

WWVDN 10-Year Anniversary - 2024



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## November 2024 News

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### Parent to Parent Friendsgiving

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Saturday, Nov 16 from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm



WALLA WALLA VALLEY

**Disability  
Network**

NOVEMBER  
16

*Friendsgiving*

Great meal made by SOAR participants

Painting craft

Games

Hang out and meet new friends

Blue Mountain Church

928 Sturm Ave, Walla Walla

3:30 PM TO 6:00 PM

RSVP AT [WWVDN.ORG](http://WWVDN.ORG)

BEFORE NOV 14



## Parent to Parent Family Story: Sense of Belonging



"Deven Riffle is a 17-year-old bright, entrepreneurial young man who created Blue Mountain Able Heroes to provide a fun inclusive space for people with and without physical disabilities to play sports, make friends and give back to the community." [Read More](#)

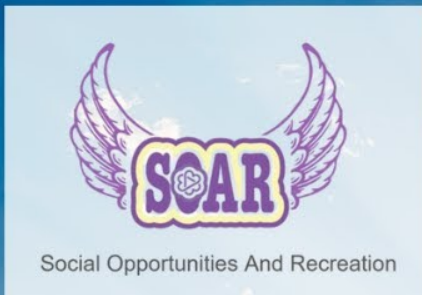
## A Note From Parent to Parent...

I had the honor of attending the retirement party of Steve and Lauri Jordan. Their combined service to the DD community has been 49 years. Steve Jordan has been with the Developmental Disabilities Administration for 33 years and Lauri Jordan has been with Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for 13 years. It is so awesome that they get to retire together on October 31. Although it is a big loss to our community, I can celebrate with them and all that they have been a part of in our community. They have seen great changes over the years with better services for clients through DDA or clients looking for job skills, and employment through DVR. It is never easy working with people who need assistance, while waiting on the State agencies that are in charge of implementing services. Both Steve and Lauri were very patient and kind listening to those who were upset with the system and always tried to help. You could feel the love and respect for the two of them in the room who have known or worked along side them over the years. I wish you both all the best. Thank you for the service to our community. You are appreciated!

Sincerely,

Angie, Parent to Parent Coordinator

## Spotlight On: SOAR at Middleton Farms



# Middleton Farms



SOAR participants recently took their very first out-of-town field trip and it did not disappoint!

[Read More](#)





## **SOAR Events - For age 13 and over**

### **Open for registration:**

**Tuesday, Nov 5 - Whitman Buddy Program (Jeopardy Extravaganza)**

**Sunday, Nov 10 - Swimming**

**Saturday, Nov 16 - Friendsgiving**

**Thursday, Nov 21 - Wreath Making**

**(Registration deadline is the Sunday before the event @ 6:00 PM)**

[\*\*Visit the SOAR Events Page\*\*](#)

## **Kids Playgroup at Evergreen Play Club**

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**Tuesday, Nov 12 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm**



# Kids playgroup

AT THE

Evergreen Play Club

502 N Wilbur St.

Tuesday, November 12th

4:00-5:30 PM

Evergreen Play club is an indoor play area with the vision to cultivate a haven where community thrives.

Beyond physical structures, they aim to build bridges between families during the early stage of a child's life. It's a place where neighbors become friends, where laughter echoes through the air, and where the warmth of human connection is palpable.



PLEASE RSVP AT  
[WWVDN.ORG](http://WWVDN.ORG)  
Free admission

[More Info Here](#)

# P2P Caregiver No Host Dinner

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Wednesday, Nov 20 at 6:00 pm



**Please Join Us  
for our Caregiver No-Host  
Dinner**

Date	Time
<b>Nov 20th</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

**Denny's Restaurant  
814 W. Chestnut St.**

**RSVP at [wwvdn.org](http://wwvdn.org)  
Some scholarship provided with  
prior notice**







[More Info Here](#)

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## Community News & Activities

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### Rhys Thomas: Science Circus

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Sunday, Nov 3 at 2:00 pm



Rhys Thomas is a celebrated performer and educator who masterfully blends science, comedy, and circus arts. He teaches Newtonian physics through entertaining acts like bowling ball juggling, glass bowl spinning, and unicycling. This is a family friendly show and any need to fidget, squirm, wiggle, or get up and leave is expected from the audience.

[More Info Here](#)

## **Dia De Los Muertos Parade**

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**Sunday, Nov 3 from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm**



Come attend the Dia De Los Muertos Parade organized by Grandma's Kitchen. Then afterwards celebrate with music and dancing at Heritage Square Park in downtown Walla Walla. Enjoy this free family event.

[More Info Here](#)

## Blue Mountain Able Heroes

Every Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm





Join us at the YMCA for some wheelchair basketball. We are free and open to people of all ages, with or without a physical disability. Sport wheelchairs will be provided.

[More Info Here](#)

## **Celebrate Augmentative and Alternative Communication Awareness Month**

**Developmental Disabilities Administration**

**October 21, 2024**

### **Celebrate Augmentative and Alternative Communication Awareness Month with Resources from Special Education Technology Center**

The Special Education Technology Center [October 2024 newsletter](#) provides great information and resources relating to Augmentative and Alternative Communication. SETC is here to help you harness the power of AAC to promote inclusivity and engagement for all students!

The [Special Education Technology Center](#) provides training, a lending library, and consultation services to help connect parents and educators with appropriate assistive technology to support students with disabilities. They are a partner in the [Inclusionary Practices Technical Assistance Network](#).

Let's support our students with communication challenges by learning more about Augmentative and Alternative Communication.

## **Seattle Children's Opens Psychiatric Urgent Care Clinic**





[More Info Here](#)

## BenefitU - Know Your Benefits

**Developmental Disabilities Administration**

**October 23, 2024**

**BenefitU – Know your benefits, shape your future!**

BenefitU is a program supported by the Developmental Disabilities Administration that offers information, tools and tips on different benefits programs for our clients.

The BenefitU website provides tools to empower you to make informed decisions about financial planning and employment opportunities.

BenefitU also offers benefits planning to people aged 14 or older who qualify for Washington state DDA supports. This service is free.

[More Info Here](#)



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