

# The Flame

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The Camas Valley Rural Fire District Auxiliary would like to give a huge **Thank You** to everyone involved in making our 2026 Annual Easter Egg Hunt a wonderful event enjoyed by all.

We'd like to thank all the great volunteers who worked so hard getting everything ready. In particular the women and men of the Camas Valley Fire Department and the congregation of the

Camas Valley Methodist Church who put together all the candy bags. Thanks to Diana Kinnan who does such a wonderful job with the cake walk. And a big thanks to Jamie Beans who manned the bullhorn to get the baskets and helmets out.



We also want to thank the following area businesses without whose help and contributions it would be impossible to continue: Abby's Pizza, Del Rey Café, Diamond Scales LLC, Little Caesar's Pizza, McDonald's Restaurant, Mercy Foundation, Papa Murphy's Pizza, Plikat Logging, and The Sour Dough Company.

Also included in our heartfelt thanks are donors within our community. Darlene & Larry Merrill, Janice James and the Chalet Market & Deli who lets us put out our donation box. And, of course, all those who filled our donation box at the Chalet.

We need to also thank the Camas Valley School for allowing us to descend upon their bus barn and football field. Lastly, we thank those who brought in their special goodies to contribute to the cake walk.

Thank you all and see you again next year!!!!



Thank you for the overwhelming response to our plea for donations. We are truly thankful for the support we've received from the community.

# We Appreciate Your Support!

We received donations this month from:

Anita Ferrera  
Janice James  
John & Tina Fisher  
J.T. Berk  
Richard Hays  
The Grange  
The Rentz Living Trust  
Sabin Electric

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**1200 Westside Road**  
**Camas Valley, OR 97416**

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and designate them for **THE FLAME**.

## THE FLAME

The Flame is a monthly publication of the Camas Valley Rural Fire District Auxiliary. The mission of this newsletter is to keep the residents of Camas Valley informed about the events and activities of the fire department, churches, school and civic organizations that are in Camas Valley.

The Flame is provided free to all residents of Camas Valley by mail and anywhere by email.

***To submit  
articles:  
Items must be in  
by the 20th***

Submit to:

Jan Baker at **541-680-5616**  
Michelle Mickelson at  
**541-817-3621**  
**camasvalleyflame@gmail.com**



The Outpost Mobile Food Pantry will be in the  
Grange parking lot on May 7th & 21st.

## EMAIL FLAME ISSUES



Email allows you to  
keep friends and family that have left the  
valley up to date with community events.  
Email subscribers receive a color copy  
of The Flame by the 25th each month.

Send your name and email address to:  
**camasvalleyflame@gmail.com** to start  
receiving your digital copy each month.



