

## Help the "Undie Sunday" project

The Columbia County Commission on Children and Families (CCCCF) is proud to sponsor "Undie Sunday". The Undie Sunday "month of giving" begins on August 5 and will run through August 29.

This project was created because it was determined that many children in Columbia County are in need of basic necessities like underwear and socks. Local area churches, schools, organizations, and community members have been asked to participate by collecting new underwear and socks for children, ages' birth

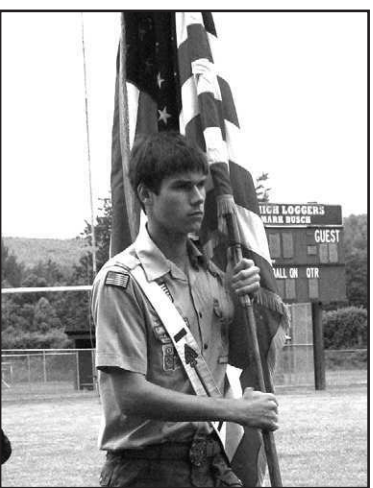
through high schools. The focus also includes diapers for little ones.

Those who would like to donate new socks, underwear, and diapers may drop items off at your local church or Wal-Mart in St. Helens.

The underwear and socks will be distributed to Columbia County children in need, through Columbia County schools.

CCCCF believes the whole community plays a role in forming a positive future for children and communities.

## Peets set to celebrate well-earned Eagle Scout award presentation



Patrick Ryan Peets, 18, of Vernonia, has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to Scouts, the Eagle Scout Award. Patrick will be recognized in ceremonies on Sunday, August 26, at 4:30 p.m. at the Vernonia Scout Cabin. Members of the Vernonia community who have assisted Peets throughout his Scouting career are invited to come and join the celebration, as well as anyone wanting to congratulate him on his achievement.

As a member of Vernonia's Boy Scout Troop 201, Peets is one of approximately four percent of all Boy Scouts who attain the Eagle rank, according to the Boy Scouts of America. Each Eagle Scout candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, church, or synagogue-related service project to earn his Eagle. Peets chose to clean up the Vernonia Pioneer Cemetery as his project. He assembled a team of volunteers who

assisted in the clean-up efforts; among the tasks were mowing, weed-eating, picking up branches blown down from winter storms, and cleaning mildewed headstones and grave monuments.

Peets has held several positions of leadership in the troop and has worked in a staff capacity at Camp Meriwether, a Boy Scout camp on the Oregon coast, for three of his four high-school summers. Peets graduated from Vernonia High School this past June and participated in Cross-Country and Baseball throughout his four years. He has enlisted in the Air Force and leaves for Basic Training in early September. Peets is the son of Patrick and Tracy Peets of Vernonia.

## Calhoun selected to attend Boys State

Michael Calhoun of Vernonia was selected as a representative and attended The American Legion Oregon Boys State, held on the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, June 17-23. Attendance at Boys State is limited to students who have completed their junior year of high school and are recommended by their respective principals and school administrators. The local American Legion then makes the final selection.

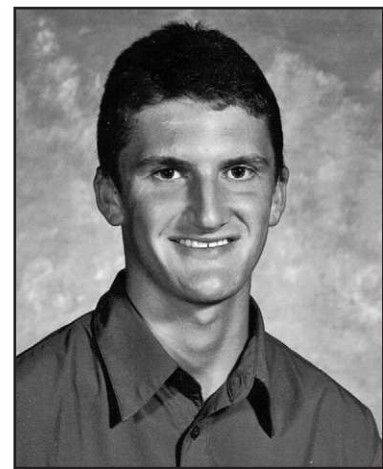
The Boys State program is designed to increase knowledge and awareness of governmental processes and procedures at the city, county and state levels, using hands-on experience and active participation.

Upon arriving at Boys State, each student is registered and assigned to a political party and becomes a 'citizen' of a specific city and county of Boys State. As citizens, they take the Bar exam, which Calhoun passed, allowing him to be part of the Judicial System. There are seminars, workshops, and

city, county, and state elections, plus political rallies, work on local problems and legislation, mock trials, even a supreme court.

It was, "A week to shape a lifetime," said Calhoun. "I would like to thank Vernonia High School principals and school administrators for recommending me and also thank the American Legion representatives for selecting me to attend the Oregon Boys State program. It was a privilege and honor."

Calhoun is the son of Steve and Carol Calhoun of Vernonia, and is a varsity athlete, in addition to being a member of The National Honor Society. He will



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represent Vernonia High School as the 2008 Senior Class President.

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