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Thomas Nichols is the emcee/opening act during the Jan. 25 Melonville Comedy Festival at EOTEC in Hermiston.



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Reno Collier is the headliner for Melonville Comedy Festival. Tickets are now available for the Jan. 25 event at EOTEC.



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Andrew Rivers is a featured comic for Melonville Comedy Festival. The Jan. 25 event is at EOTEC in Hermiston.

## Winter Fishtrap ponders ‘Refuge’

JOSEPH — A three-day conference that gathers diverse voices to inspire a greater understanding will discuss “The Meaning of Refuge.”

The Winter Fishtrap event offers people an opportunity to learn from experts and participate in conversations to help reveal what “The Meaning of Refuge” means to the environment, our communities and to individuals.

The event is Jan. 18-20 at Josephy Center for Arts and Culture in Joseph. The full weekend registration fee is \$145 for adults or \$50 for students. Also, participants can register for individual events. A Saturday night Winter Fishtrap fundraising dinner at the Hurricane Creek Grange is also available for \$45.

Winter Fishtrap opens Friday evening, Jan. 18

with a “High Country News Live Magazine” discussion led by Brian Calvert, the magazine’s editor-in-chief, along with members of his editorial staff. The week-end continues with presentations from Amelia Marchand, program manager of the Colville Tribes’ Environmental Trust Department; Rich Wandschneider, director of the Josephy Library; Kathleen Ackley, executive director of the Wallowa Land Trust; and filmmakers Richard Wilhelm and Sue Arbuthnot, who will screen a portion of their documentary, “Refuge,” based on the 2016 Malheur occupation.

For additional information, the full schedule or to register, visit [www.fishtrap.org](http://www.fishtrap.org). For questions, contact Mike Midlo at 541-426-3623 or [mike@fishtrap.org](mailto:mike@fishtrap.org).

# Funny-men to yuk it up at Melonville Comedy Festival

## Advance tickets on sale for event

By TAMMY MALGESINI  
East Oregonian

A trio of comics will take the stage during Melonville Comedy Festival.

The annual comedy show features headliner Reno Collier, featured comedian Andrew Rivers and emcee/show opener Thomas Nichols. The 21-and-older event is Friday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) at Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston. Advance tickets are \$25 each at [www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com](http://www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com), Midway Bar

& Grill, 1750 N. First St.; or Last Chance Tavern, 240 S.W. 11th St. Premium seats are available for \$35. The event will feature no-host food and bar from Midway.

A former physical education teacher, Collier will school audience members in laughter. Bolstered with a six-pack and a unique outlook on life, the funny-man first took the stage at an open mic at Punchline Comedy Club in Atlanta where he tended bar for extra cash.

Launching his career as a comedian, Collier began selling out comedy clubs and college campuses. He hit the road with Larry The Cable Guy in 2004. He’s also performed with Jeff Foxworthy, Bill Engvall and Ron White.

Rivers is a storytelling comic who earns high praise from fellow comedians. Based out of Seattle, the comic was featured in the popular “Truth or Drink” web series from BuzzFeed and his DryBar Comedy Special has more than 10 million views. In addition, he’s been featured on NBC, FOX, and the Bob & Tom Radio Show and is a regular opening act for Christopher Titus.

Initially based in Dallas, Nichols now works out of Seattle. Topics include observations about everything from cartoons and broken families to missing pets.

With a deadpan and hilarious delivery, Nichols has been featured at the New

York Finger Lakes Festival and was a finalist at the Denver Make Me Laugh Festival.

Melonville Comedy Festival began in the early 1990s as a fundraiser for the Umatilla County Fair. When the fair board discontinued sponsoring the event, Warren Smith took on the commitment to bring national comedy acts to Hermiston.

For more information contact Smith at 541-561-7488, [melonvillecomedyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:melonvillecomedyfestival@gmail.com) or search Facebook for “Melonville Comedy Festival.”

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## Pendleton native shines light on Bowie

Pendleton native Mandi Miller along with Mark “Android” Wilson (of the 1980s Androidss

December 2018) and this also features the musicians with large color photos.



Miller

recently had their original song featured in an Italian film documentary, “BowieNext.”

