

At the foot of Weston Mountain

# The Blue Mountain Dispatch

Courtesy of the Weston Area Development Association

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## City of Weston Partners With WADA for Urgent Repairs Funding on City Hall

**Building No. 9**  
108 East Main Street  
Farmer's Bank of Weston  
(Historic)

**Common name:** City Hall  
**Date of construction:** 1891  
**Style:** High Victorian Italianate  
**Significance:** Primary

The Farmer's Bank, now serving as City Hall in Weston, Oregon, stands as the only brick building in the Historic Commercial District that truly exemplifies high style architecture through its use of architectural cast iron. Built in 1891



from locally manufactured brick supplied by the Weston Brick Co., this two-story, rectangular structure boasts approximately 62 feet of frontage on Main Street

and 72 feet on Franklin Street.

The building's Franklin Street facade features segmental arched openings framed with decorative architrave molding. Its main



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## Summer 2026 Historic Window Restoration Workshop

Weston Area Development Association (WADA) is working on bringing in experts to Weston next summer for a two-day Historic Window Restoration Workshop. The focus will be on the windows at City Hall. There are a number of windows that need restoration or repair work.

WADA will be seeking \$10,000 to sponsor this workshop. Participants will pay \$600 per person plus their personal expenses to attend. The organization is working with Historic-Trades.org on this workshop.

Participants will learn the proper way to restore historic windows rather than replacing historic windows with new materials. This is in keeping with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

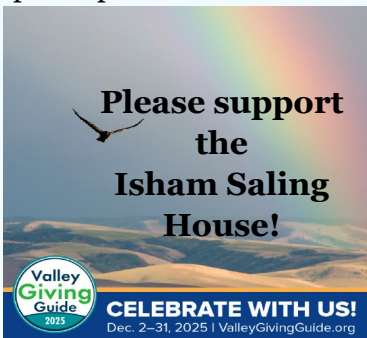
The workshop will be held outdoors to take advantage of the weather this coming summer.



## Valley Giving Guide 2025

WADA is once again participating in the 2025 Valley Giving Guide. Last December was the first time the organization participated. Donations

for the Isham Saling House helped cover the updated Site Assessment and Restoration Report for the historic Isham Saling House.



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## Weston Area Development Association

WADA was organized as a nonprofit to assist in obtaining grants, appropriations, donations, and other types of funding to work on historic preservation, economic development, and more in the Weston area — not just downtown.

Weston needs funding to restore the downtown buildings as well as develop economic opportunities for the community. WADA will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources.

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*WADA is a Connected Communities member of Oregon Main Street Oregon Cultural Trust approved nonprofit.*

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*We are a Gold Star at <https://www.guidestar.org>*

## Seeking Weston Area Historic Preservation Advocates!

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.

The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) will work cooperatively with local, state, and federal government resources as well as other organizations and individuals.

Interested persons should be at least eighteen years of age, live in Weston preferably but not required. The WADA Board looks for members who are willing to commit time and energy to our Mission and Vision.

Board of Director positions are 3-year terms beginning in the corporate year of January to December. The Board meets monthly via Zoom.

If you are interested in joining us please request our board application form by email at [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com).

If you prefer to call, you can reach us at 541-626-7229.

Check us out at: <https://WestonOregon.com>

## Volunteer as a Citizen Archivist!



The National Park Service and the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) are collaborating on a special project to transcribe the pension records of more than 80,000 of America's first veterans and their widows. Not only could you be the first person in 200 years to learn their stories, but your efforts will make a permanent contribution to the historical record in time for the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution! Learn how you can become a citizen archivist by visiting [archives.gov](http://archives.gov).



## CHRISTMAS GREETING

The Briquet Man proposes to contribute to your Christmas cheer. Owing to what I honestly think is an undeserved prejudice on the part of the public toward an excellent fuel—briquets—and to induce as many as will to give it an impartial trial, I will fill all orders for a ton or more of briquets at \$8.50 per ton delivered. This offer expires Saturday evening, December 31, or when the present supply runs out. Thanking you for past favors, I remain

THE BRIQUET MAN



entrance, a striking round-arched portal, is positioned within an angled corner bay and is set off by a classical cast iron surround. Shop windows on the Main Street side are supported by cast iron columns and rusticated brick pilasters, contributing to the building's High Victorian Italianate style.



