

# Waldo Connection

## A NEW YEAR, A NEW YOU!



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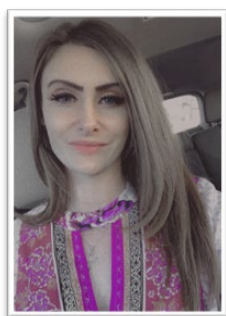
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### WELCOME TO 2022!

#### ARE YOU READY FOR A NEW YEAR?

We here at Waldo agencies are starting off the new year with a bang! I'm sure you noticed right away that our newsletter has a new look. While the style may be different, you will find the same useful information about real estate and insurance as well as all the fun (and quirky) happenings that go on with Waldo Agencies, our staff and community.

On that note, we kicked off the year with a new addition to the Waldo Agencies family. Please welcome our new Benefits Account Manager, Kelly Monette!



*"Hello. I am very happy to be a part of the Waldo team and working for such an amazing company. I was born in Modesto, California and raised in Reno, Nevada. I moved to Boise in 2008 then relocated to Ontario in 2013. I have over 4 years' experience in the insurance industry and am licensed in P&C and Life and Health. I have three children who are 11 years old, six years old and 10 months."*

*"When not actively on the go with my kids and their activities, I enjoy painting and drawing, music, cooking, yoga and lake days in the summer. I am also an animal lover and have a German Shepherd named Pirelli."*

We asked our staff to share some of their 2022 resolutions . . .

**RESOLUTION #1:** "I made a resolution several years ago not to make resolutions!"

We are looking forward to another productive year and wish you a good year of health and happiness! Look out for next month's newsletter in your mailbox or inbox around the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### WHERE DOES THE TIME GO?

<https://www.cracked.com>

The beginning of a new year makes many of us reflect on the passage of time. Time is a funny thing—it doesn't always behave the way you expect. [Cracked](https://www.cracked.com), a website based on the humorous magazine, offers some interesting observations on the sometimes wacky nature of time:



Your head is aging faster than your feet. Time moves at a slightly different speed depending on how close an object is to a source of gravity. The difference is very small, but it's measurable.



What did people do before alarm clocks? They hired 'knocker-uppers,' people who would come knock on their door to wake them up.



Long ago, days were shorter and years were longer. Dinosaurs lived in a time when the earth rotated faster, so days lasted about 23 ½ hours and a year was 372 days.



One year was longer than the rest. The year 46 B.C. had 445 days, due to Julius Caesar's reform of the calendar.



The oldest known calendar dates back to 8,000 B.C. It was a monument built by hunter-gatherers near Aberdeenshire in Scotland. It tracked months by the moon.



France tried to change time. In 1973, France introduced decimal time, which divided days into 10 hours of 100 minutes per hour and 100 seconds per minute. It lasted 500 days.

**RESOLUTION #2:**  
"Focus more on my hobbies."

**RESOLUTION #3:** "Eat out less."

## 5 Things You Didn't Know Were Covered by Auto Insurance

When it comes to fender benders, keyed cars and windshields damaged by stray rocks, you know your auto insurance policy has you covered. But did you know that your policy may also cover more unusual circumstances? Below are five such circumstances.

And just when you thought you thought of everything ...

"I *knew* we should have put an alien abduction coverage on our policy!"



- 1. When rodents make your car their new home:** Rodents can decide to make a new residence under your hood. This can lead to interfering with the operation of your vehicle. Especially if your vehicle is parked for a lengthy period of time, you should check to see if you have an "other than collision" clause that covers any rodent-created damage.
- 2. When potholes cause issues:** Pothole accidents are categorized as collisions by many auto insurance policies. If so, the damage caused by a run-in with a pothole will be covered by your policy.
- 3. When your child's car seat is part of an accident:** During crashes, various parts of your vehicle can be impacted in a severe manner. One less obvious point of impact may be your child's car seat. After an accident, it may be damaged, and it's a good idea to replace it. Your auto insurance policy may cover the cost of replacement.
- 4. When your furry friend needs care:** Dogs love their owners' cars, and if your dog is ever injured as a result of an accident, your auto insurance may cover the vet bills.
- 5. When you miss work due to a car accident injury:** Your policy may cover a portion of your lost income.

NEED INSURANCE?



SCAN CODE TO ENTER YOUR CONTACT INFO & WE'LL BE IN TOUCH

If you experience any off these issues, call or email our office to determine whether your policy covers them.

## MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS YOU'LL ACTUALLY KEEP

Making a New Year's resolution is like setting any other type of goal. You have to choose wisely if you want to achieve something significant.

Remember that a good resolution, like a solid goal, usually has a few definable characteristics:

**Focus.** Set a definite target: "Lose 10 pounds by June 1" is better than "Lose some weight."

**Challenge.** Your resolution should be neither too hard nor too easy.

**Support.** Share your resolutions with others who will help you work on them.

**Presence.** Write down your resolutions in detail and post your list where you'll see it often.

**Vision.** Visualize the results you want to achieve every day.

RESOLUTION #4:  
"Order less from Amazon."

Try this quick and easy recipe when you don't have a lot of time to spare.

### Hamburger Jazz

1 lb. ground beef  
1 (10.75 oz) can cream of mushroom soup  
1 (14.5 oz) can diced tomatoes with juice  
½ cup long grain white rice  
¾ cup shredded mozzarella cheese  
Salt and pepper to taste

#### STEP 1:

Crumble the ground beef into a skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir until evenly browned. Drain off grease, and stir in the cream of mushroom soup, tomatoes and uncooked rice. Cover and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally, until rice is cooked, about 15 minutes.

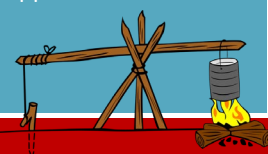
#### STEP 2:

Preheat the oven's broiler. When the rice is done cooking, transfer the contents of the skillet to a casserole dish. Cover with a layer of cheese.

#### STEP 3:

Broil until the cheese is melted and toasty. Season with salt and pepper to taste and enjoy!

[Allrecipes.com](http://Allrecipes.com)



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING!

"We loved working with Carla. She communicated regularly with us and was so helpful. We were very pleased with the process."

~ Erica Louder, Customer



Carla Bourque, Waldo Real Estate Sales Associate



### DO YOU KNOW THE PROPERTY BROTHERS?

5 home trends they've ditched and what they do instead

HGTV stars, Drew and Jonathan Scott, showcase five trending styles that will spruce up any home.

1. Matching counters and cabinets vs. two-tone counters and cabinets
2. Wood shelves vs. open shelves
3. Large dining table with lots of chairs vs. breakfast nook with built-in banquette
4. Tall, open ceilings vs. faux beams
5. Bright colors vs. muted tones

You can find helpful and handy tips just like these and more on Drew and Jonathan's **Forever Home** series on [HGTV](http://HGTV.com).

<https://www.hgtv.com>



<https://www.waldore.com/properties/1080-yakimastnvaleregon>

Modern 6 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on 5.5 acres. Open floor design, large kitchen with updated cabinets, new countertops and stainless-steel appliances. Two living rooms, and formal dining room. \$699,000. #519-22

Click [here](#) to see the property profile on Waldo Real Estate.

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## Too funny!

Rosie bought a build-it-yourself cabinet from her local hardware store. At home, she read the instructions carefully and assembled it in the bedroom.

However, Rosie and her husband lived near a railway line, and when the train passed by, the cabinet collapsed. She reassembled the cabinet. Another train passed and the cabinet collapsed again. Rosie phoned the hardware store, and the manager sent out a handyman. He reassembled the cabinet while Rosie went out to the grocery store.

When the next train went by, it fell apart again. Baffled, the handyman rebuilt the cabinet yet again and decided to sit inside it to see what was making it fall apart. He was sitting there when Rosie's husband came home early, went upstairs to his bedroom, and saw the cabinet.

Puzzled, the husband opened it up and found the handyman. "Hey! What are you doing in my bedroom?" he demanded. The handyman said, "Would you believe I'm waiting for a train?"

RESOLUTION #5: "More control of finances & better time management."



## WOMEN AND GUNS

Women are prime customers for new firearms. Fear of crime can drive sales of guns, especially among women. The 2021 National Firearms Survey found that 3.5 million women became new gun owners from January 2019 through April 2021, according to the News 4 Jax website.

A firearms store in Jacksonville, Florida reports that women make up 60% of its concealed weapons class, which teaches firearms safety and carry laws.

On a side note, the National Shooting Sports Foundation reports that federal background checks for firearm purchases reached 21 million in the last year, a record high. In addition, 58% of firearm purchasers in the last year were Black men and women.

