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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2017 Total Solar Eclipse

By: John Zielinski, MCFB President

When I was young I remember the day my parents mentioned at the breakfast table that there was going to be an eclipse that day. Dad read a portion of an article from the newspaper to us, and we all understood that we were not to look directly at the sun during the eclipse. Then it was off to school or work depending upon our age.

It was a Monday. I remember seeing the eclipse but it was over in couple of minutes and we all went on about our business. I am not an astrophysicist (heck, I had to spell check astrophysicist), but I know the eclipse will be a unique, rare event. Still, I don't understand why everyone is getting so excited about the upcoming eclipse on August 21.

I was trying to figure out why it was "interesting" in 1979 but in 2017 it is a "spectacular event". I believe that social media plays a very big part in added interest. People now post their every move on social media – what they had for dinner, where they go on vacation, for that matter where they are at any given moment. The appeal of the Great Eclipse of 2017 is that it will be a shared event, something to experience with friends.

You might ask why am I going on about an eclipse and wondering what it has to do with farming. August is a busy time for the farming industry; we at Marion County Farm Bureau want you to be aware of the massive influx of people onto the road system and the difficulties that may cause moving equipment from field to field or getting product to storage or processors.

There are estimates that Oregon may have as many as a million eclipse tourists. The estimate from Travel Salem is that there will be 50,000 additional people in Marion County.

Many of the tourists are planning a three-day weekend or even longer vacation centered around the eclipse. Please be aware that people will probably be venturing out to more rural areas to watch the eclipse. People often behave differently when they feel that they are part of a mass phenomenon – that for some reason common sense rules no longer apply.

It will be important to block entrances to your fields so that people do not drive on them. Make plans to move equipment well in advance of the eclipse. We know that many of you may only take a couple of minutes to observe the eclipse, but we recommend that you plan ahead for how the eclipse tourists could impact your operation.

Agriculture Technology Program Program of Study

Introduction to Agricultural
Sciences and Technology



Principles of
Plant Science

Animal
Science

Additional Program Electives
Introduction to Manufacturing

McKay High School, one of the stops enjoyed on Marion County Farm Bureau's 2017 Ag Tour, offers students the opportunity to complete an agriculture technology program to prepare for the successful transition to their postsecondary goals such as agricultural sciences, horticulture, crop production, veterinary medicine and many other degrees. Students establish a professional network that will carry on throughout their career path.

The program is currently in need of the following donations to help students continue on their pathway to learning, including: 4" irrigation pipe, plow/volunteer to plow the field, concrete for greenhouse, fertilizer, and filbert management/pruning.

For more information about the program and how you can help, contact Gerald Hosler at hosler_gerald@salkeiz.k12.or.us or 503-399-3080 ext. 501653.



Marion County will be in the trajectory of a total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, 2017, beginning around 10:15 a.m. Being the first total solar eclipse visible in the continental U.S. since 1979, this event is expected to draw upwards of one million visitors to Oregon, with most of the activity occurring along the forecast path of totality. This influx of people into small cities, rural areas, and along major transportation routes has the potential to create a number of challenges.

To learn more visit: www.oregon.gov/osp/sfm/pages/eclipse.aspx.

BE PREPARED!

*Don't be left in the dark.
Get your eclipse glasses
before Aug. 21*



Stop by Oregon Capitol Store, the gift shop located in the Oregon State Capitol, to purchase souvenir eclipse glasses for your family and friends.

Only \$1 per pair!

Not subject to additional discount.

A Farmer Veteran Coalition Story

SEAN CARNAHAN

Stoller Family Estate, Dayton, OR

Branch: US Army

Joined FVC: 2015

Excerpt reprinted with permission of author Evan Egan. Read the full story at www.farmvetco.org/stories/sean-carnahan.

Uncertainty. Vulnerability. Adversity. These are just a few of the hardships even the least seasoned farmer is all too familiar with. From the rising cost of resources to the changing weather patterns, the ability to adapt and overcome is the bread and butter of successful farmers.

For Farmer Veteran Coalition member Sean Carnahan, however, the ability to adapt and overcome led him down the path to a new career in viticulture.

Bound by a sense of duty and a desire to do more for his country, Carnahan enlisted in the Army in 2009 after serving two years in the Coast Guard Reserve. Upon graduating basic training, Carnahan attended Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, before being stationed in Vicenza, Italy, with 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment.

Unlike many veterans, when it was time for Carnahan to separate from the Army in 2014, he had a well-defined plan in place. *"I planned on getting out and using my GI Bill to become a helicopter pilot,"* said Carnahan.

As he was executing on his plan to become a helicopter pilot, Carnahan was required to take a health and environment class where he had to complete a community-based learning project. Through this project, which called for him to establish a honey bee colony, Carnahan was introduced to agriculture and ecology, an experience he says had a profound impact on him.

Still set on becoming a helicopter pilot, Carnahan continued training until May 2015 when suddenly his plans were thrown in to jeopardy. Afflicted with a medical issue while serving in the military, the condition grew more severe, eventually landing him in a Veterans Affairs hospital.

Distraught about his pilot career coming to an abrupt end, and with a new fiancé by his side, pressure began to mount on Carnahan to find a new career path. He settled on landscape architecture.

Moving forward on his new career path, Carnahan began taking classes at a local college. Also interested in growing small crops while he attended school, it was during this time Carnahan found Farmer Veteran Coalition.