Throughout its history, the building has served a variety of important roles for the community. The office adjacent to City Hall has housed an undertaker, council chambers, and the Police Station. Further along, the Weston Furniture Store operated for many years,

and the space has also been home to the Telephone Office. Later, Dr. Bruske established a doctors' office here, further cementing the building's place in Weston's civic life.

**Urgent Need for Restoration** Despite its enduring legacy, the rear of the building—especially the south side—faces serious threats due to severe weathering and ground settlement, exacerbated by its proximity to Pine Creek. Repairs made in the 1970s unfortunately used the wrong type of mortar, resulting in rapid deterioration. While restoration work in 2012 utilized \$190,000 from the city's contingency fund, this was the first such effort in 25 years and did not fully address all necessary repairs.

To ensure the building's preservation for future generations, it is critical to engage restoration specialists who use correct mortar and modern waterproofing techniques. The City of Weston urgently seeks public support to stabilize the mortar and complete the vital tuckpointing repairs on the south wall.

**Your Support Matters** The city has secured over \$60,000 in grants from the Wildhorse Foundation and The Kinsman Foundation to initiate the restoration. However, current bids and estimates exceed \$128,000, leaving a funding gap of approximately \$96,000 that must be



filled to complete the south wall's restoration.

**How to Give: Donation Instructions** The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) is partnering with the City of Weston to facilitate donations for this project, making donors eligible for tax credits. WADA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization (Tax ID: 88-0783069), and all donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors are encouraged to consult a CPA or tax attorney for guidance regarding their contributions.

Donations can be made online at Zeffy.com, or by check or cash at City Hall. Upon making a donation, you will receive an initial receipt and then a formal thank you from the City of Weston confirming your contribution and its amount.

**Any amount can be made online and no fee is required:** <https://tinyurl.com/bdd2bb34>

**Check donations:** Please make checks payable to WADA and deliver to City Hall or mail to City of Weston, PO Box 579, Weston, Oregon 97886

**Cash donations:** Take directly to City Hall (do not mail cash).

**Questions? (541) 316-7393**

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### Valley Giving Guide, continued from page 1

This year's quest is again to support the Isham Saling House. Now that the 1999 report has been updated, WADA will begin seeking grants and donations to work to fully restore the house.

The Hart Family Foundation, Blue Mountain Community Foundation, and Valley Giving Guide donations funded the project. Tim Lambson, Crow/Clay & Associates of Coos Bay conducted the work. This firm generated the first study and was willing to return to Weston to assess the house and update the report.

A great deal of work has been completed over the years but, unfortunately, funding has been limited and the building has started to deteriorate.

The restoration committee that was connected to the Umatilla County Pioneer Association, the former Stewards of the house, is now under the WADA umbrella.

Information on the Valley Giving Guide for the Isham Saling House is available at <https://tinyurl.com/bdfdk6p>

## Looking Back: Christmas in Weston

An enjoyable family reunion and Christmas dinner was held at the old Price homestead north of town in honor of Mrs. Z.C. Price. Her seven children and six grandchildren were present, Vernon O'Harra being the only guest aside from the family circle, which included Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Price and Miss Ruby Price, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Price, Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Lavender and family, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Price, Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Price and children, Mr. J.C. Price. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Dec 28, 1917 pg 4**

A pleasing Christmas program was given Friday evening by the pupils of Dry Hollow school district No. 20, north of town. Among those taking part were Ray Dudley, Stephen Eldon and Afton McIntyre, Winnie York, Dillard D. York, Erma McIntyre. A playlet entitled "The Christmas of the Little Pines," was given by all the children. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Dec 28, 1917 pg 4**

### Community Christmas Tree

The community Christmas tree exercises at Weston were attended by more than 453 people, crowding the opera house to capacity.

This number of gift packages had been prepared, and were not quite enough to go around. However, every child in the hall received a present, and only a few grownups were left to Hooverize in sweet meats.



The program was impressive and beautiful. Scenes of The Nativity were presented in a series of effective tableaux, marked by elaborate and appropriate costuming. Special mention is due Charles Eugene

Hedrick, two months old, for his admirable enactment of the leading role.

The program committee is entitled to much credit for the brilliant success of the exercises. This committee consisted of Claud Price, A.W. Lundell, Mrs. J.H. Williams, Mrs. R. Proudfit, Mrs. C.L. Pinkerton.

