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## September 2023 News

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**Rascal Rodeo is Back!**

**Saturday, Sept 2 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm**

# 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 2:00 - 3:00pm**

**Walla Walla Fair Grounds Arena - Walla Walla, WA**

Volunteers and horses needed 1:00pm - 3:30pm

**Registration: [rascalrodeo.org](https://rascalrodeo.org)**

Questions: 509.528.5947



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[Register for Rascal Rodeo](https://rascalrodeo.org)

## 2023 WWVDN Summer Camp Recap





By Tash Foxe

A look into our week of fun!

Greetings WWVDN Families and Friends. We just wrapped up our 2023 Annual Summer Camp for kids ages 8 through 21 years old and it was fantastic! We had a great time and we are already excited and planning for next year! This year we extended camp time so that we offered a total of 20 hours of camp to our families - woohoo! This allowed us to do more activities and spend more time together! Camp is a great time for our participants to meet new friends, try new things, and participate in a variety of activities. Please join us as we invite you to take a picture walk through our week at camp.

**[Read More & View Photos](#)**



## WWVDN's New Executive Director

Meet Tim Sicoan, new Executive Director of the Walla Walla Valley Disability Network. Read his bio [here](#).

## A Note From Parent to Parent...

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## A Tool for Your Advocacy Toolbox

### Sample Letters to Support Families in their Education Advocacy - PAVE

An advocate is someone who works toward a cause or goal. Sometimes the hardest part of advocacy is figuring out what to do next. When a child has unmet needs at school, family advocates can seek changes to a student's services by asking for an evaluation, a meeting, a behavioral assessment, or something else. Putting any request in writing formalizes the process and holds everyone accountable. PAVE has several sample letters available for various situations that can help you get started. See the link below:

<https://wapave.org/pave-provides-sample-letters-to-support-families-in-their-advocacy/>

Your Parent to Parent Coordinators, Angie Witt and Ysabel Fuentes

# Parent to Parent Connect

Join us at the Plaza in Downtown Walla Walla

Saturday, Sept 9, 11:30 am to 1:30 pm





Please join us at the  
Downtown Plaza  
at 1st and Main St for a time of  
connecting!

***Saturday. September 9th  
11:30-1:30 PM  
RSVP at [www.vdn.org](http://www.vdn.org)***

Drop off your young  
adult with SOAR and  
come hang out



**If you are dropping off a SOAR participant for their event, come over and connect with us until it's time for pick up. If you are not dropping off a SOAR participant, come over and hang out just because we are fun and cool people!**

**RSVP for P2P Connection**



**Register for SOAR Events**

## **SOAR Sept Events**

**For ages 13 and over**

**Sept 9** - Adam West Day & Wheelin' Walla Walla

**Sept 11** - Bowling

**Sept 19** - Dinner & Dessert

**Sept 30** - FESTA

**Check your inbox for a reminder email with dates, times, and locations after you register.**

## **Kids Playgroup (ages 0 to 12) at the Center for Children & Families**

**Tuesday, Sept 12, 4:00 pm**



**Join us for fun playing board games.**

**RSVP for Kids Playgroup**

## **Welcome to Holland Series**

**8 Fridays, Sept 22 to Nov 10 at 9:30 am**



Do you care for a child with special needs and feel like you are alone? Are you adjusting to a new diagnosis of your child? Do you have questions about services and resources but don't know who to ask? Would you like to meet other parents who are also raising children with special needs?

Please join us for Holland. This is an 8-week class where parents of children with special needs:

- ~Meet in a small group setting to share their stories
- ~Learn about the grief process
- ~Understand the importance of taking care of yourself
- ~Learn about resources in our community that will help you on your journey

**Register for Holland Series**

# WWVDN Survey Results

Thank you to the **73** people who responded! Your feedback will help provide direction for the board of directors and staff. Please see a summary of results below.

## 2023 WWVDN Annual Survey Results

## Encuesta anual WWVDN 2023

¡Gracias a las **73** personas que respondieron! Sus comentarios ayudarán a orientar a la junta directiva y al personal. Consulte un resumen de los resultados a continuación.

## Resultados de la encuesta WWVDN 2023



## Monthly Activities & Events

### September

#### Mamás Especiales

- Sept 19, Meeting location to be determined - 5:00 pm

#### Parent to Parent Walla Walla

- Sept 9, P2P Connect in Downtown Walla Walla - 11:30 am
- Sept 20, Senior & Caregiver No Host Dinner - 6:00 pm

#### Parent to Parent Columbia County

- Sept 15, Meeting location to be determined - 5:30 pm

[See Calendar of Events](#)



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# Community News & Activities

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## YMCA Adaptive Swim Lessons

Class size limited to 4 participants

Registration Ends Sept 7



Session Dates: Sept 11 to Sept 21, 2023

Lesson Time: 6:15-6:55 PM (Mon - Thurs)

Cost: \$45 for the 2-week session

[\*\*More Information\*\*](#)

**Walla Walla Valley Developmental Disabilities Advisory Council**

# 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 (WWVDDAC) 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](https://t.ly/pi3s)

## OR contact:

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Developmental Disabilities  
Program Coordinator  
(509) 524-2939  
[jvaupel@co.walla-walla.wa.us](mailto:jvaupel@co.walla-walla.wa.us)

[More Information](#)

## DDA has iPhones Available!

Are You Interested in a FREE iPhone?

How is this possible? DSHS' Developmental Disabilities Administration received special pandemic funding to purchase devices that can provide access to remote services for DDA clients and providers.

[More Information \(pdf flyer\)](#)

# City of Walla Walla Residents



**Deadline to submit a request is **OCTOBER 1****

If you have a disability that makes it challenging for you to clear the snow berm (example pictured above) from your driveway during winter weather, the City of Walla Walla has instituted a Berm Reduction Program as a reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities.

[Details & Application here](#)

## Employment Opportunity: Community Outreach/Transition Specialist

Walla Walla County Department of Community Health

[More Information](#)

## Blue Zones Project

### September Events

September events include: Jade Body Qi Gong in the Park; Tips for Making Inspiring, Delicious & Varied School Lunches; CP Farmer's Market Cooking Class; Take a Hike with Mike!; 8-week Pickleball Group for Beginners

[Details & Registration for Events](#)



# Walla Walla Special Olympics

Bowling starts September 9, 2023. Please visit their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

## VRS Cooking & Craft Classes

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



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