



THE FLAME



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Big News for Camas Valley Rural Fire Department!

We are proud to announce that Camas Valley Rural Fire Department has been awarded a \$496,320 SAFER Grant from FEMA to fund a 4-year program focused on recruiting and retaining volunteer firefighters and Ems members.



This grant is NOT to pay full time firefighters, but to support the recruitment and retention of new volunteers. It will help cover the costs of:

- New turnout gear (PPE) for recruits
- Fingerprints and background checks
- Required medical physicals
- EMR and EMT college classes for those pursuing advanced training
- A \$7 Pay-Per-Call Stipend for Volunteers to cover volunteers gas usage
- And more!

This is a major win for our community, but it also comes at a critical time.
The Bigger Picture: Volunteer Firefighters in Decline

Nationally, the number of volunteer firefighters has fallen from 898,000 in 1984 to 676,900 in 2020—a drop of over 220,000 volunteers, even as the country's population has grown. That decline comes as the demands on fire and EMS services have dramatically increased—more medical calls, responses to accidents, wildfires, etc.

In smaller and rural communities (like ours), the challenge is even more acute. Many rural volunteer departments report difficulty in attracting younger members, balancing time commitments, and maintaining adequate staffing.

We see that trend happening right here in Camas Valley—fewer people able to commit time, More demands on those who do, and a growing gap between community need and capacity.

With this grant, we will:

- Expand benefits and support for new recruits (stipends, training opportunities, PPE, and more)
- Strengthen training pathways for firefighters and EMS volunteers
- Increase outreach and awareness to connect with potential volunteers in our community
- Enhance mentorship, recognition, and retention programs to support our current members

Join Us-Be Part of the Solution

Call us or visit our station—we'd love to show you what volunteer service looks like in 2025.

We Appreciate Your Support!

We received donations this month from:

Garron & Kimberly Carter
Gail Labranch
Brian St. Clair

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Vonnie Wallace
1200 Westside Road
Camas Valley, OR 97416

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Camas Valley Rural Fire District
and designate them for **THE FLAME**.

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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 November 6th & 20th from 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m.

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.



NOVEMBER



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Camas Valley Grange



Nov 4th

Grange Business Meeting
At 6:30pm

Nov 8th

Master Food Preservers
intro to water bath canning
from 11:00am-2:00 pm

Nov 14th

Grange Bingo
Doors open at 6:00pm

Nov 15th

Grange Community
Christmas Craft fair
from 10:00am- 4:00pm

Nov 18th

Camas Christmas Crawl
Meeting
At 6:30pm



INTRO TO WATER BATH CANNING

LEARN HOW TO SAFELY PRESERVE FOODS
THROUGH HANDS-ON LEARNING



Join the Master Food Preservers for this engaging and informative workshop on the basics of water bath canning.

What you'll do:

- Learn the safe way to preserve foods with water bath canning.
- Learn what foods can be safely canned without a pressure cooker
- Master the art of making homemade pie filling that's shelf-stable and delicious.

Participants take home a jar of pie filling, type of fruit to be determined.

Scan to register

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\$10

per person

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

11am - 2pm

LOCATION

Camas Valley Grange
318 S Camas Rd
Camas Valley, OR 97416

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

by 10/31/2025

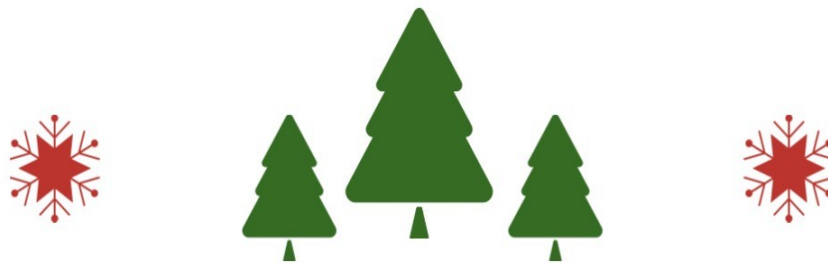
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University**



CAMAS CHRISTMAS CRAWL MEETING



OCTOBER

TUESDAY

18TH

At 6:30pm

CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

COME HELP US PLAN OUR CAMAS CHRISTMAS CRAWL AT THE CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE, THIS IS THE LAST MEETING BEFORE THE BIG EVENT, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP OR PARTICIPATE WITH THIS YEARS EVENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO GET YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION FROM YOU CHRISTMAS CRAWL EVENT OR CALL PAM AT 541-696-5507



