



September 2018

# PENDLETON

*Working every day to be the premier city in Eastern Oregon*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

### Good News

I am always a bit amused when I hear someone say “...nothing good ever happens in Pendleton.” Some people seem to enjoy having a negative outlook on life. I don’t understand it, but it seems to be true.

In reality, there are several good news stories happening in Pendleton that I want to share with you this month. First, we are preparing for another successful Round-Up and Happy Canyon week. I have said before in this column that the Round-Up puts Pendleton on the map and gives our city far more recognition and influence than other similar sized cities in Oregon. By the end of August, the Round-Up was recording the best ticket sales in its history, even surpassing the hugely successful Centennial year of 2010.



Next, we are getting informal messages from the Economic Development Administration (EDA) that our \$3 million grant for improving the airport infrastructure has been approved. We are still waiting for a formal announcement, but planning is already underway to build more hangars and office spaces for new clients within the test range. The city is getting ready to improve its ability to move large volumes of water up to the airport and this water will be used to support more clients at the test range and will provide downhill water for fighting fires in the west end of Pendleton. Steve Chrisman reports on-going talks with new test range customers (we have promised them we won’t use their names yet) and Steve says that if we had more hangars, we would immediately have at least three major new customers. We estimate that the test range will generate about \$1 million in revenues during the current fiscal year.

We appear to be on the edge of a major breakthrough in housing. IE Construction has presented a plan to build 204 apartments on the campus of the old East Oregon Training Center, across the highway and north of EOCI. The plan also calls for a clubhouse, gym, and pool with adequate parking. The city and IE Construction are meeting to work out the details so an agreement can be taken to the City Council. Residents of this new apartment complex will be within easy walking distance to three major employers and Blue Mountain Community College. IE Construction specializes in building apartments in smaller communities and they have a proven track record for both quality of construction and project completion. Increasing the amount of affordable, decent housing in Pendleton remains one of our top goals and quiet, informal talks continue with other builders.

If you drive east past the site of the new fire station, you can see that construction is moving along nicely. This project is still on time and on budget, with an initial operating capability during the summer of 2019. Finally, after several years of intense lobbying by the law enforcement community, Pendleton is going to be home to a new state crime lab. This is a huge victory that will save us thousands of dollars each year and provide rapid crime scene analysis to the Pendleton PD.

Even the most cynical critic should be able to find something in all this to smile about!

*John Turner  
Mayor of Pendleton*

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

### September 18

Pendleton Development Commission 6 pm  
City Council 7pm

### September 25

Workshop 6pm

### October 2

City Council 7pm

All meetings in the Council Chambers

### FOR A FULL LIST OF MEETINGS VISIT

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

## CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

John Turner	Mayor	541-922-8605
Chuck LeValle	Ward 1	912-257-0512
Neil Brown	Ward 3	541-276-3407
Jake Cambier	At Large	541-969-2252
Paul Chalmers	At Large	541-276-7111
Becky Marks	Ward 1	541-276-9147
McKennon McDonald	Ward 2	541-969-3345
Scott Fairley	Ward 2	541-240-1825
Dale Primmer	Ward 3	541-240-1117

## 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

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## Join City Staff at Hamley's Café on Monday, October 1

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.

**COFFEE** with the CITY  
8-10 am

## PENDLETON ROUND-UP SCHEDULE

**September 10th SLACK** begins at 10am and will be held in the Round-Up Stadium. Free is admission!

### September 10th at 8:00pm BANNER BANK PBR CLASSIC

Welcome to Professional Bull Riding.... the toughest sport on dirt. The rules are simple. Place a wiry 150-pound cowboy on the back of a hulking, snorting temperamental 2,000 pound bull and see if he can ride the beast for an eternal eight seconds...with one hand strapped to the bull's massive backside.

**September 12th at 6:00am** get yourself down to Stillman Park for a real **COWBOY BREAKFAST**.

**The PENDLETON ROUND-UP will be September 12 thru 15.** The daily schedule is subject to change but typically runs the same each day, after the Grand Entry-which you don't want to miss! 1:15 PM each day.

