

# County at 83 confirmed COVID-19 cases to date

Health Dept. reports one hospitalized, monitoring 12 active cases countywide

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Tillamook County Community Health Centers reports that as of noon Friday, Nov. 13, there are eight new confirmed positive COVID-19 cases, bringing the county to a total of 83 confirmed positive cases. There are currently 12 active cases and 21 contacts, so there are 33 individuals

being monitored. There is one new presumptive case. As of Nov. 13, the county is at 95 total cases, with the 83 confirmed positive and 12 total presumptive cases. One person is currently hospitalized. According to Oregon Health Authority, 3,963 negative tests have been completed for Tillamook County. There have been no COVID-19 related deaths in

the county. "Public health is still not releasing specific information on zip codes in our area or sharing areas of the county where we identify positive cases to protect privacy [and] confidentiality," Tillamook County Community Health Centers Administrator Marlene Putman said in a county leadership meeting Nov. 13. "We know that in our small

community, it can be pretty easy for folks to identify or incorrectly identify people that may have COVID-19." Adventist Health Tillamook President Eric Swanson said in the meeting that the hospital's personal protective equipment is in good supply. Adventist Health's Region One hospital – which includes the Tillamook, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah and

more– ICU bed capacity is down to 15 beds, with 13 in Portland and two in Tillamook. The region's bed capacity is getting full with flu season and COVID-19. "We'll continue to monitor that," Swanson said. Commissioner David Yamamoto asked during the meeting if it was possible the Tillamook hospital could get transfers from other areas for

COVID-19 care. Swanson said it was unlikely Tillamook would be sent a COVID-19 patient. "It's really unlikely that that's going to happen," Swanson said. "They're working in Portland to open up some bed capacity to help resolve that." Send comments to: headlightreporter@countrymedia.net

## STARTING TO OPEN



Neah-Kah-Nie School District administrative offices. Photo by Hilary Dorsey

## SCHOOL LEADERS PLANNING FOR JAN. 11 START FOR ONSITE/HYBRID MODEL AT NKN DISTRICT

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Neah-Kah-Nie School District is eligible under the new guidance of the Oregon Department of Education's Ready Schools, Safe Learners to return to in-person instruction. Schools plan to move to onsite or hybrid models on Monday, Jan. 11. Neah-Kah-Nie School District staff have been trained on contact tracing, cleaning, mask wearing, screening themselves and students, COVID-19 responses in schools, washing hands and physical distancing as part of the preparation of getting back into class. School staff is organizing their work to train families and students on the new procedures so they are ready to go onsite or through a hybrid model on Jan. 11. Garibaldi Grade School is currently in comprehensive distance learning with limited in-person learning for 42 students currently in grades K-5. Principal Janmarie Nugent said the school began the limited in-person learning on Monday, Nov. 2, and has continued to add to the number of students they are bringing back to the building. "We have five cohorts of students that are here from 1.5 hours up to two hours, depending on the cohort," Nugent said. "We are continuing to add to the number of students for limited in-person instruction as needed."

The school is working on videos for students and families to view in order to help prepare them for the changes in the school's arrival/dismissal procedures, screening and more. Nehalem Elementary School Principal Kristi Woika said the school is currently in comprehensive distance learning with limited in-person learning for about 20 students K-5. They began the limited in-person learning on Nov. 2. "All my classroom teachers have 1-4 students back in their classrooms two days per week for two hours each day for limited in-person learning," Woika said. Right now, the school is trying to increase limited in-person instruction capacity to allow for more students onsite but is moving slowly and safely to do that, Woika added. Both Nehalem Elementary School and Garibaldi Grade School are in the process of gathering parent input through a survey they put out to firm up enrollment for onsite and to see if there is interest in an online only model program for K-5 for when the schools return to onsite learning. Neah-Kah-Nie Middle School Principal Lori Dilbeck said the school is currently in comprehensive distance learning with limited in-person learning for about 23 students.

