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Staff Writer

**M**anzanita City Council approved a contract for the new interim city manager, John Kunkel, during a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 7.

Mayor Mike Scott said

the city has agreed on a contract for six months. Kunkel has found long-term housing in Manzanita and will begin work on Monday, Oct. 19.

"The contract involves his terms of employment, his salary and how long we expect him to be here," Scott said.

The contract is on the city's website. The council approved the contract to be signed by Scott for the interim city manager.

Kunkel introduced himself to the citizens on the Zoom call.

"I was in law enforcement, I have a degree in

Kunkel said he got a master's degree from Fresno State University. He was selected as city manager for the

city of Buellton in California and retired last November. Kunkel and his wife are excited to move to Manzanita.

"We love the town," Kunkel said. "Hopefully we'll hit the ground running on the 19th."

Kunkel said he looks for-

ward to working with the city staff. Council President Linda Kozlowski said Kunkel's experience is exceptional and he connected well with the council and staff.

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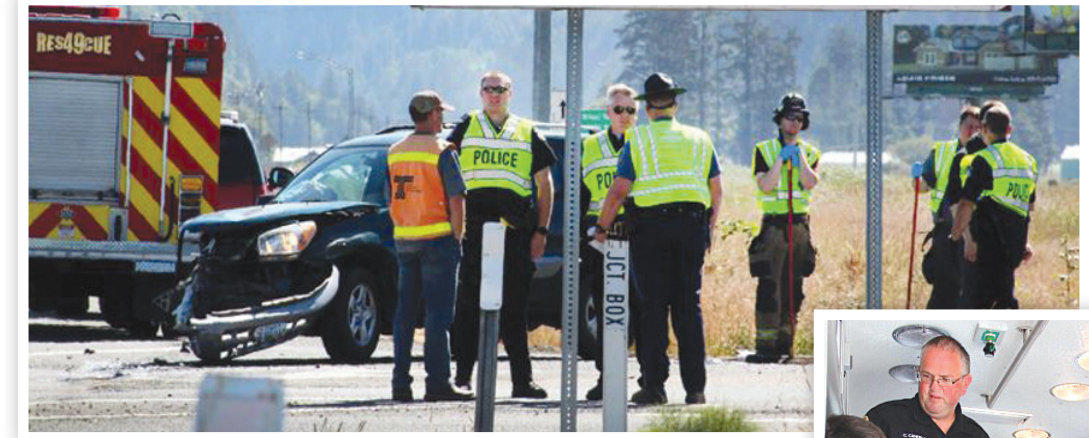
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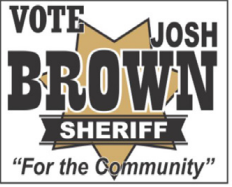


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## Randy Kugler

**Randy Kugler, age 66**

**Occupation:** Retired. 32 years Oregon municipal government including 8 years as Manzanita City Manager.

**Education:** B.S. in Anthropology and Economics. M.S. in economics (urban and regional economics).

**Family:** Married for 40 years to wife Carlene. We have 4 children.

**Why are you running for city council?**

During my year of volunteer service on the Public Facilities Advisory Committee for the New City Hall project, I observed first hand a less than open process that appeared to me that the Council had selected an outcome and our Committee was simply going through the motions of an investigation of options for public consideration. While researching funding options

for the project, I observed questionable budgeting practices with the Water Fund that when brought to the Council's attention, were dismissed with justifications that made no sense.

**What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?**

My career has been in municipal government, specifically cities under 10,000 populations. I have worked as a City Manager, City Recorder, Building Official, Court Clerk, Planning Director, Budget Officer and Personnel Director.

**What is Manzanita's biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?**

If I had to select one issue it would be fiscal accountability and budgetary discipline. The City has developed an unhealthy reliance on Short Term Rental revenue and growing our visitor pop-



ulation. This situation left unchecked threatens our community livability. There seems to be no interest in exploring a more creative strategic approach to providing funding for City services that restores a balance between the realities of accommodating our visitors without sacrificing livability for our permanent residents.

