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## Sitz awarded Wyland Scholarship

The Pendleton Foundation Trust is pleased to recognize Wilhelm Sitz as the 2015 Wyland Scholarship recipient. Wilhelm is the son of Dr Norman and Michelle Sitz. Wilhelm has enrolled in the University of Southern California and is currently a Freshman in the Writing for Screen and Television program. This premier program is tailored to the Television industry based in Los Angeles. Wilhelm is one of only 26 students accepted to this program offered by USC. Wilhelm has had a lifelong dream of writing scripts for television. By entering into the competitive program, Wilhelm continues to highlight the wide variety of opportunities in which Pendleton High School graduates strive to succeed. The Wyland Scholarship is given each year in memory of Alan Wyland. The Pendleton Foundation is proud to work with the Wyland family and to shine a bright spot light on PHS grads.



Wilhelm Sitz

## Groupe FFA Scholarship helps fund D.C. trip

The 2015 Ole Groupe FFA scholarship was awarded to Annalise Oertwich. Annalise is a junior at Pendleton High School and attended the conference in the summer of 2015. Annalise’s lasting impression of the Leadership Conference was “how eye opening the experience was, how she found her purpose and how she learned to become a more effective leader.” FFA has been a very positive experience for Annalise. In 2014 Annalise placed 4th nationally at the FFA National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky with her partner in the Social Agriscience project division. The Ole Groupe FFA Scholarship recognizes and helps fund a Pendleton High School student to attend the FFA Washington DC Leadership Conference each year. 2015 also marks the 20th year that the John Groupe family has funded this scholarship. The Pendleton Foundation is proud to work with the Groupe family to support the local FFA chapter.



Annalise Oertwich

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## Have you checked the PFT website lately?

The Pendleton Foundation Trust began in 1928 to serve the clubs, organizations, and activities of Pendleton. Since that time, under the direction of seven board directors, and with the donations of hundreds of individuals, the Foundation has now given back to the community almost \$4,000,000 to make Pendleton a better place to live, work, and play! Want to know more? Want to know how you can help? Want to know how you can give in a way that will give back to the community forever? All the answers and more are waiting for you at [www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com](http://www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com)! We invite you to take a moment and learn the many areas the Foundation has helped improve our town. Learn our history and how the Foundation began! Learn about grants given 2 times per year! Learn how may PHS graduates are able to continue on their education with scholarships from the Trust! See all of the activities and groups the Foundation has made better for the town with grants! And, read about the seven devoted members of the Board of Directors that direct this most important Trust! And, most importantly learn how you can help to make the Pendleton Foundation Trust grow with your donation! A donation whose value will never shrink and will give back to the Pendleton community forever! It’s all there and more at [www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com](http://www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com)! This is your invitation! Come join us!

This publication marks the **TENTH ANNIVERSARY** of our Pendleton Foundation Trust newsletter. When we began in 2005, Trust board members wanted to share with you our activities and explain how the funds entrusted to them are being distributed. They believe that Pendleton offers its citizens a life rich in opportunity, rich in cultural activities and rich in education and health promotion. The Trust supports all of this and wants to share its activities with you who make it all a possible. Your generosity has helped make our town a good place to call home.

*The Foundation thanks those who have made a contribution to Pendleton Foundation Trust. This support makes it possible to provide more grants that improve life in our Pendleton community.*

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# Grant helps build kennels at PAWS

The Pioneer Humane Society was founded in 1975 by a small devoted group of individuals and has now grown to 300 members. It works to educate residents of Umatilla County regarding animal and pet issues. Since 2000, the Board of Directors and volunteers have worked diligently to build an animal shelter in Pendleton to help homeless, lost and at-risk animals. To do so it partnered with the City of Pendleton, who in 2009 purchased a shelter site and leased it to Pioneer Humane Society for 30 years. Since that time a capital campaign has proceeded to fund renovations in order to alter the building to be used as an animal welfare shelter.

Pioneer Humane Society does business as Pendleton Animal Welfare Shelter (“PAWS”). The shelter opened to the public on October 1, 2012 with a partially completed building. Remodeling has continued to the present date. The interior of the shelter has been designed with high sanitation standards. The latest interior additions include a free-roaming cat room, two laundry rooms, sinks, isolation room and a small office.

In 2014 Paisley Shultz organized as part of a Girl Scout project the construction of an outside fenced area for the dogs to play and train on an agility course. With the assistance of a grant from the Pendleton Foundation Trust, the most recent addition has been the construction of outside covered dog kennels for the housing of dogs during the day that includes ten kennels. This allows more dogs to be outside to exercise and receive visual stimulation while being protected from the rain and snow and the hot sunshine in the summer months.

