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It's time we radically rethink how we handle wildfire

IN A RECENT INTERVIEW with the Washington Post, Char Miller, a professor of environmental analysis at Pomona College in California who has written widely on wildfire in the United States, was asked who's responsible for managing the country's wildfires. “Everybody is,” he replied.

With no single entity in charge, any one of a number of agencies can take control of a fire, depending on who the land belongs to. “And that shifts, fire to fire—it's a very complicated system,” Miller said. Stakeholders range from communities and counties to states, the US Forest Service, and the federal Bureau of Land Management—and, of course, private landowners. Perspectives can vary, priorities don't always align, and resources are a constant issue. “You can see the dilemmas and the dimensions of this problem, which is not easy to fix and not easy to fully understand,” Miller said. “It complicates fire management on the one hand and, when the fires are gone, [land] management on the other.”

While the Forest Service has demonstrated its skill at building coalitions among these actors, Miller added, “fire cuts through those kinds of relationships and exposes the flaws.”

The historic 2020 California wildfires exposed an array of divisions. As the state wrestled with a series of mas-

sive and intense wildfires—including five of the six largest wildfires in its history—the Trump Administration blamed the size and severity of the blazes on California's “forest management” practices. State officials, including Gov. Gavin Newsom, countered that the problem was more complex than that and was being driven by forces that included climate change. Experts, meanwhile, pointed out that much of the land impacted by the state's largest fires was actually under federal management.

Malcolm North, a forest ecologist at the University of California, Davis, has urged a more comprehensive approach to defining the problem. “One camp is saying it's all climate change driven, and the other is saying it's all forest management,” North told the New York Times. “The reality is that it's both. I get kind of frustrated at this all-or-nothing type of approach.”

Regardless how the debate is framed, some kind of new, radical, big-picture reassessment of our response to wildfire is critically necessary, since the consensus among many experts is that our current approach isn't working and hasn't worked for the last century. This may mean a more streamlined agency alignment for land management, fire suppression, and emergency services. It almost certainly means a large and deliberate step away from our continued

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Thanks for supporting them.

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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:

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

focus on fire suppression in the name of protecting property, and a fierce and rapid embrace of a new kind of fire management.

It will also mean adopting a resolute willingness to say no to new development in fire-prone areas. A 2018 study prepared for the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences estimated that about one in three homes in the US are now located in the wildland/urban interface, or WUI. Miller has placed the number at about 34 million households, while the analytics firm Verisk estimated last year that 4.5 million of the homes located in the WUI faced high or extreme risk of wildfire. Two million of those were in California.

Despite ongoing catastrophes—including the near-total destruction of Paradise, California, in the 2018 Camp Fire—communities around the country insist on developing areas that are historically prone to wildfire. “Zoning commissions and planning boards have got to stop building subdivisions in landscapes they know from the get-go are high-severity fire zones,” Miller said. “If we could get them to do that, we’d have the most effective mitigation strategy, which is not to put people in the way.”

Even then, though, any new relationship we create with wildfire will need to accept that we’re playing catch-up; it’s less about waging war with an implacable foe than it is learning to live with an elemental force. “Whatever kind of management we do,” Miller said, “know that it’s only going to be partially successful.”

-Scott Sutherland



Camas Valley Wants You! Three of you, actually!

There are three open positions on the **Camas Valley Volunteer Fire Department Fire Board**. Qualifications:

- ♦ live within the fire district,
- ♦ can attend monthly board meetings (comfy chairs!),
- ♦ care about your community.

This would be a real standout on a resume/college application.

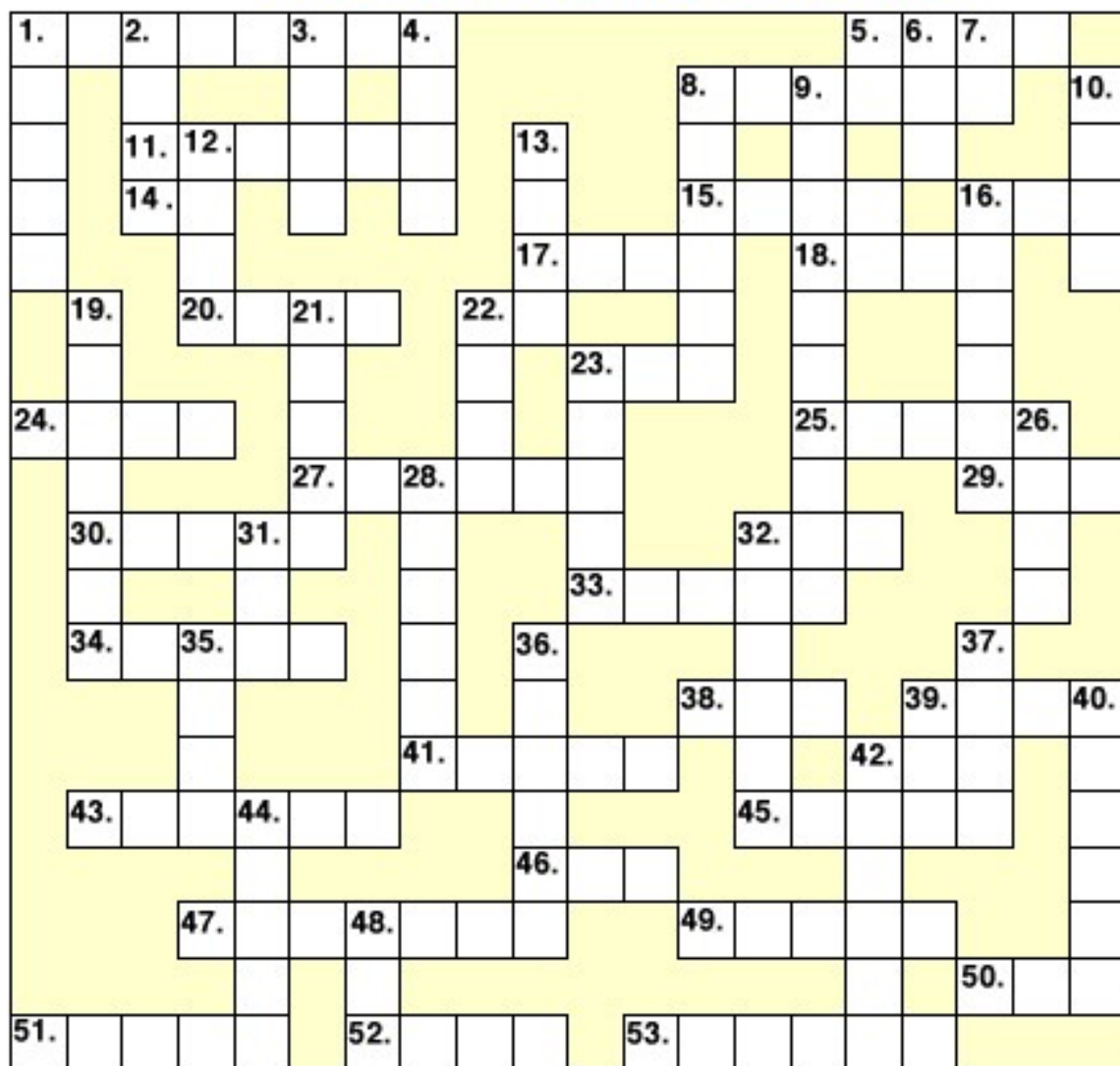
Applications may be secured from the **Douglas County Election Board** and are available to be submitted until March 18, 2021. Elections will be held in May.

