

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
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Many of you may have seen the Traffic Radar Trailer parked in various locations around town. The trailer was purchased for

the law enforcement agencies in Columbia County and I was finally able to secure its use in Vernonia. The trailer serves as a vivid reminder of the speed limit and is often used by motorists to check the accuracy of their speedometer. Remember that variations to your standard vehicle equipment, especially tires, can affect the accuracy of your speedometer. The Radar Trailer is a nice tool to check your speedometer and a good

reminder of the legal speed limit in different areas of town where we tend to experience problems.

After Dale Webb's article about the "Gun-Free School Zone Act" in the last *Independent* I wanted to give everyone an update on what I have heard from the ATF. I re-contacted the legal department for the ATF's Seattle office and have heard nothing new. I spoke to another legal consultant and forwarded

both my article and Mr. Webb's article. I expect to hear a more definitive explanation later this week after the printing of this *Independent*. As soon as I am given some information I will pass it on to everyone. Thank you for your patience.

There are a couple of meetings I wanted to briefly mention that should be of interest to all Vernonia citizens. On March 20, at 7:00 p.m. the Vernonia Drug-Free Community Coal-

ition will be sponsoring a presentation at Vernonia High School on the current status of Meth in Vernonia. As many have seen in the media the number of meth labs has dropped drastically but Meth is still widely used, even in Vernonia. The drastic number of property crimes and identity thefts experienced here in Vernonia are some of the residual crimes more than likely being

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