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To Whom it may concern,

We are saddened by the fact that you may close our Post Office here in Basalt. It has been a convenience for us to go the couple of blocks to get our mail. You would think the convenience would be in receiving it in a mail box in front of the house. I guess so, but when I want to buy stamps I like to look and see what is new and what I like. I want to know ahead of time how much a package will cost to mail it and what options I have in mailing it. I love the smile and the "How are you today?" from the Postmaster or Post Mistress. The information they gave us when we first moved here and still do.. I can go look at the boxes and mailers to see what size I need. I like the safety of knowing our letters, medications and packages are safe until we pick them up. If we are gone all day we can get them at our convenience when we get home and know they are safe in our P.O. Box. We do not bank or pay bills online. We do not trust the internet for those purposes. We use the U.S. mail.

Where in the USA except in a small town can you go to the Post Office on your 4-wheeler, your lawnmower, your motorized or hand driven wheelchair or a snowmobile in the winter. There is a reason to walk and get your exercise for the day if you choose. There will be no one to wave at, to talk to, to laugh with, to get information from, to find out who is sick or in need. Where will we leave the extra vegetables from our garden for people to take and enjoy? If we need to go to the Post Office in Firth of Shelly we will need to use cars and cross the railroad tracks and the highway and avoid the potato trucks. If the Post Office goes we will no longer see each other as there are no other public gatherings places except the LDS Church. Not everyone in Basalt is LDS but EVERYONE enjoys seeing each other on weekdays and Saturday if not Sunday. Where will we post public notices, lost kittens and puppies etc? Where will the old men meet?

If we lose our Post Office we will lose an American tradition "The gathering place for Small Town America".

Hoping you will reconsider,  
Glenna J. Wetherby-Brug  
and  
Douglas Brug

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