

# Melonville brings three comics to Hermiston on Jan. 27

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East Oregonian

Laughs will be plentiful as a trio of funny-men take the stage during the Melonville Comedy Festival.

The annual comedy show features co-headliners Kermet Apio and Derek Richards. Cory Michaelis will open the show.

The 21-and-older event is Saturday, Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at the Hermiston Conference Center, 415 S. Highway 395. Tickets are \$35 each. Midway Bar & Grill will offer a no-host bar. In addition, athletes and coaches from the local Special Olympics team will sell food to raise money for expenses.

Apio, a Hawaiian native now based in Seattle, was working for United Airlines when a co-worker introduced him to open mic nights at the Comedy Underground in Seattle. After attending a few



Apio

times, Apio's buddy signed him up. He's been doing stand-up comedy full-time since quitting his day job in May 1990.

"It's such a unique job," Apio said. "There is nothing like it. It's such a fun thing to make people laugh."

Apio has found success doing stand-up, performing in nearly every state as well as several Canadian provinces. He's a past winner of



Richards

the Seattle Comedy Competition and was a semi-finalist in San Francisco. He works at clubs, corporate events and cruise lines.

"It's a good thing to have that diversity," he said. "When one market slows, there's always another to fall back on."

Richards, who is originally from Detroit, now calls Las Vegas home. Prior to launching his career in



Michaelis

comedy, he performed on-air radio work.

He eased into the comedy scene at a club in Kalamazoo, Michigan. As the show's host, the club's owner gave Richards the latitude to do a few minutes or more while introducing the evening's comics.

"It was a great way to be brought into the business," he said.

Among Richards' favorite

gigs are USO shows at Guantanamo Bay, as well as U.S. bases in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kuwait. He said it was nice to be able to provide a release valve for soldiers.

"I don't care how bad your day is, you're not getting shot at," Richards said about typical jobs. "It feels really good to go out and do these shows for our troops."

Michaelis brought comedy to Snohomish County in Washington with the Everett Comedy Night, which has sold out its monthly shows for more than five years. Initially thinking comedy would be a one-time gig, Michaelis taught high school history for 12 years before ditching his day job.

While he still substitute teaches, Michaelis enjoys the flexibility of managing his own schedule. He said there are too many restrictions in many 9-to-5 jobs.

"I like the freedom with stand-up," Michaelis said. "I

talk about my life and make it funny — absurd things turn into funny comedy."

Melonville Comedy Festival began in the early 1990s as a fundraiser for the Umatilla County Fair. After the fair board discontinued the event, Warren Smith decided to take it on to continue bringing national acts to Hermiston.

Tickets are available at [www.melonvillecomedy-festival.com](http://www.melonvillecomedy-festival.com), the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, located in the Cornerstone Plaza at 1055 S. Highway 395 Suite 111, by calling 541-567-6151 and by contacting Smith at 541-561-7488 or [melonvillecomedyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:melonvillecomedyfestival@gmail.com). For more information, search Facebook for "Melonville Comedy Festival."

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## Two truck drivers die in head-on crash

HARPER (AP) — The drivers of two commercial vehicles were killed in a head-on collision on U.S. 20 near Harper, Oregon, just west of the Idaho border.

Oregon State Police say a commercial truck and trailer was driving east at about 9 a.m. Saturday when it drifted into the westbound lane and into the path of a commercial truck.

The two vehicles collided and burst into flames, killing both drivers. Brian Brunscher, 37, of Springfield, was driving the white 2016 Kenworth commercial truck that entered the oncoming lane, and James Shorten, 55, of Portland, was driving the orange 2015 Freightliner.

A Jeep Wrangler behind the truck collided with its trailer, and a Kia Spectra hit the back of the Jeep. No one was injured in those vehicles, which were operated by Idaho drivers.

About 400 gallons of diesel spilled into the road, closing US 20 for more than



Photo contributed by Oregon State Police

The drivers of two commercial trucks were killed Sunday after a fiery crash on Highway 20 in Malheur County.

12 hours.

The investigation is ongoing, but speed and weather are believed to be contributing factors in the

crash.

OSP were assisted by the Malheur County Sheriff's Office, Oregon Department of Transportation, Ontario

Fire and Rescue, Ontario Haz-Mat, Vale Fire and Rescue, Steve Rich Environmental Services and Haren-Wood Funeral Chapel.

## Morrow County deputy injured in crash while responding to fight

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A Morrow County Sheriff's Office deputy was injured early Saturday morning after his patrol car rolled over on Interstate 84.

Deputy Lance Bose was extricated from his vehicle near mile 156 eastbound and transported by ambulance to Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston, after the crash, which happened at about 1:07 a.m.

According to a news release from Sheriff Kenneth Matlack, Bose had been westbound on I-84 to a reported rollover crash involving two semitrucks just east of the Gilliam County line when he got a second report of a fight involving approximately 15 people in Heppner. He reversed directions and was headed eastbound on

I-84 toward the reported fight, lights flashing, when he "passed through an area of icy conditions and subsequently lost control of his vehicle." The patrol car spun off the road into the south side of the right of way and rolled over multiple times through dirt, sagebrush and boulders.

Boardman Rural Fire Protection District and Morrow County Ambulance responded and extricated Bose, who was conscious and breathing but trapped in the vehicle, and transported him to Good Shepherd with "several injuries."

Oregon State Police will handle the crash investigation. Matlack said he was thankful to all of the agencies involved for their response and work assisting Bose.

