



PENDLETON

Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon

February 2020

DEALING WITH TWO FLOODS

I want to start this column by commending the tremendous work done by the members of Pendleton's public works, public safety, Parks and Rec, facilities, the Convention Center, and many other departments in their fast and efficient response to the Umatilla River flooding that began on Thursday, February 6th.

The County, ODOT, State Police, the Sheriff's office and National Guard all worked together in a seamless fashion throughout Umatilla County. Hundreds of volunteers poured in to help the relief effort. They have donated meals, clothing, heavy equipment, trucks, trailers, and of course, hundreds of unpaid hours. If you want to donate money, there is a link on the CAPECO web site.



By now, you may be aware that the river crested at about 20,000 cubic feet of water per second (CFS), which dwarfs the approximately 13,000 CFS of the 1965 high water event. While damage to City infrastructure is extensive, especially the levies on the west side of town, the hardest hit were Westside manufacturing plants and private property owners. We estimate that about 400 workers will be laid off until the manufacturing plants can reopen. Flood damage to homes was mostly in the Riverside area. As usual, Pendleton's citizens responded as soon as the call for help went out. The Red Cross put out a request on Saturday morning and by 3 pm they had more than 75 volunteers signed up. Food and clothing poured into the Convention Center where the Red Cross and the City were helping flood victims. Hundreds of more volunteers showed up at Riverside to help.

City officials went to Salem and met with Governor Brown on Monday, 10 February to request financial assistance from the State. By late Wednesday, almost 250 tons of debris had been removed from the Riverside area. On Thursday, 13 February, a Multi-Agency Resource Center began helping citizens at the Convention Center. Governor Brown toured the County and Pendleton on 14 February, followed by a visit from Senator Ron Wyden on the 15th and 16th. Senator Jeff Merkley will visit Pendleton on 21 February and will host a town hall meeting at the Convention Center.

Based on our experience from last April's flooding, we can expect the recovery from this flood to take many months, perhaps even years.

Speaking of last April's flooding at McKay Creek, the City finally received its temporary permit to clean out the McKay Creek bed and restore water flow to 1500 CFS. Work began immediately and will go for the next six weeks at 10 hours a day/ six days a week.

We estimate that about 800 truckloads of gravel need to be removed. All work must stop by 31 March.

I want to express my most sincere gratitude to all of you who helped respond to this crisis.

PAYING FOR THE IMPACTS OF THE RECENT FLOODING

Questions have arisen recently about how the City will pay for damages from the recent flooding. We have asked the State of Oregon, via both the Governor and our elected representatives, for at least \$2.8 million. About \$1 million of this is to help pay for the costs of displaced persons. The other \$1.8 million will be used for levy repairs, mostly on the west end of town. We hope to eventually be reimbursed by FEMA for 75% of these costs. The State has shown a strong desire to help and this request is being considered in Salem.

A question has come up if we are taking money from our street maintenance funds to pay for flood damage. The answer is no. The City still intends to raise an additional \$1.0 million in 2020-2021 so we can budget \$2.2 million for street repairs. The Pendleton Development Commission has voted to use \$1.4 million in urban renewal resources to repair streets that are in the urban renewal district. These funds are in addition to the \$2.2 million coming from the City budget.



Mayor Turner

The City of Pendleton would like to thank the many people in and around our community who came together providing the amazing assistance to help those in our area who were impacted by the floods.

You can not put a price on the value of belonging to a community where people take care of one another.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

March 2

City Council 7 pm

March 7

Council Workshop 12pm –4pm

March 17

City Council 7 pm

PDC Meeting 6 pm

All meetings in the Council Chambers
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MEETINGS VISIT**

<http://www.pendleton.or.us/>

CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Turner	Mayor	541-922-8605
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Paul Chalmers	At Large	541-276-7111
Becky Marks	Ward I	541-276-9147
Carole Innes	Ward I	541-276-0644
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Chuck Wood	Ward 2	541-310-7306
Dale Primmer	Ward 3	541-240-1117
Linda Neuman	Ward 3	541-969-1188

CITY OF PENDLETON

Administration	541-966-0201
Airport	541-276-7754
Attorney	541-966-0206
Convention Center	541-276-6569
Community Dev.	541-966-0203
Facilities	541-966-0201
Finance	541-966-0207
Fire	541-276-1442
Library	541-966-0380
Municipal Court	541-966-0209
Parks/Rec/Cemetery	541-276-8100
Police	541-276-4411
Public Works	541-276-3078

500 SW Dorion Ave. Pendleton, OR

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Join City Staff at Hamley's Café on Monday, March 2

City Manager, Robb Corbett invites community members who have concerns, questions or simply want to engage in conversation regarding happenings in our community to join him on the first

Monday of each month.



PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER COMMISSION

By Jake Cambier

Pendleton Convention Center Commission Winter Update 2020
Greetings from your City Council PCC liaison Jake Cambier.

Welcome to our newest commission member Tyson Furstenberg.

Our convention center main floor is brand new as of mid December and looks great, thanks to T&T Contractors of Hillsboro, Oregon.

We renewed our OSAA 2A tournament host contract for another 3 years and PCC Manager, Pat Beard, is working on an overlay basketball floor with Action Flooring of Portland to replace the used twenty plus year old floor purchased from the Phoenix Suns.

The meeting rooms and hallways on either side are repainted and we will be seeking room name sponsors in the near future.

Room #4 on the west side will be named for the late Scott Fairley, who served as a City Councilor and was lost this year.

The Happy Canyon Room renovation project to include new flooring, ceiling, lighting, sound system, bar area and décor is estimated to cost \$150,000 and has already been promised a match-required \$50,000 grand from Mike and Jill Thorne as well as a \$10,000 grant from Umatilla County. All of these funds are being handled through the Greater Eastern Oregon Development Center.

More recently your convention center was used as a safe haven for those displaced from their homes by the Umatilla flood. Then, in addition to hosting Buckaroo Booster's Banquet and Auction, on the next day it hosted a successful multiagency consortium to provide services to flood victims.

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS, FOR LOCALS AFTER THE FLOODING

CAPECO 541-276-1926

Salvation Army 541-276-3369

Red Cross 541-215-2908

Rubicon 844-965-1386

Samaritans Purse 541-215-5861

Water Department 541-966-0207

Building Department 541-966-0203

Public Works Department 541-966-0202

City Administration Office 541-966-0201

CHIEF JIM CRITCHLEY

By Karen Critchely

Serving the community has always been a part of Jim's life. Yep, he is an Eagle Scout! And he was an altar boy. He also was a diver – both off the board in high school and in murky lakes for rescue in college. His initial college career was heavily weighted with intermural sports – but his later career was fire sciences and public administration.

He spent equal time on the soccer field and reading fire tactics and leadership books to his babies. When he had daddy duty with preschool prep for our 3-year-old daughter, he bought a self-help book to learn to make a “fishtail” with her waist-length mob of hair. He was always the den leader, the pack leader or the coach – cramming all of those meetings in between paramedic and chief fire officer training. Our kids thought the park and the station houses were truly their other homes!

Our kids knew that they could always ask us when parent volunteers were needed. As a result, we have seven kids in Omagh Northern Ireland and one in Germany that called Jim dad for at least a month and up to a year! Jim has always opened our home to wayward children and stray dogs, both of which have enriched our lives. Nine years ago he agreed, without introduction, to be Godfather to one of my NICU babies. A family, the father active military, had moved to our town and was without any family support. They had a fourteen-year-old and a new baby girl with a very rare chromosomal disorder. I adopted them in the hospital and was asked to be the Godmother. Without support in the continental US, they asked if my husband would be her God Father – of course, he said yes. Our beautiful Goddaughter Gia has just this last year adapted to walking, we are so blessed to have her added to our menagerie! Jim was easy with Gia as he was with our own babies; despite the feeding tubes, medications and communication barriers. Watching him with our kids, our adopted kids and our God Kids makes me know I made a truly lucky decision 33 years ago!

Jim and I married in 1988 – during the sixth week of the fire academy!

Needless to say, the wedding was set before we found out he was in, too late to change much. His training chiefs sent him home early that day – not because of the wedding but because of pneumonia! His recruit class crashed our reception, drank all of the beverages and ate all of the food. However, I can say even today, some of those firefighters are truly still part of our family thirty-some years later. I had no inkling he was going to one day be the chief of that department, though his classmates said it was a given even then. Jim was in medic class when Kristi came – she would nod off to the rhythmic reading of treatment algorithms. She also taught herself to read, as we both were constantly studying during her first three years. Donovan arrived during captain's cert and Liam just as Jim was on the list for training captain. We managed to squeeze family celebrations in between shifts; I think even today the kids think “birthday” is a random term for the month you were born in and are happy to celebrate daily, weekly and as many times as necessary! The true holiday happens when pops gets off shift, not when it is printed on the calendar! All and all, the kids have a wonderful skill of adaptation – it is a holiday whenever we are all together!

