

## ● GRANDVIEW FARM HONORS OUR FOURTH CENTENARIAN IN JAY S. SIMONS

As Jay Simons, one of our neighbors and a dear friend to all of us in the Grandview Farm community, prepares to celebrate 100 years on earth, what can we use to really understand the true meaning of living for a full century?

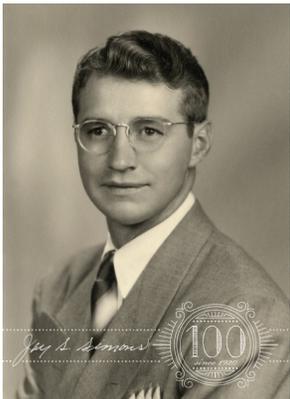
He was born on April 19, 1920, in an off-the-beaten-track community called Chesterfield in southeastern Idaho. The first commercial radio station began broadcasting the year of Jay’s birth. Two years after Jay was born, a 15-year-old Rigby, Idaho, high school student named Philo Farnsworth invented television. But none of us saw any real television until about 1947. As a young soldier stationed in California during World War II, Jay was driving a Model A Ford. The last one was built in 1931.



*The Jay we all know cropped from four granddaughters.*

And finally, when Jay was born, this country and the world was still trying to recover from the effects of the worst pandemic in recent world history—the 1918 Spanish Flu.

The beauty of having Jay among us is that even as a centenarian he walks, he talks, and he still has a memory. What a resource and a joy for his family, and for all of us



*This is the Jay his wife Shirley knew in the mid-1940s.*

Jay lost his wife, Shirley, in 2011 while they were living near the Provo Temple. They were both residents of Chesterfield, Idaho, when they were married in 1946 in the Salt Lake Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Jay and Shirley are the parents of two daughters and two sons.

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## ● INFLUENZA PANDEMIC OF 1918 WAS DEVASTATING IN U.S & WORLDWIDE

The 1918 influenza pandemic was the most severe pandemic in recent history. It was caused by an H1N1 virus with genes of avian origin. Although there is not universal consensus regarding where the virus originated, it spread worldwide during 1918-1919. In the United States, it was first identified in military personnel in spring 1918.

It is estimated that about 500 million people or one-third of the world’s population became infected with this virus. The number of deaths was estimated to be at least 50 million worldwide with about 675,000 occurring in the United States.

With no vaccine to protect against influenza infection and no antibiotics to treat secondary bacterial infections that can be associated with influenza infections, control efforts worldwide were limited to non-pharmaceutical interventions.

— *from Center for Disease Control*

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Thirty-eight years of his professional life was spent in Northern California with a large sand, gravel and ready-mixed concrete company. Much of the time he was in management positions involving quality control.

Jay shares a home here with his daughter and her husband, Bruce and Lynda Ogden.

The Covid 19 virus has cancelled plans for a celebration of this remarkable birthday, but there certainly is nothing preventing “virtual” greetings in print, voice, and electronically.

● **CONDO CLUB HOUSE REJUVENATION AND REMODELING ROLLING TO COMPLETION**

While the population of Grandview Farm maintains an isolated and very low profile as a defense against the Covid 19 Virus, there is work going on in the Condo Club House which may surprise but hopefully will delight.



*Looking toward the south door, this shows the large closet for storing tables and chairs.*

This is the beginning of planned steps over several years to renew and rejuvenate this great facility which should be seen and used by all of us as our own extended family room. The accompanying photos will show the progress.

The most dramatic change is the creation of a room off from the kitchen to house chairs and tables. That room extends to the east almost to the south door of the building, and eliminates the door on the southeast corner of the kitchen. The remaining east wall of the kitchen has been opened from about waist up to accommodate a serving counter.

From the standpoint of brightness and openness, the elimination of the drop down light fixtures in favor of canned lighting recessed in the ceiling will make a big difference. The old green carpet is gone and will be replaced with large block carpet which allows the replacement of a block if needed.

There was a door on the east wall of the building leading to the swimming pool, which was sealed many years ago. It is no longer even there. The mirror on the north wall has been taken down and will be replaced with a larger screen television set upon which presentations can be made. And finally, the walls will be repainted.

Preparation for the work of different contractors involved many hours of pure grunt effort on the part of Robert Spencer and Daryl Acor. We are sure they would prefer to labor in the shadows, as is true of most residents who make a contribution



*Recessed LED ceiling lights will brighten and enlarge the room.*



*This is a closer look at the serving window from the kitchen where a counter reaching both to the inside and outside of the kitchen will be installed.*

**GRANDVIEW FARM CENTENARIANS**

*Jay Simons is the fourth member of this community to reach the 100-year mark. We take this moment to remember and honor those three other men. They were Edwin Dibble, Clair Gudmundson, and Robert Blaylock. There is not much which can be said about that kind of longevity.*

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to our community. However, the UPDATER is here, in part, to acknowledge those who make life a little better for us.

That acknowledgment should be added for the members of the Design Committee reporting to Robert Spencer, Condo Management Committee member responsible for the Club House. The Design group spent a considerable amount of time researching, discussing, and then proposing the improvements which could or should take place.

Those Committee members are Tracy Rust, Karen Spencer, Gretchen Ludlow, Carol Hogle, and Kate Andersen.