**HOSTED BY CAMAS VALLEY FFA
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
DRESS UP, CANDY, FACE PAINTING,
CAKE WALK AND MORE
5:30P.M.-7:30P.M.
CAMAS VALLEY SCHOOL PARKING LOT
ALL TRUNKS WELCOME
PLEASE CALL HEATHER BROWN AT
541-445-2131 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.**



CAMAS VALLEY
COMMUNITY GRANGE

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Get Ready to Sparkle and Shop!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH

10:00AM – 4:00PM

Our community Christmas Craft Fair is just around the corner, offering unique, handmade holiday gifts, beautiful decorations, and festive fun for all ages

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Handmade gifts & decor
- Festive holiday treats & cozy beverages
- Lunch available
- Raffle tickets for a basket of goodies

Join us to celebrate the season, support local makers, and find that perfect holiday gift!

Camas Valley FFA “Digs” Soils!

Camas Valley FFA took a Beginning Team of five students to our district Soils Judging Contest in Glide in October. Students participated in four soil pits, one practice pit and three for the actual contest. They had to determine properties of the soil, such as texture and structure type, but also had to determine management implications for each site. Some of the management implications include most intensive crop, erosion control practices, septic tank limitations and other things that help determine what that site is good for.



After learning about all these things in their Ag Biology class, these sophomore students put their knowledge into practice at the contest. Our beginning team placed 4th out of all beginning teams competing! We are so proud of their hard work to accomplish this task! Members of the team include Levi Cranston, Tayten Jones, Jake Sabin, Jaylynn Bueler, and Myah Kelley.



Pictured left to right: Jake Sabin, Levi Cranston, Myah Kelley and Jaylynn Bueler



CAMAS VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL NEWS



Dear Camas Valley,

A few things happened on our outing....

The past couple of weeks Mr. S and I have taken our monthly awards winners out to lunch. The first trip was with the elementary winners, the theme of the month was self discipline. While we were at Abby's Pizza one of our students found a \$20 bill that was left in the ATM. At first the kids wanted to spend the money but then we talked about the fact that it was not ours and we needed to find out who it belonged to. We walked around asking everyone there if they had used the ATM. After finding no one we were stuck with what do we do with this \$20 bill. We decided to bless someone there and gave them the money.

When we first got there one of the kids knocked over a glass of water, which went everywhere! In the middle of the excitement one of the kids said that could happen to anyone. What I noticed was that he was trying to make sure the student that spilled the water did not feel bad. All of a sudden they were all saying it was ok and we have all been there and have had that happen to us. It was fun to see the kindness and the concern for each other.

What I thought was just going to be a pizza trip turned out to be a lot more. I'm looking forward to next month's trip when we go to celebrate the students who are picked for compassion; I'm sure I will see and learn more from the great kids we have at our school.

Don Wonsley, Superintendent/Principal



December 1st-9th
at the Camas Valley
School Library

Flyers will be sent out in
November with a
Featured Books catalog
and information on our
Family Night.



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	4 Grange Business Meeting 6:30p.m.	5	6 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m.	7	8 Master Food Preservers Water Bath Canning class 11a.m.-2p.m.
9	10 Fire Dept. Board Mtg.5:00p.m. Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	11 No School  VETERANS DAY	12	13	14 Bingo@ the Grange 6p.m.	15 Christmas Craft Fair @ Grange 10a.m.-4p.m.
16	17 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	18 Christmas Crawl Meeting @ Grange 6:30p.m.	19	20 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m.	21	22
23	24 No School P/T conferences Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	25 No School P/T conferences	26 No School	27 	28	29
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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

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

Christmas trees, U-cut / wholesale

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

Construction

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

Counseling

Michelle Wilson
Christian Counselor
541-900-6130
Michelle@libertycounseling
andcoaching.com
www.libertycounseling
andcoaching.com

Electrical Contractor

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

Eng. consulting design/ drafting

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

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

Fire Equipment/Services

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

Garbage Disposal

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

Handcrafted gifts

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

**Frosted Treasure
Designs**
Lori Ross
541-637-9774

Frostedtreasuredesign@gmail.

Handyman, small construction/remodel

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

Health

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

**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.com
charmanshields

Honey Bee Swarm/Hive Removal

Eve Scott
503-302-6323

Housekeeping

Maid in the Shade
Lisa Muller
541-430-1974

Local Artist, consignment

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

Locksmith, keys /locks

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

Logging

Scofield Logging
Josiah Scofield
541-435-5759

Media Development

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

Notary/Post Office

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

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

Portable sawmill service

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

Rental, Storage,

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

Septic systems

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

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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