



Do you know where you are?

March was dry. April has been a summer flirt—warm, breezy, sunny days with clear, cold nights. While I have enjoyed the sunshine as much as the next person, I cast a leery eye upon the drying pastures and intermittent streams that are dry too soon. The lower Willamette valley has already put burning bans in place. The Marshall Place fire was just the first. Fire watchers are on alert—all indicators are for another bad fire season.

Luckily, the federal government has provided some funding for fire threat reduction allowing for clearing around structures, right-of-ways, etc., and fire suppression activities in the communities in the wildland-urban interface. **The Flame** has tried to keep you informed in how the national and local authorities are planning and addressing the increasing fire risk. But have you done your part?

To begin with, do you know where you are in the fire protection scheme? Who keeps you posted on fire danger levels/burning bans? And who has your back when a fire does threaten your property? Camas Valley is divided between the **Coos Forest Protection Association (CFPA)** and the **Douglas Forest Protection Association (DFPA)**. If you live west of Westside Road, with its coastal influence of more rain/fog and predominance of fir and ferns, **CFPA (541-267-3161) Bridge Unit** is the closest responder. The rest of the valley is under **DFPA (541-672-6507) Roseburg** is in charge. If you are not sure of which jurisdiction your property lies in, call either one and they will answer your questions. Both of these agencies work in conjunction with all local, state, and federal fire authorities.

Now, how do you take responsibility for your property's fire protection? Have you maintained a fire defensible space around your home? **Defensible space** includes a "lean, clean and green" zone 30 feet (or to the property line) from buildings, and a "reduced fuels zone," which can have more natural vegetation, from 30' to 100' (or to the property line) from structures. This defensible space reduces the risk that fire will spread from one area to another, or to a structure, and provides firefighters access and a safer area from which to defend a threatened area. Firefighters sometimes do not attempt to protect structures without adequate defensible space, as it is less safe and less likely to succeed.

And pray for a wet May!

We appreciate your support

We received a donation
this month from

Jerry Ashford

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They may be mailed to:

Vonnie Wallace
1200 Westside Road
Camas Valley, OR 97416

Please make checks payable to
Camas Valley Rural Fire District
and designate them for
THE FLAME.

Winston Dillard Food Pantry is still here!

The fresh crop of radishes are spicy sweet and crunchy! My dad would dip radishes in salt and munch on them instead of dessert. Must admit in my old age I find them with their mouth filling flavor and satisfying crunch a great snack to hold me until mealtime. My husband just puts up with me.

But fresh produce really is a treat with benefits. Pantry can fill in the gaps in the nutritional balance of the food boxes with your cash donations. Juicy apples and pears with cheese, fresh salad makings, carrot and celery sticks—crispy supplements to canned or boxed donations.

Please send your check to support the Pantry to:

W-D Food Pantry
c/o Vonnie Wallace
1200 Westside Rd
Camas Valley, OR



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 25th***

Submit to:

Jan Baker at **541-680-5616**
Judith Wickham at **541-733-6940**

jwickham52@gmail.com or
150 Buck Springs Rd. Camas
Valley

***Grange meals are still
on hold :(***

***Email Flame issues are
handy!***

Email allows you to keep friends and family that have left the valley to keep up with the events that affect this community. **Or maybe you would just like to get the Flame (in color!) early, by the 26th.**

Send name and email address to:

jwickham52@gmail.com

and an electronic copy will be sent to them each month, **free.**

Outthink Wildfire

Strengthening the safety net: a healthy insurance market will help us Outthink Wildfire

BY MICHELE STEINBERG

A new policy brief by NFPA highlights insurance as a key component required for all of us to collectively Outthink Wildfire™ and eliminate the loss of communities to wildfire in 30 years. NFPA's recent launch of a bold policy initiative, Outthink Wildfire™, describes five areas we must address to end the wildfire destruction of communities by 2050: making existing homes ignition-resistant; building new structures to safer standards; equipping our fire service with training and protective gear; managing the nation's fire-prone landscapes; and educating the public on risk reduction. A healthy insurance marketplace is vital to achieving these actions.

