

# 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 wwvdn.org

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



**RSVP for Family Swimming** 





# 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**

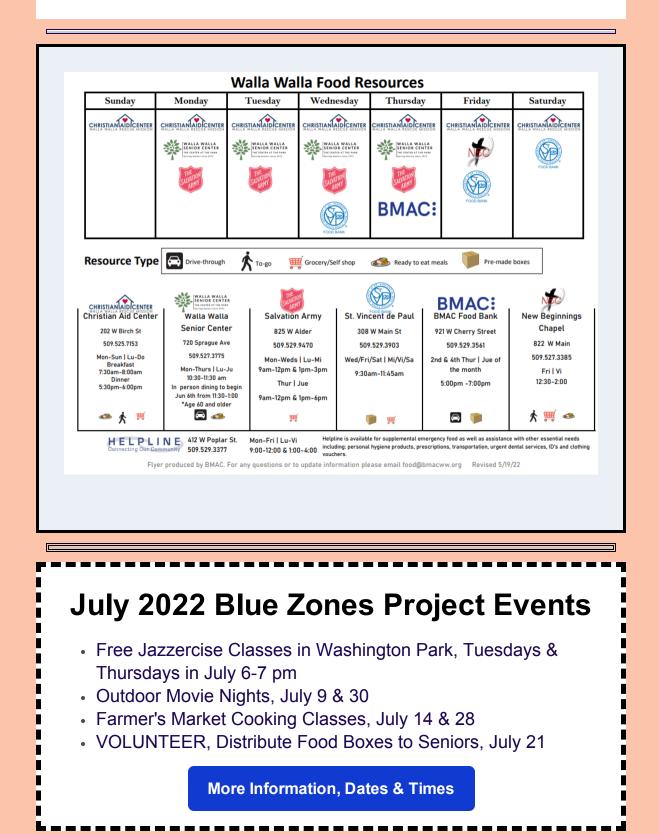
July 11-15 - Summer Camp

#### **Parent to Parent Meetings**

• July 17 - Family Swimming at the Athena City Pool

**See Calendar of Events** 

# **Community Happenings**



## 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

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**Developmental Disabilities Administration** 

May 27, 2022

### **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



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June 13, 2022

#### 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.

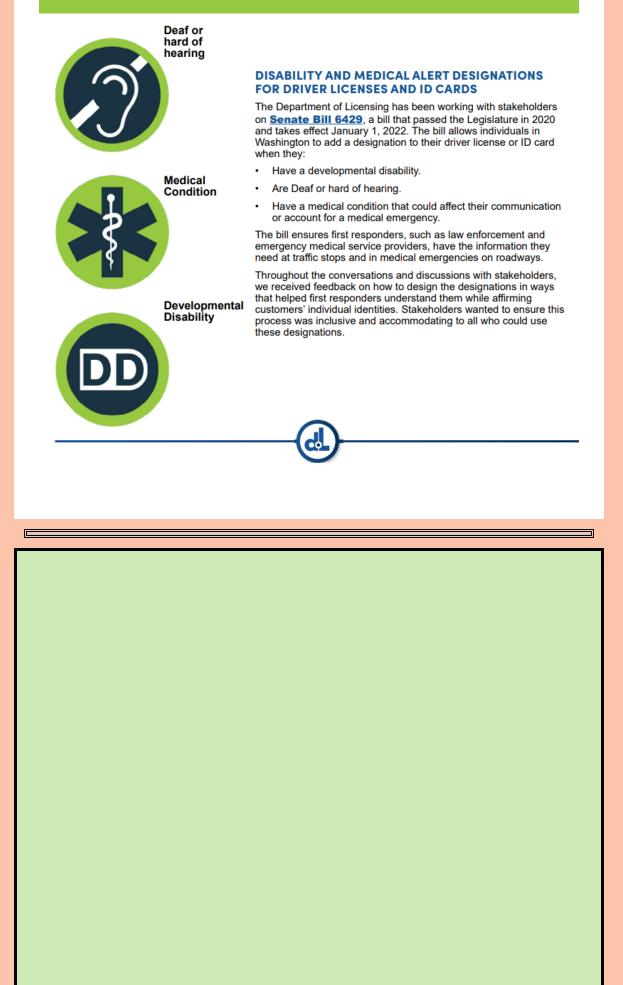






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#### WA STATE FATHERS NETWORK MONTHLY WEBINARS

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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.



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