WHITE CHOCOLATE AND LEMON SCONES

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| 2 c. all purpose flour | 6 T. unsalted butter |
| 1/4 c. sugar | 1/2 c. white chocolate chips |
| 2 tsp. baking powder | 1 c. sour cream |
| 1/2 tsp. baking soda | 3/4 c. water, divided |
| 1/2 tsp. salt | |
| 1 T. grated fresh lemon peel | |

Preheat oven to 425°. Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and lemon peel. Cut butter into dry ingredients. Stir in white chocolate chips. Stir 1/2 cup water into sour cream until smooth. Pour into dry ingredients until just moistened, adding remaining 1/4 cup water if needed. Turn out onto lightly floured surface and knead 4-6 times. Pat out to 3/4" thick. Cut out rounds and place 1" apart on lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 12 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 12 scones. Best when cooled, if you can wait that long!

JUMBO CROSSWORD



Down:

1. Part of a flower
2. What you scratch
3. ___n' roll
4. Opposite of future
5. Hot ___ cold
6. Fox's home
7. Take ___ or leave ___
8. Easter _____
9. Easter treats
10. Jesus was buried in this
12. Speed competition
13. Spring month
16. Hare
19. Appears after the rain
21. You play these
22. Look for
23. Spring month
26. Easter flower
28. A season
31. Shake head
32. Easter colour
35. Tidy
36. Goodies
37. Beginning of leaves
39. Boy's name
40. Reach destination
42. Easter hat
44. ___ and field
48. Baby goat

Across:

- | | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. One bit of water falling from the clouds | 22. Opposite of she | 41. Spring colour |
| 5. Garfield's dog friend | 23. Spring month | 42. Resting place |
| 8. Confidential | 24. Discover | 43. Baby cat |
| 11. Early spring flower | 25. Spring month | 45. Forests |
| 14. Laughing sound | 27. Spring holiday | 46. Bath _____ |
| 15. 12:00 p.m. | 29. _____ top | 47. Easter or picnic _____ |
| 16. Outer edge | 30. Jelly _____ | 49. Hides eggs |
| 17. Be in want | 32. Opposite of no | 50. Colouring agent |
| 18. Coca _____ | 33. Easter bunny does this with eggs | 51. Baby chicken |
| 20. Easter bunny hides these | 34. Breezy | 52. Water bird |
| | 38. Ginger _____ | 53. Passes out momentarily |
| | 39. Musical instrument | |

OUTPOST



MOBILE FOOD CENTER

Camas Valley Fellowship parking lot

1:00-3:00 pm

March 4th and 18th

(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.**

March 4th

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

Any sufficiently advanced Technology is indistinguishable from magic.

- Arthur C. Clarke

March

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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| | 1 Fire Dept. Training 7pm | 2 | 3 Booster Club 6:30 pm At the CVFD | 4 Mobile Food Cart 1-3 Fellowship Church lot Free clothing giveaway | 5 No School | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Fire Dept. Bd. Mtg. 5 Fire Dept. Training 7pm | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 No School Inservice day | 13 |
| 14 Daylight Savings begins  | 15 Fire Dept. Training 7pm | 16 | 17 St. Patrick's Day  | 18 Mobile Food Cart 1-3 Fellowship Church lot Fire Board applications due School Bd. Mtg. 7 pm | 19 No School | 20 1st day of Spring  |
| 21 | 22 Fire Dept. Training 7pm | 23 | 24 | 25 Flame Deadline | 26 | 27 Passover begins |
| ← Spring Break → | | | | | | |
| 28 Palm Sunday  | 29 | 30 | 31 | | | |

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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