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The Trifecta of Giving

We all get numerous requests for donations, everyone from Save the Planet to GoFundMe. How can we sort through all the clutter? Why should we donate to charity? Will our donation really make a difference? Will our donation be spent wisely by the charity? Should we be generous or should we let our doubts dissuade us from giving? Let's see what the experts say.

In his book *Why Kindness is Good for You*, Dr. David Hamilton claims, "When you do something for someone else, your brain produces [the] hormone Dopamine – which makes you feel happy and gives you the feeling that what you are doing is right." Giving not only enhances the mission of the charity but physiologically it also stimulates the part of the brain that gives us pleasure. Donating is both a mood booster for the giver and a resource booster for the charity – a true win-win!

In the article in *Mind & Body*, Jill Suttie and Jason Marsh write that "[a] wide range of research has linked different forms of generosity to better health, even among the sick and elderly." In his book *Why Good Things Happen to Good People*, Stephen Post, a professor of preventative medicine at Stony Brook University, reports that "giving to others has been shown to increase health benefits in people with chronic illness..." Giving to charity can improve your overall health, both mentally and physically. Hmmm!

Many researchers have also shown that donating to charity promotes cooperation and social connection within the community. Once a donating cycle begins it has a ripple effect and encourages others to donate in turn. Regular giving also keeps the benefactor more engaged with the charity and its mission. This helps us fulfill our moral duty to care for others and strengthens our character.

Donating to charity is good for them, good for us, and good for the community. Now, choose your charity wisely and donate generously – a clear win-win-win.

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— Jill Suttie and Jason Marsh

Foundation Trust Awards Scholarships

MAXINE & JIGGS FISK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Abigail Thorne was awarded the Maxine & Jiggs Fisk Memorial Scholarship, which is a \$6,000 scholarship paid over 2 years. Her plans are to attend Eastern Oregon University and OHSU for nursing. She plays piano, enjoys helping people in her local community and abroad through church missions. Her ultimate plans are to return to Pendleton and work at St. Anthony Hospital to help the community she loves.



Abigail Thorne

DUDEK SCHOLARSHIPS

Jonathan Ferman-Ramirez has been awarded the Dudek Scholarship for \$4,800, which will assist him financially for two years. Jonathan is accepted to Oregon State University to study Engineering. He credits his mentor and high school math teacher, Mr. Oja with encouragement and fostering his excitement for math. Jonathan enjoys writing code, playing soccer, volunteering and he hopes to one day work for Microsoft or Apple.



Jonathan Ferman-Ramirez

Clayson Cooley has been awarded the Dudek Scholarship for \$4,800, which is paid over two years. Clayson will be attending Oregon State University in the fall. His focus on academic endeavors has led to achievements that are impressive along with his work ethic that led him to volunteer in many capacities serving youth sports, community fundraisers and student politics, ending his time at PHS as Senior Class President. Clayson hopes to one day return to his hometown once he graduates with a degree in Computer Science.



Clayson Cooley

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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 or 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.

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**The Foundation Board 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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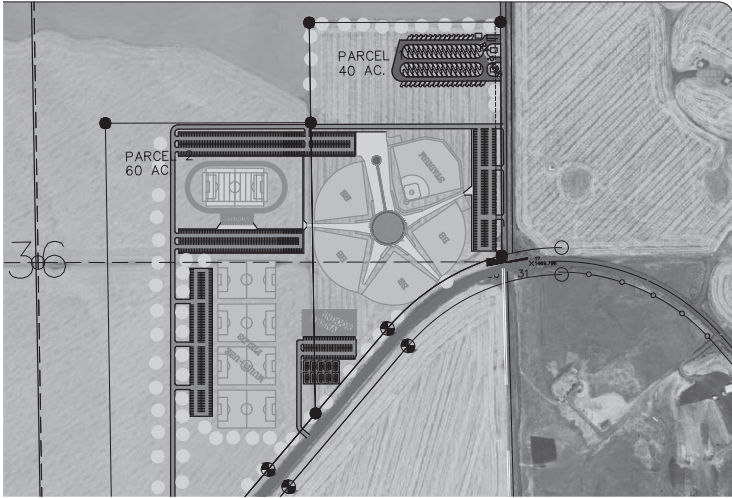
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Regional Sports Complex on the Horizon

Positive news is in the forecast for youth in the Pendleton area. The Round Up City Development Corporation (RCDC) is launching a project to build a state-of-the-art sports complex for Pendleton. RCDC is working with the City of Pendleton, State Senator Bill Hansell's office, and our Washington DC Representatives to help fund the project. Both the Pendleton Foundation and Umatilla County have already pledged funds to support this endeavor. The proposed location is 40+ acres at the junction of Airport Road and Stage Gulch Road, just west of the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport. This property was recently procured by RCDC with the cooperation of the City and is ready to be developed by RCDC when the project is funded. State commitment to funding should be known later this summer (July) and federal funding in August. RCDC President, Joseph Hull, has presented the project to the Ways & Means Committee both in Ontario and Salem in May and have received very favorable responses from both funding sources.

