

DAILY PLANNER

TODAY

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 10, the 283rd day of 2018. There are 82 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT

On Oct. 10, 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

ON THIS DATE

In 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy was established in Annapolis, Maryland.

In 1911, Chinese revolutionaries launched an uprising that led to the collapse of the Qing (or Manchu) Dynasty and the establishment of the Republic of China.

In 1913, the Panama Canal was effectively completed as President Woodrow Wilson sent a signal from the White House by telegraph, setting off explosives that destroyed a section of the Gamboa dike.

In 1938, Nazi Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland (soo-DAYT'-uh-land).

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

In 1957, President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologized to the finance minister of Ghana, Komla Agbeli Gbedemah, after the official was refused seating in a Howard Johnson's restaurant near Dover, Delaware.

In 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.

In 1967, the Outer Space Treaty, prohibiting the placing of weapons of mass destruction on the moon or elsewhere in space, entered into force.

In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a bill authorizing the Susan B. Anthony dollar.

LOTTERY

Megabucks: \$8.1 million
23-34-36-42-44-47

Mega Millions: \$548 million
20-22-39-54-60-18-x3

Powerball: \$282 million
1-22-27-53-67-PB 15-x3

Win for Life: Oct. 8
12-25-66-75

Pick 4: Oct. 9
• 1 p.m.: 3-4-2-1
• 4 p.m.: 1-7-3-2
• 7 p.m.: 8-4-0-5
• 10 p.m.: 5-4-0-8

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The opposite of a fact is falsehood, but the opposite of one profound truth may very well be another profound truth."

— Niels Bohr, Danish physicist (1885-1962)

Dr. Frankenstein's Labyrinth 'alive' with Halloween frights

By Audrey Love
The Observer

It's the most frightening time of the year, and La Grande's Maridell Center is eager to scare the community into the Halloween spirit with the opening of its annual "Fright Night Haunted House." With its inaugural show Oct. 5, the Maridell Center officially welcomed guests into "Dr. Frankenstein's Labyrinth," a walk-through, hand-crafted haunted house spanning the entirety of the building's second floor.

"We wanted to do something a little bit different," said Jeri Mackley, owner of the Maridell Center. "We always want to come up with something new and fresh each year. (This year it's) the maze idea, and having some moving walls and things that might change, maybe making it a little more confusing (for guests)."

Planning and preparation for the center's annual event is a year-long, time-consuming endeavor, from brainstorming next year's theme to creating a floorplan, tearing down pre-existing decor, constructing new scenery and fleshing out costume ideas — essentially creating a completely new experience each year.

For this year's haunt, Mackley and her team began the process in April, investing more and more time into the project's completion as October approached.

"Building the haunted house is like building stage

sets for a play, but on a massive scale because it's not just what you have on the stage," Mackley said of the haunt's immersive experience. "Since customers are walking through, they're up closer to all the (decor), versus sitting in an audience and viewing it at a distance, so we try to make it as detailed as we can."

Mackley described the premise behind "Dr. Frankenstein's Labyrinth" as an experiment gone awry. Dr. Frankenstein has created more than his famed, original monsters (Frankenstein's monster and the bride of Frankenstein); the scientist's love of experimentation resulted in numerous other monsters. Because hand-made-down brains and body parts were used to create these creatures, Dr. Frankenstein builds a maze within his castle and its grounds to test their intelligence. Unfortunately for visitors, most monsters remain stuck in the maze.

Mackley said the labyrinth can take anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes to explore, depending on how guests navigate its trickier portions.



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One of the haunt's actors, dressed as the bride of Frankenstein, is one of nearly 30 found within "Dr. Frankenstein's Labyrinth" the Maridell Center's annual haunted house, going on now through the end of October.

"(When) we had our dress rehearsal, some of our test groups did get kind of lost and (had to) double back," she said. "That's kind of what we wanted, for people to get a little confused and have some fun trying to find their way out of the maze."

However, those more easily frightened (or disoriented) need not worry.

"We don't let people stay lost forever," Mackley said with a laugh.

Mackley estimates as

many as 2,000-3,000 people enter their haunted house each year. The attraction is unique in Eastern Oregon;

similar haunts are typically found in more metropolitan areas such as Boise and

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