

The Flame

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Camas Valley Fire EMT Class

Over the next 14 weeks, six of our Camas Valley Fire volunteers will be dedicating hundreds of hours to becoming Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). This opportunity was made possible thanks to the incredible support of our community and partners, including: \$4,500 grant from the Ford Family Foundation, \$2,500 from the Oregon Rural Health Authority and a generous private donation. Rather than traveling back and forth to Umpqua Community College several days a week. Our volunteers are able to complete the program right here at the Camas Valley Fire Station. In partnership with Umpqua Community College, certified instructors are bringing the classroom to us, allowing our volunteers to spend more time learning and less time commuting. This not only saves countless hours of travel but also makes advanced EMS education more accessible for our volunteers. Medical emergencies make up a significant portion of the calls we respond to each year, making EMT training one of the most valuable investments in our department. Over the next several months, these six volunteers will complete hundreds of hours of classroom instruction, hands-on skills training, patient assessments, clinical experiences, and testing—all while balancing their jobs, families, and continuing to respond to emergency calls in our community. Once certified, these six EMTs will strengthen our emergency medical response capabilities and increase the number of medically trained personnel available to serve Camas Valley when our community needs us most. A huge thank you to the Ford Family Foundation, Oregon Rural Health Authority, our generous private donor, and Umpqua Community College for making this training possible. Without your investment in our volunteers, opportunities like this would not be possible. Please join us in wishing these six volunteers the very best as they begin this challenging and rewarding journey toward becoming Oregon-certified EMTs.



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Larry & Darlene Merrill

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The Outpost Mobile Food Pantry will be in the
Grange parking lot on September 10th & 24th.

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:

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Email allows you to
keep friends and family that have left the
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receiving your digital copy each month.

The background of the poster is a photograph of a forest path with sunlight filtering through the trees. The path is covered in fallen leaves, and there are some green plants in the foreground. The trees are tall and thin, with some showing autumn foliage. The overall tone is warm and inviting.

September

EVENTS

CAMAS VALLEY GRANGE

Every
Monday/Friday

TAI CHI WALKING CLASS

on Mondays & Fridays @10:00am

Sept 1st

GRANGE BUSINESS MEETING

at 6:30pm

Sept 11th

FRIDAY NIGHT BINGO

DOORS OPEN @ 6:00PM

Sept 17th

COMMUNITY DINNER



Camas Valley Fire Call & Training Stats-January 1 to July 25, 2026

With just over the first half of 2026 behind us, Camas Valley Fire volunteers have already responded to 103 calls for service. Whether it's a medical emergency, vehicle accident, wildfire, or public assist, our volunteers continue to answer the call-24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Here's a breakdown of the calls we've handled so far this year:

Medical Aids: 65

Structure Fires:1

Wildland/Vegetation Fires: 8

Motor Vehicle Accidents: 9

Public/Lift Assists: 7

Non-Emergency/Good Intent Calls: 13

But emergency response is only one part of what we do. So far this year, our members have dedicated an incredible 1,160 hours to training. Every one of those hours represents firefighters taking time away from their families, work, and personal lives to improve their skills and better serve our community. From live fire training and vehicle extrication to EMS, wildland firefighting, and rescue techniques, our volunteers are constantly preparing for the next emergency. Our department's emergency helipad has also played an important role this year,. So far, it has been used: 2 times for emergency patient helicopter transfers, and 2 times as a refueling location for wildland firefighting helicopters, helping support aerial firefighting operations during fire season. To every one of our volunteers-thank you for your commitment, professionalism, and countless hours of service. And to our community, thank you for your continued support. It is because of you that we can continue serving Camas Valley with pride.



CAMAS VALLEY

• CHARTER SCHOOL •

MEET & GREET

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27
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6:00–7:30 PM



