

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Ted Williams and a '55 Dodge

By Terry Smith, Senior Goldmine

In the summer of 1954, my dad and mom loaded us four brothers and some old suitcases into our old Ford and headed down Highway 99 to Portland an hour away. We arrived at the Union Station train depot and boarded the eastbound Union Pacific “City of Portland.” I was just five years old and excited to take my first train ride.

We rode for two days along rivers, over mountain passes, and across the flat lands of the Midwest all the way to Chicago, then Detroit.

We arrived in the big city pretty tired and haggard after that long trip. But the fun was just beginning.

After a night in a Detroit hotel, we took a taxi to the Dodge automobile factory and went on a tour. My brothers and I were wide-eyed as we followed the assembly line and watched them assemble a 1955 red and black Dodge Sierra station wagon from start to finish. Little did we know the surprise our dad had in store for us.



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Separation Anxiety - Nichole Nordeman

I was sitting in an airport restaurant listening to a young couple behind me FaceTime on their iPad with their baby and his grandparents. It was so adorable and they are obviously had serious separation anxiety on their trip.

They are cooing and gushing, exclaiming “Well, look at YOU, big boy! So big! So handsome! Are you being good for Nana?”

Then there were a million questions about how the feeding and pooping are going, and a reminder about favorite blankies and toys.

They asked to say goodbye to baby one last time, and they nearly collapse with joy when he’s back on the screen.

“Mommy and Daddy love you! You are the best boy!! We are coming home soon!” I am literally crying into my latte because it’s so precious, and I turned around to try and get a sneak peek at the baby on their FaceTime video.

It was a yellow lab.



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Tooth Donation

Our grandson, Cayson, has such a kind, giving heart. One Sunday he lost a tooth right in the middle of the pastor's sermon.

He looked up at his mom holding the tooth with a shocked look on his face.

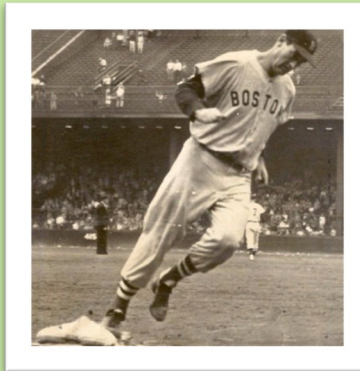


After church he asked his mom, "If I put my tooth in the offering box, will the tooth fairy give the money to the church for the new building fund?"

I guess the tooth fairy may just have to stop by the church and leave a gift in Cayson's honor!

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That evening we went to a baseball game at the old Briggs Stadium and got to watch the Detroit Tigers play the Boston Red Sox. The star for the Tigers was Al Kaline, while the Red Sox had the best hitter in the league, Ted Williams, a World War II veteran.



We were seated near the top row of the bleachers with a great view of the whole field. When Williams came to bat for the Red Sox (many consider him the best pure hitter ever), I took out my little Brownie camera and snapped a photo of him just as he hit a home run! I couldn't believe it.

Then came another big surprise. The next day we went back to the Dodge factory and picked up that beautiful brand-new '55 Dodge wagon - it was ours!

We drove it back home past the headwaters of the Mississippi River, the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore and Yellowstone Park.

A couple weeks later I got my black and white photos back from the trip. Ted Williams was a tiny little speck in the photo, but there he was. I lost that photo somewhere along the way, but I still have the vivid memories from that summer trip 65 years ago in that brand-new Dodge wagon.



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1. If you are choking on an ice cube, simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat. The blockage will be instantly removed.
2. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by having someone else hold them while you chop.
3. If you have high blood pressure, simply cut yourself and let it bleed for five minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins.
Caution: Remember to use a timer.
4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
5. If you can't fix your problem with a hammer, you probably have an electrical problem.
6. In reality, you only need two tools in life...WD - 40 and duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD-40. If it moves and shouldn't, use duct tape.



A Bad Case of ...

Jeb walked into the doctor's office and the receptionist asked him what he had.

“Shingles,” he said. So she wrote down his name, address, and insurance information and told him to have a seat.



Fifteen minutes later a nurse's aide came out and asked what he had.

“Shingles,” Jeb said, so she wrote down his height, weight, complete medical history and told him to wait in the exam room.

A half hour later a nurse came in and asked him what he had. “Shingles,” he replied.

So the nurse took his blood pressure, took a blood sample, and told him to take off all his clothes and wait for the doctor.

Forty-five minutes later the doctor came in and found Jeb sitting patiently in the nude and asked him what he had.

“Shingles,” he replied.

“Where?” asked the doctor.

“Outside on the truck,” Jeb answered. “Where do you want me to unload them?”

Two Rights Don't Make a Wrong

A college English professor was lecturing his class one day. “In English,” he said, “a double negative forms a positive. However in some languages, such as Russian, a double negative remains a negative. But there isn't a single language, not one, in which a double positive can express a negative.”

A voice from the back of the room piped up, “Yeah, right.”

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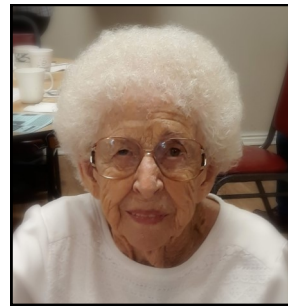
These are perhaps some of
the best words literally ever
in the English language:

- Bamboozled
- Flabbergasted
- Discombobulated
- Shenanigans
- Cattywampus
- Lollygag
- Malarkey
- Kerfuffle
- Brouhaha
- Nincompoop
- Skedaddle
- Pumpnickel

Milestones



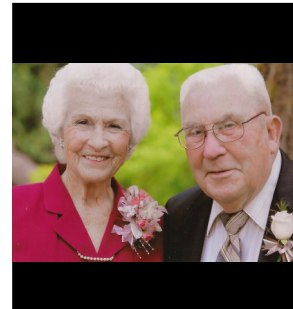
Helen Ghormely
August 16, 1921—98 years
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**Two young boys were at a wedding
when one of them leaned over and asked the other,
“ How many wives can a man have?”
His friend answered, “Sixteen! Four better, four worse,
four richer, and four poorer.”**