

The Flame

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DON'T MISS THE CAMAS VALLEY EASTER EGG HUNT!!!

The Easter Bunny is coming!! The Annual Camas Valley Fire Department Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 4th, 2026. Gates open at 10:00 a.m. and the Hunt starts at 10:30 a.m.

We will have the Easter Basket Raffle and the Bicycle Helmet Raffle and prizes and candy when you turn in all those Easter eggs you collect at the hunt. We will have a Cakewalk as long as the goodies hold out. We are asking for donations of baked goods to help make this a great success!

We have a donation can at the Chalet Market/Deli for the community to help support this fun, long-running valley tradition. Also any donations of commercially, individually wrapped candy would be much appreciated. Please drop them off at the Chalet with Amanda's name on the donations.

Any questions - Please call Vonnie at 541-445-2355



Flame Donations Needed!!!

Twenty six years ago, it was decided that we needed a community newsletter. This was a way for the fire department to keep the community informed of important events as well as update them on the plans and future building of a new fire station. As well as fire department news, The Flame also covers all other community events such as the school, churches and the Grange. Each year it costs about \$1,100.00 for permit and mailing fees. The Flame operates on donations only and we are in need of those donations to get us through the year. Any amount helps keep us afloat, so please consider donating.

Donations can be sent to: Vonnie Wallace
1200 Westside Rd.
Camas Valley, OR 97416

We Appreciate Your Support!

We received no donations this month.



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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 April 9th & 23rd.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

Every
Monday/Friday

TAI CHI WALKING CLASS

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

April 7th

GRANGE BUSINESS MEETING
at 6:30pm

April 10th

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO
DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM

April 16th

COMMUNITY DINNER
At 6:00 pm



CAMAS VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Garrett Casteel has lived in Camas Valley for 24 years. He and his wife Sydnie have been married for 2 years. He is employed as a construction millwright. Garrett enjoys hunting, fishing and welding. In the 8 1/2 years that he has been with the fire department, his favorite memory is the “burn to learn house on Baldwin Rd.” Garrett’s favorite part of being on the fire department is, “Protecting and serving the people of this community.”

Thank you for your service!



Sunrise service will be held on April 5th at 6:00a.m. We will be meeting at a new location this year. The new location is toward the end of Denn Road and there will be signs posted to guide the way. Andy Standley will be at Camas Valley Christian Fellowship at 5:30a.m. to guide those that are unsure of the location. There will be a bonfire with coffee and donuts.

Come and join us for a time of worship and celebration.

Camas Valley in the 1930's



SOFTBALL

Softball was taken up by the girls as a fall sport. Although only one game was played the girls felt that the sport was worthwhile.

No letters were awarded in softball but had they been, most of the girls in school would have received one because there were enough girls for but one full team.

Camas played Glendale at Glendale and lost. A return game was impossible to arrange.

After the close of the volleyball season softball was again taken up. There was no interscholastic competition in the spring as no other schools in the division were playing the game.

Participants included ¹Marion Annis, ²Vera Cooley, ³Virginia Byron, ⁴Eunice Huffman, Edna Miller, ⁵Alice Albro, ⁶Faye Goodell, ⁷Bonnie Ollivant, ⁸Mariam Rice, ⁹Lucile Huobner, ¹⁰Billie Sprague, ¹¹Leoral Erbe, ¹²Verna Johnson, ¹³Frances Smith, ¹⁴Marjorie Croucher, ¹⁵Frances McDaniel, and ¹⁶Pauline Scharnhorst. Miss Smith is the coach.



Thank you to all that participated in the book fair! We earned enough again this year to supply each elementary classroom with several books.

Our next book fair won't be until next March.

Thanks again for all the support!

Andrea Carter

Library Coordinator



NEW SCHOOL RECORD

Congratulations to Tatum Sexton for setting a new Camas Valley School record for most points scored within a high school basketball career. He scored 1,440 points within 98 games from 2022-2026. Keith Kinnan held the record for 50 years earning 1,350 points in 62 games from 1973-1976.





CAMAS VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Camas Valley,

What is the most important thing in education? Some would say math, other reading, some science, but the real answer might surprise you.... ATTENDANCE!

Did you know that two to four missed days in the first month of school increases the likelihood of chronic absence throughout the year?

Regular school attendance plays a vital role in your child's academic and personal growth. Being consistently present at school facilitates steady progress in their learning journey, ensuring that no crucial piece of knowledge or skill is missed.

- Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year. Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.
- Chronic absence appears to have doubled by the end of the 2021-22 school year.
- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
- By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school. Research shows that missing 10 percent of the school, or about 18 days, negatively affects a student's academic performance. That's just two days a month, and that's known as chronic absence.
- **Tips To Help**
 - Avoid scheduling vacations when school is in session.
 - Build regular routines for bedtimes and mornings.
 - Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
 - Talk about the importance of regular attendance and about how your child feels about school.
 - Don't permit missing school unless your child is sick.
 - If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors, or your school principal for advice on how to help your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
 - Avoid medical appointments when school is in session.

Develop backup plans for getting your child to school if something comes up. Ask a family member, neighbor or another family for help.

With Care,

Mr. Wonsley



April

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1	2	3 Tai Chi walking class @Grange 10a.m.	4 Easter Egg Hunt 10:00a.m. @football field
5  Sunrise Service 6:00a.m.	6 Tai Chi walking class @Grange 11a.m. Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	7 Grange business mtg. 6:30p.m.	8	9 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m.	10 Tai Chi walking class @Grange 10a.m. Grange Bingo @6p.m.	11
12	13 Tai Chi walking class @Grange 11a.m. Fire Dept. Board Mtg. 5:00p.m. Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	14	15	16 Community dinner @Grange 6p.m.	17 Tai Chi walking class @Grange 10a.m.	18
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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
realty 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 Missionary Church	Camas Valley Christian Fellowship	Camas Valley United Methodist
<u>Sunday</u> Coffee Fellowship 10:00 am Morning Worship 10:45 am Youth Church 11:00 am <u>Wednesday</u> Prayer Group 6:00 pm	<u>Sunday</u> Morning Worship 10:00 am & Sunday School <u>Monday</u> Intercessory Prayer 9:00 am	<u>Sunday</u> Morning Worship 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am w/ beverages and snacks

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