

WHS Spanish teacher has well traveled career

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Carolina Ochoa-Roloff es la nueva maestra de español en la escuela secundaria en Warrenton.

Said another way, Señora Ochoa-Roloff is the new Spanish teacher at WHS.

She grew up in La Puente, Calif., began teaching at Jurupa Valley High and then Rubidoux High, both in Riverside County, Calif.

Ochoa-Roloff moved to Clatsop County when her husband, Travis Roloff, was transferred here.

Roloff is a chief warrant officer in the Coast Guard and he transferred here recently from Massachusetts.

Their marriage has given her the opportunity to work at some interesting places. She taught at Sonoma Valley High School while he was assigned to Station Golden Gate in San Francisco; at Public Schools Academy in Fairfield, Calif., a high school that's run like a military school and geared toward public safety education; and Nauset Regional High School in Eastham, Mass., when her husband was transferred to Cape Cod.

Nauset, where Ochoa-Roloff taught for four years, had a diverse student population, many of them with Portuguese and Brazilian backgrounds. It is one of the top 100 schools in America through the U.S. Department of Education's "Nationally Recognized Schools of Excellence" program.

Her arrival here from Massachusetts -- from one coast to the other -- is due to her husband's redeployment.

Bienvenidos a Warrenton, Señora Carolina Ochoa-Roloff.



Ochoa-Roloff

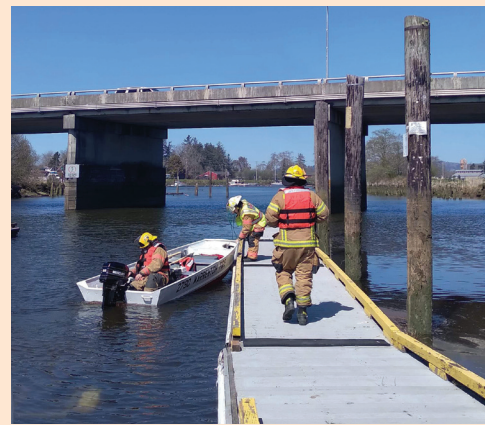
Vaccine mandate leads to slow burn in Warrenton



Left: Volunteers at a practice burn training on Skipanon Drive in 2018. (Diane Collier)

Bottom left: Volunteers arrange to transport a fire boat to help fight a fire aboard a fishing vessel in the Skipanon River in April. (Bella Byers)

Below: Volunteers read to children at a 2020 community event. (Cindy Hansen)



By **CINDY YINGST**
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Gov. Kate Brown's mandate meant to force the hesitant masses to get vaccinated or lose their jobs could have dire consequences for Warrenton and other communities who rely on volunteers for fire and emergency medical services.

Warrenton Fire Department, which serves the city as well as unincorporated areas south of the city, has three paid career employees and 20 volunteers. More than half of the volunteers are unvaccinated.

The mandate hits Warrenton -- and other rural fire agencies statewide -- especially hard.

"I'm sick about it. I've lost sleep over it," Warrenton Fire Chief Brian Alsbury said. "I volunteered for 13 years before I took the job as the chief and my heart goes out to them."

"Truly everyone in Warrenton who volunteers, they're here for their community. They enjoy fighting fires and going out on medical calls. This mandate is going to keep them

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Warrenton clinic doctor featured in nationwide campaign

Dr. Elizabeth Erikson, a physician at the CMH-OHSU Clinic in Warrenton, is featured in a nationwide campaign for 3RNET, a resource for health professionals seeking careers in rural and underserved communities.

The "First. Next. Forever." campaign highlights Erikson's story and the work of Amanda Judd, who worked as CMH's provider recruiter for five years before moving to her husband's next Coast Guard duty station earlier this summer. Judd helped bring Erikson to CMH in 2018 when she saw she would be a good fit for the organization's Planetree, person-cen-

tered culture.

"We're so fortunate that Dr. Erikson believed CMH had everything she was looking for," Judd says in the recruitment campaign. "I can say with confidence that she is making a positive difference in the community. She's exactly who we had hoped for."

3RNET includes a digital search engine for professionals to search for jobs. Its national network of coordinators covers all 50 states and represents organizations that serve the nation's health care safety net.

Stacey Reed, program manager for recruitment and retention with
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Dr. Elizabeth Erikson at her family farm.