The school has two academic cohorts: one comes from 9-11 a.m. and the other from 1-3 p.m. "In addition to the two academic cohorts, today we are starting a third cohort for students to attend activities after school from 4-5:30 p.m.," Dilbeck said. While in comprehensive distance learning, the school is hoping to increase its limited in-person learning to support more students, Dilbeck added. "Our plan moving forward is to move to a hybrid model of instruction where half of the students, cohort A will attend onsite Mondays and Wednesdays, and the other half of the student, cohort B, will attend onsite learning on Tuesdays and Thursdays," Dilbeck said. "All students will attend their classes via Zoom meetings when they are not onsite." All students at Neah-Kah-Nie High School are currently enrolled in comprehensive distance learning. Their classes are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday. All classes utilize the Google Classroom structure and Zoom or Google Meets to have virtual face-to-face sessions. "On Friday, we hold intervention classes to support students with credit recovery needs and our Advisory class, which focuses on college and career readiness, social emotional learning and study skills," Principal Heidi

Buckmaster said. "We dedicate time daily for office hours and parent contact to provide extra support in navigating these systems." Buckmaster said some students are participating in limited in-person instruction. The school has two general sessions from 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. There are also other sessions at varying times throughout the day. "We have also reopened for athletics and activities after school Monday, Wednesday and Friday for small groups," Buckmaster said. Thirty-five students are currently participating in limited in-person instruction with an additional 30 students in the process of being scheduled, Buckmaster added. Students have been prioritized if they need support with attendance, connectivity, specially designed instructional needs, counseling services and access to special equipment in CTE courses. "Beginning Jan. 11 if all goes well and it is safe to start, the high school plan is to have 12 safe-secure cohorts where half of each cohort attends school in person two days per week and participates in asynchronous lessons two days per week," Buckmaster said. "In this way, we can safely maintain physical distancing requirements and still see all of our students in person." Students will stay in their cohort all day long as staff moves around the school. Campus will be closed. There are assigned restrooms, one-way traffic patterns, no sharing of any items, frequent hand washing/sanitizing, staggered lunch times, entrance and exit routines and sanitation

## Meet Manzanita's interim city manager John Kunkel

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John Kunkel, new interim city manager for Manzanita City Council, began his position on Oct. 19. The city had agreed on a contract for six months, during which Kunkel and staff will look for a permanent city manager.

Kunkel was chief of police for 19 years for the city of Exeter, Calif. and has a Bachelor's degree in Administrative Justice. He was the city manager for the City of Exeter before moving and becoming the city manager for the city of Buellton from 2009 to 2013.

Regarding his sudden resignation from the City of Buellton, Kunkel said there was a new city council, and in California, that you have to wait at least 90 days before changing city managers. Kunkel said it was after the 90th day mark that he announced his resignation. He added that both he and the new council felt they were not on the same page. The previous city council had awarded Kunkel a four-year contract a few months before his resignation. Kunkel and the new council agreed to part ways and Kunkel resigned.

"When you're city manager, you serve the pleasure of the council," Kunkel said. Kunkel also has experience as an interim city manager for the city of Kerman, which became a full time city manager position. He retired from this position in November of last year.

Kunkel said Manzanita is a town where everyone knows each other. He believes the city has a very qualified city council. "It's been very good," Kunkel said of his experience in Manzanita so far. After Kunkel's contract ends, he plans to move back home to California, where his children and grandchildren live. After the first of the year, the city will make decisions on seeking services or working in-house for the search for the new permanent city manager. Right now, Kunkel said the city is working on a new resolution for the state of emergency. This includes the rule of all indoor social get-togethers capped at 10 people. The city is also implementing a mask zone regardless if an individual is indoors or walking outside. While working on other projects, Kunkel also continues to work on the day-to-day operations of working for the city. "We've got a great staff here," Kunkel said. Due to COVID-19, some staff members are working from home while others have reduced hours in the office. Kunkel said he enjoys his time in Manzanita. He has been visiting with extended family during his time here.

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**Thursday, Dec. 3** – 3-5:30 p.m. Drive-thru Customer Holiday Party at Tillamook PUD, 1115 Pacific Ave. in Tillamook.

**Saturday, Dec. 5** – 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Christmas Bazaar at Tillamook Nazarene Church, 2611 Third St. in Tillamook.

**Saturday, Dec. 5** – 5-7 p.m. Christmas in Tillamook at Tillamook City Hall, 210 Laurel. There will be a tree lighting, caroling, goodies, Santa and elves. – **At dusk.** Tillamook Holiday Light Parade in downtown Tillamook. The

parade coincides with the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Second Street Plaza. Find the parade route on <http://www.tillamookholidaylightparade.com/645915/parade-route/>

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**Friday, Nov. 27 & 28** – Shop Small Businesses

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**Saturday, Dec. 12** – 6 p.m. Holiday Painting with Benjamin at the Chamber Community Hall.

