



Senior Moments

with Emma Edwards

Prepare yourself for a bevy of corny Halloween jokes

Q: What do ghosts eat on Halloween? A: *Ghoulash!*

Brings back memories, doesn't it? It seems we lived on ghoulish when we were feeding eight at the table.

My mind must be on Halloween, since it is just the day after tomorrow. But Halloween on a Sunday? You maybe wonder when it last fell on a Sunday.

Halloween hasn't been on a Sunday since 2010. Before that, it was last on a Sunday in 2004.

But before I forget, here are a couple more Halloween jokes: What soccer position does a ghost play? *Ghoulie!* What animal is best at baseball? *A bat!*

By the way, I did a little research and learned that a quarter of all candy sold annually in the United States is purchased for Halloween. Remember BP (before pandemic), when we stocked up on lots of candy and the kids delighted us when they rang our doorbell and shouted "Twick or Tweet"?

Just to prepare my senior friends for when they see the young ones, here is a question: Why don't bats live alone? *Because they like to hang out with their friends!*

Halloween surely has changed over the years. Local churches host annual Halloween "Trunk or Treats."

Churchgoers have been bringing bags of wrapped candy and other goodies to church for a few weeks now.

Several will be in the church parking lot with their car

trunks open, full of treats and let the kids dig in. Parents are grateful for this effort and the kids love it.

Another Halloween question: What did the pumpkin need for its boo boo? *A pumpkin patch.*

The church events began in the mid-1990s as fall festivals to provide an alternative to trick-or-treating. They became "trunk-or-treats" two decades later.

The activity involves the open trunk of a car, a display of candy, and, often, games and decorations.

We seniors, as well as kids, must be careful not to be *goblin*' too much candy or we will have a tummy ache.

By the way, plain toast -- toasted bread or zwieback -- can help stop the rumbling in a belly that's suffering from candy overdose.

Other people may prefer a warm bath followed by the heating pad.

But, like I said, avoid *goblin*' too much candy too fast.

What do witches put on their bagels? *Scream cheese.* (I can't help myself!)

Here is a question for those of you who have friends that are twins. What is the problem with two twin witches? *You never know which witch is which!*

God gave us laughter and perhaps that is part of why I enjoy Halloween.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone" -- *from the 1883 poem "Solitude" by Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Warriors football defeats Blanchet, 32-0

BY BRUCE DUSTIN

For The Columbia Press

The Warrenton Warrior football team beat Blanchet Catholic 32-0 in an away game last Friday night.

In the first quarter, Ethan Caldwell scored on a 6-yard pass from Hordie Bodden. The point after failed. The score at the end of the quarter was 6-0.

Ethan scored again in the second quarter on a 41-yard pass from Hordie. Joshua

Earls made a two-point conversion.

Hordie then had a 1-yard run for a touchdown. The points after failed. It was 20-0 at half time.

In the fourth quarter, Max Smith had a 7-yard run for a touchdown. When Hordie scored on a 70-yard run, the game's scoring was finalized at 32-0.

Hordie completed 14 out of 22 passes for 235 yards and rushed 11 times for 155 yards and two touchdowns.

Dylan Atwood had 20 runs

for 115 yards.

Max Smith rushed five times for 35 yards and one TD.

Ethan had three receptions for two TDs.

Mikey Ulness had two receptions for 48 yards.

Hordie had five tackles -- two for a loss of yardage.

Dylan had seven tackles.

Kaison Smith had five tackles -- two for a loss. He had one sack.

The Warriors were away Thursday against Yamhill Carlton to complete the regular season.



Mayor's Message

by Henry Balensifer III

Fall brings change and annual fall festival

Fall is in full swing, and winter is coming.

Our fall festival is imminent and it's moving forward with bigger and better things.

We've got the annual fish toss -- an homage to our culture as a capital fishing city, the inaugural pumpkin trebuchet -- positively medieval, and, of course, trunk-or-treat and other great things happening.

I'm looking forward to it greatly, both for the fun activities, but mainly to see you all!

Spruce Up Warrenton is an independent (not part of city government) group that puts on our Fourth of July Parade, the Fall Festival, as well as some of the movies in the parks and other community events.

They've cleaned up park and trails, and more recently petitioned the City Commission to change the city's official flower to one that has a long history in the area -- the daffodil. Most people probably don't think about how

prominent daffodils were in Warrenton and Clatsop Plains, but up until about the 1940s, daffodil farms were very common.

That's the reason the city has a ton of wild daffodils that come up each spring within the Skipanon estuary and in just about every open pasture.

There's an interesting history behind our current official flower, the phlox, which isn't really common, but I will leave that for my second "History with the Mayor" Facebook live event.

On a more serious note, the city finished another work session on the houseless issue and it continues to hold

public meetings. Tuesday night's work session dealt with how to implement recent state legislation passed in the wake of recent federal litigation.

The city has, per the state law, until 2023 to make code amendments and come into compliance with certain aspects of the houseless issue and we intend to have amendments in place sooner than later.

I encourage everyone to keep eyes on the public meeting notices as published in The Columbia Press. You can access the meeting packets -- the same ones the commission gets -- at the city website as well.

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