



Residential property sales are up significantly in Lane County, comparing last September with this September, according to a Regional Multiple Listing Service report passed along to us by Prudential broker Sally Nunn. The median residential sales price is up 15 percent, the number of new listings is up 15 percent and the number of closed sales is up 16.8 percent. Neighborhoods leading in average price change are Mohawk Valley, Springfield, McKenzie Valley, River Road, Coburg/1-5 and southwest Eugene. Price inflation is good news for homeowners underwater and those needing to sell, not such good news for investors who have been sitting too long on the sidelines.

The **McKenzie Cider & Craft Beer Festival** is back for its second year from 5 to 11 pm Friday, Nov. 1, and noon to 11 pm Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Willamalane Center, 250 S. 32nd St. in Springfield. Sponsored by the McKenzie After 5 rotary and Springfield Rotary. Tickets are \$15 and proceeds benefit Belly-Full, a Rotary project in conjunction with FOOD for Lane County. See mccbf.com.

The **International Art and Gift Market** sponsored by Women's Opportunity Worldwide will be from 10 am to 8 pm Friday, Nov. 1, and 10 am to 5 pm Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Broadway Commerce Building, 44 West Broadway. Features fair trade crafts, art and photography from around the world. Proceeds benefit women and their families. The event will happen again Nov. 22. Call 741-7198 for more information.

Adoption Connections of Oregon's 12th annual conference will be from 10 am to 3 pm Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Oregon Research Institute, 1776 Millrace Dr., off of Franklin Boulevard, opposite Agate Street. Elaine Walters, executive director of the Trauma Healing Project, will lead a workshop on "Nurturing Attachment and Resilience in Adopted Children" for adoptive parents, pre-adoptive parents, adoption professionals, foster parents and all others who care for children who have experienced trauma. \$15-\$25 suggested donation. Lunch provided with pre-registration. See adoptionconnectionsoforegon.org or call Sue Barnhart at 342-1953.

The **Alzheimer's Association's** annual Cascade Coast Education Conference for Caregivers will be from 9 am to 3:30 pm Saturday, Nov. 2, at Eugene Faith Center, 1410 W. 13th Ave. Conference fee is \$25 for family caregivers, \$50 for professionals. Register at act.alz.org or call (503) 416-0214.

A fundraiser for **McKenzie River Trust** will be all day Monday, Nov. 4, at Fisherman's Market, 7th and Blair, with 50 percent of restaurant sales from 4 to 8 pm going to the nonprofit. \$1 each from Ninkasi pint sales that day will also benefit MRT. See mckenzieriver.org.

Café Yumm! is expanding into Washington state and will open its first Seattle store this weekend at the corner of 7th and Pine near the Pike Street Public Market. This will be the 12th restaurant for the company and Yumm! Sauce can now be found in 120 grocery stores on the West Coast.

The **Original Potted Christmas Tree Company** of Portland is expanding to Eugene this holiday season, according to owner John Fogel. His business model is unique, says Fogel. He sells and delivers potted trees to his customers for \$75 to \$115, then picks them up after the holidays and resells them for \$10 each to parks departments, wildlife agencies and schools. He offers cedars, junipers, pines, spruces and Douglas firs. See livingchristmastrees.org.

Results from the **BRING Home & Garden Tour** Sept. 8 have been compiled and this year's tour produced a record 685 ticket sales and a record 482 people at a single site, the LUCiA development on Friendly Street. Second most popular site was architect Mark Gillem's Fairmount reconstruction with 445 visitors. *EW* was one of the co-sponsors of the event. See story and photos at wkly.ws/1lj.

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MARRIAGE CAMPAIGN MARKS ONE-YEAR COUNTDOWN

Oregon's vote on marriage equality is approaching T-minus one year and counting, and Oregon United for Marriage (OUM) is thriving. Eugeneans will mark the countdown with several house parties in the area and 100 throughout the state. The statewide campaign has hired a new director, and a Students United for Marriage chapter has been active in Eugene since late September. Statewide, petitioners have gathered 104,908 of 116,284 signatures required to make the November 2014 ballot.

Kay Mellenthin and Clark Compton will host a Eugene house party because they see it as a good opportunity to talk with their friends, neighbors and members of their church about the freedom to marry. "Through those conversations, people understand why it's important," Mellenthin says.

After the house parties, OUM Eugene Field Organizer Kathy Formella says the Eugene chapter will focus on finishing signature collecting. "Once we're done with that," she says, "then we can really work on changing hearts and minds around marriage."

Colin Crader, statewide and UO chair of Students United for Marriage, has been working with other students on the petition-gathering campaign. "For each signature that I've experienced with students, each student has their own story about why they support and why they get involved, and I think it's important that we get to know each other and hear those stories as the campaign progresses," he says.

Crader identifies as a queer person of color, and he says a big part of his story was the reaction that his advocacy drew from attendees of his sister's wedding this summer. "They said they support me and the work that I do," he recounts.

OUM's new campaign manager, Mike Marshall, will begin Nov. 6. "He's an experienced guy," OUM Press Secretary Peter Zuckerman says. "We're pretty lucky to have him." Marshall ran two statewide campaigns in California, including the 2000 fight against the measure that later became Proposition 8. — *Shannon Finnell*

DEFazio FOREST PLAN GOES TO VIDEO 'AD'

The battle over Oregon's federal O&C forestlands isn't just taking place in the backrooms and hallways of Washington, D.C., it's playing out on the internet, in emails and on video. A new video about the O&C lands out of Rep. Peter DeFazio's office has made it through the House Franking Commission, which has to approve "unsolicited mailings of 500 or more pieces of the same matter" before taxpayer money is used to send it.

