

Did You Know . . .

By Chief Mathew Workman
Vernonia Police Department



The
2008
Friend-
ship
Jam-
boree is
over and
in the
books.

From a police perspective there seemed to be more people in

town for the event this year. I am not sure what to attribute this to, whether it was our local celebrities the "Axmen" being in town or a number of people coming to see how the town was rebuilt since the 2007 Floods. Either way, there seemed to be a lot more people in town.

From a law enforcement perspective the call volume was normal and the type of incidents we responded to were

also typical. Unfortunately, the very first day of Jamboree was marred by a large fight outside the Lyon's Den and the death of two young people in a traffic accident by the Vernonia Golf Course. I am told alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash, and I know alcohol was a factor in the large fight as well as the other incidents we responded to. Please drink alcoholic beverages responsibly, control your behavior, and nev-

er drive after drinking or get in the car with someone who has been drinking.

In the most recent issue of the Oregon Attorney General's "Scam Gram" they warn Oregonians about scams related to high gas prices. There has been a sharp increase in the number of scams and schemes connected to saving consumers money and fuel. Attorney General Myers cited three such scams here in Oregon,

preying upon consumers who are feeling the pinch from record high gas prices.

AG Myers asked that Oregonians be aware of these potential scams and protect themselves: "So-called Gas Saving Products" – these products are being marketed and sold door-to-door, over the Internet, via telephone, etc. None have been found to significantly increase gas mileage and many

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