

OBITUARIES

Michele (Gibbons) Floyd

April 23, 1966 — July 8, 2016

Michele never forgot a birthday, a special event, or a good bottle of wine.

If you knew Michele, you knew her bright smile, joyous laugh and the twinkle in her eye. She was usually up to something fun.

Born April 23, 1966, Michele lived most of her life in Puyallup, Washington. At Puyallup High School, Michele met her future husband, Dan.

Dan and Michele had two sons, Devin and Alex, who they raised with resolute love and support. She loved being The Momma. And she'd learned from the best — her own momma, Joan.

Michele built a 30-year career and lifelong friends at Harborstone Credit Union in Tacoma. While family, friends and career were in Puyallup, her heart was here in Cannon Beach, which she fell in love with nearly 25 years earlier. Eventually she and Dan bought their own place here, and in no time, they found themselves here nearly every weekend. Last year, in a moment of clarity, she and Dan quit their jobs, sold their home and permanently moved to Cannon Beach — the place where they were both happiest, and where Michele's spirit will always live.



Michele Floyd

She adored her Cannon Beach friends and community, and put her generous nature to work at local events and causes, including Friends of Haystack Rock, Savor NW Wine, and Hood to Coast Relay. Michele also quickly found a new place to put her organizational prowess to work, at TLC Credit Union in Astoria and Seaside, where she found another team of colleagues to love.

Michele passed away peacefully on July 8, 2016, and is missed dearly by her husband, Dan Floyd; sons Devin Floyd of Seattle and Alex Floyd of Eugene; her mother, Joan Stubblefield of Puyallup; brother Erik Gibbons (Kristi) of Puyallup; and many much-loved nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends she considered family. She was preceded in death by her stepfather, Keith Stubblefield.

Michele chose happiness, gratitude and living life to the fullest. The best tribute you could pay her is to do the same for yourself.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that remembrances be made in Michele Floyd's name to OHSU in support of myeloma and amyloidosis research. Please visit www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/foundation

Death notice

June 28, 2016

PLYTER, Duane A., 76, of Milton-Freewater, formerly of Astoria and Warrenton, died at home. At his request, there is no service. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home of Milton-Freewater is in charge of the arrangements.

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Don't drive your car to fires, firefighters told

Training from Page 1A

"The board and I are looking out for citizens," he said. "If something happens, it only takes one individual to not do the right thing and ruin it for everyone else and the district."

Benedict said making the change was one step toward "cleaning up" and aligning policy with the state.

"This area is one of the last agencies I think in the state that go directly to the scene instead of the fire station," Benedict said. "We just need to start moving forward."

Board member Bob Cerelli said firefighters asked him about the new policy.

"Part of the beauty of our system is quick response, and some of that quick response is personal vehicles," Cerelli said.

Special Districts Association of Oregon recommended to disallow personal vehicle use years ago, Benedict said. The policy would not significantly affect fire call response times.

Personal vehicles, especially with lights, could confuse tourists, he added.

Learning to rescue in water, flight

Benedict said trainings have had high volunteer participation and teamwork.

"Working together as a team is what I really like to see," he said.



CANNON BEACH FIRE AND RESCUE

A Coast Guard helicopter hovers at Cannon Beach during a rescue July 14.

The fire district had its first water rescue team drill of the year in July, with firefighters taking turns rescuing a dummy from the ocean.

At the Arch Cape fire station, firefighters completed Life Flight training to learn to safely land a helicopter.

Before retiring, former Captain Mark Morgan instructed rope rescue training.

Rescue efforts paid off July 14 as firefighters, lifeguards, police and the Coast Guard teamed to rescue an

individual stranded on a rock at high tide.

In June, the station responded to 26 EMS calls, nine fire calls and one rescue call for a broken ankle at Indian Beach. Firefighters also assisted with a Hamlet structural fire.

Officers elected

Board officers were elected at the July 11 meeting, the first of the fiscal year. All officers were re-elected: president Sharon Clyde, vice-pres-

ident and secretary Garry Smith, and treasurer Linda Beck-Sweeney. In April, the officers' positions were subjected to a recall vote following the dismissal of former Fire Chief Mike Balzer. The recall failed.

The fire station's 25-year-old roof may need complete replacement soon. Moisture has been coming from the ceiling and walls, Benedict said, and the station will look into hiring a roofer and contractor.

LETTERS

Help is available

Help with heating and cooling is available. To let all our Clatsop County residents know: Clatsop Community Action's Energy Assistance Program has funding under the state's Oregon Energy Assistance Program for those who are in danger of having their electrical service disconnected due to home heating costs. CCA also has some additional new funding resources this year that may help with cooling your home.

Please call or come into CCA to see if you might be eligible for these great low-income programs at 364 Ninth St. The phone number is

503-325-1400, and the hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to noon Friday.

Elaine Bruce
Executive director, Clatsop Community Action
Astoria

Torture not funny

To the people of Cannon Beach: Recently I visited your city. Although there is, in general, a welcoming atmosphere I had an unfortunate experience in the parking lot of one of the city's restaurants. I am hopeful you will see it as a serious matter you need to confront if it continues in your midst.

There was a car in the parking lot with two signs on

it. One, on the bumper, only presents a problem of civility. It said "Up yours Hillary Clinton." The other was different: it said "I love waterboarding." That required a response, so I wrote a brief note, but he was gone before I could give it to him, or leave it on his car.

This is the note, and I hope it will produce some thoughtful consideration in the Cannon Beach community. The note read as follows:

I stand in awe, and I am

humbled. I did not know anyone could display such malicious ignorance. Your lack of civility undermines what so many have sacrificed in our courts, and on battlefields to secure for all of us. When waterboarding becomes "due process of law," we sink to the level of the very totalitarians we have faced so often. You might read the Bill of Rights as a place to begin your education.

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