**September 12th at 7:45pm HAPPY CANYON** depicts the American West.

**September 13th at 9:00am JUNIOR AMERICAN INDIAN BEAUTY PAGEANT** will take place at Roy Raley Park.

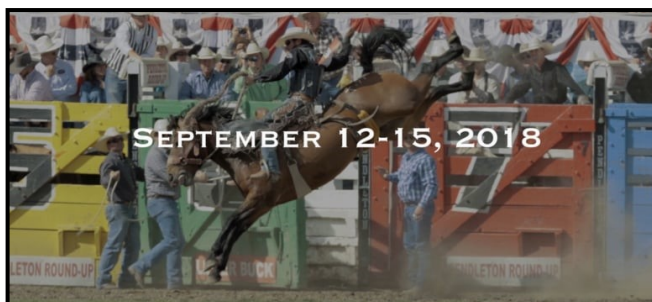
**September 13th at 10:30am** catch **THE CHILDREN'S RODEO** is **FREE** and open to the public, and spectators are encouraged to come cheer on the young cowboys and cowgirls! The 50 or so children who participate in the Children's Rodeo have intellectual or physical disabilities. Each child receives a trophy, T-shirt, lariat, cowboy hat, scarf and a photo with a cowboy or cowgirl.

**September 13th at 1:15 TOUGH ENOUGH TO WEAR PINK**, this will be the 13th year the Pendleton Round-Up has celebrated breast cancer survivors.

**September 14th at 9:00am AMERICAN INDIAN BEAUTY PAGEANT** will take place at Roy Raley Park.

**September 14th at 10:00am** the **WESTWARD HO PARADE** will make it's way through town.

**September 15th at 9:00am TRIBAL CEREMONIAL DANCE** in the arena.



## **PUBLIC WORKS**



Michael Walborn started with the city in November 2014 and has continued to improve himself, the plant, and help his coworkers succeed since that day. On July 29<sup>th</sup> Michael took and passed his Level II DEQ test showing his continued commitment to public health, department success, and continued personal improvement. The Pendleton Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) Team would like to congratulate Mr. Walborn for completing his Level II DEQ certification in Wastewater Treatment.

The Pendleton RRF Team would like to welcome two new members to the team: Dan Harris and Mike Snook. Both team members have joined us in the last few months and are a great addition to the team. The RRF team is excited to see what the future has in store for us.

## **FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

The City of Pendleton has nearly 5,800 water and sewer customers. The Finance Department is responsible for producing and collecting water and sewer billings, processing service requests, maintaining customer records, and handling customer complaints. Utility Bills are typically generated on the 15th and mailed by the 20th. Payment is due by the 10th of the following month.

**ONLINE BILLPAY ANNOUNCEMENT** - We are excited to announce that our new online billpay site is now up and running. The new payment website is [www.municipalonlinepayments.com/pendletonor](http://www.municipalonlinepayments.com/pendletonor). We have posted instructions for registering your account on the site. Please check it out and let us know what you think. If you have any questions on how to access your account, please contact us at (541) 966-0207 and we would be happy to assist you.

[Payment Options](#)

[Billing/Payment information](#) – paperless billing, payment assistance programs available to water/sewer customers, and examples of how read your bill.

[Water/Sewer Rates](#)

[I want to pay Water Bill](#)



Pay your  
Water Bill  
**ONLINE**

## **PENDLETON POLICE**

There have been a couple of cases in which a fake \$100 bill has been passed at local businesses - remind your employees to take the time to look the bills over. The bills are printed in China so bank tellers in the country can learn to count American money. **The bills have pink or purple Chinese writing which translates into "not to be used as real currency"** If you have received one of these bills or know who is passing the bills as "real" please contact our 24-hour dispatch center at 541-966-3650.



## **PENDLETON FIRE**

### **FIRE-MED**

An ambulance membership program available to families for \$60 per year. Ambulance service will accept any insurance payment as payment in full for ambulance charges and members will not have to pay any balance. Staff markets and sells more than 1500 FireMed memberships annually to supplement Ambulance income and offer a beneficial service to customers. Click here for more information or to find the application forms to sign up for [membership](#).

## **PENDLETON CONVENTION CENTER**

September	12-15	<i>Afternoon Rodeos and Nightly Pageants</i>
	12-15	<i>Goldie's Saloon and Hospitality Rooms</i>
	14	<i>Visiting Royalty Luncheon</i>
	21 & 22	<i>Umatilla County Hazardous Waste Event</i>
	27 - 29	<i>Central Pacific Conference of United Church of Christ*</i>



Visit us online: [www.pendletonconventioncenter.com](http://www.pendletonconventioncenter.com)



## **OLNEY CEMETERY RECORDS**

We are providing a copy of our records in an effort to assist those of you doing family research. Be aware these are large files and depending on your computer and connections, may take a long time to download. Click on the appropriate pdf file below to begin.

Our online records are updated once per year in May. Our office records are updated regularly.

