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The 3.25 acre Weston Commercial Historic District is the historic business core of the small agricultural community of Weston in Northeastern Oregon. It extends two blocks on both sides of Main Street between Water Street on the West and Broad Street on the East, to include all of the town's brick masonry commercial buildings and a few other ranging in date, essentially, from 1874 to 1920. The center of the district is the intersection of Main and Franklin Streets. Pine Creek flows in a northerly direction at the westerly end of the district.

The Weston Commercial Historic District is on the National Register for Historic Places.

OUR MISSION

Weston Area Development Association (WADA) was organized as a nonprofit to encourage restoration and revitalization in downtown Weston and the general area that results in economic development and a positive sense of community.

We have a vision to preserve and enhance the historic charm and uniqueness of the history of Weston.

Weston is in need of funding to restore the downtown buildings as well as develop economic opportunities for the community. The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources as well as other organizations and individuals. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.



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FUNDRAISER!

Please Support the Restoration of the Historic Long Branch Café & Saloon



**201 East Main Street
 150 Years in 2024!**



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The Long Branch Café and Saloon History

Historic name: Saling and Reese Store
Common name: Weston Mercantile
Date of construction: c. 1874 and 1920
Style: Italianate

This single story building of locally made brick is understood to be the oldest brick building in Weston, having survived the devastating fires of 1874 and 1883.

The brick structure at the NE corner of Franklin and Main Streets was built by Isham Saling and Isham Reese. Both men were well-known local businessmen.

The building is rectangular in plan with an approximate frontage of 40 feet on Main Street. The facade is organized into four bays in which openings are recessed in deep reveals and were, historically, protected by iron shutters. The window treatment in these exceptionally tall reveals has been modified considerably, but the brick piers dividing the bays are intact.

Segmental relieving arches articulate the spandrels above the window reveals. The upper wall is articulated with a dentilculated string course and a tall parapet with inset panels of brick and a shallow stepped crest over the two central bays. The Franklin Street facade is similarly detailed in the front six or eight feet. The rest of the wall is unadorned and pierced by three small window openings.



Jones & Jones Hardware - Implements - Lumber - ca 1920
Northeast corner of East Main & Franklin Streets. Photo courtesy of Weston Public Library photo collection.

In 1920, a single-story frame addition with an approximate frontage of 100 feet on Main Street was constructed on the east side. Because of the extensive alteration of the facade of the single story addition, it is separately classified for tax purposes, as compatible even though it dates from the secondary period of development in the district.

This building has contained many businesses though the years, though most, if not all, were grocery stores or hardware stores, or a combination of both.

Current owner, Bernice Charlton, has owned the building and the business for around 35 years. The building is the key anchor to the historic downtown district. The Long Branch Café & Saloon has been the mainstay for the community for many years.

Scope of work to be done:

After a devastating fire in September 2021 closed the restaurant for a year, the Long Branch Café and Saloon still has a long way to being completely restored. The building was under restoration when the fire hit. Repairs were not completely covered by insurance which took personal investment by the owner.

The bricks on the East Elevation will have missing bricks replaced and loose bricks tuckpointed to stabilize the wall before the roof on the one-story addition can be replaced.

More repairs and tuckpointing is to be done on the North and West Elevations: replacing missing bricks, and filling in the openings where air condition units had been installed on the West wall. Steel shutters in the back are to be repaired. The siding on the 1920s era wood



Photo courtesy of Weston Public Library photo collection. W-110-21 - Saling & Reese Store

addition housing the bar also needs to be replaced. Lastly the roof must be replaced over the bar.

Fundraising:

WADA is currently sponsoring the Fundraiser for the Long Branch Café & Saloon.

WADA secured \$80,000 from the Oregon Main Street Program in 2023, which required matching funds of \$24,000 to begin the work. A grant of \$20,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation was received towards the matching funds needed. That is just the start of the restoration work. Estimates for complete restoration may be as much as \$200k. Grant funds normally require matching funds. Will you help save one of Weston's historic buildings?

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