

We're part of a community that responds at times of need

On Dec. 2, 2007, the people of Cannon Beach Community Church were enjoying our annual Christmas Pageant on a Sunday morning when the power went out just as the last angel was walking off the stage at the end of the worship service. So began the longest and largest community potluck in the history of Cannon Beach, a six-day feast that fed more than 2,000 people at the Cannon Beach community shelter that week of the Great Coastal Gale.

During previous decade, Cannon Beach Community Church had been preparing for such an event, working closely with the American Red Cross, the city of Cannon Beach, and Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue, developing detailed emergency plans, including a shelter agreement with the Red Cross, and installation of gas-powered portable generator hook-ups to power the church building during an emergency. In December 2006, we opened as a community shelter for the first time during a four-day power outage, a helpful rehearsal for what came a year later.

On Monday, Dec. 3, 2007, Community Church was the first shelter to open in Clatsop County. A

GUEST COLUMN

DAVID ROBINSON
Lead Pastor, Cannon Beach
Community Church

portable generator provided by the city of Cannon Beach powered the lights and heat in the church building. Marlene Laws and my wife, Trina Robinson, brought the first meal Monday afternoon to begin the week-long community potluck.

Volunteers, including members of Community Church and residents of Cannon Beach, ran the community shelter in Cannon Beach. Rose Mays stepped in to serve as community shelter director. Registered nurses from Clatsop County Health Department, including Margo Lalich and Trina Robinson helped to see that the shelter offered a healthy environment for all guests.

Local citizens brought in food as a grand community potluck serving 200 to 500 people per day. Mid-week, local restaurants began providing food to feed shelter guests, with food donations from the Wayfarer, Pig 'N Pancake, Bella Espresso, Seasons, Sleepy Monk

Coffee, Fultano's, EVOO, Tolovana Inn, Mariner Market, and the Arch Cape Deli.

I recall Josh Archibald, executive chef at the Wayfarer serving up halibut Steverino and stuffed mushrooms at one of the dinners. Shelter guests broke out with applause as food was served meal after meal at the Shelter during this storm.

Over 75 volunteers worked 300 hours to staff the Cannon Beach Community Shelter, including public health employees, Coast Guard airmen, local residents, and members of Community Church. There was a festive mood among the guests at the shelter, with gratitude for a warm, lighted place to gather during one of the longest power outages in recent history. Guests included senior citizens, Seaside residents working in Cannon Beach, fire-rescue volunteers, state troopers, public health employees, Pacific Power linemen, guests from hotels, low-income families, pet owners and their pets, and people with disabilities.

The shelter was closed on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2007, when power was restored to most of Cannon Beach.

In the 10 years since the Great Coastal Gale, Community Church

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has made some major steps towards improving services during an emergency. We installed a gas range that work in a power outage. We partnered with our local ham radio operators to install ham radio equipment for use at the church during an emergency.

We partnered with the city of Cannon Beach to create a community shelter agreement with shelter supplies provided by the city and stored at the church. Mike Clark donated a natural gas generator that was permanently installed at Community Church to provide power for light and warmth during future emergencies. We again have partnered with the American Red Cross to open the church building as a Red Cross emergency shelter in any emergency.

As lead pastor of Cannon Beach Community Church, I was delight-

ed with the weeklong community potluck we witnessed 10 years ago, and the hospitality that welcomed people so warmly. I am grateful for the people of Cannon Beach Community Church along with the citizens of Cannon Beach who know how to step up and generously care for others during difficult times.

I celebrate our many community volunteers who help others, including those in the local church, those who serve in emergency preparedness or as community emergency response team volunteers, and those who volunteer with our fire/rescue districts. There are hundreds of people who volunteer faithfully, helping us be more prepared along the north Oregon coast for the next great coastal gale, as well as for the even bigger danger of the Cascadia zone earthquake/tsunami. Our community volunteers are like angels walking among us, bringing light in the darkness.

David Robinson has been lead pastor of Cannon Beach Community Church since 1993. He is author of numerous books on spirituality including "Ancient Paths: Discover Christian Formation the Benedictine Way" (Paraclete, 2010).

OBITUARIES

William Walter Boone

Hamlet

Aug. 17, 1951 — Nov. 4, 2017

William Walter Boone passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his wife and children, on Nov. 4, 2017. Born on Aug. 17, 1951, and raised in Portland, William (Bill) was the third child of four born to Harold and Virginia Boone. His older sisters, Debra and Carol Lee, welcomed his arrival, and a couple of years later he was followed by his brother, Daniel.