**Thomas Aschenbrener, age mid 70s**

**Occupation:** Volunteer--Volunteer work has always been important to me and I have been on several non-profit boards over the years. In addition to the Manzanita City Council, I have served on a range of boards of directors including the Environmental Council of Oregon, Outside In community clinic and homeless youth programs, State of Oregon Public Health Advisory Board (board chair), Equity Foundation, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral vestry, Community Advisory Board to the Dean of the College of Public Health and Human Sciences at OSU (since inception) and a national organization, Grant-makers in Health.

Retired foundation executive—I was President of the Northwest Health Foundation (NWHF) for 16 years before my retirement; previous government employment with HHS, Bureau of Health Professions, in Washington DC as a grants program officer for medical and public health education; and health systems planner for the Governor of Georgia.

**Education:** BA, Psychology, University of Iowa; Physician's Assistant for primary care, Duke University; MEd from the Center for Educational Development, at the University of Illinois, Chicago Medical Center.

**Family:** Married eleven years to a retired teacher and school administrator. We have three children from previous marriages and six grandchildren, all of whom are unique individuals who challenge us and bring us laughter.

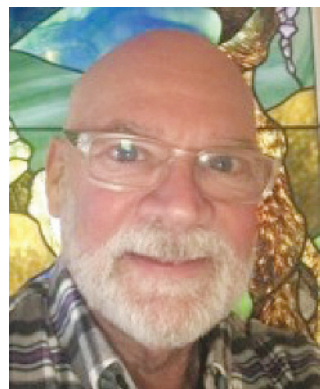
## Thomas Aschenbrener

**Why I am running for council:**

Since being appointed to the council in 2019 I recognize that I add value to the discussions based on my experience in areas such as budgeting, nonprofit management, community benefit and public health. I don't pretend that I have all of the answers for our city but I know how to get information. I have honed skills from my nine years of working with Senator Hatfield as the NWHF board chair; he emphasized listening to the community's questions so we would know questions to ask when pursuing expert opinions necessary for informed decision-making. I am an independent voice for Manzanita; I do not compromise my values of doing what's best for the whole community. This requires understanding of how to manage our growth while assuring that we have the proper resources for our residents and the tourist industry on which our merchants depend.

**Skills and Experiences:** I came to Oregon to work in philanthropy in the 1980's. As a career grant maker, I understood how the grantee organization was managed was an important part of consideration for funding—we found that if we strengthened organizations through financial support for operational and fiscal management that we could enhance their survival. Serving as president of NWHF I was responsible for the financial and investment management of a \$90M foundation. We added community impact by additionally managing grant programs for other local and national foundations.

As a part of my time at NWHF I founded the Center for Philanthropy to provide



organizational support for communication among small foundations and to promote networks of community outreach organizations to disadvantaged communities. One example was our multiyear commitment to cover the startup and operational costs of the Coalitions of Communities of Color which remains today a thriving asset in the community.

**Challenges:** Preserving and upgrading our city infrastructure—Manzanita has a committed public works department that has identified the strategic infrastructure needs for our city. I will support their final capital improvement plan once it has gone through final review and public comment. An urgent need is also a new city administration building. I support the basic plan that is moving forward and the community engagement program that will start shortly and I will work to keep the project moving forward.

Stable funding for the city--Manzanita property taxes cover only about 10% of the city budget; the rest comes from multiple enterprise revenue sources, such as short term rental tax, water revenue, timber sales, and tourism. I have and will continue to seek balance in these revenue programs for the benefit of our citizens and community.

## State Reps. Dist. 32 candidates square off

### Suzanne Weber

**Suzanne Weber, age 73**

**Occupation:** Mayor of Tillamook

**Education:** Bachelor's degree, Elementary Education, Bemidji State College

**Family:** Husband Tom (deceased), five children

**Why are you running for state representative?** As a nonpartisan mayor for the last 10 years, I've reached out to our legislators of both parties to advocate for my community. Over the last two years, I watched as our legislator completely ignored us. Despite numerous times inviting her to learn about us, our businesses and our needs, I was always rebuffed. Then I watched as that legislator voted for legislation that would destroy the jobs and families in the community. I've loved and fought for during my 50 years here. I knew we deserved better representation, and with my nearly 20 years experience as a nonpartisan local leader, I believe that I'm the right person to bring our common sense to Salem. I want to ensure our farmers, loggers, truckers and fishermen have their jobs protected. I want to ensure our law enforcement officers are

fully funded. I want to fully fund schools FIRST. That's common sense.