PAWS staff and board members are busy with everything



PFT Board Members Katy Houk, Pat Terjeson and David Blanc attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dog kennels at PAWS.

from pet food handouts, fundraising, spay/neuter clinic organization, adoptions and surrenders. Major accomplishments of the Pioneer Humane Society /PAWS so far in 2015 include providing assistance for 1,243 animals and has facilitated 884 adoptions to responsible loving owners. PAWS currently has 40+ animals available for adoption. Pioneer Humane Society/PAWS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation supported by volunteers, community partners, donations and grants. The shelter is open to the public Tuesday - Saturday from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and operates a thrift store located at 203 S.E. Goodwin Avenue with hours of Wednesday - Saturday from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## The purpose of the Pendleton Foundation Trust is:

- To assist civic and educational undertakings whether now supported by private gifts or public taxation.
- To improve educational and scientific research.
- To improve living conditions and to provide recreation or recreational grounds for all classes.
- For such other civic or public purposes as will best make for the mental, moral and physical improvement of the inhabitants of the city of Pendleton.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

# 2011 Fisk Recipient Marika Sitz

Almost five years ago, Marika Sitz won the Pendleton Foundation Trust Fisk Scholarship and graduated from Pendleton High School. She is the daughter of Dr. Norm and Michelle Sitz.

Marika enrolled at Stanford University and majored in human biology. Last spring she graduated from Stanford and after enjoying some travelling, came back to Pendleton. While working on job applications, she found time to volunteer at the Pendleton Center for the Arts during the fall.

Taking the next big step, she began her first job on January 4 as a program assistant at Stanford’s Bill Lane Center for the American West. In general, the Center coordinates academics and research that focus on rural Western issues. The Center also offers internships



Marika Sitz

and programming for students at Stanford. Marika’s background growing up in Pendleton will form a good foundation for her as a representative with a small-town voice. She will work in this position for six months or longer. Then she will search for work in her field, specifically environmental issues in the West. Her main focus is water, agriculture and rural issues. She is concerned about the food and agricultural systems in our country.

In the story about her in the 2011 PFT newsletter, Marika said “Any success I experience will be tied in some way to the rolling wheat fields, the stately Blue Mountains and the town of Pendleton that helped me become who I am today.” What a wonderful ambassador for Pendleton!

# Community Park adds new features

Pendleton Foundation Trust’s grant to Pendleton Parks and Recreation in May 2014 provided matching funds that contributed to their successful application for a Local Government grant through the state of Oregon, awarded in October 2014. As bids for the playground were being prepared, parks staff demolished the old wooden playground structure and worked on ADA projects that were also part of this Community Park project.

Deep year-end discounts from playground equipment manufacturers allowed for the purchase of more and bigger pieces than originally anticipated. Plans had always focused on a natural theme and colors, and two of the new pieces, a cocoon pod and a chrysalis spinner, really captured that concept. One of the partners in this project, the Dirt Dabblers garden club, is planning a butterfly garden that will snug up against these two elements.

Playground construction began in earnest in August 2015, after completion of the Pioneer Park shelter project. Work has progressed more slowly than they would like but all of the structures are now installed and excavated areas are being filled in preparation for installation of playground chips. The intent is



Unique features added to Community Park playground

to open the equipment for play as soon as possible and to spend the winter and spring completing the naturalized landscaping and paths around the structures. When complete, the playground at Community Park will be one of Pendleton’s largest and most unique playgrounds.

# PFT Announces Fall Grants and Scholarships

The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust announced allocations totaling \$214,862.00 in grants, memorial funds and scholarships in 2015. Final allocation of fall grants are to the following:

- **PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER**, \$10,188.32 to purchase new audio/visual equipment for the seven new break-out rooms to keep PCC updated with technology as a first class venue to host meetings and events of all kinds in Pendleton.
- **BMCC CORRECTIONS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**, \$7,860.0 to purchase technology equipment for 2 classrooms that offer English as a Second Language, Adult Basic Education and GED classes at EOIC, as well as college class offerings.
- **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES**, \$17,717.80, to purchase and install security gates for drive-through and walk-through at the Pendleton shelter.
- **CAPECO**, \$2,550.00, to purchase and install an ADA accessible door at the upstairs main entrance of the CAPECO office building.
- **PENDLETON ROBOTICS**, \$7,535.41, to purchase two full robotics competition fields with four laptop computers to support new and existing teams. Pendleton is preparing to host the league competition this season, consisting of 22 different teams in our region. Go Bucks!
- **CLEARVIEW MEDIATION AND DISABILITY RESOURCE**, \$5,890.24 to purchase a bariatric

stretcher for use with non-emergent patients, with a lift for loading. This bariatric stretcher will be shared with the Pendleton Fire Department when needed.

- **PENDLETON BABE RUTH LEAGUE, INC.**, \$4,095.49 to purchase a professional level public address system for the Bob White baseball park.
- **LINCOLN PRIMARY SCHOOL**, \$14,273.20 to purchase 40 Chromebooks which will cover every classroom and the Title One classroom.
- **BMCC ATHLETICS DEPARTMENT**, \$14,000.00 toward the cost of field improvements and equipment to establish the new Men’s/Women’s Soccer program at the Pendleton campus.

**REMINDER:** April first is the deadline for grant and scholarship applications. For information and downloadable applications,

please visit our website at [pendletonfoundationtrust.com](http://pendletonfoundationtrust.com)