

January 2021 News & Events



Columbia County Elves

By Angie Witt

Columbia County Elves were out December 12th delivering dinners and Emergency Kit backpacks. Seven families received dinners from local eateries in Dayton and a backpack filled with blankets, first aid kits, hygiene products, masks and other goodies. Funds for this were provided from Columbia County Ad Valorem Funds, Columbia County Health Department and from Santa's Elf Jeanne Walter. Thank you all who made this possible for our families in Columbia County.

For more family stories, please visit our Parent to Parent page:

[Parent to Parent](#)

A Note from Parent to Parent

2020, Wow what a year! We could not have foreseen all this year has brought to us. As I reflect back on the year, it has been a year of taking a step back, slowing down, learning about myself and others. We have all learned a different way to live. And you know what? We are resilient. We have adapted to change, our children have gone through this with us and

are stronger than I am. It has been difficult, tiring, and downright scary at times, but I am proud of our families as to how well you have adapted and can show love and concern for each other and laugh along the way. I hope 2021 will allow us to open up to meet in person again, to celebrate with one another. But until then, we are here for you and we will continue to support you the best we can.

~ Angie



Thank You

We would like to give a shout out to the WWVDN Board for their help throughout the year - for their hard work and dedication to the WWVDN and Parent to Parent programs. They are very much a hands on board and here are a few pictures of them in action at our Holiday Party at the Drive-In. We also want to give a special Thank You to Mike Spiess for opening up the drive-in for us to do our social distancing Holiday Party!

Basketball 2021

January 8, 15, 22, 29

For those who have registered, please look for an email each Friday in January with practice tips from Coach McFetridge. Virtual party on January 29th.

[Information for Virtual Party](#)



Social Club: Show Your Art / Talent Show

January 19, at 6:30 pm on Zoom

Social Club is a once a month virtual group for all ages. Each month we will do crafts, games, talent show, etc. All supplies will be provided. To participate, you must register via the WWVDN website. Each month will be a different activity. January's meeting will be Show Your Art with painting and also a Talent Show. If you wish to participate in the Talent Show, please provide a video no later than Friday, January 15th. (Select more information below for details)

[More Information & RSVP](#)

Walla Walla Public Schools Special Education Hotline

Please use this resource if you have questions or need support.

Hotline: **509-526-6770**. Open 8am-7pm Monday through Friday and monitored on the weekends and holiday breaks. Purpose is to support students receiving Special Education services and students on 504 plans.

[More Information](#)



Monthly Activities & Events

[See Calendar of Events](#)

Mamas Especiales

Fridays, Jan 8, 15, 22, & 29 - 1:00 pm. Spanish Speaking Support Group.

