



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

No thanks, Dr. Billy-Bob

I was taking my usual morning walk a few years back and happened upon a little boy about 5 years old playing in his front yard.

I greeted him and asked his name. He told me it was Charles and then asked for my name. I said "My name is Mrs. Edwards."

Right away he asked what my "other name" was and waited for my response.

I told him I was Emma Edwards, but that he should just call me Mrs. Edwards because I was so much older than he.

Charles studied me for a while and then suddenly blurted out "Are you old enough to die?"

Sometimes I fail to realize how we older people must appear to a child. I realize things have changed drastically since I was a little one or even since I was raising my six little ones.

Many of us grew up singing the hymn, "Things are Different Now, Something Happened to Me." It was a salvation song that asked Jesus into our lives. In the churches my late husband and I were involved in, it was a song we sang when someone was being baptized.

Maybe I should write another verse for nowadays. Just think with me a moment and you will agree that *things are different now*. One thing I miss is being called Mrs. Edwards. I used to say I had to go to the fancy department store Meier and Frank or to Safeway to be called Mrs. Edwards.

And, it's been forever since a doctor or nurse has called me Mrs. Edwards, that's for

sure!

What do you think about kids using first names? We used to say "Aunt Lucy" or "Uncle Reuben."

Perhaps I'm just old-fashioned, but even my great-grandchildren even call me "great grandma." When did everything change?

Recently, my medical doctor told me I could call him by his first name. I thanked him and turned down the privilege immediately. I guess you could say I'm ultra-old-fashioned.

I am told that some teachers still require their students to refer to them as Mr. Anthony or Miss Jessica. And maybe there are still a few who use last names for teachers.

My grade school teachers preferred to be called Mrs. Webb or Mrs. Tusolino, as did the principal, whom we called Mrs. Crowder. I don't even want to surmise or imagine what would have happened had I called one of my aunts or uncles by their first name.

I look at it as honoring one's position maybe? While others would consider the use of first names to be disrespectful or simply honorific.

Traditional Grandma and Grandpa still are used, plus many variations such as Grammy, Gramsie, Nana, Grampy, Papa, Poppy, Pop Pop and on and on.

Increased longevity requires names that are different between the generations and different extended families.

There are a few I like even more, such as Mawmaw and Pawpaw or Meme and Papaw.

I really do think that lineage or adoption meant more in days gone by.

Off the Shelf

by Kelly Knudsen



Summer will be busy at the library

Greetings from Warrenton Community Library! We are busier than ever and have a ton of updates to share.

On June 4, we kicked off our 2022 Summer Reading Program with the theme of Read Beyond the Beaten Path. There were more than 75 attendees at the kickoff party, playing games, doing arts and crafts, eating hot dogs and celebrating summer reading.

Summer camp at the library encompasses many different summer experiences, such as outdoors, hiking, campfires, stories, animal identification, and arts and crafts. And we have a plethora of activities scheduled this summer as well as our regular monthly programming.

Every Wednesday and Saturday is Storytime with Courtney at 10:30 a.m. and, twice a month, we offer bilingual storytime with Adrianna and Courtney.

The second and fourth Tuesday of every month is Lego Club at 4 p.m. It's open to all ages, from toddlers to adults. Space is limited, so please call to sign up.

The second Thursday of every month is Youth Game Club for kids ages 12 to 18. Come hang out and play board games, card games, Dungeons & Dragons one shots, and more. It starts at 4:30 p.m.

Anime Club is on the third Thursday of every month and is a great way for anime fans to find new anime to watch and revisit old favorites. Anime Club is open to young people ages 12 to 18 starting at 4:30 p.m.

The fourth Thursday is WCL's Teen Advisory Board, during which the group discusses upcoming programs, opens the floor to questions

and concerns for teens, and listens to what they have to say about the library. Anyone 13 or older is welcome to attend, starting at 4:30 p.m.

At 4 p.m. this Saturday, June 18, we welcome local author Melissa Eskue Ousely as part of our Library After Dark Series. Learn about Melissa's books and writing process and, afterward, spend some time wandering the library and meeting some of the new Friends of Warrenton Community Library group, which sponsors the event.

We also have PJ Storytime and Stuffed Animal Sleepover this month, as well as a Messy Art Day for 7- to 10-year-olds (sign-up required).

In July, we'll offer a Zine-making class for ages 12 and

up, a JuggleMania show on July 14, and the Clatsop County Regatta Princesses will host storytime on July 16. Slime Day is July 19, and a Fort Stevens Ranger visits at 11:30 a.m. July 29.

Stop down at the library to see our full schedule of events.

With all these programs and activities, the library could use some volunteers who are interested in learning our circulation system and assisting patrons at the front desk. Please reach out to Cass Williams at the library if you are interested in volunteering, 503-861-8156.

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FOR THE COUNTY OF CLATSOP

In the Matter of the Estate of WADE LEIGH MORGAN, Deceased
Case No.: 22PB05256

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monica L. Raichl has been appointed personal representative of the Estate of Wade Leigh Morgan. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative c/o Lawrence, Lawrence & Queener P.C., 427 S. Holladay Drive, Seaside, OR 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 attorney for the personal representative, Benjamin F. Lawrence, at the above address.

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Benjamin F. Lawrence
Attorney for Personal Representative