Bill grew up boating, whitewater kayaking, and fishing on Oregon rivers. At age 19, he spent a summer traveling solo in Europe, and upon his return home, attended the University of Oregon in Eugene.

Bill worked as a cook at Rian's Fish House in Portland in the early 1970s, where he met his wife, Deborah, who worked there as a waitress. In 1974, Bill and Debby married and moved into an old house near Hamlet that underwent a slow and consistent remodeling project for nearly 40 years. Their daughter, Wendy, was born in 1978, and their son, Peter, in 1981.

Bill was a dedicated parent to both children, teaching them to work hard, to be patient, to respect all beings, and to serve their community however they can. When his young daughter finally convinced him that she needed a horse, Bill cleared a pasture, taught her how to build a fence, and bought her two horses. When his son, Peter, wanted a cabin, they designed and built a cabin on skids that they could move around the property with an old Allis Chalmers dozer.

Bill also coached soccer teams for both kids, and spent countless hours watching games in the wind and rain. He was a great listener, and gently helped his kids with subtle advice and wise counsel as they grew up and navigated a challenging world.

Bill began working construction for a local builder soon after moving to the area, and learned to be a skilled carpenter and craftsman. A natural entrepreneur, he operated Charlie Creek Supply, selling building materials, and then started Boone Construction Inc. in 1976. The business successfully weathered the economic ups and downs for 40 years until his retirement in June 2016, and the many beautiful homes he built and remodeled for his clients can be found along the coast from Manzanita to Gearhart.

Many of his clients became good friends, as they found themselves connected to Bill far beyond the business relationship. A capable man, he was also a self-taught plumber, electrician, sport logger, mechanic, road builder, bridge builder, and thanks to his young daughter, occasional horse wrangler.

Bill joined the Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department in 1975, and became fire chief in 1991. He served as chief until he retired from the department in 2016, thus ending a 40-plus year career with the volunteer fire service. Bill believed strongly in a sense of civic duty, and shared this commitment to public service with both of his own children, as well as oth-

er young people in the community.

A natural leader with a calm and quiet hand, his tenure as chief oversaw expansion of the department, the construction of two fire stations, and steady upgrading of equipment. Over the years, he helped thousands of people at hundreds of emergency scenes, and was a comforting presence for those in need of help.

Bill loved good food, and he liked to cook. Dinner was often the highlight of his day, whether he was out at a restaurant or cooking it himself, and he enjoyed teaching his kids how to cook. He also loved live music, especially the blues, and was a regular attendee, with his children and granddaughter most years, at the annual Waterfront Blues Festival in Portland. He was a familiar face at small live music venues in the area, and always enjoyed a good show.

He taught his children to love the outdoors, wildlife, and the forest environment. Both fondly recall time in the woods with Dad falling trees, moving logs, cutting firewood, clearing ditches, watching animals and learning to identify their tracks, picking mushrooms, and tending newly planted trees.

He had his favorite trees, old giants that he watched change and grow over the years, and he carried a wealth of knowledge about the many different varieties that grow on his property. Bill loved his property, which he called "the place," but at the same time he recognized that it wasn't just his. It belonged to all the living things that inhabited it, and he was just one of those things.

Bill loved to fish, and enjoyed vacations in his middle and later years to Mexico and Canada to fish and enjoy life with friends and family. Despite these storied and much-enjoyed trips, he was just as happy to wade the rivers at home with a fly rod. He taught his son Peter to fish for salmon and steelhead, and although a good fish was always celebrated, he also taught his son to truly appreciate a day on the water even if no fish were involved. Bill loved spending time on his boat, and especially enjoyed an overnight voyage up the Columbia River with his granddaughter, Jacqui. His children both have wonderful memories of fishing with Dad, and both learned to love the outdoors as much as he did. Bill took up elk hunting when he and Debby moved to the coast, and because of his love for animals, he was selective about the animals he chose to harvest. He would drive his son nuts by passing up legal bulls if he thought they would be old and tough, or difficult to pack out.

Bill had many friends from all walks of life, and was loved by many. He loved a good story, whether he was telling or listening, and loved to share a good laugh. He was much loved and will be dearly missed.

Memorial donations can be made to the Hamlet Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 765, Seaside, OR 97138.



William "Bill" Boone



David H. Burns

Terrebonne

Sept. 24, 1941 — Nov. 20, 2017

David H. Burns of Terrebonne, Oregon, passed away Nov. 20, 2017, following a courageous battle against ALS. He was 76.

