



PHOTO BY JACK SIMONS  
Fog hovers over the foothills of the Blue Mountains during a mid-fall morning in 2016 on the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

## Library display features photography of Jack Simons

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Jack Simons likes to get up close and personal with nature, which he chronicles from behind the lens of his camera.

Simons worked as an industrial arts instructor at Umatilla High School from 1979 to 1987, and later as an agricultural consultant for his father's business. Now retired and living on the Umatilla Indian Reservation with his wife, Sharon, Simons has more time to develop his interest in photography, which first took root as a youngster.

Simons said his fascination and interest in nature began when his father took him on family fishing trips in California's Sierra Nevada mountain range. Being exposed to scenic vistas, delicate wildflowers and butterflies inhabiting the lakeside meadows, Simons wanted to preserve what he was seeing and experiencing.

"It was here that I yearned to take these images home with me, thus my passion for photography was born," he said.

To view Simons' work, stop by the Hermiston Pub-



PHOTO BY JACK SIMONS  
Wood ducks on a pond, taken in the spring of 2014 on Williams Lane in Pendleton.

lic Library during the month of September. He is the featured artist for the month and a number of his photographs are on display.

As he's had more time to delve into his passion for photography, Simons' artwork has caught the attention of others. In 2016, he submitted a photo into Pendleton Center for the Arts' Open Regional Photography Exhibit. His first-ever entry in the event, the black and white image of storm clouds rising above a picturesque curve in the road along Old Highway 30 above Pendleton, placed second in the adult category.

"Wandering Through Nature's Solitude," an exhibit that opened this past spring and hung through

early summer at Pendleton Art + Frame, featured Simons' photographs depicting area landscape, flora and fauna.

Simons focuses his lens mostly on landscape and wildlife photography — including some up-close shots of insects. Utilizing both color, and black and white photography, Simons said it provides varying opportunities in recording nature.

The Hermiston Public Library is open Monday through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday/Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It's located at 235 E. Gladys Ave. For more information, call 541-567-2882 or visit [www.hermistonlibrary.us](http://www.hermistonlibrary.us).

## Boardman Quilt Group seeks entries for annual show

HERMISTON HERALD

Area quilters are invited to enter their creations in the annual Boardman Fall Quilt Show.

In addition to quilts people have created, the show is open to displays featuring heritage family quilts. The show is open to all quilters of all ages.

Prizes will be awarded for people's choice and special prizes also will be presented in the youth category. Registration for submissions is due Monday, Oct. 1.

The show, which is in its 14th year, is Oct. 12-13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Admission is \$3, which is good for both days.

In addition to the quilts on display, vendors on hand will include Thimbles, Fabric 'N More from Pendleton, Serendipity Designs from Heppner and The Sewing Basket and Quilted Country Inn from Prosser, Washington. Kathy Morgan, a member of the Boardman Quilt Group, is the show's featured quilter.

Also, a pair of quilts created by quilt group members will be raffled off. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for a yard (18 tickets). People can purchase tickets at the show, as well as during the Morrow County Harvest Festival, Oct. 6 at the SAGE Center.

The drawing will be held Saturday, Oct. 13 at approximately 3:30 p.m. at the quilt show. The winner doesn't

have to be present. Money raised from the quilt raffle is used by the group to pay rent, bring guest instructors and to deliver quilts for community service projects.

For more information about the quilt group or to enter a quilt in the fall show, call Lila Killingbeck at 541-571-2576 or Marie Cornell at 480-518-2642.

### BRIEFS

#### VA medical center visualizes change

Eye care for local veterans just got more convenient at Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center in Walla Walla.

Expanded hours for the eye clinic and optical services began Aug. 1. Veterans can now book appointment on Mondays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments can be scheduled through a consult from the veteran's primary care provider or by calling the optometry service office at 509-527-3491.

Basic optical services, such as eyeglass fittings and frame selection, will soon be available in outpatient community clinic locations. When that's implemented, it will eliminate having to travel to Walla Walla for simple optical services.

