

Mist-Birk RFPD Passes 2,500 Vaccinations

On Thursday, June 24 the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District (RFPD) passed a major milestone at their vaccination clinic at the Vernonia Scout Cabin, when they administered their 2,500th COVID vaccination shot.

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD has been at the forefront of providing easily accessible and convenient vaccines for rural community members in Columbia County. They first began offering a weekly clinic at their own station, and as needs were identified, expanded their program to offer a weekly clinic in Vernonia and several other locations.

Mist-Birk RFPD staff paramedic Larry Boxman, who initially organized the program, said the program is likely to continue into September, or as long as there is still a

need for vaccines. Boxman, who is assisted in managing the program by Hailey Palmore who was hired by the District as their Director of Public Health, said the District has been receiving requests to bring vaccinations to specific locations, and said clinics will be held at the Rainier School District and the Wauna Mill in Westport in the near future.

The clinic program was initially approved and funded by the Mist-Birk RFPD Board of Directors to vaccinate the members of their own District, but Boxman said the program received funding, first from Columbia County, and then from Federal sources at FEMA, in order to expand the program and serve additional communities across the County.

Boxman thanked the nu-

merous volunteers across the communities where the clinics have been held. He also thanked the Mist-Birk RFPD Board of Directors, along with Mist-Birk RFPD Chief Joe Kaczinski, for supporting the program.

In other COVID news, as Oregon Governor Kate Brown moved forward with plans to end all COVID restrictions state-wide on June 30, Columbia County continued to lag behind many other surrounding counties in the number of citizens who were fully vaccinated, with just 46%. Columbia County was also one of only six counties still rated as "High Risk" across the state at the time restrictions were lifted.

Community Calendar

FREE Summer Meals for Kids 1-18 – available for pick up at the Vernonia Schools building 11:30-1:00, Monday-Friday through August 20. No requirements, no paperwork.

Vernonia Friendship Jamboree & Logging Show – August 6, 7, 8

Vernonia Community Garage Sale – Saturday, August 28, 9:00-5:00

The Transfer Station is scheduled to be open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday January - October
July 10 & 24
August 14 & 28
Dates are subject to change

Readers Lend Their Voices...

To the Editor,

I was having van problems and I told Mayor Rick Hobart about it. He recommended Aaron at Vernonia Service and Repair, so that's where I went. Next thing I know, Mayor Rick was at my door and told me my van was ready and the repairs had been paid for. He took me to pick it up and my van is running great!

What a Great Man of God! AMEN!

Gail Law
Vernonia

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P.E.O. Sale at Spencer Park

On Bridge Street in the Greenman Grandstands lot

Saturday July 17

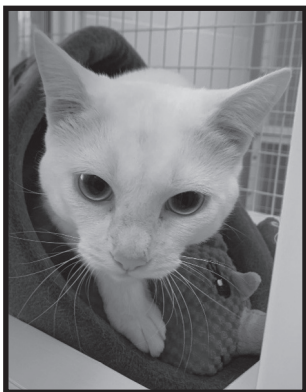
9 am until it's gone!

"One (wo)man's trash is another's treasure"

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Columbia Humane Society

Purr-fect Pals



Asher is a very sweet and lovely boy. He is coming into the shelter at about a year old. He is going to need a home where he is either with another female cat or no other cat at all. He has had no exposure to dogs so we don't recommend a home with dogs. Asher can be very nervous with any change in his life and he is going to require a home that is understanding of him and willing to give him his own space and his own time to adjust to his surroundings. We were told that he was in a home with kids prior. Asher does appear to have hearing issues, so being an indoor cat only will be very important for him. He sure does like to talk and he loves to play with his toys.

If you are interested in meeting Asher we ask that you please email adoption@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application.

Featured Dog



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@columbiahumane.org in order to obtain an application. His adoption fee is \$250, which includes his neuter, microchip, and all his current vaccinations. All adoptions are done by appointment only, with an approved application on file.

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