### BRIEFLY

#### Oldies Night spins hits of 1958

MILTON-FREEWATER — In 1958, rock and roll took over the pop music world.

"At the Hop" by Danny and the Juniors was the number one song of the year. Also, Elvis Presley, Ricky Nelson and the Everly Brothers were the top three artists, with Chuck Berry and Buddy Holly also among the top 10.

BJ the DJ will take people back to 1958 as he spins 50 top hits during Oldies Night in Milton-Freewater. The free event is Saturday at 7 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. The Frogs will offer snacks.

For more information, contact Bob Jones at 541-938-7028 or [dubuquer@charter.net](mailto:dubuquer@charter.net).

#### Rec department offers yoga

PENDLETON — New sessions of yoga are starting up in the new year.

No prior experience is needed for the classes, which meet weekly beginning Wednesday, Jan. 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. The session fee is \$35.

To register, visit [www.pendletonparksandrec.com](http://www.pendletonparksandrec.com) or stop by the parks office, 865 Tutuilla Road. For more information, call 541-276-8100 or search Facebook.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 2 HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

**BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

**PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

**CRAFTERNOONS**, 4:15 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Drop in for a group or individual craft project. All ages. (541-966-0380)

**LADIES NIGHT OUT**, 6-8 p.m., Abby's Pizza, 828 Southgate, Pendleton. Meet other ladies for food, fun and fellowship. Pizza and salad is provided. (Terri Hardcastle 541-276-6417)

**PENDLETON EAGLES TACOS AND BINGO**, 6 p.m., Pendleton Eagles Lodge, 428 S. Main St., Pendleton. Regular packet \$10, special packet \$5. Proceeds donated to local charities. Public welcome. (541-278-2828)

**INSIDE OUTSIDE THE LINES ADULT COLORING**, 6-7:30 p.m., Irrigon Public Library, 490 N.E. Main St., Irrigon. Materials provided. Bring snacks to share. (541-

922-0138) **PENDLETON KNITTING GROUP**, 6 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

**STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 6:30 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave., Milton-Freewater. For elementary school-age children. (541-938-8247)

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3 WALKING FOR WELLNESS**, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center gymnasium, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Good music, new friends and indoor walking for health. Free. (541-276-8100)

**BABY & ME LEARN & PLAY**, 10-10:45 a.m., Hermiston Public Library back entrance, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Engaging children and getting them excited about music, improving motor skills and sparking creativity while supporting early literacy development. For children ages newborn to 4 years and parent/guardian. (541-567-2882)

**STORY TIME**, 11:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

**STANFIELD SENIOR MEAL SERVICE**, 12 p.m., Stanfield Community Center, 225 W. Roosevelt, Stanfield. Cost is \$3.50 for seniors, \$6 for others. (541-449-1332)

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**ADULT BEGINNERS' COM-**

**PUTERS**, 3-4 p.m., Pendleton Public Library meeting room, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Registration is required. Classes tailored to the needs of the attendees. (541-966-0380)

**CROATIA TRIP INFORMATIONAL MEETING**, 4 p.m., Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 1055 S. Highway 395 Suite 111, Hermiston. Get information about a 9-day adventure to Croatia with the Hermiston Chamber Travel Club beginning Oct. 30, 2018. RSVP requested. (Debbie Pedro 541-567-6151)

**ADULT & TEEN COLOR CLUB**, 5:30 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. A relaxing hour of coloring. Supplies provided. (Mary Finney 541-966-0380)

**VEGAN/SUSTAINABLE LIVING POTLUCK SUPPER**, 7 p.m., location varies, Pendleton. Bring a vegan dish and recipe. Gluten-free friendly group. Call to RSVP and for driving directions. (541-969-3057)

**TOUR OF KNOWLEDGE**, 7-8 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 980 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. Discussion of public hearings, meetings and events relevant to the area, and reports on sites and facilities that impact natural resources and places of historical interest. Free and everyone welcome. (Eileen Laramore 541-303-3872)

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**PRESCHOOL STORY TIME**, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Stories and activities for young children. (541-966-0380)

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### COMING EVENTS

### LOTTERY

#### Friday, Dec. 29

**Megamillions**  
04-10-18-28-62

Megaball: 7

Megaplier: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$306M

**Lucky Lines**

03-06-09-14-FREE-20-23-25-29

Estimated jackpot: \$38,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 5-8-1-3

4 p.m.: 3-7-2-6

7 p.m.: 1-5-5-6

10 p.m.: 9-1-3-5

**Saturday, Dec. 30**

**Powerball**

28-36-41-51-58

Powerball: 24

Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$384M

**Megabucks**

11-13-15-35-44-47

Estimated jackpot: \$5.9M

#### Lucky Lines

01-06-11-14-FREE-19-21-28-31

Estimated jackpot: \$39,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 0-1-9-0

4 p.m.: 0-7-6-6

7 p.m.: 0-4-8-7

10 p.m.: 8-3-8-1

**Win for Life**

36-49-55-71

#### Sunday, Dec. 31

**Lucky Lines**

04-05-12-15-FREE-18-23-28-30

Estimated jackpot: \$40,000

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 7-6-0-5

4 p.m.: 9-2-6-8

7 p.m.: 9-0-5-8

10 p.m.: 7-0-5-9

#### Monday, Jan. 1

**Pick 4**

1 p.m.: 0-6-8-6

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