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McNary alum's journey to alien moon leading him back to Keizer

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When Zeek Earl was still a student at McNary High School he told his mom he wanted to make his first feature film by the time he was 30. Earl turned 30 while on the set of *Prospect*, his first feature-length film with co-writer and co-director Chris Caldwell, which will begin screening at Salem Cinema later this month.

"I wanted to be a film director since I was 14 years old," Earl said during a phone conversation. He said taking film studies classes under the guidance of McNary High School's Jason Heimerdinger inspired him from a young age. Earl was in L.A. this week to promote the film's Nov. 2 opening to a wider audience.

Earl will be coming home to Keizer on Nov. 16 for a

special screening of the movie. He will introduce the film and take part in a Q-&-A moderated by Heimerdinger after the film. Check the Salem Cinema website, www.salemcinema.com, for details and tickets when they become available.

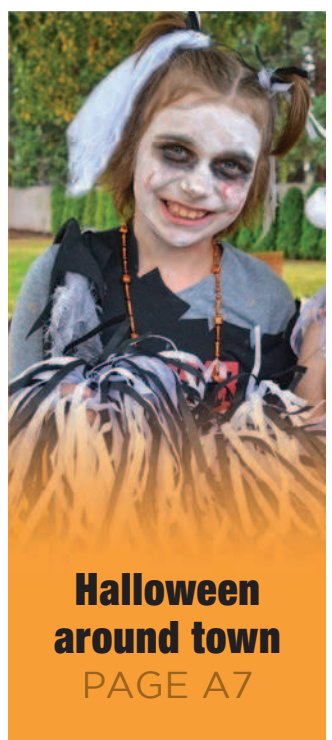
Prospect is the story of Cee (played by Sophie Thatcher) and her father (Damon played by Jay Duplass) who travel to an alien moon aiming to strike it rich harvesting elusive gems. The hunt turns troublesome when the pair encounter others on the same path and Cee is forced to contend with

the forest's other ruthless inhabitants, and her own father's greed-aded judgment, while carving her own path. Pedro Pascal, of *Game of Thrones* fame, plays one of the films

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Submitted
Zeek Earl on the set of *Prospect* in the Hoh Rainforest.



Students make quick work of park clean-up



Christian McKern assists another student in dumping a load of wood chips while Brian Hernandez and Marcos Tornez wait to smooth out a ramp leading to the rear of a container. Students removed wood chips from a play structure in Country Glen Park so city employees could replace them.

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A group of about 60 Keizer students rose to a challenge that would cause many adults to cower Saturday, Oct. 27.

The group, representing McNary High School and Claggett Creek and Whiteaker middle schools, removed about 50 yards of wood chips from a play structure, repainted a picnic shelter and generally cleaned up Country Glen Park in north Keizer.

"I love how we bring the community together in our schools and get a bunch of work done to make parks better and more presentable," said McNary's Miranda Coleman.

Coleman and Whiteaker students Kyler Carmichael and Tristyn Campbell were making repeat appearances at community service efforts organized through the schools.

"We have a lot of garbage laying around and it's good to get out and pick it up," said Kyler.

"I just like doing it and it's a good workout," added Tristyn.

Some of the chips removed from the play structure were spread around the trees in the park for weed control, the rest were hauled away. City staff planned to replace the old wood chips with relatively new ones taken out of the Keizer Rapids Big Toy last year.

Robert Johnson, Keizer's parks supervisor, was grateful for the assistance, but he had larger goals in mind as well.

"This is a park where we've had some graffiti and vandalism and, if we get these kids involved in the community, then when they see someone doing something wrong they can speak up and talk about how they helped make it a better place," Johnson said.

"There's about 60 kids here right now and that's a lot of ownership happening."

Aside from that, the students allowed Johnson to direct parks employees' efforts elsewhere.

"There's still a lot of work

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