**Dec. 18- 19** – Cannon Beach History Center Holiday Tour of Lights

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Letters to Santa  
by Tillamook County students

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# Oregon's two week freeze began Wednesday

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In response to rising COVID-19 cases statewide, Gov. Kate Brown has issued a two-week freeze across the state.

Starting Wednesday, Nov. 18, the state will enter a two-week freeze on social gatherings and certain business operations to curb the spread of the disease, Brown announced in a press conference Friday Nov. 13. Certain counties, like Multnomah, will be frozen longer. In Multnomah's case it will be frozen for at least four weeks, and Brown said the freeze may be extended for other areas as well.

The freeze comes one week after Brown announced a two-week pause on social activities in counties with high rates of cases.

"Unfortunately, since then we've seen an alarming spike in both cases and COVID-19 hospitalizations," Brown said. "Today we top over 1,000 cases again."

On Thursday, Nov. 12, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) reported the highest one-day case count since the pandemic began, reporting 1,122 cases. On Friday the OHA announced 1,071 new cases.

"The dreaded winter surge is

here," Brown said.

The freeze is intended to reduce transmission of the virus and prevent more people from needing hospital services, which are at or nearing capacity in metropolitan areas, she said.

"This isn't just about COVID-19 patients," Brown said. "The next time you need urgent care, the last thing you want to hear is the ambulance has nowhere to go."

## What it means

The key differences between this freeze and the stay-at-home order issued in March are that parks and playgrounds will remain open, personal services (like physical therapy and medical spas) will remain open under strict guidelines and schools that continue to meet the metrics required to open will be allowed to stay open.

## Business:

- Work-from-home to the greatest extent possible
- Restaurants and bars are delivery and take-out only
- Grocery stores and pharmacies are limited to 75% capacity and should encourage curbside pick up
- Retail stores and malls (both indoor and outdoor) are limited to

75% capacity and should encourage curbside pick up

## Social gatherings:

- Limited to no more than six people total, from no more than two households (indoor and outdoor gatherings)
- Faith-based organizations are limited to 25 people indoors or 50 people outdoors
- No indoor visitation in long-term care facilities

## Must close:

- Gyms and fitness centers
- Indoor recreation facilities, museums, indoor and outdoor entertainment activities
- Sports courts, indoor and outdoor pools, gardens
- Aquariums, zoos, venues that host or facilitate indoor or outdoor events

The two-week period includes Thanksgiving, and people are asked to modify their Thanksgiving plans to follow the new restrictions, which permit gatherings of only six people from two households total, Brown said.

In a departure from earlier restrictions, Brown said she has instructed the Oregon State Police to collaborate with local law police departments to enforce the gather-

ing limitations. She said it is up to the officers' discretion, but a violation is a Class C misdemeanor, which can carry a fine of up to \$1,250 and 30 days in jail.

"We have not previously chosen to engage law enforcement, but at this point in time unfortunately we have no other choice," she said.

## By the numbers

The state saw 5,177 new cases last week, which State Health Officer Dean Sidelinger said is a 46% increase over the previous week's record high count of just over 3,500 cases.

"COVID-19 is spreading at an escalating and alarming rate," Sidelinger said. The percent of positive cases also jumped to a record high of 11.9%, he said.

From Monday to Friday, 26 new cases were reported in Columbia County and 30 people are considered currently infectious.

The root of the spread can be traced back to social gatherings in many cases, Sidelinger said. Large and small informal gatherings, like house parties or at-home hangouts spread the virus to households and workplaces at a rate that state health organizations are having trouble keeping up with.

Continued spread will cause a

continued and increased strain on the state's hospitals, he said.

"While it's true that many recover quickly, some do not," Sidelinger said. "Some will suffer for weeks, if not months; many will wind up in hospitals."

## Hospital capacity

The concern heading into the winter is that hospitals will not be able to keep up with the growing demand, as many have already neared capacity.

"We know that slightly less than 20% of these Oregonians diagnosed today will become ill enough to require hospitalization in the next two to three weeks. Some will die," said Renee Edwards, chief medical officer at Oregon Health and Science University. "As a state we are now on an exponential upward slope seen around the country and world."

The surge of cases around the country means that Oregon will not be able to look toward other states to share staff and beds, Brown said.

"We're asking everyone to take action now. It's not too late to make a difference," Brown said. "We can substantially reduce spread of the virus and flatten the curve."

