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No Burn Piles

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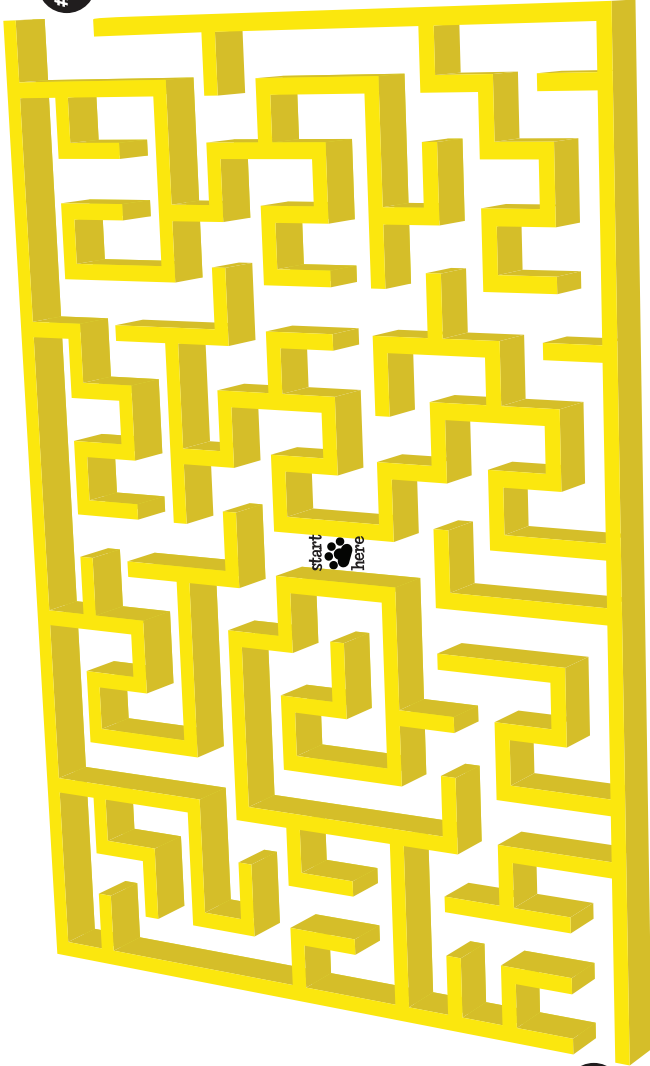


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Sparky® wants you to know **2 ways out** of every room in your home in case of a fire.

Try to find **2 ways out** of this maze!



FIRE-SAFE CROSSWORD PUZZLE KEY

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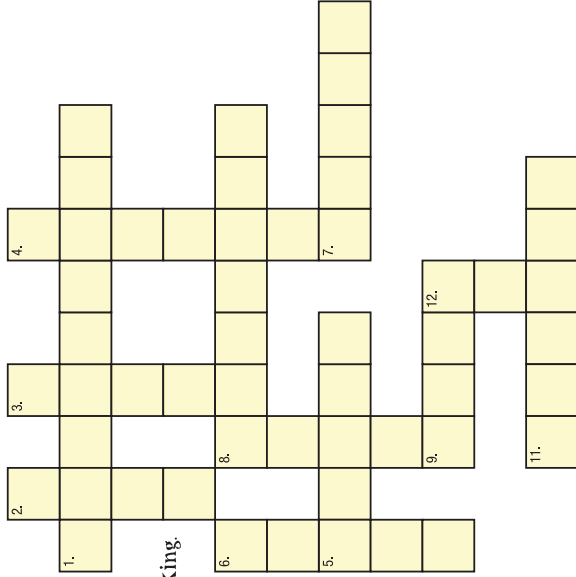
FIRE-SAFE CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- Food cooked in a should be opened slowly.
- Stay **"3"** feet away from the stove when grown-ups are cooking.
- Keep curtains away from the .
- Adults should wear tight-fitting when cooking.
- . Drop and roll if your clothes catch fire.
- Give a space space.

