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Please mail form with your check to WADA or you may give this form to your waitress.

We are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit. Tax ID: 88-0783069 All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

**Message from the Cliftons:**

Weston native Daryl Clifton owned the Old Post Office with the dream of housing a museum to honor local history. It’s currently owned by his estate with his children, Stacey and Jon, managing the building’s restoration.

The Cliftons are seeking grants and donations to assist in completely restoring the building with plans to open a community hub for history, education and cultural events.

In 2023, the Cliftons received a \$120,000 Oregon Main Street grant awarded through the Weston Area Development Association (WADA). The required match of \$36,000 was covered by the Cliftons using personal funds. They also received \$10,000 from the Wildhorse Foundation through WADA. The complete restoration project will be done in phases and includes a new roof, replacing the interior flooring, walls, repair of windows, and the restoration of brick work.

Funding needed to complete phase 1 of restoration is currently \$133,000 which includes adding roof structure and membrane roof. More grants are being sought with donations needed to help match those grant funds. Funds exceeding our goal will be kept by WADA as an endowment for future work. All donations to WADA on behalf of the Old Post Office will be held by the organization.

There are approx. 200,000 bricks used to construct the Old Post Office in 1878. You can help close the funding gap by adopting a virtual brick. Names of donors will be recognized for bricks donated. Donations can be made online at <http://WestonOregon.com> or print and mail to WADA.



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*Please Support  
the Restoration of the  
Historic*

# Old Post Office

## Adopt-A-Brick



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# The Old Post Office History

**110 1/2 East Main Street**  
**Old Post Office**  
**Common name: Old Post Office**  
**Date of construction: 1878**  
**Style: Italianate**  
**Significance: Primary**

**Description:** Single story brick masonry building of locally manufactured brick, rectangular in plan. Approximate frontage on Main Street is 37 feet.

Facade is organized, like that of the ground story of the Prutsman Building across the street (Inventory #4), as three major openings under segmental arches, the two outer bays being shop windows with brick bulkheads, the central bay being an entrance.

Window sash and door have been replaced. Major vertical divisions are marked by beveled brick pilasters from foundation to parapet, and the upper wall is articulated by corbeled string courses, the topmost of which is denticulated.

This building housed the U.S. Post Office Weston from 1910 to 1960. Since that time, it had been used as a residence, a doughnut shop and the start of a museum, which was halted due to the death of the owner.

Geo. W. Proebstel opened up his hardware store in this building in 1886. It was closed in 1890. Geo. W. Poebestel, of Weston, has one of the most complete hardware establishments in Eastern Oregon, none excepted.

The Weston Saloon then opened in 1890 in the building. It was owned by C.H. Walters.

The president (Woodrow Wilson) has nominated as postmaster at Weston R. L. Van Winkle. (May 15, 1913 The Weston Leader)

R.L. VanWinkle, the newly appointed postmaster for Weston, took over the duties of that office Tuesday morning. Mr. VanWinkle served a term as postmaster during President Cleveland's administration and it goes without saying, that the affairs of the office have passed into good and competent hands. (July 4, 1913 The Weston Leader)



1886 Geo. W. Proebstel Hardware opens. Closes in 1890.

ex-service man, at present manager of the grocery department of the Weston Mercantile company. He will succeed L.R. VanWinkle, who has administered the local office for eight years. (Sunday Oregonian, February 12, 1922)

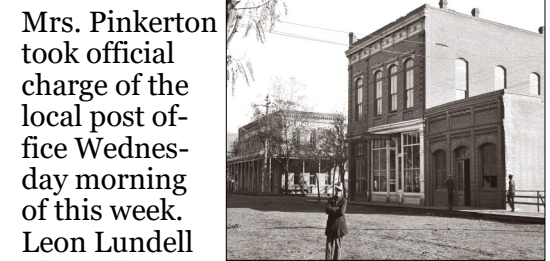
The interior of the Weston post office has just been renovated and looks spick and span and attractive. The walls were Kalsomined, the ceiling re-papered and the roof repaired. The work was done by Harve Driskell with the assistance of Postmaster Lundell. (September 29, 1933 Weston Leader)



Weston Saloon opens in

The nomination of Leon Lundell as postmaster of Weston has been recommended to the United States Senate by President Harding. Mr. Lundell is an

Mrs. Luella B. Pinkerton, widow of the late postmaster of Weston, Charles L. Pinkerton, has been appointed acting postmaster by the first assistant postmaster general.



1910 Post Office Opens

Mrs. Pinkerton took official charge of the local post office Wednesday morning of this week. Leon Lundell of Pendleton had been temporarily assisting in handling its affairs. He has returned to his work there at the state liquor store. (May 6, 1938 Weston Leader)

Postal Department Plans New Facilities  
 The Post Office department is now soliciting bids to build and lease new postal facilities at Weston, Ore.



Specifications call for structures containing approximately 1000 square feet of floor space with 50 square foot platforms, adequate parking and maneuvering area. The department will enter into five year agreements.

The proposed new postal building in Weston is part of the postal modernization program begun by Postmaster General Summerfield. (March 24, 1960 Eagle Times)



Luella B. Pinkerton