# May



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE*

Every  
Monday/Friday

**TAI CHI WALKING CLASS**

on Mondays @ 11:00am & Fridays @10:00am

April 5th

**GRANGE BUSINESS MEETING**  
at 6:30pm

April 8th

**FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO**

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM

April 21st

**COMMUNITY DINNER**

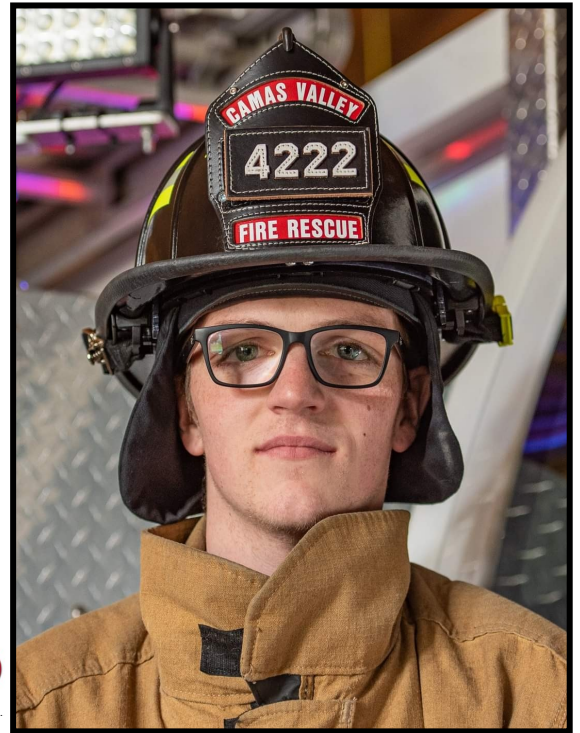
At 6:00 pm



# CAMAS VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

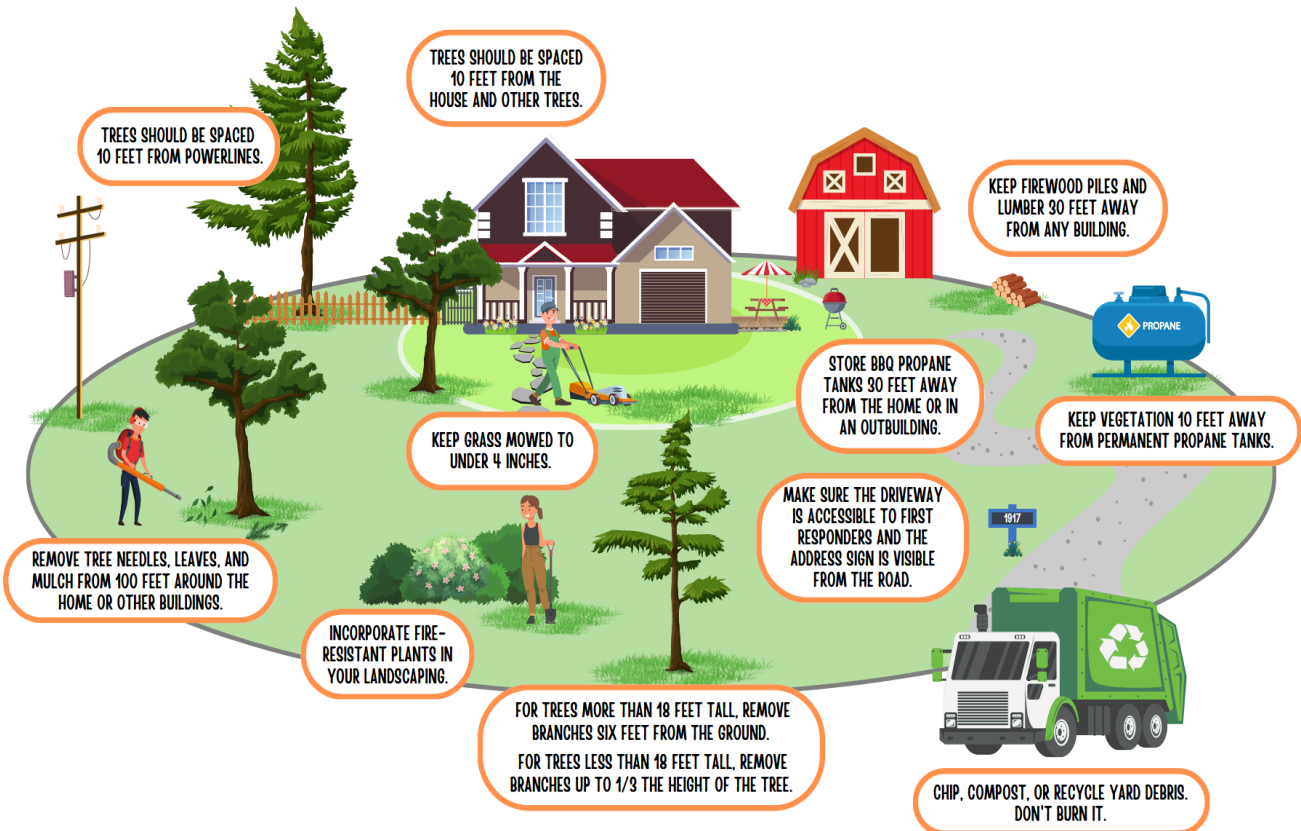
Tyler Benzel has lived in Camas Valley for about 15 years. 10 of those years have been spent as a Camas Valley Volunteer Firefighter. Tyler works for Roseburg Forest Products operating the wagner log loader. In his spare time he enjoys 4-wheeling, learning new things and spending time with his “really good dog”. Tyler’s favorite thing about being on the fire department is “Being able to help the community and meet all the amazing residents of the valley”. His favorite memory so far is “Spending time with the community at the appreciation dinners”.

*Thank you for your service!*



## DON'T GIVE EMBERS A PLACE TO CALL HOME.

Create **defensible space** and give your property an increased chance of surviving a wildfire.



# CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

## POTLUCK & FOLK MUSIC

Come join us at the Camas Valley Grange for our Potluck and Folk Music with These Hallow Oaks Band and Christine Elise performing!