DOWN

- If there is a in your home, get **OUT** and **STAY out!**
- Use a barbecue only outdoors.
- Keep lighters and out of kids' sight and reach.
- Cool a burn with cool for 3 to 5 minutes.
- Make sure there are no under carpets.
- Turn all handles toward the back.



WE WANT YOU

Please Join Us.

Mist-Birkenfeld is an amazing place to live with its beautiful surroundings and friendly residents. Unfortunately, people get sick, accidents occur and fires breakout. We are incredibly lucky to have dedicated volunteer fire fighters, EMS personnel and support staff to respond to these incidents and save lives, mitigate damages, and improve the quality of life. Volunteers are essential for our community to thrive. If you would like to volunteer, in any capacity with our fire district, please contact us. You can get an application from our website at www.mistbirkenfeldrfd.org or call us at (503) 755-2710. Volunteering is rewarding and a whole heck of a lot of fun. We have great camaraderie and most important we work together to maintain a state of readiness to respond to our neighbors in their time of need. Please join us.



Share The Spirit would like to thank our community for all the refundable soda and water bottles brought to the Main station. Keep them coming but please remember to remove lids from bottles. Bottles and cans purchased in Washington state are not refundable.



Please join us on the third Friday of each month between 11:45 and 1:45pm at the Birkenfeld Community Church (11249 Hwy 202) for a no-cost, homemade soup, bread, and dessert luncheon. Get together, visit with your community neighbors and enjoy some good food.

If you are looking for a yellow blooming bush, rather than planting Scotch broom, consider the native Tall Oregon Grape or the ornamental Forsythia hybrid.



**Tall Oregon Grape
(Mahonia Aquifolium)**



**Forsythia
(Genus Forsythia)**

Springtime is the best time to control Scotch broom by pulling. Moist soil makes it easier to pluck young broom plants out of the ground. For older, more mature plants, try using a weed wrench.



Weed Wrench

Invasive Scotch Broom

Scotch broom is a wide-spread invasive weed. You have probably noticed large stands of it along our rural roads and highways, in pastures and in forests.

Originally Scotch broom was introduced as an ornamental shrub along highway corridors and, in western Oregon, as a dune stabilizer. It is now one the most widespread forest weed species.



Scotch broom is an attractive evergreen shrub. It has many slender, erect, dark green branches with small leaves up to half an inch long. It grows from 3 to 10 feet in height. Beginning in late April or early May, it is covered with bright yellow, pea-like flowers. The flowers mature to flattened seed pods that contain up to a dozen seeds each. Dried pods will crack and pop open in mid-summer and eject the seeds a short distance.

Why Should I Care About Scotch Broom?

Scotch broom is an opportunistic and aggressively prolific invasive plant. **A single plant can produce well over 20,000 seeds that last in the soil for more than 30 years (some estimates are as long as 80 years).**

Scotch broom easily invades disturbed sites, natural areas, dunes, and forest lands. This weed displaces native and beneficial plants and smothers tree seedlings, hampering reforestation efforts. It causes loss of grassland and open forest habitat. Flowers and seeds are toxic to humans and most animals. Scotch broom creates highly flammable fuels increasing wildfire danger. Control costs for this weed exceed \$47 million annually.

How Can I Control Scotch Broom?

Scotch broom can be controlled by various methods depending upon the severity and the location of the infestation. Plants can be pulled when they are small and dug when they are larger. They can be cut between flowering and seed production and stumps can be treated with herbicides. Do not put plants with seed pods in compost or yard waste. They should be bagged and placed in the garbage. Also, do not burn plants with seed pods because when exposed to fire, the seeds burst from their seed pods.