# Health District partners with Citizens Health and Safety Committee

North County effort will provide evidence based, local information on COVID-19 and other public health issues

With Oregon, like most of the rest of the nation, facing record cases of COVID-19 and amid increasing concern about the impact of the pandemic on local health care facilities, the Nehalem Bay Health District and the recently formed Citizens Health and Safety Committee (CHAS) have entered into an agreement to provide the best available, science and evidence-based information and resources to protect and enhance the health of individuals and the north Tillamook County community.

CHAS was formed recently by an experienced group of local health care professionals who identified the need to assemble and distribute specific local in-

formation about COVID-19 and other health and safety issues.

The agreement with the Health District, which operates the Nehalem Valley Care Center in Wheeler and leases the facility occupied by the Rinehart Clinic, is designed to expand the public outreach of the citizen committee. The agreement was finalized earlier this month.

## The health advisory committee is led by two area residents with extensive public health experience:

- Victoria Holt, an emeritus professor of Epidemiology at the University of Washington. Dr. Holt has a doctorate degree in epidemiology and a master's in

public health. She previously served as chair of the university's epidemiology department. More information about Victoria's experience: <https://epi.washington.edu/faculty/holt-victoria>

- Jeremy L. Sappington, a long-time public health educator who also served on the faculty of the University of Washington. Jeremy has a master's in public health. More on his experience: [https://depts.washington.edu/hserv/faculty/Sappington\\_Jeremy](https://depts.washington.edu/hserv/faculty/Sappington_Jeremy)

## Other members of the committee are:

- Madeline Olson, former deputy director addictions and mental health at Oregon Health Authority
- Dr. Patricia Johnson,

PhD in Education with 30 years of experience in health care

- Dr. Margaret Steele, a retired family practice physician

Ad hoc members are:

- Linda Kozlowski, Manzanita city council president and local emergency preparedness leader

- Thomas Aschenbrener, current Manzanita city councilor and a retired foundation executive with a career

funding medical and public health education and policy

- Ed Colson and Robin Watts, RN, representatives of the Tillamook County Health Department

The Citizens Health and Safety Committee has already developed local information on seasonal flu vaccinations and wearing masks as a strategy to control COVID-19. It is expected that the committee will develop and distribute

regular updates on issues related to the ongoing pandemic and will offer advice to local officials and the public.

Information developed by the committee will be available on at the health district's website: <http://nehalembyhd.org/> as well as on local social media platforms and news outlets.

The CHAS email address is [citizenhealthandsafety@gmail.com](mailto:citizenhealthandsafety@gmail.com)

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protocols.

Every Thursday at 3 p.m., there is an open invitation to chat with the principal via Zoom at <https://bit.ly/3kw6ST6>

Student Services/Special Education Director Stacey Dills said the school district's special education teams have been working with families and school staff to be sure that each student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is being met during comprehensive distance learning.

The includes receiving the amount of specially designed instruction time specified in their plan in synchronous (teacher facilitates/live instruction), as well as meeting the state required time for synchronous instruction for all students at their grade level.

"Special education supports vary based on individual student's needs during comprehensive distance learning, just as they do during onsite services," Dills said. "Common supports include special education instruction assistant (IA) support in virtual general education classrooms, IA support during small virtual break out sessions, individual and/or group specially designed instruction periods to work on IEP goals, virtual parent coaching and facilitation to work jointly with students, office hours for extra support, and special education and itinerant consultation with staff and families to support students with disabilities."

Students that typically have direct speech language therapy sessions are offered live sessions with the school district's speech language pathologist, Dills added. This model was started last March when schools were originally closed to in-person instruction. Since building operational blueprints have been approved, they are now offering limited in-person instruction, starting with

students who struggle with connectivity and accessing schoolwork through a virtual model. They currently have students coming in 2-5 days per week based on their individual needs for up to two hours per day.

"As safe opening allows, the special education team at each school will follow their building plans and make adjustments for individual students to be sure their individualized plans and needs continue to be met," Dills said.

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## OPINION

# Local expertise is critical to wildfire preparedness, response, and recovery

**Dave Kunert**  
Forest Engineer

What makes a community resilient in times of hardship? Whether it's a global health crisis or the threat of wildfire, our resilience as a community comes down to capacity—the strengths, attributes and resources that allow us to respond to crises and recover.