**What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?**

I spent 30 years as a public school teacher, as well as a salary negotiator for our teachers. I don't just understand the needs of our teachers and students because of some partisan talking points. I watched it for three decades. I bought school supplies for students who couldn't afford them. I bought food for students because I knew they weren't being fed at home. Those experiences are burned in my memory and I will remember them when I get to Salem. I also spent nearly 15 years as a small business owner, so I know the daily challenges that they face. For the last two decades, I've served as a nonpartisan city councilor and mayor. I understand the challenges of our communities and have worked for solutions without regard to party. I've also served at the state level on committees on housing and transportation.

**What challenges do you see facing District 32 and how will you overcome those challenges?** We need to ensure that broadband



internet service is available to everyone. While it's not an issue in Portland or Eugene, it's a big issue in rural Oregon. That's why I've used my relationships in the legislature to already propose a bill for the 2021 Legislative Session to provide funding for broadband internet expansion in counties with populations under 100,000. With so much of school and work now being done virtually, this is an immediate need. Housing is another pressing need. We cannot grow our businesses unless we have a place for employees to live. This is an issue that will require state, local and federal partnerships to reduce bureaucracy and costs while also ensuring our small districts, cities and counties have the funds they need to provide system maintenance and health. These are nonpartisan issues that need an experienced, nonpartisan leader to make happen.

### Debbie Boothe-Schmidt

**Debbie Boothe-Schmidt, age 65**

**Education:** Associate's Degree

**Family:** Married with two daughters and one granddaughter

**Why are you running for State Representative District 32?**

I am running because I will be a voice for our rural

communities, working families and small businesses. I know many people in our district are struggling. I will fight for everyone to be able to put food on the table, a roof over their heads, fully funded schools, good healthcare and opportunity to own a small business no matter who you are or the challenges you have faced. I moved here 30 years ago as a single mom and worked two jobs, making hard decisions between



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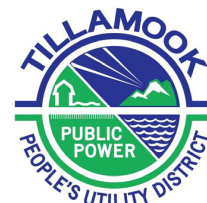
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The dilemma we face is that philanthropic support has changed and building costs continue to spiral upwards. No longer are philanthropies providing start up money but instead want to see 50% in our bank (we have \$2mm and that is why we are borrowing \$3,000,000mm) before even considering the merits of our project. Plus, we will set aside money annually for an "endowment" fund to ensure the

pools future maintenance and upkeep. And we will always continue to fund raise.

Interest rates are at historic lows. The estimated tax rate for the bond is for 13.35 cents per \$1000.00 of valuation. This is an estimate but the final number will be close to that but can't be guaranteed because there can be changes in property taxes in the district.

By replacing the antiquated pool we also continue to set an example for our children of how important it is for each succeeding generation to renew their commitment to their community by providing the means for all us to grow and prosper not just as individuals but also as an extended family

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### Manzanita City Council and mayor

I have been a resident of Manzanita for 30 years, and was on the planning commis-

sion for 20 years and I now have a grave concern about the upcoming City of Manzanita election.

There are three people running; (Gavin, Kugler, and Spegman) who should not be considered to run for Manzanita City Council, and mayor at the same time.

Never in the history of Manzanita has there been a multiple number of people that have plans to form a one sided joint block to control the city of Manzanita. All the elected officials are expected not to run as a block to obstruct to take over running the City of Manzanita.

I urge every voting citizen of Manzanita to closely listen to each of their joint views and where these three people want to take the city in the future. I love this little town and do not want it taken over by a few people, as we have always had a balanced non one-sided governance of our City.

Owen Nicholson  
Manzanita

The question the present city council should be asking of the citizens of Manzanita is: Do you want a city hall building in like new condition or do you want a newly built building at twice the cost? Both options will meet the city's needs, be structurally sound and last as long as the city needs. The members of the Council refuse to give you that choice.

The council engaged an engineering firm, WRK Engineering, to perform a structural report on the condition of the Pine Grove School building about two years ago. This was only done after numerous requests to do so by Randy Kugler and Lee Hiltbrand, members of the Citizens Advisory Committee, so that the committee would have

the necessary information to proceed in its advisory role to the council.

