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CITY OF SHERIDAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Water Treatment Plant Operator

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CITY OF SHERIDAN JOB ANNOUNCEMENT Public Works Maintenance Worker I/Parks Maintenance

The City of Sheridan is seeking a qualified individual to serve as a Full Time Public Works Maintenance Worker I/Parks Maintenance. The Public Works Maintenance Worker I/Parks Maintenance performs a variety of manual labor associated with the operation, maintenance, and repair on city land and buildings, with a focus on parks and landscaping. For details and a complete Position Description, visit the City's website www. cityofsheridanor.com. Open until filled.

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Thanksgiving Thank You

The American Legion Post #75 and the American Legion Post #75 Auxiliary hosted an early Thanksgiving dinner this year. The dinner was free to everyone. More than 100 meals were served. We would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make this a huge success.

Legion Breakfast For All

The Legion will host its next breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 2. For \$10 breakfast includes all you can eat scrambled eggs, ham, link sausages, flapjacks, biscuits and gravy along with coffee, orange juice and more. A rumor is floating around that Santa or Mrs. Clause might be in attendance.

Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 11, at the Legion hall, 125 N. Bridge Street in Sheridan

We hope to see as many of our members as possible. If you are a Veteran and have thought of joining the Legion family you are invited to come visit, have some coffee, and see if you like the feel of it.

Bingo At The Legion Hall

Bingo will resume on Friday, Dec. 1. Come on down and enjoy yourself. Doors and kitchen open at 5:30; bingo starts at 6:30. The kitchen will be open offering a variety of goodies.

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~Thomas Jefferson



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Obituaries



Ronald Dennis "Denny" Houston Nov. 14, 2023

Ronald Dennis "Denny" Houston passed in peace Nov. 14, 2023, age 80.

Born in Lebanon, Ore., to Robert and Dorothy (Murray) Houston. Denny graduated from Willamina High School in 1962. He held one of the longest track and field records for shotput.

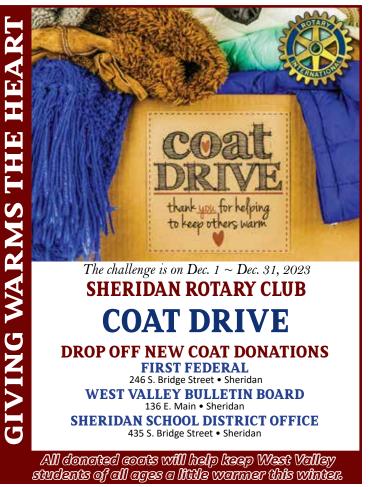
He worked at Hampton Lumber mills for 32 years, retiring in 2003.

Denny was a pillar in the community, serving on the Booster Club and volunteering as a softball coach for his daughters before moving on to becoming the Districts umpire. Denny is survived by his wife Christine Houston, five daughters, Shelly, Leslie, Candie, Robyn and Jenni; his grandchildren, Stefon, Jasmine, Tayler, McKenzie, Cade and Issac; great-grandchildren, Cassidy, Leah, and Hailey; two brothers, Dick (Anita), and Bud (Char). He was a kind, strong and loving man who will be truly missed. Instead of flowers donations can be made to the Sheridan Boosters Club.

A celebration of life will be held at a date to be determined.



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YAMHILL COUNTY CULTURAL COALITION

The Yamhill County Cultural Coalition is composing a comprehensive list of all cultural resources and assets in Yamhill County. musical-culinary-dance-painters-historians writers-animators-theater-jewelers-sculptors photographers-pottery-poets-woodworking All artists are asked to contact YCCC: Website: yamhillcountyculture.org P0 Box 493, McMinnville 0R 97128

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A MESSAGE FROM THE WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT

As the calendar year nears the end many of us will reflect on all we are thankful for. As I approach my final year with the Willamina School District I certainly have much to be grateful for. The past 40 years working in the district as a substitute teacher, coach, teacher, and administrator have been truly rewarding. I have the opportunity to work with amazing staff and be surrounded by inspiring students. I've witnessed the district transform from multiple campuses to one beautiful site where we work and learn together.