Fire Life is a wonderful life.

It has afforded our family amazing blessings and awesome sights. Jim's travels with the various fire chief's organizations allowed our kids to “trick or treat” in Emmetsburg Maryland and take a “ghost tour” in Gettysburg on Halloween at midnight. They have been to the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii, all in the name of the Fire Service.

They have grown into amazing caring and loving adults that will literally give you their lunch, their shoes and their wallet.

All of these blessings are the fruit picked from an abundant family tree built by a man they adore and would follow anywhere. Pendleton Oregon, thanks for welcoming us to your town and your lives! Jim will be an asset to your community and we will endeavor to serve with him as his devoted family.



VOLUNTEERS The “Helpers”

Fred Rogers, the late host of the television series Mister Roger’s Neighborhood, often told a story about when he was a boy and would see scary things on the news: “My mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.’ To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother’s words, and I am always comforted by realizing that there are still so many helpers — so many caring people in this world.”



The recent flooding in our City has been devastating to so many of our neighbors. Our community has rallied support in countless ways, showing up where needed and lending a hand. When residents and businesses in the Riverside area returned to their damaged properties after the water receded, they didn’t have to look far for the helpers. Over 200 citizen volunteers came out in support, working tirelessly in the muddy conditions to assist with the clean-up efforts. The Umatilla River will once again flow gently through town, and memories of its angry days might fade, but the effects of these events will be felt in our community for a long time. People will still be looking for the helpers.



*Another successful Daddy Daughter Dance
in the books thanks to our terrific volunteers!*



*Jutta Haliewicz, Sunridge Middle School Leadership Class,
PHS National Honor Society, Kiwanis, Pilot Rock Key Club*

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

New volunteers are required to complete an application and consent to background check. For more information contact the Volunteer Coordinator tiffany.hegarty@ci.pendleton.or.us

Feb/March: Rookies Indoor Soccer: Coaches needed for this 6-week league, introducing the sport of soccer to 5-7 year olds.

Feb 29th Pendleton Life Outdoors Show: New event at the Convention Center showcasing outdoor activities and supplies. Admissions and event assistance needed all day.

Feb 29th Me and My Superhero Dance: Annual dance for mothers and sons. Assist with set up/cleanup.

May Blighted Home Inventory: Pendleton Development Commission seeks help canvassing the community and logging blighted homes for a proposed program.

Ongoing: Document Scanner: Digital file archiving (Library, City Hall Administration, Community Development)

NEW VOLUNTEERS Ida Iese, Gabriel McCune, Kimberly Michaels, Karen Moore, Bryan Reed, Marissa Winterton

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING BUT NOT SURE WHERE?

We can help find a good match for you. Call 541-966-0244 and speak to our Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany Hegarty. [Volunteer Applications Available HERE](#) , [Return to the Administrative office at: 500 SW Dorion Avenue.](#)

THE SCOTT FAIRLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Scott Fairley Memorial Scholarship Fund provides tuition for undergraduate students from Eastern Oregon University to participate in the Urban and Rural Ambassadors Summer Institute, a partnership of Portland State University and Eastern Oregon University.

Creating leaders who bridge the divide

The institute is a unique, ten-day, six-credit residential summer course where students explore urban and rural connections in Oregon and develop the collaborative skills to work across Oregon's urban-rural divide. The institute enables tomorrow's leaders to learn from each other about regional commonalities and differences. Students develop the capacity to forge a path through the tension and stalemate that often characterize urban-rural debate and to find solutions that fit local economies, values, and ways of life for the advancement of Oregon as a whole.

Scott Fairley—a legacy of collaborating

Scott Fairley was a long-time resident of Pendleton, Oregon. He graduated from Pendleton High School before attending the University of Oregon. For more than twenty years, he was a dedicated public servant, and as a Pendleton City Councilor, he was a strong advocate for establishing goals to drive and measure progress and improvement. He had a reputation for being energetic, committed, forward-thinking, and unafraid to take on hard issues. He died unexpectedly on January 7, 2020, at the age of 53.