RESOLUTION #6: "Read 12 books."



## POP CULTURE CHALLENGE

### WORDLE

A DAILY WORD GAME

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S	H	O	R	T
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#### MUST PLAY!

If you don't already know about **WORDLE**, you **MUST** give it a go! If you're a fan of words games, you'll enjoy this simple yet challenging game.

The only thing that's frustrating is that you can only play it once a day!

<https://www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle/>



RESOLUTION #7: "To read the Bible in one year."

## DIVERSITY - EQUALITY - EQUITY - INCLUSION

### What do these terms mean?

It's easy to get confused by what words like these actually mean. They're not interchangeable, even though they're often used together. Forbes offers these handy definitions so you can use each term accurately when discussing the issues.

**Diversity.** Recognizing and supporting differences and encouraging representation.



**Equality.** Providing equal resources to everyone, regardless of their identity.

**Equity.** Equal access to opportunities and advancement.

**Inclusion.** Acceptance, welcoming and belonging.



RESOLUTION #8: To practice making daily journals about my day regardless of how mundane the entries may be!



Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now.

~ Carl Bard, American writer & editor

## STAYING SAFE IN CROWDS

Crowds can be scary . . . and dangerous. Panic can spread quickly, leading to tragedy. Protect yourself against injury when things get ugly by following this advice from the MarketWatch website:

**Plan ahead.** When you arrive, check out the area. Look for exits and potential bottlenecks. Think through how you'll leave quickly if you have to.

**Follow the crowd.** If people start surging in a particular direction, don't try to fight it. You could get pushed over and injured by people rushing to get past you. You'll also tire yourself quickly. Travel with the crowd instead of trying to break free.

**Move at an angle.** Extricate yourself by moving at an angle to the flow of people. Taking a diagonal path can get you to the edge of the throng where the crowd is less thick and you can get to safety.

**Find a shelter.** If possible, look for someplace to hide from the crush of people. A pillar or a wall can offer protection from the crowd. So can a car or lamppost if you're outside.

**Breathe.** Asphyxiation is a real danger in heavy crowds. Give yourself breathing room by holding your arms out in front of you in a boxer's stance. This will keep people from pressing against your chest and smothering you.



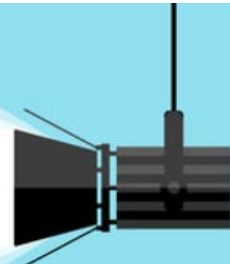
## X-RAYS ON THE BATTLEFIELD



When World War I broke out in 1914, Marie Curie had already won two Nobel Prizes, but she wanted to help the war effort in France. She knew surgeons on the front lines were performing surgery without the ability to take X-rays in the field or to transport soldiers to one of the few hospitals in France with X-ray machines. So, she invented a van housing a portable X-ray machine - the "petite Curie." Curie asked French military officials to fund her invention, but they refused. She then approached the Union of Women of France, who agreed to help. Curie sought additional funding from wealthy women in Paris and built 20 petite Curies. Those 20 machines went to the front lines; tens of thousands of soldiers received X-rays. Curie operated her own machine on the front line, along with women she trained to operate others. Curie oversaw the installation of 200 X-ray machines at field hospitals - semi-permanent hospitals near the front. Because of her efforts, more than one million soldiers were X-rayed during WWI, saving countless lives.



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT



## Young Love!

KimberLeigh Bahem was engaged this last October and will be married in February!



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## ANNIVERSARY



## A Worthy Work Trip!

Jeremy caught a 23 lb Rainbow Trout at Lake Pend Oreille. "I drove up there to get signatures and a payment from one of the guides that we insure and ended up catching this. We now insure Eagle Charters LLC too."



## Let it Snow!

Amy is ready for snow in her sassy snowman hat!!



## Going for the Gold!

Dawna & Dick Runnels celebrating their anniversary with their family. Congrats!

## New Year's Eve Fun!

Dallas & wife, Patty, rang in the new year attending a masquerade party.



## Christmas Sweater!

KimberLeigh in her not-so ugly Christmas sweater. Moo.



## Office Shenanigans

Our office elf, Amy.



## Hittin' the Slopes!

Dee Anne & family at Brundage Mt. Dave's still got it!

Here's to making more cherished memories in 2022!