We have been through some hard times; economic crisis and a global pandemic. However, we remained "Bulldog Strong", sustaining enrollment, expanding and improving facilities, and enhancing programs.

Some of my fondest memories were spent teaching and coaching, my volleyball players will always be part of my extended family, and as a former track coach, seeing the recent renovation of our track and field facility brings me so much joy. The current expansion of the middle school is long overdue and is also a great reminder of what we can accomplish when we set goals and diligently work toward those goals. I am hopefully optimistic that we will pass a bond renewal this Spring to expand our high school, bringing new programs and opportunities to our students.

The best part of all is getting to know the families of the Grand Ronde and Willamina communities, it is a wonderful place that I get to call home.

The District has just begun the search process for your next Superintendent. Our school board members will be working closely with our community stakeholders in making the final selection. I am confident that we will attract some quality candidates and find a good match for our district. Thank you all for the support and commitment you continue to provide to the district, it is appreciated! Enjoy the Holiday Season!

> With great Bulldog pride, Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent

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The City of Sheridan has a few reminders for community members this month. Recentlv. we have had an increase in utility trailers being parked on the street in front of homes. Trailers are not permitted to be parked in the street, as it can obstruct vision clearance. If trailers are left on the street. per Sheridan Municipal Code, they will be towed, and impound fees will be the responsibility of the owner. Vehicles and RVs may not be parked on any street for more than 48 hours, or a 72-hour tow notice will be posted on the vehicle. The vehicle's registered owner must pay the fees before gaining possession of the vehicle back.

We understand that youth should be encouraged to be active and outside, and many children have basketball hoops outside their homes. While the basketball hoop is not in use, it must be removed from the right of way immediately. This means they cannot be on the sidewalk or in the street. This creates safety concerns when individuals have obstructed the right of way.

If you have any code violations to report, please fill out our online form, "Report of Concern," which can be found on our website: www.cityofsheridanor.com. Thank you to all our community members who have worked vigorously to clean up our community!





Doesn't our Main St look great? I love this time of year. The town tree will "go up" this Saturday before the parade. That's almost like the cherry on the sundae. It really makes the holiday shine. Some people travel from Mc-Minnville to the coast regularly during the holiday season, whether it's work or family, but many get off Hwy 18 and travel down Bus 18 just to see our great Main Street.

Thank yous should go to Dr. Brooks, George Gale, and Stuck Electric, plus some volunteers for putting in all the work and planning. Thanks, folks. You're very much appreciated.

Oh-ing and awing as we drive through town during the Christmas season is "What's Up in Willamina."

Warm TuZies

This is a hard one to write, but... here goes. After 15 years, or is it 16 years, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at the local grocery store, I will retire. I had a great time even though the weather wasn't always balmy.

I heard some wonderful stories from locals whose families were assisted by the Salvation Army at one time or another, or they were helped out.

I got some great hugs from perfect strangers. I had some shy little kids stand and stare at the bell, so I'd ask, "Do you want to ring it?" They'd nod "yes," so I'd let them do their thing. They were the happiest kids in the area. Poor Mom wasn't sure about letting them, but we did it anyway. I had many people apologize for only having some spare change, but I'd tell them, "Your nickel and the one from the next guy...hey, I'll soon have a dollar!!" They'd smile and go merrily on their way.

I will miss seeing everyone, but my ole body says, "Enough already." Know that I'll miss you all. Oh, yes, it's a true story that a couple of years ago, someone put a check for \$10,000 in the bucket! No, I don't know who, and the Army wouldn't tell me. However, they did tell me that it was a good check. Willamina is a great little town, full of caring and sharing people.

~ Mary Jane Hollinger



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There's much to look forward to at the start of winter. The holiday season starts winter off with a bang, while outdoor enthusiasts know their chances to hit the slopes and ski and snowboard are just beginning. Sports fans know January marks the return of the National Football League playoffs, while travelers who need a little winter warmth often designate February as a month to soak up some sun in a faraway locale.

