



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Proud to stand for the flag

I am proud to be an American and I want my progeny to see that spirit in me and, hopefully, it will become deeply imbedded in them.

A lot has been said in recent weeks about our treasured American flag and equally treasured national anthem. You know what I am talking about -- standing or not standing. Impressionable little (as well as big) ears are taking all this in. My prayer is that those of us who know better will make a difference.

I don't know about you, but even when I'm home alone and hear the first notes of the Star-Spangled Banner come on, I stand with my hand on my heart taking in every meaningful word.

Respect is a good word to use as to why we stand for the pledge to our flag and remain standing for the singing of our national anthem. Maybe that is the secret -- to bring the word "respect" back into our lives. Respect for the soldiers who keep us free whether they have been or are currently serving in the Army, Coast Guard, Marines or Navy. And you can bet growing up we honored the flag of our country and stood on our feet for the singing of our Star-Spangled Banner.

Analyzing the situation, some might say that I have an overly developed sense of outrage. I don't think so. Maybe it's a good thing that most of us seniors feel strongly about the preciousness of our flag and anthem.

OK, on the lighter side, there are about 50 days until Thanksgiving.

Many are already practicing what "hors d'oeuvres" to

serve. Of course, you and I pronounce it "or dervs" or something like that. Anyway, here is what I learned from the William and Mary Morris' Dictionary of Word and Phrase origins: "The French phrase hors d'oeuvres literally means 'outside the works.'"

Originally, it was an architectural term referring to an outbuilding not incorporated into the architect's main design, according to my source. The phrase was "borrowed by France's culinary experts to indicate appetizers" served while waiting for the turkey to finish cooking.

I've researched a lot of hors d'oeuvres and cheese combinations such as cheese balls seem to be the most popular choices. Hmmmm, makes you hungry already. Me too!

Before I leave the subject, I can't resist sharing what is considered by many as the ultimate cheese ball with only four basic ingredients. They are: 3 (8 ounce) packages of softened cream cheese, 1 bunch finely chopped green onions, 1 (8 ounce) jar dried beef, chopped (I use the old-fashioned chipped dried beef) and 1 cup chopped pecans. In a medium bowl, mix the cream cheese, green onions and dried beef. Form the mixture into a ball or whatever shape you wish. roll it in chopped pecans. Chill in refrigerator about two hours before serving.

Have a great week, and thanks for "standing with me" for the pledge to our flag and standing for the singing of our country's anthem, The Star-Spangled Banner.

And be ye thankful that we can!

Chases: It was an exhausting week for police

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Fox, who was a passenger in the vehicle, was arrested on suspicion of two counts of furnishing alcohol to minors.

An 18-year-old male from Warrenton was issued a citation for being a minor in possession of alcohol by consumption.

A 16-year-old Seaside girl, also a passenger in the car, was not cited.

The case was forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for possible additional charges of criminal mischief.

MAN WITH WARRANTS

A second chase scenario for officers occurred the very next evening at an apartment house on Alternate Highway 101. The property manager had called Sept. 26 to report that an unwanted person was at the location and needed to be removed, according to police reports.

After contacting tenants in the apartment house and searching the property, the man could not be located. Officers left and found the woman who lives in the apartment walking along Main Avenue. She said she'd come home to find several people in her apartment that she didn't want there. She chose to leave instead of confronting them, according to a police report. She gave officers permission to enter her apartment.

A short time later, the prop-

erty manager called police a second time to report the unwanted subject had returned.

Officers staked out the apartment house and demanded the person in the upstairs apartment come out. The property manager gave them permission to kick the door, according to the report.

The man broke out a window in the back and used a roof gutter to drop to the ground and then took off running. But he didn't get far before officers caught him.

Nicholas Allen Tagg, 31, of Warrenton was booked at Clatsop County Jail on suspicion of criminal mischief and resisting arrest. He also had three warrants from the circuit court. This case was forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review and possible additional charges.

BICYCLE CHASE

In the early morning hours of Sept. 30, a city employee called to report he'd spotted a man rifling around inside a parked vehicle in the driveway of a house behind the city's public works yard, according to a police report. When the man saw that he was being watched, he fled on a bicycle northbound on Alder Avenue. The witness watched as the man ditched his bicycle about a block later and ran on foot.

Officers arrived and searched the area, but were

unable to locate the man in the darkness. His bicycle was brought to the department's property room.

The vehicle's owner went through the Chevy truck, but couldn't find anything missing.

RESTRAINING ORDER

A man ransacked his mother's condo before going to his aunt's condo a few doors down where his mother was eating dinner. He destroyed Halloween decorations on his aunt's front porch, according to a police report.

Police arrived at the condo on Alternate Highway 101 shortly after 7 p.m. Oct. 2 and the man took off running behind the units toward a wooded area. After a chase by car on the Skipanon dike road and on foot, Clatsop County Sheriff's K9 dog Pax located the man behind some fallen trees in the heavily wooded area.

Steven Michael Wolf, 40, of Warrenton was booked at Clatsop County Jail on suspicion of burglary, criminal mischief, escape and violating a restraining order. His blood-alcohol level was recorded at 0.14 percent.

Astor Street sells tickets for gala

Astor Street Opry Company will have its annual auction and gala Saturday, Nov. 18, at the playhouse, 129 W. Bond St., Astoria. The event will feature RJ Marx Jazz Quartet and other live performances from ASOC's top talents. There will be both a silent and live auction suitable for holiday shopping.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple. Tickets can be purchased online at brownpapertickets.com/event/3084324.

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Oct. 9: Shepherd's pie, mashed potatoes, green beans, split pea soup, rice pudding.

Thursday, Oct. 12: Chicken and apples, brown rice, carrots, romaine salad, pumpkin cake.

The Warrenton senior lunch program is at noon (doors open at 10:30 a.m.) Mondays and Thursdays at Warrenton Community Center, 170 SW Third St. Suggested donation is \$5 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.