If you would like additional geneology information, the [Pendleton Public Library](#) has a good collection of information. Give them a call at 541-966-0380 or link to their website.

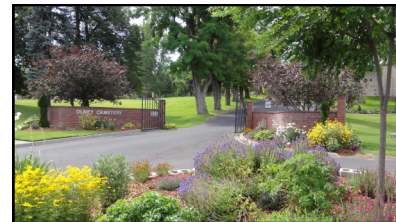
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[Last Name I through P](#)

[Last Name Q through Z](#)



## **CITY HALL RENTAL INFORMATION**

### **VERT AUDITORIUM**

The Vert Auditorium is located at the east end of the City Hall/Library complex. The auditorium seats 800 and has a 40' x 34' stage. It is the home of the Oregon East Symphony and Kiwanis Kapers, as well as many other community events.



### **VERT CLUB ROOM**

The Vert Club Room entrance is downstairs on the 4th Street side of the Vert Auditorium. The room is 74' long x 36' wide with a fireplace and access to kitchen services. It is a versatile space that can be used for a wide variety of events, from meetings to receptions. There is a shared, warming kitchen between the Club Room and the Little Theater.



### **PENDLETON FOUNDATION ROOM**

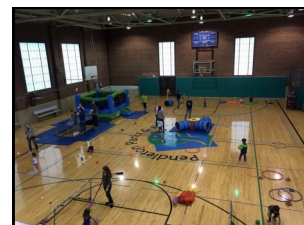
The Pendleton Foundation Room is located beneath the Helen McCune Gymnasium at 510 SW Dorion, on the west end of the City Hall/Library complex. Its large, open room with electric fireplace is an ideal place for meetings, receptions, or special events. It also features a bar area and kitchen.

Minimum rental is 2 hours and fees include building supervision. The room capacity when set up banquet-style is between 80 and 100, depending on the number of people at each table.



### **HELEN MCCUNE GYMNASIUM**

Rent the gymnasium for sports practice, birthday parties, or other events. In addition to the gym floor, we have a loft full of games to keep any party fun. Feel free to bring your own music (CDs, MP3, or your phone) to really amp up the party. Please note that new iPhones without headphone jacks are not compatible with our sound system.



### **BIRTHDAY PARTY PROGRAM**

Youth birthday parties are scheduled on Saturdays with four time blocks to choose from: 10:15 to 12:30, 12:45 to 3:00 pm, 3:15 to 5:30 pm, and 5:45 to 8:00 pm. For teen parties, please plan to provide one adult chaperone for every 15 guests. Included in your reservation are the exclusive use of the gym floor and upstairs loft.

The loft includes foosball, ping pong, and pool tables, tables and chairs, and a small prep area. Many people choose to do cake and presents upstairs. The gym floor will be set up according to the age of the child and any add-ons that you have chosen. For tots, the tot time floor is set up, for older children the gym floor is set up with various activities, for teens, you can choose between an open gym set up or one of the add-ons such as NERS Wars or Glow in the Dark Dodgeball.



**FOR PRICING AND RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CALL PARKS AT 541-276-8100**

## **VOLUNTEERS**

## **Volunteering Sets Teens Up For Success**

As the new school year begins many parents look for ways to support their students to help them on the path to success. Preparing nutritious meals, promoting good sleep habits, and sharing study hacks are parenting tried and true methods. Helping teens find opportunities to spend their out of school time productively is also an important factor. Engaging in volunteer activities is an excellent way to set teens up for success. Research shows there is a positive link between community service and academic performance, with students who volunteer more likely to improve their Reading, Math, Science and History scores and more likely to graduate from college than those that did not. Additionally, volunteers develop and gain job and professional skills important to employers such as communication, critical thinking, planning, and organizing.

For students looking for a way to set themselves apart when applying for college and scholarships (and if they're not, they should!) volunteering provides the opportunity to shine beyond their test scores and GPA. Increasingly admission officers place a large emphasis on community service when evaluating college applicants. Besides doing good volunteers develop a 'work resume' that can help boost chances when applying to their dream college, and often makes them eligible for certain scholarships or financial aid. Repeated or dedicated volunteer service demonstrates character that no standardized test can duplicate.

The City of Pendleton offers many opportunities for students to engage in volunteer activities throughout their departments. Volunteers work along staff to help with events, programs, and administrative tasks, and specific opportunities can be created to fit with a student's talents, interests and schedule. For more information contact the City Volunteer Coordinator.



### **UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**October 31 HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL:**  
Event set-up, help with activity booths, clean up.

