Total solar eclipse casts spotlight on Madras

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MADRAS (AP) — The first coast-to-coast total solar eclipse to cross the continental United States in 99 years will first be visible in Oregon.

State officials expect up to one million people for the August 21 event.

As many as 100,000 of them could wind up in and around the Central Oregon town of Madras.

It's predicted to be one of the best viewing locations in the nation with its high-desert location and flat landscape.

That will make it easy to watch as the moon passes between the sun and the Earth, casting a lunar shadow on our planet.

The town has hired an eclipse planner to coordinate with 50 federal, state, and local agencies. Every hotel room in town has been booked for years and 25 area campgrounds are filling up.

Local author to sign at Camp Sherman Store

Local author Kris Lockard, author of the brand-new thriller, "A Matter of Trust," will sign the book at the Camp Sherman Store from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and



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Sunday, July 1-2, to coincide with the store's Fourth of July celebration.

"Many readers of my first book, 'Green Ridge,' published in 2014, encouraged me to keep the story going," Lockard said. "They fell in love with the characters and the beauty of the Metolius Basin depicted in the book."

The sequel, "A Matter of Trust," also centers around Camp Sherman and the Metolius Basin. A cast of lovable characters with intertwining storylines tells a tale of interpersonal relationships highlighted by the suspense of impending peril.

"The book even delves into the mindset of a critter or two," Lockard said.

Sisters salutes...



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L-R, Vandee Mauser, 2nd Vice Commander, American Legion Dept. of Oregon; Gene Hellickson; and Tom Harris, 1st Vice Commander, American Legion Dept. of Oregon.

• At the American Legion Convention in Florence, Oregon, June 21-24, Gene Hellickson of Sisters was elected to the Office of Commander, the American Legion Department of Oregon.





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