With so much to do each winter, it's especially problematic when you come down with a cold. However, winter tends to be cold and flu season in many areas, as viruses tend to spread more easily when people spend more time indoors. This winter, people may wonder if their sniffles indicate they have a cold, the flu or a sign of something more serious, such as COVID-19 or respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Anyone unsure of what's behind a cold-like illness is urged

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to speak with their physician. In addition, the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases notes that the common cold, the flu, COVID-19, and RSV present some similar symptoms, but also some unique ones. Though each illness is complex, the frequency with which some symptoms present may indicate which issue a person is dealing with. Knowledge of those symptoms and their frequency can help people determine if the culprit behind their winter illness is a cold, the flu, COVID-19, or RSV. Cold



Aches: Sometimes

- Difficulty breathing: Rarely
- Fatigue: Sometimes
- Fever: Rarely
- Loss of taste or smell: Rarely
- Sore throat: Often
- Wheezing: Rarely

Flu

- Aches: Often
- Difficulty breathing: Rarely
- Fatigue: Often
- Fever: Often
- Loss of taste or smell: Rarely
- Sore throat: Sometimes
- Wheezing: Rarely

COVID-19

- Aches: Sometimes
- Difficulty breathing: Often
- Fatigue: Often
- Fever: Sometimes
- Loss of taste or smell: Sometimes
- Sore throat: Often
- Wheezing: Rarely
- RSV
- Aches: Rarely
- Difficulty breathing: Sometimes
- Fatigue: Rarely
- Fever: Sometimes
- Loss of taste or smell: Rarely
- Sore throat: Rarely
- Wheezing: Often

Individuals who are concerned by the presence of cold- or flu-like symptoms are urged to speak with their physicians. Though many instances of cold, flu, COVID-19, and RSV will go away without medical intervention, each condition can pose a significant health risk in certain situations.

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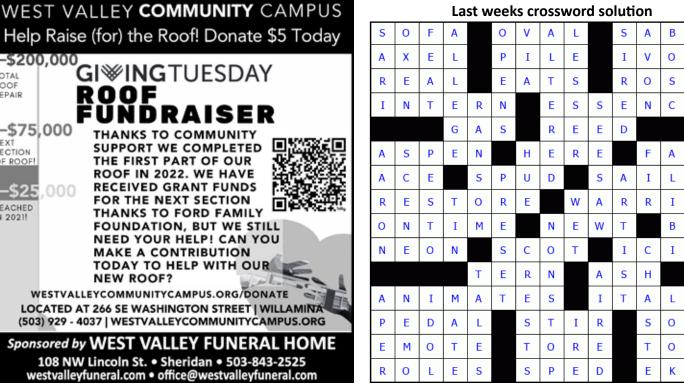
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Tasty Tidbits About Eggnog and George Washington's Original Recipe

Eggnog is a rich and delicious beverage that has become synonymous with the most festive time of year. This milk- and eggbased concoction is tasty on its own, or it can be dressed up with other flavors and spiked with a favorite spirit when celebrating the holiday season with other adult partygoers.

December is National Eggnog Month, and December 24 is National Eggnog Day. There is no more perfect time of year to learn everything you can about eggnog - all the while sipping a cup of this creamy concoction. Indulge in these festive facts about the beverage, courtesy of Mental Floss, The Fact Site and Tastemade.

• Eggnog likely originated in the medieval period and was known as "posset," a hot, milk-based drink made of spices and wine. Even though posset could be a cocktail, it also was used as a remedy for colds and flu for its soothing properties.

• Milk, eggs and sherry used in the early recipes were difficult to come by, so when eggnog first appeared it was a drink only the wealthy could enjoy. That changed when eggnog was popularized in the American colonies, where dairy products and liquor were more readily available.

• Entymologists believe "eggnog" stems from the word "noggin," which refers to small wooden mugs often used to serve strong ale, known by the slang word "nog."

• In the Medieval period, it was risky to drink milk straight because it wasn't pasteurized. Eggnog contained alcohol so that it would kill off any harmful bacteria in the milk.

• A typical homemade version of eggnog has roughly one egg per serving. However, commercial eggnog is regulated by the FDA and can only contain 1 percent

of the product's final weight in egg yolk solids. That stems from fear of raw egg and salmonella.

• President George Washington apparently enjoyed serving eggnog at Christmas, and even had his own special recipe (see below), according to the Old Farmer's Almanac.

