



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

I reply, 'He is risen, indeed!'

This Sunday is Easter, when we greet one another with "He is risen" and the other person says "He is risen indeed!"

Next year, Easter falls on April 21 and last year it was April 11. Easter is on a different day every year. Why?

According to Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, the date is determined on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar. Evidently, it took centuries to lock into a method for determining the date on which Easter falls. "It has come to be the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or soonest after March 21." And I thought it had to do with the sun!

More people attend church on Easter than any other day of the year. What's known as Holy Week by most denominations begins a week before with Palm Sunday, the triumphal entry of Jesus and, depending upon your church, different days are significant.

Some celebrate Maundy Thursday, the last supper. Most observe Good Friday, when the trial, crucifixion and burial of Jesus took place. Then there's the vigil at the tomb and, on Sunday, the glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Over the years, most churches we were involved in featured an Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast. And then an 11 a.m. Easter service with our combined choirs presented an amazing Cantata, often with a narrator.

Many churches have got-

ten away from that practice. However, a little plug for our local First Baptist Church (503-861-2432). Choir Director Monique Edwards told me they have a good-sized choir presenting an amazing cantata called "Redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb" at 11 a.m. Easter Sunday. She emphasized that all are welcome. They'll also have a sunrise service.

As you know, Easter is on April Fools' Day this year.

Believe it or not, April Fools' is older than Mother's Day or Valentine's Day.

Its origin is not exactly known, but there is evidence it's been around since 1582 in France. That was when "Charles IX ruled, the Gregorian calendar was introduced and New Year's Day was moved from April 1 to January 1.

"People continued to celebrate on April 1, either not knowing the calendar had been changed or not caring. Those people were often referred to as 'fools' for celebrating a day that no longer existed. Still, they set a trend known around the world and April Fools' became commonplace in many households."

Hope to see you all soon. And no gluing a quarter to the pavement as an April Fools' prank just so you can see a lady break her fingernails trying to pick it up.

My boys used to do that!

Easter Sunday will fall on April 1 again in the year 2029, so you may wish to be prepared. And, hope to see you in church this Sunday -- not sure about 2029.

Estuary conference registration opens

"Promoting Resiliency Under Shifting Environmental Conditions" is the theme of this year's Columbia River Estuary Conference, which will be held April 10-12 in the Liberty Theatre.

The 10th biennial conference will explore ways local resource managers and land-use planners can adapt to changes in weather patterns to protect native species and watershed health.

Every two years, the conference brings regional scientists, researchers, natural resource managers and others together to present and learn the latest findings on the lower river, its plume, and nearshore ocean.

The conference includes oral presentations on hab-

itat restoration, sea-level rise and flood risk, changing ocean conditions and its effect on salmon, toxic contaminants and a poster session during a Tuesday evening social.

Cost is \$175 for the full conference or \$100 for a single day. To register or view the conference agenda, go online to estuarypartnership.org/CREC2018.

The conference is sponsored by Bonneville Power Administration, Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce, Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, Lewis & Clark National Park Association, Northwest Power & Conservation Council and several other professional groups.

Candidate holds open house Weds.

John Orr, who is running for Oregon's House of Representatives, District 32, kicks off his campaign with an open house from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 4, at Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St.

Orr is a former municipal court judge. He has been involved in criminal and family law, juvenile dependency, mental health and land use.

Orr, an Astoria Democrat, hopes to take the seat being vacated by Deborah Boone. He is opposed in the Democratic primary by Tim Josi and Tiffany Mitchell.

Vineeta Lower is running unopposed in the Republic primary.

This Week in Aboriginal History

by Carl A. Ellis

Seward's 'folly' gives us Alaska at 2 cents/acre

March 30, 1867: Secretary of State William H. Seward signs off on the purchase of Russia's holdings in Alaska for 2 cents an acre. According to Alaska natives, Russia's landholding does not include the bulk of their lands.

March 31, 1793: Army Ensign Moses Cockrell and two men were leading pack animals across Powell's Mountain and are ambushed by Chickamauga Chief Bench and his followers. Cockrell es-

caped by outrunning Bench.

April 1, 1866: A two-thirds majority of Congress overrides President Andrew Johnson's veto of the Civil Rights Act, which gave equal rights to all persons born in the United States.

April 2, 1975: A three-day National Conference on Indian Water Rights convenes in Washington, D.C. Representatives from 200 tribes attend.

April 3, 1861: White set-

tlers who have moved illegally onto Sioux lands near New Ulm, Minn., attempt to improve their standing by petitioning President Lincoln for protection against the Indians.

April 4, 1840: Comanche Chief Piava arranges an exchange of two prisoners with the residents of San Antonio. Two captives from each side are released.

April 5, 1832: Black Hawk and about 1,000 followers, who had been removed from their home in Illinois and relocated to Iowa in 1831, cross the Mississippi River in an attempt to return to Illinois.

Ellis is an author and historian who is working on a book about American Indians. Learn more about American Indian history at facebook.com/snippetsintime.

Senior lunch menu

Monday, April 2: Pork goulash, boiled potatoes, green beans, pea soup, apple cake.

Thursday, April 5: Chicken with mushroom sauce, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, mixed greens, bread pudding.

The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.