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Fifteen Candles

McNary sophomore marks womanhood with charity

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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A trip to Simonka Place, the women's shelter on River Road North, changed the trajectory of Marissa Maciel's quinceañera.

Marissa celebrated her 15th birthday – a milestone in Latin American tradition and rite of passage from childhood to womanhood – with friends and family at a ballroom in Salem on Saturday, July 1. However, rather than let those gathered shower her with gifts, Marissa requested toys for the children

who sometimes end up in Simonka Place with their mothers.

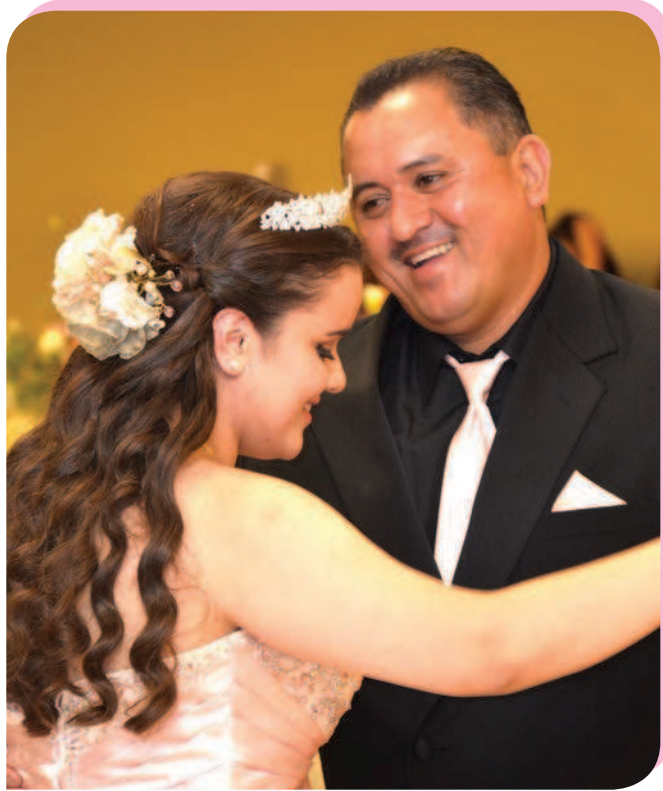
"We donated some things to the shelter, but when we got back in the car, I started asking my mom questions about why the women were there, how they ended up there," Marissa said.

Teresa Maciel, Marissa's mother, told her that not only did homeless women find their way to the shelter, but sometimes their children did as well.

"When we were making invitations that's when I decided,"



ABOVE: Marissa Maciel is led by her mother, Teresa, to the spotlight. LEFT: Marissa dances with her father, Jose.



"I told my mom that the party was enough for me."

— Marissa Maciel

Marissa said. "I told my mom that the party was enough for me and that I wanted to collect toys for the children at Simonka Place."

She ended up with four bags full of toys and an assortment of other items.

Marissa and Teresa started planning her quinceañera al-

most a year ago. While the term quinceañera is typically used as the name for the ceremony stateside, quinceañera means "15-year-old female."

Historically during that year, girls are taught to cook and weave and given other windows into the world of adults.

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Alex Asher (Count Paris) and Spence Logan (Romeo) battle during rehearsal.

Romeo & Juliet opens in Keizer Wednesday

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Director Linda Baker wants audiences of Keizer Homegrown Theatre's performances of *Romeo and Juliet* to hear the William Shakespeare play with new ears.

"Speeches we all memorized, scenes we did in English, suddenly they are going to hear them and all of it's going to come into focus," Baker said. "You'll suddenly realize

that's what that means. We've been working very hard at the intention as opposed to just the language. We haven't changed anything. It's traditional but we're looking at it as a play that is something besides a lesson. It's a play to entertain."

Opening night is Wednesday, July 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the Keizer Rotary Amphitheater stage at Keizer Rapids Park.

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Longtime teacher hangs up eraser
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Inclusivity talks will continue

By ERIC A. HOWALD
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A Keizer City Council work session on how to make the city more inclusive generated a lot of talk, but little in the way of actionable ideas Monday, July 10.

The end result was a pledge to keep the conversation going.

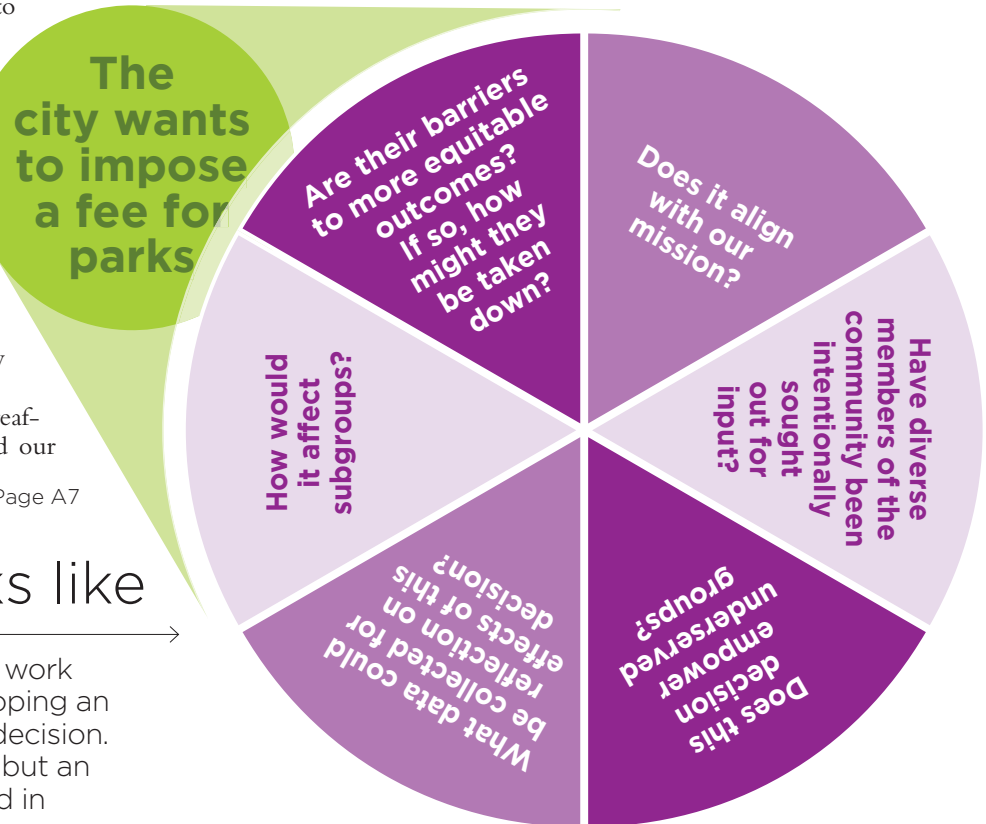
Earlier this year, the Keizer City Council set a goal of doing a better job of reaching out to city residents and, within a month, a group of concerned citizens brought forth a proposal for an inclusivity resolution.

The hoped-for resolution would be a statement from the city declaring that anyone is welcome within

its limits and resolving to fight racism, religious discrimination, sexism, homophobia and violence or bullying in schools and neighborhoods. It could also address fears old, new or simply renewed among the local immigrant community, which drew the detraction from one city councilor.

"We are trying to reaffirm current practices and our

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What an equity lens looks like

One of the possible outcomes of a Keizer City work session on inclusivity Monday, July 10, was developing an equity lens for councilors to use while making a decision.

The illustration to the right is only hypothetical, but an example of how an equity lens could be used in decision-making at the city level.



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