Mrs. Williams had immediate direction of the tableaux. Mr. Lundell directed the music. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Dec 28, 1917 pg 4**

The Christmas eve exercises at the various churches were well attended and enjoyable programs were presented. Treats were provided for the Sunday school pupils, and the glittering trees added much to the happiness of the little folks. The United Brethren church presented their minister with a generous Christmas box.



Dr. and Mrs. F.D. Watts extended delightful hospitality Wednesday evening when they entertained Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Porter and family at a charmingly appointed dinner – the favorite dishes of the holiday season appearing in the retinue of the feast. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Jan 2, 1920 pg 4**

Christmas day the L.R. Van Winkle family gathered about their table abundantly spread with substantial fare, particularly appealing to Miss Gertrude Van Winkle, who came home from Whitman college to be present at the feast. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Jan 2, 1920 pg 4**

Postmaster Van Winkle reports an extra good Christmas business in the sale of postage stamps – better than last year's which beat all previous records during the eight years he has been in office. For a number of days a steady stream of gift packages have been coming in to be mailed, showing that Weston people are generously mindful of kindred and friends in other climes. **The Weston Leader December 24, 1920**

Enjoyable Christmas tree exercises were held Tuesday evening at Fairview school house on Reed and Hawley Mountain. The festivities were scheduled earlier than usual in order to permit the teacher, Miss Effie Bassford, to go to her home near Portland for Christmas. A pleasing program was rendered, and Lee Mitchell enacted the role of Santa Claus. Besides many gifts, there was plenty of popcorn and candy for all the children. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Dec 24, 1920 pg 4**

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### Fine Program for Community X-mas

The community Christmas tree exercises will be held Saturday evening, December 23, at Weston opera house, beginning at seven thirty o'clock.

No presents will be placed on the tree and no names will be called.

Every person present, both children and grownups will, however, receive a sack of candy and nuts.

Twin trees have been arranged for and they will be most elaborately and beautifully embellished and illuminated. This feature will be taken care of by Messrs. E.O. De-Moss, S.A. Barnes and A.W. Lundell, who are in general charge of the tree as chairmen of the several committees appointed by the Weston Welfare club.

Chairman Lundell of the program committee has announced the following program of exercises: "Echoes from Naples" – Weston Augmented Orchestra

Song, "Antioch" – Choir and audience.

Christmas Scripture Reading – Maggie Fuson and Choir.

Invocation – Rev. F.D. Phelps.

Address – Rev. W.B. Smith

Song, "Silent Night," – Choir

Soprano solo, "the Way of the Cross," Solman – Lela G. Saling.

Reading, "why the Chimes Rang."

Cornet Solo, "Holy City," Master Harvey Lundell, with orchestra accompaniment.

Selection – Weston Quartet

Anthem, "And There Were Shepherds," McPhail – Choir

Reading – "The Two Christmas Stockings" – Blanche Thorsen.

Selection, "William Tell," Rossini – Orchestra  
Santa Claus.

**The Weston Leader, Fr, Dec 15, 1916 pg 1**

Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Dowd of Walla Walla were Christmas guests of Mrs. Dowd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Richal.

Mrs. Stella Shaw of Hermiston was a Christmas vis-



itor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Letha King.

Carmen Oliver was up from Pendleton Saturday and took Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Woods.

Frank I. Smith and Miss Gladys Smith came up from Portland for the holidays. **The Weston Leader, Fri, Dec 31, 1920**

### "Story of the Star" at the U.B. Church

One of the prettiest Christmas cantata what Weston has had the pleasure of seeing for several years "The Story of the Star," was successfully church on Christmas eve. The program was presented at the United Brethren was as follows:

Consolation – Mrs. V. Bell

Carol – "Welcome, Welcome, Welcome" – Mrs. Van Slyke's Class

"Shine Out, O Star of Beauty" – Mrs. Walker's Class

Unveiling of the Star – Hilda and Marvel McRae

Carol – "Hail, Thou Heavenly Herald" – Mrs. Van Slyke's Class

Recitation – "One Holy Night" – Vida Greer

Solo – "Beautiful Star" – Blanche Beamer

#### Asia

Hafiz (Turkish boy) – Herman Staggs

Ah-Lin-Kee (Chinese boy) – Bill Van Winkle

Na-Loo (Indian girl) – Hortense Baker

O-Moti-San (Japanese girl) – Hazel Duncan

Carol – "Brothers and Sisters in Hafiz, Ah-Lin-Kee, NahoLoo and O-Moti-San

Carol – "God is Love" – Mrs. Van Slyke's Class

#### Africa

Reading – "One Beam of the Glorious Christmas Star" – Hilda McRae

Reading – "Africa Arise" – Charlton Smith

#### Europe

Reading – "Germany" – Lous VanWinkle

Carol – "Norway and Sweden" – Hilda and Marvel McRae

Reading – Austria" – Gertie VanWinkle

Reading and carol "England" – Mrs. Walker's Class

Reading and Carol --- "The Islands of the Sea" – Ruth and Dorothy Proebestel, Ada Bamer and Rena Banister

