

# Gem show to rock EOTEC this weekend

In 34th year, rock and gem show changes venue

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Thunder eggs, crystals, sunstones, petrified wood, agates, amethysts and more are featured during the Hatrockhounds Rock & Gem Show.

Mike Filarski, vice president of the Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society and the show's chairman, is excited about the 34th annual event, which is changing venues. The show is Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston. Admission is \$3 and free for kids 12 and under. Food also will be available for purchase.

The event includes hourly door prize drawings. Also, Mother's Day will feature additional special drawings just for moms.

At least 20 vendors will be on hand, set up both indoors and outside. In addition to all types of rocks and gems, people can purchase jewelry, jewelry-making supplies, rough material and more.

"If you are interested in anything about rocks, I bet we will have a vendor that will have that," Filarski said.

In addition to vendor tables, the show includes silent auctions, displays and demonstrations, including faceting, a sphere machine and gem trees. Also, the Kids' Corner features special activities, displays and grab bags geared for the younger crowd.

The show, which started out at the old fairgrounds, was held at the former Hermiston Conference Center for many years. Filarski said that was a great centrally-located facility, drawing upwards of 600-700 people.

However, with increased fees at the Hermiston Community Center, he said they decided to explore EOTEC. With relatively low membership dues, Filarski said the rock and gem show is how they raise money to continue to function as a club.

He is hopeful the show will continue to attract a good-sized crowd. A lot of people, Filarski



FILE PHOTO

**Tom Moon shows off a machine that helps polish decorative stone spheres during the 2014 Hatrockhounds Rock & Gem Show. In its 34th year, the event is Saturday and Sunday at the Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center.**

said, enjoy gathering rocks, calling them "closet rockhounds."

"They love to collect rocks when they go fishing or camping or hunting and hiking in the mountains," Filarski said. "You would be surprised what rocks look like if you tumble them and polish them up."

A hobby club, the Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society meets to share their interest and experiences in searching for rocks, gems, minerals and fossils. The group also plans day outings, overnight field trips and other social activities.

The members, Filarski said, keeps the business part of the meeting to a minimum — instead focusing on programs, including a members "show-and-tell," activities, demonstrations and presentations. The club is open to all ages and levels, from beginners to advanced rockhounds.

They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the gym at the Hermiston First Christian Church, 775 W. Highland Ave. Entry is through the back of the building.

"We welcome guests to come down," Filarski said. "We'll entertain them and tell them what we do as a club."

For more information, contact Filarski at 541-571-2593, stonemorlin1@netscape.net or visit [www.jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds](http://www.jall23.wixsite.com/hatrockhounds).

## BRIEFS

### Buttercreek Boys offer foot stompin' music

Old-time music is featured as the Buttercreek Boys tune up their instruments during a rehearsal meeting.

The public is invited to tap their toes and sing along as the group plays and sings Wednesday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Chuckwagon Cafe, 81027 Highway 395 North, Hermiston. There is no cover charge.

The seasoned musicians, who range in age from 60 to 90-plus, include Lou Reeves, guitar; Wynn Weston, guitar; Curt Clauton, stand-up bass; Tom Watkins, violin-fiddle; Rusty Roe, saxophone; and Jim Simpson, banjo and harmonica. Also, several of the musicians take the mic to sing as they perform a variety of old-time favorites.

For more information, call 541-567-6329.

### Postal workers 'Stamp Out Hunger'

Postal workers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across the nation will join forces in the largest one-day food drive in the nation.

During Saturday's Stamp Out Hunger event, people can leave nonperishable food items in a bag near their mailbox and mail carriers will pick up the donations. People with post office boxes may leave food at their local post office.

All donated food will be disbursed in the communities where they were collected. Last year, more than 71 million pounds was collected nationwide, including 10,000 pounds locally, between Pendleton, Hermiston, and Milton-Freewater (Branch 909).

For more information, visit [www.stampouthungerfooddrive.us](http://www.stampouthungerfooddrive.us).

### Lunch & Learn highlights cancer nutrition

People can learn about anti-cancer nutrition during a luncheon event at Good Shepherd Medical Center.

Northwest Cancer Clinic has partnered with Good Shepherd

Health Education Department to offer the free event. "Lunch and Learn" is Wednesday, May 16 at noon in Conference Center 2 at the hospital, 610 NW 11th St., Hermiston. The presentation includes a question and answer session. Also, door prizes will be handed out. While the event is free, people who plan to attend are asked to RSVP.

Dr. Brian Lawenda, a board certified radiation oncologist with Northwest Cancer Clinic, will lead the event. He incorporates integrative oncology into his practice and enjoys speaking to the public about new technologies and cancer treatments that are offered at the clinic. The cancer treatment center recently opened a satellite office in Hermiston, located at 1050 W. Elm Ave., Suite 150.

Anti-cancer nutrition refers to foods that can support patients during and after cancer treatment. People can learn how certain foods can help or hurt while undergoing treatment or afterwards.

To register for the event, call 541-667-3509. For more information about Northwest Cancer Clinic, visit [www.nwcancer-clinic.com](http://www.nwcancer-clinic.com) or call 541-289-2060.

### Job fair offers leads for job seekers

An event seeking to bring job seekers and employers together will provide information about housing, transportation and transit opportunities.

The "Jobs, Housing & Transit Fair" is a partnership with the Umatilla and Hermiston chambers, and the city of Umatilla Community Development Department.

The free event is Wednesday, May 16 from 3-7 p.m. in the commons at Umatilla High School, 1460 Seventh St. It includes free refreshments, door prizes and a drawing for two Amazon Alexa Echos.

Job seekers — including full-time or part-time positions and summer job — are encouraged to come prepared with a resume. Numerous regional employers — including Amazon Web Services, Wal-Mart DC, Express Employment Professionals, Columbia River Health, Uma-

tilla/Morrow Head Start and Umatilla County Veteran's Services — will be on hand. Many of the businesses are actively recruiting and will distribute job applications.

With challenging transportation issues in the region, information will include transit schedules and commuter options. Also, representatives from Umatilla Cab Company, the state of Oregon and KAYAK will talk about current and future options in west Umatilla County and north Morrow County regions.

People will be available to talk about housing options, lands zoned for housing and housing programs and services. Also, the Columbia Basin Board of Realtors will be at the event.

For more information, contact 541-567-6151 or [debbie@hermistonchamber.com](mailto:debbie@hermistonchamber.com).

### Regional photo exhibit opens Friday

The public is invited to the judge's critique and opening reception for the Open Regional Photography Exhibit at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

The event is Friday (an incorrect date was published in the May 2 *Hermiston Herald*) with judge Michael Sell sharing his insight at 5 p.m., followed by the reception party from 5:30-7 p.m., at the arts center, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The exhibit features 125 photos from 65 regional artists. The best of show award, other awards and cash prizes will be presented to both adults and teenagers. Banner Bank of Pendleton underwrites the event each year, providing funds for cash awards.

Also, gallery visitors can cast votes for the Jacqueline Brown People's Choice Award. It will be presented after the final day of the exhibit. The \$200 prize is provided by the Picken/Brown family.

The exhibit runs through Friday, June 29. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact 541-278-9201, [director@pendletonarts.org](mailto:director@pendletonarts.org) or visit [www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org).

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