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City approves rezoning for old Harrison property

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The Cottage Grove City Council voted July 22 to approve an ordinance to modify the old Harrison School property at 1000 S 10th Street from a low-density residential designation and R1 single-family residential zoning to a medium-density residential designation and R2 medium-density multiple

family residential zoning.

During the public hearing on the matter, resident Molly Patterson addressed the council representing people who she said were “highly concerned with the school board’s lack of holding agreement to what they told the voters they were going to do and inability to budget efficiently, creating this situation.”

The South Lane School District has sought this year to redesignate

and rezone the 6.86-acre parcel to help dispose of the surplus property while addressing housing needs in the city. A 2018 Housing Need Analysis had identified the land as a potential site for multiple-family housing.

Patterson expressed her opposition to this change and, noting resident efforts to raise concerns about the rezoning previously at a Planning Commission meeting,

she said their voices of disagreement seemed to fall on deaf ears.

“We all felt like we kind of got blown off by the Planning Commission,” Patterson said. “No one from the school board even came to the public hearing. That sent us a really strong message.”

Patterson posited that culpability for promises broken regarding

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‘Chili’ summer day



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The Grove was hot and “chili” over the weekend as chili and classic car enthusiasts gathered to feast their eyes on a collection of custom vehicles — and feast their taste buds on some of the area’s best chili. The event, which took place on Saturday on Main Street in Cottage Grove’s Historic District, drew hundreds to The Grove to help choose the best in several chili contest categories. (More photos on page 7A)

Coat returns to Cottage Grove after ‘Titanic’ journey

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After two years of travel and exhibition, the coat worn by Titanic survivor and later Cottage Grove resident Marion Wright Woolcott has returned to its roost in the Cottage Grove Museum.

Exhibitions at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif. and the National Geographic Museum in Washington, D.C. featured the coat alongside a blanket used by Woolcott on her life boat, which is also under the Cottage Grove Museum’s care.

Through the tour, the coat was provided with new display casing and an

information board, which has now become part of the Cottage Grove Museum’s exhibit, “She Survived the Titanic.”

“These are museum-quality items,” said Becky Venice, Cottage Grove Museum board chair. “We would not have the means to buy this kind of stuff.”

The exhibit will open to the public on Aug. 10.

On April 10 of 1912, Woolcott boarded the Titanic, leaving her home in Yoevil, England to marry her fiancé in Cottage Grove. Five days later, she would be wearing her now iconic wool coat while escaping the sinking ship.

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Sentinel welcomes new sports, education reporter

By SOPHIA EDELBLUTE

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Readers of the *Cottage Grove Sentinel* will be seeing a new face at sporting events and school board meetings with Nick Snyder taking over as *The Sentinel’s* new sports and education reporter.

Zach Silva, who held the position since 2017, spent the last two weeks bringing Snyder up to speed before heading to Coos Bay to work for the daily newspa-

per *The World*.

“Having Nick in Cottage Grove and at *The Sentinel* is just a joy,” Silva said of working with Snyder and preparing him for his new position. “He’s eager to learn, ready to get to know the communities we serve and is going to be a great addition to both the paper and the community.”

Snyder attended the University of Oregon, graduating in 2011 with majors in

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