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Carlson wins Wyland Scholarship

The Wyland Scholarship was awarded to PHS graduate Eva Carlson. The \$1000 scholarship is given in memory of Alan Wyland whose music and ministry touched the lives of many who live in our community. It is awarded to a PHS senior who shows a strong interest in music.

Eva attends St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. She is an undeclared major, but her interest in music is strong. She is a member of the Manitou Singers at St. Olafs and she performed in the annual St. Olafs Christmas Festival last month.

The St. Olafs Christmas Festival is one of the oldest musical celebrations of Christmas in the United States.

While at PHS, Eva sang in the A Capella Choir and the Swing Choir. She went to state solo competition two years and also sang in the Bach Festival in Eugene, Oregon for three years. In addition, she danced with the state champion PHS Dance Team for four years.

Eva is the daughter of Donald and Cheryl Carlson.



Eva Carlson

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The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust announced that grants, memorial trust funds and scholarships given in 2012 will total \$158,233.

The seven-member Board of Directors recently announced the final allocation of grants this year, reported Sharon Brown, Chairperson.

The board has awarded fall grants in the amount of \$65,184.00 to the following recipients:

- **St. Anthony Hospital Foundation, \$16,250.00** toward the pledge of a \$100,000.00 grant for the new hospital building.

- **Blue Mountain Community College, \$10,000.00** as matching funds toward an upgrade of the sound system, with state-of-the-art digital equipment, for the Bob Clapp Theatre.

- **Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, \$5,000.00** toward materials and supplies for the new Farm to Market exhibit at the children's museum.

- **Pendleton Convention Center, \$5,300.00** as matching funds toward the purchase of a new Wolf Open Burner/Griddle Top Restaurant Range for the kitchen.

- **Lincoln Primary School, \$1,530.00** to purchase two Lightspeed Redcat amplification systems for classrooms.

- **Pendleton School District 16-R, Special Education Dept., \$798.00** to purchase two Board-maker programs; one for the Intensive Learning Center and one to be shared among the district's Resource Rooms.

- **Arts Council of Pendleton, \$2,500.00** to purchase a "point of sale" system for the Pendleton Foundation Trust Crafts Gallery on the main floor of the Arts Center.

- **Oregon East Symphony & Chorale, \$2,750.00** to purchase 20 high quality, fractional sized violins to meet the expanded growth of the student strings program.

- **Pendleton Little League, \$13,944.00** toward the foundation and rough-in plumbing for the new score tower at the Little League complex.

- **Lost & Found Youth Outreach, \$2,112.00** to purchase 4 TVs and storage system for the monthly XBox Tournaments for youth, held in the Pendleton Rec Center on the second Friday night of each month.

- **Pendleton Parks & Recreation, Pioneer Playground Structure, a \$5,000.00 match grant** is pledged toward rebuilding the Pioneer Park playground structure that was recently destroyed by fire.

PFT donation jump starts playground rebuilding

In October 2012, when the Pendleton Foundation Trust Board met at their quarterly meeting, they voted to make a donation of \$5000 to the city of Pendleton for the rebuilding of the Pioneer Park play structure. They decided to make it a matching grant so that individuals, families, and other organizations would be encouraged to donate to the rebuilding fund.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust has a history of donating to help build parks, buy and maintain play equipment, and donating to organizations that will benefit the children of Pendleton. The Board hoped that this matching grant would jump start Pendleton City's fundraising efforts to rebuild the play structure at Pioneer Park.

The American Association of University Women, which led the initial volunteer and donation supported build in 2001, is again working with a committee and the city to help rebuild the playground.

In November, a concert was held at Hamley's Slickfork Saloon, which raised over \$3,800. Private donations received from community members brought the total to over \$5,700.

Deb Whittaker, special projects coordinator for Pendleton City Parks and Recreation Department announced to the Pendleton Foundation that the community had matched the \$5,000 it had pledged. At the end of November, the Pendleton Foundation



Kevin Hale and Sharon Brown of the Pendleton Foundation Trust present a \$5,000 check to Deb Whittaker of Pendleton Parks and Rec and Marty King of the AAUW as a challenge grant for the rebuilding of the play structure at Pioneer Park.

Trust awarded the \$5,000 to the City of Pendleton Parks and Recreation Department for help with the rebuild.

We hope the Pendleton community will continue to donate to the rebuilding of the Pioneer Park play structure, as \$50,000 is needed.

Jane Collier remembers Pendleton

The Pendleton Foundation Trust has received a significant gift from the Jane Collier Estate.

Jane was born in 1919 in Rock Island, Illinois, a town as tough as its name. During the depression her father lost his factory job and started a candy-making business in their house in Davenport, Iowa. She worked long hours in the family business and managed to graduate at the top of her large high school class. She also became a splendid candymaker and for the rest of her life her famous peanut brittle was much anticipated by her friends and family at holidays.

In 1940 Jane married Alvin Collier in Davenport, Iowa. The two of them set off on a journey that always included hard work and adventure. On the night they were married they boarded a Greyhound bus bound for Seattle. From Seattle they caught a ferry to Anchorage,



Jane Collier

Alaska and from there to a small frontier town. Jane kept house in a wall tent for the first winter, before she and Alvin moved to a homestead in the Matanuska Valley. They lived there for 13 years. Jane and Alvin then moved to Idaho where they operated a combination sporting goods/grocery store and gas station. After five years they moved to a farm in Iowa. They spent seven years in Iowa working hard raising hogs and cattle.

