

Applications Due For Fisk Memorial Scholarship

Applications for the Fisk Memorial Scholarship will be due in the office of Corey, Byler and Rew by April 15, 2007. This is a \$5000 scholarship and will be awarded to a deserving senior who will graduate from Pendleton High School in June, 2007. The award is given for scholarship and activities and is not based on financial need. It is the largest scholarship awarded at P. H. S. Applications may be obtained at the Pendleton High School counselor’s office, PFT web site www.pendletonchamber.com/community/trust.asp, or at the law office of Corey, Byler and Rew.

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Pendleton Foundation Trust

Fall Grants Boost City’s Activities

Education and local civic projects got a boost from the final fall application of grants this year from the Pendleton Foundation Trust. This brought the Foundation’s total amount of grants and scholarships for 2006 to \$ 164,259.09.

The Board awarded \$115,414 in grants last fall. **PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER** received the largest grant of \$20,000 as matching funds toward the purchase of new east side bleachers for the main hall. **PENDLETON DOWNTOWN RIVERFRONT URBAN RENEWAL AGENCY** will use its \$15,256.32 grant to purchase and install new historical plaques for historic buildings in downtown Pendleton.

BLUE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE will use its grant of \$15,000 toward the purchase and installation of an electronic reader board at the entrance to the Pendleton campus to announce academic programs, special events, community education programs and other activities on the BMCC campus..

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will use the grant of \$10,000 as matching grant funds toward the purchase and installation of a snap court multi-purpose sports floor for the gymnasium, to replace the original floor installed when the school was built in 1904.

EASTERN OREGON ALCOHOLISM FOUNDATION received \$9,718 to purchase six ranges, six washers and dryers for the agency’s six housing units (3 duplexes) being renovated for parents with children who are involved in treatment and recovery.

PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL BAND received \$8,540 to purchase two new baritone saxophones.

LINCOLN PRIMARY SCHOOL plans to purchase a new copy machine with its \$5,495 grant.

UMATILLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, with their grant of \$5,400, will purchase and install weather-resistant signage to enhance the educational value of the outdoor exhibits at Heritage Station.

ST, MARY’S OUTREACH-EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY will purchase and install an 8’ X 8’ walk-in freezer with floor to meet the storage criteria of Oregon Food Bank with their grant of \$6,000.

THE VERT COUNCIL, INC. received \$4,916.18 to purchase replacement tables for the Vert Club Room and the Vert Little Theater.

UMATILLA COUNTY 4-H PENDLETON PROGRAM received \$3,265 toward purchase of a high accuracy 615/GPS data collection unit for the “4-H Maps The Way” program. Some community service projects planned for the city include developing comprehensive maps of various community sites showing locations of buried utilities, irrigation systems, communication systems and other applications where mapping accuracy is critical.

SUNRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL will purchase a visual presentation system, including a multimedia projector and a visual presenter for the 6th grade classes with its grant of \$3,000.

HARRIS JUNIOR ACADEMY received \$2,900 to purchase a new valance and front stage curtain to benefit the school and the many community groups that use the academy.

LEADERSHIP PENDLETON will purchase four park benches for installation by the City of Pendleton parks along the river parkway with the \$2,000 grant they received.

CITY OF PENDLETON PARKS AND RECREATION received \$1,240 to purchase a gymnastic handspring assistant and two portable players’ benches for indoor use.

ACTIVE SENIOR CENTER OF PENDLETON will purchase a new hot water heater for the Senior Center with their \$1,683.54.

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE will add their \$1,000 grant to matching grant funds to bring an “Oregon Downtown Resource Team” to Pendleton to develop a plan for future revitalization projects in the city.

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New Bequests Announced

Many former Pendletonians have remembered the Pendleton Foundation Trust when planning their estates. Three recent cash bequests from the J. David Hamley estate, the Evelyn Hill estate and the Amy Bedford estate have recently been announced.

Pendleton was home to David Hamley. He became the fourth generation in his family to operate Hamley's. They made the world-famous Hamley saddle and other leather tack and western supplies. In addition to his other civic activities, Dave served on the Pendleton Foundation Trust Board of Directors for 32 years.

Evelyn Hill and her husband, Joe, together with his brother, Don and wife, Rita, operated the family owned Hill's Furniture Company in Pendleton. Both Evelyn and her husband were strong supporters of the Salvation Army and each served on the organization's Board of Directors.

Amy Aldrich Bedford worked many years at the East Oregonian. Her family owned and published the newspaper. She participated in numerous civic projects for the betterment of Pendleton. In 1962, she was chosen First Citizen of Pendleton.

Dan and Dorothy Bell Remember P.F.T.

Both large and small gifts are important to the Pendleton Foundation Trust's investment program.— everything from estate gifts to memorial donations contribute to the Foundation's ability to invest in Pendleton's future One of the most generous gifts received was from the Dan and Dorothy Bell estate.

Dan Bell, a life-long Pendletonian, was a farmer who believed in supporting his community. He proudly stated he had attended every Round-Up since its beginning in 1910. Most of those years he was an acting volunteer, including eight years as board director of the Westward Ho Parade. He also was an active supporter of the Main Street Cowboys, the Chamber of Commerce and the Elks Lodge. In 1968, Dan was recognized as Pendleton's First Citizen and in 1977 he was chosen grand marshal of the Westward Ho Parade.