The Labor Day fires demonstrated that special weather conditions, human activity, and climate change can create dangerous wildfire conditions, even on the coast. When it comes to disaster pre-

paredness and response, the natural resources industries that support our economy also create capacity to help protect our resources and our communities. We have local people with particular knowledge of the landscape—our forests, farmlands, and waters—and we have equipment that can be marshalled quickly. It is not surprising that when fire threatened our region, individuals who make their living in the woods volunteered to help alongside emergency managers to protect their forests and their communities, even as their own families were evacuating. Loggers

and foresters formed firefighting crews that more than doubled the Oregon Department of Forestry's capacity. Landowners and farmers sent water tankers and bulldozing equipment.

For those of us that work in the woods, the Labor Day fires were a reminder that these forests are our privilege and responsibility to manage and protect.

While some fire is inevitable, megafires pose a threat



we cannot ignore. They endanger lives and infrastructure and compromise the state's environmental goals. The Labor Day fires emitted more carbon into the atmosphere than the state's energy and transportation

sectors do in a year. While the effects of climate change will likely exacerbate the risk of megafires, we're not helpless. There are things we can do to reduce near-term risk of catastrophic wildfire.

We can manage the

amount of fuel in our forests through logging, thinning and controlled burns. We can maintain logging roads, which provide important access for firefighting operations. We can sustain timber harvests on Tillamook State Forest to create revenue for the Department of Forestry, local fire departments and public health and safety. Those who recreate on public and private timberlands should respect warnings and closures when conditions are dry. When fires occur, we can replant and help forests recover.

With more people moving into forested areas, the need to manage these lands and protect all the benefits they provide will only increase. I'm comforted in the knowl-

edge that the capacities our natural resources industries have built over generations will help keep our forests and communities safe and healthy now and in the future.

*Dave Kunert, Forest Engineer and member of the Tillamook Working Lands and Waters Cooperative (TWLWC)*

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*Trail Access Committee petition to the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners*

We the undersigned are petitioning the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners, asking that they restore access to the Doris Davis Trail by tearing down the fence, a surveillance video camera, and other ominous barriers that were erected April 23, 2020.

It is an assault to the senses and has enraged Manzanita's Classic Ridge com-

munity, where more than 200 households have been denied direct beach access, though the trail has been accessible, without complaint, to the public for the past 40 years.

In a community that prides itself on being welcoming, we demand that these two property owners – Rodney and Maralene Oullette, and Roy and JoAnn Simmons – tear down the wall.

The trail, which exists solely in Neakahn, an unincorporated part of Tillamook County, is a dirt path that runs from through the woods, from University Avenue to Beach Street. It enables beach

access and allows the residents of Classic Ridge and surrounding neighborhoods the ability to escape a tsunami.

The trail is not simply in the public interest. It is vital to ensure public safety.

To that end, we strongly encourage the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners to instruct the Oullette's and Simmons' to remove the fence and allow public access again.

*Classic Ridge Trail Access Campaign  
Manzanita*

# CARE, Inc. announces new executive director

Community Action Resource Enterprises, (CARE) Inc. is pleased to announce the hiring of Peter Starkey of Keene, N.H. as its new executive director. Starkey will be only the third executive director in CARE's 30-year history, following Erin Skaar, who will be leaving to take on her new role as county commissioner in January. Starkey will begin in mid-December and will train alongside Skaar before she begins her work with the county.

"The CARE Board of Directors worked with Solid Ground Consulting to do an

extensive, five-month search process to find a leader who has the skills and talent to help write the next chapter of CARE and fulfill our strategic goals," said Lisa Phipps, board chair. "Peter quickly rose to the top of our list of candidates because of his advocacy and fundraising skills along with his passion for our mission and community."

Starkey will be leaving his role as executive director of Monadnock Peer Support, a mental health nonprofit providing a variety of wrap around services for clients. In his time at Monadnock,

Starkey leaves behind an impressive array of achievements. He coordinated advocacy efforts with state and local officials on a variety of policy initiatives.

Starkey started a transitional housing program to support individuals in job attainment and housing stability. He also grew their funding base by more than 140 percent, while raising the public profile of the agency.

"I am excited to join the CARE team and to get started working with the passionate staff and community members that support Tilla-

mook County," said Starkey. "It is an honor to be part of the next chapter of CARE."

### About CARE

CARE is a highly regarded nonprofit social service agency serving Tillamook County. Since its founding in 1991, CARE remains committed to fostering changes that make healthier, more resilient communities throughout Tillamook County and empower people as they work to meet their immediate, basic needs.

