

## Education foundation awards spring grants

The **Education Foundation of Pendleton** awarded \$10,211 to Pendleton teachers during its spring grant cycle.

Twice a year, the foundation awards grants for enrichment projects that are not covered by the **Pendleton School District** budget. Recent awards include:

**Pendleton High School:**  
 •In late May, 118 students in the Honors Biology II class will participate a two-day field trip to the Oregon coast. Students will visit two aquariums, explore beach and tide pool habitats and ride in a research vessel in Yaquina Bay. (\$2,000, in addition to \$2,000 granted last fall).

•In April, 22 Education Credit Management Corporation students attended the Spring Best Practices meeting at Western Oregon University. ECMC is a national program designed to help students realize their potential by investing in, creating and providing innovative education solutions that support schools and improve educational outcomes. The students also visited several other colleges. (\$1,500)

•Approximately 12 students enrolled in Foods 3 and 4, and who participate in the FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America), attended the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in April in Portland. The main focus was competing in the culinary competition. Safety, sanitation, knife skills, accuracy, time management, teamwork, and creativity were all tested. (\$2,500)

•In May, 8-10 students at Hawthorne Alternative School, who will graduate

this spring, will attend a one-day activity at Silverwood Theme Park near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Silverwood has created an event to test the principles of physics and science using rides, games and other attractions. (\$1,000)

**Sunridge Middle School:**

•In late spring, approximately 270 sixth grade students participated in "Shakespeare and Violence Prevention" put on by the Shakespeare Walla Walla Anti-Bullying program. They viewed a performance of "Twelfth Night" and participated in workshops that connected the play's themes with real-life scenarios. (\$1,000)

•Twelve middle school students selected based on writing talent, interest in writing and the ability to represent the school district will attend the Oregon Writing Festival in May at Portland State University. They will participate in workshops and attend presentations by nationally known professional writers. (\$1,370)

**Pendleton elementary schools:**

•In May, Pendleton's nine classes of fourth graders will experience local history by touring the artifacts and treasures at the Heritage Station Museum. (\$841)

Last fall, thanks to community support, Grillin' for Grants cleared almost \$21,000. Half of that was added to the foundation's endowment, the other half was available for spring grants.

For more information about the Education Foundation of Pendleton, contact chairwoman **Karen Kullnat** at [kullnat@wtechlink.us](mailto:kullnat@wtechlink.us).



Photo contributed by Portland General Electric

**Ale Pacheco, an employee of the Boardman plant of Portland General Electric, recently received the company's PGE Proud Community Spirit Award for her volunteer work at Riverside High School. She is pictured with Alexis Mendoza, Edith Velasco and Edgar Rodriguez, all seniors at the school.**

## Employee's volunteer work sparks PGE award

**Ale Pacheco** was recently honored for her spirit of volunteerism — being recognized from among 2,600 **Portland General Electric** employees across the state.

The Boardman woman, a supervisor with the Boardman plant administration, received the PGE Proud Community Spirit Award for her volunteer work at Riverside Jr./Sr. High School. She was nominated by **Marie Shimer**, the school's principal.

Pacheco mentors high school seniors, helping them with college and scholarship applications. She also serves as an advocate for parents who struggle with English as a second language and helps them navigate available resources.

"Ale is always willing to give of her time, meeting with students throughout the year and offering encouragement and advice throughout," Shimer said. "We really rely on parents and community members like Ale to support our teachers and students."

Pacheco said she volunteers in the school because it's a passion for her. She said the PGE Proud program is a nice way to recognize employees for doing things they love. However, she said there is a bigger reward for the time she spends in the schools helping others.

"My reward is when I see a student, especially a Latino student, further his or her education and become a productive member in our society," she said.

In its inaugural year, the PGE Proud recognition program received 622 qualifying nominations from across the company. The number of nominations are a testament to the outstanding work PGE employees are doing to deliver value to customers and making a difference in the communities where they live, said **Stan Sittser**, of PGE external communications.

