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New Main St. business draws protest



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Protesters speak with law enforcement outside of the new location for Wolfclan Armory, a former Creswell business that has plans to move to Cottage Grove's Main St. Opponents of the move claim the business has ties to a white supremacist.

Wolfclan Armory earned backlash from residents who say the business has ties to white supremacist

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Wolfclan Armory's Facebook page is full of links to videos decrying Antifa—a term used to describe a broad group of individuals identifying as anti-fascists. One link leads to a video asserting that Native Americans were actually "white Caucasians" and yet another that shows a man grinning in front of a confederate flag and promoting his book "Questioning the Hoax of the Six Million" that calls the Holocaust into question.

But according to Jeanette Laskey, it wasn't Wolfclan that posted those things. It was her son, Jacob who is currently in a Lane County jail after being charged with first-degree assault, unlawful use of a weapon and second-degree criminal trespass. The charges are in connection with a January stabbing incident at a Creswell mobile home.

According to Laskey, the incident is not what brought the family business, Wolfclan Armory, to Cottage Grove from Creswell. Neither is the 11-year federal prison stint her son completed—according to the Southern Poverty

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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Greg Ervin settles in as new councilman



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Greg Ervin was looking for a volunteer opportunity when he settled in Cottage Grove in the house his wife grew up in. He landed on the budget committee, a board that reports to the Cottage Grove city council.

A few years and three tries later, Ervin is a Cottage Grove city councilor, but is still getting his feet under him—including interacting with the local media.

"I'm new to this, interviewing" he said last Thursday, still high on the joy and thrill of welcoming his fourth child the day before.

Fatherhood isn't a new trait on the council with three others already sitting on the board but managing a newborn while serving, is. Ervin, who replaced councilor Amy Slay last month after she purchased

land outside of city limits making her ineligible for her seat, is the only councilman to have a young family, something Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers acknowledged prior to Ervin's appointment. "He's a voice the council doesn't have either though. He has a young family. There's only seven seats and a lot of voices," Meyers previously told *The Sentinel* with regards to the lack of women in governmental positions.

With two city council meetings under his belt, Ervin said he thinks he can bring a new perspective to the board. "You always have a crossing of the generations," he said. "But I'm taking an approach of listening and when there's something to say or if I have a question, then I ask it," he said.

Ervin was the only applicant to Slay's seat, though he has applied for the position twice before, including the last time the seat was vacant when he was beat out by Slay.

Now, he plans to incorporate his council duties

into a schedule that's made up of four children, a wife and a job in Eugene that focuses on compliance with the federal health care laws.

"I don't over extend myself," Ervin said. "I don't get into a situation where I can't fulfill my obligations."

Currently, his board obligations include attending meetings on the second and fourth Monday of the month but that may change in the future as board members regularly sit on sub-committees and travel to League of Cities conferences. Ervin will also be hearing from constituents of Ward 4--something he said he looks forward too.

"I want people to know that I am open to communication and available," he said.

While he doesn't have a particular project or issue in mind, Ervin, who describes himself as fiscally conservative, said he is ready to take issues on as they come and get to know his fellow board members.

"Everyone has been welcoming, it's been good," he said.



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Latham Principal Anne Fisk presents to the South Lane School Board on Monday, April 2.

School board meets, discusses interim search

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Members of the South Lane School Board won't be the only people in the room when candidates for the interim superintendent position interview at the end of this month. On Monday, the board opted to take a suggestion from Oregon School Board Association's (OSBA) Steve Kelley and include members of the district's staff, allowing them to listen-in on the interviews but not be part of the deliberation. Board member Gary

Mort said Tonya Kerns and Kyle Tucker would be on his list of names for the group allowed to be in the room where it happens on April 23 as candidates interview for a one-year term as superintendent.

Current acting superintendent Tucker and board secretary Kerns would be joined by maintenance department head Matt Allen, a licensed employee of the district, a classified employee and a building administrator to be named by the board's April 16 meeting.

On Monday, the board held an executive session and during open session, discussed the number of questions applicants would be asked (15) as well as the order in which the board would hear from interviewees for both the superintendent position and search firms hoping to contract with the district to conduct a broader search for a long-term superintendent.

The board announced longtime superintendent Krista Parent's retirement, effective June 30, earlier this year and

appointed Tucker as acting superintendent. Tucker informed the board that he would not be applying for the interim position.

Also during Monday's meeting, Latham Principal Anne Fisk reported to the board on the daily operations of the elementary school while Allen gave an update on the construction of Harrison Elementary, currently a week behind, and scheduled to be completed and ready for students by the fall of next year.

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Trail closure

Row River Trail may close for repairs this summer.
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Sunny skies

Baseball teams get ahead of the rain this week. Some, for the first time all season.
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