

# The Blue Mountain Dispatch

Courtesy of the Weston Area Development Association

## New Host Announced for the 2026 Weston Citizens Award Dinner

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The 57th Weston Citizens Award will be hosted by the Weston Area Development Association (WADA), marking a new chapter for this annual community event.



In December, Jackie Gentry, president of the Umatilla County Pioneers Association, reached out to WADA

with a proposal to take over the responsibility of hosting the annual Weston Citizens Award. The request signified a shift in stewardship for the celebration, inviting WADA to become the event's new sponsor.

After considering the proposal, the WADA board of directors agreed with enthusiasm to assume the role of host for the local celebration. The organization expressed pleasure at being asked to sponsor an event that honors the citizens of Weston.

WADA will seek nominations for the annual Citizen Award. (See page 15 for the form.) Ann Vescio, Superintendent of Athena-Weston Schools will handle the Educator of the Year and Youth of the Year nominations.

The Umatilla County Pioneer Association will seek nominations for the 2026 Queen and Grand Marshal. Nomination forms for the Queen and Grand Marshal are available at Weston Library and City Hall and on their website at <https://tinyurl.com/4h3kjinw> Please contact Jackie Gentry at [gentry.jackie67@gmail.com](mailto:gentry.jackie67@gmail.com) for more information.

Citizen of the Year nomination forms can be picked up at the Weston Public Library, City Hall, Stagecoach, and the Long Branch Café & Saloon as well as on Facebook at <https://tinyurl.com/4pj3uxke> or on WADA's website <https://westonoregon.com>

The deadline for Citizen of the Year nominations to be returned to WADA is February 10, 2026.

The dinner will be held at the historic Memorial Hall, and catered by Four Flames of Helix. Since WADA has only had two weeks to get started, the menu, cost, etc. are still in the planning stages. More details will be forthcoming on Facebook, WADA's website and next month's newsletter.

## America's Potluck

Join your neighbors for a nationwide communal meal on Sunday, July 5, 2026, as part of America250 Utah's "America's Potluck."

This initiative invites communities to slow down, share food, and connect across differences — fostering belonging, conversation, and unity. Inspired by the tradition of Sunday dinner, participants are encouraged to host or co-host a potluck in their neighborhood, complete with conversation prompts, state-specific recipes, and community decorations.



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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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**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>

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Whether across the street or across town, America's Potluck is about building bridges and celebrating community.

**What is America's Potluck?** America's Potluck is an opportunity for neighbors to join with one another to share a fun, communal meal, creating a sense of connection and belonging and fostering interactions among people from all walks of life.

**Why Sunday, July 5, 2026?** 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the document that tied our nation together. The tradition of Sunday dinner invites us to slow down, serve others, and connect with one another. Through dialogue and a shared meal, we can promote our common bonds and honor the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

It will take the community to host this event. If you are interested, please contact WADA at 541-262-7229 or [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com) to let us know you are interested. We will have a meeting to discuss what needs to be done, who can help with the various roles. We need to know by March 1st so that we can plan accordingly. It will be a fun community event!

<https://youtu.be/A8CPgFOtMc4>

**AMERICA'S Potluck BINGO JULY 5, 2026**

|  |   |  |  |   |
|--|---|--|--|---|
| Learned someone's name and repeated it back            | Found out where someone grew up   | Discovered someone's favorite type of pie                          | Learned what someone does for work—or used to      | Found out if someone has pets (or what pet they'd get)    |
| Someone shared a hidden talent or hobby                | Asked: "If you could live in any U.S. state for a year, where would it be?" | Discovered someone's go-to karaoke song (or guilty pleasure music) | Asked: "If you could time travel, past or future?" | Found someone who's been to a national park               |
| Asked someone what dish they were most excited to try  | Heard someone say, "You have to try this!"                                  | <b>FREE SPACE</b>  | Swapped a recipe or cooking shortcut               | Someone admitted they never follow recipes                |
| Asked: "What's one tradition your family keeps alive?" | Someone told you a story about a past holiday or celebration                | Learned what language(s) someone speaks or wishes they did         | Asked: "What does 'neighbor' mean to you?"         | Found someone who brought food inspired by their heritage |
| Gave someone a genuine compliment                      | Helped someone carry their plate or find a seat                             | Shared a laugh over something small or silly                       | Asked: "Would you come to another one of these?"   | Someone said, "I'm glad I came today"                     |