2020 Oregon Wildfire Stats

The Largest Fires

Lionshead Fire:

Location: Lions Head Canyon
Date of Origin: August 16, 2020
Cause: Lightening
Size: 204,469 acres

Beachie Creek Fire:

Location: Jawbone Flats, Opal Creek Wilderness
Date of Origin: August 16, 2020
Cause: Unknown
Size: 193,573

Holiday Farm Fire:

Location: Vida, Oregon
Date of Origin: September 7, 2020
Cause: Unknown
Size: 173,393 acres

Riverside Fire:

Location: Estacada, Oregon
Date of Origin: September 8, 2020
Cause: Human
Size: 138,054 acres

Archie Creek Fire:

Location: Glide, Oregon
Date of Origin: September 8, 2020
Cause: Under Investigation
Size: 131,542 acres

Oregon Homes Destroyed by Wildfire

2020: 4,009
2019: 2
2018: 14
2017: 16
2016: 1
2015: 60



- 1.07 Million acres burned
- Cost to fight fires: \$354 million
- Nearly \$1 billion in homes loss
- More than 4,000 residences burned
- 11 deaths
- 2 Firefighter fatalities

Lionshead Fire





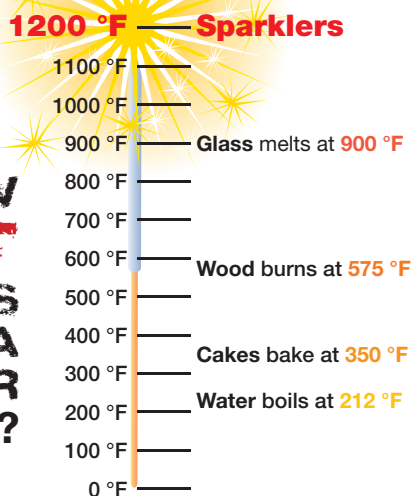
Fireworks Safety

FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. With many professional firework shows being canceled this year, it is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.

HOW
HOT
DOES
A
SPARKLER
BURN?



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms seen in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hand, finger, or leg. One-third were to the eye or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
The leading information and knowledge resource on fire, electrical and related hazards

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Sometimes, rural living isn't for the faint of heart. We can lose power, internet and/or telephone use at any given time. If this occurs and you are having an emergency and cannot call out to 9-1-1, call the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD at:



(503)755-2710

or

drive to the main station located at:

12525 Highway 202

Mist, OR 97016

Whenever 9-1-1 is not accessible to the district, the main station will be staffed 24 hours a day until connection can be restored with 9-1-1.



CHIPP

Created Specifically for Our Residents

Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD is proud to offer our CHIPP service free of charge to all residents of our fire district. CHIPP stands for Community Health Integrated Paramedicine Program and is designed to provide follow-up care for recent surgeries or any other medically related issue or concern. The CHIPP is also intended to serve a "preventative medicine" with the goal of catching medical problems before they become emergencies.

Since we do not have any medical clinics, hospitals or doctor offices in our community, we seem to try and "tough it out" when dealing with a medical complication. After a short period of time, our minor medical problem grows into an acute and often emergent event. The CHIPP was created as a resource for our residents to avoid unnecessary suffering and prolonged hospitalization.

For more information about CHIPP or to enroll in the program, please contact Larry Boxman at the main fire station: 755-2710.