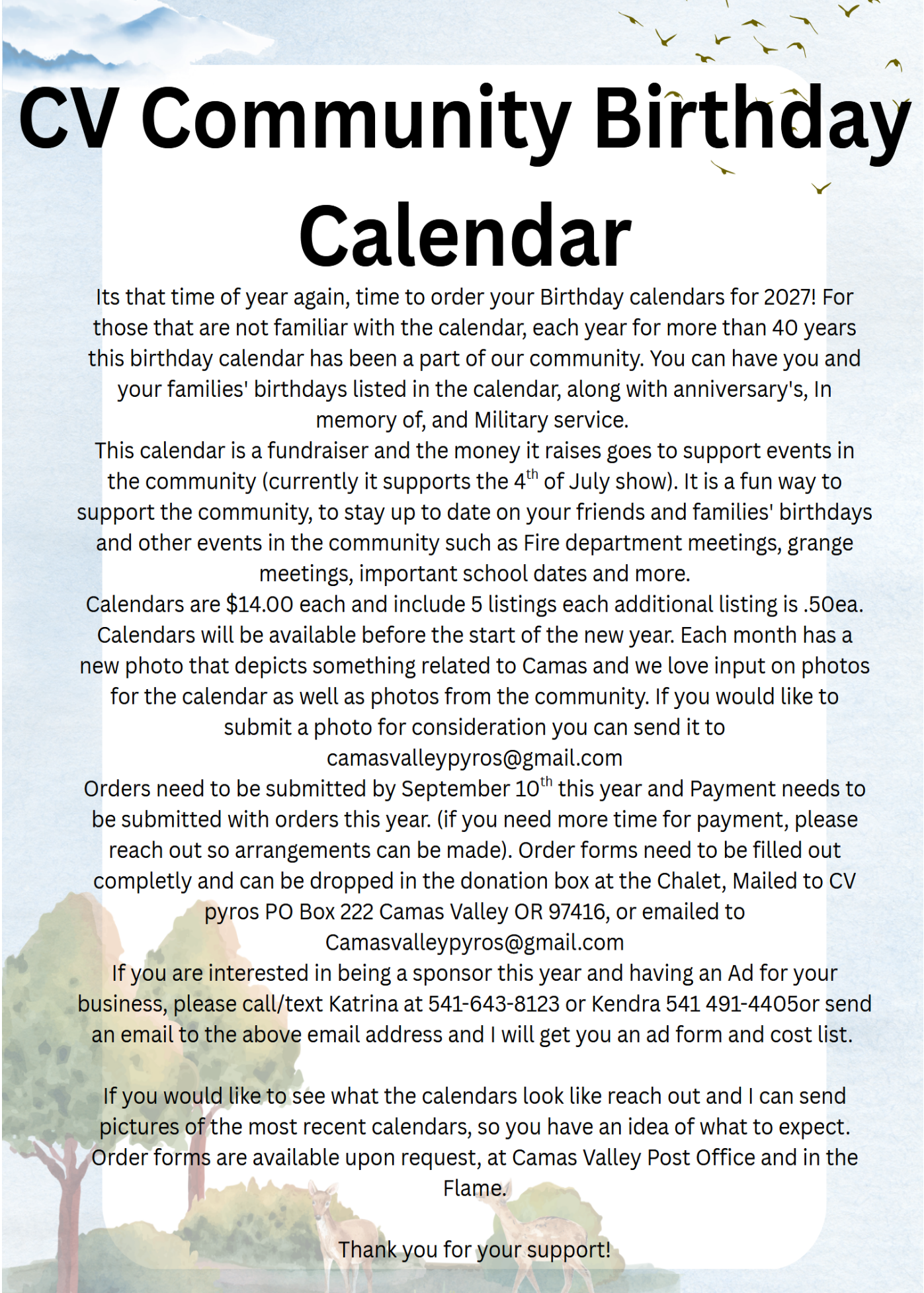
*Meet the teachers • Visit the classrooms •
Connect with our school community*



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Hot dogs, chips & drinks will be served!

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We can't wait to welcome you!





CV Community Birthday Calendar

Its that time of year again, time to order your Birthday calendars for 2027! For those that are not familiar with the calendar, each year for more than 40 years this birthday calendar has been a part of our community. You can have you and your families' birthdays listed in the calendar, along with anniversary's, In memory of, and Military service.

This calendar is a fundraiser and the money it raises goes to support events in the community (currently it supports the 4th of July show). It is a fun way to support the community, to stay up to date on your friends and families' birthdays and other events in the community such as Fire department meetings, grange meetings, important school dates and more.

Calendars are \$14.00 each and include 5 listings each additional listing is .50ea.

Calendars will be available before the start of the new year. Each month has a new photo that depicts something related to Camas and we love input on photos for the calendar as well as photos from the community. If you would like to submit a photo for consideration you can send it to camasvalleypyros@gmail.com

Orders need to be submitted by September 10th this year and Payment needs to be submitted with orders this year. (if you need more time for payment, please reach out so arrangements can be made). Order forms need to be filled out completely and can be dropped in the donation box at the Chalet, Mailed to CV pyros PO Box 222 Camas Valley OR 97416, or emailed to Camasvalleypyros@gmail.com

If you are interested in being a sponsor this year and having an Ad for your business, please call/text Katrina at 541-643-8123 or Kendra 541 491-4405 or send an email to the above email address and I will get you an ad form and cost list.

If you would like to see what the calendars look like reach out and I can send pictures of the most recent calendars, so you have an idea of what to expect. Order forms are available upon request, at Camas Valley Post Office and in the Flame.

Thank you for your support!

Our Heritage

The following is an excerpt from a book published in 1979 commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Camas Valley United Methodist Congregation and the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church building. The book was written and published by Wilfred Brown.

