



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Like my great-grandsons, I also have a cartoon favorite

Life for Killian, my 6-year-old great-grandson in Idaho, seems to revolve around characters, such as his favorite cartoon, Paw Patrol. He does not know who Snoopy is.

Life for Silas, my 6-year-old great-grandson in Oregon, seems to revolve around dirt bikes and farm animals. And, no, he does not know who Snoopy is at this time.

Life for Ethan, my 6-year-old great-grandson in California, seems to revolve around his favorite cartoon, Sonic the Hedgehog. And, no, he does not know who Snoopy is either.

Ford, my 6-year-old Colorado great-grandson, loves the Lego movies and school. He does know who Snoopy is because he's seen "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!"

My grandchildren tell me as many as five cartoon characters can be enjoyed in one afternoon, but it's safe to say few -- except Batman -- have been around for more than a few years.

Where does that leave my favorite character, Snoopy? I'm not sure where Peanuts rates in my life over the years, but Snoopy has always been a part of mine and my late husband's lives over the years.

We were married in 1951, which is about when Snoopy came into being. The actual order of appearances is the cartoon strip Peanuts, then Charlie Brown, and then Snoopy. Some people weren't impressed with that little beagle, but the day came when he took the most popu-

lar cartoon character lead.

One of Charlie Brown's best-known lines was "My anxieties have anxieties." I think the comic strip's popularity, right from the start, was that we adults could identify with its content day after day. A philosophy attributed to Snoopy was pretty simple, but deep at the same time.

He and his bird friend, Woodstock, are sitting there and both are looking up. The cartoon is captioned, "Keep looking up. That's the secret of life."

Maybe we seniors need to be more Snoopy-minded?

The older we get, the more we realize the value of focus and friends. Charles Schulz, the creator of Peanuts, dissected Snoopy for us those many years ago. Like it or not, many of us subconsciously adapted his theory or description of Snoopy as a friend. His dissection divided the definition into eight areas or characteristics:

- Full of great advice
- Always happy to see you
- Ready to listen on a moment's notice
- Loves to share a smile
- Available to lean on
- Hands good for holding and helping
- A warm spot in his heart for you

"Life is short. So do the things that make you happy. Be with those who make you happy!"

Look for the good in every day, even if some days you have to look a little harder!"

History in the Making

A look at Warrenton's top stories from The Columbia Press annals



Artist completes mural at the four-way stop

**NOVEMBER 2011
10 YEARS AGO**

• An annual Day of Thanks, the first of many future communitywide Thanksgiving meals served from Warrenton Community Center, is organized by Lisa and Vern Lamping, Dianne and Carl Burkhart, and Kellie and Mike Rieck. Nearly 300 people attend.

**NOVEMBER 2001
20 YEARS AGO**

• The U.S. Postal Service puts a freeze on all new construction projects due to the nation's economic downturn.

The decision puts the kibosh on plans for a new post office at the city's public works yard. The city had spent more than \$100,000 in cleaning up contamination at the site in preparation for the potential relocation.

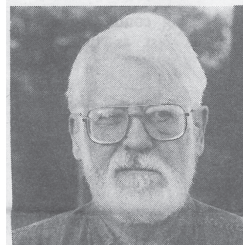
• City Commissioner Keith Dyer asks for a revote on a request from Clatsop County for an Enterprise Zone at the North Coast Business Park.

The zone allows tax breaks for developers as incentives to build there. Dyer said he hadn't fully understood the issues when he voted "no," along with Commissioner Lylla Gaebel, causing a 2-2 deadlock. The request was approved on a 4-1 vote.

• Artist Kathleen Covert finishes the mural on the ministorage wall at the four-way stop and thanks those who contributed to the project when the city declined to pay for it: Steve Hollman,

Commission races too close to call

Carruthers, Holman hold leads



Richard Carruthers



Les Newton



Scott Holman



Tim Dowell

Ace Hardware, Don Patterson, Scott and Jim Hollman, Donna Hulon and Diane Haggerty.

**NOVEMBER 1996
25 YEARS AGO**

• Les Newton narrowly nudges out Richard Carruthers for a seat on the Warrenton City Commission. Newton previously had served 24 years

on the Warrenton City Commission, 18 of them as mayor.

Kampers West manager Scott Holman beat TJ's Auto Repair owner Tim Dowell and Planning Commissioner Walter Camp for a second seat on the commission. Mayor Barbara Balensifer ran unopposed.

• City Commissioners vote against renewing the contract of Terry Filler, Warrenton's first full-time paid fire chief. He came under fire earlier in the year when several volunteer firefighters went to central Oregon to fight fires and he criticized some local business owners who were unable to afford to let them go.

• Commissioners vote 4-1 to approve a new lease with Free Willy Bait and Tackle owner David Rogers, who plans to build a 36- by 50-foot metal pole building for a boat repair service next to his shop at Hammond Marina.

Commissioner Lisa Lamping, who voted no, said she was concerned about appearances at the marina.

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