Animal Technical Rescue Technician

Large Animal Rescue Foundation
November 2016



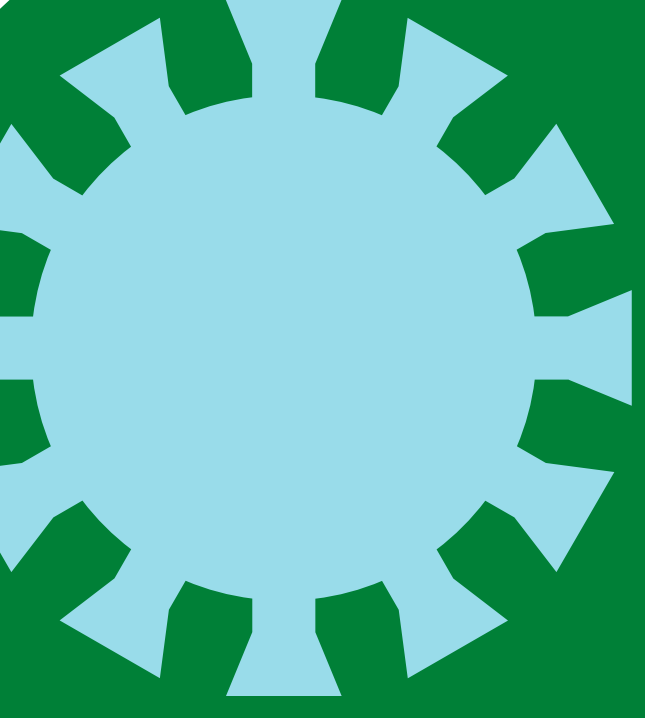
Hard work, dedication, humility, desire to help their neighbors and visitors of this great district. That is how I would describe the people in the pictures on the front and back of this page. Even with these pictures, it does not showcase all the personnel of the Mist-Birkenfeld Rural Fire Protection District who selflessly give of themselves every day. The people in these pictures are your neighbors. They sacrifice their time to train so they can help whomever or whatever needs rescuing at a moment's notice. They do not do this for recognition, they do these things because they believe in helping one another up, especially in everyone's greatest time of need. It may not be easy, it may be in the middle of the night, it may be in a flood, it may be in a snowstorm, it may be in the squelching heat. Through all these things, they will come. In your darkest hour, they will come. These are a truly special breed of people that may see you in your lowest of times, but their intension is to lift you up and help put you back on your feet. They are loggers, farmers, ranchers, schoolteachers, longshoremen, businessman & woman. They leave their egos at the door. They work together as a team with one goal in mind: To put out the fire, to administer the vaccine, to load you or your loved one onto the gurney, to dress your wound, to assess the damage, to give your comfort, to pull you out of the ditch, to pull your cow out of the ditch.

The pictures presented here are from Large Animal Rescue class that was taught over a 3-day period in May 2021. These people were here so they can be equipped with the proper knowledge to rescue your large animal if the instance ever arises. Interesting to note, on the third day of training, an actual large animal rescue call was placed, and this great team of people jumped into action.

I am proud to say I know each one of these people, plus all the people who are not shown but give of themselves for the betterment of this District we live in and call home. *THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!* This district could not accomplish all that it does without you!