Franking is more commonly associated with mass mailings, such as DeFazio's longtime newsletter, but these days the congressman says a lack of funding means he can no longer send three or four newsletters a year to his constituents.

DeFazio, along with Reps. Greg Walden and Kurt Schrader, introduced a bill called the O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Act that would split the lands between a logging trust and a conservation trust. That bill has made it through the House, and supporters and opponents are awaiting Sen. Ron Wyden's companion bill in the Senate.

DeFazio says that the bipartisan bill will create jobs and protect forests and wilderness and provide funding for cash-strapped Oregon counties. Opponents, such as conservation group Oregon Wild, say the bill endangers waterways, removes federal protections on public lands and fails to protect old growth.

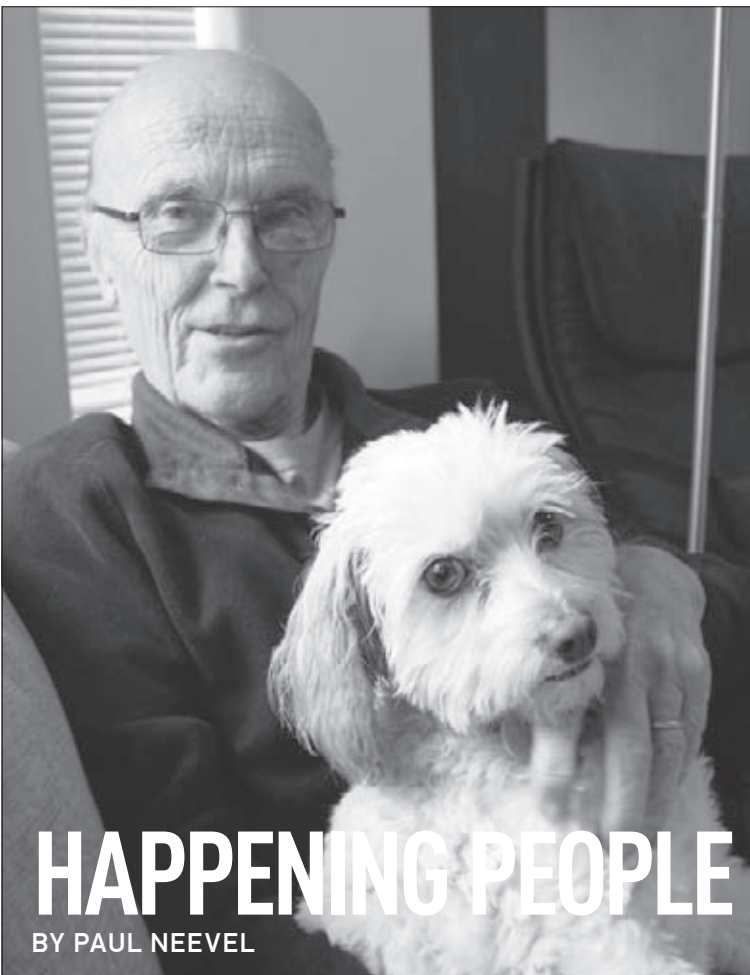
Oregon Wild's conservation director Steve Pedery says, "It is a ridiculous waste of taxpayer dollars to produce an ad to promote clearcutting legislation."

He continues, "If a Republican were doing this to promote a government shutdown or privatizing Social Security, Rep. DeFazio would be outraged. It would be nice if he held himself to the same standard when it comes to promoting clearcutting public lands."

Pedery says the ad repeats claims about the legislation that newspapers have reported as factually untrue.

Environmental groups have been creative as well when it comes to fighting DeFazio's O&C legislation. Oregon Wild is one of several groups that launched the website and billboard campaign called Clearcut Oregon, which features a 1950s postcard-like ad and the words "Welcome to Oregon: Home of the Clearcut." The ad is up at the Eugene airport.

DeFazio tells *EW* that the video is a way to communicate



DAVID KAYFES

Shortly after graduating from University of California, Berkeley in 1963 with a bachelor's in journalism, Bay Area native David Kayfes joined the Army National Guard. He had the good fortune to be stationed for two years in Italy, where he met Anneke, a young woman from Holland. "I got out in October of '66," he says, "and got married in December." Back in the U.S., he worked for the Associated Press in Salt Lake City, then found a job back at Cal, in the Sports Information Department. "I worked 12-hour days a lot," says Kayfes, who eventually tired of the PR spin expected in the sports info realm, and moved to Eugene in 1974 to work as a sports reporter for *The Register-Guard*. "Honest journalism appealed to me." After 25 years with the *R-G*, mostly covering local high-school sports, he retired a few years early in 1999. "That's when I started my volunteer work," he says. Inspired by hospice volunteers who had cared for his parents, he delivered meds to patients for five years, until FedEx was given that task. Since taking a Master Gardener course in 2001, he has taught composting for the Lane Extension Service. "There's something about compost, taking rot and waste, turning it into good soil," he says. "Something about new life, resurrection." Following a composting class at Sponsors, Inc., Kayfes has mentored five young men, newly out of prison. Family pooch Abby appears with him in the photo.