

FOUNDATION WILL SUPPORT EUGENE POLICE

A new private foundation has been created to provide financial support to the Eugene Police Department

The nonprofit Eugene Police Foundation has been under development for the past year, says John Brown, a Eugene commercial real estate appraiser who is EPF's board president. The foundation makes its official start Thursday, May 18.

John Kilcullen, father of slain EPD officer Chris Kilcullen is board treasurer. Other EPF board members include state Sen. James Manning, Lee Lashway of Harrang Long Gary Rudnick law firm, and real estate broker Irene Altucker.

EPF will provide financial and communal support when the department needs it, Brown says, rather than dictating what the department should get.

Some of the department's needs might include new equipment for the K-9 unit and money for officer training, he says.

"If you look at all major communities and municipalities, almost all of them have a foundation to cover some of the things the budgets don't cover, to improve our quality of policing — both for the police officers but also for the community," Brown tells *Eugene Weekly*.

The foundation meets at 5:30 pm the fourth Wednesday of each month at Eugene police headquarters.

Funding for the EPF will come from tax-deductible donations, which can be made online by credit card at EugenePoliceFoundation.org.

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RESISTING WHITE SUPREMACY

Temple Beth Israel hosts discussion of white supremacist activity

Jessica Campbell of the Rural Organizing Project spoke to a packed room at Temple Beth Israel on Saturday, May 15, about the many layers of white supremacy and the rise and resistance of white nationalist movements in Oregon.

On that same day a white nationalist group passed out fliers around Eugene advertising for a website called True Cascadia.

paign of farmers, teachers and others who gathered petition signatures and wrote letters to the editor of their local paper, causing the militia to lose its base of support.

The Bundy occupation in Harney County dominated national headlines for months, but while in Burns, Campbell noted a big portion of the story wasn't being reported: Instances such as when members of the militia attempted to intimidate people at the local Safeway, or

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Throughout her presentation, Campbell shared stories of rural resistance organizations that came about to oppose militia groups and the attempted organization of an Aryan Nations chapter in eastern Oregon's John Day.

Patriot groups have what Campbell calls a thinly veiled white nationalist agenda. The militia movement often takes advantage of economically depressed towns, offering a form of infrastructure, and when members move into an area they carry assault rifles. These groups also attempt to force immigrants out of communities.

Campbell says militia groups offer "intentional education" to undermine the U.S. Constitution and often refer to only the first 10 amendments, purposely leaving out amendments that extend and protect equal rights.

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But rural organizers throughout Oregon have gathered to take a stand against white supremacy groups — forcing them out by pressuring local media outlets and with peaceful public gatherings.

The group Together for Josephine was a local cam-

when a few days after the occupation began, Campbell says 1,000 people showed up in a town of 8,000 at a meeting.

Campbell says all the hands she could see went up against the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge. All of the shops in Burns closed on the day the community organized against the occupation on the steps of the courthouse.

A branch of the Aryan Nations attempted to organize in John Day, but 375 locals showed up and opposed the formation of a national branch of the white supremacy group, according *The Oregonian*.

Campbell co-authored the study *Up in Arms: A Guide to Oregon's Patriot Movement*, which the Rural Organizing Project says is "a report and toolkit designed to support local communities, reporters, public officials, and community activists under siege from or curious about armed militias and other Patriot movement groups." You can read it at rop.org/up-in-arms.

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