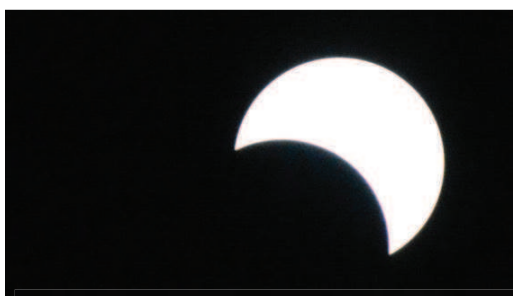


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Celestial event draws global audience to Keizer



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After months of build-up, and more than a little anxiety, the Great American Eclipse came and went all too quickly for most viewers Monday, Aug. 21.

"It's was a whirlwind, but we were able to pull it off. Everyone was respectful and friendly and took great care of our park, and the big payoff this morning made it all worth it," said City Councilor Marlene Parsons, who spearheaded the organization of the Keizer Eclipse event at Keizer Rapids Park.

Parsons and other city councilors who participated in the all-weekend effort recapped the event at the Keizer city council meeting the evening following the eclipse.

The Keizer Eclipse event in Keizer

Rapids Park drew visitors from several continents and numerous states and all of them turned to stare at the sun as it appeared behind the moon, eliciting oohs, ahhs, and a general excited ruckus.

Alan O'Connell, along with wife Emma and daughter Rudy, traveled all the way from London to snag a spot on the big lawn.

"I definitely wanted to see it, there was one year ago in the UK, but it was cloudy and I missed that chance," said Alan, who described himself as an astronomy enthusiast, but by no means a die-hard. "We looked at many places, but it came down to here or Solarfest and this was a bit cheaper."

The O'Connells arrived at 1 p.m. on Saturday and already had rave reviews of the park's Big Toy.

"It's brilliant and the xylophone thing is great. That's probably the best playground we've ever been to,"

Alan said.

"We've only been in this park so far, but it's really beautiful. We are really happy that we came here because the set-up is just perfect," Emma added.

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ABOVE THE FOLD: Photos of the eclipse from Keizer Rapids Park.

A: Volcanoes fans lay on the dugout for a better view.

B: Alan, Rudy and Emma O'Connell came from London.

C: Tobias Van Wamel, Floris Reininga, Laura Vingelvein, Maarten Van Wemal, Manon Van Wamel, Matthijias Van Wemal and Matthijias Van Wemal came from Canada and the Netherlands.

D: Judson Barnes (Vancouver B.C.), Keizer Mayor Cathy Clark, Denis Vrba (Vancouver, B.C.) and Denis Stoltz (Sudetenland) visit at Keizer Rapids Park.

E: James Calverly, Taylor Krauss and Marcel Starbird set up a camera to film the eclipse.

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