



August 2023 News

WWVDN has a new phone number

509-255-3779

Please update your contact information to include our new phone number so you can reach us.

A Note From Parent to Parent...

Summer is flying by and I hope you are all enjoying the summer months. I just got back from a vacation to the beach and it was so refreshing. Haley was gone for a week with her sister so I was able to vacation with just her brothers. When we as parents are in the midst of it, I don't think we realize the extra effort we put in on a daily basis - and trying to vacation is even extra effort. This was not lost on me while I was gone on vacation with the boys. They packed their own bags, they hung out just the two of them, we had some one on one time together. It was really nice. I did miss Haley though.

I did notice some things while gone with other families vacationing. I noticed a family who took extra effort making their child comfortable at an activity we attended by having two adults readily available for their child, having noise canceling headphones, and letting the child gently pat them for stimming. Another family, I noticed the sibling helping with the youngster in a wheelchair and taking on that role naturally. This all made me think that parents do not get the recognition they deserve. Every day, they are taking extra care of their loved one with a disability and their families. The phrase "Real heroes don't wear capes" should include you parents and siblings because that is you. As parents, I don't think we recognize the heroes you are on a daily basis making this world a better place and your child's world better because of your special care.

Your Parent to Parent Coordinators, Angie Witt and Ysabel Fuentes

It's not too late to sign up for

2023 Summer Camp

Camp is August 7-11, 9am to 1pm each day

For Ages 8 to 21 years old



Registration deadline is August 3

[Details & Registration](#)

**Free Performance of "King Arthur's Calamity" at the
Little Theatre of WW**

Friday, August 4, 10:00 am

LITTLE THEATRE OF WALLA WALLA'S
UPSTAGE TEENS PRESENTS:

King Arthur's Calamity



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“King Arthur’s Calamity” is an Upstage Teen production set in Camelot just before Arthur becomes king. The old queen would like to retire but she wants her successor to be worthy and good to her people and not, if you please, the very ambitious Earl of Nasty. Merlin the Magician is instructed to determine who shall be the new king. Of course, he brings forth the rock with a sword thrust into it. The person who can pull out the sword will be king. The Earl of Nasty tries and fails, but young Arthur, a page, easily extracts it. Then the Earl of Nasty locks Arthur in a dungeon but...it's just not that easy to fool Merlin! This production invites students to be involved at every level; actors, costumes, set, etc., while being guided by long-time Little Theatre volunteers.

The performance on August 4 is FREE and is for families who may not feel comfortable or be able to attend a live performance during a regularly scheduled show and runs about 1 hour long.

[RSVP for "King Arthur's Calamity"](#)



[Register for SOAR Events](#)

SOAR August Events

For ages 13 and over

SOAR is taking a Summer Break from Aug 1 to 18.

Summer Camp, for ages 8 to 21, is Aug 7 to 11.

Aug 24 - Volunteer Opportunity: BMAC Food Distribution

[Check your inbox for a reminder email with dates, times, and locations after you register.](#)

IEP Workshop

Wednesday, August 16 at 5:30 pm



Sherry Mashburn with PAVE (Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment) will be presenting on parental rights and how to work with your student's IEP team to get the most out of their education.

Dinner & childcare provided. Please RSVP and indicate how many children will be attending and their ages for childcare purposes.

[RSVP for IEP Workshop](#)

Kids Playgroup at Veteran's Memorial Pool

Friday, August 4, 9:00 am



[RSVP for Kids Playgroup](#)

WWVDN Annual Survey

Thank you to the **63** people who have responded so far! The survey will be closing soon, so if you haven't yet given us your input, please fill out the 14-question anonymous survey (link below). It will take less than 5 minutes to complete. Results will be posted on the website soon!

[Fill out the 2023 WWVDN Annual Survey](#)

Encuesta anual WWVDN 2023

¡Gracias a las **63** personas que han respondido hasta ahora! La encuesta se cerrará pronto. Por favor, si aún no nos ha dado su opinión, complete la encuesta anónima de 14 preguntas (enlace a continuación). Tardará menos de 5 minutos en completarse. ¡Los resultados se publicarán en el sitio web pronto!