Their pop/rock song, “Starman in the Stars (Ode to Bowie),” was recorded at Orange Studio in Christchurch, New Zealand. The video features a chorus of 26 of Miller’s young Christchurch singing students. The book, “BowieNext,” has just been published and released (Arcana,

The duo wrote and recorded a tribute song to David Bowie, which was submitted to Rita Rocca. The film producer conducted a search for memoirs from those who worked with Bowie and from those who created artistic tributes. Miller and Wilson’s musical tribute was selected from many submissions worldwide. To view “Starman in the Stars (Ode to Bowie),” visit [bit.ly/starmanstars](http://bit.ly/starmanstars).

## WHAT TO DO

### FESTIVALS

**Martin Luther King Jr. March**  
•Monday, Jan. 21; 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
•First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston  
No cover. Includes march, music and special speakers from Wake Up Nation.  
**A Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr.**  
•Monday, Jan. 21; 7 p.m.  
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton  
No cover. An evening of music and spoken word to honor King’s legacy.

**Eagle Cap Extreme Sled Dog Race**  
•Jan. 23-26  
[www.eaglecapextreme.com](http://www.eaglecapextreme.com)  
•Joseph, Enterprise, Fergi Ski Area  
Free, except banquet (\$20/adults, \$8/ages 5-12). People can watch races, which include Iditarod & Yukon Quest qualifiers; meet-and-greet with mushers at vet checks; Race Central and Kids’ Corner.

**Melonville Comedy Festival**  
•Friday, Jan. 25; 8 p.m.  
•Eastern Oregon Trade & Event Center, 1705 E. Airport Road, Hermiston  
[www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com](http://www.melonvillecomedyfestival.com)  
\$25/advance, \$35/priority seats. Features headliner Reno Collier, featured comedian Andrew Rivers and emcee Thomas Nichols.

**Prestige Wrestling: Tower of Snakes**  
•Friday, Feb. 22; 7-11 p.m.  
[www.prestigewrestling.net](http://www.prestigewrestling.net)  
•Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center, 1705 Airport Road, Hermiston  
\$15-\$50. Features King Khash, “Filthy” Tom Lawlor, Simon Grimm, DJZ, Sonico, No Lives Matter, Team C4, Mike Santiago, Julian Whyt and more to be announced.

**ART, MUSEUMS & AUTHORS**  
**“ArtWORKZ Junior Art Show & Competition”**  
•Monday - Saturdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
•Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino.  
[www.tamastslíkt.org](http://www.tamastslíkt.org)

No entry fee. Youths through age 18 are invited to enter artwork in all mediums by Jan. 30. Show runs through Feb. 9 to March 30. (Randy Melton, 541-429-7720).

**“History in Photos from Wallowa County”**  
•Monday through Saturdays; noon-4 p.m.  
•Josephy Center for Arts and Culture, 403 N. Main St., Joseph  
[www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org)  
Free. Highlights historical photos and photographers in Wallowa County. Runs through Feb. 25.

**“Parallel Worlds”**  
•Monday-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
•Betty Feves Memorial Gallery, BMCC, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton.  
Free. Features the work of Shea Wilkinson, who creates art quilts using free motion quilting and hand embroidery. Gallery also open by appointment by calling 541-278-5952. Runs through Feb. 7.

**“Form and Figure”**  
•Monday-Fridays, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
•Nightingale Gallery, Eastern Oregon University, La Grande  
[www.eou.edu/art/nightingale-gallery](http://www.eou.edu/art/nightingale-gallery)  
Free. Features the work of Florida couple Michael and Aneka Ingold. Runs through Feb. 8.

**First Draft Writers’ Series**  
•Thursday, Jan. 17; 7 p.m.  
•Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St.  
[www.pendletonarts.org](http://www.pendletonarts.org)  
Free. Features headliner Kisha Lewellyn Schlegel, a creative writing instructor at Whitman College, followed by short open mic sessions for audience members.

**MUSIC**  
**Tunesmith Night**  
•Saturday, Jan. 12; 7 p.m.  
•Sugar Time Bakery, 107 N. River St., Enterprise  
[www.wvmusicalliance.org](http://www.wvmusicalliance.org)  
\$10. All ages. Wallowa Valley Music Alliance monthly series features three original songwriters, including Pendleton’s James Dean Kindle. Food service available; people may bring their own adult beverages.

**Decade X**  
•Saturday, Jan. 12; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.  
**Max Hay**  
•Saturday, Jan. 12; 9 p.m.  
•Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton  
No cover. Performing blues and Irish music.