At the time of his death, Fairley was serving the fourth year of his first term on the Pendleton City Council and was regional development officer for Business Oregon. Before that he did public affairs work for the Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and later for the Governor's Office as eastern region coordinator. Fairley had also served on several public and community committees over the years including the Planning Commission, Airport Commission, Budget Committee, Farmers Market, and Youth Soccer Association.

Those who worked closely with Fairley knew well his advocacy for eastern Oregon, whether it was through his work as a state employee or his time on the city council. He was known as a collaborator with an uncommon ability to bring people together on divisive issues.

As a city councilor, Fairley built bonds with all of Pendleton's residents and across government, nonprofit, and public sectors. He was a devoted family man and lover of the outdoors, remembered by his community as having also devoted his life to making Pendleton a better place to live.

The memorial fund is a fitting tribute to a public servant who understood rural and urban issues and served the public across the state. Nathan Lowe, Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences at Eastern Oregon University writes:

"I think a memorial for Scott that provides scholarships for the Urban Rural Ambassadors Summer Institute is a good match in light of what Scott did in his life. We will honor Scott's legacy in eastern Oregon by continuing to develop a meaningful and impactful program. The response we hear from students who take the course is that it far exceeds their expectations, and that it has led them to better appreciate the nuances and complexities of diverse communities in the state. This scholarship fund will support more students in building bridges of understanding across the state."

To make a donation online, visit the Eastern Oregon University Foundation donation page at <https://www.eou.edu/foundation/giving/>.

To make a donation by credit card at the donation page:

- Click on the "Make a Gift by Credit Card Now" box in the lower right center of the page.

When filling out the page, at "designation," select "other" from the drop down menu. In the comment box, type "for the Scott Fairley Memorial Scholarship."

To make a donation by check: Make your check out to "EOU Foundation", Add "For the Scott Fairley Memorial Scholarship" on the memo line

Mail to: Eastern Oregon University Foundation, One University Boulevard IH 212, La Grande, OR 97850-2807

For more information contact the Eastern Oregon University Foundation directly at 541-962-3835 or foundation@eou.edu

Pendleton Parks and Recreation Presents



ME AND

My

SUPERHERO

Mother Son Dance

February 29th, 2020 6:30pm-9:30pm

Helen McCune Gym at the Rec Center

\$15 per person, K - 5th Grade

Purchase tickets now before they sell out!

**For more information, call 541-276-8100
or visit us online, pendletonparksandrec.com**



Pendleton Parks and Recreation

ROOKIES

indoor

SOCCER



\$30 per child

Ages 5 - 8

Mondays 4:30-7:30pm

Begins March 2nd

Volunteer Coaches Needed!



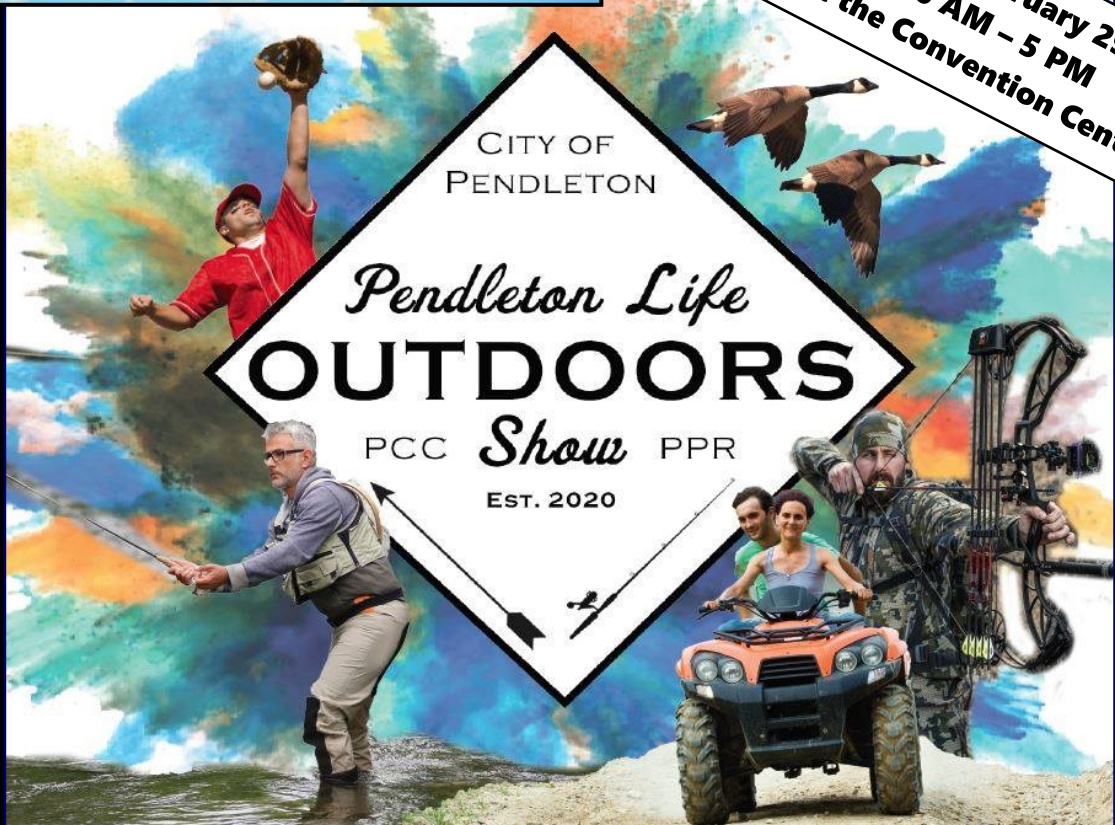
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**Saturday, February 29, 2020
10 AM - 5 PM
at the Convention Center**

