



Art Students Compete at Regional Level

Art students who received blue ribbons at the One Day Academy Academic Fair in January joined 2,600 other high school artists for the Visual Art Scholastic Event at San Marcos High school on February 14. Students said the day was long and competitive, but worth it.

"It was a little nerve-racking at first," said Janie Smiley, who won a white medal for excellence in the first division for her photography entry, "Blue Eyes." Students in their second year of art received white medals for high achievement.

When the judges individually interviewed each student, the students defended the quality of their artwork. "Judges then evalu-



One Day Academy student Lauren Freeman earned a white medal for her "Singing Strings" charcoal drawing at the VASE regional art fair. *Photo courtesy of Kelly Gallaher.*

ated artwork based on the student's intent, aesthetics judgments, technique, and personal expression," said

Mrs. Kelly Gallaher, an art teacher at One Day Academy.

"Student artwork received a score of one to four, with a rating of four as the standard of excellence. Artwork receiving all fours in each category will advance to the state level competition April 18."

Six ODA students competed in the VASE competition. On May 9, there will be a Junior VASE at Chisholm Trail Middle School. The competition is open to all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. For more information or to sign up, contact Mrs. Gallaher at

Kelly2@quixnet.net. There is no advance competition, and the sign-up deadline is April 25.

-Michaela Hood

From Popsicle Sticks and Cow Manure

Four One Day Academy students went to the Austin Energy Science Festival February 18-19. Jeremiah Alexander, Brodie Cutts, Gavin Boyett, and Tommy Stock all advanced to the regional fair after receiving blue "outstanding" ribbons at the ODA Academic Fair.

Gavin Boyett and Tommy Stock took a bridge experiment made out of popsicle sticks. They competed to see which bridge (in each criteria) could handle the largest load, and then looked at how and where their bridges failed.

Jeremiah Alexander took recycled vegetable oil and used processes he had learned from his father to turn it into biodiesel for his science project.

Brodie Cutts combined cow manure and water to see if he could develop methane from those sources as alternative fuel.

All of the ODA students received participation awards for their projects. It is an honor to be able to attend the regional fair, but Gavin Boyett spent some time thinking about making a bigger impact at future fairs.

"As for advice I would give to future science fair participants, and based on what I observed, it would seem to me that the majority of the winners were doing projects based on forward-looking science by designing something revolving around energy exploration and related conservation fields," Gavin said.

"The exploration of existing science by students didn't seem to spark in-



Brodie Cutts displays his findings on developing methane from cow manure and water. *Photo courtesy of Patti Ashley*

terest from the judges. Given that it is sponsored by Austin Energy and other high-tech industrial companies, the best suggestion I could give would be to do a project on solar, wind or hydro-electric energy, or related fields."

-Sami Shamard

One Day Academy is Growing

"The worse the economy gets," One Day Academy Academic Supervisor David Swarbrick said, "the more families are looking for something high quality and affordable. And that's what we are."

"More classes are needed since we have so many students," said ODA Administrator Patti Ashley. The existing campuses are already filled with students, and with a large influx of students expected as the economy worsens, new campuses are a must. One Day Academy has not failed to realize this, and it is for

that reason that not one, but two new locations will be opened next year.

Leander and Southwest Capstone in Oak Hill will offer math, science, English, and electives. According to Mrs. Ashley, Southwest Capstone will resemble the Round Rock campus, in that classes will be aimed at middle and upper grade students, while Leander "will offer a variety of classes for all ages." Both campuses are expected to have student populations of about 80.

Are there more campuses on the radar? "If you look at a map and look

at all eight campuses, in all eight we have really cool host churches, all well spread out so we can serve a lot of communities," Mr. Swarbrick said. He went on to explain that the goal of One Day Academy is to have campuses within a ten minutes' drive of any given community that harbors homeschool students.

-Lauren Manske

See the Clipboard on page 3 for information on One Day Academy open houses scheduled in March.

Celebrating St. Patrick

St. Patrick's Day is much more than a holiday where one dresses up in green and dances to Irish music. It is a holiday celebrating St. Patrick, a Catholic priest from Ireland.

St. Patrick was born in the year 385. When Patrick was only 16 years old he was taken away from his family and sold as a slave to a sheep farmer in Ireland. After six years of captivity, Patrick had a dream where he heard God say, "It is time to leave Ireland." The 22-year-old ran away from his master, and traveled by foot 200 miles to the coast of Ireland, where he escaped to Britain.