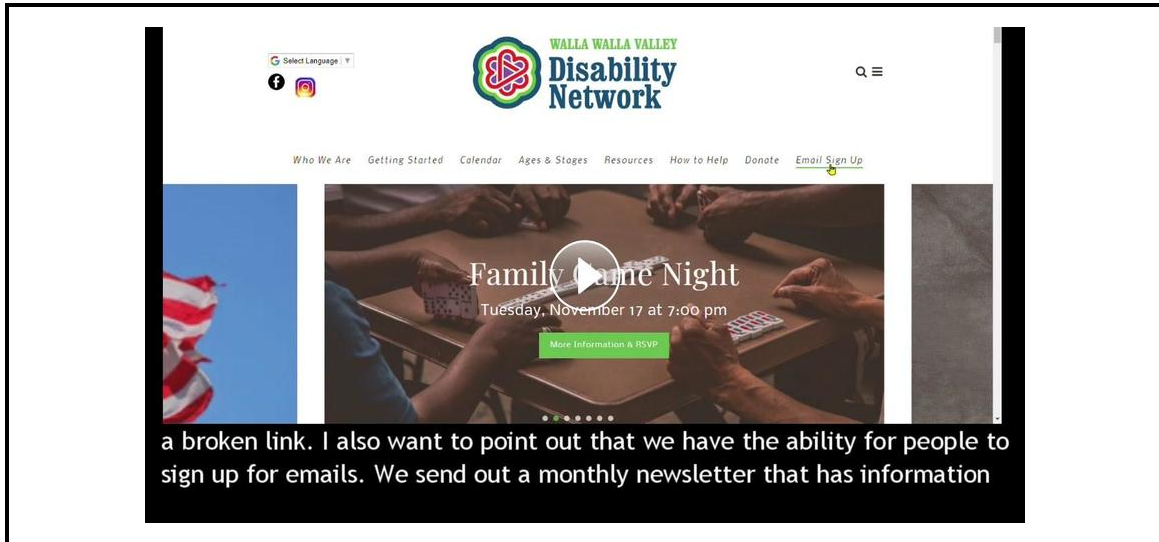
Columbia County P2P Meeting

Jan 15 - 5:30 pm

Autism Family Meeting

Jan 28 - 6:30 pm

Watch this 5-minute video that shows tools and how to find information on our website (www.vdn.org)



Food Resources in Walla Walla County

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BMAC Food Bank (509)529-3561

921 W. Cherry St.
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM on 3rd Thursday
each month

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) food distribution
- Only for seniors 60+
- Applications available at the main office or the food warehouse

Pantry Shelf (509)526-4169

325 S. 1st Ave.
W/F 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Salvation Army (509)529-9470

827 W. Alder St.
M/T/W/R 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
& 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

St. Vincent de Paul (509)525-3903

308 W. Main St.
M/W/F 9:30 AM - 11:45 AM

BMAC Mobile Food Banks (509) 529-3561

No food card, appointment or documentation needed for mobile food banks.

Walla Walla - Each Friday from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM:
BMAC Food Bank, 921 W. Cherry St.

Prescott - Each Tuesday from 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM:
Railroad Avenue, Between the Grain Silos

Burbank - Each Wednesday from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM:
Burbank Grange, 44 N 4th

Touchet - Each Wednesday from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM:
Pomona Grange, 1st and Touchet-Gardenna Rd

Week at a Glance

Mondays: St. Vincent de Paul 9:30-11:45 AM; Salvation Army 9 AM-12 PM, 1-3:30 PM

Tuesdays: Prescott BMAC Mobile Food Bank 10 - 11 AM; Salvation Army 9 AM-12 PM, 1 - 3:30 PM

Wednesdays: Burbank BMAC Mobile Food Bank 9 AM- 11 AM; Touchet BMAC Mobile Food Bank 1 PM- 2PM; Pantry Shelf 12 PM - 2 PM; St Vincent de Paul 9:30 AM - 11:45 AM

Thursdays: Salvation Army 9 AM - 12 PM, 1 PM -3:30 PM

Fridays: Pantry Shelf 12 PM - 2 PM; St Vincent de Paul 9:30 AM - 11:45 AM;
Walla Walla BMAC Food Bank 5 PM - 7 PM

Looking for help due to Covid-19 (Coronavirus)?

Covid-19 Resources

**40th Annual
Statewide Disability
Legislative Reception
January 27, 2021
5:30—7:00 pm**



**Zooming in on Disability:
Funding & 40 years of Advocacy**

Please join us for a time where people with disabilities and the organizations that represent them meet with legislators from across the state to discuss issues of critical importance to people with disabilities: Transportation, Affordable Housing, Employment, Residential Supports, Community Access, Mental Health & Personal Care.

Although the pandemic has curtailed in-person meetings, we can still get together on Zoom and hear from the disability community.

**Community of People with Disabilities
Statewide Legislative Reception**

Hosted by:

- Washington State Developmental Disabilities Council
- The Arc of Washington State
- Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
- Washington State Rehabilitation Council
- Washington State Independent Living Council
- Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Community Employment Alliance
- Self-Advocates in Leadership
- Allies in Advocacy
- People First of Washington

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register!

Questions about the reception?
Email Shelby Satko wsrc@dshs.wa.gov

CART and ASL interpreting will be provided during the event, if you need additional accommodations please contact—Emily Heike by January 6th, 2021
(360) 890-3776 or EHeike@esd.wa.gov

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