

NEWS IN BRIEF

Foreclosure prevention available

SALEM — Oregon Housing and Community Services announced foreclosure prevention, "Home Rescue," available to Polk County residents.

The program provides assistance to struggling homeowners through monthly mortgage payments — up to 12 payments with a maximum benefit of \$20,000 — and a reinstatement payment to bring mortgages current, up to \$15,000.

Homeowners interested in the program may apply online at www.OregonHomeownerHelp.org.

To qualify, applicants must be able to demonstrate at least a 10 percent reduction in projected 2016 income compared to any tax year between 2009 and 2015. Additional information about eligibility requirements and the application process may be found at the above website.

Every two weeks, the program opens a limited number of applicant slots that remain open until filled. The program opens new opportunities to apply every two weeks at noon until all program funds have been exhausted.

Funding for Home Rescue is through the United States Treasury's "Hardest Hit Fund," which allocated \$220 million to Oregon in 2010, and an additional \$94.5 million in 2016 to administer foreclosure prevention programs.

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Things change fast, so follow these simple steps to make sure the coast is clear before crossing any street. And walk on!

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Lisa Cox runs Same as it Never Was in downtown Independence, where one-of-a-kind pieces tempt every shopper.

Corner shop sure to please

By Emily Mentzer
The Itemizer-Observer

INDEPENDENCE — From vintage dresses for that special occasion to feather pillows, dishware, furniture or crafted soaps, Same as it Never Was on Main Street in Independence has something for everyone — and at reasonable prices.

"Everyone can walk away with something," owner Lisa Cox said. "I just didn't want to be one of those shops that's really pretty, but you can't afford anything. It takes a lot of effort to put the work into it that we do, but to see the unique things that we sell out of here, one-of-a-kind pieces that people just have to have, it's exciting."

After spending 10 years at a retail box store, Cox decided to slow things down a bit and took up vendor space at a shop in the Little Mall on Main.

"We were doing pretty well, but we weren't visible enough," Cox said. "So I de-



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Julie Alves browses a collection of doilies.

cid to just take a chance and open my own shop in a more visible location."

The downstairs corner lot in the Cooper Building certainly fit the bill, with tall windows to allow great lighting for shoppers — even during the storm a few weeks ago.

"That day, we lost power, but we never closed because people just kept coming in,"

Cox said.

Julie Alves, of West Salem, makes it a point to stop in and pick up a few items each time she's in town.

"I've found quite a few little things," she said as she examined some vintage doilies that reminded her of ones her mother once had.

Cox doesn't run her shop like a typical consignment — with each vendor having a space — but rather as a cohesive unit.

"We merchandise it altogether," she said. "We share the whole shop, and we share the windows, and it's

Check it out

What: Same as it Never Was Vintage.

Where: 206 S. Main St., Independence.

When: Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Of note: Gift cards are available, as is layaway for bigger pieces. Follow the shop on Facebook.

more of a team-type effort."

It is difficult to keep things stocked because people buy so quickly, particularly hand-crafted, feather-filled pillows, made by Cox herself.

Practically everything in the shop is for sale, including the custom-made bicycle parked out front.

"We had a hot pink one this summer," Cox said. "You'll see that on River Road now."

One walk around her shop, and you'll understand why Cox doesn't recommend sleeping on a decision.

"If you like it, walk away with it, because it may be gone," she said. "It's one-of-a-kind pieces, and the prices are good, and we even offer layaway."

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