



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Jesus: Reason for the season

I got to thinking about Christmas. I know, I wonder why?

This time of year is for reminiscing as well as celebrating. I wear a pin that says "Jesus is the reason for the season" and I notice many of you do, too. It doesn't hurt me to look back and think about this person named Jesus. And I can assure you it will "do thee good, too."

And no, this is not going to turn into a sermon for those who are scared of such things. But in retrospection, I realize that I'm approaching my 86th Christmas in this journey called life, something my friend, Gretta Passetti, fell short of this year by just 14 days. She and I were only 23 days apart in age. I will miss her.

But I'm glad that she, at one time, had given her life to this Jesus who is the reason for the season!

So instead of celebrating her 86th Christmas on earth, she is singing Hallelujah praises in the presence of Jesus, himself -- at this new but different time in her journey of life. So what is different about this time of her life? It is called eternity -- she will live forever in Heaven with no sickness, disability or death.

Most people call it eternal life. How can that be?

In Revelation 22:5 we are told that there will be no night there. In Hebrews 10:34 we are told that there will be no imperfections or wrong choices, that everything is very beautiful -- better, enduring.

Gretta, our amazing and humble friend, is now in the presence of angels along with Noah, Adam and Eve,

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, David, Solomon, Samuel, Daniel and Peter, John, James, Paul, Timothy, Luke, Matthew, Mark and all the saints. And with so many of her relatives and friends who arrived there before her.

Charles Swindoll, a well known evangelist once reminded us that "Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we react to it."

So what's your reaction to the pin that says "Jesus is the reason for the season"? My reaction makes me realize anew that this is no laughing matter. I'm compelled to share with each of you reading this column that this is the verse that turned the corner for me about 65 years ago:

For God so loved Emma that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, that if Emma believes in Him, Emma will not perish, but Emma will have eternal life (Paraphrased from John 3:16).

You might envision yourself all your life on a train heading to the wrong place (the opposite of Heaven) and then you decide to get off that train and head the other way.

This is God's Christmas present to you. If this is your thinking, then please bow your head now and let Jesus know that you are sorry for your sins and wish to have a fresh start with him as your savior.

You could even bake him a birthday cake and encourage the kids to sing "Happy birthday, dear Jesus" with you!

Christmas will be over by the next time I share with you, so I do wish you a very merry and meaningful Christmas.

This Week in Aboriginal History

by Carl A. Ellis



Cherokees exchange 4 million acres for \$20,000

Dec. 21, 1804: The Cherokees will give up more than 4 million acres of land in exchange for \$20,000, according to two treaties signed with the federal government's Indian agent, Return Meigs.

The documents are sent to the Senate for consideration.

Dec. 22, 1830: The state of Georgia prohibits whites from being on Cherokee land without a permit and makes it unlawful for Cherokee to meet in council, unless for the purpose of giving land to whites.

Dec. 23, 1804: The Mandan Indians offer the Lewis and Clark expedition food in exchange for trade goods.

Dec. 24, 1636: John Oldham, an early settler and Indian trader in Massachusetts, is killed by Pequot Indians, which sparks the Pequot War of 1636-37.

Dec. 25, 1643: Roger Williams of Providence, R.I., publishes "A Key Into the Language of America," a dictionary of the Narragansett Indian language and a com-

Hike club to hold planning meeting

Angora Hiking Club will have a planning meeting to schedule 2019 hikes at 2 p.m. Jan. 6 in Room 231 at Oregon State University's Seafood Lab, 2001 Marine Dr.

The club is preparing for its 100th anniversary in 2020. One of its early projects was a metal relief map at the Astoria Column.

All those interested in leading a hike are urged to attend. While the cost to join the club is minimal, hikers can participate without being members.

mentary on the culture and customs of the southern New England Indians.

Dec. 26, 1804: Oglala and other Lakota tribes expand their region of influence and control to cover most of the area now known as North and South Dakota, westward to the Big Horn Mountains in Wyoming and south to the Platte River in Nebraska.

Fur trading becomes an important part of Oglala life.

Dec. 27, 1763: Angry white vigilantes called "the Paxton Boys" break into a

building where 14 defenseless Conestoga Pennsylvania Indians are being held.

The whites kill the Indians, including women and children, while the Indians pray.

Benjamin Franklin would later write the broadside sheet, "Narrative of the Late Massacres in Lancaster County" condemning the white attackers for brutalizing the innocent Indians.

Ellis is an author and historian working on a book about American Indians.

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Dec. 24: Closed for Christmas Eve.

Thursday, Dec. 27: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, spinach salad, ice cream.

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Warrenton City Commission will conduct a public hearing at 6:00 P.M. January 8, 2019 at the Warrenton City Hall, Commission Chamber to consider Case No. DCR 18-5, amendments to Warrenton Comprehensive Plan Section 8, Adoption of a new Transportation System Plan, and amendments to Municipal Code Section 16.12 Definitions, 16.40 C-1 Commercial Uses, 16.44 Development Standards, 16.120 Vehicular Access & Circulation, 16.128.030 Vehicle Parking Standards, 16.128.040 Bicycle Parking Standards, 16.136.020 Transportation Standards, 16.208 Procedures, 16.216 General Requirements, 16.220 Conditional Use Review Criteria, 16.232 Transportation Planning Rule Compliance, & 16.256 Traffic Impact Study.

This case will be reviewed under the procedures, standards and criteria in Warrenton Municipal Code 16.208.060, Type IV Procedure (Legislative and Map Amendments.) and Chapter 16.232 Amendments to Comprehensive Plan Text and Map, Rezone and Development Code.

Anyone wishing to testify on this proposal may either attend the public hearing and speak to the City Commission, or submit written materials, which must be received by the Warrenton Planning & Building Department no later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing. Written comments may be mailed to Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director, Warrenton Building and Planning Department, P.O. Box 250, Warrenton Oregon, 97146-0250.

Anyone wishing to review and/or purchase copies of the proposed legislation and/or staff report may do so at the City of Warrenton Planning and Building Department, Warrenton City Hall, 225 South Main, or may contact Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director at 503-861-0920 or cityplanner@ci.warrenton.or.us. The staff report will be available for review at no cost at least seven days before the hearing.

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