WRK issued an exhaustive 160 page report that showed that the school could be completely rehabilitated to meet today's standards for \$243.00/sq. ft. This is a total rehabilitation of the building including new roof, siding, windows, drywall, electrical, plumbing, heating, foundation repair and seismic upgrade. Essentially a new building. Adding in work not included in the WRK report such as floor covering, cabinetry and interior partitions would add an additional \$50.00/sq. ft. for a total cost of \$293.00/sq. ft. This is significantly less than the estimated \$500.00 to \$600.00/sq. ft. to build a new building.

Instead of acknowledging the obvious cost savings and engaging WRK to further refine it's report the council hired two other firms in an unsuccessful attempt to disqualify the report. The first was a verbal report issued by an engineer in training, in which he stated that 1) All remodels are more costly than building new which was untrue when he said it, 2) the wooden wall studs were possibly rotted two feet up from their base which upon later examination was proved to be untrue and 3) that the concrete was compromised because it was possibly made with beach sand which is a ludicrous statement because of the time at which the building was built and the fact that it was a public building. A second attempt to discredit the report was the hiring of a concrete testing firm. A technician for the firm tested three areas on the foundation; one area was inconclusive and the two other tests showed poor surface concrete. Both areas had already been observed in the WRK report and a proposed fix given. Nothing new here. A third investigation

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# Schmidt

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putting food on the table and taking my girls to the doctor. A few years later I was hired for a union job, got healthcare and eventually became a small business owner. The union didn't just offer me security but an opportunity to become an advocate for people in our community. This experience motivated me to continue my advocacy on the transportation board.

## What experience/skills do you have that makes you the best candidate?

A supporter recently said he is voting for me because I am "an everyday folk just like him". I have lived in rural Oregon for most of my life. I have tended bars, worked on fishing boats, and volunteered as an EMT. I have worked in the Clatsop County criminal justice system for 23 years while owning a small business for 20 of those years. While chair of the Sunset Empire Transportation board, I advocated for better transportation in our community. I have weathered this pandemic

as a small business owner. As a 13 year union leader, I bargained for better pay and benefits for families in HD 32 and I know how to bring everyone to the table, compromise and move forward on the difficult issues. Our district is divided right now and I want to unite to bring all of our voices to Salem.

## What challenges do you see facing District 32 and how will you overcome those challenges?

District 32 is suffering from a lack of affordable housing, making Clatsop County number one per capita of people experiencing homelessness. We also have a lack of affordable and accessible health care, which includes mental health care and care for our veterans. We need to incentivize doctors coming to the district regularly so we don't have to travel for care. Our schools need to be fully funded, and with learning online, we need to push for increased broadband access. When I get to Salem, there are going to be tough budget decisions being made. I will advocate to make sure our rural community is getting funding to address the lack of affordable housing and healthcare and I will ensure our schools and small businesses get the support they need.

# Spegman

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versation, and figure out how to bring them into it. I don't rush to judgments. I'm analytical, and deliberative. And perhaps most importantly, I easily recognize when I need help from others understanding a situation.

## What is Manzanita's

## biggest challenge and how will you overcome it?

The current mayor describes the unique make-up of our town as a "three-legged stool" - we have about 375 households with full-time residents, about twice that many second homes, and about 265 short-term rental properties. This configuration has both strengths and challenges. It certainly impacts our finances, our livability, and our differing visions for future growth. I agree with the three-legged stool anal-

ogy, but it's not a particularly steady stool at this point, and I think we need a robust community conversation to plot our path forward. There are a lot of opinions in Manzanita, as well as lots of experience, energy and creativity. During this campaign I've heard from plenty of people who want to be part of the conversation about what comes next for our town, but they've felt for a while that their input hasn't really been welcome at city hall. We can't afford not to change that.

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needs and motivations of those that wish to live, work, recreate and retire here. I know how to listen and I am aware that I do not know what I do not know. I'm open to learning within a group and community to find workable solutions to major challenges.

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I believe the pandemic will continue presenting significant and urgent challenges to our area over the next couple of years. Extremely hard decisions regarding protecting community health while considering economic livelihoods and individual rights will need to be made. As a Council we have been making these decisions for

nearly a year now, often ahead of the curve of the County and State governments. I am willing to listen to science as well as opinions and beliefs in order to find compromises and solutions. It's been said that you don't stop wrestling the gorilla when you are tired; you only stop when the gorilla is tired. I'm enthusiastic about facing this crisis head on. I resolve to act upon the most relevant research and information available in overcoming this emergency.

