

# Got a Nikon camera, love to take a photograph ...

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INSIDE MY SHOES



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I drove by this old truck several times one summer while vacationing in Moab, Utah. The next year I spent some time photographing it.

I recently participated in judging duties in the photography at Umatilla and Morrow county fairs. While I'm sure some of the entries originated from cell phones, the majority of the images were captured with a camera. You know, a stand-alone device you take pictures with.

And don't even get me started about people who take photos with an iPad — too late. Seriously, this summer I was riding on the

Route of the Hiawatha, a remote mountain bike trail in the Bitterroot Mountains of Idaho and Montana, and people were emerging from a tunnel to take photos.

When someone pulled their iPad out of their backpack, I thought really?!? It's not like it can hang around your neck like a camera. Besides that, the area is so remote, you can't immediately upload photos to the Internet.

Cameras are more convenient to pack around when hiking and biking than an iPad. In addition, they pro-

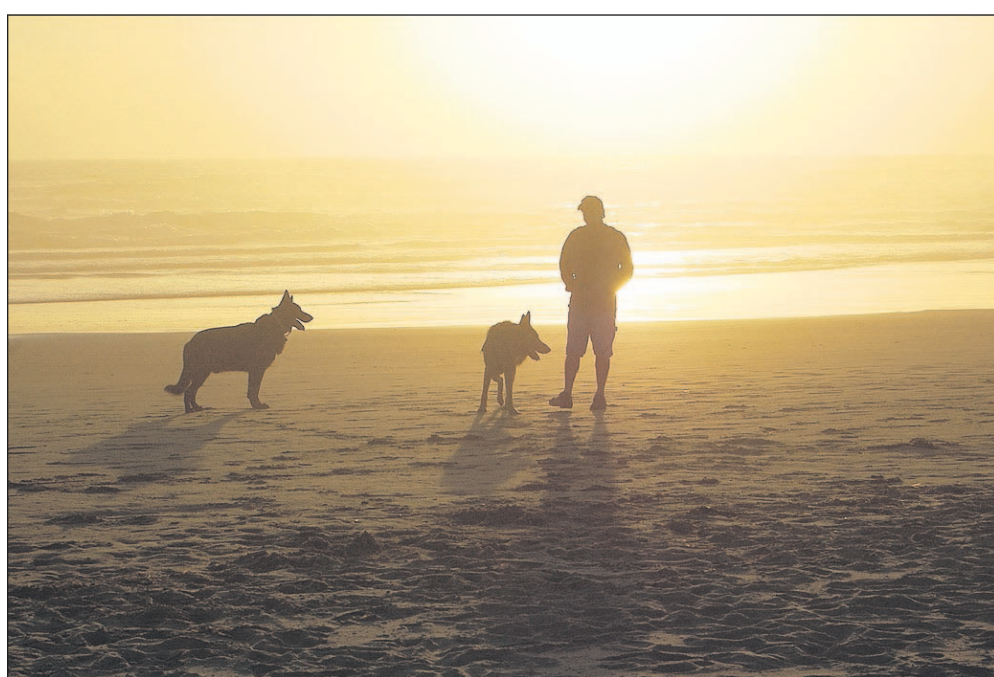


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Lucifer, the General and John Malgesini, some of my favorite photo subjects, during sunset at Rockaway Beach.

vide better quality images.

While I'm talking about cameras, I want to stress more isn't always better. Check the settings on your camera to ensure you're shooting at a higher resolution. While your memory card will hold more photos at low resolution, the quality isn't as good. When you do capture that photo you want to enlarge or submit to the

newspaper, it's not going to be very good quality if you have your settings set too low.

If you need help, check with a camera shop, photography buff or maybe even take a class. Hermiston Parks & Recreation periodically offers classes that are designed to help amateur shutterbugs. The next one is coming up in November, just in time to get

some tips before preserving holiday memories.

And who knows, maybe you'll take some awesome shots and enter them in the 2016 Umatilla County Fair.

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## IN BRIEF

### Volunteer training classes in October

People interested in volunteering at Domestic Violence Services can participate in volunteer training for the crisis line and other direct care services.

The free training is planned in October. The sessions include a comprehensive introduction to domestic/sexual/dating violence and stalking. Volunteers learn about the cycle of violence, tactics used by batterers and the myths surrounding domestic violence and sexual assault.

Topics include how to assist victims in crisis, information about restraining orders and providing safety planning and advocacy.

The training sessions are free of charge. Pre-registration is required. In addition, the organization is in need of basic household items for its shelters, which are located in Pendleton and Hermiston.

The current wish list includes liquid hand soap, powdered laundry soap, dryer sheets, plastic sandwich bags, pillows, toilet paper, trash bags, paper towels, dish soap, sunscreen and reusable water bottles.

Items can be dropped off at Domestic Violence Services offices in Pendleton and Hermiston during business hours.

To make donation arrangements, for more information or to register for the training, call 541-276-3322. For more about the organization, visit [www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org](http://www.domesticviolenceservices-or.org).

### Veterans advisory group meets today

The public is invited to attend and participate in the quarterly meeting of the Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs.

The meeting is today from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Registration is not required, but is encouraged. RSVP at [www.surveymonkey.com/t/CWNK5SB](http://www.surveymonkey.com/t/CWNK5SB).

The nine-member committee is comprised of

veterans appointed by the governor to provide counsel to the director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs. The advisory committee's meetings are held throughout the state on the first Wednesday in March, June, September and December.

For more information, contact [vaac@odva.state.or.us](mailto:vaac@odva.state.or.us), 503-373-2389 or visit [www.oregon.gov/odva/Pages/advisory.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/odva/Pages/advisory.aspx).

### Altrusa offers college scholarship

Fall scholarship applications are now available for students who have already began their educational process.

Altrusa International of Hermiston will award a scholarship up to \$3,000 for students who are attending school to upgrade their job skills or to re-enter the job market. The scholarship isn't for graduating high school seniors.

Applicants must be residents of western Umatilla County or north Morrow County, but may be studying elsewhere. Scholarship funds will be deposited with the college or school to be applied toward tuition, books or lab fees.

Applications are available at the Altrusa International of Hermiston Facebook page, the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce Facebook page, as well as Blue Mountain Community College and Eastern Oregon University. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, Sept. 15.

For more information, contact [cande@eotnet.net](mailto:cande@eotnet.net) or JoAn Hill at 541-567-8543.

### Cribbage club meets weekly

Local cribbage players are invited to join the Oregon Grass Roots Club No. 2 for weekly play, which starts tonight.

The games are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Lanes, 1545 N. First St., Hermiston. They continue weekly through May 2016. Players play nine games for the weekly championship.

For more information, call Bill Hill at 541-567-6594.

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