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These contributions are held in Trust accounts and administered by a seven member Trust Board. Only the income earned from these gifts is used to make grants to applicant organizations. All donations, large or small, help the principal grow and make it possible to give more to the community.



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This is the second issue of the Pendleton Foundation Trust newsletter. We hope to share our activities and projects with you and to show appreciation to the many Pendleton citizens who have supported the Trust with their contributions. Together we strive to improve our community. PENDLETON FOUNDATION TRUST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Fisk Memorial Scholarship

The Pendleton Foundation Trust will offer its second annual \$5000 Fisk Scholarship this Spring to a deserving 2006 Pendleton Senior student who will graduate in June with at least a 3.0 GPA. The award honors Jiggs and Maxine Fisk who were generous supporters of the Trust. The Award is given for scholarship and activities and is not based on financial need. Applications may be obtained at the Pendleton High counselors office or at the web site, or at the law office of Corey, Byler and Rew. The applications are available February first and must be returned to Corey, Byler and Rew by April 15th, 2006. John "Jiggs" and Maxine Fisk were examples of how their planned giving helped educate future generations and leave a permanent and continuing presence in the Pendleton community. They both were long- time Umatilla County natives and lived in Pendleton many years. They were cattle ranchers. Jiggs worked with the Pendleton Round-Up for a long time. He served as President 1976-1978. They were both active in Pendleton and cared about its citizens.



Jiggs and Maxine Fisk

Eleven Grants Awarded

Grants were awarded to eleven organizations in Pendleton following the October distribution. They are given out in the Spring and the Fall. More than 75 non-profit organizations have benefitted from Trust grants. Those who received grants in October, 2005, were the following: City of Pendleton Parks, Pendleton Progress Board Commercial Committee, Pendleton Police Dept., Domestic Violence, E.O. Alcoholism Foundation, Camp Fire USA-Kids Club, Sunridge Middle School, PHS Agri-science Dept., Washington Elementary School, Sherwood Elementary School, McKay Creek Elementary School. The above organizations were awarded grants totaling \$76,532.82 in the Fall of 2005 to help improve our community. Grants were given in 2005 totaling \$170,095.00. Announcement of the Spring grants will be made in April, 2006.



# PFT Supports Early City Parks System

**D**o you know how many City Parks we have in Pendleton?

The Pendleton Foundation Trust through the years has been very supportive of city parks.

In October of 2005 the Foundation funded grants for new play equipment at three parks: Stillman, Til Taylor and Sergeant City in the amount of \$27,597.00.

The following is taken from research of Parks in Pendleton done by Eva Wahl, a former member of the Foundation board and life resident of Pendleton.

Parks did not seem to be part of early day Pendleton. About the nearest thing I found (Eva Wahl) in my research was that the gathering place in town was at the old courthouse well. The courthouse was a crude wooden building facing west, (Main Street) set back in the block, where now stands Clough’s on Main, originally The Peoples Warehouse. The well was located on the corner of Main Street and Court Street. It was a nice grassy plot and the social center on a warm summer evening. The water from the well was especially good. It was thought they had tapped into a spring when they dug the well. “IT WAS THE BEST WATER IN TOWN.”

Then the park system had its beginning about 1915 when the city acquired a portion of the Pendleton Pioneer Cemetery.(Despain Street between N.W. 4<sup>th</sup> and N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street)

The women that succeeded in converting part of the cemetery were deplored by the looks of the cemetery. It was overgrown with weeds and they wanted to improve the looks of the neighborhood so they raised money by having a benefit civic ball- social highlight of yesteryear. That was the beginning of parks but it didn’t necessarily mean that children would have a place to play. The early concept of a park seemed to be a pretty place to be seen but not used for play.

A decade later, some citizens, both men and women, formed the “playground council”. In 1926 the late Mac Hoke (father of Joan Corey and Helen Levy) became the president of this council. Their goal was to provide playgrounds for the children of Pendleton. They raised money and hired supervisors for the playground system.

In 1928 the Pendleton Parks Commission replaced the playground system.

The Til Taylor Park site was obtained by the city in 1915 and named in 1923, but not developed until 1929 when the Til Taylor Memorial Statue was unveiled during the 1929 Round-Up.

It was about 1915 that the Round-Up Park grounds were set aside for a park-later becoming Roy Raley Park (Court and S.W. 10<sup>th</sup> street next to the Round-Up grounds). Also the Natatorium (swimming pool and now the ice rink) was built adjacent to the park.

When the Pendleton Foundation Trust was formed in 1928, this Foundation became involved in park creation, development and maintenance.

Minnie Stillman left her estate for the Stillman Park (Byers and SE 4th street, land that Minnie Stillman’s home was on.) Her funds also paid for the bandstand at the Pioneer Park. Interesting side note, Clement Disosway buried at Pioneer Cemetery died when he was 39 years old on October 1, 1878. He was the father of Minnie Stillman and also a deputy U. S. Marshal. His body and marker remain at Pioneer Park.