One of Dan's favorite accomplishments was the formation of the Round-Up - Happy Canyon Hall of Fame, and he served as its first board chairman.

Due in large part to the Bell's gift to the Pendleton Foundation, \$100,000 grants were made to each the Hall of Fame, Pendleton Arts Center and to the Umatilla County Historical Society. Each of these organizations was in the beginning state of expanding their buildings in 1999.

The Bell's loved their community, supported it actively and donated generously to its future upon their deaths.



Dan Bell.

Photo: Matt Johnson



Hall of Fame

Photo: Matt Johnson



Local Gardeners Appreciate P.F.T. Support

When Pendleton Foundation Trust gave a \$4,000 grant to the Oregon State University Umatilla Master Gardeners Association for building material last spring, David Frye organized a group of volunteers to construct a chain-link fence, compost bin system and a storage shed for the Tower Garden. It is located next to the Umatilla-Morrow Educational Service district on the south hill. ESD donated the garden spot for use by the Master Gardeners.

"The Tower Garden produced nearly

2400 pounds of vegetables for delivery to the Salvation Army and Pendleton Senior Center to help feed the elderly and physically challenged in our community," Annette Frye, garden manager, reported.

All are welcome to learn and grow in the garden for the garden site not only provides for the elderly and needy, but also provides an educational classroom for those in our community with interest in expanding their garden experiences. "Together, we are a community coming together to help our community," Frye said. She and a dedicated group of

volunteers work together from May-October to provide this community service at no cost to the recipients.

Between the agencies, meals are also made available and delivered for the nutritional well-being for the homeless and the financially challenged.

"I would like to express a hearty thank you for your support to our community garden project. This project could not have advanced to the stage it is without your generous donation of \$4,000," Annette Frye said to the P. F. T.

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A Stronger Community Begins With You

It has been possible to accomplish numerous, wonderful projects in Pendleton because of the generosity of many supporters of the Pendleton Foundation Trust. There are a variety of ways suggested to creatively share your contribution.

Charitable giving is an essential part of our society. We all need to accept the responsibility of giving to the common good or those less fortunate. By accepting this principle and acting responsibly we all benefit.

We are all familiar with cash contributions. These are the contributions that we make to our alma mater or to our church on a regular basis. We write the checks and take our tax deductions like

millions of other donors. Few donors, however, take advantage of the tax favored strategies that will stretch your charitable giving. There are several "creative giving" strategies that you should consider as you plan your charitable giving.

First, consider contributing appreciated capital gain property. Appreciated capital gain property is most stock or real estate investments that would create a capital gain if you sold it. By contributing this type of property, you are entitled to take a deduction for the full fair market value of the property and you do not have to pay the capital gains tax that you would have paid had you sold it.

Second, consider donating inventory. This works well for you, our farmer friends, who may wish to contribute part of

your crop. By contributing crops directly, you will avoid paying self-employment tax on the income.

For those who would like to make a larger gift but need to receive income from their investments, a charitable remainder trust might be the right thing. By contributing some assets (stock or real estate) to an irrevocable trust, the donor avoids paying capital gains tax, gets a current income tax deduction, receives monthly or annual income and reduces or eliminates estate taxes. All this and it benefits the charity as well.

You may wish to discuss some or all of these strategies with your tax advisor. As you can see, there are many ways to contribute to charities and some are more beneficial than others

A Lifelong Commitment to Our Community

Pendleton Foundation board member Kenneth Jackson has always valued and supported community service. Born and raised in the Heppner and Lexington area on a cattle ranch, Ken was very athletic, having played on several district championship teams for Lexington and Heppner. That love of sports continued at the University of Oregon where Ken lettered in Track and Field. After graduating from Oregon in 1945, Ken entered the Army Air Corps to become a pilot. There he received his most memorable honor, his 'wings' flying medium bombers. In 1949, Ken married his college sweetheart, Elaine, and moved back to the Eastern Oregon where he managed a cattle operation with his father and started to raise their four children. Ken and Elaine moved to Pendleton after the family sold the ranch.

While in Pendleton, Ken was with the Farm Credit Services as their local branch manager. During those years. Ken served on the Happy Canyon Board of Directors, the Pendleton Round-Up and Happy Canyon

Hall of Fame Board of Directors, Pendleton Country Club Board of Directors, Rotary for over 20 years, and served on the St. Anthony Hospital Board of Directors. Ken has served on the Pendleton Foundation Board since 1981.

Ken says some of his proudest accomplishments were that all four of his children graduated from college and became active members of their own communities.

His early work on the PFT, helping to bring the Bell family estate funds to the Pendleton Foundation, is a lasting accomplishment. The Bell family estate was one of the first large bequests that continue to support our community through the Pendleton Foundation Trust.

Ken still enjoys his golf game and continues to volunteer his time for the benefit of our community. Ken's lifelong commitment to the Pendleton area is a great example that we at the Pendleton Foundation Trust are honored to highlight this quarter.



Kenneth Jackson

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