

July 2022 Newsletter



Whitney Lux, Teacher

I'm Whitney Lux, a third-grade teacher at Gib Olinger Elementary in Milton-Freewater. As a first-year teacher one of my big goals this year was to bring awareness about inclusion and acceptance of others. To achieve this, I have read multiple books to my class that cover a variety of special needs. I want to share some of the books that I read with my class, what the premise of each book was about, and the impact that it had on my students. [Read More](#)

For more family stories, visit our [Parent to Parent Family Stories](#) page

A Note from Parent to Parent

Summer is here! It is a time to relax from a busy schedule for some, and to juggle kids at home and work for others. As WWVDN and Parent to Parent do not offer as many meetings and activities in the summer, we hope you take advantage of the many opportunities that are happening around our community. Check out our calendar for activities that are happening around our lovely valley. Staff can meet with you in person for coffee and a chat or to get more information about resources, just give us a call. We will also be at Veteran's Memorial pool each Friday morning for the adaptive swim from 9-11 a.m. to enjoy the sun and visit. Be assured we are planning for a full schedule of activities and meetings in the fall. Enjoy your summer and stay cool!

Sincerely,
Angie and Ysabel

SOAR Social Club: Meet & Greet Picnic Dinner

Tuesday, July 12, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Join us at Wildwood Park and meet Tash, our new SOAR (Social Opportunities and Recreation) Program Director.

Bring your own Picnic Dinner. Don't forget your blanket and/or chairs. We will provide Strawberry Shortcake for dessert!



RSVP - I'll be there!

Family Swimming at the Athena Pool

Sunday, July 17, 2022 ~ 12:00-3:00 PM

**Picnic lunch at noon, followed by swimming from 1pm to 3pm
for Parent to Parent and WWVDN families only**

Athena City Pool is located on S. Third St., Athena, Oregon

Fun for the whole family!

Please join us at noon for a picnic lunch at the park next to the pool.
Bring your own lunch and lawn chairs. Pool is open to our families only
from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, with lifeguards on duty.

Please RSVP on our website at www.vdn.org

Carpool available upon request. Please contact Angie Witt at 509-540-9880 or
p2p@www.vdn.org to request carpool.



RSVP for Family Swimming

Columbia County Summer Camp

July 11-15th, 2022

Camp leader: Jeanne Walter

Time: 10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Location: Various spots in the community TBD

Join us for crafts, games and fun

Free-Paid for from Columbia County Ad Valorem funds



[Register for Columbia County Summer Camp](#)



Monthly Activities & Events

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- Weekday Walks at Murr Park - 6:45 am, starting July 11
- Virtual Fridays - July 8, 15, 22, & 29 - 1:00 pm
- Meeting at the Center for Children & Families - July 19 at 6:00 pm

Columbia County P2P Group

- July 11-15 - Summer Camp









Parent to Parent Meetings

- July 17 - Family Swimming at the Athena City Pool


See Calendar of Events


Community Happenings


Walla Walla Food Resources


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					 	


Resource Type




















 Drive-through

 To-go

 Grocery/Self shop

 Ready to eat meals

 Pre-made boxes

 Christian Aid Center 202 W Birch St 509.525.7153 Mon-Sun Lu-Do Breakfast 7:30am-8:00am Dinner 5:30pm-6:00pm <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>	 Walla Walla Senior Center 720 Sprague Ave 509.527.3775 Mon-Thurs Lu-Ju 10:30-11:30 am In person dining to begin Jun 6th from 11:30-1:00 *Age 60 and older <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>	 Salvation Army 825 W Alder 509.529.9470 Mon-Weds Lu-Mi 9am-12pm & 1pm-3pm Thur Jue 9am-12pm & 1pm-6pm <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>	 St. Vincent de Paul 308 W Main St 509.529.3903 Wed/Fri/Sat Mi/Vi/Sa 9:30am-11:45am <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>	 BMAC Food Bank 921 W Cherry Street 509.529.3561 2nd & 4th Thur Jue of the month 5:00pm - 7:00pm <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>	 New Beginnings Chapel 822 W Main 509.527.3385 Fri Vi 12:30-2:00 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"></div>
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HELPLINE 412 W Poplar St. Mon-Fri | Lu-Vi 9:00-12:00 & 1:00-4:00
 Connecting Our Community 509.529.3377

Helpline is available for supplemental emergency food as well as assistance with other essential needs including: personal hygiene products, prescriptions, transportation, urgent dental services, ID's and clothing vouchers.

Flyer produced by BMAC. For any questions or to update information please email food@bmacww.org Revised 5/19/22

July 2022 Blue Zones Project Events

- Free Jazzercise Classes in Washington Park, Tuesdays & Thursdays in July 6-7 pm
- Outdoor Movie Nights, July 9 & 30
- Farmer's Market Cooking Classes, July 14 & 28
- VOLUNTEER, Distribute Food Boxes to Seniors, July 21

More Information, Dates & Times

Terrific Tuesdays at Walla Walla Public Library

July 5, 2pm - Where's Waldo at the Library?

