



**WALLA WALLA VALLEY**  
**Disability**  
**Network**

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## October 2022 News

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**Sunday, October 2 at Fort Walla Walla Park**

**1:00 pm to 2:30 pm**

It's not too late to join the fun! Online registration ends September 30, but you can register in person at the event for \$15 per person. Registration includes T-shirt, snacks, medal & activities.

[Register for Ability Walk & Roll](#)

## Better Together - WaHi Family Night

**Wed, Oct 5 at 6:00 pm**

- For Walla Walla High School students and their families in the Reach and STEP Programs
- Dinner will be provided (please call Angie with any dietary restrictions)
- Interpreter services will be available.
- Prepare for High School & Beyond by attending this event hosted by the following agencies/programs: WW High School Reach and STEP Teachers, WWVDN Transition Specialist, WW County DD Coordinator

[RSVP for Family Night](#)

# SOAR Oct Events

All October Events are Combined (Adults & Teens together)

- Oct 5, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Comic Con
- Oct 14, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Blue Mountain Therapeutic - Meet the Horses
- Oct 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Old Homestead Alpacas - Annual Open Barn (Community Event)
- Oct 26, 3:30 - 5:30 pm, Klickers Pumpkin Patch and Paint

[Register for SOAR Events](#)



## Paper Party

**Wed, Oct 12 at 6:30 pm**

What's a paper party? A paper party is a time to meet with representatives from School, Birth to Three Program, Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), Division of Vocational Rehab (DVR), Job Foundations, Social Security, ABLE and Special Needs Trust, and WWVDN staff to help fill out paperwork, ask questions, and find out if you are qualified for services.

[RSVP for Paper Party](#)



## Welcome to Holland Series

**Dates: Oct 21 & 28, Nov 4, 11 & 18, Dec 2**

**Time: 10am to noon; childcare provided**



**This is an eight-week class where parents of children with special needs..**

Meet in a small group setting to share their stories

Learn about the grief process

Understand the importance of taking care of yourself

Learn about resources in our community that will help you on your journey

### Information & Registration



# Harvest Dance Party

**Saturday, October 29 - 6pm to 8pm**

Wear your best costume for the runway and wear your dancing shoes for fun music and dancing.

Snacks and other activities will be available.

Call or email Angie or Ysabel if you have questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**RSVP for Harvest Dance Party**

## A Note From Parent to Parent

Happy Fall Y'all!

I just want to let you all know that your voice is important to the journey you are traveling on. It is not an easy journey. As parents, our plates are so full and it can be overwhelming and sometimes

you may feel lost. It is full of ups and downs. You are the expert on your child and your voice is important. You are your child's best advocate. You are not alone on this journey, we are here to walk beside you. Do not hesitate to call us if you need a helping hand! Together, we can make this a better place for our children and adults with disabilities.

We will be hosting a Legislative Meet and Greet in November and if any of you want to share your story, please reach out. Our stories can change legislation for those with disabilities for the better.

Angie and Ysabel



## Parasport Wheelchair Basketball

**Sunday, Oct 23, 2022** from 12:30 to 3:30 pm at the Center for Children & Families in the Gym

Parasport Spokane is bringing their coaches, athletes, and equipment to Walla Walla to help get people with disabilities engaged in sports.

[Information & Registration](#)



## FREE Swim Lessons

**Enrollment** for special needs swim lessons **opens Friday, Sept 30.**

Two sessions in this 2 week period (Mon - Thurs: 8 days total). Class size is 4 participants. Sessions are as follows:

Oct 17-27 : 5:30pm - 6:10pm

Oct 17-27 : 6:15pm – 6:55pm

**Use code SWIM when checking out online to receive the lessons for FREE.**

[YMCA Swim Lessons](#)



# Monthly Activities & Events

## October

### Mamas Especiales

- Weekday Walks at Murr Park - 7:30 am (ends Oct 21, 2022)
- Meeting at Center for Children & Families - Oct 18, 6:00 pm

### Columbia County P2P Meeting

- Oct 21, Pumpkin Carving - 5:30 pm

### Parent to Parent in Walla Walla

- Oct 19, Senior & Caregiver Meeting - 6:00 pm
- Oct 27, Autism & Behavior Support - 6:30 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)

## Community Activities

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**Saturday, Oct 8, 10am to 2pm**

Family Medical Center

# Health Fair

Have fun and learn more about our services



- Flu vaccines, child immunizations, blood pressure checks, and dental screenings
- Tacos
- Photo booth, face painting, pony rides, and pumpkin painting
- Huge prizes and giveaways

Saturday, October 8th  
10 AM - 2 PM



Family Medical Center  
1120 W Rose St  
Walla Walla, WA 99362



**Family  
Medical Center**

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

 [YVFWC.com](http://YVFWC.com)

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### **Step Ahead Learning School**

Mon & Wed 5:30 to 8:30 pm focused on social activities & life skills

Mon-Thurs 1:00 to 5:00 pm focused on work skills

Call Megan Hansen 509-386-6912 for more information

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## Helpful Information

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Washington State  
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September 27, 2022

## Did you know you can submit an application for DDA enrollment electronically?

### Complete the following steps:

- Complete the application forms found on the [Eligibility web page](#), under "How do I apply to be a client of DDA."
- Send the completed forms and documents as email attachments using the regional email addresses found under the phone numbers on the same web page.
- They will be routed to your regional Intake and Eligibility team for processing in the order received. Electronic signatures are accepted and most welcome.

If you have questions about this process, call the phone number in your county listed on the [webpage](#).



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