



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

What to do with socks, darn it

Sometimes the hardest thing to attain is patience, yet it pays off abundantly.

I understand that “waiting” or having patience is a trait prized by the Amish. Maybe that’s why I love to read Amish novels, which seem to be popular nowadays.

I filed my 2020 census not long ago. It reminded me of 20 years ago, when I was a census taker earning a little extra money. In every part of our lives it seems we can find humor.

I remember knocking on the door of one home and being welcomed inside. It was dark and I suddenly remembered (according to my records) that the client was blind.

I ever so politely asked if she would mind if I turned the lights on -- and she assured me it made no difference to her.

We both felt the humor in it, which kind of broke the ice, and we had a good laugh.

It’s just something I remember so well. We do have so much to be thankful for and, of course, the situation made me thankful I have eyesight that works.

Recently, I was in a conversation about darning socks. Some of us women agreed that we or our moms used to enjoy relaxing in the evening with our darning basket where we repaired the holes in every family member’s socks.

Some of us took great pride in weaving our needle in and out and then, when finished, we would take the handle end of our scissors and pound the darn against the wooden tool

that we had inserted inside the sock. (I think it was called a darning egg.)

Nowadays, women use a tennis ball or a light bulb. Or, as in our group of eight that day, not one admitted to darning socks anymore. I wonder what the percentage is of those who still darn and whether the kids would even wear them afterward?

Someone once said, “Emotion is a luxury -- we don’t have time for it now.”

Maybe they haven’t lived in an era such as we find ourselves today.

Truthfully, I see little frustration and hear few complaints. Instead, more than a few times, I’ve seen parents out in the yard playing basketball, horseshoes or cornhole with their children.

Some of my friends tell of watching their grandchildren engaged in board games.

Remember the games of Life, Sorry and Monopoly? As a child, I remember us five kids clearing off the dining room table and Mother spending the better part of the afternoon playing Monopoly with us.

It’s so refreshing during these challenging times to see neighbors and loved ones using their time well. It’s been said that families that play together, stay together!

Off the Shelf

by Kelly Knudsen



Bored? Consider drive-through book pickup

Greetings from the stacks of the Warrenton Community Library (WCL)! We hope everyone is staying safe and finding time to read as much as possible.

WCL closed March 18 because of COVID-19, but the drive-through window is open daily from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Patrons can go to warrentonlibrary.org or call 503-861-8156, and place items on hold for pick up at the drive-through window on the south side of the building.

If you need items from the library, but don’t have a library card, please call between 10 and 2 to see how we can help.

April is one of my favorite months to celebrate in library-land, mainly because April is National Poetry Month. National Poetry Month was launched by the Academy of American Poets in April 1996 to remind the public that poets have an integral role to play in our culture and that poetry matters.

It seems as if we could use the power of poetry more than ever during these unusual circumstances we are living in, as poetry and inspiring language can help bring solace and needed strength. What is your favorite poem?

April 12 was “living legend”

author Beverly Cleary’s 104th birthday. A beloved Oregonian favorite, she helped foster a love of reading in generations of children and another reason April is special.

April also celebrates National Library week, dedicated to celebrating the contributions of libraries, while promoting their use and support.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library week is April 19-25 and the theme this year is “find your place at the library.” We may be temporarily closed, but it’s a great time to explore the many digital resources we provide online, including audio books, eBooks, and placing holds for pick up.

Since closing in March, we

have started several projects at the library, including setting up a Teen Zone in the vault. The first step was to swap the 2,432 DVDs with the Young Adult books, moving the books into the vault and the DVDs into the main library. The goal is to make an adult-free, safe space for young people ages 12-18 to go and study, play games, socialize, read, and grow.

We’re looking forward to re-opening and sharing all the changes with the community.

Take care of each other and read on!

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Notice of Pending Type II Administrative Decision

TNT Fireworks has submitted an application for a temporary use permit to operate two separate fireworks stands at Fred Meyer and Wal-Mart parking lots - Map & Tax Lot 8 10W22D 000200 and 810W27C 007200. The subject properties are located at 695 Hwy 101 and 1791 SE Ensign Lane, respectively.

The application file is available for public review from until May 4, 2020, with an administrative decision to be made after the close of the 20 day review and comment period. Applicable Warrenton Municipal Code criteria include Chapter 16.40, General Commercial (C-1) District, Section 16.208.040 Type II Administrative Procedures, and Section 16.240.010 Temporary Use Permits.

All evidence to be relied upon to make a decision on this application is in the public record and available for review at the Warrenton Building and Planning Department, 225 S Main Ave., Warrenton, at no cost. Copies can be made at reasonable cost. Following the close of the public comment period, the Community Development Director will issue a Type II Administrative Decision which will be mailed to the applicant and all parties who submit written comments or who are otherwise legally entitled to notice.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: All interested persons are invited to submit written comments to Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director, Warrenton City Hall, PO Box 250, Warrenton, OR 97146 by May 4, 2020. Failure to participate in this administrative review in writing or failure to address relevant issues with sufficient specificity may preclude your right to appeal the administrative decision on this application.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION contact Kevin A. Cronin, Community Development Director, City of Warrenton at 503.861.0920 or cityplanner@ci.warrenton.or.us, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to noon/1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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