• There is no right or wrong alcohol to use when preparing eggnog. Distilled spirits like rum, sherry, cognac, and whiskey all have produced suitable eggnogs.

• Puerto Rican coquito is a traditional drink that is very similar to eggnog.

• Individuals concerned about eggs or milk in eggnog can enjoy a vegan recipe made from nut milk instead. Commercially produced vegan eggnog offerings are now more widely available.

• One of the more notable flavors in eggnog comes from the use of nutmeg. Nutmeg is a fragrant spice made from grinding the seed of the nutmeg tree. Now that you've learned about eggnog, whip up a batch of

George Washington's original recipe this holiday season.

Eggnog (George Washington's original

interpretation) 1 quart cream

- 1 quart milk
- 1 dozen tablespoons sugar
- 1 pint brandy

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1/4 pint sherry

Eggs (Washington forgot to include the number of eggs, so home chefs can improvise or use six, which seems to be the standard in traditional recipes) Mix liquor first, then separate yolks and whites of eggs, add sugar to beaten yolks, mix well. Add milk and cream, slowly beating. Beat whites of eggs until stiff and fold slowly into mixture. Let sit in cool place for several days. Taste frequently.

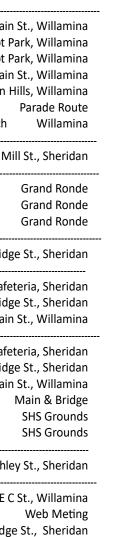






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SHERIDAN ROTARY TREE NAMING



On November 17th, the Sheridan Rotary, with assistance from JB Landscape and Mark Pauletto, the Hauler with a Claw, Successfully moved an 11ft Douglas Fir from Dundee Hills to the Sheridan High School. This tree was planted with the vision that it will grow with the town. The Rotary is now asking to narrow down their debate on what to name the tree. Vote for one of three options below.

One random person from the individuals who voted for the winning name will be given the opportunity to be the first person to light the tree for Christmas.

1) Doggie Fir 2) Snoop Dougie Doug 3) Matthew the happy little tree

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Horoscopes Nov.29- Dec. 5 ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

You may have difficulty reaching people this week, Aries. Whether it's difficulty getting attention or tech issues affecting communication, use the situation as an opportunity to relax.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, a challenging project may lead you to throw yourself into work even more than usual over the course of the week. Remember to take time to exhale.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Visit someone in person if you are looking to catch up or have a meaningful conversation, Gemini. Skip impersonal text messages or social media posts and meet face-to-face. CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Unfortunate financial news may come your way, Cancer. Take the developments in stride and resolve to overcome them. Seek advice on how to do so. if necessary.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, there is a strong desire for romance surrounding you. Whether you want to spice up a current relationship or are seeking a new one, this is the week to put out feelers.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, enjoy a unique chance to spend quality time with someone you love. Enjoy the experience in the moment and resolve to spend more time together.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

An unexpected meeting with a friend and subsequent conversation could leave you feeling a little shaken, Libra. You will learn things that give you a new perspective.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

You could experience a desire to make sudden changes to your home life, work situation or even a relationship, Scorpio. Stagnation has set in, but now is not the time for big moves.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, if a message arrives from someone who lives far away, you may be prompted to hop in the car or on a plane and visit that person. An impromptu trip could be fun.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Look into all of the facts surrounding an offer to increase your income, Capricorn. It could be too good to be true, or it might be a legitimate deal. You need to sort things out.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, this week you may encounter someone who is very interested in you. The resulting attention can be quite flattering. You'll need to decide if it should go further.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

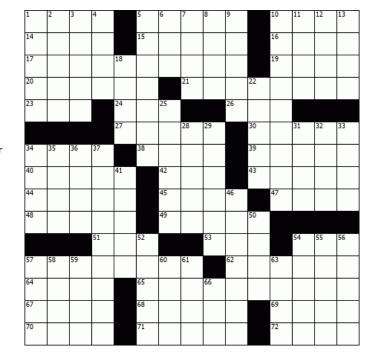
Situations that arise this week could have you feeling stressed. Find ways you can separate yourself from certain situations that rile you up, even if it means a five-minute break.