~Marianne Berg, Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD

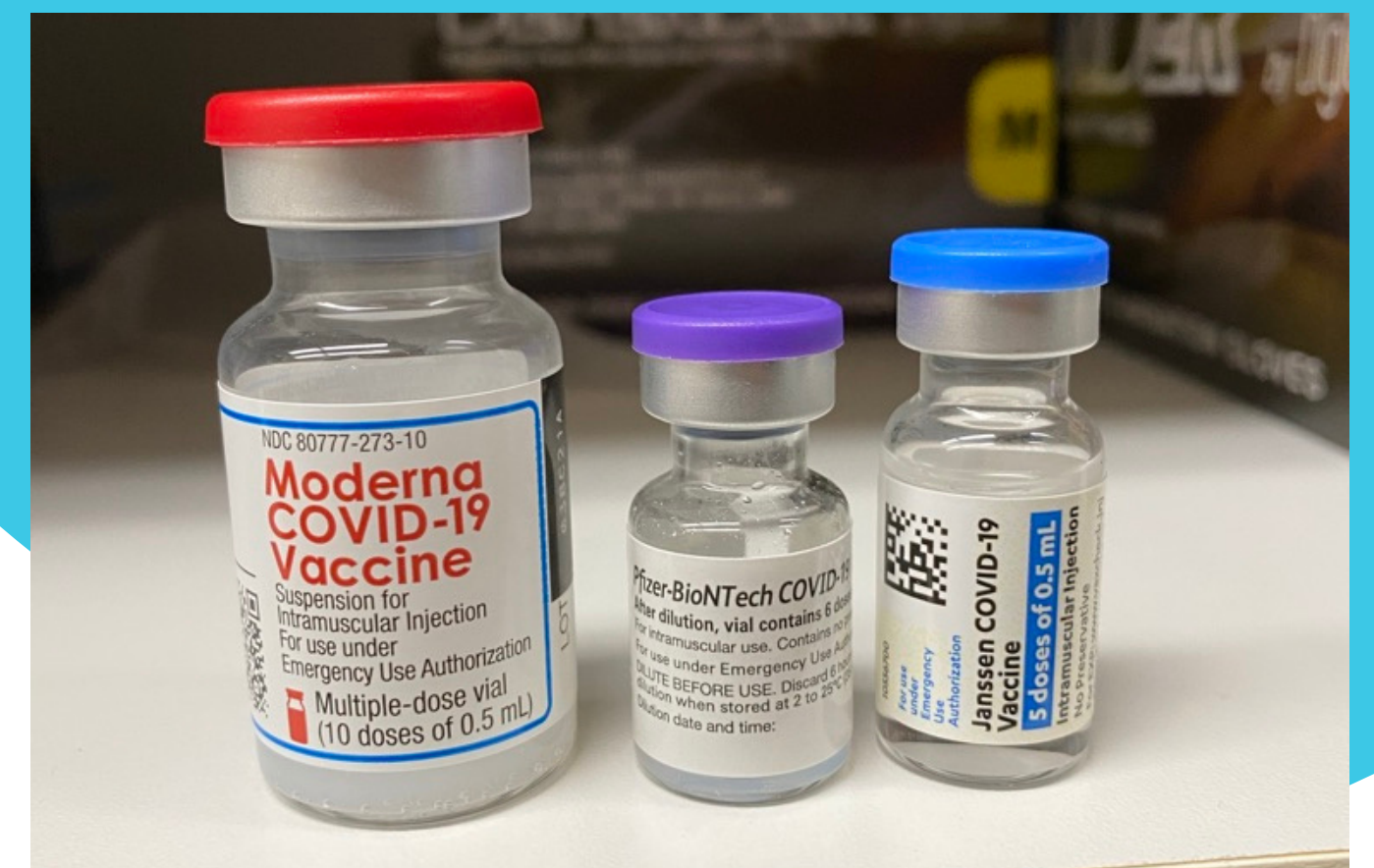




COVID-19

Vaccine Updates

This week, Mist-Birkenfeld R.F.P.D. celebrates our 2,500th COVID-19 vaccine administered at our clinics! We have administered Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson&Johnson vaccines at our clinics and have vaccinated people ages 12-101! We have provided over 20 vaccinations in home visits to homebound patients through our C.H.I.P.P. program and have operated 9 different clinic sites in Clatsop and Columbia Counties.

