

# Arts & Culture week offers variety of presentations in Pendleton, Hermiston

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Artists, speaker and musicians will be on hand during the 2017 Arts & Culture Week at Blue Mountain Community College — events are planned at both the Pendleton and Hermiston campuses.

“Whether or not we want to admit it, Eastern Oregon is a rural, out-of-the-way place,” said Shaindel Beers, a BMCC instructor. “This is our chance to bring world-class artists and activities to Pendleton and Hermiston residents completely free of charge.”

The event runs Monday, April 17 through Wednesday, April 19, with activities in Pioneer Hall, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton; and Wednesday, April 19 and Thursday, April 20 in Room 134 at 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. The public is invited to all events.

Beers said among the highlights is a performance by Deletta Gillespie. A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Gillespie is a multidisciplinary performing and teaching artist. In addition to her musical talents, Gillespie received a master’s degree in theatre.

“I can’t wait to hear her music,” Beers said.

As the artist in residence, Gillespie will make several presentations, as well as perform “Songs of Protest,

## “A Place for All People”

The BMCC Arts & Culture Week also features a special traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institute.

“A Place for All People: Introducing the National Museum of African American History and Culture” celebrates the opening of the Smithsonian’s newest museum in Washington, D.C.

The display will be available for public view Monday, April 10 through Friday, April 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. outside the president’s office in Pioneer Hall on the Pendleton campus. Gwendolyn Trice, executive director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center in Joseph, will speak during a reception Monday, April 17 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. She helped coordinate the exhibit’s stops in Eastern Oregon.

Trice’s father lived and worked in the town of Maxville. Constructed in 1923 in northern Wallowa County by a Missouri logging company, it later closed in the 1930s. Many of its residents were African American loggers and their families who relocated from the South.

The exhibition highlights key artifacts of the African American experience. It features many stories of people and their contributions. It includes everything from the child-sized shackles of a slave and the clothing worn by Carlotta Walls on her first day at Little Rock Central High School to Chuck Berry’s Gibson guitar “Maybellene” and the track shoes worn by Olympian Carl Lewis.

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She encourages people to learn about the big things he is doing in the art world. He’ll speak Tuesday, April 18 at noon in Pendleton and Wednesday, April 19 at 5 p.m. in Hermiston.

Also, a pair of free luncheons hosted by the Associated Student Government are planned. The public is invited to enjoy the noon meals and visit other festival attendees Monday, April 17 in Pendleton and Wednesday, April 19 in Hermiston.

In addition, Tiffany Midge and Xavier Cavazos are the featured presenters during the First Draft Writers’ Series Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Midge is an American Indian poet and her writing is noted for its depiction of a self divided by differing identities. She’s also a humor columnist at *Indian Country Today*. Cavazos, also a poet, teaches in the Africana and Black Studies and the Professional and Creative Writing programs at Central Washington University.

For more information, including a full schedule, visit [www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu). For questions, contact Beers at [sbeers@bluecc.edu](mailto:sbeers@bluecc.edu) or 541-278-5938.

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AP Photo/Mark Humphrey  
Songwriter Don Schlitz, left, and singer and songwriter Alan Jackson pose after it was announced Wednesday, in Nashville, Tenn., that they are the 2017 inductees into the Country Music Hall of Fame along with the late singer and songwriter Jerry Reed.

## Alan Jackson, Jerry Reed, Don Schlitz to join Hall of Fame

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country star Alan Jackson, actor-singer-guitarist Jerry Reed and songwriter Don Schlitz will be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame later this year. Their selection was announced Wednesday.

Jackson, 58, from Newnan, Georgia, broke out in 1990 with his neo-traditional style of honky-tonk country music that earned him several multiplatinum records. His hit songs include “Chattahoochee,” “She’s Got the Rhythm (And I Got the Blues)” and “Where Were You (When the World Stopped Turning).”