**Fall/Winter VOLUNTEER YOUTH BASKETBALL COACHES:** Youth basketball program needs coaches for Boys 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade divisions for fall, and 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> grades and Girls 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> starting in January. Previous experience is helpful but not a requirement – there will be a coaching clinic.

**ONGOING: DOCUMENT SCANNER:** Digital file archiving (Library, City Hall Administration)

**ADOPT-A-PARK/PARKWAY:** Head outdoors and help keep Pendleton Parks and the River Parkway beautiful for our community by volunteering to help with monthly upkeep. (Parks)

**NEW VOLUNTEERS: James Bradt, Katie Bradt, Michelle Monkman Bradt, Shawn Gee, Steve Pearl, Caleb Stewart**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** *Interested in volunteering but not sure where?* We can help locating a good match for you. Call 541-966-0244 and speak to our Volunteer Coordinator Tiffany Hegarty. City of Pendleton volunteer applications are available at the library, City Hall administrative offices, or can be downloaded [HERE](#).

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF POSITION OPENINGS

The following seasonal job opportunities are available with the City of Pendleton

- **Public Works Regulatory Specialist**
- **Youth Librarian**
- **Park Seasonal Laborer**
- **Convention Center Laborer**

You may apply online at

[www.pendleton.or.us/employment](http://www.pendleton.or.us/employment)

Or by picking up an application in the Administrative office located on the second floor of City Hall, 500 SW Dorion Avenue.

The City of Pendleton is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

# HALLOWEEN ★ CARNIVAL

Get creative with those costumes and come show us your stuff. Say “trick-or-treat” and enjoy lots of new games and prizes as well as candy, pop, and popcorn. This FREE event is always on Halloween, regardless of which day of the week it falls on, and always at

**The Convention Center from 5:00 to 7:30p.m.**  
**Ages: 0-13 Location: Convention Center Fee: FREE**

**SPONSORS NEEDED! Call 541-276-8100**

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

Youth Hockey Contact Info John & Kelli Bieker 541-215-2448 [pendletonicesports@gmail.com](mailto:pendletonicesports@gmail.com) Ages K-12; \$120 per player Sign ups TBA (about 1st week of Nov) Begins when ice is ready (around Nov 26th)



Boxing Contact Info Michael Blanc 541-379-2656 Blanc's Boxing USA Boxing Gym Ages 7-17 and 18+ \$5 per month for 7-17 year olds \$30 per month for adults 18+

## OPEN GYMS

Walking for Wellness (begins Oct 1), M-F 8:30 to 9:30 am

Special Needs (begins Sept 30), Sundays 12:00 to 1:30 pm

Tot Time at the Gym (begins Oct 1), Mondays 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

All Open Gyms located at the Helen McCune Gym at the Pendleton Rec Center



## BIRTHDAY PARTIES IN THE GYM

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Badminton, dodgeball, volleyball or basketball, ping pong, foosball, or pool. We also have a bouncy house (add \$30), putt putt golf (add \$10), NERF wars (add \$10), and Glow in the Dark Dodgeball (add \$10) available. The facility is exclusively yours during your rented time period. Please no early arrivals so that we can give equal service to all of our birthday guests. Ages: up to age 18 Fee: \$55

**PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT** at Sherwood Park is underway. The playground will be open for play soon.

Concrete needs to be poured and a final safety inspection need to take place before we can open the playground. Both are scheduled and high priorities. As is common with construction and installation projects, there have been some setbacks and delays. However, getting Sherwood's playground open is a high priority and will be completed as soon as possible. Playground replacement for Aldrich and May parks is scheduled for the fall. Our goal is to have site preparation, playground installation, and post-installation site work completed this fall. Stay tuned or more updates on all three playgrounds!

**SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION** To subscribe to this newsletter follow the link on our [home page](#). If you received this newsletter and do not wish to receive it, please reply to the email in the subject line with *REMOVE ME* or contact Donna Biggerstaff at [Donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us](mailto:Donna.biggerstaff@ci.pendleton.or.us) or 541-966-0220.



