

## Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman  
Vernonia Police Department



The Spring season is upon us with the buds blooming and many of

us working to spruce up our landscapes. Remember that as

of April 1, you should have removed the studded tires from your vehicle. Studded tires are legal in Oregon from 12:01 a.m. November 1 through 11:59 p.m. March 31. The base fine for use of studded tires outside the legal dates is \$145. The degradation of the roadways can be very serious given the limited resources of the road departments.

If you know a student who is interested in criminal justice

(CJ) and will be attending college, the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police (OACP) has a scholarship program available. To qualify you should be enrolled as a CJ student at a college, have a desire to enter CJ or law enforcement career, and have a grade point average above 2.5. The scholarship is \$1000 per school year per applicant. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, you can download the ap-

plication on the OACP website [www.policechief.org](http://www.policechief.org) under the "scholarship" tab. You can also get an information brochure at the VPD or Vernonia High School though the counselor's office.

Once again this year through the donations from local businesses and citizens, the VPD was able to provide safety information and materials to Vernonia youth. The materials were printed by the National

Child Safety Council (NCSC) and some were recently presented to the Vernonia School District for distribution. The material given to the school district included a safety manual for ages 6-10 on being a "Safe Walker - Safe Rider" and an "Internet Safety Magazine."

Additional NCSC materials that are available at the VPD include a pamphlet for kids on "Dangerous Situations," the **Please see page 23**

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