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standing committee to review graduation.

Extra duty contracts

Funderburg clarified that classified staff are not permitted to coach, under the terms of their contract, because of hourly overtime pay rules.

In an unusual move, Tim Titus requested that ten extra duty contracts be voted on individually. All were approved unanimously, with the exception of Dana Hyde as junior class advisor which Titus opposed. The following extra duty contracts were awarded: MS head football coach Steve Schorzman, MS asst. football coach Leonard McKenzie, HS mentor teacher James Brookins, WGS mentor teacher Lynn Shaw, senior class advisor Kathi Fetch, sophomore class advisor Beth Kinz, freshman class advisor Randy Schockey and concessions advisor Ronda Lennon.

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Matthew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



When I started as Police Chief in May this year I was amazed by the number of kids that were wearing helmets and safety equipment while riding their bicycles, skateboards, and scooters. The compliance with the state statute and the city ordinance was very refreshing. Since that time I have noticed a decline in helmet use and an increase in the number of bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and in-line skates riding on the sidewalks. I know the increase in traffic on the

sidewalks corresponded to the construction on Hwy 47 in the downtown area so enforcement was tempered until the construction ended.

Now that the construction has ended we need to revisit the statutes and ordinances as well as increase compliance with the laws. ORS 814.485 and 814.600 says anyone under 16 years old must wear protective headgear when riding bicycles, scooters, skateboards, in-line skates, etc. Vernonia City Ordinance 745, Sections 27, 28 and 31 state that no bicycles, roller skates, roller blades, skateboards, bicycles, etc. should be operated on sidewalks adjacent to Bridge Street between Weed and California, Madison Ave. between Bridge and Maple, and Jefferson Ave. between

Bridge and Maple. This ordinance is directly related to the high amount of pedestrian traffic going to and from businesses and the higher possibility of accident and injuries to both riders and pedestrians.

Parents, kids, and drivers need to be aware of the presence of bicycle and skateboard traffic and be willing to share the limited road space. A bicycle lane would be great but is

unlikely, due to the width of Bridge St. in the downtown area. Hopefully soon the skateboard park will be a reality and Vernonia will have a safe place for kids to ride.



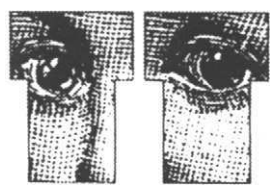
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