Reading – Wilma Harbour

#### America

Reading – "Red" – Myrtle Hodgson and Ruth Smith

Reading – "White" -- Blanche Beamer and Ora Martin

Reading – "Blue" – Bertha Walden and Velma Gerking

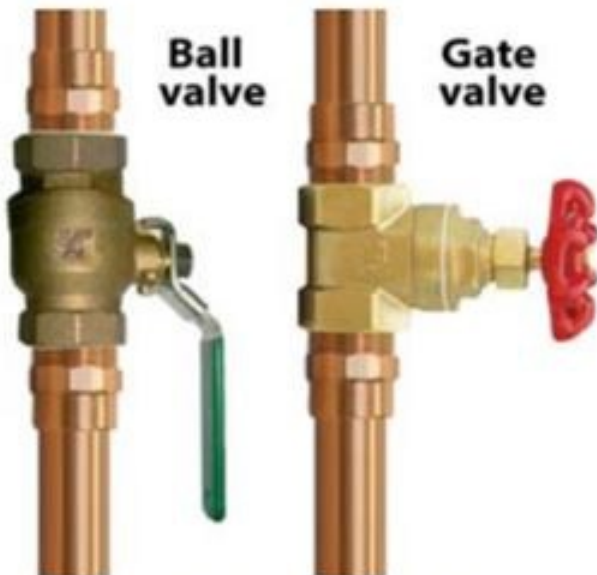
Grand Chorus – "The Christmas Star" – Shines  
"Rond the World" – By All the School

**The Weston Leader Fri, Jan 1, 1915 pg 2**

## Keep the Water Flowing, Not Frozen

**You can save yourself the hassle and cost of emergency repairs by taking a few simple steps to reduce the risk of burst pipes before freezing weather sets in:**

- Check that your water meter is insulated: Lift the small metal door on your water meter. If the thermal blanket is missing, call the Public Works Department. Please do not pull out your meter lid to check if it is insulated because you could accidentally damage the wire connected to the meter box lid.  
Drain or blow out all irrigation systems.



**Be ready for a water emergency. Look for your main shut-off valve, usually located where the water supply pipe enters your house. Two typical valve styles are shown.**

- Remove hoses from outside faucets and install an insulated cover on faucets.
- Insulate or install heat tape on water pipes exposed to the cold.
- If you have installed heat tapes, check to be sure they are working.
- Make sure all foundation vents are closed or plugged.
- Secure basements against the cold. Fill drafty cracks and repair broken windows.

Look for your main shut-off valve, usually located where the water pipe enters your house. Two typical valve styles are shown in the picture. If you do not have a main shut-off valve, install one in case of emergency.

### During a Cold Snap

We suggest that you take a few extra steps when winter temperatures drop below 20-degrees:

- Open cabinet doors below sinks located against outside walls. Insulation in the walls may not be thick enough to keep pipes from freezing.
- Turn on a small but steady stream of water at the inside faucet farthest away from where your water supply enters your home. Flowing water does not freeze as quickly as still water

### If You Have a Frozen Pipe

We suggest that you take a few extra steps when winter temperatures drop below 20-degrees:

- Open cabinet doors below sinks located against outside walls. Insulation in the walls may not be thick enough to keep pipes from freezing.
- Turn on a small but steady stream of water at the inside faucet farthest away from where your water supply enters your home. Flowing water does not freeze as quickly as still water

You might suspect that you have a frozen pipe if you turn on the tap and no water flows.

If you cannot find the location of the frozen pipe, call the Public Works Department. We will check to see if the water meter is frozen. If it is not, the problem is in your household plumbing and it is your responsibility to fix it.

You can thaw pipes by warming towels or blankets in the clothes dryer and then wrapping them around the frozen pipe. Repeat this process until water flows.

If you don't have a clothes dryer in the home, the safest and cheapest thing to do is to wait for the weather to warm and for the frozen pipe to thaw.