July 12, 2pm - Biblioteca Fiesta

July 19, 2pm - The Word Artist

July 26, 10am, 2pm, & 4pm - Ukulele Day Concerts

[Library Calendar](#)



Portable Air Conditioning Units

DDA clients living in an in-home setting may be able to obtain a portable air conditioning unit through the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

- There is a limit of one AC unit per household.
- Air purifiers are also available for clients living in areas that are historically known to be impacted by smoke from wildfires.

You are encouraged to submit your request as soon as possible, before the weather gets hot and air conditioners are in high demand.

The AC unit will be delivered to your home, but it will not include installation.

For more information, contact: LIHEAP@commerce.wa.gov or call 360-725-2857

[LIHEAP 101: What you need to Know](#)

[Washington State Department of Commerce: LIHEAP](#)

[LIHEAP Eligibility Guidelines](#)

[HHS LIHEAP Home Page](#)

[Where to Apply](#)

Affordable Connectivity Program

What is the Affordable Connectivity Program?

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) program](#) that replaces the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (EBB Program) to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices.

If your household is [eligible](#), you can receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service.
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands.
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50).
- The Comcast Internet Essentials Plan at no cost (after subsidy).

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount is allowed per household. To receive the connected device discount, consumers need to enroll in the ACP with a [participating provider that offers connected devices](#) (Note: not all internet companies offer device discounts.) The internet company will provide the discount to the consumer.



SUMMER MOVIE CLUBHOUSE

EVERY WEDNESDAY JUNE 15 – AUGUST 3

8 weeks of mega-fun movies for kids



\$1.50 PER MOVIE

GET TICKETS



**THE BOSS BABY:
FAMILY BUSINESS**
JUNE 15



**THE ANGRY
BIRDS MOVIE 2**
JUNE 22



SCOOB
JUNE 29



SING 2
JULY 6



**PAW PATROL:
THE MOVIE**
JULY 13



TOM & JERRY
JULY 20



**PETER RABBIT 2:
THE RUNAWAY**
JULY 27



**CLIFFORD THE
BIG RED DOG**
AUGUST 3

Adaptive Swim

Swimming opportunity for children and adults with intellectual and physical developmental disabilities and their families/caregivers. This is a great opportunity to swim without the open swim crowd and noise. Adaptive swim takes place on Fridays. Use of the splash pool, leisure pool, and the shallow end of the lap pool.



Adaptive Swim

June 24 - Aug 19

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9:00am - 11:00am

Location:

Veterans Memorial Pool, 505 E. Rees Ave

All Ages

Drop In Admission \$2

*Free with Pool Pass

WALLA WALLA PARKS & RECREATION

MOVIES IN THE PARK

June 26: Grease

1st Ave Park Plaza, 1 S. 1st Ave

July 14: Encanto

Washington Park, 700 W Cherry St

July 28: Spiderman

Heritage Park, 116 E Main

August 11: Ratatouille

1st Ave Park Plaza, 1 S. 1st Ave

August 21: Jungle Cruise

Memorial Park, 506 E. Rees Ave.

FREE!

Movies Begin at Dusk



Walla Walla Parks & Recreation | 25 Monroe Street | 509.868.2200 | www.wallawallaparks.com

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Deaf or
hard of
hearing



Medical
Condition



Developmental
Disability

DISABILITY AND MEDICAL ALERT DESIGNATIONS FOR DRIVER LICENSES AND ID CARDS

The Department of Licensing has been working with stakeholders on [Senate Bill 6429](#), a bill that passed the Legislature in 2020 and takes effect January 1, 2022. The bill allows individuals in Washington to add a designation to their driver license or ID card when they:

- Have a developmental disability.
- Are Deaf or hard of hearing.
- Have a medical condition that could affect their communication or account for a medical emergency.

The bill ensures first responders, such as law enforcement and emergency medical service providers, have the information they need at traffic stops and in medical emergencies on roadways.

Throughout the conversations and discussions with stakeholders, we received feedback on how to design the designations in ways that helped first responders understand them while affirming customers' individual identities. Stakeholders wanted to ensure this process was inclusive and accommodating to all who could use these designations.





Kinding embraces children of diverse abilities and their families by providing the finest education and therapies to nurture hope, courage and the skills to soar.



WA STATE FATHERS NETWORK MONTHLY WEBINARS

Cost: Free

Time: 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual - A Zoom link will be sent a week before each session to those who registered

Men, Women and All Couples Are Welcome

All Sessions Will Be Recorded

SESSION SCHEDULE

- June 7: Supporting Bilingualism for Children with Special Needs
- July 5: How to Share the Load When Raising a Child with Behavioral Challenges
- August 2: Sexual Assault Awareness & Response: What Parents and Caregivers Need to Know
- September 6: Special Education: 10 Tips for Advocating for Your Child
- October 4: Financial Strategies
- November 1: Guardianships and Special Needs Trusts
- December 6: Effective Communication as Couples After the Arrival of Children

Register for one or more sessions. The registration page contains links to the session descriptions and information about the presenters.

[Register](#)

Free Cooking & Craft Kits at Valley Residential Services

[VRS Cooking & Crafts Facebook Page](#)

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