observing conditions, measuring and taking water samples in the "creek" located near the school.

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