



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Song's plea for peace still unfulfilled 64 years later

Monday was a federal holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr., whose life and legacy some say could be summed up in one word: peace.

There was a packed house at the Warrenton senior lunch site that day as Pastor Jerry O'Neill offered prayer for the meal. (Some of you may know that he's married to Carol, one of the Ganaway girls).

After his prayer, he asked us to join him in the singing of "Let There Be Peace on Earth," written 64 years ago amidst continuing unrest as our country found itself thrust into the Vietnam War, which would last 20 years -- the longest war in history.

And there was also the backdrop of what is commonly known as The Cold War.

Sy Miller and his wife, Jill Jackson-Miller, collaborated to produce a song that has become a signature anthem devoted to world peace and harmony. Many verses eventually were added to the hymn

"Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;

Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.

With God our creator, family all are we.

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony."

On a lighter note, I was invited to dinner recently for a birthday celebration and I offered to bring a salad. I thought and thought and finally decided to bring either a Waldorf salad or tomato as-

pic gelatin salad, both long-time favorites of mine.

I ended up making Waldorf salad, deciding to research a few recipes. Of course, I ran into its history, which totally awed me.

I learned that it was created at New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in 1896, not by a chef, but by the dining room manager, Oscar Tschirky.

It was an instant success despite the original version containing only apples, celery and mayonnaise.

The one I made contained apples, celery, raisins, walnuts and mayo. It was a big hit.

We have come a long way since the Millers wrote their anthem, and not always in a peaceful way.

I think sometimes I run from conflict while other times I enter into it when it's virtually none of my business. Someone once said, *"Give up being right; instead radiate peace, harmony, love and laughter from your heart."*

Off-quoted words of President Ronald Reagan: *"Peace is not the absence of conflict; it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means."*

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Jan. 28: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, spinach salad, apple pie.

Thursday, Jan. 31: Chicken a la king, biscuits, green beans, black bean 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.

Warriors pull out a win in the final seconds

For The Columbia Press

It was an exciting Friday night in Willamina, with the Warrenton Warriors boys basketball team playing the Bulldogs.

There were 0.07 seconds left on the clock in the fourth quarter.

The Willamina Bulldogs had just sunk a three-pointer to edge ahead of Warrenton by one point, 56-55.

But then the Warriors took the ball, and Jake Morrow inbounded it to Ayden Stephens.

Ayden rose from the floor to make the game-winning layup, just as time expired.

The Warriors won the game 57-56.

Warrenton's Ayden Stephens (22) and Austin Little (4) struggle to gain control over the ball. Also in the photo are Devin Jackson (24), Dalton Knight (1) and Jake Morrow (2).

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