# Galvin

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nity to be heard. The good to great leaders understood this distinction, creating a culture wherein people had a tremendous opportunity to be heard and, ultimately, for the truth to be heard."

I have a vision for Manzanita that involves slow and steady progress of a shared

value that reinforces our current comprehensive plan. One that looks forward, keeping with desires of the majority of the residents and property owners in the city. "The plan must have the support of the majority of the community". "The plan is not to be used for the benefit of a few property owners or special interests, but the city as a whole".

"Manzanita is a quiet, scenic, residential and resort community".

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Unity- Win or lose we are only as strong as the total. This election has created an opportunity for the residents to voice their concerns. If I win, I will work with the existing council to bring the community together. If I lose, I will let the majority prevail, that is the democratic process. I do love this community and feel grateful to call this home. You are my neighbors. Thank You. Scott

# AAUW

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"I think that in addition to supporting education, that is what we need to do," Weber said.

Rep. David Gomberg, current State Representative District 10, and seeking reelection, said his priority is to make sure the benefits of economical recovery go to everyone in Oregon. He has fought to make sure all dollars coming into Oregon are going everywhere in Oregon, including rural areas.

"COVID-19 has dealt us an interesting 2020," said Max Sherman, also running for State Representative District 10. "We need to get our businesses [and] we need to get our schools back online and that needs to be a priority," Sherman said.

COVID-19 is probably going to extend well into 2021 and control needs to be extended back to local areas, Sherman added.

Question: Are you in

support of mandatory vaccinations for children to attend school?

Weber said one size does not fit all and parents should have the opportunity to opt in or opt out.

"There have been questions on how safe these vaccinations are to all of our children," Boothe-Schmidt said. "I feel we need to make sure we're educating all of the parents, making sure they know everything that could go wrong, everything is good with these vaccinations but I think parents should have that choice."

Anderson said he is a firm believer of leaving it up to the parents to decide.

"I realize there are some people who have health issues that prevent them from getting vaccines," Cribbins said. "In those cases, there are medical exemptions but otherwise, we should be requiring children to get vaccinated."

Sherman said he believes vaccines are important but he supports parents' rights to make choices.

"I'm in support of making sure kids that come to school are vaccinated unless they've

demonstrated a medical reason why they shouldn't be," Gomberg said.

The forum also had candidates for Tillamook County Sheriff: Gordon McCraw and Josh Brown.

Question: What will you do in your role as sheriff regarding racism?

McCraw said as sheriff, he would not tolerate racism. Brown said he believes racism sometimes gets hidden or pushed away. He would handle it before it happens, meaning proper training.

Question: If assault rifles are banned, will you support it?

McCraw said it is the sheriff's responsibility to make sure the Constitution is adhered to. Brown said he would question how such a bill would be passed. Both candidates said they would protect constitutional rights.

The podcast of the forum is now on KMUN's website at <https://coastradio.org/podcast/aauw-tillamook-candidate-forum-2020/>

Send comments to: [headlightreporter@countrymedia.net](mailto:headlightreporter@countrymedia.net)

# Super Crossword

**ACROSS**

1 Wash with vigor

6 Not there

12 Melancholy

15 Aspirin, e.g.

19 "Petunia"

20 Many a

21 Giotto work

22 "Woo- —!"

23 Wee amount

25 Holding the attention of

27 Seat winners

28 "Breezy"

29 Boys and men from an Oregon city?

31 Michigan city whose residents are a bit more eccentric?

36 Jacuzzi sigh

37 Swirly letters

38 Popular cookie

39 Hamm on a soccer field

41 Actor Hill of "Moneyball"

45 Denounce

48 Plundered an Ohio city?

51 Big lug

54 Judd of song

57 L-P middle

58 "Renegade" star Lamas

59 Hay bundle

61 Setting of "Anne of Green Gables"

63 Yang partner

64 Mouse-spotting cry

65 Painting exhibitor on wheels in a Maryland city?

70 Sphere

71 Sphere

72 Debt memo

73 Green shade

77 Pennsylvania city with a big population of forefathers?

83 Sussex loc.

86 Pale —

87 One making a change

88 Palo —

89 Piano relative

92 24-hr. cash convenience

93 Runoff conduit

95 Part of LAPD

96 Includes an Arizona city in the tally?

99 Noah's Ark groupings

101 Military foe

102 Cleanup org.

103 Not distant

106 Electric car maker

110 Sprite

112 Speak badly of an Illinois city?

116 Off-Broadway awards whose winners hail from an Idaho city?

120 Film director Reiner

121 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"