For more about PGE programs, contact Sittser at 503-464-8271 or [stan.sittser@pge.com](mailto:stan.sittser@pge.com).

## Business Oregon grant flows into Irrigon

The city of **Irrigon** was recently awarded a \$20,000 planning grant from **Business Oregon**.

The money is part of a \$150,000 Wastewater Facility Plan, and the remaining amount is funded through a City Inter Fund-Loan. Internal funds were able to be leveraged with assistance from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality through the lowering of interest rate on an existing loan, City Manager **Aaron Palmquist** said in a press release. The plan is one of many "plans" that cities must have current in order to successfully request and move projects forward, he added.

**J-U-B Engineers** will be performing the work on the plan development and writing, Palmquist said. In addition, Infrastructure Finance Authority will assist the city on behalf of Business Oregon.

For more information about city projects, contact Palmquist at 541-922-3047 [aaron.palmquist@ci.irrigon.or.us](mailto:aaron.palmquist@ci.irrigon.or.us).

### ENGAGEMENT

## Rodriguez-Royer

Mike and Debbie Royer of Hermiston are announcing the engagement of their son, Mike Royer, to Melina Rodriguez.

Melina is the daughter of Santiago and Maria Rodriguez of Hermiston. She is a 2013 graduate of Hermiston High School, and is currently studying exercise science at Western Oregon University in Monmouth.

Mike graduated from Hermiston High School in 2010, and from WOU in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science. He is currently in the Masters of Education program at WOU, and works as a graduate assistant there.

The couple will be married Sept. 4, 2016, in Lincoln City.



Melina Rodriguez and Mike Royer

### BIRTHS

**St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton**  
**MAY 5, 2016**  
**HASKINS** — Harriet A.D. Sanders and Christopher B. Haskins of Pendleton; a girl, Winry Redeana Viola Fay Haskins.

**MAY 6, 2016**  
**GILLESPIE** — Kelly Gillespie and Robert Gillespie; a girl, Evelyn Kate Gillespie.  
**PECK** — Gracie A. Peck and Quinn H. Peck of Pendleton; a boy, Parker Wayne Peck.

**MAY 8, 2016**  
**MADRIGAL** — Olivia E. Flores and Adolfo Madrigal of Hermiston; a boy, Adolfo Khaleo Madrigal.

**MAY 9, 2016**  
**QUIDING** —

Michelle LeGore and Joshua Quiding, both of Pendleton; a boy, Landen Wayne Quiding.

**Good Shepherd Medical Center, Hermiston**  
**MAY 3, 2016**  
**JACK** — Morgan D. Gerbing and Dustin R. Jack of Hermiston; a boy, Zaiden Kendrick Jack.

**MAY 5, 2016**  
**RAMIREZ** — Janet Torres-Soto and Samuel Zurita Ramirez of Hermiston; a girl, Zayda Rosaline Ramirez.

**MAY 6, 2016**  
**TOVEY** — Desi Tovey and Andy Tovey of Stanfield; a boy, Carson Douglas William Tovey.

### SUBMIT YOUR EO NEWS

Submit Your EO News information and high-resolution photos to: [community@eastoregonian.com](mailto:community@eastoregonian.com) or drop off to the attention of Tammy Malgesini at 333 E. Main St., Hermiston, or Renee Struthers-Hogge at 211 S.E. Byers Ave., Pendleton. Call 541-564-4539 or 541-966-0818 with questions.

## Pendleton Foundation Trust announces spring grants

The board of directors of the **Pendleton Foundation Trust** announced April 25 that it awarded \$78,683 to ten community organizations and seven memorial trust funds.

The largest grant was for \$15,000, which was given to the Happy Canyon Foundation as the third and final installment of the \$45,000 grant toward the mezzanine and improvements at the Happy Canyon Arena.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust uses the earnings from money donated to the trust by individuals, organizations and estates for its semi-annual grant allocations.

