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## Helping feds with Census may add sixth House seat

The effort could lead to enumeration of larger population, increasing federal funding and representation in Congress

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Oregon officials say their participation in a new Census program could win the state \$400 million a year and perhaps even a sixth

seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

For the first time, the U.S. Census Bureau has asked states to help wrangle addresses from local governments in an effort to provide even more complete

demographics as part of the 2020 Census.

The Local Update of Census Addresses Operation is how cities, counties and tribes update the Census on addresses created over the course of a decade. Previously, local governments would submit those on their own, but now the Census is asking for state involvement.

In addition to overseeing the project — and being able

to prod local government into participating — the state can use its own address databases to give the Census a more complete picture of Oregon.

In Oregon, state participation turned out to be beneficial. The state found 81,600 addresses that the Census didn't have. Overall, the state has about 2 million addresses.

The state sent that list



Courtesy U.S. Census Bureau

off to the federal government to be verified. If those addresses stand, that would bring Oregon \$408 million in new federal funding each year.

The Census in part esti-

mates population by assuming the average address houses two people. It uses that population estimate to allocate to states the 435

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## Aiming to recapture commuters

Pendleton Triangle apartments will go for \$1,495 a month



Nate Brusselback, owner of Pendleton Premier Properties, stands near his newly built Pendleton Triangle duplex complex on Southwest 28th Drive.

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Pendleton Triangle developer Nate Brusselback will not only test the market with his new 25-unit housing complex, he'll test one of the city's central housing theories.

At an open house and ribbon cutting at 248 S.W. 28th Drive on Tuesday, Brusselback explained Pendleton Triangle's marketing strategy as Pendleton Chamber of Commerce ambassadors perused through the spread and toured one of the units.

“(Economic Development Director) Steve Chrisman tells us that a lot of people commute into Pendleton,” he told the trench-coated ambassadors. “So we are hoping to capture some of that.”

Even though the Pendleton population has been flat over the past few decades, city officials have long maintained that the problem isn't a lack of people wanting to live in town, but a lack of quality housing.

City leaders point to a U.S. Census Bureau Center for Economic Studies inflow/outflow analysis from 2011 that shows that more

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### PENDLETON

## First girl Cub joins Scouts, hoping others will follow



Staff photo by Kathy Aney

Keira Jones, 7, salutes the flag with the other members of Pack 745 during a ceremony honoring veterans Sunday at the Pendleton Pioneer Chapel in Pendleton.

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Keira Jones may be the only scout in Umatilla County who can call herself a “brown wolf.”

Her mother, Jennifer Colton-Jones, said the Pendleton second-grader, who attends Sherwood Heights Elementary School, gave herself the name because she is both a Brownie with the Girl Scouts of America and, as a recent national rule permitted, in the Boy Scouts of America. As a second-grader, Jones is a Wolf Cub.

Jones is the first girl to

register with the Boy Scouts of America in the organization's Oregon Trail District, which covers Umatilla and Morrow counties. The national organization opened up its membership to girls early in 2018, and now accepts both boys and girls at the Cub Scout level, from first to fifth grade. As of January 2019, the organization will accept students of both genders at any age group.

Jones has been in Girl Scouts for two years and will continue to be, but recently decided she wanted to add something different.

“I thought it looked fun,” she said. “My brother was in it.”

Watching her 9-year-old brother Declan learn how to do things, like pilot drones and cook food on a fire, made Jones decide she wanted to learn those things, too.

Jones hopes others will join her in Cub Scouts, soon. “I don't want to be the only girl,” she said.

Jessica Oster is the BSA paraprofessional for the Oregon Trail District. She said the Boy Scouts will now follow a family campaign, allowing children of both genders to join to make it easier for entire families to participate.

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