REID: Council focus is on practical steps

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continue to address inclusivity in a systemic way.

"I was part of a virtual National League of Cities Conference where I got to hear about some of the ways others cities are responding to these issues and putting in place practical solutions. I will be bringing some of that to the discussion," Reid said. "There are things we can do to foster a more equitable and inclusive environment."

Reid pointed to action the city council took on Measure 105 in 2018 as one way the council has responded to equity issues. In that instance, the council approved a resolution stating it stood against the provisions of Measure 105, which would have repealed statewide prohibitions against local law enforcement officers investigating and arresting people solely suspected of being in the United States illegally. Many who spoke during a meeting on the issue wanted a more full-throated resolution urging residents to vote against the measure, the council favored the compromise solution. Measure 105 failed in a landslide a few weeks later.

Reid was a council liaison to some of the groups that hosted conversations about growth in Keizer and said concrete answers about how Keizer should grow remain elusive even as the city collects more and more information about the impacts it could have.

"Ultimately, we need to be flexible because different people want different things, different developers are going to be interested in different types of projects. Having affordable housing for everyone has to be one of the priorities though," she said. "One of the practical solutions we arrived at was creating the space for new types of development along River Road North and Cherry Avenue."

Reid said her position as a teacher in the community informs much of how she views Keizer and student experience is at the forefront of her mind when considering city issues.

"I get to know the kids and, especially as an English teacher, I get to see more of that than perhaps other kinds of teachers because they write about it. I get to see what's going on in their minds and what's going on in their lives a little more clearly," Reid said.

Find out more about the candidate at her website, laurareidforkeizer.com.

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notes of encouragement.

"It's just a way to show that we're here to help," Jain said.

Jain has worked hard to create this platform, sacrificing the majority of his free time to serving, but to him, it's all worth it.

"It's a very satisfying feeling. Our customers are very appreciative. It's fun to know that we are bringing each person a lot of joy," Jain said. "There have been a lot of people going through some really hard times. We just want to give them one less thing to worry about."

Jain says that PDX Concierge will be running for the remainder of the summer and likely for the remainder of the year.

"We're going to keep going as long as there is a need," Jain said.

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Market at stadium Sept. 6-7

Volcanoes Stadium will host their second Community Market on Sunday, Sept. 6 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Monday, Labor Day, Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

After a successful Community Market in July, the Salem-Keizer Volcanoes added a holiday weekend event in answer to requests from vendors and the public to do another.

Admission and parking are free throughout the event.

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course of the show, goes on adventures and learns how to love.

The cast is made up of three men and three women, who play multiple parts throughout the show. Rather than schedule auditions, Minden called up actors he'd worked with in the past to join him in the strange new world of digital theater.

"I had been in another show that he directed so he knew what I could do," said cast member Cathy Willoughby. Willoughby plays the role of Traveler, as well as the Pellegrina, Margory, and the Watchman.

"He just had a vision in mind of who would play who and put it together," said Tommy Kuchulis, the actor who plays the titular Edward Tulane.

Because of COVID-19 restrictions, the play will be taking place over Zoom. The actors will have a four-way Zoom call which will be live-streamed to a website where viewers can watch the show. There is no maximum number of attendees.

"It's very different than when you're in a normal production during non-COVID times," Willoughby said. One of the hardest things for her is not being able to feed off other actors energy and body language over Zoom in the same way she can on stage. "It's a different skillset, I think, that is required for using Zoom as a tool, but it is also a great challenge for an actor in a good way."

Because the play is being produced with as little person-to-person contact as possible, actors had to learn how to light their portions of the production at home.

"It's been a learning experience for the actors having to think about things that normally somebody else takes care of," Minden said. Actors also have to mute themselves, turn their videos on or off to simulate entrances and exits and how to manage other technical details.

"It's different but it's almost the same," Kuchulis said. "It's still really an escape like theatre was."

The family-friendly show was adapted from a children's book and, according to the cast, has a lot of heartwarming moments.

"I love redemptive stories. This is one where we learn about a character who needs a little bit of help understanding love," Willoughby said.

Kuchulis said he has lots of favorite moments in the show.

"Edward goes through a transformation and becomes, for a brief period, Susanna. I thought it was a fun part of the play," Kuchulis said – he didn't expanded further for fear of spoilers.

The first showing, which will be Zoom-ed live, is on Saturday, Sept. 12. That show will be re-streamed on Friday, Sept. 18.

Information about how to view the show and tickets are available online at www.keizerhomegrowntheatre.org. Tickets are free but the theatrer is asking for donations.

