

Nuggets of Fun and Nostalgia for Treasure Valley Golden-Agers

Raised in the USA

Is it just me, or does it seem like there is so much disrespect in our country today? I was raised during a time when most everyone treated each other with respect. We learned from our parents and grandparents instead of disrespecting them and treating them as if they knew nothing. What they said was the gospel.

We were taught to respect our elders, respect those in authority, respect our teachers, and yes, even respect the President, whether he was a Republican or Democrat.

Maybe it had to do with the fact that times were so much simpler then. We drank water from the kitchen sink – and the garden hose. Flavored drinks? We had lots of choices, depending on which packets of Kool-Aid mom brought home that week.

We didn't eat a lot of fast food because it was considered a treat, not a food group, even though hamburgers were only 19 cents each.

We were raised eating bologna sandwiches, peanut butter sandwiches, and grilled cheese with tomato soup for lunch.

Supper (not dinner) was home-made (no microwave) consisting of mainly meat, potatoes, home-grown vegetables, and home-made bread and butter with home-made dessert. (Do you see a home-made trend here?) We ate a hot breakfast or cold cereal at the breakfast table before going to school. We got to take our home-made lunches to school in a brown paper bag or an old lunch box passed down from an older sibling. Paying 25 cents for a hot lunch at school was an occasional luxury.

At school we said the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, and stood for the National Anthem and listened to our teachers.

If we were bad in school, we got in trouble there. When we got home, we got in trouble again (because your parents already knew). Paddling was allowed in school and you behaved yourself or else.

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The Alphabet Prayer

A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer.



He asked her what she was doing.

The little girl explained: "I'm praying, but I can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me because He knows what I'm thinking."

Sometimes we just need to let Him say it for us.



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BUREAUCRATISM

You have two cows.
The State takes both, shoots one, milks the other and throws the milk away.

CAPITALISM

You have two cows.
You sell one and buy a bull.
Your herd multiplies and the economy grows.
You sell them and retire on the income.

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If someone had an argument with a friend, you might have a short fistfight, but you were back to being friends afterwards and the bullying pretty much ceased. Kids who were around guns were taught how to properly use them and to respect them and never thought of taking a life.

After school, we came home and did homework and chores and watched some cartoons on Saturday morning. There were no cell phones. In fact, we often shared a party line on our antique rotary phone!

After our homework was done, we would go gather glass bottles to take to the store and use the deposit money to buy penny candy. You could get a lot for just 25 cents – including a pack of bubble gum with baseball cards and a box of candy cigarettes.

In the summer we mowed lawns, helped neighbors with chores, and worked in the garden. We went outside a lot to play games, ride bikes, run with siblings, cousins and friends. We played hide and seek, kick the can, jump rope, hopscotch, Red Rover, red light – green light, Mother, may I?, kickball, basketball and dodge ball.

We would ride our bikes for hours and play outside until the lightning bugs came out, or the streetlights came on. We would catch bugs in mason jars, make mud pies, play in the creek, catch pollywogs and pick wildflowers and four-leafed clovers.

We had to be close enough to home to hear our Mom yelling or Dad whistling to tell you it's time to come home for dinner. We ate around the supper table and talked to each other as a family unit.

After supper, we got to watch black and white TV with just 3 channels (I was Dad's remote!). We watched TV as a family: Gunsmoke, Gilligan's Island, Father Knows Best, My Three Sons, Leave it to Beaver, Wonderful World of Disney, Bonanza, Red Skelton and Ed Sullivan.

We watched what we said around our elders because we knew if we disrespected any grown up we would get our behinds paddled. It wasn't called abuse, it was called discipline!



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Two old men were playing golf. One of them was about to take a swing when a funeral procession drove by. He stopped in mid-swing, took off his cap, closed his eyes, and bowed his head reverently.

His friend commented: "That must be the most touching thing I have ever seen. You must be a feeling man."

The man composed himself before replying, "Yeah, after all, we were married 45 years."



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We didn't hear curse words on the radio in songs or on TV, and if you cursed and got caught you had your mouth washed out with soap and had to stand in the corner for a long time.

We held doors, carried groceries and gave up our seat without being asked. "Please, Thank You, Yes, Ma'am and Yes, Sir" were part of our daily vocabulary!

We grew up in good, God-loving families. We never thought of skipping school, and we went to church every Sunday (and usually Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, too!)

So what is different now? In many ways we have lost respect. Respect for others, respect for others' property, respect for others' lives. Many have lost respect for God, respect for our country, respect for leaders, and even respect for the American way of life.

How do we change it? You can't change the whole country, but you can continue to teach and show your children and grandchildren how to love and respect those around you. And just for fun, teach them how to drink out of a garden hose!

His Dying Wish

An old couple had been married for many years. The husband had the reputation as an angry old man who made life for his wife terrible.

Their neighbors often heard them fighting long into the night, with loud yelling.

They could hear the old man shout, "When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life."

At the age of 98, the old man died, much to his wife's relief. She could finally be free from his verbal abuse.

But the neighbors feared for her safety and asked, "Aren't you afraid that he might indeed be able to dig his way out of the grave and haunt you for the rest of your life?"

The wife calmly replied, "Let him dig. I had him buried upside down, and I know he won't ask for directions!"



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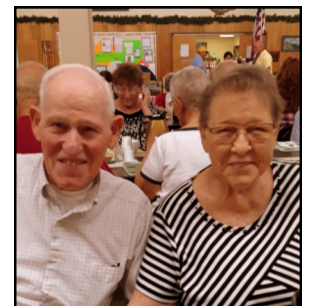
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Two computer nerds met online.

They dated online for three months. He proposed online
and she accepted via text message. They chose a coffee
shop as their wedding site because of its free Wi-Fi.

The wedding wasn't much but the reception was
awesome.