AmericasPotluck.org

## 2025 Weston Christmas Light Display Winners

What a magical night in Weston! I had the privilege of helping judge this year's Weston Christmas Light Displays, and our town truly outdid itself. Every street glowed with creativity, warmth, and holiday spirit — making Weston feel like a scene straight out of a Christmas movie. ~ Mike Kilgore

The Lighting Display Contest was headed up by the Weston Community Development Commission with Weston Area Development Association helped with the judging of the lights.

### • Best of Show:

Juan Avila & Matt Gillium — 402 State Street Their home was a breathtaking blend of color, new style design, and pure Christmas joy went into this display



### • Second Place:

Joe & Carlene Hearn — 105 E Bruce Street A cozy, classy display that captured the heart of the season and joy of Christmas



### • Third Place:

Craig & Tiffany Gains — 412 North Franklin A beautiful mix of lights and festive décor that brightened the whole block.



### • Most Traditional Display:

Dave & Joan Laufer — 412 South Water Street Elegant, timeless, and full of nostalgic charm with candles in the windows and pure white light display.



### • Street with the Most Lights:

South Broad Street In The entire street came alive in a dazzling sea of color — a true community effort! A huge congratulations to all the winners and participants who made Weston shine brighter than ever this year. The creativity, teamwork, and holiday spirit on display remind us just how special our town is.

A special thank you to the city of Weston, for lighting up our hearts and our town this Christmas! You did a great job on the town especially the Christmas tree and the lighting celebration! Keep up the great work!



# Vital bus service returns on I-84

*Federal funds awarded by ODOT help restore bus service between Portland Union Station and Boise Airport*

**Portland, OR** — The Oregon Department of Transportation awarded Northwestern Stage Lines with a federal grant to restore vital intercity bus service for rural cities between Portland, Oregon and Boise, Idaho on Interstate 84. Since January, many rural Oregonians have had no long-distance bus service to travel to doctor appointments, to work or to visit family and friends outside of their local town.



“This grant helps fill a gap, giving Eastern Oregonians access to travel options,” said Suzanne Carlson,

ODOT Public Transportation Division Administrator. “Residents rely on transit to reach vital services, from healthcare and employment to education and family support. This new bus route restores access, connecting travelers to Amtrak, airports, and regional and national bus lines, opening the door to seamless mobility across the United States.”

The \$600,000 ODOT grant funds a portion of the route between The Dalles and the Boise Airport for one year. This service is funded through a Federal Transit Administration Intercity Bus Program grant.

**Rural Oregonians no longer cut off from transit** “Without this route, a lot of people were stranded. Oregonians use I-84 for work, school, medical appointments, visiting family and other essential travel,” said Brittany White, Transportation Manager for SRT - [Malheur Express](#). “Many people in Malheur County don’t have cars or can’t afford other long-distance travel options, so a continuous bus service on I-84 bus is their only way to get anywhere.”

**Restoring this service will make a real difference for people throughout the region**

“I feel a huge sense of relief now that any intercity transit option is finally returning to Baker City,” said Matt Krabacher, the Vice President of the [Association of Oregon Rail & Transit Advocates](#) in Baker City. “If you don’t own a car in rural

Oregon, you’re stranded. As a mid-career professional, it is a great way for me to access urban amenities, such as concerts and airports, without having to drive or deal with a car while in the city and to save money on gas. But the real value lies in helping elderly populations who are unable to drive long distances. As healthcare services are disappearing from rural America and eastern Oregon, reliable public transit access is critical. Without reliable transit, many of our residents must choose between risking continuing to live in their homes or making the expensive move to urban areas.”

