

COVER: 'I would love to be on the cover of *Vogue*'

(Continued from pg. A1) modeling trip, which took her to Tokyo.

"This was the trip that just sealed everything for me, the one that made me want to see how far I can take this," she said. "The city was just so beautiful with parks and lights and shopping," she said.

A typical day in The Land of the Rising Sun saw her spend much of her time attending casting sessions for commercial, modeling or runway work. When she landed a job, it sometimes meant burning the midnight oil.

"Sometimes a job might only last two hours, but some might last 14. We also got to travel outside the city. I visited Mt. Fuji twice on fashion shoots," she said. "Working with the photographers was great because they were really open to helping me learn."

She also had a blast trying different cuisine, like barbecued eel, but her go-to meal was salmon sushi from 7-11.

She said that her biggest challenge, and the challenge for most models, is maintaining certain desirable measurements that will keep her on the short list for new jobs.

"Trying to be a certain size is the hardest thing. As long as I work out and eat right it comes more easily, but I run and do pilates and yoga to maintain it," Cubitt said.



Submitted Photo
Alesha Cubitt as she appeared in the Japanese edition of Elle magazine.

Aside from the physical changes that have come with maturity and tending to her body, the 22-year-old said the changes in her personality are the most welcome ones.

"I've learned to grow up a lot. I really had to manage my own money when I was overseas. I can still be really shy, but modeling has made me more confident and I realized I didn't have to be nervous all the time," Cubitt said.

While she's still new to the business, her goal is to start modeling in New York and, with luck, end up on the covers of magazines her

family can buy right here in Keizer.

"I would love to be on the cover of *Vogue* or take part in a campaign for one of the major designers," she said.

Until then, the best – and sometimes most surreal – part for Cubitt is flipping through fashion magazines, both the ones she's a part of and even the ones she isn't.

"I used to go into the stores and flip through the magazines and think how cool some of the things were. Now I flip through them and I recognize the girls in them. Some of them are even friends," she said.

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Neighborhood associations, Keizer-based youth sports organizations and town hall or community forums sponsored by local government partners will continue to have free use of space. City Manager Chris Eppley said use of the "living room" lobby area will continue to be free as well.

Davis noted it's difficult to get true cost comparisons to similar facilities because the community center doesn't have in-house catering like other facilities often do.

JoAnne Beilke, events coordinator at the Keizer Heritage Center next door to city hall, said she meets weekly with Kristian Bouvier, events coordinator at the Keizer Community Center, on a weekly basis.

"The cooperation has been phenomenal between us and the city," Beilke said. "We try to cooperate and refer business to one another. It has been really helpful. She gives us referrals when you're booked here. Kristian has done wonderful things for you people with great backing from Tracy."

Beilke had concerns about the smaller rooms being rented for \$25 an hour, both since that wouldn't be covering costs and because it would be competing with other facilities such as hers.

"We've heard we do compete," councilor Kim Freeman said. "That's not our goal. Staff is working well and JoAnne, thank you for working with Kristian and Tracy. I like seeing the parking lot full. From a budget standpoint, we won't



JoAnne Beilke, events coordinator at the Keizer Heritage Center, spoke at Monday's Keizer City Council meeting about rate changes at the Keizer Community Center.

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make money but we have to look at the cost of staff time."

Councilors Brandon Smith and Roland Herrera both had concerns about a suggested three- or four-hour minimum time for rentals. Beilke noted the minimum time requirement is mainly for events like wedding showers.

Smith, who was first on the council when city hall was opened, noted the history provided by Davis was helpful.

"We've always said this is a work in progress and we would be modifying rates as we go along," Smith said.

Clarifications were made that examples of personal use would include baby showers and wedding parties, while non-profits seeking a discounted rate would have to be a 501(c) 3 organization. It was also added that discounts would only apply to the medium and large spaces, not the smaller rooms.

"The small rooms compete with the Keizer Heritage Center in rates," mayor Cathy Clark said. "The small rooms will not be discounted at all for anyone, since they are al-

ready low enough to be comparable with the non-profit next door."

Smith rejected the proposed amendment to make a four-hour amendment.

"There will be times where there is no need for three or four hours," he said.

Councilor Amy Ripp made a motion for reinstating the discount for the small rooms, but it died due to the lack of a second.

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