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Taylor's Checkerspot brightly colored butterfly mural has landed on its permanent home in Cottage Grove.

MURAL from A1

Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly chosen for the mural was given the honor due to its threatened status and its former widespread habitat in the

Willamette Valley. It marks the 15th mural to be completed in the project.

According to information provided to the city, the Taylor's Checkerspot butterfly is considered endangered and while it was once widely found in the valley, it has

since been restricted to a much lower population and is in danger of becoming extinct.

The mural, which was unveiled on June 9, and is the first mural in Cottage Grove to be located north of the railroad tracks, will have a grand

opening celebration on June 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bohemia building on 10th and Washington.

The vote to approve the resolution — which carried no financial cost — was unanimous.

HABITAT from A1

agreed that it would have the SDC or system development fees.

On April 10 of last year, the organization broke ground on the house — the 13th it had undertaken in the area.

benefit from Habitat for Humanity homes.

Parsons, whose parents never owned their own home, was the only one of five children to graduate college.

She and Bryan celebrated their 10th anniversary last year and have managed to escape debt; but owning

to worry about neighbors shooting off their guns when they're drunk or being safe in their yard," Parsons said during the groundbreaking ceremony. "Habitat for Humanity is giving my children their childhood."

The vote to cover the permit fees for house number 14 passed unanimously and councilor Ken Roberts said he hoped to help build the latest project, citing his enjoyment of helping to construct house 13.

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— Lindsey Parsons, new Habitat Homeowner

"It's so much more than breaking ground and shoveling soil. It's breaking a financial barrier," new homeowner Lindsey Parsons said at the time.

Parsons, along with her husband Bryan and three children Titus, Corbin and Aviel, put in 400 hours of sweat equity before being handed over the keys — a mandate for families who

their own home has always been just out of reach.

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Use of both legal and illegal drugs also impairs judgment and reaction time and makes it dangerous to operate a boat.

In addition to the year-round campaign, the annual Operation Dry Water heightened awareness and enforcement weekend will take place June 29-July 1. This three-day weekend is a national weekend of increased enforcement of boating under the influence laws and recreational boater outreach.

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