

Did You Know...

By Chief Matthew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



I want to thank the St. Helens Wal-Mart store for their generous donation of \$500 to the Vernonia Bicycle Safety Program. The money

will be used to purchase more helmets, safety materials, and help to hold another bicycle rodeo. The response for helmets has been very good and I will need to place an order to replenish our supplies. If you want to purchase a helmet for \$5 to \$7 or obtain a free helmet, stop by the police station or call 503-429-7335.

On August 2, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. everyone is invited to Anderson Park for National

Night Out (NNO) 2005. Vernonia will join 34 million people in 10,000 communities across the nation who are joining together to promote crime, drug, and violence prevention as well as neighborhood unity. This will be the 22nd Annual NNO in the United States and Vernonia will be one of thirty Oregon communities registered to participate. There will be FREE BBQ, free raffle prizes, music, Police, Fire, EMS equipment, and lots

of information on keeping our community safe. All ages are welcome to come out to show that Vernonia is united against crime and is ready to join forces to help each other.

Now that the warmth of summer has arrived, I want to touch on a couple of topics that were brought to my attention by citizens. The first has to do with people swimming at the Hawkins Park swimming hole. There have been several

drownings in the Pacific Northwest and many other near-drownings. Please use good judgment, watch children closely, never swim alone, and never swim under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

The other topic is loud music. The warmer weather means windows and doors are open more often than at other seasons. Loud music and voices coming from residences can

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