

## Miller is new elementary principal



Adding to the bachelor's degree he received from Pacific University in 1988, Moore earned a master's degree in teaching at Oregon State University in 1992. He then started at Scio, where he spent 13 years teaching second and third grades, and ten years as head baseball coach at the high school.

This is Miller's first job as a principal though he completed study at Portland State University in 1995 to earn administrative certification. He is pleased with the county-wide educational effort to enhance mathematics instruction, and hopes to soon start a similar program for reading and language arts.

Miller is no stranger to small towns; he was born and raised in Lebanon, Oregon. He and his family – wife Betsy, daughter Souvanny and son Jackson – now live in Vernonia.

Vernonia's new elementary school principal, Aaron Miller, thought he wanted to teach and coach at the high school level—until he was teaching and coaching at the high school level. So, he left teaching and went to work as sports editor for the Florence newspaper.

After two years as a journalist, he was still interested in teaching, though not sure of where or how. Deciding to become more familiar with the profession, he took a job as a teaching assistant at Hamilton Creek elementary school, where he also helped in many other ways, including driving bus. Now he was certain that he wanted to teach.

**Youngsters show different emotions as they stand in line for their first day of school on September 6, 2005, in the play structure by Washington Grade School.**



## Vernonia PTA schedules carnival for September 24

Vernonia Community PTA hold its second carnival will be held at Vernonia Middle School on September 24, 5-9:00 p.m.

This year's carnival will again feature carnival games including fishing, ring toss, wheel of fortune, etc. plus a cake walk, craft booths, a themed picture booth, a DIVA booth with face and nail painting in addition to temporary tattoos.

Themed baskets will be included in the silent auction and there will be many raffle prizes. The Harley-Davidson motorcycle silent auction item continues at The Clever Cricket and at the carnival with the bids closing at 8:00 p.m.

Hungry? Hamburgers, hot-dogs, nachos, etc. and beverages will be offered for sale. This was a well attended, much enjoyed event last year. The

public is invited to enjoy this year's carnival, too.

## Head Start still has openings

Head Start, a federally funded preschool program, is seeking students for the 2005/2006 school year. Head Start incorporates a total family program that includes nutrition, education, medical, dental services and home visits for the enrolled child.

Prospective students must be three or four years old by September 1, 2005. To qualify, children must be from limited income households, have a disability, special need or circumstance.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the State of Oregon prohibit discrimination in all USDA programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability. Head Start serves USDA approved meals twice daily. Limited transportation is available.

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