

# Pioneer’s Legacy Creates Stillman Park

Pendleton Citizens are fortunate to have excellent parks to enjoy and Pendleton Foundation Trust continues to support Pendleton parks because of the generous contributions from citizens’ estate planning, memorials, gifts and other donations. Stillman Park is named in honor of Minnie Stillman, pioneer Pendletonian who willed her estate to the people of Pendleton, through the Pendleton Foundation Trust. Her home was where the park now stands. Through the years the Foundation has continued to provide money for improvements.

The park has play equipment, picnic facilities rest rooms, tennis court (built in 1951), horseshoe pits, covered grill and eating area. Can you name all 18 city parks in Pendleton?

Brownfield, Grecian Heights, Kiwanis, May Park, McKay Neighborhood Park, Pend-Air (Lower Park), Community Park, Pioneer Park, Rice Blakey, Roy Raley, Sergeant City, Sherwood, Stillman, Til Taylor, Vincent, Depot (Behind the Chamber Office) Centennial Park (Main street & Dorion) Aldrich Park.

**Let’s all enjoy our parks this summer!!!**

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### Contributions and Memorials Received

Pendleton Foundation Trust information is now available on Pendleton Chamber website. Organizations and individuals interested in knowing more or applying for grant money from the Pendleton Foundation Trust will find it much easier now with a new website for the Trust. New information about the Pendleton Foundation has recently been placed on the Chamber website which is [www.pendletonchamber.com](http://www.pendletonchamber.com). Included on this site is a history of the Pendleton Foundation Trust, application guidelines, the application needed for grant monies, and further information about scholarship applications which are also available.

“We hope this new website will make more people aware of Pendleton Foundation Trust and the many wonderful things it does for the community,” according to Ron Hughes, Board member. Also we wanted to make the application process easier for some who would use the website. All you need to do is go to the Pendleton Chamber website and click on the Pendleton Foundation Trust icon. Hughes stated he hoped many people would visit the website and use the application to apply for monies that would further enhance the Pendleton community.

The Pendleton Chamber website was made possible by a grant from the Foundation and has been a real boost to Pendleton. In October 2004 the Pendleton Foundation Trust gave a grant of \$16,675 to the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce for an integrated database and website. The state-of-the-art website has brought a new level of professionalism to the first impression people receive when they need



Pendleton Chamber of Commerce.

to find information about Pendleton. The Trust’s foresight in making this project possible will not only help increase commerce here and present our community in a more favorable light, but it greatly improves the outlook for the future of Pendleton. “This site hosts a great deal of economic development information about our town and is an important tool in letting the world know that ‘Pendleton is open for business.’ It is our hope that businesses in town will relate that the website made it easy for them to decide to come here,” according to Leslie Carnes, Executive Director of the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce. The initial response to the website has been tremendous. In its first partial month the website provided 31,955 referrals to businesses listed on the site. That’s an average of over 1000 per day. Carnes stated, “On behalf of the board and all 460+ members of the Pendleton Chamber, thank you for the contribution to this project and for your dedication to improving our community, for all residents for years to come. We appreciate partnering with you”.



## Local Citizens Meet & Greet

Grants from Pendleton Foundations Trust helped complete the expansion of UCHS and the renovation of the basement in the McCune Recreation Center in 1999. \$100,000 was given to Heritage Station for completion of the Pendleton Foundation Trust Gallery where friends enjoy gathering. The same year, \$ 30,000 was awarded to the Pendleton Parks & Recreation for a joint renovation at the basement at McCune Recreation Center it has proven to be a popular meeting place for receptions and social meetings for the community.

## Jessica Baty Awarded Fisk Scholarship

The Pendleton Foundation Trust has awarded the Fisk Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Baty, a senior at Pendleton High School. The scholarship is for \$5,000 and is based on extracurricular school activities, academic achievement and community involvement. Jessica is the daughter of David and Barbara Baty. She has a GPA of 3.94 and plans to major in physical/health education at Western Oregon University where she will play volleyball for the Wolves varsity volleyball team. Baty plans to become

a secondary school teacher and coach volleyball. This is the second year that the Fisk Memorial Scholarship has been awarded. John “Jiggs” Fisk and Maxine Fisk were both long-time Umatilla County natives and lived in Pendleton many years. They were cattle ranchers. They were both active in Pendleton and cared about its citizens especially young people. They wanted this scholarship to help Pendleton students realize their potential through education by providing this financial assistance.



Jessica Baty .

## Memorial Donations Assist PFT Giving

A significant source of funds for investment by the Pendleton Foundation Trust is memorial donations given upon the death of a friend or a loved one. Others choose to honor someone while they are living just because he or she is special to them. This not only honors the person in whose name the gift is given, but it also makes an investment in Pendleton’s future. Donations of any size are welcome- none is too small. Donors can be confident that their funds will be carefully invested and the income from the investment will be used in grants to improve our community. Trust Directors serve without pay and expenses run a very respectable 4 1/2 % of grants given annually. □□□

## Spring Grant Recipients Awarded

Community gardening and local sports activities were some of the organizations who received funding from the Pendleton Foundation Trust in April. Allocations totaling \$42,845 were given to ten community organizations and eight Memorial Trust Funds. The largest grant was \$17,500 to the Pendleton Round-Up Association. The money is to purchase 300 chairs, 35 tables, chair trucks, table carts and appliances. The appliances include a wall-oven, microwave oven, refrigerator and television for the new Community Building that is being constructed on the Round-Up grounds to take the place of the tent used to host rodeo sponsors during Round-Up Week. Altrusa International of Pendleton was awarded \$5,007 to purchase 30 folding tables and three table carts for use at the Pendleton Convention Center, the scene of the Altrusa Bazaar. The tables will be available for all groups using the Center. Domestic Violence Services received a matching grant from the Ford Family Foundation to its award of \$4,474. The money will be used to purchase and install a new boiler and water heater and repair some electric problems at the Pendleton Counseling Center.