The singer-songwriter earned two Grammy Awards and was named entertainer of the year three times by the Country Music Association. Over the course of his 25-year career, he’s the

second most nominated artist in CMA history with 81 nominations and has had more than 30 No. 1 country hits.

Reed, from Atlanta, Georgia, became a popular country star in the 1960s with his fingerstyle picking that earned him the nickname “Guitar Man.” which became the title of one of his signature songs. His hits include Grammy-winning “When You’re Hot, You’re Hot” and “Amos Moses.”

He died in 2008 at 71. His daughters Seidina Hubbard and Lottie Zavala spoke on his behalf Wednesday.

Schlitz, 64, from Durham, North Carolina, has written dozens of top country hits including “The Gambler,” “On The Other Hand,” “Forever and Ever, Amen,” “The Greatest” and “When You Say Nothing At All.”

## BRIEFLY

### ‘Live Wire!’ dials into Hamley’s

PENDLETON — For a unique experience, be sure to catch the first-ever Pendleton taping of “Live Wire!” — the fastest growing entertainment show on public radio.

Join Emmy award-winning host Luke Burbank for an evening of “Late Night” stride, Oscar Wilde wit and the charisma of Ferris Bueller grand marshaling a parade. The event features music, comedy and conversation — live and packed with surprises.

“Live Wire!” is Saturday, April 29 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. General admission tickets are \$15 and VIP seats are \$25. They can be purchased at [www.livewireradio.org/live](http://www.livewireradio.org/live).

Special guests include James Lavadour and Jim Brunberg.

No stranger to the area, Lavadour is an internationally known painter who grew up on the Umatilla Indian Reservation. A self-educated artist, Lavadour helped establish Crow’s Shadow Institute of the Arts as a reservation-based nonprofit organization in 1992.

Brunberg is a music producer, engineer and founder of a pair of performance venues in Portland. He travels in his trusty Winnebago to find out answers to obscure questions — many generated from Vern and Dana, his 7-year-old twin daughters — for “Roam Schooled” podcasts.

For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/events/246965529045666](http://www.facebook.com/events/246965529045666) or call 541-278-1100. For more about Live Wire, visit [www.livewireradio.org](http://www.livewireradio.org).

### Nobel laureate Toni Morrison honored with literary award

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Nobel literature laureate Toni Morrison is collecting another prestigious prize.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist is scheduled to be presented with the American Academy of Arts and Sciences’ Emerson-Thoreau Medal.

The prize was established in 1958 and is awarded to individuals to recognize a lifetime of literary achievements.

Previous recipients include Robert Frost, T.S. Eliot, Katherine Anne Porter, Saul Bellow, Norman Mailer and Philip Roth.

Morrison is set to receive her medal Thursday evening at the Academy’s headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Academy President Jonathan Fanton says Morrison was selected “for her excellence in the humanities.” Her nomination calls her “an overwhelming figure in American and world literature.”

## WHAT TO DO

### Festivals

#### Adams Day

•Saturday, April 8  
•Adams, various locations  
[www.cityofadamsoregon.com](http://www.cityofadamsoregon.com)

Free entry. The Adams Ladies Club is throwing a party in celebration of the start of the Triangle Little League. Includes a parade, breakfast, vendors in the park, yard sales, library book sale and baseball games all day.

#### Prestige Championship Wrestling 1

•Saturday, April 15; 7-11 p.m.  
[www.pcprowrestling1.eventbrite.com](http://www.pcprowrestling1.eventbrite.com)

•Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston \$15-\$50. Features some of the biggest current and former stars in WWE, TNA and UFC, including former UFC star “Filthy” Tom Lawlor.

#### BMCC Arts & Culture Festival

•April 17-20, various times  
•Blue Mountain Community College  
[www.bluecc.edu](http://www.bluecc.edu)  
Free. Open to the public, activities are planned on the Pendleton and Hermiston campuses of BMCC.