Minnie Stillman Park has play equipment, picnic facilities, restrooms, tennis court, horseshoe pit and covered grills and eating area.

In 1930 the city parks supervisor reported the city ranked third among eight Oregon cities with playgrounds. This tradition continues today, as we have many excellent parks for our citizens.

We have just touched on a little of the history of Pendleton City Parks taken from Eva’s research: Pioneer, Til Taylor, Roy Raley and Stillman Parks. These parks are made possible by the citizens of Pendleton.



Eva Wahl

DID YOU GUESS THE NUMBER OF CITY PARKS IN PENDLETON? There are 18 Can you name them all? Enjoy our parks.



Lincoln School Playground Equipment

## The Gift That Keeps on Giving

**Y**our memory lingers...your goodness continues...your generosity never ends. ESTATE PLANNING- the answer to having a lasting contribution to the community that has been home to you. Through the Pendleton Foundation your trust can be established. For over 75 years the community has contributed to the Pendleton Foundation Trust making it possible to use the interest from these donations to fund many requests. Parks, schools, museums, senior citizen groups, arts, music, sports, social service organizations and the Chamber of Commerce are just some of the recipients of these funds. The Pendleton Foundation now awards over \$150,000 per year in support of these Pendleton projects. This comes to nearly two million dollars that has helped improve the livability of our community. When one wishes to set up a trust, they may use cash, stocks, bonds or other assets. One may specify the area they wish to sponsor. There are tax advantages to setting up an estate bequest for the donor, and a vast benefit to the community and deep appreciation for such generosity. Your gift is special and carefully managed by the Pendleton Foundation Trust.



Police Chief Stuart Roberts with automated external defibrillators (AED).

*Thanks to the Pendleton Foundation Trust*

## For 30 Years, Bealer Helps in Growth of PFT



**Jerri Bealer** Anyone who has ever had a question about the Pendleton Foundation Trust knows that secretary Jerri Dealer has all of the answers. Jerri has served as secretary to the Foundation since 1976. She started working for attorney Steve Corey the year before, and it wasn’t long before she became involved with the Foundation activities. Steve was serving as legal secretary to the Foundation and continued until 1998. Jerri then worked with attorney Alex Byler and now Henry Lorenzen when they became the PFT legal secretaries. Jerri and her husband, Jim, came to

Pendleton from Southern California in 1975. With a background which included working as a bank general ledger bookkeeper, mortgage loan processor and escrow officer for private businesses, Jerri was well qualified to assist PFT. In her role as secretary, she keeps track of bank investments, records and donations files charitable returns, manages the application process and distributes the grants given by the Foundation. Her job has grown as the Foundation has grown. “It took a while for the Pendleton Foundation Trust to be able to make substantial gifts, but as it has grown, it is pretty exciting to see the variety of ways that donors are finding to contribute to the Foundation,” Jerri noted. In addition to memorials, creative donations have been made to honor people who have reached retirement, have served as a favorite

teacher, and have celebrated a birthday. One donation was a tribute for a retiring post master and another was in celebration by a new business that was opening in Pendleton. She added that some donations have been made in appreciation of a project funded by PFT. Others have donated annuities, life insurance policies and estates. For the past thirty years Jerri has watched changes that the Pendleton Foundation Trust has made. “I think that the original Foundation founders would be very pleased with the progress PFT has made “ she said. The board members are very appreciative of the assistance Jerri has given to help us reach this level. The Bealers have raised two daughters, Jamie and Juliann, in Pendleton. Jim and Jerri live north of Pendleton where they can enjoy their horses—time permitting.

## First Citizen Always Put Pendleton First

**T**he Pendleton Foundation Trust receives many generous gifts. They vary in size from small memorials to multi-million dollar estate gifts and anywhere in between. Typical of these gifts is one for \$10,000 given by Cecelia Lorenzen. Mrs. Lorenzen was born and lived her entire ninety-nine years in the Pendleton community. She was not just a spectator but an active participant in community affairs. She provided leadership in the construction of the Salvation Army building and was a volunteer in many groups including the Red Cross, St Anthony gift shop, Altrusa, Umatilla County Historical Society and many others. If a project

would improve her community, Mrs. Lorenzen was a whole-hearted supporter. She was named Pendleton First Citizen in 1981. Educated at St. Joseph Academy, Oregon State University, and a business college in Portland, she completed her education with an Associate of Arts degree at BMCC at the age of sixty-five. It is with gifts like Mrs. Lorenzen’s, and all the others that are invested, that provide income to be used as grants throughout our community. These gifts are given because the donors know that the money will be invested wisely and its earnings will be reinvested in the community through grants to deserving organizations.