**Never use an open flame to thaw a frozen pipe. Use caution when using a hair dryer or electric heating pad to avoid electrocution.**



## The America 250 Oregon

The America 250 Oregon Commission was created through Senate Bill 1531, which was signed into law by Governor Tina Kotek on March 27, 2024. Chaired by the Oregon Historical Society's executive director, Kerry Tymchuk, the commission will coordinate and provide guidance for Oregon's official observance of the United States Semiquincentennial.



### America 250—Oregon

The mission of the America 250 Oregon Commission is to coordinate, provide guidance, and ensure that Oregon's official observance of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States is inclusive and shares the histories of Oregon's diverse populations, including the histories of the Indigenous peoples who have resided here since time immemorial.



- To inspire Oregonians to participate in the work of forming a more perfect union.
- To highlight the importance of civics and history education in building a better future.
- To highlight the work of Oregon's many history and heritage organizations.
- To encourage a robust, thorough, and honest examination of our collective history.
- To celebrate the unique traditions, arts, and cultures of communities throughout Oregon.
- To honor the service and sacrifice made by Oregon's veterans.
- To celebrate the power of place through Oregon's remarkable landscapes and scenic beauty.

### America 250—Oregon E-Newsletter

For information on upcoming commission meetings or to learn how you or your organization can get involved in America 250—Oregon programming please subscribe to our email list <https://tinyurl.com/e88usf5e>

Information about the celebration can be found online at: <https://www.oregon250.org/>

Note: WADA is discussing how Weston can participate in this celebration locally. Stay tuned.

**Valley Giving Guide 2025**

**JOIN OUR GIVING DAY**  
Support us and give back Dec. 2–31, 2025

For more information, go to [ValleyGivingGuide.org](http://ValleyGivingGuide.org)

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfdka6p>

**Santa Claus is Just Around the Corner**

**BE READY FOR** him with useful gifts for the men folk of your household. It is the useful gift, remember, that meets lasting appreciation.

Let us suggest a pair or box of Fancy Sox, a Christmas Necktie, a pair of Paris Garters, Dress Gloves or Suspenders from our well-selected stock.

We have the season's delicacies for your Christmas dinner—including Mince Meat, Celery, Sweet Potatoes, Cranberries, Grapes, Figs, Nuts, Citron, Fancy Apples.

**L. L. O'Harra**  
(Phone Main 241)

**GROCER - - - HABERDASHER**

The Weston Leader Dec 10, 1915 pg 2

**Weston Commercial Historic District  
(added 1982 – – #82001515)  
E. Main Street between Water and  
Broad Streets, Weston, Oregon**

**Historic Significance:** Architecture/  
Engineering, Event  
**Architectural Style:** Italianate  
**Area of Significance:** Architecture, Commerce,  
Industry, Agriculture  
**Period of Significance:** 1925-1949, 1900-1924,  
1875-1899  
**Owner:** Local , Private  
**Historic Function:** Commerce/Trade, Educa-  
tion, Industry/Processing/Extraction, Social  
**Historic Sub-function:** Clubhouse, College,  
Manufacturing Facility  
**Current Function:** Commerce/Trade, Domestic,  
Government, Recreation and Culture  
**Current Sub-function:** Business, Museum

The Weston Commercial Historic District is one of  
only two Historic Districts in Umatilla County.

<https://historicwestonoregon.com>

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**Regret goes only one way. The preservation  
of historic buildings is a one-way street. There  
is no chance to renovate or to save a historic  
site once it's gone. And we can never be  
certain what will be valued in the future.  
This reality brings to light the importance  
of locating and saving buildings of historic  
significance—because once a piece of  
history is destroyed, it is lost forever.**

*From "Six Practical Reasons to  
Save Old Buildings" by Julia Rocchi  
<https://tinyurl.com/42ezucrt>*

## Weston Food Pantry Needs You!

The Weston Food Pantry is open to the public on the first Tuesday of the month from 5-7 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month from 10-noon. We serve about 100 families each month.

Our food comes to us once a month from the Oregon Food Bank distributed through CAPECO in Pendleton. We use donated funds to supplement what we get from CAPECO.

We buy eggs, cheese, milk and butter each month with a cost of about \$1500/month.

Donations are always welcome. The money is used to keep the shelves stocked so that our patrons can have the food that they need.