[Encuesta anual WWVDN 2023](#)

Rascal Rodeo is Back!

Saturday, Sept 2 from 10am to 11am

2023

Rascal Rodeo

Rascal Rodeo is an adaptive rodeo for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages.

Events are safe, modified and free of charge.

SATURDAY, Sept. 2nd 10:00 - 11:00am

Walla Walla Fair Grounds - Walla Walla, WA

Volunteers and horses needed 9:00 - 11:30am

Registration: rascalrodeo.org

Questions: 509.528.5947



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Rascal Rodeo

Abilities > Disabilities

[Register for Rascal Rodeo](#)

** Please note that the online registration states the rodeo is at 2:00 pm. This is INCORRECT. The correct time is on the flyer and is 10:00 am to 11:00 am.



Monthly Activities & Events

August

Mamas Especiales

- Walk with M.E., Monday thru Friday at Murr Park - 7:30 am
- Aug 15, Meeting at Center for Children & Families - 5:00 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Community News & Activities

Adaptive Swim

at Veteran's Memorial Pool

Fridays (last day is Aug 18) 9am to 11am



Admission is \$2 per person.

[Details \(scroll down to near the end of the page\)](#)

Cinemark Summer Movie Clubhouse



Admission is \$1.50 per person. Last two movies of the summer are:

Aug 2 - Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

Aug 9 - Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

[Details Here](#)

Join the Walla Walla Valley Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee!



Walla Walla County
Department of
Community Health



Who we're looking for:

- Any interested community members
- People with a developmental disability
- Parents/family members of people with a developmental disability

Committee members will:

- Direct development of the Five Year Plan
- Share ideas and concerns
- Listen to comments from the public
- Learn about issues related to people with developmental disabilities

About the committee

The Walla Walla Valley Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee (WVDDAC) makes recommendations regarding developmental disabilities services in Walla Walla County and Columbia County. The board will also create and oversee the Five Year Plan.

For more
information, please
scan the QR code or
search the link online



t.ly/pi3s

OR contact:

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Developmental Disabilities
Program Coordinator
(509) 524-2939
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[More Information](#)

Blue Zones Project

August Events

August events include: Free Cooking Class, Lunchtime Yoga, Reduce Chronic Pain & Stress, Cooking Demonstration, Qi Gong in the Park, Dogs & Cats Make Us Feel Better, Volunteer with BMAC - Food Distribution, Free Paddle Board and Kayak Night with Adventure Fit

Parent Institute for Engagement (PIE)

Seeking Participants - Aug 4 deadline

PIE is a 12-month training program for parents/caregivers with children who have received early intervention services through the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program (ESIT) and primarily for those who are not working in the early intervention field.

[Details Here](#)



FREE Benefits and Housing Review

Thanks to a generous grant from the Dan Thompson Memorial Fund and contracted through the Developmental Disabilities Administration (\$500 value)

Available for a limited time for individuals with IDD 17 and older



Benefits and Housing Review

- Identify gaps in benefits and services
- Learn about Section 8
- Housing options in WA
- Access to Roommate Matching Pool



Roommate Matching Pool

- Find compatible roommates and partnering families
- Easy-to-use search functions
- Private messaging



Watch our video to learn more



partners4housing.com

971-599-1010

VRS Cooking & Craft Classes

Please visit their [Facebook page](#) for more information or call 509-540-0935 if that works better for you.

ReelAbilities Set To Launch Streaming Service Dedicated To Disability-Related Films

ReelAbilities, the organizer of the largest film festival in the United States devoted to celebrating the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with disabilities, has announced that it will be launching a brand-new streaming service.

Set for a soft launch in July, ReelAbilitiesStream.org will feature many of the films from previous years of the iconic festival which dates back to 2007 when it was founded in New York by the Marlene Meyerson JCC

Manhattan.

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