



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

What have we saved with DST?

Changing our clocks seemed a bit more painful to many of us seniors this year. We may have been persuaded to believe we wouldn't have to do this anymore. So why do we do this?

I did a little research through the National Geographic website and learned the practice dates back to 1918. During World War II, the United States made daylight savings time mandatory for the entire country between Feb. 9, 1942, and Sept. 30, 1945, as a way of saving wartime resources. Before then it was optional.

Incidentally, daylight savings time always begins on the second Sunday in March and ends the first or second Sunday in November. Places not observing it are Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Marianas Islands.

So have we gained or lost an hour whether it be March or November? Our cartoon friend, Maxine, is quoted saying, "We gain an hour today. At my age, you appreciate any extra time on the clock." Then she adds, "It's a shame daylight savings is over. Turns out that was the only savings I had left!"

On Monday, Nov. 11, we honor our veterans. I learned from Wikipedia that Veterans Day is a federal holiday observed every year on Nov. 11. Growing up, I remember we called it Armistice Day. It commemorates the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

Wikipedia notes something else very interesting in that "major hostilities of World War I were formally ended

at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice."

In 1953, it was decided to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans and not just those who died in World War I.

Some may remember that in 1971, to keep in line with the "Uniform Monday Holiday Act," Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. However, in 1978 it was moved back to its original celebration on Nov. 11. And, that makes me very happy as I like holidays celebrated on the day something happened and not at the convenience of those wanting three-day weekends.

We like to honor our veterans at the senior meal site in Warrenton. If you're a veteran, we urge you to participate in a meal with us Monday and, hopefully, we'll get another good group picture this year.

One more thing: After reading last week's column about being a good listener, someone reminded me of the saying "If God wanted us to talk twice as much as He wanted us to listen – He would have given us two mouths and only one ear."

I totally agree and am working on listening more myself.

Senior lunch menu

Monday, Nov. 11: Chicken a la king, biscuits, mixed vegetables, split-pea soup.

Thursday, Nov. 14: Lasagna, Italian sausage with red sauce, broccoli, minestrone soup, dessert.

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 \$6 for ages 55 and older; \$7 for those younger. For more information, call 503-861-3502.

History in the Making

A look back at Warrenton's top stories from The Columbia Press annals

Jeff Hazen appointed to commission from field of 7

TWENTY YEARS AGO
November 1999

• Seven residents apply for the City Commission seat left vacant through the resignation of Les Newton.

They are Carl Stark Jr., a retired clergyman; Robert Smith, a Clatsop County deputy sheriff; Lylla Gaebel, a member of the county's budget committee; Deon Harris, a retired emergency manager who moved to town a year earlier from Idaho; and Jeff Hazen, an assistant manager at Costco.

Hazen was appointed to fill the position.

• Warrenton High School receives a new press box for the high school football field thanks to the efforts of many, including Ray Bergerson, Dennis Bjork, the Booster Club, Pacific Power, Wadsworth Electric, TVBS hardware, City of Warrenton, Warrenton Coast-to-Coast hardware and the Oregon Youth Authority.

• The city sends bills to 39 property owners in the Spur 104 area for sewer improvements made in their neighborhood.

• Ocean Crest Chevrolet requests a zone change for property at Highway 101 and Alternate Highway 101 so it can build a dealership there.



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Seven residents apply for vacant city commission position

Commission will make appointment at Nov. 17 meeting

By Gary Nevan
Seven Warrenton residents have applied for the city commission seat left vacant when Les Newton resigned in September.

The applicants were invited to attend the Wednesday evening city commission meeting and give a presentation on their qualifications and interest to fill the position.

The following applicants were present at the meeting:

• Carl Stark Jr.

Stark is a retired member of the clergy who lived in Wyoming for 18 years before returning to Oregon. His varied background includes work as a civil engineer cost

accountant for the U.S. Air Force, and an auditor of counties and cities for the state of Wyoming.

• Robert Smith

Smith is a Deputy Sheriff for Clatsop County and is a lifelong resident of the county. Smith said he sees Warrenton as the "hub" of Clatsop County and that important decisions are needed to be made in the future for Warrenton.

• Lylla Gaebel

As a fairly new resident to Warrenton, Gaebel said she will bring a "fresh perspective" to the commission. She is a Neighborhood Watch

Commander and a member of the Clatsop County Budget Committee. She has 18 years experience working in city government.

• Deon Harris

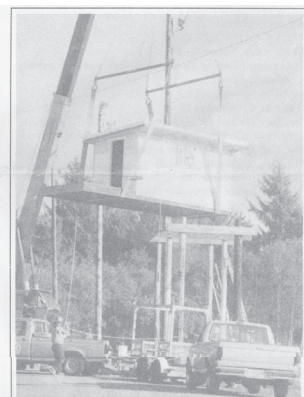
Harris, a one-year resident of Warrenton, is retired and previously worked as a county emergency manager in Idaho. He has owned several businesses and served as a reserve police officer.

• Jeff Hazen

Hazen is the assistant manager at the Warrenton Costco. He is on the Warrenton-Hammond School Board, currently as the chair. He is a board member for the Astoria-Warrenton Chamber of Commerce. He said it is important for the commission to have a representative from Hammond.

Two other applicants, Terry Guss and Ronald Neva, did not attend the meeting.

Marcus Roberg, Reliance



WHS gets new press box

A joint effort between the Warrenton High School Boosters Club, Ray Bergerson and Dennis Bjork, owner of Bergerson Construction, resulted in a new press and filming box at the high school football field. Ray Bergerson coordinated the effort, the Boosters Club supplied labor, and Bergerson Construction donated the

TEN YEARS AGO
November 2009

• Citizens throughout Clatsop County debate whether Walmart will be a good or bad thing for the community after the worldwide chain proposes a 158,000-square-foot store in Warrenton.

• Retired Warrenton school teachers Joanne Hellberg and Marilyn Floyd publish a children's book, "Thomas S. Tucker and the Silver Buck-

le." It is their second collaboration.

• A new 137,000-square-foot Costco opens in the North Coast Business Park.

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Film tackles troubled democracy

"The Corporate Coup D'Etat," a documentary based on the premise that democracy in the United States is failing, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Liberty Theatre, 1203 Commercial St., Astoria.

The presentation is sponsored by Coast Community Radio. Host Chris Hedges, who is often on Alternative Radio at 3 p.m. Thursdays on KMUN-FM, argues that the "crisis" predates Donald

Trump's election by many years. Hedges believes U.S. democracy began selling its soul to big corporations, and then lobbyists and corporatism took control in Washington, gradually undermining the will of the people.

The film features philosopher Cornel West, authors Sarah Jaffe and Maude Barlow, and journalists Lee Fang and Phillip Martin.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door.