Pendleton is centrally located to accommodate youth sport events and is geared for large tournaments from Seattle, Portland, Boise and throughout the Region. This project can deliver tremendous financial impact to the Pendleton community as Pendleton strives to provide new softball/baseball and soccer fields to local athletes, with the goal of becoming a venue for youth sports tournaments. Pendleton has over 1,000 hotel rooms and 40 restaurants to cater to the teams and their families. Phase 1 plans call for an RV park which would be open all year as a staple tenant of the Sports Complex. There is much work to be done and your support in the coming months will be critical.



Pendleton has always prided itself on community support for our youth and our sports programs. RCDC knows it will take a community-wide effort to make this happen, and we are confident the Round Up City will once again rally the support to make this dream become a reality.

Please watch for additional details as plans are developing. As always, the Pendleton Foundation Trust stands behind efforts like this to make Pendleton a better place to live and raise our families; another fine example of Pendleton people helping Pendleton people.

2023 SCHOLARSHIPS *continued from Page 1*

PHS ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

Stella Rabb is the first recipient of the newly established PHS Alumni Scholarship Fund, a \$2,400 financial award. Stella's plans include attending the University of Oregon working towards a degree in Business. Stella was this year's Student Body President and enjoyed her time in school politics in spite of pandemic challenges. Stella credits her parents and the great teachers in the Pendleton School system for her enthusiasm for education. She also enjoyed acting class and hopes to continue theater at the university level and to one day be an entrepreneur.



Stella Rabb

major in environmental science.

Alvarez-Barroso is involved in numerous school and community activities, including orchestra and PHS Girls Soccer. She is the daughter of Javier Alvarez and Judit Barroso of Pendleton.

This is the 44th anniversary of the scholarship which honors the memory of David Jon Lindberg. It was established by the people of Pendleton as a tribute to him. It is awarded each year to an outstanding Pendleton High School graduate whose career embodies the standards Lindberg set: commitment to citizenship, scholarship and family. The scholarship funds are managed by the Pendleton Foundation Trust.

ALAN WYLAND SCHOLARSHIPS

Pendleton Foundation Trust is pleased to announce the Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarships for 2023. They are brother and sister, Adam and Abigail Thorne.

Adam Thorne is a recipient of the 2023 Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship, a \$1,000 award to attend BMCC for 2 years. His hopes are to transfer to George Fox University working toward a degree in



Adam Thorne

Christian Ministries with a minor in Biblical Studies. His high school career included sports, music, and leadership with a passion for volunteering and making the world a better place through his church's Youth Group Worship. Adam is a 4.0 student and has served his community well as a student and a citizen.

Abigail Thorne (*pictured on Page 1*) is also a recipient of the 2023 Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 to attend Eastern Oregon University and OHSU to achieve a degree in Nursing. Abigail credits her mother's influence and encouragement when Abigail job shadowed her mother working as a Nurse. Abigail has gained guidance and support from her parents and her church family which has offered her opportunities to serve her community and through church missions to Alaska. Abigail is a 4.0 student and received many academic awards throughout her school years.

OLE GROUPE MEMORIAL FFA SCHOLARSHIP

Jack Broadfoot has been awarded the Ole Groupe Memorial FFA Scholarship for 2023 in the amount of \$2,000.00. This allows a Pendleton High School FFA member to attend the national leadership conference in Washington DC. Jack's future goal is to become a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.