When Patrick got back to Britain, an angel came to him in a dream and told him that he must return to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick did not go right away; he spent the next 12 years in a monastery and became a priest. When Patrick was in his 30s, he returned to Ireland and preached to the people there as a missionary. Since he had lived in Ireland for six years, Patrick spoke Irish to the people. He ministered there until March 17, 461, when he died in the town of Saul. He later became the patron saint of Ireland.

Some fun St. Patrick's Day facts: Did you know that every year more than 41.5 billion pounds of beef are sold around the time of St. Patrick's Day? The traditional meal of St. Patrick's Day in the U.S. consists of corned beef and cabbage. However, this meal is not traditional in Ireland.

It is considered to be lucky if you find a four leaf clover on St. Patrick's Day. Some people paint the yellow stripes on the road green just for the day. In Chicago, city workers dye the Chicago River green. (Don't worry...the dye lasts only a few hours.) Over eight million St. Patrick's Day cards are sold every year.

-Maverick Moses

One Day Monthly Word Search

-Maverick Moses

Spring	Fun	March
Vacation	Hotel	Beach
Games	Bluebonnets	Family
Sun	Entertainment	Sports
Traveling	Relaxation	Nature

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Verse of the Month:

Exodus 4:12 *Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.*

Editorial: Fighting FOCA

"The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act," then-Sen. Barack Obama informed crowds of fans in a Planned Parenthood-themed speech during his campaign for president.

Apparently, President Obama was under the impression that he could get anything passed if the word 'freedom' was stuck on it, especially when combined with 'choice,' which implies that people can do basically whatever they want.

This is the essence of FOCA. The Freedom of Choice Act will instantaneously abolish any and every restriction pertaining to abortion. *Every state or federal law* that regulates abortion even in the most remote and seemingly insignificant ways will be annihilated under FOCA rule.

What precisely does this mean?

Exactly what it sounds like, that's what. FOCA decrees that babies may be aborted before they are declared 'viable,' after they are declared 'viable,' early in the pregnancy, and late in the pregnancy. There are no

restrictions. Naturally FOCA doesn't explicitly spell this out, but under its free-for-all policy, a baby may be aborted literally a day before, hours before his or her birth.

Speaking of free-for-all, FOCA hopes you don't have any strong moral objections to tearing babies to pieces, because, while the governmental powers-that-be will be forbidden to interfere with abortions, they will still have to pay for them. Correction: you, the taxpayer, will have to pay for them.

It pains me to say something good about *Roe v. Wade*, but at the very least the bill in all its infamy did acknowledge the right of a doctor to refuse, on moral grounds, to perform an abortion. FOCA? Not so. No doctor will have the right to say 'no.' If they do, they can start clearing out their desks.

Just when you thought nothing left in this bill could shock you, FOCA drops another little bombshell. In many states, minors must have parental permission in order to obtain an

abortion. This bill, however, will make it so that teenage girls can pop into a clinic on the way home from school and have their children neatly disposed of, their parents none the wiser. No alternative options will be discussed with them, no warnings about the risks and negative effects of abortion. Nothing.

Fortunately, we are a Republic, so the people have some sort of say. Thousands of Americans are fighting this heinous attack on human life tooth and nail. So can you. Fight-FOCA.com is collecting signatures for an anti-FOCA petition. Already, six hundred thousand signatures have been amassed, but they need more.

FOCA is the most horrifically blood-thirsty bill the American people have ever been threatened with; it cannot be allowed to become law.

-Lauren Manske

Source: http://www.usccb.org/prolife/issues/FOCA/FOCA_FactSheet08.pdf

Clipboard

One Day Academy Registration for returning families is underway. Open registration begins April 1. Go to onedayacademy.com for registration forms, schedules, faculty information, etc. Two new campuses will be available, with one opening in Leander and another capstone campus opening in Southwest Austin. Capstone campuses are targeted for older high school students.

One Day Academy open houses are scheduled for late March. Learn more about what's in store for the next school year and register for classes.

Lakeline and Dripping Springs: Tuesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Round Rock Capstone: Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Southwest Capstone and Leander (our new campuses): Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Bastrop and Georgetown: Tuesday, March 31 at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: Bastrop Open House will be held at the current campus. The move to Bastrop Christian Outreach Center takes place Wednesday, April 1.

South Austin: Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m.

For locations and other information, go to onedayacademy.com.

Generation Joshua is a national organization that equips youth who want to make an impact in our nation in the civic and political arenas. Local contact is Kari Reinhardt at 512-244-1844. Meetings are the second Friday of each month from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. National Organization: www.generationjoshua.org.

Join **Psalm 91 Ministry** and pray for One Day Academy, its faculty and staff. Contact Tom Schoeneck at 512-785-9897 or t.schoeneck@onedayacademy.com.

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