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On Thursday, July 1, the following post appeared on the Yamhill County News-Register story about the Lafayette City Council recall election results. It was posted by "BN."

"I think the local politicians are beginning to realize that the influx of educated, working families will not turn a blind eye to their good ole boy network like the country bumpkins and meth heads have in the past."

Surprisingly, the post disappeared later that day.

According to Dan Shryock, digital media manager at the News-Register, only the newspaper or the original poster can delete comments made on their stories. He added that Publisher Jeb Bladine, who can delete any message he wants because he owns the paper, did not remember deleting the message, leading one to believe that "BN" later returned and deleted his/her comment either at their own choosing or after being prompted to by someone else.

No one can say for sure who "BN" is or where "BN" lives or why "BN" thought better of such an outrageous characterization of Lafayette's older residents, but this is the kind of divisive thinking that has been cultivated and fostered in our community. It's now, at least according to this one person, the "educated, working families" vs. the "country bumpkins and meth heads."

So much for One Lafayette. It's now New Lafayette vs. Old Lafayette.

Thank you, BN, whoever you are for the insight --albeit brief-- into the thinking that is going on in our community.