

The Flame

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Firemen's Annual Appreciation Dinner

This years Appreciation Dinner will be on the 6th of December at the fire station. Doors will open at 5:00p.m. with dinner starting at 6:00p.m. Smoked tri tip, chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, rolls and drinks are all provided by the fire department. The community gets to bring a side dish or dessert. The silent auction will start at 5:30p.m. and end at 7:30p.m. There will be a kids corner at 6:30p.m. with a quilt auction to follow. We will also be doing a quilt raffle that you can purchase tickets for at the dinner. There will also be a bake sale that we are still looking for donations for. If you are able to contribute to the bake sale please call Vonnie at 541-510-4334. While you are at the dinner be sure to check out the angel tree and help make a local child's Christmas special. Come on down and join us for our annual dinner. It's a great way to show your support while also visiting with your neighbors and eating delicious food.



CAMAS VALLEY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER SPOTLIGHT

Clayton Casteel is the Fire Chief for our fire department. He has lived in Camas Valley for 35 years. Clayton has been married to his wife Barb for 25 years and they have 3 sons; Garrett, Cody and Levi. Clayton has been a volunteer firefighter for 30 years. Outside of his time spent volunteering he owns and operates a dump truck service and enjoys working on his farm. He believes the best part of being on the CVVFD is because of "Being more capable of helping those who live in the valley as well as those passing through."



Thank you for your service!



We Appreciate Your Support!

We received no donations this month

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**Vonnie Wallace
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Camas Valley, OR 97416**

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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
camasvalleyflame@gmail.com



The Outpost Mobile Food Pantry will be in the Grange parking lot on December 4th & 18th and January 8th & 22nd 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.

Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Department Calls



November 1st, 2025 at 10:20a.m.

Camas Valley Fire was dispatched to reports of a possible spot fire in the area of Buck Springs Road in Camas Valley. Approximately 7.5 miles up Buck Springs road, units arrived on scene to find 2 separate fires caused by slash piles. One fire was approximately a 1/10 of an acre, and the other was 1/100 of an acre. Units stayed on scene, extinguished, and mopped up the fire for approximately 1.5 hours. Responding units from Camas Valley Fire included Brush Trucks 4280, 4281, 4290, and Tender 4260 with 5 volunteer firefighters.

Fireboard Position Opening

There is an opening for a position on the Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Department Board. Contact Todd Mickelson if interested at cvdukfan@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CANDY GRAMS

Presented by Camas Valley Sophomores

Only delivering on school grounds

If interested please contact:

jennifer.bueler@camasvalley.k12.or.us

Or

jaylynn.bueler@camasvalley.k12.or.us

Only selling from Dec. 1 to Dec. 16

Peppermint Candy Canes \$1

Flavored Candy Canes \$2

Peppermint Reindeer Styled Candy Canes \$2

Candy Trains \$5



*Warning if you have any allergies please let us know when you place order

Our Volunteers have completed yet another room inside our fire station!

We're excited to announce the completion of our Lobby/Main Entrance Room-the main entry point for visitors at our station and a convenient community access area.

This space is designed to serve the public by offering:

- Fire safety pamphlets and educational brochures
- Common forms and paperwork (Driveway inspections, volunteer applications, medical info forms, etc..)
- A community bulletin board for local announcements, ads and event flyers.
- A secure drop box/mail slot/donation slot
- And a TV slideshow displaying photos from department events, trainings, and community activities.

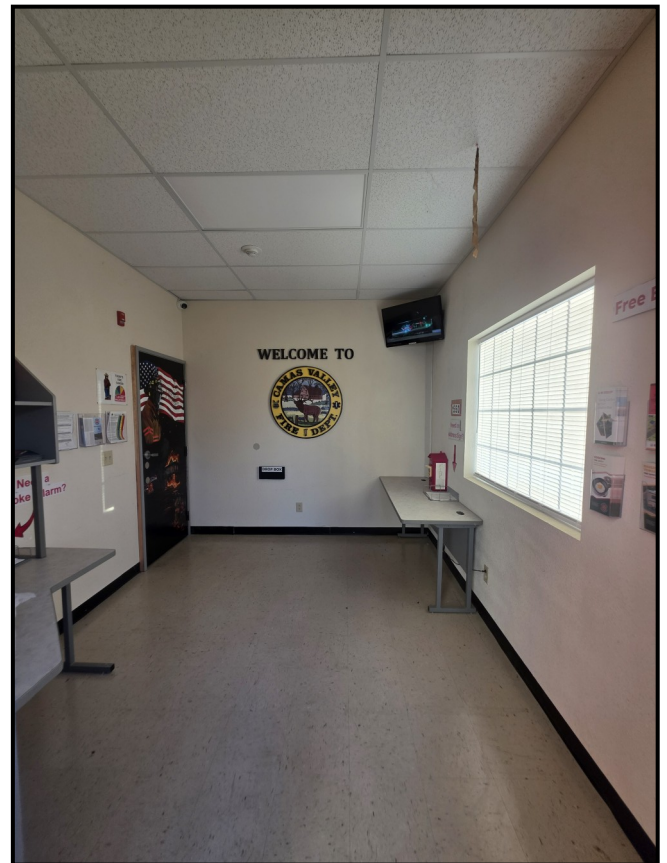
Much like the post office, this lobby will be open 24/7, so community members can stop by any time to pick up paperwork, leave forms, or check the bulletin board-day or night.