Checks can be made to Weston Food Pantry and mailed to P.O. Box 173, Weston, OR 97886.

We are thankful for our donors and those who are food insecure are served by us and your donations. Thank you for considering helping the food pantry continue to feed people in need in our community.

If you have any questions you may send an email to [westonoregonfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:westonoregonfoodpantry@gmail.com) or call Preston Winn, Manager at 541-969-2225.

### Food Pantry Hours

First Tuesday of the Month 5pm to 7pm  
Third Saturday of the month 10am to 12 noon

December 2 and 20



## TigerScot Treasure Trunk Needs Volunteers!

Weston Middle School's TigerScot Treasure Trunk will be open soon to students to shop for **free clothing** — but we need your help to keep it running smoothly!

We're looking for **volunteers** to assist students during their **lunch breaks** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**. It's a small time commitment that makes a **big difference** in the lives of our kids!

- Volunteers must pass a background check
- Lunchtime hours only
- Located at Weston Middle School

If you're interested in giving back and supporting our students, please reach out to me via Facebook or email me at [Kati.funderburk@athwestsd.org](mailto:Kati.funderburk@athwestsd.org)



<https://ishamsalinghouse.com>

# WADA is Sponsoring a Photo Contest!

WADA is looking for photographs from around the community. From the city limits to way up on the mountain. Buildings, events, scenic, sports, etc. We need them for marketing, grants, merch, and a possible calendar that we would produce.

Photographs need to be high resolution. Horizontal view is best but Vertical can also work. If you have people in the photograph and they are recognizable, we need their signed permission to use their photo.



Photos submitted by Christie Frison-Thornton

You will own the copyright and will be given credit for the photo. You give us permission to use them to carry out our mission.

Send photos to [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com) with Photographs in the subject line. Be sure your contact information is in the email, permission if a person is in the photo, and identify the photo

location and/or subject. Questions? Send an email to or call 541-626-7229.



### 2025 Weston Calendar

#### Weston History Exhibit Opens at the Long Branch Cafe—Come view the exhibit's

photos and related historical research. Sponsored by WADA. Hours are the restaurant's open hours.

**AA Meeting** on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Weston Community Church. All are welcome!

#### Share your meeting dates and events here!

Support WADA with your donation at  
<https://westonoregon.com>  
List your meetings and events here!  
Deadline is 25th each month.  
Email: [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com)



### WADA is a Member of:



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### Preservation Leadership Forum

Nonprofit Association of Oregon  
<https://nonprofitoregon.org/>



#### WADA uses Zeffy .com for its donation platform.

It is a safe site and allows WADA to be good stewards of funds donated by our supporters. We chose Zeffy.com because we receive **100%** of the donated funds. We are not charged a percentage of the donated funds.



While it is suggested that donors cover the fee, it is not required. That is pretty amazing considering PayPal, GoFundMe, and others charge around 3% or more of the total donation. It is a safe site. For more information on Zeffy.com here is our link: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfjwrr8>



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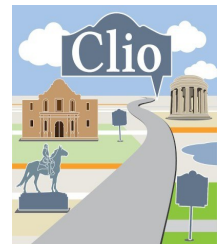
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## Local Links

- Weston-McEwen High School: <http://wmhs.athwest.k12.or.us>
- Athena-Weston School District: <http://www.athwest.k12.or.us>
- Weston Middle School: <http://wms.athwest.k12.or.us/>
- Athena Elementary School: <http://aes.athwest.k12.or.us/>
- Weston Planning Commission: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
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- Weston Historic Landmarks Commission: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
- Weston Parks and Recreation Commission: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>
- Umatilla County Pioneer Association: <https://umatillacounty.pioneerassociation.com/>
- Domestic Violence Resources: <https://www.dvs-or.org/>

24 Hour Crisis Line 1-800-833-1161 Pendleton 541-276-3322 Hermiston 541-567-0424





## RATES

**Indoor/Outdoor - Capacity 20**

**Hourly Rate:** \$25.00/hr (minimum 2 hours)

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**Refundable damage deposit:** \$100

