

## Building industry develops prescription theft solution

A group of Northwest home builders, property managers and realtors has come up with a novel way of protecting residents who receive prescriptions through the mail.

They're purchasing and installing locking cabinets, drawers or lockboxes in each of the homes they build, manage and sell.

Doriot Construction in Vancouver, Milestone Property Management in Portland and Kim Salvesen-Pauly of Windermere Real Estate Columbia River Gorge are among the first to join the Locks Save Lives Home campaign as industry partners.

"Safe medication storage



Tracy Doriot of Doriot Construction holds one of the lock boxes.

benefits everyone's health and well-being and is the

single-most effective deterrent to accidental poisonings, overdose, medicine theft and misuse," said Kelley Groen-Sieckmann of Prevent Coalition, developers of the Locks Save Lives Home campaign.

Those involved in the campaign encourage others in the industry to join the Locks Save Lives Home movement.

"A lot of things builders get asked to do take tens of thousands of dollars," said Tracy Doriot of Doriot Construction. "But a \$15 lock is a minuscule cost that can have lifelong implications."

To learn more, visit [lockssavives.org](http://lockssavives.org).

## New kindergarten teacher has plenty of fish tales

By **BRUCE DUSTIN**

For *The Columbia Press*

Nine new teachers at Warrenton Grade School are ready to begin school this year. Macen Fritz is one of them.

When asked for background information about herself, the new kindergarten teacher replied:

"I am originally from the Warrenton/Seaside area. I grew up here."

Fritz graduated from Warrenton High School in 2018, then went to Alaska to tender salmon.

"After coming home, my plans to move away fell through," she said. "I ended up picking up educational assistant 'sub' jobs on days that I wasn't working my other job."

She was hired as an educational assistant in January 2019 and has worked for the Warrenton-Hammond school district ever since.

"It wasn't until October of 2019 that I began my education to become an educator, a teacher," she said.

"I was teaching preschool at Warrenton Prep starting from the fall of 2020. It wasn't

long after that that I was offered a position teaching K/1 virtually. It felt like a wonderful opportunity to get a jumpstart on my career."

And, after two weeks, she is loving her new role.

"There's something both special and overwhelming about this career," she said. "I wouldn't have it any other way."



Fritz

### News in brief

## Man who killed ranger in 1999 dies

A man sentenced to life without parole for the 1999 murder of an Oregon State Parks ranger has died in prison.

Larry Gene Cole, 75, had been in hospice care and died Monday, Sept. 27, at the Oregon State Penitentiary in Salem.



Cole

He was 52 when he was arrested in April 1999 for killing Ranger Danny Blumenthal and wounding Ranger Jack Kerwin at Oswald West State Park.

After sentencing, he was transferred from Tillamook County to the state Department of Corrections on July 11, 2001.

## Gunfire hits Seaside theater

A Seaside theater was struck by gunfire last week while people were inside, police

said.

Officers heard multiple gunshots shortly after 10 p.m. Sept. 23, according to Seaside Police. At the same time, bystanders reported shots fired in the area of avenues A and S, and Columbia Street.

An upper-level window at the 1940s-era Times Theater & Public House, 130 Broadway, was damaged from the gunfire. While the eatery side of the building had a few occupants, no one was injured.

Seaside Police seeks the public's health in identifying the culprit. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sgt. Josh Gregory at 503-738-6311.

## Abortion rights bill passes House

Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici, D-Ore., was among members of the U.S. House of Representatives to pass the Women's Health Protection Act (WHPA) on Friday, Sept. 24, legislation aimed at protecting abortion rights nationwide.

The vote came three weeks after Texas's six-week abortion ban went into effect. WHPA enforces the 14th Amendment's right to abortion and establishes a statutory right to provide and receive abortion care.

The Democrat-controlled House passed the bill 218-211, but it faces a tough battle in the Republican-controlled Senate.

## New cardiology team member

Physician Assistant Thomas Peckenham-Hernandez has joined the Health Cardiology Clinic at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

Peckenham-Hernandez earned a master's degree in physician assistant studies from Oregon Health & Science University in Portland. He was a surgical assistant at the OHSU Veterans Affairs Medical Center prior to joining CMH.



Hernandez

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