CITY OF
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Pendleton Life OUTDOORS

PCC Show PPR
EST. 2020





PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY
502 SW DORION AVE.
PENDLETON, OR 97801

(541)966-0380

FEBRUARY @ THE LIBRARY

BOOK ARTS: FEATHERS & LEAVES

Mon, Feb. 10th @ 6:00 pm
Location: National Parks Area
Teens & Adults

Learn to make bendable, posable feathers and leaves from the pages of discarded books. Leaves can be arranged to form a plant. Feathers can be suspended to form a wall-hanging.

CHAIR FITNESS

Wed. Feb. 19th @ 2:00 pm
Location: National Parks Area
All Ages

Amy Smith from Round Up Athletic Club will lead a chair based stretching and movement session.

DIY: BIRD'S NEST PENDANT

Tue. Feb. 25th @ 6:00 pm
Location: National Parks Area
Teens and Adults
Registration Required

Learn to make a simple bird's nest pendant using wire and beads.
Instruction by: Heather

STORY TIME IN SPACE

Thur. Feb 13th @ 10:15 am
Location: National Parks Area
All Ages

Join us as we watch an astronaut in space read us a story, create our own rocket ship and more!

TWEEN SLIME PARTY

Sat. Feb. 22nd @ 3:30 pm
Location: National Parks Area
Ages 8-12
Registration Required

Come create color-changing slime! What more do you need to know?!?!

LEAP YEAR PARTY

Sat. Feb. 29th @ 3:30 pm
Location: Library
All Ages

Come celebrate Leap Day at the Library! Learn about leap years with fun leaping, activities, and a time capsule!

SWEET GIFTS BOOK SALE & BAZAAR

SUNDAY, FEB. 9th FROM 9 am to 4:00 pm
Location: Rec Center Gym
Cost: \$1 Entry Fee
Proceeds: Pendleton Friends of the Library



STORY TIMES

Thursdays @ 10:15 am
Fridays @ 10:15 am
Location: National Parks Area
All Ages

All are welcome to attend, though stories and crafts are tailored toward children ages 6 and under.



CRAFTERNOONS

Each Tuesday @ 4:15 pm
Location: National Parks Area
Ages 3-12

Ms. Briana will lead a fun take-home craft. Be sure to pick up a schedule at the front desk so you can plan ahead.

FEBRUARY CLOSURES

Presidents Day



LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 10-8pm
Fridays & Saturdays: 10-5pm

WWW.PENDLETONLIBRARY.WEEBLY.COM

TECH SOUP

Fri. Feb. 7th from 2-4 pm
Location: Library Meeting Room
No Registration Required



Did you get a new tablet?
Switch from Android to Apple?
Struggling with your new laptop?

Bring your device into the Library and Heather will help you navigate the world of technology.

LIBBY FOR THE LIBRARY

Wed. Feb. 19th @ 6:00 pm
Location: National Parks Area

Learn to download eBooks and Audiobooks using the Libby app!
Please bring your device with you to this class.

Instruction by: James

Meet Libby.
The one-tap reading app
from your library

