

Junior Salmon Auction Raises Funds for Art Programs

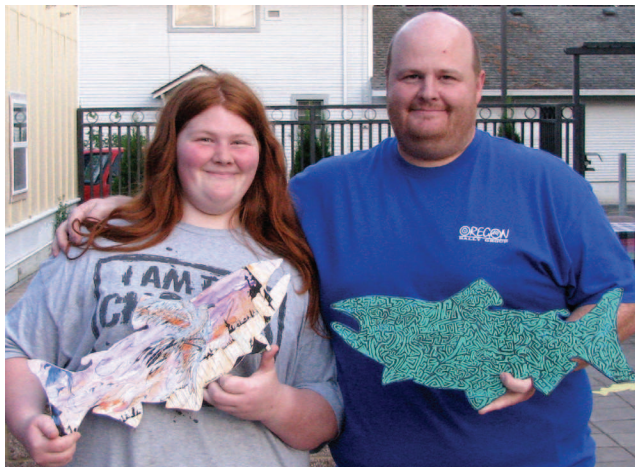
The 4th Annual Junior Salmon Auction was a tremendous success and, if you were there, you know how exciting it was for everyone involved.

50 pieces of art, including 42 Junior Salmon and 8 pieces of furniture were auctioned, and raised more than \$2500. All proceeds benefit the Vernonia High School art department and Hands-On-Art activities in Vernonia.



The Junior Salmon are created each year by VHS art students who then donate their work to the auction to help raise funds for the school art program. This year student decorated furniture was added to the program. The auction is organized each year by the Vernonia Hands-On Art Center.

"This was our best year ever," said Linda Allen, art teacher for the Vernonia School District. "It was so gratifying to see the students appreciate and be appreciated by members of the community and the art work was even better than in previous years. If you know anyone that took high school art this semester



please congratulate them for making great art, donating it, and helping to pay it forward for future art students."

One of the highlights of the evening was a bid of \$500 for one salmon art work, created by VHS senior Ashley Loomis. Several other pieces sold for well over \$100.

"Thank you to everyone that helped make this happen," said Allen. "It truly takes a village to keep the arts alive in schools these days."



The 4th Annual Junior Salmon Auction raised \$2500 for the Vernonia schools art programs and Hands-On Art Center (HOAC). (Center) Ashley Loomis and her father Loren Loomis show two of the art pieces Ashley created for the auction. (Right) Tobie Finzel of HOAC displays some of the hand painted furniture decorated by VHS art students.

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close in the 2nd leg, then Jacob Stevens got the lead back with an outstanding last 150 meters to overtake the Scio runner in the 3rd leg and Nicoló finished it off—we knew that when he had the lead, nobody's gonna catch Nicoló."

The 4x400 was also a bit of redemption for the VHS boys

sprinters who were disqualified in the 4x100 relay after dropping the baton in the preliminaries. Stevens, who was finishing a great career, ran the race of a lifetime on his third leg to give Casale a big lead on the anchor leg.

Overall the boys finished fifth in state in team points and the girls finished eleventh.

The girls 4x100 relay (Meghan Sullivan, Samantha Lindauer, Zhuldyz Zhunussova, Kim Allen) exceeded all expectations, taking fourth place with a time of 53.72.

Other medal winners for the Loggers included Stevens who finished fifth in the 200 meters with a time of 23.45; Dezi Roberts who took sixth in the high jump at 4' 8"; Lindauer finished seventh in the 400 meters with a time of 1:03.69; Lane Sullivan took ninth in the long jump at 18-03.00; and Stephanie Castro who finished tenth in the shot put at 28-09.75.

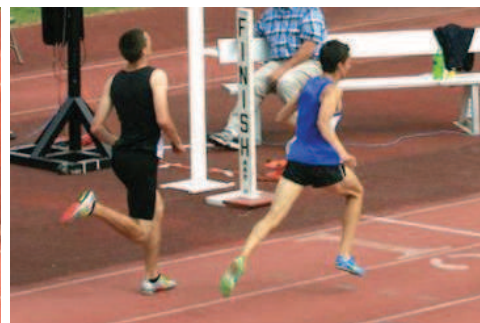
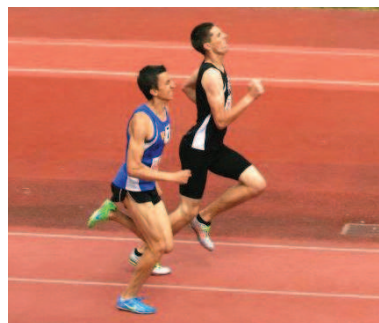
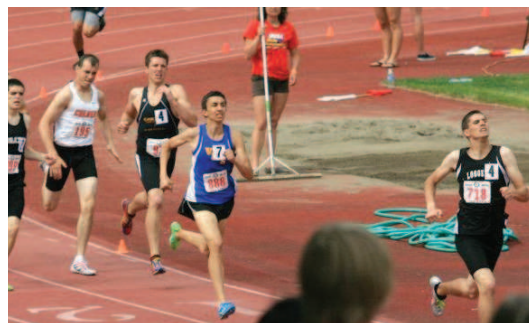
Brown was extremely proud of the way his team recovered after the heartbreak of the boys 4x100 relay disaster, an event the team thought they had a chance to win. "We just messed it up—it happens to the best of teams, but the kids bounced back and showed character," said Brown. "It happens at NCAA and Olympics meets, the main thing was we didn't let it affect the rest of the meet for us."

Brown was also pleased with the great send off the team received from the community and for the fantastic support the team had at the meet from parents and other fans.

"We've proven that we're serious and deserve to have a track to practice and compete on so that we



(Far left) Jacob Stevens ran a strong third leg of the 4x400 relay, giving the Loggers the lead on the way to their state championship. (Left) Leah Wilson receives her gold medal in the shot put from VHS coach Teresa Williams. (Below) Nathan Fleck came from the middle of the pack to catch the runner from Scio and win the gold in the 8000 meters. (All photos courtesy of Jon Steward)



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