122 Illumination

123 Warehouse vehicle produced in a Texas city?

128 First-aid gel

129 — di-dah

130 Negative battery poles

131 City close to Minneapolis

132 Antarctic explorer Richard

133 Perch

134 Compounds in explosives

135 Perch

2 Casual slacks

3 Scorches

4 Net address

5 Baseball club

6 In pursuit of

7 "The Chase" star Marlon

8 One nabbing something

9 Immigrant's class, in brief

10 Sgt., e.g.

11 Body trunk

12 Collielike pooch

13 Top-grade

14 Firm belief

15 Do some excavating

16 Make turbid

17 With 105-Down, eclectic digest

18 Comics' acts

24 Corrida cry

26 Three-sharp musical key

30 "We — please!"

32 Actor Knight

33 "No man — island"

34 Phone no.

35 Lodger

40 Impromptu

42 Goose of Hawaii

43 Timber-dressing tool

44 Boxing blow

46 Counterpart of "sir"

47 De — (afresh)

49 Slanting

50 R&B's Braxton

51 "SOS" group

52 Jack of early talk TV

53 Model Macpherson

55 Melancholy

56 Like argon

60 Smoky peak in Sicily

62 Rodents in research

63 Lionel Richie hit of 1983

66 Actor McShane

67 Lawn pests

68 Mauna —

69 "Lohengrin" heroine

74 — turn up eventually"

75 Executive "no"

76 Greek Cupid

78 Tigers, e.g.

79 Make glad

80 Biscotto nut

81 Creek critter

82 Work detail

83 Latin "Behold!"

84 Gas in signs

85 Pasting stuff

90 Snared

91 Surgical probe

92 Without — (worry-free)

94 College military gp.

97 On edge

98 Modern, in Mannheim

100 Island locale

104 Consent (to)

105 See

107 Atelier

108 Units of light

109 Noah's Ark landing site

111 Thwarts

113 Lion of "C.S. Lewis" tales

114 Metal waste

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116 Blurt out the secret

117 Grease-filled

118 Monster film lab helper

119 — B'rith

124 Songwriter DiFranco

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# TILLAMOOK COUNTY NEEDS CHAMPIONS WHO WILL STAND UP FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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# Mudd Nick Foundation produces successful virtual fundraising event

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mudd Nick Foundation (MNF) conducted its annual fundraising event virtually using Zoom on the evening of Sept. 19. It was a celebration of the foundation's 25 years of providing the 850 students in School District 56 with life expanding experiences.

Hosted live by board members Lynn Mudd and Brad Mudd, the program featured previously filmed presentations by Superintendent Paul Erlebach and teachers, performances by the Neah-Kah-Nie High School choir and band, and speeches by students Karissa Haderman and Meien Shiomi, and several other children who described the impacts the Mudd Nick Foundation has had on their lives.

Board President Monica Isbell said, "With the 2020-2021 school year commencing using a distance learning platform, we are uncertain at this point how the foundation will provide programs to students, but understand it is imperative for us to work closely with Superintendent Paul Erlebach, the administrators and teachers to ensure we continue to positively impact the lives of these children in meaningful, long-lasting ways just as we have during the past 25 years. Our mission is just as relevant today. Though we are operating in an unfamiliar, difficult environment, we are up to the task."

Isbell thanked donors "for having confidence in us to be good stewards of your donations. We won't disappoint. Because of you, the

MNF will continue to deliver consequential experiences to the children in North Tillamook County that inspire them to set their sights high, to blossom and to succeed in a challenging world."

Donors contributed via the foundation's website ([www.muddnickfoundation.com](http://www.muddnickfoundation.com)). Two backpacks containing gift certificates to many merchants in the community that have supported the foundation through the years were raffled. The foundation is grateful to all of its donors, past and present, and to all the board members and volunteers who planned and executed the successful fundraising event.

