

'A huge loss' for the community

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Looking for adventure

Boone grew up in Portland and joined the fledgling Hamlet Rural Fire Department in 1975, a year after he moved to the area.

He did not have prior firefighting experience, but joined the department because he was a young man looking for adventure in his life.

Boone stuck with it because he had "a personal conviction that everyone needs to give back to their community in some way or another," he said in a 2015 interview with the Seaside Signal's Katherine Lacaze. "I volunteered with them at that point, and then I just stayed with it."

Boone was chairman of the Hamlet Rural Fire Protection District board in the 1980s, a position he relinquished when he was promoted to chief in 1991.

During his time as chief, Boone oversaw the construction and remodeling of buildings, firefighter training, and the purchase of vehicles and equipment, among services to the community.

"Under his guidance, the department saw tremendous growth in equipment, facilities, and personnel," Verley said.

In 2008, he was among those recognized by the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners for his "significant contributions" to the county following windstorms during the Great Coastal Gale of 2007.

In 2014, Boone helped assemble a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that allowed the purchase of the department's first new fire apparatus, a custom built 3,000-gallon water tender.

In April 2015, Boone was recognized for his service during the monthly Hamlet community potluck dinner, with about 60 people in attendance.

He was given an antique fire nozzle, polished and mounted on a piece of wood containing a placard engraved with a thank you for dedicating "40 years and counting" to the community.

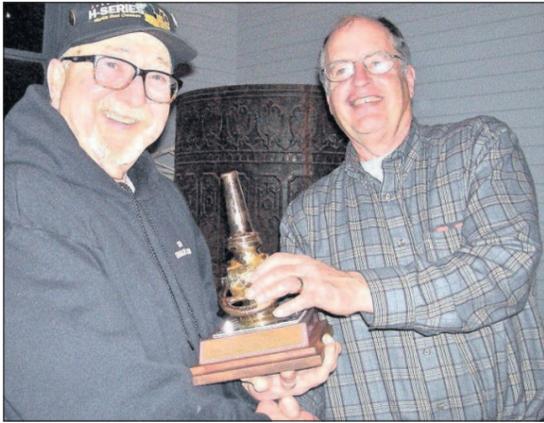
'Part of a team'

Verley met Boone about 14 years ago, when both were on construction jobs, he said.

"I was working on a house and Bill was working on a neighboring house," Verley



Hamlet Fire Chief Bill Boone, third from left, is pictured with the rest of the Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department during a monthly community potluck in 2015.



Paul Weaver, chairman of the board for the Hamlet Historical Schoolhouse, left, presents Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department Chief Bill Boone with a special award as a thank you for the "40 years and counting" that Boone has served the community through the agency.

said. "He walked over and he made a pitch for the fire department."

The centerpiece of Hamlet Fire, the Necanicum fire station, was designed and built under Bill's watch, Verley said.

Boone spent almost every Wednesday at the fire station, taking care of small maintenance items, paperwork, planning drills, and all the details necessary to keep the department running smoothly, Verley said.

"I really enjoyed working with Bill," Verley said. "He was fair and thorough. He really made everyone feel appreciated and he made you feel a part of the team."

Daniels praised Boone's mutual aid efforts. "As chief of Hamlet, they'd always send people needed. He was running a business. It was a

lot for him, but he'd never say no. He'd always be there."

Dale Kamrath, Seaside fire chief from 2007 to 2012, later moved to Hamlet where he served as a firefighter volunteer. He called Boone's efforts "flat-out amazing."

"In the 10 years I've known him, he's always gone out of his way to help anybody, whether it was fire service or personal."

Celebration of life

After Boone was diagnosed with cancer in 2016 and unable to actively serve, Verley was named chief and Boone assistant chief, a position he served until early this year.

When Boone first joined the department, there was a strong sense of community in the town.

Some of that was lost over the years, he said, but there

has been a resurgence of community spirit, including the reinstatement of potluck dinners, which are held the second Saturday of each month, and holiday events.

"There are a million different ways to do it, but this is just the way I've chosen," he said in 2015.

Boone specifically said he wasn't interested in a big celebration or a lot of fanfare, Verley said. "He wasn't interested in glory — he was interested in helping his fellow human beings."

Cleve Rooper, Cannon Beach fire chief from 1996 to 2011, remembered Boone as a builder, contractor, carpenter, boat operator, fly fisherman and a really good friend.

"He was a very accomplished man, a very good friend," Rooper said. "He was a great fire chief, community member, a great family man and contributed a lot to the community. And he died way too young. He will be sorely missed."

A memorial dinner for Boone for Hamlet firefighters past and present will be held at an upcoming date.

Boone's family is planning a celebration of life, Verley said.

Designing schools for the Big One

Dougherty co-authors resiliency paper

By R.J. Marx
 Cannon Beach Gazette

Seaside's Doug Dougherty will be among the presenters at a major national event — the Eleventh U.S. National Conference on Earthquake Engineering: Integrating Science, Engineering and Policy, June 25-29, in Los Angeles.

The former Seaside School District superintendent led the effort to raise awareness of the district's at-risk schools in the event of a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami. Dougherty and others developed and promoted a 2016 measure successfully raising \$99.7 million for new schools outside of the tsunami zone.

Dougherty achieved national attention in the Pulitzer Prize-winning New Yorker piece "The Really Big One," by Kathryn Schulz. He was also extensively profiled in Bonnie Henderson's "The Next Tsunami," which chronicles his efforts to build safer schools.

Dougherty, who retired from the district in 2016, serves

on the Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission and is working on Senate Bill 850 to develop the Mass Care and Shelter plan for Oregon. Dougherty co-authored "Oregon Schools Face 'The Really Big One: Advancing School-Centered Community Resilience,'" with researchers Yumei Wang and Ted Wolf.

Wang is an engineer at the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. Wolf is a writer and advocate with interests in sustainability, natural history, and earthquake safety.

The report comes after 25 years of state investments to make schools safer. More than \$310 million has been spent toward retrofits of K-12 buildings, completing projects in more than 80 school districts since 2009.

The report presents case studies from three statewide perspectives: Portland's aging buildings; adopting resilient design in Beaverton; and facing tsunami risk in Seaside.

One of the goals of the Seaside school bond, Dougherty said in a 2016 interview, was to use the a new campus facility to act as an emergency shelter.

The new buildings will be built to safely withstand a 9.0 earthquake, he said.



Locations of existing Seaside schools and new K-12 campus, showing elevations and maximum extent of tsunami inundation zone.

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