Born in South Bend, Washington, on Sept. 24, 1941, David moved several times as a boy, spending time in Minnesota and North Dakota, before he ended up living in Oregon logging camps as a teen. He graduated from Forest Grove High School.

David was a U.S. Navy sonar technician during the Vietnam era. Upon his discharge, he continued his education at Portland Community College and Portland State University. He later became a correspondent for the Oregon Journal newspaper.

He and his family lived many years on the Oregon coast in Seaside and Cannon Beach, and he and his wife, Susie, were business owners in Astoria during the early 1980s. In the 1990s, David was the co-manager of Osburn's Grocery & Deli in Cannon Beach.

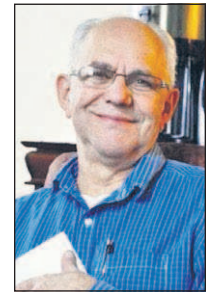
He later became an award-winning real estate agent in Clatsop County. David was a published novelist as well; he spent his entire life writing, and was an avid reader.

He is survived by his loving wife and life mate of 48 years, Susie; their two daughters, Lisa Burns Palmer (Aaron) and Jami Burns Barker (Scott); two grandchildren, Sophie Elle Palmer and Henry David Palmer; a sister, Darlene Winnett (Bill) of Gilbert, Arizona; a brother, James "Bud" Burns (Donna) of Hillsboro, Oregon; as well as nieces and nephews.

David was a beloved member of his church and community, and will be deeply missed by his family and all who had the honor of knowing him.

A memorial service is scheduled for Dec. 9, 2017, at 3 p.m., at Redmond Christian Church.

A memorial website can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/DHBurns>



David Burns

LETTERS

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A leader to make us proud

Clatsop County Commissioner Lianne Thompson has earned our respect, gratitude and admiration. I have observed her work tirelessly on a variety of projects that benefit the citizens of Clatsop County, including economic development, affordable housing and community emergency response preparations.

My experience is that she always presents herself very professionally and passionately. I particularly appreciate her emphases on community service built on trust, honesty and integrity. She strives to understand a situation thoroughly, and another's point of view, before effectively communicating her own, resulting in meaningful and rewarding collaborations.

Commissioner Thompson has truly embraced her responsibilities to the county and its constituents by helping to emulate the proper roles we should expect from our elected representatives. She holds herself, and therefore the county, accountable for their actions, and has always sought to involve stakeholders rather than exclude them from the public process.

I appreciate how she respects the diversity within

our county with relation to us as individuals, and within the various business sectors of our community. Commissioner Thompson's inclusiveness and compassion for a diverse group of stakeholders is a trademark of her interactions, a sign of her strengths and wisdom as a trailblazer, and the type of leader that makes our community a special place to live, work and show pride.

Mark Morgans
Cannon Beach

Too bright at night

The article "Good night, night: Light pollution increasing around globe," (Nov. 22, The Daily Astorian) inspires us to urge the city of Cannon Beach to keep in mind the findings described in the article should it consider replacement of street lighting in the interest of saving money. The lighting that has been employed by Breakers Point serves as a good example of the problems that LED lighting presents. As the article explains, though cheaper than amber lighting, LED beams do not light an area as well as the present amber street lighting does.

Since we walk to the beach before daylight, we have noticed that the LED lights at Breakers Point are

blinding, partly because the covers are transparent and hence fail to shield the lights adequately and partly because of the bright white illumination.

In keeping with the efforts of the city of Cannon Beach to protect birds nesting on the rocks by prohibiting fireworks on July Fourth, we suggest that the dark sky be protected as a part of the environment that contributes to the ecology of Cannon Beach. As the article points out, wildlife is disoriented by excessive light during the hours of darkness.

According to a Ketchum, Idaho, newspaper report, that community faces a similar challenge to preserve the dark sky in the interests of attracting tourism. Cannon Beach has become an attractive destination because of the natural beauty of the area. The city of Cannon Beach should consider strengthening the present dark sky ordinance and study the effects of new lighting technology on the environment before its adoption in the future.

Rex and Diane Amos
Cannon Beach

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Monday, Dec. 11

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., 188 Sunset, Cannon Beach.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Seaside School District Board of Directors, 6 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Cannon Beach Public Works Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Cannon Beach Design Review Board Meeting, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Thursday, Dec. 28

Cannon Beach Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.



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