The Pendleton Recreation Center was awarded \$4,135 to purchase four sets of moveable aluminum bleachers for a wide variety of activities at the Youth Center. Oregon State University Umatilla County Master Gardeners Association of Pendleton was awarded \$4,000 to purchase materials to build a fence, compost bins and storage unit at the Education Service District land in Pendleton, referred to as the Tower Garden. All produce grown will be distributed to local charitable organizations. The Foundation awarded \$1,829 to purchase a small, riding lawn mower for Harris Junior Academy. The Pendleton Blaze ASA Fast Pitch Softball Team was awarded \$1,500 to purchase helmets, masks, shin guards and other equipment and supplies. Educational material for expectant and new mothers will be purchased by Pendleton Pregnancy Care Services with \$ 1,251 from the Foundation. The active Senior Center of Pendleton received \$750 to purchase an upright freezer for the Center. Lincoln Primary School received \$180 to purchase a wireless microphone system for concerts and assemblies. □□□



Pendleton Foundation Gallery U.C.H.S. Heritage Station.



Kitchen of Pendleton Foundation Room in McCune Recreation Center.

## Giving Beyond a Lifetime

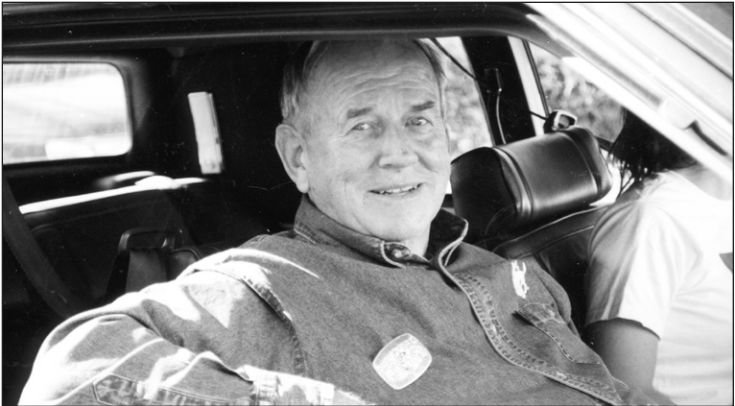
There are many ways to honor our loved ones. Several families in our community have chosen to remember those they love with a lasting gift of a Memorial Scholarship. A scholarship in memory of a loved one is a special way to honor and remember those who have made a positive impact in our lives and in the lives of our community. Two wonderful examples are the Alan Wyland Memorial Fund, and the Ole Groupe Memorial Fund. The Alan Wyland Memorial Fund distributes a \$1000.00 college scholarship each year to a Pendleton High School senior with an emphasis on interest in music. Hayley Harris received the

scholarship this year. Alan was born and raised in Pendleton, and earned his college degree in music. Alan was very active in local music productions and the arts. He was assistant pastor for the Free Methodist Church for many years, and Chaplain at St Anthony Hospital. Alan’s music and ministry touched many in our community. The Ole Groupe Memorial Fund distributes a \$750.00 scholarship to the Pendleton High School FFA Chapter and sponsors their annual registration to the National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington D.C. This year Trevor Armstrong was awarded this scholarship.

Ole was the freshman FFA President, and a truly enthusiastic outdoorsman. His love and zest for life was an enduring example to many in Pendleton. Both of these families chose the Pendleton Foundation Trust to help preserve and honor their memory. These memorial funds continue to give back to the community beyond each of their lifetimes. The funds are open so contributions may still be made in honor of Alan and Ole. Contact the Pendleton Foundation Trust if you would be interested in establishing a Memorial Fund that continues to give back to our communities and honor others beyond a lifetime. □□□

## Senior Member Serves Community Well

In 1973, when John McBee went onto the Pendleton Foundation Board, \$13,040 was awarded in grants to the Pendleton community. Thirty-three years later, the Board is annually giving \$175,000 back to the community. “Grant awards have increased because the corpus of the Foundation is near \$4,000,000,” he explains. Johns adds that he has enjoyed being a part of a board whose mission is to find worthy projects for the betterment of the City of Pendleton John went on the PFT Board as an appointment from the Pendleton School District, replacing J. W. Forrester, Jr. He is the senior member of the present PFT Board of directors and has served with sixteen other directors since 1973. “One of the highlights of my term on the Board was when we gave \$100,000 to each of three community entities that had begun new construction for their buildings,” John remembers. Recipients of these grants were UCHS Heritage Station, Pendleton Arts Center and the Pendleton Round-Up/Happy Canyon Hall of Fame. Each organization was able to complete their building project with this assistance. After another successful State 2-A Basketball Tournament in March, John resigned the post he has held for 3 years as head of the



John McBee, senior member of the PFT Board of Directors.

popular tournament. He had worked hard to build this event into the successful tournament it has become. Although retired as a dentist, participating in these roles and trying to keep up with his grandchildrens’ programs, concerts and sports events keeps John actively involved in our community. As the senior member of PFT, he is respected by the other Board members.