

CHS ARTISTS WORK FOR ART SPACE

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COVENTRY – In an effort to raise funds to complete the installation of Coventry High School’s courtyard, students and local craft vendors came together Saturday to host an arts and crafts fair.

The fair, held in the school’s cafeteria, was organized by students with assistance from art teacher Jackie Celeste and woodworking teacher Gene Dufult.

“This is the first time for this type of event with over 35 vendors,” Celeste said. “The proceeds to rent the tables go towards the gallery fund.”

“We’ve looked at the space and we’re going to create an outdoor art gallery,” Dufult explained.

Freshman Mason Studley is very proud to have played a role in the planning of this gallery space.

“I created a Power Point and presented it,” he said. “We really wanted to make this happen. I was here at 7 a.m. helping vendors set up. I love contributing to the school. Not just for me but for everyone and we’re even making a ramp so it’s handicapped accessible. This will be from the class of 2018. We want to be the class that finishes this.”

The event took place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Representative Robert Nardolillo (District 28, Coventry) was there earlier in the day to check it out.

“This is a great story,” he said. “The students came up with the idea to hold an arts-based community event that will provide fun for everyone while raising money to complete the installation of their school’s courtyard. The courtyard is meant to provide an outdoor gallery that features a mural by a local artist and the work of the students from a variety of classes, from science to visual arts and graphic design.”



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ABOVE: Coventry High School students Kelly Bryant and Jen Brown had tables for their hand-crafted wares, Shaggy Dog Art and hand-made wired jewelry. RIGHT: Rep. Bobby Nardolillo (far right) shows off a piece of artwork Saturday. BELOW: Mason Studley, Brett Catlow, Jackie Celeste, Gene Dufult and Justin Senerchia.



RIGHT: Submitted photo • Courtesy Jackie Celeste