CARE continues to support those impacted by COVID-19. If you or someone you know has been financially impacted by the pandemic, help is still available. Call CARE today at 503-842-5261. And remember, CARE has temporarily moved to 904 Main Ave., Tillamook while we renovate our offices.

To join with CARE and help write our next chapter, please consider making a donation at [www.careinc.org/](http://www.careinc.org/) donate. To learn more about CARE visit our website at [www.careinc.org/](http://www.careinc.org/) or like us on Facebook @Tillamook-CARE.

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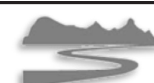


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# Hoffman Center Horticultural Arts hosts a visit with plantsman Dan Hinkley

Hoffman Center Horticultural Arts hosts a visit with plantsman Dan Hinkley at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, via webinar. The event is \$40. Register at [www.hoffmanarts.org/register/](http://www.hoffmanarts.org/register/)

Dan Hinkley is American horticulture's answer to Bruce Springsteen, Cindy Sherman and Sir Richard Attenborough, an icon and artist in his field. With over four decades immersed in the world of plants, Hinkley has distinguished himself as a gardener, nurseryman, plant hunter, lecturer, landscape designer and author.

Hinkley landed in the Pacific Northwest in the early 1980s and within a decade turned 15 forested acres in Kingston, Wash. into the Holy Grail of Northwest horticulture, Heronswood Nursery. A generation of gardeners lost

months of sleep staying up nights reading and ordering from the Heronswood plant catalog, likely the most tantalizing and hilarious plant manifesto thus written in American horticulture.

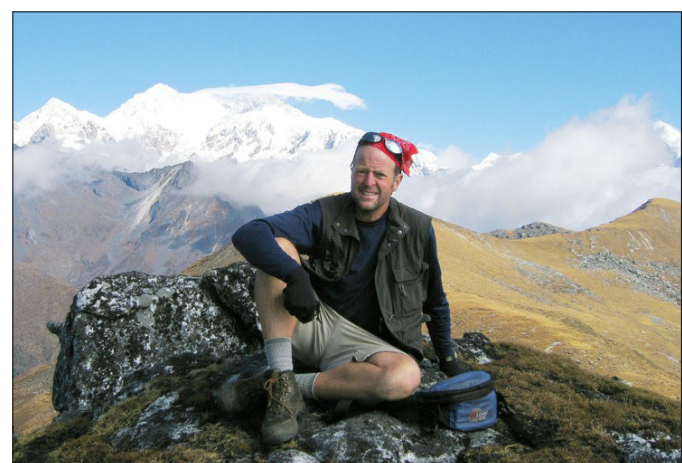
Heronswood has since become a celebrated botanical garden owned by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe. The garden features more than 10,000 plant species, many of which Hinkley brought back from plant expeditions around the world and introduced through his own catalogs and Monrovia Growers' Dan Hinkley Plant Collection.

After leaving Heronswood, Hinkley and his partner Robert Jones resettled in Indianola, Wash. and again transformed their homestead into a horticultural Candyland. They named their home

and new nursery, Windcliff, which is also the name of Dan Hinkley's just-published memoir, "Windcliff, A Story of People, Plants and Gardens."

Join the Hoffman Center at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 15, for what promises to be a delicious afternoon of wisdom and wit as Hinkley takes us into the pages of his new book and walks us through his celebrated Washington State garden. He will be joined by moderator and former NPR correspondent, Ketzell Levine, who, after 25 years of friendship, knows enough about Hinkley to make her dangerous and make this an unusually ribald holiday event.

Horticultural Arts is a program of Hoffman Center for the Arts, located at 594 Laneda Avenue in Manzanita.



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## Trailblazers: Who's who of the TAC

Meet the people who want to tear down the walls and make our beach trails accessible again.

On a sun-washed mid-April afternoon earlier this year, a pair of disgruntled property owners decided to build an ominous-looking fence, replete with No Trespassing signs and surveillance cameras, to prevent the people of our coastal community from hiking the Doris Davis Trail.

Many residents were startled. After all, for more than 40 years, residents of Classic Ridge and surrounding communities – and the public at large – had come to rely on the trail for leisurely hikes to and from the beach, for bird- and wildlife-watching, or to simply enjoy a walk in the woods.

