

# VHS Spring Sports Update

**Track and Field-** The track team has had two meets since our last report--the Banks Invitational on Saturday April 20 and the Southwest Christian Invitational at Sherwood HS on April 25.

At Banks a good portion of the team was missing because of the senior trip to Disneyland. The Loggers still recorded several good performances including Meghan Sullivan, who won 2 medals in the 100 and 200 meters.

The Sherwood meet was a good chance for the team to experiment and have some athletes try some different events. The big news from that meet (16 teams attended) was Dezi Roberts setting a new school record in the triple jump--breaking the record held by Jennifer Young set in 1993. Roberts also set a personal record in the high jump. Just as big-- Sullivan won the 100 meters against some of the best competition in the state. Her brother Lane seems to be recovering from his snowboarding accident last winter and also did very well at the meet. "Many athletes set PR's at the Invitational and I was pleased with the progress of our team," said head coach Byron Brown. Devon Shay, Maina Martin, Daniel Rice and others continue to improve and impress. The team continues to work towards the district meet at Portland Christian on May 17 and 18 and qualifying for the State meet the following week at Hayward Field in Eugene. "We have to ask ourselves 'How do we get faster, throw and jump further?'" says Brown. "There are three aspects--getting stronger physically--(weight training), improving technique and the psychology of competition--developing a positive and winning attitude. The next three weeks will determine the season for us."

**Softball-** The Lady Loggers are in third place in Special District 1 with a 5-5 league record and a 11-8 record overall after defeating Neah-Kah-Nie 13-3 on April 30.

In league play earlier in the month, VHS took two of three games against Knappa, losing the first game 4-3, but coming back on April 24 to sweep a double header 4-3 and 16-1. Head coach Randy Shockey said the key to the series victory was that his team played much better defense, especially the play of middle infielders Stephanie Castro at shortstop and Samantha Wallace at second base. In the 4-3 win, the Lady Loggers scored the winning run when Brooke Johnson drove in two runs with a hit to right field in the bottom of the 6<sup>th</sup> inning. The play featured Riplee Burch sliding and beating the throw to the plate, the ball getting away from the catcher and then a spectacular slide by Wallace who avoided the tag from the pitcher to score the winning run.

In non-league match-ups the Lady Loggers defeated Portland Adventist 24-2 on April 23 and also swept a double header from Sheridan, 19-2 and 13-12 on April 26.

Shockey remains pleased with the solid play of his pitcher-catcher freshman pairing of Kassidy Fetch and Sara Smith. Smith continues to hit the ball hard and had another home run, this one over the fence against Knappa. Shockey says that, although the team has scored a lot of runs, overall the team has not hit as consistently as he would like.

The Lady Loggers have five more league games left in the season and could move up into second place if they win all five. Second place would secure the Lady Loggers an automatic trip to the State playoffs; a third or fourth place

# Jr. Salmon Auction to Raise Money for Art Programs

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM, Vernonia Hands-On Art Center, the local non-profit arts and culture support group, presents the fourth annual Jr. Salmon Auction.

Avenue. Beginning at 7:00 PM the salmon will be auctioned off by local auctioneering legend Robb Wilson with a minimum starting bid of \$10.00. Profits go to support Vernonia School



A fundraiser for the Vernonia Schools arts programs, the auction features the amazing salmon creations of Vernonia art students. The students are supplied with blank pressboard salmon on which to craft their own unique visions. In addition to salmon, students have worked their magic on small furniture items that will also be included in the auction along with four tickets to a Portland Monarch's game of the winning bidder's choosing.

This year, the venue has moved to Vernonia's new school on Missouri

Arts and Hands-On Art programs.

Doors open at 6:30. Enjoy live music performed by students under the direction of Rob Izzett, visit the Band Boosters for dessert, and chat up Vernonia's talented young artists while you browse their creations. Be sure to sign up at the bidder's table and be ready to go at 7:00!

Watch for previews of artwork and reminders on Vernonia Community and Hands-On Art Facebook pages. For more information contact Erika Paleck at 503-704-5970.

finish means a playoff for a trip to State. The final home game of the season is on May 7<sup>th</sup> against Portland Christian.

**Baseball-** The Vernonia Loggers look like they are out of the playoff picture after being swept by first place and

undefeated Knappa 10-0, 19-1, and 17-2. Head coach Aaron Miller was very impressed with the Knappa Loggers and says they are probably one of the top teams in the state. "They have solid pitching all the way through to their fourth or fifth kid, every single one

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Welcome to the world...

# LIAM DEAN ROBB

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2013

8 LBS 4 OZ – 19.5" Long

MADIGAN ARMY HOSPITAL  
FORT LEWIS, WA

Larinda & Burdette Robb are the proud parents of a handsome and healthy baby boy! Liam is the little brother of Aiden Rose, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Grandchild for Michael & Marie Botchie of Rainier, OR, Burdette Robb of Vernonia, OR, and Cathy Robb of St. Petersburg, FL. Liam is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Great-Grandchild for Linda Miller of Rainier, OR, and Sally & Miller Duris of Hillsboro, OR. And he is the 4<sup>th</sup> Great-Grandchild for Ruth Botchie of Salem, MA.

Vernonia Hands-On Art presents the 4<sup>th</sup> annual:

# Junior Salmon Auction

May 16, 2013 7:00 PM

A lively evening of fun in support of Vernonia School Arts and Hands-On Arts programs

Auctioneer Robb Wilson will auction off:

- The amazing salmon creations of Vernonia art students
- Student-painted furniture
- Four tickets to a Portland Monarch's game

Visit the Band Boosters for dessert and beverages

Enjoy live music performed by students Jacob Medearis & Nathanael McCroskey-Izzett under the direction of Rob Izzett

Meet Vernonia's talented young artists while you browse their creations.

Minimum starting bid \$10.00.

**Location: The School Commons Missouri Ave., Vernonia**

Doors open at 6:30 PM

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