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Foundation Trust awards scholarships to PHS grads

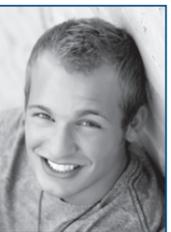
The Pendleton Foundation Trust has awarded scholarships to three outstanding graduates of the Pendleton High School Class of 2012. The 2012 recipient of the \$5,000 Fisk Scholarship is Ethan Johnson. The Fisk Scholarship is given in memory of Jiggs and Maxine Fisk, lifelong Pendleton residents, who specifically donated to the Trust for scholarships.



Ethan Johnson

Ethan, the son of Brian Johnson and Karen Hoholik, plans to attend the Honors College at Oregon State University to major in biology. He has been active in National Honor Society, Jazz Band and was a section leader in the orchestra. He attended Oregon Boys' State and lettered all four years in football, wrestling and baseball, receiving first team all league honors in football. He also participated in youth activities, including Outdoor School and Little Bucks football and baseball camps.

Two additional scholarships of \$2,500 each were awarded by the Pendleton Foundation Trust to Ryan Montgomery and Tasha Sitz.



Ryan Montgomery

Ryan plans to attend Brigham Young University in the fall to major in business management and physiology, with the goal of a dual M.D./MBA program in graduate school. He was heavily involved in cross country, track, ASTRA, Key Club, impossible2possible and served as the senior class president. He represented Oregon for numerous national programs and served as an at-large representative on the Oregon Student Executive Council last year. His parents are Amy English and James Montgomery.

Tasha is the daughter of Norman and Michelle Sitz. She will attend the College of Idaho in Caldwell to study science and music. Tasha has been active in cross country, track, orchestra, National Honor Society and ASTRA service club. She has attended the state solo/ensemble competitions for the past three years, and has been active in community orchestras and teaching cello to young students.



Tasha Sitz

The Pendleton Foundation Trust scholarship committee was very impressed with all of the applicants. Their grades showed their commitment to their education - but beyond that, they were very involved in both the school and the community.

Foundation Trust announces grants

The board of directors of the Pendleton Foundation Trust announce allocations totaling \$82,830.00 to 13 community organizations and \$2,250.00 to 7 memorial trust funds.

The seven-member board of directors recently met to consider applications at its annual meeting, reported Sharon Brown, chairperson. The Pendleton Foundation Trust uses the earnings from money donated to the trust by individuals, organizations and estates for its semi-annual grant allocations.

Recipients of current grants include:

- **VFW LET'ER BUCK POST #922** - \$19,500.00 for materials to relocate the gas lines to underground and modify the shelter at Stillman Park.
- **PENDLETON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** - \$5,300.00 toward the purchase of Chamber Master and Quickbooks Premier, a new internal organizational software system for a higher level of efficiency for chamber staff and local business.

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Foundation Trust 2012 Donors

Dr. Jules Bittner passes away

Jules Bittner, Pendleton doctor, strong community supporter, and 40-year board member of the Pendleton Foundation Trust, passed away this past February. Dr. Bittner and his wife of 65 years, Vida, had moved to Portland last year. Vida and Jules, or "Ted" as he was often called, moved to Pendleton in 1953.

During their many years in Pendleton, Dr. Bittner practiced internal medicine. He was also a very strong supporter of Pendleton groups and involved in many activities, including the Pendleton School Board, Pendleton Rotary Club,

Chamber of Commerce, the Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Board, United Fund, Pendleton Round-Up Association, Pendleton Country Club, Presbyterian Church and many others. He was chosen as Pendleton's First Citizen in 1972.

During his 40 years to the Pendleton Foundation Trust, he helped guide the Foundation grants from just over \$2,000 per year to over \$150,000 per year given to local groups and organizations. In announcing his retirement from the Foundation Board, then-chairwoman Pat Terjeson stated, "We will miss Jules' wisdom, compassion, and sincere interest

shown for the many accomplishments of the Foundation. He has helped the Foundation grow and as a result made Pendleton a better place to live." Dr. Bittner truly believed in the goal of the Pendleton Foundation Trust.

Dr. Bittner's son, Tom Bittner, remembers his father as a "quick-witted man with a good sense of humor." To all who knew him, that was certainly the case also.

Dr. Jules Bittner was buried with full military honors at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland.



Young students learn to play string instruments

A PFT grant of \$3,000 to the Oregon East Symphony for the purchase of small-sized violins, violas and cellos has opened the door for the new OES Elementary Strings Program.

OES began supporting this program for area fourth and fifth-grade students in the fall of 2011. They enrolled 85 students and contracted with a head teacher, two experienced group leaders and six high school student assistants. With the combination of instruments in their inventory, loaners from the Pendleton Arts Center, and with the help of a grant from the Pendleton Foundation Trust they were able to loan instruments to more than 50% of the students in the group.

This year's enrollment was the highest the program has had since 2009, when it became a before-school program, and in 2010, when it became an after-school program. The attendance through the year averaged 85% until after spring vacation, when spring sports began and the program suffered some attrition. Program retention was the best it has been in recent years. They finished the year with an enthusiastic, well-received performance on May 15. Parent and student comments have led them to expect increased enrollment in the coming fall.