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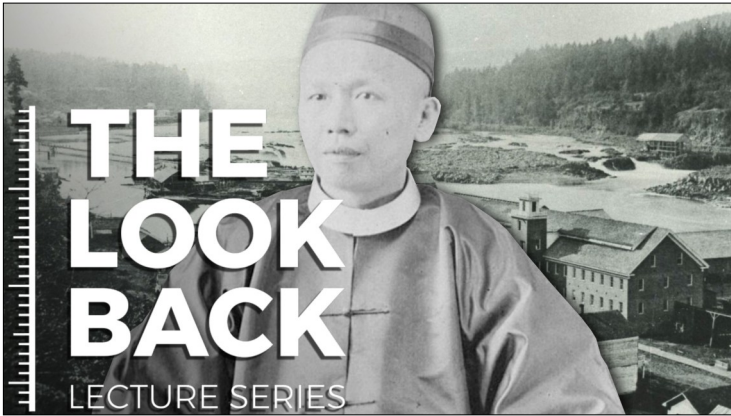
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**The Look Back Lecture Series:  
Oregon City's Chinese Expulsion**

**Date:** Thursday, December 11  
**Time:** 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$10 – \$20  
**Website:** <https://tinyurl.com/yc3js2an>  
**Organizer:** [Museum of the Oregon Territory](#)  
**Phone** 503-655-5574  
**Location:** [Museum of the Oregon Territory](#), 211  
 Tumwater Drive, Oregon City, 97045  
**Phone:** 503-655-5574

During the late 1800s, anti-Chinese discrimination was on the rise in Oregon. This was fueled by the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which banned Chinese immigration to the United States. On February 22, 1886, 40 men forced Chinese workers out of Oregon City and onto a steamboat to Portland.

The group blamed Chinese laborers for taking jobs from White workers during hard economic times. Join author Jim Nicita for a compelling lecture exploring these injustices and the enduring history and legacy of Oregon City's Chinese community. Discover the stories that have too often been overlooked and gain new insight into the city's past.

Admission to the lecture is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. 2025 admission to the Look Back Lecture Series is free for Clackamas County residents thanks to the Union Pacific Railroad Communities Ties Giving Program while funds remain available.

*Event Accessibility:*

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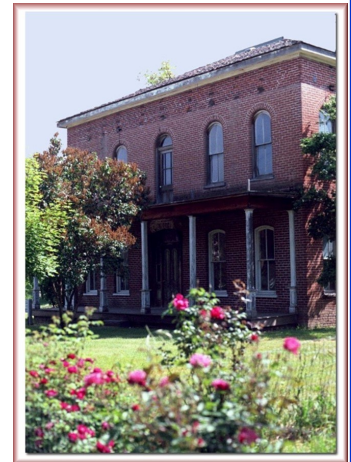
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**Please Support the  
Isham Saling House Restoration!**

Your support is greatly needed to begin raising funds to complete the Isham Saling House Restoration. The Weston Area Development Association is the new owner of the historic property and is actively seeking donations for the house.

All donations will go to the Isham Saling House Restoration Project.



<https://ishamsalinghouse.com>  
 Donations can be made online, at  
<https://tinyurl.com/2eyvyrhh>

Make checks payable to the  
 Weston Area Development Association and send to:  
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 PO Box 256  
 Weston, Oregon 97886  
[Weston97886@gmail.com](mailto:Weston97886@gmail.com)  
<https://westonoregon.com>

# Transit Bus Schedules

KAYAK PUBLIC TRANSIT  
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**The Confederated Tribes of Umatilla operates the transportation program and offers Free Bus Services.**

**Commuter Bus Routes** - The Hopper, Arrow, Rocket, and Whistler are Commuter-route buses that are primarily connecting outlying areas with a central city through bus service.

**Transit Bus Schedules:** <https://tinyurl.com/4j6z5ep7>

## Blue Mountain (Kees) Cemetery

[www.BlueMountainCemetery.com](http://www.BlueMountainCemetery.com)

Information on Burials including photos of headstones, some obituaries, and other related historical information can be found on this website. There is also a map on the website. The original website was a labor of love by Bob Gilliland. It was a miracle that it could be recovered from an archive website with only a few items not recoverable as the domain had expired. **New digital map is online!**



*Isham Saling House*  
Weston, Oregon

*Weston's Historic Brick Home*

<https://IshamSalingHouse.com>



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**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.**

[www.WestonOregon.com](http://www.WestonOregon.com)

WADA is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. We recommend that you consult your CPA or Tax Attorney regarding donations. Tax ID: 88-0783069