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- 1. Little children
- 5. Opera highlights
- Swiss peaks
 Suggestion
- 14. Suggesti 15. Monte
- **16**. Refrigerate
- **17**. Literature category
- 19. Ready to pick
- 20. Athens' country
- 21. Added salt and pepper
- 23. NJ time zone
- 24. Stop
- 26. GOP member
- 27. Stairs
- **30**. ____ Prize **34**. Festive occasion
- 38. Medical "at once!"
- **39**. Cook's oil
- **40**. Serving perfectly
- **42**. Do the wrong thing
- **43**. Ceremonies
- 44. Transparent
- 45. Snow runners
- 47. Dispatched
- 48. For this reason
- 49. Cassettes
- **51**. Poor mark
- **53**. Aussie creature **54**. Wrestling pad
- **57**. Goodbye, in Tokyo
- **62**. Hinder
- 64. Loads (2 wds.)
- 65. Think over again
- 67. Richard _____ of
- "Chicago"
- 68. Actress ____ Blair
- 69. Mouth edges
- 70. Requests
- 71. Look of contempt
- 72. Past due



Down

- $\mathbf{1}$. Hint of a color
- 2. Smells
- 3. Belief
- 4. Strongbox
- 5. Emphasizes
- **6**. Lab animal
- 7. Spring bloom
- 8. Healing plant
- **9**. Radar's kin
- 10. Parthenon locale
- Meat cut
- 12. Vatican leader
- Winter toy

- **18**. Summer treats
- 22. Spanish gentleman
- 25. Loathe
- 28. Winter coat
- 29. Zebra marking
- **31**. Chomp
- 32. Divisible by two
- 33. "____ we forget"
- **34**. Nasty cut
- 35. Tooth discomfort
- **36**. Property right
- **37**. Amusing stories
- 41. Putting ____

- 46. Symposium
- **50**. Totals
- **52**. British noblemen
- 54. Newspapers and TV,

61. Teen skin problem

- e.g. 55. Proficient
- 56. Succinct
- **57**. Epic
- 58. Pub drinks
- **59**. New <u>City</u> **60**. Horse strap

63. Capsule

66. Lyric verse



THIS DAY IN HISTORY



1630 - 16,000 inhabitants of Venice died this month of plague. **1753** - Benjamin Franklin receives the Godfrey Copley medal "on account of his curious Experiments and Observations on Electricity."

1782 - Britain signs agreement recognizing US independence.
1803 - Spain cedes her claims to Louisiana Territory to France.
1866 - Work begins on 1st US underwater highway tunnel in Chicago.

1886 - First commercially successful AC electric power plant opens, Buffalo, NY.

1900 - A German engineer patents front-wheel drive for automobiles.

1907 - Pike Place Market dedicated in Seattle.

1924 - 1st photo facsimile transmitted across Atlantic by radio (London-NYC).

1954 - Ann Hodges is bruised by a meteor at Sylacauga, Alabama in first modern instance of a meteorite striking a human. **1956** - 1st use of videotape on TV (Douglas Edwards & the News).

1958 - 1st US guided missile destroyer launched - the Dewey at Bath Iron Works, Maine.

1969 - American singer-songwriter Neil Diamond makes his only appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show", singing "Sweet Caroline" and "Holly, Holy".

1979 - Pink Floyd's "The Wall" released, sells 6 million copies in 2 weeks.

1982 - "Thriller", 6th studio album by Michael Jackson is released (Grammy Award Album of the Year 1984, best-selling album of all time, Billboard Album of the Year 1983). **1994** - Beatles' 1st album in 25 years, "Live at the BBC", is released in Britain.

1995 - Official end of Operation Desert Storm.

2004 - Longtime "Jeopardy!" champion Ken Jennings of Salt Lake City, Utah finally loses, leaving him with \$2,520,700 USD, television's all-time biggest game show haul.

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Willamina Farmer Named "Conservation Man of the Year"



Mr. and Mrs. Jack DeJong, Yamhill farmers, have lived on the farm that earned the title of 1972 Conservation Man of the Year since the 1940's. The house in which they live is one of the early homes of the area and is over 100 years old. A son and twin daughters, who reside in the area, were raised on the farm.