**Connecting communities, businesses and people** “Since we lost bus service, we’ve had many unfortunate situations of people becoming stranded in Baker City and La Grande. This new service along I-84 will help get people back to their families, friends and serve a basic human need for mobility,” said Joe Hayes, County Operations Manager, [Community Connection](#) of Baker County.

To learn more or book tickets, visit **Northwestern Stage Lines** at <https://tinyurl.com/ypp3ea6k>

**Service route: Portland, Hood River, The Dalles, Boardman, Pasco, Washington; Hermiston, Pendleton, La Grande, Baker City, Ontario; Nampa and Boise, Idaho.**

If you or someone you know is experiencing thoughts of self-harm or is in a mental health crisis, help is available. Please call Community Counseling Solutions crisis line or call the national and crisis lifeline at **988**. Caring counselors are ready to assist you at any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text **988** or chat [988lifeline.org](https://988lifeline.org)

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# Tollgate Trail Finders Snowmobile Club Clears Trails

Five days of trail clearing recap:

- ◆ Spout to Woodland is cleared
- ◆ Summit road from hwy 204 to Ruckel is cleared
- ◆ Jubilee Lake Road 64 is cleared from hwy 204 to 11a
- ◆ We got 3/4 of the way between 11a and 13. Based on drone footage there are at least 3 massive clusters of trees down between where we stopped tonight and 13.
- ◆ We will be concentrating on getting to 13 then 13a then to Bone Springs Shelter so folks have a destination. That section will take a crew at least a full day
- ◆ The 3719 is cleared around Coyote to Morning Creek and out to Spout
- ◆ Shumway side is cleared from coyote down to McDougal. But there's a locked forest service gate that we need opened
- ◆ Old Skyline from 3a to Motett Campground has been cleared. Motett to 13 needs to be cleared. Its a mess
- ◆ McIntyre also needs cleared. Its a mess on the target meadows side

On day 5, two groups of volunteers Brandon Christensen Doug Moehnke Dorman Moehnke Kolby Christensen Glenn Warren and Brent Mehlenbacher along with some sledders that pitched in for a few hours.

- ◆ Brandon's group cleared 70 trees in 1 mile between jct 11a and 13. They hoped to make it to 13 but it got dark so they headed home.
- ◆ Glenn's group made it up Old Skyline to jct 13. Its still a mess but at least we're closer to the Bone Springs Warming Shelter.

We were able to secure a special permit from USFS to use Jeeps with large tires to skid logs. That has

made the going a bit faster.

YouTube video: <https://youtu.be/4jdW7D7RGUw>  
<https://www.tollgatetrailfinders.org/>



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## Ring in the New Year in Weston

A good, old-fashioned New Year's dance will be held this evening at the opera house, the idea of a masquerade having been abandoned by the management. Music will be by Johnson's orchestra, assisted by "Bundy with the drums."

The Weston Leader, Fri., Jan. 1, 1916 pg 3

### WESTON'S COMMERCIAL OUTLOOK

In its annual review of Inland Empire towns for its New Year number, Up-to-the Times Magazine contains the following about Weston:

"During 1915 two new mercantile stores were established at Weston – one of them by private capital and the other by a local corporation known as the Weston Mercantile Company. The latter was capitalized at \$25,000, and has put in a very complete stock. In fact, never in the town's history – not even in the stirring pioneer days when it ranked second only to Pendleton in commercial importance in Umatilla county – has it been so well prepared with stocks in every line to take



care of the wants of its tributary territory. More attention is paid by the merchants to store front displays, and these were more striking and attractive during the past holiday season than ever known before. In general, Weston is thriving in a modest way – not withstanding the fact that it is an agricultural community and but a small share of its 1915 crop has as yet been disposed of. When selling becomes general it should bring about livelier conditions in 1916. One of

the town's most urgent needs is a produce company, and it may be that the frequent discussion of this want will crystallize into action during the new year."