**MAY 2, 2026**  
From 6:00-8:00pm

Donations benefit  
the Grange



Join us for Camas Valley Charter School's

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Round-Up

Thursday, May 7th

4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.



**Who:** Children who will be 4 or 5 years old by September 1, 2026

**What:** Meet your child's teachers and pre-register to reserve your spot for the 2025-26 school year.

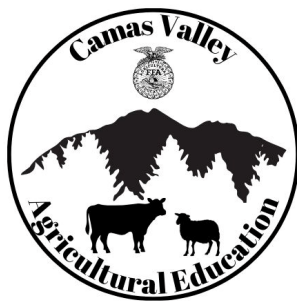
**Where:** Camas Valley Charter School. Pre-K & Kindergarten classrooms. follow the signs.

Please contact the teachers if you have any questions or if you are unable to attend.

Pre-K: Michelle Mickelson, [michelle.mickelson@camasvalley.k12.or.us](mailto:michelle.mickelson@camasvalley.k12.or.us)

Kindergarten: Danae Levin, [danae.levin@camasvalley.k12.or.us](mailto:danae.levin@camasvalley.k12.or.us)

Congratulations to Katelyn Tabor and  
Katelynn Simpson for earning your State  
FFA Degrees!





# CAMAS VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Camas Valley,

May?! It seems like the school year has flown by, but before the end, we have spring sports. This spring, we have 23 kids in 5-8 track, 15 in high school, 11 playing HS baseball, and 12 grade school girls playing softball. Last week I went down to the fields, and cars were everywhere; in fact, there was nowhere to park! That is a nice problem to have. The kids have been doing great. The baseball team is 4-4 and just played defending state champ UVC in a close game, falling 4-1. The track kids in both MS and HS have been showing well.

Being spring also means we are in the middle of preparing for next year. The inside of the welding shop is being painted, and we will soon be furnishing the shop. There is also all the work that goes into a building that is from 1928. It is holding up well, but it takes a lot of work to keep it that way. We are also in the process of redesigning our website. It will improve communication 100% and be a lot more user-friendly. It will also come with an app for your phone. A new area we will be starting is Camas Connections, which will offer a full online component for families that want that structure. As you can see, a lot is happening.

With Care,  
Mr. Wonsley



# MAY

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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|                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |                                          |    |                                                                                 | 1<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange<br>10a.m.                               | 2  |
| 3                                                                                         | 4<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange 11a.m.<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6p.m.                                           | 5<br>Grange<br>business mtg.<br>6:30p.m. | 6  | 7<br><br>Outpost Mobile<br>Pantry 1-3p.m.                                       | 8<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange<br>10a.m.<br><br>Grange Bingo<br>@6p.m. | 9  |
| 10<br> | 11<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange 11a.m.<br><br>Fire Dept. Board<br>Mtg. 5:00p.m.<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6p.m. | 12                                       | 13 | 14                                                                              | 15<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange<br>10a.m.                              | 16 |
| 17                                                                                        | 18<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange 11a.m.<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6p.m.                                          | 19                                       | 20 | 21<br>Outpost Mobile<br>Pantry 1-3p.m.<br><br>Community dinner<br>@Grange 6p.m. | 22<br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange<br>10a.m.                              | 23 |
| 24                                                                                        | 25<br>Memorial Day<br><br>Tai Chi<br>@Grange 11a.m.<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6p.m.                      | 26                                       | 27 | 28                                                                              | 29<br>High School<br>Graduation<br>7pm                          | 30 |
| 31                                                                                        |                                                                                                              |                                          |    |                                                                                 |                                                                 |    |

# Camas Valley Business Directory



## Autobody repair/paint

**Green Collision  
Repair/Horizon  
Autobody**  
Marvin & DeVoogd  
M-F, 8-5  
541-679-6100

## Eng. consulting design/ drafting

**TV Design, LLC**  
Troy I. Vanderhoof,  
P.E.  
M-F, 9:00-17:00  
541-643-0138

## Health

**Cody Summer Health**  
Certified health &  
wellness coach CTNC  
Functional Health  
Practitioner trainee(FDN)  
www.codysummerhealth.com  
541-203-3033

## Media Development

**Agent of the Wild**  
reality services, expert  
photography, film  
making, drone imaging,  
media development  
Dan Amos  
541-430-2668  
agentofthewild@protonmail.com

