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Total eclipses can attract thousands of visitors from around the world.

# CHS grad comes home for eclipse

From Independence, Iowa, Smith family plans to travel for solar event

By Lukas Eggen  
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INDEPENDENCE, Iowa — Eric Smith is far from an eclipse expert.

“I think I recalled back to hearing something when I was in first grade, but that was a long time ago,” Smith said with a chuckle.

But the Great American Eclipse has been on the Smith family’s radar for several years now — all thanks to their son, now 17.

“Three or four years ago, he first picked up on this eclipse,” Smith said. “He’s talked about it since. We thought it sounded very interesting and unique.”

The Smiths will be headed

to Monmouth come August to take in the view, but the trip will also serve as a homecoming.

Eric graduated from Central High School in 1990 and his parents still live in Monmouth.

The chance to see a unique event in their old backyard was too good to pass up — even if it meant a tight schedule.

“The eclipse is on Monday, we fly home on Tuesday and school starts on Wednesday,” Eric said. “We considered staying closer to home but it seems like a good opportunity to see my parents.”

The Smiths will arrive early to take a trip to places

across the state, including Crater Lake, and will arrive in Monmouth on Saturday.

The Smiths have done their research and Eric, his wife and three children, are excited to be a part of something that people across the country will be flocking to.

“It’ll be our first experience with this whole eclipse thing,” Eric said. “We’ve been paying attention to some of the feeds on eclipse websites, and it seems like it’s something people will be taking advantage of.”

Whether the Great American Eclipse inspires the Smiths to become eclipse chasers remains to be seen. But Eric said they are excited to share the moment with

loved ones.

“You read about it, how people in ancient times didn’t understand why the sky went dark,” Eric said. “To experience something they’ve only read in literature will be awesome. I think it’s pretty cool that there will be three generations of Smiths experiencing the eclipse.”

**Solution on Page 6A**

1			7				8	9
		9			8	3		
	3	6						2
	8		5					3
	6			3	4			1
3						4	5	
4					6	7		
					1			
				5				8

By Ben Arnoldy

## Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★☆

4	3	2	8	1	6	7	5	9
5	6	9	3	7	4	8	1	2
1	7	8	9	5	2	4	6	3
3	4	7	2	8	5	6	9	1
2	1	6	7	4	9	3	8	5
9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
8	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	7
6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

### How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

The Christian Science Monitor

# Parlez-vous Francis? Espanol?

Itemizer-Observer staff report

POLK COUNTY — Calling all volunteers: As the Great American Eclipse nears, each event will need the help of volunteers for things to go smoothly. One way you can help is if you are bilingual in English and another language.

If you will likely be around the Dallas area during the eclipse event and celebrations from Aug. 18 through 22, and are willing to help police, fire and other service groups for a few minutes if needed and called upon, sign up to be an interpreter during the eclipse.

While the exact number of tourists who can't speak English well is unknown, Dallas Police Department Lt. Jerry Mott is collecting names and contact information for people who could help tourists if they need it.

“The most efficient and personable way to do that is to have a person who can speak their native language and may be familiar with their native customs available to help us,” Mott said in a press release.

If you are willing to volunteer, give the Dallas PD a call. Your name and phone number will be added to a list of resources available. If things change and you can't help out, just let them know and they will take your name off the list.

“We will ask our local hotels to let us know what languages are represented in their guest reservations as we get closer to the event, but it would also help if folks who are hosting or know of a large group of non-English speakers visiting us let us know what language resource we should try to have available,” Mott said.

Volunteers would potentially help with things like giving directions, reuniting lost children with parents and answering initial first-aid questions.

They would not be asked to assist with significant criminal investigations.

Languages expected to be represented include:

American Sign Language, Spanish, German, Japanese, Korean, languages of China, East Slavic languages, and Swedish.

If you can help with these or other foreign languages, call Mott at 503-831-3516 or email jerry.mott@dallasor.gov.

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