

Vandalism targets Main Street business



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Al Laskey, co-owner of Wolfclan Army, cleans up broken glass following an act of vandalism that occurred Monday night, during which three windows were suspectedly broken by a woman from the Portland area.

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Just after 5 p.m. on Monday, June 11, Wolfclan Army was vandalized when three windows were broken on the storefront.

Cottage Grove Police Chief Scott Shepherd identified the suspect as 31-year-old Laura Rose and noted Rose had a Portland address but did not indicate a motive.

"She used a flagpole to break the windows and then walked a short distance and sat down," Shepherd said.

Owner Jeanette Laskey said she got a call around 5:30 p.m. that there had been an incident at the store.

Husband Al Laskey was on scene by 6 p.m. and told *The Sentinel* he did not know the motive behind Rose's reported actions.

"I do not have a clue. People tend to

call us haters but this is the only real hate I've seen," he said.

The business has drawn attention since moving from Creswell to Main Street earlier this year. The Laskey's son, Jacob, served an 11-year prison sentence for a hate crime after being convicted of throwing swastika-emblazoned rocks through the window of a Eugene synagogue.

In January of this year, he was arrested again in connection with a stabbing in Creswell.

The *Eugene Weekly* first reported that Jacob was photographed with members of American Front, a group recognized by the Southern Poverty Law Center, a group with roots in the Civil Rights Movement that is tasked with tracking hate groups around the country.

A Facebook profile for the Wolfclan Army showed posts that ques-

tioned the Holocaust and stated that Native Americans were Caucasian.

However, the Laskeys said the Facebook page was run by their son, Jacob, and that he did not speak for the Wolfclan Army. Jeannette noted that Jacob had created the page and the family did not know how to access it.

The last post made to the page was just prior to Jacob's January arrest.

A separate Facebook page listed under Jacob Albert Laskey shared the same content and also went dark just prior to the January arrest. However, on May 31, the page published a post noting that Wolfclan Army would host an opening on Main Street on June 1 of this year and listed business hours. It was posted on the page by Jeanette Laskey.

No motive for the incident was reported as of *The Sentinel's* Monday night deadline.

Pet tips 'N' tales

By Mary Ellen
"Angel Scribe"



A "Mini"-ture dog

"Dogs do speak, but only to those who know how to listen."

— Orhan Pamuk

As an only child, Ellen confesses to speaking "dog language" so she could pour her heart out to her dog, who patiently listened to her stories and dreams.

Years later, when she and her husband, Warren, lived in South Africa, they had two Yorkshire Terriers, Kenny and his blind brother, Bengy.

One day, she heard frantic barking outside alerting her to Bengy who had helplessly fallen into their pool. Kenny was running alongside him on the pool's deck, guiding his sightless brother towards the steps, barking encouragement while "calling" her.

"He saved his brother's life!" proudly said Ellen.

After the brothers passing, Ellen and Warren realized that they needed more exercise, emotional companionship and a dog's protection. They wanted an older one who was light weight enough to fit into a carrier for bus, ferry and plane trips.

"Mimi, a Chihuahua, is from an Oregon rescue group that we adopted in Canada because she is the paw-fect size, weight, and age," said Ellen. "We have three sons, so the paws-pect of purr-chasing a female dog's pink outfits was irresistible."

Mimi is now 12 years old and has proven to be exactly what the couple hoped — a "Mimi"-ture dog. She warns people she feels are unsafe from coming near them, walks her pet parents three times a day, wears cute outfits, and rides public transportation.

"People are charmed by Mimi," said Ellen. "Her backpack carrier has a harness latch so she can sit, look out the 'window' and receive love from curious passengers. When we are tired, we place the backpack on the ground and it rolls like a suitcase."



Warren and Ellen's life is richer because of one "Mimi"-ture dog.

Mimi flew to Atlanta and charmed her parent's family until, "The Accident!". One day, she searched the large home for her "pee pad." She innocently chose expensive wall to wall carpeting instead. Now, she is banned from visiting which is OK since she is not thrilled with flying.

"The animal shelter explained that her sweet face was scared from attacks by big dogs!" explained Ellen. "She's been attacked twice since — by cats! When we were out walking, two cats bigger than her dashed out from their yards; so we elected not to go past their homes anymore. Mimi learned that the most sensible action is pretending that cats are invisible and carrying on her walk."

When Mimi wears her favorite pink outfit she walks with the cutest swagger. She holds her head high and her walk has a bit of a wiggle resembling a beautiful lady wearing a stunning garment. Everyone smiles upon seeing her.

"Mimi is paw-ficient in English. When I am tired and need to sit and rest or that we should walk home, she spins around and sometimes makes me sprint home," said Ellen. "Mimi would paw-fur that we purr-chase a car. She's known to jump into an open door, surprising a driver as they off-load parcels or are cleaning the inside. If we do get a vehicle, she has her mind set on riding beside the driver."

"When someone pats her, we ask her to sit, give them a high five, and speak. It totally charms her admirer, but she's shamelessly doing it for a treat. She feels compelled to bark when a dog on TV barks — politely answering them back," Ellen continued. "Best of all, I love our dog's cuddles and kisses. When she lies with me, she rests one paw over my arm or leg indicating her love. I am so glad that Mimi is mine!"

TIPS:

Mimi loves bits of carrot, chicken, fish and banana, but not all together. Her favorite food is apple. "I can no longer have an apple to myself," exclaims Ellen. "She can be snoozing at one end of the apartment and I in the other, and when I bite into the apple she wakes and zooms in and demands her share. The entire time shaming me with her pleading eyes."

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