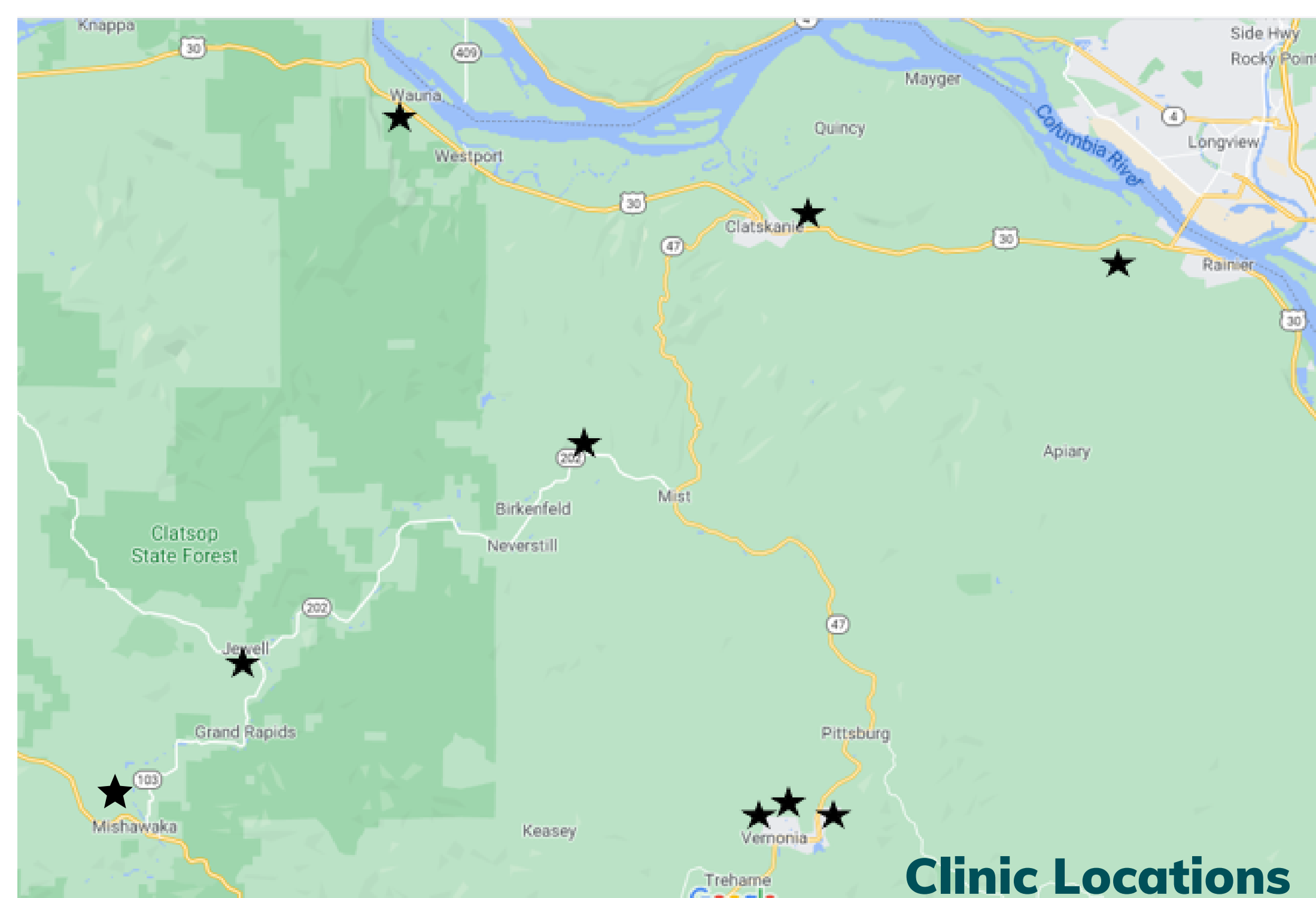


Thank you to the following individuals and organizations for volunteering countless hours of their time to help vaccinate our community!

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It is not too late to get vaccinated!
Call 503-755-2710 if you would like to schedule an appointment to get your COVID-19 vaccine.



Meet the Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD Resident Volunteers

In 2020, Mist-Birkenfeld RFPD implemented a Resident Volunteer Program. The major objective of the program is to prepare students for a career in fire or EMS services. The Resident Volunteer Program is an educational/work experience program and the Resident Volunteers work within the structure of the Fire District. From these Resident Volunteers, the District receives on-duty volunteers who work shifts for the District and are “on call” for emergency responses. In return, the District helps to pay for college tuition and incidentals. This program has great benefits for both the District and it’s residents as well as the Resident Volunteers.



Abigail Zuber hails from Rainier, Oregon and began the Resident Volunteer program in August of 2020. Abi enjoys animals, being outdoors, and spending time with her family. She is smart, kind, compassionate and is a great asset to our team. Abi has been enrolled in college classes throughout her residency. Abi has completed and passed her Firefighter I and EMR (Emergency Medical Responder) certifications.

Elijah Marchant has resided in the Mist-Birkenfeld area for most of his life and began the Resident Volunteer program in May of 2021. Eli enjoys spending time with his family and friends and always stays busy. He is kind-hearted, energetic, and eager to learn. Eli just graduated high school and is planning to attend Clatsop Community College in the fall. Eli is currently working on completing his Firefighter I certification.