Property insurance is the primary and largest financial safety net for recovering from disaster-caused property damage, including wildfires. Some 70 million home insurance policies are in force across the country. When wildfires destroy hundreds, even thousands, of homes, the payout of these policies is key to rebuilding communities and reducing the demand on taxpayer-supported disaster relief. Yet many Americans don't carry enough insurance to allow them to recover after a wildfire. Recent disasters have also meant rising insurance rates in some cases, and denial of insurance coverage for high-risk properties in others.

Until the nation's high-risk areas have many more communities with miti-

gated homes and safer newly built structures, there is still a significant risk of repeating the multi-billion dollar property losses we have seen in recent wildfire disasters. That's why people need to understand how important it is to carry enough property insurance to cover their potential losses, and to support the tenets of Outthink Wildfire.

To keep insurance affordable, available, and able to help people recover from wildfire disasters, people must take risk reduction steps on private property, and local and state governments must enforce sound land use and construction standards for buildings in high-risk areas.

<https://www.nfpa.org/>



Oregon Lawmakers Moving in the Right Direction on Wildfire

BY MEGHAN HOUSEWRIGHT

In 2020, wildfires in Oregon killed nine people and destroyed more than 5,000 homes and businesses. In response, legislators in 2021 are considering a number of measures to help those impacted, like bills to limit tax liability of victims and aid local governments with expenses incurred because of the fires. One bill though, aims to help the state prepare. In early April, a bipartisan trio from the Oregon Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery voted to advance a comprehensive wildfire preparedness bill. If passed by the full legislature, SB 762 will lay the foundation for wildfire resilience in the state.

SB 762 covers a lot of ground, from requiring wildfire mitigation plans from electrical utility providers, to helping small land holders tackle vegetation management, and establishing smoke mitigation programs for vulnerable populations. Importantly, the bill also directs the Oregon Department of Forestry to develop and maintain a comprehensive statewide wildfire risk map.

With wildfire prone lands detailed on a map, state agencies will be able to act on SB 762's requirements to pass wildfire safety building codes for those areas and develop recommendations to enable the state's land use planning laws to address wildfire risk mitigation. In 2020, as state officials were considering improving building codes for wildfire safety, the chairperson of their residential building code board asserted that "Oregonians" want "the freedom to choose where they want to live" and can take "the personal responsibility to construct their homes [according to] that choice." In contrast, the authors of SB 762 rightly recognize

that Oregonians, like everybody else, want safe homes built to the latest codes and standards.

As emphasized by the bill's sponsor, Natural Resource Committee Chair Jeff Golden, the bill was the culmination of thousands of hours of input from experts and individual stakeholders around the state, including those who worked developing the recommendations for the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response 2019 report. Moreover, as state agencies move forward with the defensible space requirements, the land use recommendations, the building code changes, and other parts of the bill through advisory committees and public hearings, citizens will have many opportunities to provide input that reflects the state's diverse landscape.

Having passed out of the Natural Resources Committee, it is now up for the whole Senate to consider SB 762, and for the Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means to debate whether to fund the measure's current price tag of \$150 million. Surely, when the appropriators consider that cost, they will weigh it against the half a billion dollars that wildfires can cost the state each year.

\$150 million is a down payment on Oregon's future needs. An estimated one third of all Oregonians, 1.2 million people, live in areas at risk from wildfires. The Governor's Council on Wildfire Response estimated that the cost to reduce wildfire risk across the state's heavily forested landscape will be at least \$200 million per year alone.

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The Outpost Mobile Food Pantry will be in Camas Valley the following dates over the next couple of months!

***Thursdays - May 6th & 20th,
June 10th & 24th,
July 8th & 22nd***

The income guidelines have changed and increased. If you qualify, we would love to come alongside you in helping to feed your household. Come see us!