## Beauty

**Nails by Crystal**  
Crystal Cummings  
541-643-7253  
Thurs.—Sun., 9-4

**Scissor Trix**  
Jennie Plikat  
By appt.  
541-733-1919  
Or in Green at  
4886 Grange Rd.  
541-236-7086

## Excavating

**Battles Excavating**  
Land development, mass  
excavating, utility install,  
foundations, retaining  
walls, road building,  
demolition and additional  
services. Level 1  
commercial contractor  
Licensed/insured/bonded  
Jeremy Neilsen  
541-637-9711

**Onesimus Health  
Services, LLC**  
Leslie Abbott, FNP,BC  
Primary  
CareStaff@onesimushealth.com  
541-391-7506

**Plexus worldwide  
Supplements**  
Charman Shields  
541-430-3600  
www.plexusslim.comcharmanshields

## Notary/Post Office

**CV Post Office**  
Vickie Farmer  
M-F 8-3 Sat 10-2  
541-445-2177  
541-643-5059

## Christmas trees, U-cut / wholesale

**Calico Christmas  
Trees**  
Mike Falco  
Nov. & Dec.  
7 days/wk 9-4:30  
541-613-0067

## Fire Equipment/Services

**Dia-Cast Fire  
Services**  
Sales / Rentals  
Defensible space  
clearing/cleaning  
Don/Diane Casteel  
541-643-8556

## Honey Bee Swarm/Hive Removal

Eve Scott  
503-302-6323

## Housekeeping

**Maid in the Shade**  
Lisa Muller  
541-430-1974

## Pest Control

**Bugguy Exterminating**  
Gregg Socia  
M-F, 8-5 /as needed  
541-537-0845  
bugguyterm@gmail.com

## Photography

**Velocity in Focus**  
Barb Casteel  
541-643-8592  
www.velocityinfocus.com  
velocityinfocus@gmail.com

## Construction

**AMSI**  
Bill Lindsey  
Mon.-Sat., 8-7  
541-643-0366

## Garbage Disposal

**Camas Valley  
Disposal**  
Byron & Jodi Peck  
Wkly. Wed. pick-up  
541-445-2245

## Local Artist, consignment

**Local Art**  
Toby Teachman  
Open anytime (within  
reason) Ring doorbell on  
shop or call  
541-243-3315

## Portable sawmill service

**Backwoods  
Custom Milling**  
Harvey Saul  
541-671-1993

## Counseling

**Michelle Wilson**  
Christian Counselor  
541-900-6130  
Michelle@libertycounselingandcoaching  
.com  
www.libertycounselingandcoaching.com

## Handcrafted gifts

**Country Crafts &  
Graphics**  
Janna Vanderhoof  
M-F, 9-5 or appt.  
541-643-1934  
countrycraftsgraphics@tvdesignllc.net

## Locksmith, keys /locks

**Camas Valley Key  
Shop**  
Bruce Jehning  
7days/wk  
24 hr. emerg.  
541-445-2014

## Rental, Storage,

**BK Mini Storage**  
Ketti & Bill Walker  
7 days/wk.,  
daylight-dark  
541-445-2902

## Electrical Contractor

**Sabin Electric**  
Generac generator  
Sales/maintenance/  
Installation/repair  
M-S 7am-6pm  
541-440-3792  
541-445-2070

## Frosted Treasure Designs

Lori Ross  
541-637-9774  
Frostedtreasuredesign@gmail.com

## Logging

**Scofield Logging**  
Josiah Scofield  
541-435-5759

## Septic systems

**Lounsbury Const. &  
Excavation**  
Richard Lounsbury  
541-505-4685

## Handyman, small construction/remodel

**Evertrade Const.**  
Aaron Blake  
M-F, 9-5  
541-335-9108

## Small engine repair

**Hunt's Chainsaw**  
Theran Hunt  
M-F 541-430-7283

# Camas Valley Churches

| Camas Valley<br>Missionary Church                                                                                                                                                                    | Camas Valley<br>Christian Fellowship                                                                                                           | Camas Valley<br>United Methodist                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Sunday</u><br><br>Coffee Fellowship            10:00 am<br>Morning Worship            10:45 am<br>Youth Church            11:00 am<br><br><u>Wednesday</u><br><br>Prayer Group            6:00 pm | <u>Sunday</u><br><br>Morning Worship            10:00 am<br>& Sunday School<br><br><u>Monday</u><br><br>Intercessory Prayer            9:00 am | <u>Sunday</u><br><br>Morning Worship            9:00 am<br><br>Fellowship            10:00 am<br>w/ beverages and snacks |

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Camas Valley, OR 97416

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