"We especially appreciate the PFT support that helped us have instruments for all of our students," said Kathy Muller, OES member who works closely with this program.

PFT support helps champions

Members of the Pendleton High School softball team were crowned 5A softball champions of the State of Oregon last month. Although the seniors missed their graduation service because it was held at the same time as the championship game in Corvallis, they still received their diplomas - which were presented to them on the field - AND the state championship title.

It was a day they will never forget. Pendleton Foundation Trust is proud to have had a part in their journey to the title. Team members expressed their appreciation in the note sent to the board of directors.



Pendleton Foundation -
The PHS Softball program would like to sincerely thank you for all of your support. You are truly a big part of our success.

Tim Cury

Congratulations!

This letter was sent to PFT board member John McBee from Julianne Sawyer, resident of Pendleton.

Dear John,

I am extremely proud of the honor the Pendleton Foundation Trust was awarded in the fall as the 2011 Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation in the State of Oregon. Jim and I came to Pendleton expecting that it would be a good place to raise our children, and it has been. It takes people like the founding members of the Trust to see what the possibilities of establishing such a vehicle could be for the future. Indeed, we can not begin to count the ways the Trust has enriched the life of this community. I have been in organizations that have benefitted from the Trust and know the impact of the money given.

The people of Pendleton who have served on the board have taken good care of the trust given to them and I am proud of that also. It is not an easy task and I think sometimes others do not recognize the work that is involved.

I hope you also know that the Education Foundation was set up because we realized the benefits from the Pendleton Foundation Trust and wanted to do something that would complement it. For that reason we set the criteria for enrichment, not physical improvements in the school district. I hope it still works that way.

Susan Woodward tells me that the Education Foundation of Pendleton was the first education foundation in the state. I do not know that for sure but I know when we were looking around for models there were none. Is it a coincidence that these two foundations should be the first? I think not.

It is good to live in a community where people do think about the future of their children and their community.

Congratulations,

Julianne Sawyer
Julianne

Foundation Trust announces Spring 2012 grants

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- **CITY OF PENDLETON, PARKS DEPT** - \$7,000.00 toward the purchase of an outdoor movie screen, projector, DVD player and equipment to bring back the "Movies in the Park" summer series, which can be used at multiple venues and for many other projects.
- **SUNRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL** - \$4,746.00 to update the volleyball net system and purchase new volleyballs, which will benefit all volleyball programs at Sunridge.
- **McKAY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PE DEPT** - \$443.90 to purchase a wireless microphone system.
- **SHERWOOD HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** - \$350.04 to purchase two heavy duty custom mats for inside the two main entries at Sherwood.
- **PENDLETON LITTLE LEAGUE** - \$10,185.00 to purchase a 120 ft long x 12 ft high batting cage to upgrade field #2.
- **PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 16-R** - \$10,375.00 toward construction of new concrete platforms with handicapped ramp for bleacher seating at Bob White Park.
- **PENDLETON BABE RUTH ASSOC.** - \$3,645.44 to purchase

baseball player gear and field maintenance equipment for upkeep at Bob White Park.

- **PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL** - \$5,000.00 toward completion of the new lockers for the boys and girls locker rooms at the old gym.
- **PENDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT 16-R/PHS** - \$9,285.00 to purchase 300 copies of the "Career Choices" textbook for the new freshman class, "Success 101."
- **PIONEER RELIEF NURSERY** - \$4,500.00 to purchase toddler sized outdoor play equipment, with helmets, which includes trikes, picnic table and playhouse.
- **HOMESTEAD YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES, INC** - \$2,500.00 to purchase a greenhouse for their youth program. They will share extra produce with the local food bank, Senior Center and Pioneer Relief Nursery.

The Trust board also made the following allocations of earned income from special memorial trust funds, which totals \$2,250.00:

- **\$1,039.96** - Parks and Playgrounds Fund of the City of Pendleton;
- **\$47.47** - Roy Raley Memorial Fund of the City of Pendleton;

- **\$360.45** - Kilkenny Fund at Blue Mountain Community College Library;
- **\$151.20** - Donert Memorial Fund at Pendleton Public Library;
- **\$295.20** - Jack Mulligan Memorial Fund at Pendleton Public Library
- **\$62.10** - Woodmen of the World Fund at Pendleton Public Library;
- **\$293.62** - ANA Memorial Fund at Pendleton Public Library;

An additional \$12,750.00 is given in scholarship awards, as follows:

- **\$750.00** - Ole Groupe FFA Memorial Scholarship Fund for Pendleton High School FFA Chapter, for an FFA student to attend the FFA National Convention.
- **\$1,000.00** - The Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship Fund provides a scholarship to benefit a Pendleton High School student, with a preference for the study of music, which is also a memorial fund of the Pendleton Foundation Trust.
- **\$5,000.00** - Jiggs and Maxine Fisk scholarship award
- **\$5,000.00** - Pendleton Foundation Trust - two awards of \$2,500 each.
- **\$1,000.00** - University of Oregon Alumni Assoc. - Let'er Duck Scholarship