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CROSSING THE FINISH LINE



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Chris Funch of Springfield crosses the finish line first at the Cottage Grove Half Marathon on Saturday, April 7. The annual race saw more than 300 entrées and a bit of a scare when one racer was taken to the hospital after being struck by a dead tree compromised by the high winds. For complete coverage, see page B1.

Council addresses controversy on Main St.

By Caitlyn May
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Cottage Grove Mayor Jeff Gowing was on vacation the last week in March and when he returned home, it was to messages from local media outlets asking him for comment on Wolfclan Armory's move to town.

The business had drew the attention of concerned citizens after a banner appeared in the window of the old museum building on Main St. announcing Wolfclan's arrival. A small group of protesters had gathered outside, citing the businesses ties to Jacob Laskey who is currently facing charges related to a January stabbing at a Creswell mobile home park. Laskey, whose mother Jeanette is part-owner of Wolfclan Armory, previously served 11 years in federal prison for throwing rocks through the window of a synagogue.

On Monday night, the protest moved into city hall. Several residents spoke during public comment during Monday night's city council meeting asking the council to prohibit the business from opening. Councilman Jake Boone was the first to say, it's just not possible.

"(The city council) is unable under the constitution, state law or local statute, to decide a business can open based on the words or opinions the owner may have," he said, "It's not a power we have... the path to making this business go away does not come through this chamber."

Councilor Mike Fleck echoed Boone's statement and noted that, if hate speech was being perpetuated by a business in Cottage Grove, he would join protesters in the street. "It's been reported that this is the son and not the family but I will look," he said.

Jeanette Laskey spoke to The Sentinel during last month's protest and said she was not aware of the Facebook posts on Wolfclan Armory's social media that promote books questioning the Holocaust with other that reflect white supremacy and its ideals.

Gowing said he visited the business and was told by an individual there that the store sold survival gear and BB guns.

"He said, 'My son was convicted of a felony for a gate crime but it's not me,' I don't know if he was lying to me but I said it's free

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"Legally Blonde: The Musical" debuts at Cottage Theatre

A Q&A with director Madison Baker

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What's your history in the theatre?

In general, I started when I was nine or 10. I grew up here so I started doing children's theatre in Eugene. I went on to graduate from North Eugene and then I went to college in New York for theatre and then came back here and got involved with Cottage Theatre. My first show was "Les Miserables" in 2015 and then from there I've just done a lot of shows with them on stage or stage managing or assistant directing. After that, everyone was like you should pitch a show for this season. I was like, why not?

What was the transition like from actor to director?

The transition to assistant director wasn't as big as a jump because I'd done stage management but transition to a full director was different because at a place like Cottage Theatre, because everyone is like family, learning the difference between director and fellow actor is definitely different. I learned a lot, it's been really awesome to envision the show how I want it to be and see it come to life. It's different to be the person giving the vision and communicate that to people in a way that makes it come to life.

This is a show that has 26 musical numbers in it. How did you balance such a hefty song load with the dialogue so it didn't feel like it was just filling in between songs?

One of the things we're lucky with is that this show has so much music in it that when the book was written they made it so it would

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Theatre veteran Autumn Carter (above) stars in "Legally Blonde: The Musical" now on stage at the Cottage Theatre through April 29. The show, directed by Carter's former co-star Madison Baker, features rotating sets and (two!) dogs who steal the show. Tickets available by visiting cottagetheatre.org.

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