

## Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman  
Vernonia Police Department



After waking up to the dusting of snow on Monday morning my wife and I started thinking we were back in Nebraska during the

Spring. The only difference is that the following day would be 80 degrees and there would be tornado and thunderstorm warnings! We definitely don't miss any of that weather. I would encourage everyone to take advantage of the nice weather to go out and support our Spring sports athletes. Our High School and Middle School teams are very competitive and fun to watch. It means a great deal to them to have communi-

ty support and attendance at their games.

If you have been following the crime blotters recently, including today's, you can see an increase in thefts and identification related crimes. All signs point to these crimes being directly related to drug users. This weekend I took a report of items being stolen from a vehicle on "A" Street. Several important items were taken from this vehicle including a brief-

case. The owner is less concerned about the other items taken but would like to get the briefcase and the enclosed work documents back. If you have any information about this theft, or [f you] find a briefcase please contact the VPD. There was mention of a possible reward as well.

I also hear there were other thefts in the area during the same time-frame as the theft on "A" Street. The VPD encour-

ages you to report any thefts no matter how trivial you may think they are. The theft on "A" Street appeared to be an isolated incident but having received information on subsequent thefts, we were able to narrow when it occurred and in what area. The additional information allows us to pinpoint our investigation and even identify possible suspects. Even if you do not want an official incident report filed,  
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