Also, veterans can use a new tool called VEText, which provides upcoming appointment reminders on their cell phone. The system allows people to confirm or cancel appointments. In addition to reducing the number of no shows, it has freed up appointment times for other veterans seeking care. For more information, visit <https://goo.gl/z5NKq7>.

For questions about veterans services, contact Linda Wondra at 509-525-5200, [linda.wondra@va.gov](mailto:linda.wondra@va.gov) or go to [www.wallawalla.va.gov](http://www.wallawalla.va.gov).

#### Fun run, banquet keeps Horneck's memory alive

Proceeds from a fun run and banquet will benefit the Hermiston Lion Club's community project fund to support programs in Don Horneck's honor.

A longtime agronomist and soil scientist at OSU's Hermiston Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Horneck died Sept. 28, 2014. He was an active member of the Lions Club.

The 5K fun run and walk is Saturday, Sept. 22. It begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. at Hermiston High School. The entry fee is \$15.

A banquet and auction begins with a social hour at 6 p.m. at the Hermiston Community Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by live and silent auctions. Tom Spoo will cater the dinner, Cole Crosthwaite will provide



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY LINDA WONDRA  
Dr. Jodi Moore-Weiss, chief of optometry services at Jonathan M. Wainwright Memorial VA Medical Center, visits with a veteran during an eye exam. The VA is expanding its hours to better meet needs of patients.

entertainment and Charlie Clupny will emcee.

Banquet tickets are \$40 and are available at Good Shepherd Health Care System, Kuhn Law Office, OSU Research & Extension Center, Hermiston Chamber of Commerce and Umatilla Electric Cooperative.

This year, a portion of the proceeds will go to Hydromania, Umatilla Electric's summer day camp focused on science, water, energy and environment. It's open to students completing the fourth or fifth grades, and provides hands-on learning opportunities and field trips hosted by local industries and ag producers.

Sponsorships are available by contacting Philip Hamm at [philip.b.hamm@oregonstate.edu](mailto:philip.b.hamm@oregonstate.edu) or Bill Kuhn at [WJK@kuhn-lawoffices.com](mailto:WJK@kuhn-lawoffices.com). Donations of auction items may be made by contacting Aaron Treadwell at [atreadwe@umchs.org](mailto:atreadwe@umchs.org). The Lions will arrange to collect your auction donations, which are tax deductible. For more information, call Kuhn Law Office at 541-567-8301.

#### Hermiston pool splashes into fall

With the warm weather lingering, the Hermiston Family Aquatic Center continues to offer people a chance to dive in and cool off.

A public swim time is offered Saturday from 1:10-6:45 p.m. The pool is at 879 E. Elm Ave. The daily fee is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and youths ages 10-17, \$4 for ages 1-9 and free for 0-12 months. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

Also, Aqua Fit, which continues through Oct. 12, offers lap swimming, water walking and water aerobics. It's available Monday through Fridays from 6-7

p.m. The cost is \$6.

For more information, call the pool at 541-289.7665 or Hermiston Parks & Recreation at 541-667-5018.

#### Library friends set book sale

The Friends of the Hermiston Public Library is gearing up for its annual book sale.

The event kicks off with a Member Night mixer and pre-sale. It is Thursday, Sept. 20 from 5-7 p.m. at the Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. Non-members are invited to join the friends — the cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for seniors or teens or \$25 for a family.

The sale is open to the public Friday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 22 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which features \$1 per bag full of books.

People are invited to join the library friends, which provides support in helping the library keep its doors open. People may volunteer their time to assist with the upcoming book sale.

For more information, call library director Mark Rose at 541-567-2882.

#### Hermiston Assembly of God offers parenting class

A class for parents is offered at the Hermiston Assembly of God Church.

Parenting in Today's World is Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45 p.m. at 730 E. Hurlburt Ave. The focus will include biblical values found in God's word.

In addition, programs are available Wednesday evenings for children, including Royal Rangers and the Girl's Club. Those classes are for ages 3 through fifth grade.

For more information, call 541-567-8628.

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