## Local

## **Local goes to All Hallows Fantasy Faire**

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For the fifth year, Scot Violette performed as Professor Algernon at the All Hallows Fantasy Faire in Sonora, California.

Violette is recognized at the faire as the one who introduced them to Steampunk. Steampunk is Victorian science fiction, where things run on clockworks and steam.

Books in this genre include Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine."

Movies in this genre include "Wild, Wild, West" and "The Golden Compass."

Professor Algernon performed three magic shows Saturday and three on Sunday.

He shared a stage with Lynx, a fellow performer who entertained audiences with magic, comedy, and sword swallowing.

They also shared their stage with the Marigold Collective; dancers who performed in honor of Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

On a second stage at the fair, in the eating area, music groups performed for audiences of fellow performers, vendors, and

Some of the performing

bands were the Vintage Vandals, the Black Irish Band, and Tragically White.

In Sonora, they celebrate the Celtic New Year's Festival and have celebrated it for 31 years. The All Hallows Fantasy Faire has been up and running for eight years alongside the Celtic Festival.

"We wanted to celebrate Samhain—Celtic New year," Gary Britt Jr. a co-owner of the faire explained. "The Celts only had two seasons; summer and winter. October 31 was the New Year into winter because winter is the first season and summer was the last in the year, so this was the festival to honor

According to the All Hallows Fantasy Faire website, "Samhain is a Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season the end of the Celtic year when the Holly King defeats the Oak King 'The Bringer of Light' and the beginning of winter or the 'darker half' of the year. We burn the Harvestman in honnor of the fallen Oak King as a symbolic funeral. 'Out of the Ashes he will be reborn."

The fair hosted different vendors who sold merchandise from handmade jewelry, clothing, and other accessories, to natural stones and goats milk soap. They had different interac-



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Local Scot Violette performed in California last week, bringing this youngster on stage with him.

tive activities, such as Pirate School, where kids and their parents could learn how to be a pirate.

The fair is held every year in October, the weekend before Halloween.



- U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, 1986-1991, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division —Surveillance, and Target Acquisition Platoon (STA Platoon) as a field operator for S-2/Military Intelligence
- 5th generation Baker County Resident
- Republican Precinct Committee Person (volunteer)

### **VALUES**

- Constitutionally minded and fiscally conservative
- Opposed to federalization of local law enforcement agencies
- Opposed to combining County/City law enforcement • Committed to positive communication with the community

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## Fall open house and Christmas preview! The Sycamore Tree

2108 Main St, Baker City, OR 97814

Thursday, November 3rd, 4-7 p.m.

Featuring:

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Friday, November 4th and Saturday, November 5th,

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Door prizes!

Hot cider!

Meet the new store owners who will begin serving you

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NO

**Baker County Measure 1-74** 

If this measure passes, Baker County Commissioners become nonpartisan, their true ideologies cloaked. Some local control in the replacement of resigned commissioners will be given up, and turned over to Salem. Nonpartisan elections historically draw low voter turnout. Vote NO!



State Measure 97

This hidden tax on sales will cost the average Baker County household \$600 per year in new taxes. Gives a \$6 billion blank check to politicians in Salem.

Donald J. Trump

President



Mark Callahan

**US** Senate



**Greg Walden** Congress



**Bud Pierce** Governor





**Dennis Richardson** Secretary of State



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**Daniel Crowe** Attorney General



Ted Ferrioli



State Senator



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