



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Incredible stories and quotes

I have an iPhone and cannot resist using it to see stories and pictures from all over the world.

To back up just a little bit, about 40 years ago, I had an ulcer and my doctor wanted me to switch to goat's milk as part of my treatment.

Coincidentally, an acquaintance asked whether we'd like a goat they had to part with. And by the way, the acquaintance said, she was a milk goat with lots to give.

It was then that I developed a love of goats. Our children were excited and my tummy soon felt better. Jennie, the goat, became a part of our family.

Getting back to the pictures and stories in my iPhone. One day recently, I saw a picture of four little orphaned goats and my heart melted. Evidently, it's unusual for goats to give birth to four babies at once and it was certainly too much for Gertrude, the mother goat who, sad to say, had died.

So what to do with those precious little baby goats? (I know, they're called kids, of course).

Besides the announcement of the four goats born together, there was a write-up about the family's pet parakeet, who adopted those little kids.

The picture showed that amazing bird hovering over the baby goats and, one at a time, letting them nurse on her.

Don't you just love stories

like that? And yes, that kind of made my day, too! I think we need to share happy stories like that more often!

Recently I read a quote worth sharing.

"Four things you can't recover: The stone after the throw, the word after it's said, the occasion after it's missed, the time after it's gone." – Deanna Wadsworth

The last phrase, "the time after it's gone," may be most poignant to us seniors when we are faced with death of family and friends.

I can think of two friends who passed while I had been prompted to pay them a visit, but put it off.

Another quote I'd like to get for my wall: I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," -- Philipians 4:13.

I try to remember to listen to my inner thoughts -- perhaps the prompting of the Holy Spirit -- and respond. I cannot call back that time after it is gone!

And, as to those four baby goats, look at the date today. Yes, it was my feeble attempt to say April fools! Did I get you? Have fun today!

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Homelessness a crisis for cities, too

The homeless crisis is an issue that's been building for some time.

There are so many reasons why it's happening that attempting to list them is not sufficient for a small column like this.

Make no mistake, there is no one policy or one law that can be abolished or amended to fix the issue. However, a trend in the Western United States has made the situation markedly more problematic here than in the Midwest or Eastern United States.

You may have heard about the landmark Martin v. Boise case, and the more recent Blake v. Grants Pass case. The case that really is important in detail is Blake.

Essentially, the Boise case says cities cannot prohibit someone from being homeless in a city. The Grants Pass case says that cities cannot simply force homeless people to other jurisdictions, or shift them onto federal public land. It does leave intact the time, place, and manner restriction capability of cities, though.

What really complicates matters is that if another court case further changes what is or isn't allowed,

the state legislature has enshrined the Boise case into state law. In short, if the federal courts open up certain possibilities for addressing the issue, the state now forbids some of them.

The state's intent was to "clarify" the court ruling. I don't particularly buy that excuse, but it is the law.

The city of Warrenton has been aware of the issue and is not idle about it. The staff has been considering solutions for a couple of years now, but has had to adjust multiple times due the shifting legal landscape.

The city also has been mindful of what Seaside and Astoria are doing to address the issue. While some of their solutions will inevitably be what every city in the 9th Judicial Circuit will have to comply with, the approaches are likely to have some variations.

Warrenton has been combing the state and local laws and current lawsuits to find

the clearest path that is the least problematic. I want to be clear there are no easy nor all-pleasing solutions to the issue.

Working with our team of attorneys -- the same ones who have guided us through some bold actions and emergencies to date -- we will be holding public forums to hear from citizens on their suggestions later this year.

I should also note that the weekly morning constituent meetings I held prior to the pandemic will resume Monday, June 6, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Commission Chambers at City Hall.

Until that time, I remain available via my Facebook page, email (hbalensifer@ci.warrenton.or.us), and phone.

Warrenton Mayor Henry Balensifer can be reached at hbalensifer@ci.warrenton.or.us or by leaving a message for him at City Hall, 503-861-2233.

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In the Matter of the Estate of DEBRA EVONNE STARR, Deceased
Case No.: 22PB01846

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Peter Lars Starr has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the Personal Representative c/o Ashley Flukinger, Attorney at Law, LLC, 3645 Highway 101 N., Gearhart, Oregon 97138, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred.

All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the lawyer for the Personal Representative, Ashley Flukinger.

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