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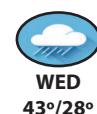
Cottage Girls fall to Philomath, Yoncalla boys take home the win. **B1**

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## GETTING THERE

### Walls go up at new Harrison Elementary



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Construction at the new Harrison Elementary School continues through the winter with the building scheduled to welcome students in the fall of 2018. The school is being funded with nearly \$24 million in bond money approved by voters last year though costs have continued to climb due to an increase in demand and a nearly one percent per month escalation of prices.

## Main St. businesses contend with parking issue



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Rosebud, located on Main St. began a petition after the city attempted to remove several parking spaces between Hwy. 99 and Main St.

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When Mary Jo Davis got Public Works and Development Director Faye Stewart on the phone, she gave him an earful.

Davis owns Rosebud, the children's consignment store on Main St. She was in her store early last month when she saw city trucks pull up, lights flashing.

"I asked them what was going on and they said they were removing all of these parking spots," Davis said.

The decision to remove up to four parking spots from the corner of Hwy. 99 and Main was approved by the city council weeks before, citing safety concerns and a prior project completed by the Oregon Department of Transportation to update the intersection.

The move would leave Davis and other Main St. Businesses with little, if no parking for their store fronts without any notice.

"I called the Main St. Coordinator and got a call back from Faye Stewart," Davis said. Stewart informed Davis that the city was no

longer going to take as many parking spaces, but would need to remove some.

"I understand that first parking space, it is dangerous but no one informed us. No one told us," Davis said.

Cottage Grove City Manager Richard Meyers said the issue was discussed at a city council meeting prior to the city taking any action.

Davis took her own action.

She started a petition that earned 13 signatures from business owners on Main St. and reads in part, "The first block parking west of 99, after the \$3 million and a couple of years, was not declared unsafe. This project that had city of Cottage Grove and Oregon State DOT professionals doing this project. Then without contacting the four businesses directly affected the city government decided to eliminate the parking in front of their businesses."

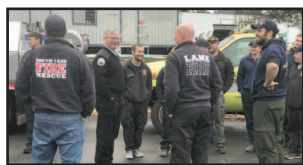
Erin Lauraine, owner of ATA Martial Arts, located next to Rosebud, said she signed the petition in the spirit of communication. She said she understood the current parallel parking was dangerous and agreed, partially, with the city but also understood the need for communication, saying she thought the city should

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### COMMUNITY

#### Back home

South Lane County Fire and Rescue crews return home in time for Christmas. **PAGE A7**



### SPORTS

#### Girls keep winning

Cottage Grove girls can't pull off the win. **PAGE B1**

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