We'd like to give a huge thank you to:

James Beans III for generously donating \$250 and a TV to help complete the space.

Sydney Casteel, who has been graciously painting both sides of the lobby door-one side is still in progress, but they both already look amazing and add a welcoming touch!

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our volunteer firefighters and our mission



❄ Camas Valley community ❄

CHRISTMAS CRAWL

Dec 13th, 2025

4:00pm - 8:00pm

Please join us as we celebrate together, all over the Valley. Pick up your passport at any of the participating venues and hop on a taxi or drive to all the fun events.

Food ❄ Fun ❄ Festive ❄ Crafts

Camas Valley Grange -Bag decorating/ chili

Methodist Church- Paint clay ornaments/snacks

Fire Dept- Tours and real fire trucks

Missionary Church- Pancakes /jigsaw puzzles

Christian Fellowship-Christmas carols and crafts

Chalet Deli Market-Christmas ball game

LJK Greenhouse-Vintage attire /make an evergreen decoration



CAMAS VALLEY FFA HAPPENINGS

District Ag Sales and Food Science

On November 7th, we had students compete in the district Food Science and Ag Sales contests at Days Creek High School. On the Food Science side, Katelynn Simpson represented well, placing 6th individually in the advanced contest!

On the Ag Sales side, we had a beginning team that placed 3rd in the beginning contest! Daniel Simmons was 5th place individually.

Overall, our members worked hard and saw success in different contests!

**Teams pictured top right*



Judges Needed!

In order for events to run smoothly, we need adult volunteers to judge contests. We have a high need of judges in the next couple months!

- Creed Speaking - 1/28 at Douglas High School, 4:30-7pm
- Job Interview Documents (virtual) - 2/2-2/6
- State Degree Presentations - 2/4 at Sutherlin High School, 8:30am-noon
- Speaking Contests - 2/11 at Sutherlin Family Church, 9am-2pm

Contact

Heather.Brown@camasvalley.k12.or.us

if you are interested!

District Opening and Closing Ceremonies Contest

On November 12th, our chapter officer team competed in the district Opening and Closing Ceremonies contest at Roseburg High School.

They had to memorize and present their parts for the ceremonies against other chapters in the district (Douglas and Coos County FFA chapters). Students represented well, and Susan Simpson was the 3rd place Secretary!

**Team pictured bottom right!*



-For more information:

Sarah Wheelock

541-957-4814

sarah.wheelock@douglasesd.k12.or.us



Scan here to register

STEAM NIGHT IN CAMAS!

THURSDAY, DEC 11

5-7 PM

AT THE GRANGE!

318 S Camas Rd, Camas Valley

Join Take Root and the Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub for an evening of hands on fun with the latest in learning technology! (and some snacks!)

REGISTER HERE:

<https://tinyurl.com/3n9mxvnh>



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Camas Valley School District

Fair Dates: 12/01/2025 to 12/09/2025

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SkyTree Book Fairs is a nonprofit literacy organization helping kids fall in love with reading by bringing trusted, carefully curated book fairs to schools.

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How to support your school:

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Help us grow readers!

We hope to see you at the fair! If you'd like to support what we're building, visit supportskytree.org. **SkyTree Book Fairs is a donor-funded educational nonprofit** offering no-cost, wholesome book fairs to schools.

Want to learn more? Visit skytreebookfairs.org
Questions? Contact us at info@skytreebookfairs.org



Family Night is Wednesday December 3rd

4:00p.m.-6:00p.m.

**Come and see what books are
in our new book fair!**

There will be activities and drawings.

Fun For All!





DECEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Grange business mtg. 6:30p.m.	3 Bookfair Family Night @CV library 4-6p.m.	4 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m	5	6 CVVFD Appreciation Dinner@ CV fire dept. 6:00p.m.
7	8 Fire Dept. Board Mtg.5:00p.m. Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	9	10	11 Steam Night @Grange 5-7p.m.	12 Grange Bingo @6:00p.m.	13 Christmas Crawl 4-8p.m.
14	15 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	16	17	18 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m	19	20
21	22 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m. Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Merry Christmas Winter Break	26 Winter Break	27
28	29 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m. Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break			



JANUARY



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

				1  Winter Break	2 Winter Break	3
4	5 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	6 Grange business mtg. 6:30p.m.	7	8 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m	9 Grange Bingo @6:00p.m.	10
11	12 Fire Dept. Board Mtg. 5:00p.m. Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	13	14	15	16	17
18	19  NO SCHOOL Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	20	21	22 Outpost Mobile Pantry 1-3p.m	23	24
25	26 Fire Dept. Training 6p.m.	27	28	29	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
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
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541-733-1919
Or in Green at
4886 Grange Rd.
541-236-7086

Excavating

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

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Services, LLC**
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541-430-3600
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Vickie Farmer
M-F 8-3 Sat 10-2
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541-643-5059

Christmas trees, U-cut / wholesale

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

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clearing/cleaning
Don/Diane Casteel
541-643-8556

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503-302-6323

Housekeeping

Maid in the Shade
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541-430-1974

Pest Control

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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
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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
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541-900-6130
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Handcrafted gifts

**Country Crafts &
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Locksmith, keys /locks

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

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BK Mini Storage
Ketti & Bill Walker
7 days/wk.,
daylight-dark
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Sabin Electric
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Installation/repair
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Scofield Logging
Josiah Scofield
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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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