A "dairyman turned grain farmer" has been selected for Willamette Valley honors as 1972 "Conservation man of the Year." John DeJong, who farms near Willamina was recognized at the 45th annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League for his outstanding conservation activities, reports N. C. Anderson, secretary of the Willamette Valley Wheat Growers Association.

Born in the Amity-Ballston area almost 60 years ago, DeJong farmed in partnership with his brother before beginning his own dairy in October, 1949. The dairy was discontinued in 1964 with the present grain-legume seed-pasture program replacing the dairy. The "home place" consists of 650 acres which John and his wife, Rema, operate. A farming partnership near Willamina consists of 472 acres, with active operation of this unit carried on by his partner.

The farm operation that earned the title as 1972 Conservation Man of the Year uses a rotation of red clover for seed and forage for a small herd of cattle, oats and common vetch, barley and vetch. Rye grass has been used in some years in this rotation, but none was grown this year. Wheat plays an important part in the farm rotation with 111 acres in production this year. Varieties include the newly released Hyslop and Yamhill. While the 1972 crop is stored in the large elevator on the farm so has not been weighed, yield estimates are for well over 100 bushel per acres average. The Nugaines wheat crop of 1971 averaged 99 bushels per acre.

Rotation of wheat with red clover as well as vetch, contributes to the high yields. DeJong has been a leader in his community in the introduction of newly developed varieties and is one of the "increases" of the new wheat variety, Hyslop released in the fall of 1971.

New seedings of red clover are established each year on setaside or diversion acres. These seedings are started on their way by irrigation during the dry summer months so are well established the first year. Sixty acres of new seedings and 90 acres harvested for seed this year were irrigated as needed from the Yamhill River that borders the farm.

Irrigation is also used on a part of the pasture that provides forage for 30 to 40 feeder cattle that are kept the year around. Much of this pastureland has been literally "hacked from a jungle." The area now producing lush pastures was at one time so brushy that the beef cattle had to be brought out by dogs as it was impossible for a person to find them. Sixty-two long log truck loads of timer were part of the clearing operation. Much of this is flood land that must be cleaned of debris constantly after high water.

Livestock also graze on hillside area unsuitable for cropping that have been cleared of scrub oak and vines and seeded to improve grass-clover pastures. Water for livestock is provided through development of a spring which attracted homesteaders to that area over 100 years ago.

The cattle are finished out and sold mostly as locker meat. Red clover residues provides much of the winter feed needed by the livestock.

The present home is one remodeled from the old Barlow homestead built over 100 years ago. Owned by the Reuben Grant family for many years, the home is situated with a view of the entire valley and coast range. The house was built in 1864. It is in the kitchen of this home that Mrs. DeJong (Rema) takes care of the bookkeeping jobs so vital to modern farm operations. It is also in this home that the DeJong's raised their one son and twin daughters, all married and living away from home. The grandchildren are frequent visitors to the farm.

Conservation practices on the farm earning the DeJong's the Man of the Year honors include a variety classed by DeJong as "just good farming methods." In addition to the land clearing, pasture seeding and spring development practices, subsoiling is an annual operation. Two hundred seventy-five acres were "chiseled" to a depth of 20 inches during the fall of 1972 breaking up the subsoil hard pan for more efficient root and rainfall penetration, which results in less runoff and subsequent prevention of erosion. DeJong plans to subsoil all of the farmland at least every other year.

Drainage tile has been installed over 240 acres of the farm where needed to carry excess water from the field to prevent heavy soil saturation and subsequent erosion.

The farmstead is found in good repair with adequate machine and grain storage. The old dairy barn and a hay storage building has been converted to graingrass storage that includes storage for 1200 tons of wheat or barley. This storage provides the ability to hold all crops on the farm until more favorable prices can be received. These buildings house a complete cleaning plant for grass and legume seed. Though this efficient farm operation takes much time and management, DeJong has found time over the years to take part in his community activities. He is presently President of the Yamhill national Farmers Organization, a member of the Yamhill County Farm Bureau, a director of the Sheridan Rural Fire Board, as well as an active member of the Oregon wheat Growers league. He has been a member of the McMinnville School Board, Yamhill County Fair Board and a director of the Farmers Home Administration advisory group for many years, to name only a few of the extra-curricular activities.

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