The Weston Leader, Fri., Jan 7, 1916 pg 2

### NEWS OF THE BLUES

On New Year's day Mrs. Cynthia Hyatt gave a family dinner at her home. Those present ere: Will Hall, wife and sons; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Seth Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. John Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy

Hyatt, Mrs. Myrtle Thompson. All reported a good time and a big feed.

The Weston Leader Fri, Jan 5, 1917 pg 2

### LIEUALLEN – ADKINS

A very pretty New Year's wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. JP. Lieuallen at five o'clock, when their daughter Lena and Mr. Marvin Adkins were united in marriage.

The young couple entered the parlor as the wedding march was played by Mrs. J.V. Bell and plighted their vows under a large white wedding bell. They were attended by Miss Mabel Liuallen, sister of the bride, and Mr. Ray O'Harra.

Rev. W.B. Smith performed the ceremony in the presences of about thirty guests. After the happy event, refreshments were served. The Weston Leader Fri, Jan 5, 1917 pg 3



A pleasant New Year's watch party was given at the home of Odessa Kirkpatrick Sunday. Various games were played and dainty refreshments were served, after which the adjourned parties went to the different churches and rang the old year out and the new year in. Those present were: Odessa Kirkpatrick, Ethel Waddingham, Lottie Brandt, Gladys Smith, Leola Duncan, Ruth Read; Jim Kirkpatrick, Earl Lieuallen, Roy Read, Leonard Blomgren, Frank Smith, Rulin Smith.

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The Leader started the New Year right and happily with financial boosts from the following subscribers: R.F> Read, Chrales Crawford, W.N. Oliver, R.G. Blomgren, F.H. Beathe, Ferguson Bros., Marion O'Harra, S.A. Barnes, J.L. Hodgson, A.J. McIntyre, W.O. Read, G. DeGraw, Shirley Barnett, Mrs. Ivy Neelands, C.H. Marsh, C.H. Stanfield.

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Leonard Blomgren and Elmer Tucker were dinner guests New Year's Day of Mr. and Mrs. Curran McFadden at Athena.

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A sleigh riding party consisting of all the young people of the neighborhood were out the other evening, after which they found an "oyster supper" awaiting them at the Dowd home.

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Terpsichore will reign New Year's Even, December 31, at Weston opera house, when the old year will be happily danced out and the New Year joyously danced in. Music by Payant's five-piece "jazz" orchestra.

New Year's Ball December 31 at Weston Opera House. The Weston Leader, Fri. Dec. 28, 1917 pg 3

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Hodgen and family were guests New Year's day at Umapine, where the 8<sup>th</sup> annual reunion

of the Hodgen family was held. Seventy-four members were present and a bounteous feast was spread. Fletcher's orchestra of Pendleton was employed for the occasion.

The Weston Leader, Fri. Jan. 9, 1920 pg 2

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Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hodgen and family have returned from Umapine, where on New Year's eve the annual reunion of the Hodgen family was held in the community hall. Sixty-six members of the family were present, with about seventy guests. One hundred and thirty were seated at the feast. The reunion was held during the afternoon and evening, and dancing and games were enjoyed. Fletcher's orchestra of Pendleton, furnished music for the occasion.

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The dance and card party given on New Year's eve by the Civic club, was much of a success in ever particular. The opera house was decorated in evergreens and a space roped off for card tables left ample room for the dancers who tripped to inspiring music by the Athena orchestra. From a cozy corner, ladies of the club dispensed toothsome sandwiches and coffee to their guests during the evening.

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J.A. King and family and James McLean and family of Washtucna were dinner guests New Year's day of Mr. and Mrs. A.M. Ross. The Weston Leader Fri, Jan 7, 1921 pg 2

New Year's day marked the twentieth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Mark A. Phinney. To fittingly honor the event, members of the United Brethren church gathered in the church parlors Friday evening and treated the honor guests to a genuine, old-fashioned surprise party – accompanying the expressions of good will with a generous supply of gifts, both useful and ornamental. During the hour when the Old Year departed and 1921 was ushered in, a delicious lunch as served by the ladies of the congregation. The affair was one of the happiest events of the season's social calendar.