The opportunity presented to Carnahan was with Stoller Family Estate (www.stollerfamilyestate.com), a family-owner and operated vineyard and winery in Oregon's Dundee Hills, inviting him to join their team at a competitive wage for on-the-job training to become a vineyard manager, while also paying for a two-year curriculum in vineyard management at Chemeketa Community College.

Carnahan has the following advice for veterans seeking opportunities in agriculture:

"Reach out to the FVC," he said. *"The whole FVC is there to help vets in transition and provide real opportunities. If you come into the industry with the same drive it takes to be successful in the military, you will thrive."*

Visit www.crowdrise.com/farmvetco to learn how you can help America's bravest men and women serve our country a second time—by feeding it.



2017 Modern Agriculture Award Presentation followed by Ned LeDoux in concert Friday, June 30, 2017, 7:30 p.m., in Salem.

Purchase tickets online at <http://theelsinoretheatre.ticketoffices.com/Ned+LeDoux> or by calling the box office at 503-375-3574. Reserved seat prices range from \$20-\$30.

Contributions of NORPAC Foods Recognized by Marion County Farm Bureau

NORPAC improves the quality of life in Marion County

Marion County Farm Bureau President John Zielinski will present our 2017 Modern Agriculture Award to NORPAC Foods on stage at the Elsinore Theatre before the start of a concert by country western artist Ned LeDoux. "Our purpose is to promote, protect, and advance farm interests in Marion County. This award is a formal expression of thanks for the major investment made in recent years by NORPAC Foods to expand its operations in Salem," said Zielinski. "NORPAC has been committed to our valley and its growers for over 90 years, and this latest investment strengthens all of agribusiness here. Marion County Farm Bureau appreciates the work and the people of NORPAC Foods. Please join us for a great evening and concert."



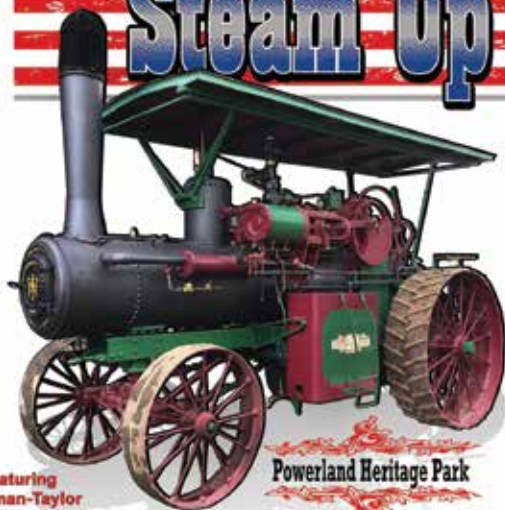
NORPAC Foods, Inc., a farmer-owned cooperative founded in 1924, processes frozen vegetables and fruit, along with canning vegetables. Headquartered in Salem, NORPAC is Oregon's largest fruit and vegetable processor. NORPAC was established as Stayton Canning Co. in 1924 and now operates processing and packaging facilities in Stayton, Salem, Brooks and Hermiston, Oregon, and in Quincy, Washington. The co-op was among the first processors to use quick-freezing units to produce what are known as Individually Quick Frozen, or IQF, products.

More than 200 farmers grow on contract with NORPAC, raising 27 different crops ranging from strawberries, broccoli and cauliflower to zucchini, corn, beans and peas. According to the co-op website, NORPAC is Oregon's largest vegetable and fruit processor and the largest unionized agricultural employer in the state. The co-op has about 1,000 full-time workers and employs up to 3,500 people during the peak harvest and processing season.

Ned LeDoux Performs Friday, June 30, 2017 at the Elsinore Theatre

In country music, a last name like LeDoux casts a big, storied and bittersweet shadow, but it's one Ned LeDoux doesn't mind standing in one bit. Having been a drummer in his dad Chris' band Western Underground since 1998, Ned knew from an early age that he had "no Plan B" but to play music, "Once I got the taste of the road, and being in front of a crowd and just the sound of it, it was... freedom."

47th Annual GREAT OREGON Steam Up



Featuring
Aultman-Taylor
& Rumely

Educational and Fun Event

Action! Trains, trolleys, tractors, machines, threshing, steam powered sawmill

Kids! Youth Passport program (win great prizes), kid tractor pulls, tractor parade

History Comes Alive! Quilts, steam engines, twelve heritage museums, cars, trucks, equipment

Shopping! Swap meet, flea market, souvenirs

Food & Entertainment! Demonstrations, food (including ice cream made with steam power)

Powerland Heritage Park

Brooks, Oregon

July 29-30 August 5-6
7am to 6pm

New This Year

- Westfall Log Skidder
- Oregon Electric Locomotive
- Farm House Museum
- Car & Motorcycle Addition
- Truck Museum Learning Center

2nd Weekend:
Oregon National
Guard Appreciation Days



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MCFB Board Meetings

*Information subject to change.
Contact staff to confirm details.*

July 12 • Aug. 9

Dinner at 6 p.m. followed
by meeting at 6:30 p.m.
1284 Court St NE, Salem

Marion County Events

**2017 Modern Agriculture
Award Presentation, Salem**

June 30 at 7:30 p.m.

**Marion-Polk Food Share's
Farm to Table Dinner and
Auction, Silverton**

July 15 at 5:30 p.m.

**47th Annual Great Oregon
Steam Up, Brooks**

July 29-30 and Aug. 5-6

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FACT: Marion County has the highest value of agricultural production of any county in Oregon.

Source: extension.oregonstate.edu/marion/agriculture