### Art, Museums

#### “The Path of Totality”

•Monday-Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
•Crossroads Carnegie Art Center, 2020 Auburn St., Baker City

[www.crossroads-arts.org](http://www.crossroads-arts.org)  
Free. Amateur and professional artists’ work depicts the theme inspired by the upcoming Aug. 21 total solar eclipse. Show and sale runs through April 29.

#### “A Place for All People”

•April 10-21; 8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
•Monday, April 17; 4:30 p.m., public reception  
•Pioneer Hall, BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton  
[www.si.edu](http://www.si.edu)

Free. The poster exhibition introduces the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The newest Smithsonian museum opened last fall in Washington D.C. The reception features a presentation by Gwendolyn Trice, executive director of the Maxville Heritage Interpretive Center.

#### First Draft Writers’ Series

•Thursday, April 20; 7 p.m.  
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.  
[www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org)  
Free. Features Tiffany Midge and Xavier Cavazos. Also, short open mic readings from the audience.

#### Terrific Tuesday

•Tuesday, April 25; 7-8:30 p.m.  
•Heritage Station Museum, 108 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton  
[www.heritagestationmuseum.org](http://www.heritagestationmuseum.org)

Free. Joey Lavadour presents a basketweaving presentation and demonstration.

#### Chuck Close: Portraits

•Tuesday-Fridays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturdays, noon-4 p.m.  
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.  
[www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org)  
Free. Selection of Close’s works from the collection

isn’t covered by concentration camp survivors. As a 12-year-old boy, he returned to his home one day in 1941 to find his entire family gone.

“As time passes, we have fewer and fewer Holocaust survivors to hear from firsthand,” Beers said.

Also, Beers said former BMCC student Heday de la Cruz has been making a name for himself as an artist and activist in Portland.



Photo contributed by Philip Palermo

The Restless Vocal Band, an upbeat and energetic a cappella group, will perform Saturday, April 15 at Hermiston High School. Sponsored by the Desert Arts Council, tickets are still available.

## A cappella group features energetic voices

HERMISTON — An upbeat performance that will bring the audience to their feet singing and dancing is featured in the upcoming Desert Arts Council event.

The Restless Vocal Band is an a cappella group who will perform music from multiple decades and genres. The energetic musicians, powered by vocals alone, belt out hits from the likes of Bill Withers to Bruno Mars and The Temptations to Taylor Swift.

The event is Saturday, April 15 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium at Hermiston High School, 600 S. First St. Advance tickets are \$20 for adults or \$10 for students. The cost is an additional \$5 at the door.

Purchase tickets at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, Hermiston Parks & Recreation and [www.desertartscouncil.com](http://www.desertartscouncil.com). For more information, contact 541-667-5018 or [parksandrec@hermiston.or.us](mailto:parksandrec@hermiston.or.us).

### Music

#### Oldies Night in Milton-Freewater

•Saturday, April 8; 7 p.m.  
•Wesley Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

Free. BJ the DJ spins tunes of Chuck Berry. Snacks available from The Frogs.

#### Decade X

•Saturday, April 8; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

#### Live Music Thursday

•Thursdays 7-9 p.m. No cover  
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton

#### Design

•Friday, April 14; Saturday, April 15; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission

#### Restless Vocal Band

•Saturday, April 15; 7 p.m.  
•Hermiston High School auditorium, 600 S. First St.  
[www.desertartscouncil.com](http://www.desertartscouncil.com)

\$20/adults, \$10/youths. Desert Arts Council presents the event featuring the a cappella group that performs multiple genres of music, spanning several decades — from The Temptations to Taylor Swift, the performance will have everyone singing and

### Game Night

•Wednesdays; 3-7 p.m.  
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston  
No cover. Xbox 360, Nintendo Wii, PlayStation 3 and Nintendo 64.