The other recipients and projects include:

**Sunridge Middle School**, \$10,708 for 32 Chromebooks, wireless printer and charging cart for the eighth grade math class.

**Umatilla-Morrow Head Start**, \$4,000 to purchase up to 50 car seats and 300 books for low-income families through the Pendleton Head

Start Program at the Pendleton Early Learning Center.

**City of Pendleton, facilitates maintenance department**, \$7,607 to purchase a Pro Force DOT Debris Blower to keep the airport runways clear of debris and for the safety of those using the airport.

**Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon**, \$4,000 for room dividers, updates lighting, exchangeable signage and materials needed to set up the Rotating Exhibit Project.

**Arts Council of Pendleton**, \$3,741 to purchase and install ultraviolet-blocking window shades in the main exhibition gallery.

**Pendleton Senior Center**, \$14,000 to replace the grease trap and sewer line connecting from the building to the city sewer line.

**City of Pendleton-Showers of Flowers Project**, \$1,200 to purchase 60 flower baskets with hangers for Pendleton's Main Street.

**Pendleton Downtown**

**Association**, \$10,000 as a conditional challenge grant toward the PDA Main Street Program, to set up an office with furniture, computers, printer, copy machine and conference room capability.

The trust board also made \$1,345 in allocations of earned income from special memorial trust funds.

The recipients are:

**City of Pendleton:** Parks and Playgrounds Fund, \$621.82; Roy Raley Memorial Fund, \$28.39

**Blue Mountain Community College Library Kilkenny Fund**, \$215.52

**Pendleton Public Library: Donert Memorial Fund**, \$90; **Jack Mulligan Memorial Fund**, \$176; **Woodmen of the World Fund**, \$37; **ANA Memorial Fund**, \$175.

An additional \$14,400 will be given in scholarship awards to:

**Ole Groupe FFA Memorial Scholarship Fund**, \$1,000 for the Pendleton High School FFA Chapter for

an FFA student to attend the national FFA Convention.

**Alan Wyland Memorial Scholarship**, \$1,000 for a PHS student with a preference for the study of music.

**Jiggs and Maxine Fisk Scholarship Award**, \$5,000

**Pendleton Foundation Trust**, \$5,000 for two scholarship awards of \$2,500 each

**University of Oregon Alumni Association Let'er Duck Scholarship**, \$1,400 for two scholarship awards of \$700 each.

**David Jon Lindberg Memorial Scholarship**, \$1,000.

The Pendleton Foundation Trust appreciates all contributions donated by individuals, organizations and estates. Gifts are tax-exempt.

They can be mailed to Pendleton Foundation Trust, P.O. Box 218, Pendleton, OR 97801.

For more information, call **Jerri Bealer** at 541-276-3331 or visit [www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com](http://www.pendletonfoundationtrust.com).

# Pet of the Week



Scooter

Hi my name is Scooter. I am a very handsome and loving guy who can't wait to meet my new best friend. I have peacefully coexisted with other cats and a dog in the past and may enjoy having furry friends around in my new home. I am a little shy at first, but love to give and receive affection. I'm available at PAWS so come visit me today! I need a new home right away.

Studies have shown that people with pets live longer, have less stress, and have fewer heart attacks.

Anonymous Pet Lover



With patience and understanding, you can teach any old dog new tricks.

If never spayed or neutered, a female dog, her mate & their puppies could produce over 66,000 dogs in a year!

Approximately 7.6 million companion animals enter animal shelters nationwide every year.

## Trustime

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A cat will almost never meow at another cat. Cats use this sound for humans.

Approximately 2.7 million shelter animals are adopted each year (1.4 million dogs and 1.3 million cats).

NEEDED: Volunteer drivers to and from spay/neuter clinics. Call for more information. 541-276-0181

Visit Scooter at the Pioneer Humane Society/PAWS  
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