"We still have to pay rent on our space, still have to pay our utilities, so the donations are to help keep us afloat so we can also get though these hard times and be sure we're able to produce live theatre when it's safe to do so again," Minden said.

obituaries

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Papa Tom Ferrando October 1, 1938 – August 9, 2020

Papa Tom Ferrando was born in San Francisco to Frank and Elizabeth Ferrando. He was an only child and grew up on the family property living with his aunt and uncle Olive and King Granger.

At a young age Tom married his first wife Loann. They had five boys together. In 1968, Tom and Loann moved their young family to the northwest with Seattle, Washington as their target, but settled in Salem, Ore. In 1974 Tom and Loann divorced and Tom married again to his second wife Margaret. During that marriage Tom had two more children. Tom's final child was his only daughter.

Papa Tom taught plumbing and welding at the Oregon Correctional Institution in Salem, OR for a short time and in 1977 started his own plumbing business (Budget Plumbing). Tom taught the trade to his sons who all at one time were plumbers as well. Tom retired from plumbing with four of his sons and four of his grandchildren who are currently still in the trade.

Tom found a love of cars and racing from an early age. He started racing Figure 8 and competing in demolition derbies in the San Francisco area at the age of 21. After moving to Salem, Tom continued racing and competing in derby's at Salem Speedway meeting his lifelong friend, Tom Finney. The two traveled the western states and Canada competing together. In 1988, Papa Tom helped start the Pro-4 West Racing Association. You could find Tom racing his 1965 Ford Mustang Fastback still at the age of 81 years old competing at the same level as he did at the age of 21. Most of Tom's sons and grandchildren followed into his racing and demolition derby footsteps competing with and against him. Some still compete today. For over 20 years the two Tom's along with Art Anderson could be found in Reno, NV for Hot August Nights. With this love of cars, at the time of his death Tom passed with a steering wheel in his hand driving a side by side vehicle.

When not racing Tom could be found with his son and daughter-in-law Tyler and Renee traveling the United States and Canada. As it was Tom's nature to always help a friend or family, they could be often found towing a trailer offering assistance whenever he could. A trait that was not lost with any of his children or grandchildren.

Papa Tom was an active member of the American Legion, Eagles, and Elks for much of his life. Tom volunteered whenever he could. He could also be found enjoying a good meal and singing Karaoke with friends. Outside the fraternal organizations Tom belonged to, he could be found singing in many bars in the Salem area that offered him the opportunity. Many of those establishments recognized Papa Tom's passing on their reader boards.

Papa Tom leaves his legacy through his children; Tim (Gina), Co (Priscilla), Tully (Steve), Tyler (Renee), Tobey, Terry (Tammi), and daughter Traci. Tom is also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. All of whom will miss him during his birthday celebration and annual Christmas parties. Family was very important to Tom. In addition to Tom's family he leaves many friends who he treated like members of his family regardless of how long you knew him. For those who did not know Papa Tom you certainly had heard of him.

Following Tom's final wishes he will be cremated and his remains will be taken on his final road trip back to his birthplace spreading his ashes in San Francisco Bay with his mother and stepfather, Bernard Tor, on what would have been his 82nd birthday, Oct. 1, 2020 by his family.

Keep wheeling and singing in heaven Papa Tom! Your memory and legacy lives on here and you will be sorely missed.

Papa Tom Ferrando's celebration of life will be held Sunday September 13th, 2020 from noon to 3 p.m. at Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer, Ore.

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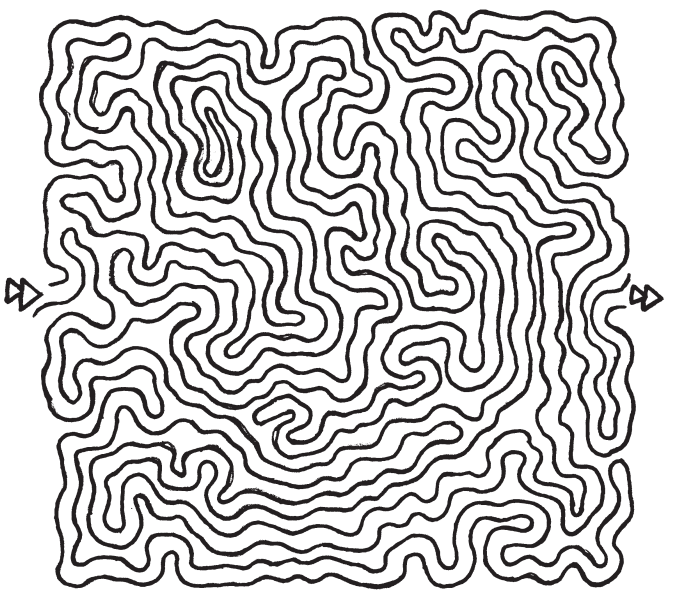

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