On a fine Spring day in 1848 three men were making their slow way westward through the rugged largely unexplored Coast Range mountains of Southern Oregon, when they came to an opening in the big timber. Below, they saw in the distance a wide, level surface as blue as the sky. Their first thoughts were: "A lake—we have found a lake!" As they descended, they found not a lake, but great masses of blue camas flowers, the lily plant that was a food staple of Western Indians. And that was the discovery of the mountain-rimmed Camas Valley. One of the three men was Solomon Fitzhugh, a great-grandfather of Welcome Martindale Combs, a life-long active member of this church. Another was his son-in-law, Bill Day. They were among the valley's earliest settlers. Fitzhugh later was a builder of a new state, as a member of the convention that drafted the Constitution of Oregon, and still later as a state senator. Bill Day was the first Camas Valley store-keeper and postmaster. His family was active in the valley's first religious services.

The first worship services were held at log cabin homes of different settlers, out of doors in good weather, later in the valley's primitive early school houses. Lay volunteers led in reading passages of scripture, singing hymns, offering prayers for Divine Guidance and expositions on Biblical texts. Among the early preachers were men whose names are still found in Camas Valley and scattered widely in Oregon—such men as James Kirkendall, Jacob Coon, John Standley and Adam Day, father of Bill. They all are buried in this valley where they found their final earthly homes, the patriarch Adam Day in a little brush grown cemetery near the foot of the West mountain. His gravestone is inscribed: "A SOLDIER OF THE WAR OF 1812 AND A SOLDIER OF THE CROSS."

From time to time, starting in the 1850's, circuit-riding preachers made their way over Camas Mountain on horseback—mainly men of the Methodist, Baptist and Christian churches. One who came often and remained longer than most was the Rev. William Allen, a minister of the Christian Church. In the early 1880's, Mr. Allen organized a congregation, baptized its members by immersion in the chilly waters of the Coquille River, and inspired the building of a church. Members raised a little money and John Standley, an unmarried pioneer with more land and wealth than most, advanced several hundred dollars as a loan. The little white church was built on the site of an early school, with steep roof, belfry and steeple, at the intersection of the Upper Camas and West Side roads. It was dedicated in 1883. After the Rev. Mr. Allen left for other fields, there was a lagging attendance at the Camas Valley Christian Church. Payments on the loan from John Standley ceased, and the congregation disbanded.

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Uncle John, as he was commonly called, did not exactly foreclose a mortgage, if one existed, but the church became his property, more than anyone else's. So he started preaching there himself, in the doctrines of a faith called Primitive Baptist. He had done some preaching in Illinois, before crossing the plains to Oregon. It is said that one warm Sunday, midway in his sermon, Uncle John paused, lifted a finger and said: "Harky!" Through the open windows came the sound of baying of a hound dog on the wooded hill above the church. "That's Belle," said Uncle John, "and it's a cowger!" Then,

as the dog's voice came again, he changed his diagnosis: "No, that's Queen, and it's a bar! Come on, boys, it's a bar!" The church service was recessed. Several men got guns from their vehicles. Led by the preacher—rancher, they headed into the woods toward the baying of Uncle John's dog, Queen. Some time later they — and the proud Queen—returned in triumph bearing a sizable black bear she had treed, and Uncle John finished his sermon.



CAMAS VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Bryndee Wilson has lived in Camas Valley her entire life. She works for Kytola & Luscombe Corp. Outside of work she enjoys hunting, riding horses and ATV's, raising cows and spending time with family and friends. She also enjoys racing her Bronco at the Fun Days. Bryndee has been a volunteer firefighter for the last 2 1/2 years. Her favorite part of being on the fire department is "Being able to help my community while learning new skills and getting to drive the trucks." Her favorite memory from her time with the department so far is "Helping at the Fun Days and 4th of July."



Thank you for your service!





September



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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



CAMAS VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULE



VOLLEYBALL

8/27	TBD	vs. Mapleton
8/28	4pm	vs. Prospect Charter
9/4	TBD	@Dufur
9/5	8:30am	@Dufur
9/5	7pm	@Dufur
9/9	6pm	@Riddle
9/11	TBD	@Powers
9/15	6pm	vs. Yoncalla
9/17	6pm	@UVC
9/22	7pm	vs. Riddle
9/24	6pm	vs. Glendale
9/29	6pm	vs. Pacific
10/1	6pm	@New Hope Christian
10/6	6pm	@Powers
10/8	6pm	vs. Elkton



FOOTBALL

8/28	7pm	vs. Prospect Charter
9/4	4pm	@Dufur vs. Lyle/Wishram/Klickitat
9/11	4pm	@Powers
9/18	7pm	@Riddle
10/2	7pm	@Perrydale
10/9	7pm	@Reedsport
10/16	7pm	vs. North Douglas
10/23	7pm	@Mohawk
10/30	7pm	vs. Vernonia



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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