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**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  
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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/42ezucr>*

## 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

Suggestion for donation for the Weston Food Pantry to help your neighbor's birthdays special.



To make cake without eggs, oil, or water just add one can of Sprite and bake according to package directions.

## 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)

## Preservation Action and The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

Invite you to join fellow preservation advocates at the Royal Sonesta-Dupont Circle in Washington, DC for National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week March 2-5, 2026.

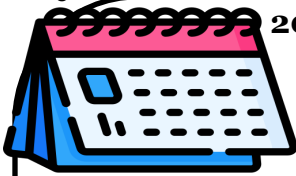


Advocacy Week 2026 will feature new in-depth preservation policy trainings and briefings, member and partner meetings, exciting tours, networking opportunities, and of course congressional visits.

**Your advocacy has an impact!** This is a critical time for historic preservation,

and your voice is needed to advocate for the indispensable programs and policies that help preserve our nation's historic resources.

**More details and registration information coming soon.**



## 2026 Weston Calendar

**Weston History Exhibit Opens at the Long Branch Cafe**—Come view the exhibit's photos and related historical research. Sponsored by WADA.

**March 14—Weston Citizens Award Dinner**

**May 2026 — Historic Preservation Month**

**June ?? — Annual Pioneer Picnic and Parade**

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

**Weston City Council** meeting 3rd Tuesday at 6pm.

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



List your meetings and events here!  
**Deadline is 25th each month.**  
**Email:**  
**WADA97886@gmail.com**

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## 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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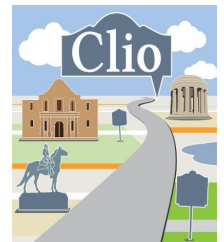
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**Download the phone app at**  
**[www.TheClio.com](http://www.TheClio.com)**  
 or on our website.



## 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>

Weston Community Development: <https://tinyurl.com/ypz5fdn6>

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/>

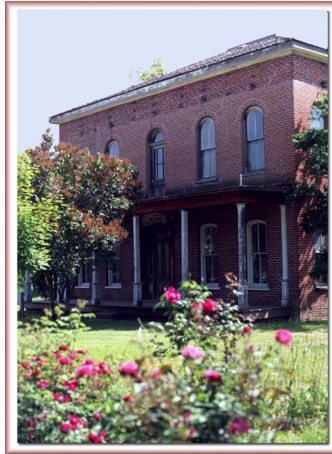
Domestic Violence Resources: <https://www.dvs-or.org/>

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



### 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:  
Weston Area Development Association  
PO Box 256  
Weston, Oregon 97886  
Weston97886@gmail.com

## Domestic Violence Services, Inc.

Serving **Umatilla & Morrow** Counties Since 1977



**Safety, Help, & Hope**

**24 - HOUR CRISIS LINE**  
**1 - 800 - 833 - 1161**

## Servicios de Violencia Doméstica, Inc.

Sirviendo los Condados de **Umatilla y Morrow** desde 1977



**Proteccion, Ayuda Y Esperanza**

**LÍNEA DE CRISIS DE 24 HORA**  
**1 - 800 - 833 - 1161**

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Weston, Oregon

## The Organization

Domestic Violence Services, Inc. is a non-profit agency that provides emergency services to victims of domestic, sexual, and dating violence, and stalking. We are working hard to spread awareness and education in the communities we serve to end this kind of violence and help prevent it in the future.

The service area is all of Umatilla and Morrow Counties

## We Need Your Help

As a non-profit agency we rely greatly on community support!!!

### HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### BE A VOLUNTEER

#### DONATE CASH OR ITEMS

- \*Paper Products
- \*Canned Meat & Fruit
- \*New & Used Cell Phones/Chargers
- \*New Packs of Socks/Underwear/Bras

More needs at: [www.dvs-or.org](http://www.dvs-or.org)

You can also call for current need

**541-276-3322**

## Services Offered

We provide direct services to victims of domestic, sexual, and dating violence, and stalking

- Domestic Violence Advocacy
- Sexual Assault Advocacy
- Bilingual Advocacy
- Confidential Crisis Support
- 24 Hour Crisis Line
- Information & Referral
- Safety Planning
- Confidential Abuse Assessment
- Assistance with Restraining Orders
- Court Support and Advocacy
- Support Groups
- Emergency Safe Shelter
- Community Education
- Training Workshops

## Support Groups

- Turning Point**  
Domestic Violence Support Group
- Silence Breakers**  
Sexual Assault Survivor Group
- Compassion in Action**  
Support Group for friends, family, or providers
- Pathways to the Future**  
Youth Support Group for Survivors of Domestic Violence

## Advocacy Center Locations

### Pendleton

Administrative Office  
1103 SE Court Place  
Mon-Fri ~ 8am-5pm

### Milton-Freewater

722 S Main St  
(City Hall Basement)  
Call for appointment

### one

365 W 3rd St  
Call for appointment

**541 - 276 - 3322**

### Hermiston

1050 W Elm Ave, Suite 250  
Mon-Fri ~ 8am-5pm

### Boardman

200 City Center Circle  
Call for appointment

**541 - 567 - 0424**



We serve all persons without regard to race, color, national origin, ethnic background, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, socio-economic status or physical or mental abilities.

## Shelters

- ~ Awakening House ~  
Pendleton
- ~ Casa de Esperanza ~  
Hermiston

## Community Education

### PARENT EDUCATION

**Positive Parenting Program**  
Primary Care & Discussion Groups  
**Parenting Now!**

#### Make Parenting a Pleasure

#### Abriendo Puertas

Bilingual parenting course

### OTHER EDUCATION

#### Mental Health First Aid

Primary Prevention in Schools  
Violence in the Workplace

#### DV 101 with "In Her Shoes":

A simulation exercise will let your group experience the barriers of people trying to get safe

### LIFE SKILLS

#### Training for basic life tasks:

Job Readiness and Retention, Stress Management, Housing, Cooking & Nutrition, Money Management.

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## Training Workshops

### DV 101

Intro to DVS & victims we serve

What is Domestic Violence?

Why Does She Stay?

Children and Domestic Violence

Teen Dating Violence

Elder Abuse 101

Sexual Assault 101

Stalking

Teachers as Advocates

PREA & the Role of Advocates

Prison Rape Elimination Act

Other presentations are available:

Average time per workshop is 90 minutes but can be requested for as little as 30 minutes.

## Volunteer Opportunities

We would be happy to meet with you to see if there is a volunteer project that works for you.

You can be trained to work directly with clients or provide services in other areas which support our mission.

[volunteer@dvs-or.org](mailto:volunteer@dvs-or.org)

# Transit Bus Schedules

KAYAK PUBLIC TRANSIT  
Bus Schedule Links Below  
541-325-7200

Express  
Park-n-Ride

**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>



**HistoricFunding.com**

Historic Preservation | Cultural Resources | The Arts

The most comprehensive database of funding sources available for historic preservation and restoration, cultural resource management, and the arts.

**Grants - Loans - Tax Incentives  
Rebates - CLG Funds - Easements  
Scholarships - Fellowships/Internships  
Apprenticeships - Residencies - More!**

*Funding Categories Include:*

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Archaeology - Downtown Revitalization  
Arts - Humanities - Libraries - More!**

**HistoricFunding.com**

## Historic Weston, Oregon

*A Town Rich in History*



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

**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!



Scan QR code to donate

**501 (c) (3) nonprofit Tax ID: 88-0783039**

Donations may be mailed to:  
**Weston Area Development Association**  
**PO Box 256**  
**Weston, OR 97886**  
or online at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/yckn3uv7>  
*Registered with Benevity for donations.*