**Elwood Haney**  
•Wednesday, Jan. 16; 7 p.m.  
•Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St., Pendleton  
No cover. All ages.  
**Live Music Thursday-Wasteland Kings**  
•Thursday, Jan. 17; 7-9 p.m.  
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton  
No cover. The La Grande-based band brings rock ‘n’ roll.

**Bobby & Faith**  
•Friday, Jan. 18; 6:30-9:30 p.m. No cover.  
•Nookie’s/Hermiston Brewing Co., 125 N. First St., Hermiston  
**Darci Carlson**  
•Friday, Jan. 18; Saturday, Jan. 19; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.  
**Scott Wilson**  
•Friday, Jan. 18; 9 p.m. No cover.  
•Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

**Live Music Thursday-JJ Hill**  
•Thursday, Jan. 24; 7-9 p.m. No cover.  
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton  
**Cory Wilds**  
•Friday, Jan. 25 Saturday, Jan. 26; 8 p.m. No cover  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.  
**Live Music Thursday-Murray Dunlap**  
•Thursday, Jan. 31; 7-9 p.m.  
•40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton  
No cover. The La Grande-based band brings rock ‘n’ roll.

**Wino Wednesdays**  
•Saturdays; 8 p.m.  
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla  
**Shriners Charity Pool Tournament**  
•Saturday, Jan. 19; 2 p.m.  
•Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston  
\$10/person. Hermiston Desert Shrine Club benefit for the Shriners hospital in Portland. Also features a raffle. (541-567-5180).

**Karaoke w/DJ David**  
•Saturdays; 8 p.m.  
•Riverside Sports Bar, 1501 Sixth St., Umatilla  
**Thirsty Thursdays**  
•Third Thursday; 6 p.m.  
•Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston  
No cover. Features tasting and music.

**LOL Comedy Jam**  
•Thursdays; 8 p.m.  
•Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.  
No cover. Jan. 17: Tyler Boeh, Jeremy Coughlan; Jan. 24: Andrew Rivers, Michael Glatzmaier  
**Wine tasting**  
•Fridays, 4-8 p.m.  
•Sno Road Winery, 111 W. Main St., Echo.

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•Saturdays; 2-6 p.m.  
•Echo Ridge Cellars, 551 N. Thielsen St., Echo  
**Karaoke at the Packard**  
•1st/3rd Wednesday, 9 p.m.-midnight  
•The Packard Tavern, 118 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton  
No cover.

**Wine Wednesday**  
•Wednesday, Feb. 13, 5-7 p.m.  
•The Gathering Place at Bellinger’s, 1823 S. Highway 395, Hermiston  
No cover. Features tasting and music.  
**Thirsty Thursdays**  
•Third Thursday; 6 p.m.  
•Midway Bar & Grill, 1750 N. First St., Hermiston  
No cover. Hosts a local brewery offering tastings and food pairings. Jan. 17: Iron Horse.

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### THEATER, STAGE, FILM & LECTURES

**“Aladdin”**  
•Friday, Jan. 18; 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 19; 2:15 p.m.  
•SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman  
[www.visitsage.com](http://www.visitsage.com)  
\$5/person. View movie and receive free bag of popcorn with admission. Water is available for purchase.

**“Smallfoot”**  
•Friday, Jan. 25; 6 p.m.  
•Adams Public Library, 190 N. Main St.  
Free. The animated adventure is appropriate for all ages. Features Channing Tatum, James Corden, LeBron James, Danny DeVito and more.

**“Speakeasy Murder Mystery”**  
•Saturday, Feb. 9; 6 p.m.  
•Pendleton Underground Tours, 31 S.W. Emigrant Ave.  
[www.pendletonunderground-tours.org](http://www.pendletonunderground-tours.org)  
\$75/21-and-older. Reservations required. Interactive event also features food/beverages catered by Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery. (541-276-0730).

**HOT TICKETS**  
•Bob Seger & the Silver Bullet Band. Feb. 2, Moda Center, Portland. Tickets (\$49-\$125+) via [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
•The Rolling Stones. No Filter Tour. May 22, CenturyLink Field, Seattle. Tickets (\$94-\$494+) via [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)  
•Jackalope Jamboree. June 29, Happy Canyon Arena, Pendleton. Early bird tickets (\$35-\$55+) via [www.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.brownpapertickets.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.