



## **FIREMEN'S ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026**

**SAVE THE DATE:** *It's already time to start thinking about the Firemen's Annual Appreciation Dinner. Slow smoked Tri-tip, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy and rolls all provided and, of course, a **potluck** for the rest of the fixin's. Yummm!*

*Where: The New Fire Station on Burma Road*

*When: Saturday, Dec. 5th, Doors open at 5:00 pm*

*Dinner at 6:00, Bake sale until gone*

*Silent Auction starts at arrival.*

*Kids corner at 6:30*

*Quilt Raffle Drawing at 7 with quilt auction to follow*

*Silent auction ending at 7:30.*

*There will be a bake sale to support by **baking or buying**. If you would like to donate an item to the silent auction please call Vonnie 541-510-4334 or Teresa 541-637-7151. You can also drop them off at the lobby in the fire station. Tickets for the quilt raffle will be available the night of the dinner or you can call Vonnie. There will also be our Angel Tree which is an opportunity to give a gift to a local child to help make their Christmas special.*

*Join us for an evening of fun, laughter, visiting with your neighbors and family and lots of delicious food. It's a great time and an opportunity to support your local volunteer fire department. So mark your calendars and looking forward to seeing you all there.*



# We Appreciate Your Support!

We received donations this month from:

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## 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**

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The Outpost Mobile Food Pantry will be in the Grange parking lot on October 8th & 22nd.

## 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.

# CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

## October Events

Good  
People  
Stronger  
Communities

Community ♥ Friendship ♥ Good Times

All Are Welcome!

SUPPORT  
CONNECT  
BELONG

Together  
We Make a  
Difference

### Tai Chi Walking Class

Every Monday and Friday  
at 10:00am

Come join us for some fun  
and get exercise too!

Wear comfy clothes and shoes to move in!

### Grange Business Meeting

Monday, October 6th  
at 6:30pm

All are welcome!

### FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

Friday, October 9th  
Doors Open at 6:00pm

Come join us for a fun filled night!  
Concessions Available!



### COMMUNITY DINNER

Wednesday, October 15th  
at 6:00pm



Good Food  
Good Company  
Stronger  
Community

Desserts Welcome!

PEOPLE ♥ PURPOSE ♥ COMMUNITY



# Safe Charging Is a **SUPERPOWER**

## Charge into Fire Safety™

Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in. Everyday charging habits can help prevent lithium-ion battery fires.

**Safe charging is a SUPERPOWER!**

### USE YOUR CHARGING SUPERPOWERS



#### CHEAP CHARGER? DON'T CHANCE IT.

Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer.

**Why it matters:** Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase the chance of fire. Cheap or off-brand chargers may not meet important safety standards.



#### SOFT SURFACE? HARD PASS.

Charge on a hard, flat surface like a table, desk, or bare floor.

**Why it matters:** Devices and chargers create heat during normal charging. Soft surfaces like beds, pillows, and couches can trap heat and block airflow, which can cause a battery to overheat.



#### FEELS HOT? STOP USING IT.

Stop using your device if it feels very hot, starts to swell, smells strange, leaks, smokes, or makes popping or hissing sounds.

**Why it matters:** A damaged battery can overheat and start a fire.



#### FULLY CHARGED? TIME TO UNPLUG.

Unplug your device when it is fully charged.

**Why it matters:** Leaving a device plugged in can increase heat and stress on the battery.



#### FOR TOOLS AND RIDES, CHARGE OUTSIDE.

Charge large items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside when possible. Do not block exits when charging.

**Why it matters:** These batteries are larger and store more energy. Fires can grow quickly if the battery fails.



#### OUT OF SIGHT? NOT IN FLIGHT.

When on a plane, keep devices where you can see them while charging. Do not charge e-cigarettes or vapes on the plane. Tell a flight attendant if you notice a problem with your device, such as if it feels very hot, starts to swell, is smoking, or has a strange smell.

