



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Finding thanksgiving in life's simple joys

Seems everywhere we go at Thanksgiving time we end up sharing what we're thankful for either this year or in our entire lives.

The other day, I made reference to my beautiful home. To which the person retorted, "Oh? I thought you lived in an apartment!"

That made me chuckle. I explained that I did not own a house, but of course I had a home. And then, as I have done once in a while, I told her what I liked best about my "home."

I know this may strike you as funny, but with all sincerity I tell you I so enjoy my Dumpster.

As a child, us kids sometimes fought over whose turn it was to take the garbage out to the two garbage cans.

Sometimes we had to climb in and stomp the garbage down to make room for more.

We have two Dumpsters

for the 30 apartments in my complex. Such joy!

Besides my Dumpsters, I am thankful for the laundry room with three washers and three dryers. More joy to run three machines all at once.

Most houses have only one washer and dryer. Always washing; whereas that chore only takes me two hours once a week. More joy for sure!

What else am I thankful for? For sure it is the noon meal at our local meal site on Mondays and Thursdays. It takes place at Warrenton Community Center on Third Street.

It will delight your soul to get in on some of the subjects we cover within that hour or so.

As for the menu, we so appreciate the beautiful menu box that the editor/owner of this newspaper gives us each week. In keeping with the season, we extend a heartfelt thank you to you, Cindy.

Now, thinking back to the

subject of thankfulness one more time, recently it was about baths when we were children. I was born in '32, so times were a bit tough. Being the fourth child, guess who got the bath water after the three boys had had their baths?

More often than not, little sister and I would share that water.

I know, you say ugh! But we usually had baths on Saturday nights only. And no, we were not "poor people" but frugality was a must in those days.

And, in the realm of thankfulness, I cannot remember when I wasn't aware that there was a God in our lives. But as a child, He was an Episcopal God, of course. And after I married, He became a Baptist God.

Summing up, I guess one could say it's OK to be thankful for Dumpsters, multiple washers and dryers and fresh bath water.

But mixed into all of that, I realize God never leaves us nor forsakes us.

Recently, I read that "gratitude is the memory of a glad heart."

That makes me smile.

Letter to the Editor

Support Toys for Tots this year

From 2006 through 2009, I was honored to have coordinated the Marine Corps League Detachment 1228 Toys for Tots Toy Drive in and around Clatsop County.

During that period, my after-action reports show that are detachment distributed 15,425 toys to families in Clatsop County. This was done by volunteers working at the Clatsop County Fairgrounds and those who drove to outlying areas and delivered toys to schools, churches, meeting halls, veterans organizations, police and fire departments. All these people then helped give the toys to families. A great effort by all.

The Marine Corps League continues to collect and distribute toys to children all over Clatsop County. The local League is known as the Daniel E. Crockett Marine Corps League, Detachment 1228. The present com-

mander of the League is Lou Neubecker, who resides in Seaside with his lovely wife, Beverly. Coordinator Neubecker has carried on the fine tradition of Toys for Tots in Clatsop County with strong assistance from the members of the League.

I am asking the community to continue to support Toys for Tots by locating one of the many Toys for Tots boxes in your area and helping fill it with packaged new toys for ages baby to 18.

For information on locating a box or seeking a League member to pick up your donation, please call Lou or Beverly at 503-717-0152 or 503-717-2269.

As Lou is involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Seaside American Legion, it is an excellent location for your donation of toys.

Mel Jasmin
Warrenton

Warrenton's Lektro wins big certification

Lektro, a Warrenton company that manufactures all-electric aircraft tugs, recently was certified for a new tug that doesn't use towbars. And it became the first towbarless towing vehicle certified to handle Boeing's new 737 Max.

The new tug includes an automatic aircraft recognition

system and can tow an aircraft weighing up to 210,000 pounds. The company also has a larger model that can tow 280,000 pounds.

Not long after announcing the new tug, Lektro began an aggressive certification process with Airbus, ATR, Boeing, Bombardier and Embraer to ensure its success.

Lektro's automatic aircraft recognition system has been the cornerstone of its success with the airlines, company officials said. It senses the aircraft weight and adjusts the tug acceleration and braking characteristics to eliminate nose-gear stress.

In 1967, Lektro unveiled the world's first towbarless tug. It has sold more than 5,200 tugs to customers in 93 countries.

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Brian Dutton, Owner

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Nov. 27: Salmon, roasted sweet potatoes, peas, black bean soup, apple pie.

Thursday, Nov. 30: Beef stew, potatoes, carrots, turkey soup, bread pudding.

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.