# Roses are red, Violets are blue, Get out and get active!

## GYMNASTICS

This is a great body awareness, self-esteem, and social development program. Students may decide to continue with gymnastics in a competitive environment or apply the benefits gained in this recreational program in future sporting activities. Open to boys & girls, 16 mo. to 12 years



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8-week sessions start end of September, beginning of January, and end of March

## YOGA

Breathing, stretching, balancing, and strengthening - these are the ingredients of yoga and practices that can create numerous health benefits for the body. No prior knowledge of yoga is needed. This class is designed to compliment your wellness routine. Meets every Wed in the Foundation Room, and the fee is a flat \$36 per month. DURING THANKSGIVING WEEK, MEETS ON TUESDAY INSTEAD OF WEDNESDAY. Day/Date: Oct: Wed, Oct. 3 Oct. 31; register by Oct. 1 November: Wed, Nov. 7- Nov. 28, register by Nov. 5 Time & Location: 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Foundation Room at Rec Center. Ages: 16+ Fee: \$36



## PENDLETON YOUTH BASKETBALL

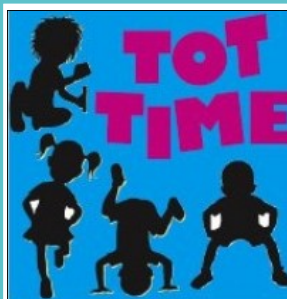
Youth Basketball Boys 3rd—6th grades. (Girls program and all 1st-2nd graders season starts in January.) Skill assessment for this rec league is Sat, Oct 20 at Sunridge Middle School. Register by Fri, Oct 12 to be placed on a team. Teams are formed based on total number of kids registered and number of available coaches. Practices are twice per week and games are on Saturdays. Full details are on the website. Look out for the coming registration form through the school! OUT OF DISTRICT TEAMS: Individual players from out of the district are invited to join PYB by signing up as usual. They will practice and play in Pendleton on the team they are assigned. However, out of district teams may also be formed. Each team is responsible for their own tryouts and practices but will play their games in Pendleton. Out of district teams must enroll by contacting the Parks Office directly by phone, 541-276-8100, or in person at the Parks Office, 865 Tutuilla Road.

Ages: boys 3rd-6th grades Fee: \$38 Pendleton



## SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Start Smart Sports Development Program is a developmentally appropriate introductory sports program for 3-5 year-olds. Parents will need to attend a program orientation. Equipment is provided during the program. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS REQUIRED! Day/Date: Sun (5 weeks), 9/30-10/28; reg. by Wed, 10/10 Time & Location: 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at the Pendleton Recreation Center. Ages: 3-5 Fee: \$30



## TOT TIME AT THE GYM

Fun music and lots of play stuff - we provide the environment and you provide the creativity! Socks only on gymnastics mats please. Drop-in. Day/Date: Mondays, October 1-January 7 Time & Location: 10:00 to 11:00 am at the Rec Center. Ages: 0-5 Fee: \$2/child (new price)

## FALL CHEER CAMP

Let's get loud, jump up and down and cheer for our team at select Pendleton Youth Football games in October, including the league championship Requa Bowl!

Practices will be held in the Helen McCune Gymnasium at the Pendleton Recreation Center.

The registration fee includes poms and a special cheer t-shirt. **Please register by noon on Wednesday, September 12th.** Practices are held on Mondays and Thursdays beginning September 17th - October 25th (dependent on when Requa Bowl date is set). Practice schedule will be reduced once we begin cheering at area Pendleton Youth Football games in October.



# Pendleton Public Library

502 SW Dorion Avenue Pendleton, Oregon 97801

**HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 10am to 8pm

Friday & Saturday 10am to 5pm

## WHY READ A BOOK? BECAUSE IT INCREASES INTELLIGENCE!

As Dr. Seuss once wrote, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." Diving into a good book opens up a whole world of knowledge starting from a very young age. Children's books expose kids to 50 percent more words than prime time TV, or even a conversation between college graduates, according to a [paper](#) from the University of California, Berkeley. Exposure to that new vocabulary not only leads to higher score on reading tests, but also [higher scores](#) on general tests of intelligence. Plus, stronger early reading skills [may mean](#) higher intelligence later in life.

A quick tip: If you're looking for a power read, opt for a traditional book. [Research](#) suggests that reading on a screen can slow you down by as much as 20 to 30 percent.



PENDLETON PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

## SELFIE WITH MY LIBRARY CARD CONTEST

*Your library card is a gateway to world class information, entertaining books, CDs, DVD's and databases galore. Make a selfie with your Pendleton Public Library card and enter it into our contest.*

*The selfie needs to include your face, the side of the card reading Pendleton Public Library, and information about the selfie. It can include others holding their PPL card, pets, your books shelf, favorite book, art work, anything that makes the selfie unique.*

### Prize Categories:

- Selfie from the farthest location  
(China would be good!)
- Most inventive family selfie
- Most creative selfie

Selfies can be submitted from now until September 30th, 2018 using [#pplselfiecontest](#).

A local panel of judges will select the winners  
Winners will be announced October 15, 2018