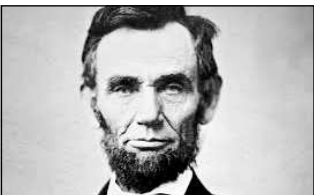


DAILY PLANNER

TODAY
Today is Monday, April 15, the 105th day of 2019. There are 260 days left in the year.



TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT
On April 15, 1865, President Abraham Lincoln died nine hours after being shot the night before by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater in Washington; Andrew Johnson became the nation's 17th president.

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6-11-30-41-42-46
Mega Millions: \$157 million
1-24-25-40-70-4-x2

Powerball: \$118 million
4-17-26-32-49-PB 10-x2
Win for Life: April 13
39-47-55-68

Pick 4: April 14
• 1 p.m.: 6-0-3-2
• 4 p.m.: 3-1-9-3
• 7 p.m.: 1-9-4-2
• 10 p.m.: 8-8-5-0
Pick 4: April 13
• 1 p.m.: 8-5-3-2
• 4 p.m.: 0-1-7-5
• 7 p.m.: 9-6-0-1
• 10 p.m.: 3-8-0-8
Pick 4: April 12
• 1 p.m.: 9-8-4-3
• 4 p.m.: 1-2-2-1
• 7 p.m.: 8-1-6-6
• 10 p.m.: 1-3-3-5

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Bigfoot fans to descend on Baker City in June

By Casey Crowley
WesCom News Service

On June 15, Baker City will become a center for Bigfoot enthusiasts.

Scot Violette, a Baker City resident and dedicated searcher for evidence of the huge, hairy bipeds he and others believe roam mountain forests near Baker and in other parts of the Northwest, is planning the inaugural Blue Mountain Bigfoot Fest.

The event, centered at Geiser-Pollman Park, will include a variety of Bigfoot-themed activities.

Among the highlights, said Violette, who started Blue Mountain Bigfoot Research in 2017, is an appearance by Dr. Jeff Meldrum, one of the most prominent accredited scientists who believes Bigfoot is a real species.

"What I wanted to do is a festival, just kind of a fun day, but also present some scientific evidence to our community," said Violette, 56.

He expects between 2,000 and 3,000 people will attend the event. The Oregon Bigfoot Festival in Troutdale has attracted about 5,000 people.

"A lot of people don't realize the popularity of Bigfoot stuff right now, it's crazy," Violette said.

The day starts with a Squatch-Scramble 5K run at 8 a.m., one of just two events that aren't free.

From 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. there will be vendors with food, souvenirs and information at Geiser-Pollman Park.

The only requirement for vendors is that they sell at least one Bigfoot-themed item.

Throughout the day there will be several presentations on the main stage at the Powder River Pavilion, including a Bigfoot calling lesson and contest at 11 a.m., a presentation by Meldrum at 3 p.m., and a Bigfoot "town hall" at 5:30 p.m. with a panel of Violette, Meldrum and Jeremy Scott, who hosts a three-hour radio show about paranormal and abnormal topics. Scott will also interview Meldrum live on his show from 4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

The 5K run and a question-and-answer lunch

with Meldrum will cost \$20 per person.

Violette, who grew up in Summerville but spent many summers in Baker City living with his grandmother, Donna Higgins, said he was inspired to plan the Baker City event in part by his attendance at Bigfoot festivals elsewhere in Oregon.

"Having been to these, I thought, we have a rich history here too and we need to present that to people, a lot of people don't know," Violette said.

Violette, who earned a degree in theater arts at Eastern Oregon State College (now University) in 1984 and a master's degree in anthropology from the University of California-Berkeley in 1998, dates his fascination with Bigfoot to an afternoon in the late 1960s when he watched a short film at the Elgin Opera House.

That film is the roughly minute-long clip, shot on Oct. 20, 1967, along Bluff Creek in Northern California, that's known as the Patterson-Gimlin film. Roger Patterson is the Bigfoot searcher who operated the 16-millimeter movie

camera, and Bob Gimlin was his companion. Patterson died in 1972 but Gimlin, who's 87, lives in Yakima, Washington, and remains a celebrity among Bigfoot enthusiasts.

The film, known as the "PGF," shows what's purported to be a female Bigfoot striding away from Patterson as he stood on a sandbar in Bluff Creek. It is by a wide margin the most famous piece of evidence in the Bigfoot mystery.

Violette's Blue Mountain Bigfoot Research, a group of Baker County residents dedicated to pursuing Bigfoot, has a website — squatchoregon.com — as well as a YouTube channel. One of his videos has more than 50,000 views.

Violette said he has received about 120 reports of sightings. He considers about 70 of these as credible.

"There is a rich history of Bigfoot here going clear back to the early 1990s when a bunch of casts were found," Violette said.

Violette says the event is not just for those who believe in Bigfoot. It will include a scavenger hunt

and kids games along with the 5K run that anyone can enjoy. He also said he wants to present evidence to those who don't believe.

He has lined up three vendors from Washington and at least one from Idaho, as well as a plethora of local vendors.

One local vendor, contractor Pete Nelson, plans to build a portable museum booth with the history of credible evidence, hoaxes, and Bigfoot sightings in the Blue Mountains.

Meldrum will also have a booth where he will be signing autographs in addition to the other parts of the event in which he will be involved.

Meldrum is a professor of Anatomy and Anthropology at Idaho State University in Pocatello. He has appeared in more than 20 documentaries over the past 20 years. He also wrote a book on the subject — "Sasquatch: Legend Meets Science" — in 2007.

Violette has received approval from the city to use Geiser-Pollman Park for the Blue Mountain Bigfoot Festival. ■

OREGON IN BRIEF

From wire reports

Milwaukie police officer wounded in gunfire with suspect

PORTLAND — A spokesman for the Milwaukie Police Department said an officer suffered a non-life-threatening injury in a shooting near the Milwaukie Safeway.

The Oregonian/Oregon-Live reports the shooting occurred shortly before

11:30 p.m. Saturday. Police spokesman Brad Walther said the officer tried to stop a man who was walking. The man matched the description of an armed man reported in an earlier call.

The officer tried to stop the man and deployed a stun gun. Moments later, the officer and the man exchanged shots two blocks away.

Other officers found the

shooting suspect nearby hiding under a truck and trailer. They used a stun gun to take him into custody.

The Clackamas County major crimes team is leading an investigation into the shooting.

Police: Drunken driver crashes into state trooper

PORTLAND — An Arizo-

na man was arrested in central Oregon after police said he crashed into an Oregon State Police trooper while driving drunk, causing the patrol car to overturn onto its side.

The Oregonian/Oregon-Live reports the trooper, who hasn't been identified, was driving south on South Highway 97 in Redmond while Christopher

Luna drove north and then turned into a motel parking lot, Redmond police said.

Police said Luna crashed into the state trooper after making the turn, sending the patrol car into a nearby vacant parking lot.

The trooper was driven by colleagues to a hospital for non-life-threatening injuries, and Luna was treated by paramedics at the scene.

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