***Follow the
“Outpost Mobile
Food Pantry”
on Facebook for
up to date changes***



INCOME ELIGIBILITY:			
HOUSE-HOLD SIZE	MONTHLY INCOME	ANNUAL INCOME	
1	\$3,222	\$38,640	
2	\$4,356	\$52,260	
3	\$5,490	\$65,880	
4	\$6,627	\$79,500	
5	\$7,761	\$93,120	
6	\$8,895	\$106,740	
7	\$10,032	\$120,360	
8	\$11,166	\$133,980	
For each additional person add			
	\$1,137		

Hello from SMART Reading!

April is National Volunteer Month, and while we're sad we can't celebrate in person, we want you to know how grateful we are for you. Thanks for sticking with us through this strange time. We eagerly await the time when we can all be together, enjoying stories together in person, and we'll keep you posted as soon as we know when that will be possible. Wishing you all a safe, happy and healthy spring!

What's Happening at Camas Valley: Book Distribution Update

Continuing to get books to kids at Camas Valley has truly been a highlight of this year. To date, we've given away 284 to 71 kiddos!





I am going to do the **Pyros Birthday Calendar** again this year. *I will need some help at times.*

- ◆ The prices are the same. It is \$5.00 per calendar and \$.50 per listing. If you have any changes or don't want to participate this year you will need to call me.
- ◆ If you are new and would like to participate please call me and we will get you and your family on the calendar.

This is a great fundraiser for the Pyros Fireworks show. We will need a photograph so if anyone has one they would like to submit let me know.

Thanks to all those who participate and help us have a great 4th of July fireworks show!

Mary Helen Banks
541-643-6317



It is coming! The annual Pyros production of the 4th of July fireworks display will be here sooner than you think— only 2 months until

Sunday, July 4th

Seems a little early to get excited? Then you have never experienced it. But it does take a lot of effort by the **Pyros** and the support of the community. If anyone would like to help in any way, call (you guessed it)

Mary Helen Banks
541-643-6317

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Of course, funding for land management and wildfire response is a mix of state and federal tax dollars. However, if Oregon policymakers fail to act on this wildfire crisis that sees harrowing evacuations, homes destroyed, and businesses interrupted, it's Oregonians who pay the true price.

SB 762 is in line with NFPA's Outthink Wildfire™, a call to end the destruction of communities by wild-

fire in 30 Years. SB 762 advances the right policies needed to begin retrofitting at-risk properties, constructing to wildfire safety codes, evaluating local response capacity, prioritizing land management needs, and educating the public on their role in reducing risk.

Oregon lawmakers should act to make sure it gets over the finish line this session.

www.nfpa.org/News-and-Research

OUTPOST



MOBILE FOOD CENTER

Camas Valley Fellowship parking lot

1:00-3:00 pm

April 8th & 22nd

(Thursdays of the 1st and 3rd full weeks of each month.)

For more information or to sign up, please contact

Teresa O'Sullivan at

541-492-3522,

or

Teresa.OSullivan@ucancap.org



"FREE" Community Clothes Closet

When: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, **first Thursday following the first Monday of the month.**

April 8th

Where: Parking lot of Camas Valley Christian Fellowship (alongside UCAN (mobile food bank, in front of the church).

How: Providing free clothes for the community.

Why: Because we love you!

For clothing emergencies please call (503) 302-6323.



Camas Valley Business Directory

To have your business included in the **Flame**, please fill out the form below and mail or email it to the address listed. *If you missed the opportunity to get your business listed, now is the time to get your information out before our readers!*

The directory will be printed when space allows through-out the year. We encourage our readers to patronize local businesses and support your neighbors!

Type of Business _____

Name of Business _____

Owner/ Contact person _____

Phone Number(s) _____

Days open _____

Hours open _____

Mail form to: Judith Wickham
150 Buck Springs Rd.
Camas Valley, OR 97416

Or email information to : jwickham52@gmail.com

Do you have a new business in the valley? Have you expanded your business services? Is there information about your business that you need to get out to valley residents? While **THE FLAME** is a non-profit publication and cannot advertise, we can *inform* our readers about what services you offer, changes in your business, etc.

Be sure to include contact information so I may get back to you for clarification.

