

**BUCH** *from A1*

spoke with people were the ones I had a background in," Buch said. "Housing affordability was by far the one I found most common and that's my professional background."

Buch works for St. Vincent DePaul directing building projects and it's a small business

owner.

Both Buch and Williams focused on jobs and healthcare during the campaign, with Buch aligning herself with small business and pushing for economic diversity; Williams earned the endorsement of Lane County Sheriff Byron Trapp and spoke of existing opportunities in the timber industry.



**Heather Buch (left) defeated Gary Williams for the East Lane Commissioner seat.**

Both candidates raised more than \$100,000, with Buch raising \$194,544.44 and Williams, \$224,367.84. Buch ended the campaign with just under \$30,000; Williams' expenses totaled \$241,001.52. "Overarching beyond poli-

tics, when you talk about the specific issues that people really need help with, that's the most effective message they can here," Buch said, noting that she was excited to meeting the people she would be working with and "getting her feet wet" in January.

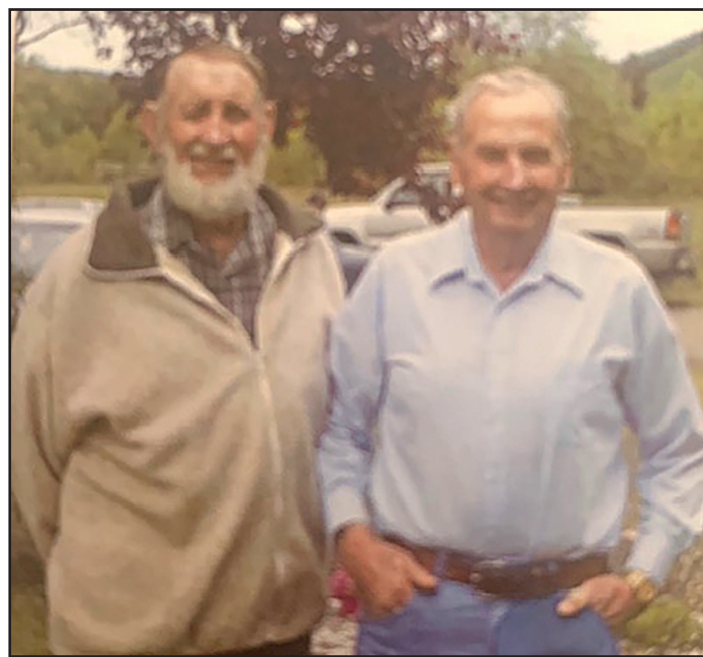
Williams did not return a request for an election night interview.

**TWINS** *from A1*

the twins once paid to see those cowboy shows; before the arcade closed its door; before Bohemia Mining Days shrunk a

bit; and way before the festival did away with what the twins and their family remember as dozens of marching bands.

On Saturday nights, the twins said, Perry Cuomo would play at the arcade — where one



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**Cottage Grove natives and twins Gilbert and Everett Yearous, who will turn 90 on Nov. 18.**



of their sisters met her husband as a teenager — and residents would scramble for parking on Main Street. It was a spot where, occasionally, you could see a flame burst up.

"Someone would spill whiskey and light it on fire to get rid of it," Gilbert said.

But Main Street wasn't the only place teenagers found their fun.

"There were dances up Wildwood Falls too," Everett said.

Gilbert added, "If you wanted to see some fighting or something, you could go up there. It was prohibition. If you wanted any booze, you had to make your own. But someone give [my brother] some 'white lighting' or something and he said he was doing just fine until he went to cross the bridge — and that bridge went right up and hit him in the face."

As their boyhoods faded and they grew into their teen years, the twins went to work.

First at the railroad, and then what used to be Woodard's Mill.

"That was at 17. At 18, you were allowed to work in the woods then, so I learned how to set a choker," Gilbert said.

A choker is essentially, a metal cable that wraps around the tree and the choker set runs up and down the hill all day while trees fall to the landing.

According to Gilbert, the size of the chokers isn't the same as they used to be: the trees are a different size now.

And while Everett and his wife now spend half the year in California happily retired, Gilbert remains on the property, not quite as retired.

"What do I do all day? People always ask me that," he said.

His pickup truck parked outside is full of split wood he still has to stack and deliver, a choker in the backseat.



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