

## Sign up time for Little Guy Football

Vernonia Little Guy Football sign-ups will be September 8, from 6-8:00 p.m. at the Scout Cabin in Hawkins Park.

More football gear is needed, as many of the uniforms for third and fourth graders were not properly returned last year. Anyone who has gear at home is asked to bring it to the sign-ups.

For further information, call Tony Pupo at 503-913-4145. To drop off uniforms, call Robin Smith at 503-429-4026.



Above, Carrick Flynn accepting the certificate showing he has been awarded a Ford Scholarship for 2004-2005.

With school starting  
Watch for Pedestrians  
and Remember 20 mph  
in Vernonia school zone

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## Flynn named a 2004 Ford Scholar

Vernonia High School graduate Carrick Flynn was one of 116 students named by The Ford Family Foundation as "Ford Scholars" for the 2004 - 2005 academic year.

This year's Ford Scholars were chosen from over 2,600 applicants. The Ford Family Foundation has awarded more than \$25 million since the founding of the Ford Scholars Program in 1994. Kenneth W. Ford, founder of Roseburg Forest Products Co., established the program to help students who would find it difficult or im-

possible to obtain college degrees without financial assistance.

In addition to financial need and merit qualifications, Scholars must attend or plan to attend an accredited nonprofit college in their state of residence and be pursuing a bachelor's degree. The renewable scholarships cover 90 percent of each student's unmet financial need for college. This year's winners represent 64 communities throughout Oregon and Siskiyou County, California.

## Foster homes needed for teens

The Oregon State Department of Human Services, Child Welfare is in desperate need of foster homes for teen-aged children in Columbia County. Teens come into foster care because of dependency issues that often have to do with abuse and neglect. Many of them do well in school and are involved in community activities, and a few of them need some encouragement along those lines. Foster families are reimbursed for room and board for the kids, and they receive medical coverage.

The following list of the top ten reasons why a family should offer teens a home was compiled by a group of teens in foster care:

1. No diapers to change.
2. We sleep through the night.
3. We will be ready to move out sooner...but we can still visit.
4. You don't just get a child, you get a friend.
5. We keep you up to date with the latest fashions.
6. No more carpools - we can drive you places.
7. No bottles, formula, or burp rags required.
8. We can help out around the house.
9. We can learn from you.

10. We will teach you how to run your computer!

There will be an informational meeting for people interested in providing foster care or becoming adoptive parents, on Monday, September 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the State Office Complex at 500 N. Hwy 30, St. Helens. It will be in Conference Room A, on the far side of the building, near DMV.

For more information, call Gail Mitchell, foster home recruiter at 503-397-3292 ext. 317 or 800-428-1546 ext. 317, or Sandy McMillan, adoption worker, ext. 308.

Core training will be offered to those wishing to continue to become certified as foster parents, or to adopt through the agency. The training will be on Monday evenings for five weeks, September 20 through October 18, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Foster or adoptive parents may be single, married or divorced. They may live in a house or an apartment; work inside or outside their home, have children of their own or not. Foster and adoptive parents need to be caring, patient, flexible, and possess a sense of humor. They do not need a large income, just a large heart.

## Columbia County Fair 4-H results

### GOATS - PYGMY

**Junior Doe Kid: Blue Award** - Billi Avila, Buxton; Ashley Olson, Clatskanie; Rachel Blew, Portland; Brittany Westerdahl, Scappoose; Chelsea Yarbor, St. Helens; Tia Golson, Warren.

**Intermediate Doe Kid: Blue Award** - Kaitlyn Carr, Vernonia; Amanda Watts, Vernonia.

**Four and Five Year Old Doe: Blue Award** - Kailee Harper, Portland; Amanda Watts, Vernonia.

**Doe over Five Years Old: Red**

**Award** - Kayla Lester, Portland; Amanda Watts, Vernonia.

**Wether over 1 Year: Blue Award** - Rachel Blew, Portland; Zachary Smith, Portland; Amanda Aplet, Scappoose; Christina Aplet, Scappoose; Amanda Watts, Vernonia.

**Junior Showmanship: Blue Award** - Billi Avila, Buxton; Ashley Olson, Clatskanie; Rachel Blew, Portland; Kayla Lester, Portland; Zachary Smith, Portland; Jediah Stebbins, Ashl

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