#### Digital Karaoke

•Thursdays and Fridays, 8 p.m.  
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

#### LOL Comedy Jam

•Thursdays; 8 p.m.  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

#### Mac’s Trivia Night

•First Thursday of month, 8 p.m. No cover  
•Mac’s Bar & Grill, 1400 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton

#### Midget Wrestling Fiesta

•Friday, April 14, Saturday, April 15; 8-11 p.m.  
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston  
[thepheasant.ticketleap.com](http://thepheasant.ticketleap.com)

#### Wine tasting

•Fridays, 4-8 p.m.  
•Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.

#### Open Mic

•First/Third Friday each month, 8 p.m.-midnight  
•The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton  
[www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pendletonopenmic)

#### Karaoke w/DJ David

•Fridays; 8 p.m.  
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla

#### Lock, Stock & Lipstick Ladies’ Night

•Saturdays; 8 p.m.-2 a.m.  
•Sub Zero Restaurant & Lounge, 100 W. Highway 730, Irrigon

#### DJ music

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•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

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#### DJ and dancing

•Fridays, 8 p.m.  
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

#### Whiskey Wednesday

•Wednesdays; 3-7 p.m.  
•The Pheasant, 149 E. Main St., Hermiston

### tini Lounge

•Fridays; 9 p.m.-midnight  
•Virgil’s at Cimmiyotti’s, 137 S. Main St., Pendleton  
No cover. Features martinis, mixology and music.

### Theater & film

#### Dancing With Your Pendleton Stars

•Saturday, April 8; 7 p.m.  
•Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton  
[www.facebook.com/events/402373760146806](http://www.facebook.com/events/402373760146806)

\$20. Presented by CAPECO, features six local celebrities teamed up with members of the Utah Ballroom Dance Company.

#### Chippendales

•Thursday, April 29; 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.  
•Rivers Event Center, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.  
[www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com)

\$54/premium seats, \$44/general seats (Club Wild members receive \$10 discount). The male revue features chiseled bodies, cheeky humor and charm. 21 and older.

#### “Live Wire!” w/Luke Burbank

•Saturday, April 29; 7:30 p.m. No cover  
•Hamley Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton  
[www.livewireradio.org/live](http://www.livewireradio.org/live)

\$15/general; \$25/VIP. Join Emmy award-winning host Luke Burbank for a live taping of the fastest growing entertainment show on public radio. An evening of Late Night stride, Oscar Wilde wit and the charisma of Ferris Bueller grand marshaling a parade. Music, comedy and conversation. Also features James Lavadour and Jim Brunberg.

#### Hot tickets

•The Pilot Tour: (featuring hip-hop artists Gem Starks and US+J) from Portland) May 12, Flower Building in Walla Walla; and May 13, Little Vert Theater in Pendleton. Tickets available (\$10) via [www.thepilottour.com](http://www.thepilottour.com)

•What the Festival: June 16-19, Wolf Run Ranch, near Dufur. Three-day music, art, film and interactive festival. Features 90 electronic music DJs on eight stages and the largest splash pool in North America. Camping options available (\$300-\$2,500) via [www.whatthefestival.com](http://www.whatthefestival.com)

•Pendleton Whisky Fest: (featuring Maroon 5) July 15, Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. Box/grand stand seats still available (\$70-\$95) via [www.pendletonwhiskymusicfest.com](http://www.pendletonwhiskymusicfest.com)

•Northwest World Reggae Festival: (music, camping, food, vendors) July 28-30, Pfau Pfamily Pfarma, 13 miles west of Sandy. Early bird prices (\$120) via [www.nwrrf.com](http://www.nwrrf.com)

•Eclipse Wine Festival: (music, rooms, camping, wine, meals, tours, eclipse viewing) Aug. 18-21, Eola Hills Legacy Vineyard, near Salem. Single event or multiple-day packages (free-\$2,900) via [www.eolahillswinery.com](http://www.eolahillswinery.com)

Want to get your event listed in our calendar? Send information to [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com), or c/o Tammy Malgesini, 333 E. Main Street, Hermiston, OR, 97838.