Pendleton Foundation Trust Awards \$104,478.50 in Grants

The Board of Directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust have announced allocations totaling \$104,478.50 to 8 community organizations and seven memorial trust funds. Recipients of current spring grants for 2023 include:

- **Pendleton Little League - \$12,665.00** to purchase three True Pitch portable pitching mounds for the little league park to better utilize fields and host tournaments.
- **Pioneer Relief Nursery - \$10,000.00** toward the purchase of a 1,440 sq. ft. modular classroom building with two classrooms to expand classroom space, reduce classroom sizes and best accommodate children with special needs.
- **McKay Creek Parent Club - \$25,000.00** to purchase the materials for a slab, structure and labor to construct a shelter at McKay Neighborhood Park for student drop off and pick up, an outdoor learning area, and for park activities as well.
- **The NE Tennis Center (The Net) - \$17,950.00** to purchase and install two 12 ft ceiling fans for better circulation of air to make it more comfortable in the facility for all ages.
- **Sunridge Middle School - \$9,160.00** to purchase a new scoreboard which will be used for PE Classes, Football and Track events.
- **Altrusa International of Pendleton - \$3,000.00** to purchase marketing cubes for public awareness at the many public events throughout the year.
- **Happy Canyon Foundation Trust - \$20,000.00** toward repainting the metal wings on both the East and West sides of the Happy Canyon arena which will blend in with the new scenery painting that was done. This is a 35 year plus investment since the last painting was done in the early 1980s.
- **Pendleton Youth Football - \$5,300.00** to purchase 100 sets of new shoulder pads.

The trust board also made the following allocations of earned income from special memorial trust funds, which totals **\$1,403.50**:

- \$648.70 - Parks and Playgrounds Fund of the City of Pendleton;
- \$ 29.61 - Roy Raley Memorial Fund of the City of Pendleton;
- \$ 224.84 - Kilkenny Fund at Blue Mountain Community College Library;
- \$ 94.31 - Donert Memorial Fund at Pendleton Public Library;
- \$ 184.14 - Jack Mulligan Memorial Fund at Pendleton Public Library
- \$ 38.74 - Woodmen of the World Fund at Pendleton Public Library;
- \$ 183.16 - ANA Memorial Fund at Pendleton Public Library

An additional **\$35,800.00** will be given in scholarship awards, all given through designated memorial funds managed by Pendleton Foundation Trust, as follows:

- **\$2,000.00 - Ole Groupe FFA Memorial Scholarship Fund** for Pendleton High School FFA Chapter, for an FFA student to attend the FFA National Convention.
- **\$2,000.00 - The Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship Fund** provides a scholarship to benefit a Pendleton High School student, with a preference for the study of music. (2 x \$1,000 for 2023)
- **\$6,000.00 - Jiggs and Maxine Fisk scholarship** award, paid \$3,000 for 2 years
- **\$4,800.00 - Lee and Luella Dudek scholarships** - two awards of \$2,400 each, renewable 2nd year for PHS graduates
- **\$ 500.00 - University of Oregon Alumni Assoc.** - Let'er Duck Scholarship
- **\$2,500.00 - David Jon Lindberg Memorial Scholarship** for PHS graduates
- **\$6,000.00 - Lee and Luella Dudek Memorial Scholarship** (2 x \$3,000 through EOU Foundation)
- **\$12,000.00 - Lee and Luella Dudek Memorial Scholarship** (for BMCC students in the first or second year apprenticeship programs for plumbers and electricians through local contractors)



Some of the alumni of the Pendleton High School Class of '79 and other classes

Beebe-Wilson Trust Seeds New Alumni Scholarship Fund

The Pendleton High School class of 1979 has a reputation for spirit and getting things done. They've done it again, this time with leadership from Ron Beebe with a generous donation of \$50,000 provided by the Beebe-Wilson Trust, to establish a new scholarship fund for PHS graduates.

Ron had a positive experience as a student in Pendleton and was inspired by classmates and their families, to attend college to continue his education and reach higher. He attended Oregon Institute of Technology where he obtained a BS degree in electrical engineering in 1983. Upon graduation he went to work for KLA, based in Milpitas, California, where he had a 39 year career and is now retired.

Ron worked with classmate Tami Walkup to draft a letter of agreement with the Trust, which provides for an annual scholarship to be awarded from the earnings of the fund with the principle to remain and grow in perpetuity. PHS students who attend accredited colleges, community colleges or technical schools with the intention of earning a two-year certificate or four-year degree, are eligible for the scholarship. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is preferred, however a 2.5 GPA may be considered.

The Alumni Scholarship will be awarded through the Pendleton Foundation Trust's scholarship application available on the Trust's website each spring. By completing this single application, students will be eligible for this new scholarship in addition to the Fisk Memorial Scholarship and two PFT - Dudek scholarships.

PHS alumni, friends and the community are encouraged to participate in investing in future Pendleton graduates with donations of any amount, as well as with estate gifts. Donors may consult their financial advisors for tax deduction advice. Checks may be mailed to the Pendleton Foundation Trust, PO Box 218, Pendleton, OR 97801.

For more information, please visit www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com or call the PFT office (541) 276-3331, ext 314.