In 1966 Jane and Alvin moved to Pendleton and purchased a hardware store. Jane thought this city and her beloved Presbyterian Church were simply the best in the world. From 1966 until her death on November 20, 2011, she traveled extensively, with Alvin until his death in 1987 and then alone or with friends and family after that.

Jane was always curious about the world. She read avidly, worked tire-

lessly in her church, and tried her best to combat the greed, poverty, ignorance, and injustice that so greatly offended her. She loved and supported theater, arts and music. She attended virtually every play, concert or exhibition offered in Pendleton, and often spoke with pride of the extraordinary talents of the area's residents.

Jane's family includes her daughter, Sharon of Alma, Arkansas, her son Tom and his wife Linda of Halfway, Oregon; her son Keith and his wife Rochelle, of Portland, Oregon, and many beloved grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Jane's family is grateful for her life, her bountiful love, for her courage and determination, and for the wisdom she generously shared.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust is grateful that Jane thought enough of our city to make a memorial contribution to the Trust to help continue to maintain the lifestyle of the City of Pendleton that she so enjoyed.

Early city fathers create Foundation

Because many of the earliest files of the Pendleton Foundation Trust were lost in a fire, the names of the first Pendleton Foundation Committee - as it was originally known - have not been recorded. However, in reading through some legal correspondence since 1937, some members' names have been discovered.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust was created May 10, 1928. The city fathers working to get it organized included J. R. Raley. He was a local attorney who was instrumental in getting many local events such as the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon started in Pendleton. Nothing like the PFT existed in the state of Oregon at that time.

Together with some local business men, they helped create the Pendleton Foundation Trust. Records show that the law firm of Raley, Kilkenny and Raley handled the legal business for the new Trust. A piece of correspondence lists the names of the following men as members of the Pendleton Foundation Committee in 1937:

J. V. Tallman	Max Baer
J.D.McKee	J. A. Fee
J. R. Raley	J. J. Hamley
W. E. Brock	

Roy Ritner was selected as secretary

Raley and Fee were local attorneys and the others operated businesses in Pendleton.

Four of the Committee were appointed by the Trustees' Committee made up of the presidents of the First National Banks in Portland and Athena, Oregon, and Calvin L. Sweek, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

One member was appointed by the mayor of the City of Pendleton. Another one was appointed by the Pendleton School board. The Pendleton Commercial Association {Chamber of Commerce} appointed one member.

The only change in the selection process today is that the PFT Board now selects the four new members instead of the Trustees' Committee. This was changed by mutual consent of the three Trustees and the PFT Board of Directors in 2002.

However, the criteria developed for awarding grant money is still the same as it was eighty-five years ago. The Board looks for applications which encourage and promote the well-being of the citizens of Pendleton.

Ole Group Scholarship benefits Pendleton FFA members

In 2012, Taylor Pete was the recipient of the Ole Group Scholarship. Taylor is very active in the local FFA chapter, and serves as the Community Relations Chairperson for the chapter. She is also very involved with the FFA chapter's Food For All campaign.

The following was written by John Groupe, who initiated the Ole Groupe Scholarship – one of several scholarships managed by the Pendleton Foundation Trust.

To Pendleton Foundation Trust:

I was dumbstruck when the undertaker asked my directive for memorial funds to be stated in my son's obituary. I blubbered "some sort of FFA scholarship." Weeks later, Mr. Peal, the FFA advisor, helped me focus on the FFA National Leadership Conference which would help train the recipient who would ideally return home and share new knowledge and enthusiasm with fellow chapter members. I naively assumed I could easily set up a trust at my bank. After explaining the technicalities, my bank manager suggested approaching Pendleton Foundation Trust. I was well pleased when they agreed to administer the funds. 1994 secretary Steve Corey and present secretary Jerri Bealer have been most helpful.

To date, seventeen Pendleton FFA members have attended the National FFA Leadership conference in Washington DC., with financial assistance from this scholarship. I have received a great deal of positive feedback from these students and their parents. Initially the scholarship was \$500 but we have recently raised it to \$1,000 due to prudent investing by Edward Jones Company and a few more generous donations. The investment interest does not quite cover the full \$1,000, but I am happy to make up the difference.

This scholarship has been a perfect way to reward and encourage a few of our future leaders while honoring the memory of my oldest son Charles Olaf (Ole) Groupe, 1978-1994.

Sincerely,
John R. Groupe DVM

Memorial donations show you care - about loved ones and your community

*Thank you so much
for your gift to the
Pendleton Foundation
Trust in memory of
my Aunt Jean. She would
be happy to know the money
will be used to benefit
the City of Pendleton and she
loved living here.
Thanks again for your
thoughtfulness. -Molly Betts*

Looking for a way to remember a friend or loved one who has passed away? Please consider a memorial donation to the Foundation Trust - your donation will help keep Pendleton community vibrant and strong.

See the list of our donors for June 1 - Dec. 31, 2012 on Page 4 of this newsletter.