

HERMISTON

Drugstore celebrates fall, 91st birthday

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Staff photo by Jade McDowell

The lunch counter at Hermiston Drug & Gift sells milkshakes, pie, sandwiches and more.

Hermiston Drug & Gift showed its appreciation for customers Thursday with a Fall Open House.

The Main Street drug store has been in business 91 years.

Employee Lisa Keltz said as far as they can trace, current owners Bob and Lois Mullay are only the fifth owners in its history. She said that out of 15 employees, only three did not grow up in Hermiston.

"There's a great sense of community," she said.

The store tries to foster that sense of community in a variety of ways. The Mullays donate to youth

sports, provide a place for band students to rent instruments, participate in the Umatilla County Fair parade, and serve Thanksgiving and Christmas

meals. Hermiston Drug is also member of the Hermiston Downtown District and a participant in its First Thursday events.

Keltz said they get "lots of regulars" at the store, which features everything from kitchenware to perfume. In the back sits a pharmacy and an old-fashioned counter where customers can order up anything from a sandwich to "the best milkshakes in town."

"Our (soda) fountain is always popular," Keltz said.

On Thursday, customers were treated with apple cider and fall foods, discounts and drawings for prizes during the afternoon.

Lorenzen of Pendleton joins nonprofit Energy Trust of Oregon board

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Henry Lorenzen of Pendleton joined the volunteer board of directors for the Energy Trust of Oregon.

The board added Lorenzen and three other members Wednesday, according to an announcement from Energy Trust. Lorenzen, an attorney, family farmer and engineer, is the first board member from Pendleton.

"As a recent member of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council, I have been an avid advocate for energy efficiency and conservation as a most cost-effective approach to meeting regional energy requirements as well as reducing carbon emissions," Lorenzen said in the announcement. "As a board member of Energy Trust, I look forward to championing an organization that implements the regional conservation targets established by the power council."

Lorenzen from 2002-18 served on the Power and Conservation Council, which develops a regional

power plan and fish and wildlife program. He also served on multiple state boards and commissions. The other three new members are: Eric Hayes of Beaverton, the state organizing coordinator for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Elee Jen, the principal marketing and business development manager at Energy Performance Engineering, Newberg; and Roland Risser of Washington County, recently retired from the U.S. Department of Energy, where he was the director of the Building Technologies Office, and then deputy assistant secretary of renewable power.

Energy Trust of Oregon is an independent nonprofit organization that helps Oregonians and businesses save energy and generate renewable power. Debbie Kitchin, board member and chair of the board nominating committee, stated the board "engaged a broad array of organizations" to help fill four vacancies and was pleased with the outcome of an extensive search.

Postal union warns of fallout if US leaves

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In this Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018 file photo, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo briefs reporters at the State Department in Washington.

GENEVA — No international letters, no international packages: A top official with a 192-country postal union says that's what Americans can expect if the Trump administration goes through with plans to pull of an international postal treaty over concerns about China.

Pascal Clivaz, deputy director-general of the Switzerland-based Universal Postal Union, says the agency reached out quickly to U.S. officials after receiving a letter from U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo this week announcing Washington's plan to pull out of the union in a year if the treaty isn't renegotiated.

The U.S. says it's willing to renegotiate. But the threat is the latest sign of U.S. President Donald Trump's go-it-alone approach to many issues, from the envi-

ronment to trade to the Iran nuclear deal.

"It will have dramatic consequences for American consumers. It will cost them enormously. They will be all alone against all the countries of the world," Clivaz told The Associated Press on Friday. "They won't even be able to send (a package) to a neighbor-

ing country. It's an accord that links everybody."

Word of the planned pullout is the latest facet of Washington's multi-level trade dispute with Beijing. The U.S. administration says the treaty allows China to ship packages to the U.S. at discounted rates at the expense of American businesses.

Clivaz acknowledged the U.S. concerns about China were at the root of the problem, but said agreements within the UPU since 2016 have moved toward "improving the issue with China."

"It's not at the level that Mr. Trump and others want it, but we're close. So we want to continue negotiating," he said.

The U.S. National Association of Manufacturers has applauded the planned U.S. move, calling the postal pact "outdated" in the age of e-commerce and at a time of Chinese manufacturing dominance.

A U.S. pullout from the 144-year-old organization, a specialized U.N. agency, would strip the U.S. from access to special codes needed to send and receive mail internationally, Clivaz said. Any U.S. companies that need them — like FedEx or UPS — would lose access too, he said.

Fall fashion show highlights new styles

STANFIELD — Fun Fashions Boutique is hosting a Fall Fashion Show.

The free event is Sunday at 2 p.m. at 165 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. Owned and operated by Kathy Baker, the boutique features trendy

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