

Community Calendar

How to Grow Tobacco – Friday, April 9 at 6 pm at the Cabin in Vernonia. A 2-day class on how to grow tobacco, the many uses of tobacco, the original medical properties, how to make your own chewing tobacco, pain reliever, and bug spray. Includes a plant to grow, seeds, starter kit, and complete instruction booklet. \$50 for both classes. Masks are required, first come, first served, space is limited, registration at the door. Verahamilton565@gmail.com

Children's Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday April 3, 10:00 am sharp at Spencer Park. Please note this is a change in location! Please wear masks and come check in at the Picnic area so you know which direction to take your kids! Sponsored by the Intercultural Society of Vernonia.

Rubber Duck Race – Saturday, April 24. Ducks are \$5 each and are on sale now at the Intercultural Society of Vernonia Facebook page. There is no limit on how many you may purchase. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN. Ducks will be dropped from the Bridge Street Bridge at Rock Creek and race to the Nehalem River. 1st place = \$250 cash prize. All funds raised support the Intercultural Society of Vernonia.

VPD to Conduct Boat Inspections

The Vernonia Police Department is pleased to announce they will be conducting boat examinations in the Vernonia Lake parking lot on the following days.

- April 10, 2021 from 9am - 12pm
- April 17, 2021 from 9am - 12pm
- April 24, 2021 from 9am - 12pm

Bring your motorized boat during these hours to be inspected. Upon successful inspection you will be issued an inspection sticker that will be good for the year 2021. Make sure your vessel is ready for inspection.

- Have life jackets on board.
- Type IV throwable floatation device
- Sound producing device
- Current registration and mounted validation stickers
- Identifying number on hull
- Boaters Education Card
- Fire Extinguisher(s)
- Working ventilation system for enclosed motors
- Flame Arrestor

Inspections after April 24 will be done by appointment only and at the Vernonia Police Department. This event will be held rain or shine so come on out and get a safe head start on your summer boating fun.

Narcan Available at Health Clinic and VPD

Adventist Health Tillamook is pleased to announce its partnership with the Vernonia Police Department to reduce opioid overdoses in the community. Recently, Eric Swanson, President of Adventist Health Tillamook, delivered naloxone kits to Vernonia Police Chief Michael Conner. Naloxone, known as Narcan, is an easy-to-use nasal spray to reverse the effects and save lives in cases of severe opioid overdoses.

This year, Adventist Health Tillamook received a \$30,000 grant from the COVID-19 Harm Reduction Supply Clearinghouse to purchase 287 naloxone kits. Vernonia police officers will carry naloxone to use in responding to someone who has overdosed or if they encounter opioids

in the field. Also, officers can leave kits with individuals who may need naloxone in their home or business.

Naloxone is available free of charge to anyone who visits the Adventist Health Medical Office in Vernonia. You do not need to be a patient of Adventist Health to pick up a kit. Lynn Nowland, RN, Care Coordinator, will provide a kit and demonstrate how to use it. If you or someone you know uses prescription opioids or has an opioid use disorder, please contact the Vernonia clinic at (503) 429-1953.

If you suspect someone is suffering from an opioid overdose, call 911 immediately, start CPR if necessary and administer nasal naloxone if available.

Adventist Clinic Approved for COVID-19 Vaccinations

Adventist Health Vernonia has been approved by Columbia County to administer COVID vaccinations.

"We are thrilled to partner with the Columbia County Public Health Department to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to the Vernonia community," said Eric Swanson, President

of Adventist Health Tillamook. Tillamook County has administered over 6,800 vaccinations, with Adventist Health delivering 50% of those vaccines through Tillamook County Health Centers.

No dates have been announced for availability in Vernonia at this time.

Vernonia SK8 Project Receives Needed Funding *continued from front page*

local fundraising events.

They are planning an event at Spencer Park on April 24 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. They will have Vans shoes and SK8 hoodies for sale with proceeds going directly to the SK8 park, says Vernonia Boosters treasurer Lisa Curry; the Vernonia Boosters have been the fiscal agent for the Vernonia SK8 project. Vernonia Boosters merchandise will also be available for purchase, which will benefit the Booster's scholarships they award yearly. "The SK8 committee has been working so hard since 2017 to make this happen. I know the community is beyond ready to see movement," said Curry.

The project has been a collaborative effort all along. The Vernonia SK8 committee has done fundraising to the tune of \$60,000 and rallied the community and solicited in-kind donations. They worked with skate park designers to create a concept that could be used to seek grant funding. The skate park will be built on city owned property at Spencer Park, and will be constructed and managed under the authority of the

City of Vernonia. The project received support from the City Council with a pledge of \$20,000 toward the construction and they were awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Tony Hawk Foundation. Vans have continuously supported the project with donations of gear for fundraising. The Vernonia Boosters have provided financial management support.

Vernonia City Administrator Josette Mitchell, says next steps this spring will be for the City to solicit and accept a formal Request for Proposal (RFP) for skate park design and construction, with a goal of having that complete by the end of April/early May, and then award the contract. A public process will allow some local input into design elements that will be included. The City and a local contractor will do some basic excavation and ground prep and install drainage.

If everything falls into place, the hope is to begin construction this summer, although it may not happen until next spring.

NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the 2021-2022 Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Budget Committee will be held April 29, 2021, at 7:00 PM at the Mist-Birkenfeld Main Station located at 12525 Highway 202. This is a meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may attend this meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. This meeting can be joined via teleconference at:

1 971 247 1195
Meeting ID: 937 9570 9121
Passcode: 217436

BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THIS MEETING WILL BE:

- Election of Officers
- Presentation of Budget Message
- Presentation of Budget Document
- Discussion of the Budget Document
- Public Testimony
- Scheduling of possible future meetings

The proposed budget document will be available for inspection on April 20, 2021 at the Mist-Birkenfeld Main Station at 12525 Hwy 202, Mist, Oregon, during the hours of 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Joe Kaczinski, Budget Officer



Columbia Humane Society



Purr-fect Pals

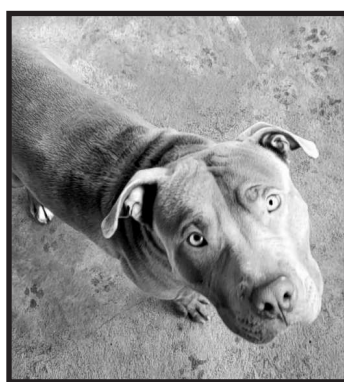


Winston is an approximately 8 year old, domestic short hair, neutered, male cat. He has FIV, so would be best as an only cat, or with another FIV positive cat. He may be OK with cat friendly dogs.

Winston likes to be around people! He follows the store employee everywhere, greets new people, and chirps to converse!

He loves to play with his feather toy, roll around, and nap in the sun. He has had excellent vet care, is healthy, and his bloodwork is normal. He is on a diet, and is trimming down. If interested, email Patricia at dpcadams@comcast.net.

Featured Dog



and all his current vaccinations. All adoptions are done by appointment only, with an approved application on file.

Jango is a young, energetic one year old Staffordshire Terrier mix. This guy is full of life and energy. He will need a family that is patient and will be willing to work with him. He is your typical one year old puppy that hasn't had a lot of guidance in his life. He loves to play and seems to do well with other dogs. However, due to him being a male, we are only willing to place him with a female dog that is active and can put up with his antics. We do not know how he will be with cats. Due to his excitement level we suggest only placing him with kids over 12 years old. He is wiggly and doesn't always know his size.

If you are interested in meeting Jango we ask that you please email adoption@columbi humane.org in order to obtain an application. His adoption fee is \$250, which includes his neuter, microchip,