## Here Are Ways to Support Our Mission & Programs

- ◆ **Become a Member!** Join today! WADA depends on memberships and donations to cover administrative costs such as insurance, publishing the monthly The Blue Mountain Dispatch, postage, phone, memberships in organizations that benefit WADA, and more. <https://tinyurl.com/48sunenka>
- ◆ **Support the Isham Saling House Restoration Project**  
WADA became the Stewards of the Isham Saling House during 2024. While restoration projects have been accomplished, there is more that needs to be done. Your support of this project saves an important Weston icon. <https://tinyurl.com/hhnvrnu9>
- ◆ **Oregon Cultural Trust**  
For more than two decades, the Oregon Cultural Trust has played a vital role in enriching our state's cultural resources, supporting more than 1,600 nonprofits across Oregon. We have woven a unique and awe-inspiring cultural tapestry, united by artistry, defined by stories and guided by wisdom. We are listed as *Weston Area Development Association*. <https://www.culturaltrust.org>
- ◆ **Leave Your Legacy or Donate Stock Shares** Your legacy lives on with a designated contribution through your Will whether it is a one-time donation or an endowment fund. Donation of stock shares is also a way to support WADA. Please contact us for more information. [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Advocate for WADA and Historic Preservation!** Contact your local leaders and your mayor to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in our community. Contact your state legislators and congressional leaders to promote the importance of Historic Preservation in our community as well as state-wide. Historic Preservation projects benefit the local economy.
- ◆ **Employer Gift Match Program** Does your employer offer a matching gift program to allow you to double your donation to a non-profit? We welcome your support. Please contact us for our tax information!

WADA is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization and has not provided any goods or services in exchange for this contribution. All donations are tax deductible to the extent of the law. We recommend that you consult your CPA or Tax Attorney regarding donations. We are registered with Gold Star at <https://www.guidestar.org> and registered with *Benevity* for ACH donations.

## Support Historic Preservation in Weston!



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Donations may be mailed to:  
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**PO Box 256**  
**Weston, OR 97886**  
or online at:  
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**Weston Public Library:** 541-566-2378  
[www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library](http://www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library)

**Police/Dispatch:** 541-966-3651  
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Payments can be made via phone (debit/credit), online, or the drop box on the side of City Hall.

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**WCDC Facebook:** <https://tinyurl.com/3766z53n>

## National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center Fee-Free in December

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, located near Baker City, Oregon, brings to life the historic journey of pioneers who traveled westward on the Oregon Trail in the 19th century. This interactive museum and outdoor site illuminates the challenges, triumphs, and profound impact of this historic migration that shaped the American west. Visitors can explore exhibits that showcase the daily lives of the pioneers and the landscapes they traversed. The exhibits also highlight the cultural connections and collisions of the Native Americans and Euro-American emigrants involved in this monumental movement of people.

Set on a hillside with stunning views, the center features hands-on exhibits, life-size displays, and a replica wagon camp. The 500-acre site includes remnants of the historic Flagstaff Gold Mine and original ruts carved by pioneer wagons. Through engaging presentations and programs, the Center honors the legacy of the Oregon Trail, providing a fascinating look at the hardships and adventures that defined this pivotal chapter in American history.

**Winter Hours:** Open Thursdays-Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Admission:** *Winter* - \$5 for age 16 and up, \$4 for seniors, good for two days with receipt || *Summer* - \$8 for age 16 and up, \$6 for seniors, good for two days with receipt

**Holiday Closures:** Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

**Fee-free Days: December 2025**



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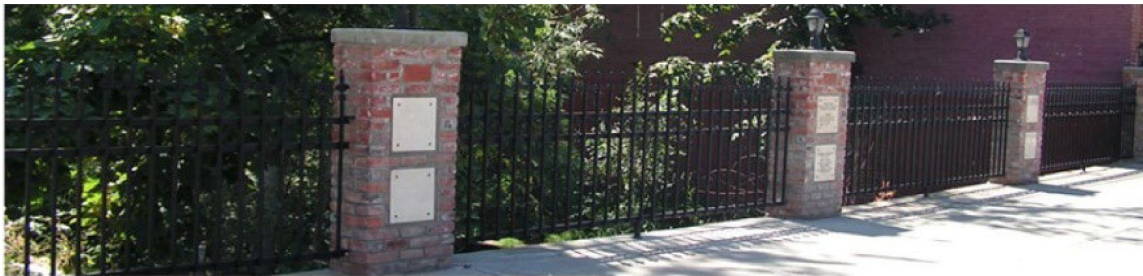
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- Historic Preservation Fund for future projects. ....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
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