**Why it matters:** If a battery overheats or fails, it is important for the flight crew to be able to respond quickly.

— Working smoke alarms and a home fire escape plan can help make a life-saving difference. —



#### BATTERY SAFETY STARTS BEFORE YOU PLUG IN

Buy products listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as UL, ETL, or CSA.\* Listed products meet important safety standards.



**NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

The Leading Information and Knowledge Resource on Fire, Electrical, and Related Hazards

# CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

Support  
Small  
Business

♥  
Handmade  
♥  
Local  
♥  
Unique  
♥  
One of a Kind

# CRAFT FAIR

Crafts ♥

Home Decor ♥

Gift Items ♥

Seasonal ♥

And More! ♥

*Date to be*  
**ANNOUNCED LATER**

♥ **LOOKING FOR**  
**VENDORS NOW!** ♥

Request Application

♥ — Text Lori — ♥

**541-637-9774**

SHOP  
LOCAL  
SUPPORT  
LOCAL  
MAKE A  
BIG DIFFERENCE

Good  
People  
Great  
Community

SHOP ♥ SUPPORT ♥ COMMUNITY ♥



## Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

When I was a kid, my mom made me go to school every day; in fact, I don't remember missing a day except the few times I was REALLY sick. When I had kids (4 of them), they went to school; I didn't keep track, but I'm guessing all of their absences combined in 13 years of school for each of them, I could count on 2 hands. Since covid school attendance has been down in the US. There are a lot of reasons, but just a reminder that regular school attendance can set them up for success because it helps them:

**Keep up with lessons:** You're less likely to miss important information, assignments, or instructions.

**Build good habits:** Showing up consistently develops responsibility, discipline, and time-management skills.

**Improve your grades:** Attending class gives you more opportunities to participate, ask questions, and understand the material.

**Build relationships:** Being present helps you connect with teachers, classmates, and other people who can support you.

**Prepare for the future:** Jobs, college, and other responsibilities often require you to be dependable and show up consistently.

**Develop confidence:** Being involved in class and keeping up with your work can make you feel more prepared and capable.

Mr. Wonsley

Camas Valley Charter School Superintendent/Principal

# NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 4th-10th



## CAMAS VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

James Beans IV is a lifelong resident of Camas Valley who has been a volunteer firefighter for 11 years. He enjoys flying his plane, racing and building electronics and structures. James also spends a lot of his spare time working on the ongoing construction of the fire department station. When not working as a volunteer firefighter, James is employed as a systems engineer at Orenco. His favorite part of being on the fire department is "Helping the community in their time of need and building upon the history and equipment of the fire department." Jame's favorite memory from his time on the Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Department is "Responding to fires and working as a team with all the other volunteers to get the job done."



*Thank you for your service!*





# October

**Sun**

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

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|    |                                                                                                  | Grange<br>Business Mtg.<br>6:30pm          |    | 1                                           | 2<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange                            | 3  |
| 4  | 5<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6pm                                   | 6<br><br>Grange<br>Business Mtg.<br>6:30pm | 7  | 8                                           | 9<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange<br><br>Grange Bingo<br>6pm | 10 |
| 11 | 12<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange<br><br>Fire Board Mtg.<br>5:00pm<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6pm | 13                                         | 14 | 15<br><br>Grange<br>Community<br>Dinner 6pm | 16<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange                           | 17 |
| 18 | 19<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6pm                                  | 20                                         | 21 | 22                                          | 23<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange                           | 24 |
| 25 | 26<br>Tai Chi 10am<br>@Grange<br><br>Fire Dept.<br>Training 6pm                                  | 27                                         | 28 | 29                                          | 30                                                      | 31 |



# Camas Valley Churches

| Camas Valley<br>Missionary Church                                                                                                                                                                    | Camas Valley<br>Christian Fellowship                                                                                                           | Camas Valley<br>United Methodist                                                                                         |
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| <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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