



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Quotes and kitties are motivating

“Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be,” -- Abraham Lincoln

In a review of those words, spoken about 160 years ago, I suggest the aesthetics of life need to go. Our lives simply are not as they used to be prior to the worldwide pandemic.

Many of you have chosen to hibernate or totally shut yourselves in. Others put on a mask or shield and tackle the world. Think about it.

“Happiness is when what you think and what you say and what you do are in harmony.” That quote is from one of Lincoln’s papers.

In reality, during these past months of self-quarantine, I think I have become my own best friend.

I am one of the more fortunate in that my daughter, Lynn, who lives in Warrenton, has literally become my connection to the outside world.

And if “we” need the big guns (muscles), her hubby, Wayne, comes over to assist. Otherwise, I have been alone so long I have noticed I’m increasingly conversing with myself.

But now I do have another best friend. Some of you may remember I wanted a kitten at Christmas time. Well, my wish came true and three days before Christmas is when Holly Holly came to live with me.

It felt like I’d birthed a new baby. She weighed in at 1 pound, 5 ounces, on her eight-week birthday, which was when she took residence in my home and in my bed.

Let me tell you. My life probably will never be the same.

“I know God will not give me anything I can’t handle. I just wish He didn’t trust me so much,” -- Mother Teresa.

I doubt she ever had a kitten so tiny and yet so opinionated. Often, I kind of sing Holly, Holly when calling her. Her godmother is daughter Lynn, who totally outfitted her for my home.

She’ll remain a house cat even when she grows up since I live on a busy street that’s like a highway.

“It’s not what happens to you in life, it’s how you choose to handle it.” I’m not sure who said that, but I love my little kitten Holly Holly.

I haven’t had a cat in more than 20 years, so I’m in a learning phase, too, as I try to civilize this little kitten.

John Wayne summed it up in this quote: “Courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway.”

Peace be with you. Sometimes I think I have lost mine, but adopting my new companion is the best decision I could have made.

I am a smiling, laughing person anyway, but she has increased the joyful aspects of my life.

Call our local animal control. There just might be an adorable little cat or other animal awaiting your love. It will bring back your joyfulness.

And, by the way, Holly Holly weighed 2 pounds 1 ounce at the vet on Thursday of last week. She has learned the word “Eat!”

Off the Shelf

by Kelly Knudsen



Some ideas for reading and getting involved

The library moved to drive-through service only in the middle of December, and it’s been quite busy, with many community members utilizing the window and picking up items, including puzzles, audio books and, of course, the latest, best-selling books and movies.

It’s super convenient being in a building with a drive-up window, especially during a pandemic. And if you have a computer, it’s simple to search the online catalog and place a book on hold for pick-up. If you have difficulty with the process, please call us.

Here are the top five titles checked out for all three libraries in the Northwest Library Cooperative of Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton between October 2020 and December 2020: “All the Devils Are Here” by Louise Penny, “Anxious People” by Fredrik Backman, “Walk the Wire” by David Baldacci, “Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents” by Isabel Wilkerson, and “Masked Prey” by John Sandford.

Next Monday, Jan. 18, the library will close in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service. The holiday is considered “a day on, not a day off,” encouraging all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.

As MLK Jr. said, “Everybody can be great, because anybody can serve.”

The library is looking for some volunteers who want to be on the front lines, developing something new for the



community. If this sounds like you, please join us at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, for a virtual meeting and find out what a Friends organization is and what it does, both for the library and the community. Sign up if you are a concerned citizen, interested in the library, love books and reading, and are interested in sharing your ideas for library programming, funding, and more.

If you are interested in at-

tending this virtual New Friends Group interest session, call the library 503-861-8156 or go to our website, warrentonlibrary.org and look for the “Libraries Need Friends” tab and fill out the online form.

Consider volunteering next Monday in honor of the day of service and throughout 2021. Getting out into the community helps enrich us all. It gives us a sense of accomplishment as we get to know our neighbors, who may need a helping hand.

Read on!

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Man dies in Highway 26 crash

A Seaside man was killed Monday when his car was struck by a semitrailer on Highway 26, according to Oregon State Police.

Lonnie Meade, 65, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The accident was reported at 3:40 p.m. Monday about seven miles east of Seaside.

Meade was headed east and had stopped to turn left into a driveway when his Ford Explorer was struck from behind by a Peterbuilt truck driven by Alejandro Flores, 43, of Tigard.

Flores was uninjured.

Highway 26 was closed for four hours.

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