Watch the 2020 virtual event here: <https://muddnickfoundation.com/2020event/>



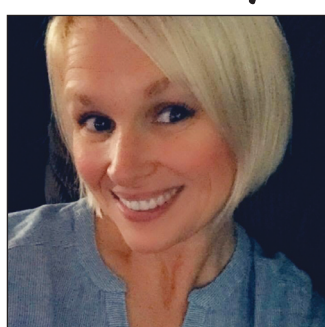
The board tallies donations at virtual fundraising event. Courtesy photo

## Mudd Nick Foundation welcomes Wendy Bakker to the board of directors

In late September 2020, the Mudd Nick Foundation Board of Directors unanimously voted to add Wendy Bakker to the board.

Wendy Bakker moved to Manzanita four years ago, from San Diego, with her husband Dan and daughter, Kayla (10). Dan is a Federal Firefighter and transferred from Camp Pendleton to Fort Lewis McChord. Her mother, Lyla Hendrickson, is a long time resident of Manzanita, a former Mazanita's Citizen of the Year, and was the family's deciding factor on moving to the Oregon Coast.

Bakker worked for a San Diego based magazine for 10 years and continued to work remotely after her move. In 2017, she changed gears, when she decided to become a Pilates instructor for the North County Recreation District. Having more time on her hands, she was able to devote her energy to her daughter's school, Nehalem Elementary. There she joined the parent



council and started volunteering her time.

Bakker was grateful for the activities and events the Mudd Nick Foundation provided for her daughter in and out of school. When asked to help with fundraising for the annual Mudd Nick charity event three years ago, she was thrilled to become a part of such a wonderful foundation.

Bakker advised that she "was honored when the board asked me recently to become a member." Born and raised in New Jersey, this small town Jersey girl mentioned, "you stand tall and you stand proud and you always, always support the community in which you live."

The Mudd Nick Foundation is a non-profit that has served all students in District 56 for the past 25 years. For more information, please view the website - [www.muddnickfoundation.com](http://www.muddnickfoundation.com).

## Letters

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initiated by Randy Kugler and attended by Kugler, Nuttal, Lee Hiltenbrand and myself located not rot in the wood framing of the building. In fact an architect that accompanied Mr. Nuttal at his behest was surprised at the good condition of the building and volunteered that because of the wide open spaces in the building it could be easily converted to any use. I heartily agreed.

As an example of what can be done, the City of Sweet

Home converted an unused Forest Service Building into a new city hall. They completely gutted and remodeled the interior of the building. The remodel included all new interior framing, interior doors and windows, insulation, drywall, cabinets, plumbing, heating, electrical and flooring. The total cost of the remodel was \$92.00/sq. ft. This is certainly a project that requires further investigation but the present city council was not interested.

As for my qualifications for commenting on the replacement of the city hall building, I have a degree in business and construction from the University of Oregon and I spent over

40 years designing, estimating and building houses in the Manzanita area.

I have spent countless hours examining the Pine Grove School, its plans and the WRK report. I attended a majority of the citizens advisory committee and city council meetings on the subject of replacing the city hall building. I believe converting the school building into a new city hall to be an easy and viable solution as well as a financially prudent one.

Let's stop the "dog and pony show" that the present council is perpetuating and do a real presentation of the possibilities of remodeling

the school to the citizens and let them decide the course of action.

The only way this is going to happen is if the present three sitting council members are replaced by Scott Galvin, Randy Kugler, and Jerry Spegman.

Terry Staehnke  
Manzanita

### My vote is with Weber for State Rep. Dist 32

In 2018, Representative Mitchell won by less than five percent and just a few short months later it was apparent

that she did not represent the people of House District 32. Rather, she represented the big unions and special interest groups that paid her way to the legislative seat. She voted the way she was told to vote, even going against promises she made to her previous co-workers and friends.

Don't make that mistake again!

A vote for anyone other than Suzanne Weber is a vote to continue to raise our taxes and implement ridiculous fees taking money from the vulnerable population on a fixed income, single parents, and families already struggling to make ends meet.

It would be a vote to continue with legislative representatives aligned with big unions and special interest groups; and that candidate doesn't have to be told how to vote because she is a card-carrying member of those groups who pull the strings of legislators like Rep. Mitchell.

Suzanne Weber has the interests of only the citizens of House District 32 and the support of those from all parties.

Vote Suzanne Weber for House District 32!

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