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#### **IN BRIEF**

#### **Exhibits offers** visitors to **'Explore Evolution'**

The work of scientists who are making leading discoveries about the evolution of life is featured in a new exhibit at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute.

Explore Evolution opened Friday at the museum, located off Highway 331 near Wildhorse Resort & Casino in Mission. The exhibit runs through May 28.

From rapidly evolving HIV to whales that walked, the public is invited to learn about evolution in organisms ranging from the very smallest to the largest. The exhibit focuses on seven research projects that have made a major contribution to the understanding of evolution. The interactive exhibit gives visitors an opportunity to experience how scientists conduct research on evolution.

Tamástslikt is open Monday through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Regular admission rates are \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors,

\$6 for youths ages 6-17, free for ages 5 and under or \$25 for a family of four. Also, there's no charge for First Fridays.

For more information, call 541-429-7700 or visit www.tamastslikt.org.

#### Female veterans invited to conference

Social networking, special speakers, a silent auction, raffles and fun activities are all a part of the 2016 Oregon Women Veterans Conference.

The free event is open to all women who have served or are currently serving in the military. Hosted by the Oregon Department of Veteran Affairs, the conference is Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Camp Withycombe, 15300 S.E. Minuteman Way, Clackamas.

Workshop topics include information about veterans' benefits, women's health, coping with trauma, job searches and yoga. Also, three female veterans will be presented with the Out-

standing Oregon Women Veterans Award during the conference.

Although there's no charge, those planning to attend are asked to register www.wvc.oregondva. at com. For more information, contact Elizabeth Estabrooks at 503-373-2188 or elizabeth.estabrooks@ state.or.us or visit www. facebook.com/Oregon-WomenVeterans.

#### Veterans' services offices offer help

Assistance with completing applications for benefits, advocating on behalf of veterans and other services are available through an accredited officers with the Umatilla County Veterans' Services Office.

Glenn Scott is assigned to the Hermiston office. Some of the benefits he assists veterans with are services connected to compensation, non-service connected pensions, widow's benefits, burial benefits. war veterans' and widow's property tax exemption,

medical benefits, home loan eligibility certificates and discharge upgrades.

Veterans and/or their loved ones can schedule appointments in the local office Monday through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 435 E. Newport Ave., Suite A The phone number is 541-667-3125.

### **Diaper Dash brings** in donations

Organizers of the Diaper Dash are celebrating its success.

Sponsored by the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene, more than 10,000 diapers were donated, which were collected as an entry fee for the fun run/walk held March 5. This was the event's second year.

The diapers will be distributed to moms, babies, and teen moms in the community, as well as local social service partners.

For more information about other church ministries, contact 541-567-3677 or hermistonnaz@gmail. com.



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medicinal to treats and the fountains began to expand into lunch counters to serve meals and bring in more diners.

The height of popularity for the soda fountain was during the early 20th century with a peak in the 1940s and 1950s when patrons could socialize, drink and eat at the counter. As the country mobilized, the drive-throughs and drive-in restaurants overtook the popularity of the soda fountain, and the sought-after spots became novelties.

In Hermiston, the novelty has yet to wear off.

When the photo albums come out, customers and staff gather round to look over the photos and clippings. None of the books include a date of when the soda fountain opened.

The store currently belongs to Bob and Linda Mullay, who purchased the business in 2000 from Jack Sobotta and Jerry Sobotta. The Sobotta brothers ran the store for almost three decades, and Jerry Sobotta and his wife, Kay, still stop into the fountain for their morning coffee.

Spanish- Pastor Genaro Loredo

9:00 & 10:15 am

Classes for kids during all services

For more information call 541-567-8441



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Customers Judy Meyer, from left, Kay Sobotta, Jerry Sobotta and John Price sample 15 cent coffee at the soda fountain at Hermiston Drug.

Jerry, sipping coffee from his seat at the counter, looks around the spot and reminisces.

"I was here when they remodeled it in the 1960s," he said. "This part used to be a stationary store, and they knocked the wall down. I think the soda fountain was already here and they moved it over when they expanded." The Sobottas come in almost every Tuesday morning to talk with friends and sample the 15-cent donuts and coffee available for Senior Citizen Day.

While the customers reminisce and catch up over coffee and donuts, Bobbie Picker and Robin Gallanger keep the fountain running from behind the counter. Homemade pies come out of the kitchen each day, alongside specials like meatloaf with mashed potatoes and gravy.



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Bobbi Picker, front, and Robin Gallanger, cut into a Butterfinger pie at the soda fountain at Hermiston Drug. The fountain serves homemade pies baked fresh daily.

flavors — chocolate, strawberry, vanilla and pineapple. The menu includes sandwiches, soups, specials, and — of course

– pie. (Bobbi)

"And they make great coffee," Kay Sobotta said.

I get to make pies from scratch and cook specials," Picker said. "It's awesome. Some days, the lunch counter is so full you'd have a hard time getting a seat."

The fountain serves milkshakes, coffee, and Coca-Cola products alongside malts in four

the 'She's best cook in the county," Linda Mullay said. "It's amazing how many people have never even been in the store. They're missing out."

The soda fountain inside Hermiston Drug is open 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



541-278-2683

Sat. March 26<sup>th</sup> **First United Methodist Church** 7:30 - 10:30 AM 191 E. Gladys Ave., \$5.00 for Hermiston, OR Breakfast 5 & under Good Friday, FREE March 25th Face painting, Worship Easter egg Service: hunt, Crafts, & 7:00 PM Peter Rabbit Easter Day, March 27 Sunrise Worship at the Cross on the Butte: 6:30 AM Church Worship Services: 11:00 AM Sunday morning worship services are broadcast live at www.herfumc.com **NEW LOCATION!** ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH at the White Eagle Grange Hall 43828 WHITE EAGLE ROAD, PENDLETON, OR Take U.S. 395 south about 10 miles from Pendleton. The Grange Hall is a lone white building with a green roof about 400 ft. west of the Hwy. EASTER WEEK SERVICES Tenebrae (Wednesday), Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday: each at 6:30 PM Easter Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM Regular Services: 10:00 AM - Sundays We are High Anglican and use the 1928 Book of Common Prayer The Rev. Father Vincent J. Varnas, Priest-in-Charge For more information, telephone: 1-541-303-1261 Also visit us on: www.facebook.com/stpaulanglicanchurchapa Experience **Good Friday** Friday, March 25th, a drop-in event 7:00 - 9:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26th 11:00 am **Easter Breakfast** 9:00 am at HermNaz **Kid's Craft Time** 9:30 am

Peter Rabbit Breakfast

Family Worship Celebration 10:30 am

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