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Alpacas, stock/fiber/
merchandise

**Turkey Gulch
Alpacas**
LaVon Newman
Sun.-Sat., 10-5
541-445-0804

Art, painting lessons

Lang Crk Studio
Kay Ganieany
Mon.-Thurs.,
by appt.
541-445-2001

Auto Repair

**C&C Diesel & Auto
Repair**
David Chadwick
M-F, 9-6
541-445-0005

Autobody repair/paint

**Green Collision
Repair/Horizon
Autobody**
Marvin &
DeVoogd
M-F, 8-5
541-679-6100

Beauty, health and gift

**Lord and Lady
Lavender**
Jerry Ashford
Online 24/7

lordandladylavender.com
Anytime
408-857-8782

Beauty shop

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**
Shari White
Nov. & Dec.
7 days/wk 9-4:30
541-445-2350/670-0458

Construction, building

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

Dump truck/rock haul

**Kevin Wilson
Trucking**
Kevin & Michelle
Wilson
541-670-6589
541-430-9851

Dump runs/yard help

Lanakila Peck
Open to calls
541-643-2313

Electrical Contractor

Alan Sabin Electric
Alan Sabin
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

Fire Equipment

**Dia-Cast Fire
Equipment**
Sales and Rentals
Don/Diane Casteel
541-643-8556

Garbage Disposal

**Camas Valley
Disposal**
Scott & Darla
Standley
Wkly. Wed. pick-up
541-445-2245
541-445-2055

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.com

Handyman, lawn/garden
equipment

Quiet Mtn. Tinker
Mike Moore
By appointment
541-580-2524

Health and wellness

**Plexus worldwide
Supplements**
Charman Shields
541-430-3600

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charmanshields

Honey bees

Phill the Bee Guy
Phill Moulton
phillthebeeguy@gmail.com
503-349-8463

Horses

Boarding/consult/train

**Blue & Gold
Stock Farm**
Every day, 10-5
541-430-4225

Housekeeping

Maid in the Shade
Lisa Muller
541-430-1974

Local Artist, consignment

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

Locksmith, keys /locks

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

Machine quilting

Quiet Mtn. Quilting
Missy Jackson
Appt/consult
541-696-5562 (h)
541-671-3174 (c)
Sew Fun
Linda Underhill
Call **541-580-2814**

Music

Parker Piano
Lessons for all ages
LeAnn Parker
541-671-3238

Notary/Post Office

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

Portable sawmill service

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

Real Estate, broker

**Berkshire Hatha-
way Homeservices
Real Estate
Professionals**
J.T. Berk
541-430-6078

Rental, Storage,

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

Sewer/underground
utilities/roads/pads

**Scott Standley
Const.**
Scott & Darla
Standley
Mon.-Sat., 8-5
541-445-2245

Shoe repair /leatherwork

Art's Shoe Repair
Joe Ferrara
T-F 9-5:30,
Sat. 9-5.
541-673-8541

Small engine repair

Hunt's Chainsaw
Theran Hunt
Mon.-Fri.
541-430-7283

I'm only wishing to go a-fishing;
 For this the month of May was
 made. —Henry Van Dyke

May

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 May Day 
2	3 Fire Dept. Training 7pm	4	5 Booster Club 6:30 pm At the CVFD	6 Mobile Food Cart 1-3 Fellowship Church lot Free clothing giveaway Church lot	7 No School Inservice day	8
9	10 Fire Dept. Bd. Mtg. 5 Fire Dept. Training 7pm	11	12	13	14 No School	15
16	17 Fire Dept. Training 7pm	18	19	20 Mobile Food Cart 1-3 Fellowship School Bd. Mtg. 7 pm	21 No School	22
23	24	25 Flame Deadline	26	27	28 No School	29
30	31 MEMORIAL DAY 					

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>Sunday</u> Morning Worship 10:00 am & Sunday School <u>Monday</u>	<u>Sunday</u> Morning Worship 9:00 am & Children's Sunday School Fellowship 10:00 am w/ beverages and snacks
<u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study 10:00 am	Intercessory Prayer 9:00 am Youth Group 6:30 pm	

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 Camas Valley, OR 97416

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