There are just two accessible trails from Classic Ridge to the beach. The Doris Davis Trail, a dirt path that runs into the woods, from University Avenue to Beach Street, at the bottom of the ridge, exists solely in Neakahnie, an unincorporated part of Tillamook County.

The other trail, west of Cherry Street, the so-called Dune Trail, has also been closed due to the sale of a home.

The Classic Ridge Trail Access Campaign (TAC) was formed in late April and is run entirely by a talented group of people. They are volunteers who live and own homes in Classic Ridge and adjacent neighborhoods. And they are passionate about reopening the Doris Davis and Cherry Street trails.

The group is moving quickly on multiple fronts.

On September 1, 2020, one TAC member, Ralph Bloemers, filed suit in Tillamook County Circuit Court asking that the property owners, Rodney & Maralene Oulette and Roy & Joann Simmons, to remove the fences and cease any further interference with the easement and the public's right to use the trail.

As our Community Outreach coordinator Rob Jordan has written before, the Oregon Supreme Court has stated that if the public openly uses a trail for more than 10 years, without permission of the property owners, "then the public can acquire a prescriptive easement across public land."

TAC is also looking to raise \$15,000 from community members to support the legal effort. Donations to support TAC can be made online here.

At the same time, the group is considering petitioning the City of Manzanita, asking that they build a proper hiking trail through the designated city right-of-way on vacated Ocean Avenue, west of Cherry Street.

Now that you see what kind of progress is being made, let's take a moment to call out some of the people who are making TAC a force to be reckoned with (In alphabetical order).

**RALPH BLOEMERS** (Doris Davis Trail Oversight)

Any and all oversight related to the research and development of the Doris Davis Trail is under Ralph's direction. Thanks to Ralph, a senior staff attorney for a non-profit law center that represents communities working to protect Oregon's rivers, forests and wildlife, he has made it possible to navigate the legal hurdles and challenges related to removing the fences. Ralph has made significant contributions of time toward the blazes in the gorge and the recent fires that suffocated Portland, including but not limited to the Riverside Fire. He commitment to the safety of the community go above and beyond and we are grateful to have him support our campaign.

**ELLIS CONKLIN** (Content Curator)

Ellis is a longtime journalist,

working primarily as a political reporter at the Anchorage Times, UPI, the Los Angeles Herald Examiner and the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. He will be writing weekly blogs for the website, etc. He and his wife, Lynn, and little daughter Mariel, came to Manzanita for the first time in 1995, as renters, and finally settled here five years ago, without Mariel, but with a beach-loving Australian Shepherd named Piper.

**DEREEN DESCHRYVER** (Volunteer Administrator)

If there is anything at all that the TAC team is unable to do because of time constraints, Dereen steps up to the plate. Whether it be producing flyers, proofreading, or canvassing, Dereen is always there. She is a former elementary school teacher whose passion for the outdoors is only matched by her keen ability at community fundraising. Dereen owns a home on University Street and is committed to seeing our trails accessible again.

**ROB JORDAN** (Communications Outreach)

Rob is overseeing all communications related to website contact, press releases and newspaper interviews. He is the voice of the Classic Ridge Trail Access Campaign. He is CEO of a NPO consulting firm dedicated to supporting non-profits, ranging from the Wounded Warriors to the World Food Program. As a returning Peace Corps volunteer and Red Cross DAT Captain for 9/11 tragedy, he brings an appreciation for the need to nurture and support community. He has owned a home in Manzanita for the last 6 years.

**LAURIE MURPHY** (Trail Development Support)


Laurie, a retired arts educator for Portland Public Schools, has given TAC a significant and much-appreciated amount of her time steering us through the bureaucracy of Tillamook County. Without her efforts and expertise, the initial efforts to take back the Doris Davis trail might have been insurmountable. A retired Art teacher from PPS and an Oregon native Laurie has ties to Manzanita as far back as 1967. If you have a question about Manzanita there is a good chance Laurie has the answer.

**STAN MYERS** (Cherry Trail Oversight)


Stan is charged with all activities related to developing the Cherry Trail. In fact, he is the face of that trail, scouring public surveys, attending endless City Hall meetings, and getting things done. Stan is a graduate of U of O (BA) and PSU (MBA) bringing a wide range of experience. From an Eagle Scout, to the Beaverton Budget Committee, to commercial lending... Stand brings a perspective that is essential to this campaigns success. His commitment to the Classic Ridge community extends back as far as 1974 when his parents bought a home in the area.

**SARAH STETTNER** (Canvassing)

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