**City of Weston**  
**PO Box 579**  
**114 Main Street**  
**Weston OR 97886**  
<https://www.CityofWeston.org>

**Phone:** (541) 566-3313  
**Fax:** (541) 566-2792  
**Recorder@CityofWestonoregon.com**

**City Hall Hours:**  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and  
2:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Closed 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

**Weston Public Library:** 541-566-2378  
[www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library](http://www.CityofWestonOregon.com/library)

**Police/Dispatch:** 541-966-3651  
**Fire:** 541-566-2311  
**Public Works:** 541-566-3976

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>



**57<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINATION FORM**

Weston's Citizen of the Year award recognizes an individual who throughout the year(s) has made a sincere effort to be involved and help our community. Hosted by Weston Area Development Association.

1. NAME OF NOMINEE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Children: \_\_\_\_\_

3. DIRECT COMMUNITY SERVICE: This should include those activities which have resulted in direct community service and improvement. The service may be the result of membership in other organizations. It may also include the candidate's involvement in his/her chosen religious organization.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. CIVIC INVOLVEMENT: This may include those activities that do not always result in direct community service, but are integral and supportive aspects of the community. Examples might be political, voluntary government service, or educational support involvement.

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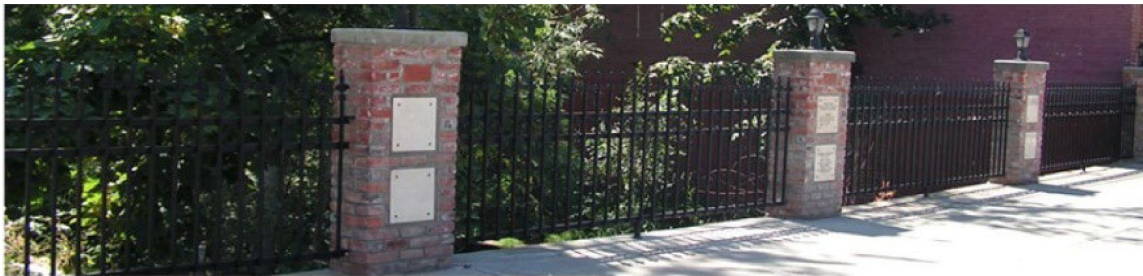
5. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

USE ADDITIONAL PAGES FOR QUESTIONS 3-5 AS NEEDED.

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL SUBMITTING NOMINATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Submitter: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail form in a sealed envelope by February 10, 2026 to:  
Weston Area Development Association (WADA), Attn: Citizen of the Year, PO Box 256, WESTON, OR 97886  
You may email the form to [WADA97886@gmail.com](mailto:WADA97886@gmail.com) with Citizens of the Year in the subject line.  
You may also drop it off at Stagecoach (106 E. Main) 11am to 6pm Wed. thru Sat. by Feb. 10.



**Weston Area Development Association**  
**PO Box 256 | Weston, Oregon 97886**  
**541-626-7229 WADA97886@gmail.com https://WestonOregon.com**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

**Individual/Household Member**

- \$15 Student
- \$25 Individual
- \$45 Household
- \$50 Preservation Friend
- \$100 Preservation Contributor
- \$250 Preservation Advocate
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Business/Non-Profit/Government Member**

- \$45 (non-profits & government agencies)
- \$100 Preservation Contributor
- \$250 Preservation Advocate
- \$500 Preservation Patron
- \$1000 Preservation Circle
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

**Contact Name:**

**Company/Organization (if applicable):**

**Mailing Address:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone:**

*Your email address will ensure that you receive timely communications from us and helps save postage costs. We do not share your information!*

**OTHER GIVING**

In addition to my membership, I am enclosing a gift to help support:

- WADA (Unrestricted – use donation as needed.) .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Isham Saling House (Unrestricted – use donation as needed.) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Online: <https://ishamsalinghouse.com/donations/> (Secure site)
- Historic Preservation Fund for future projects. ....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me information about including WADA in my Will or making gifts of stock.

**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

- Enclosed is a check payable to Weston Area Development Association. Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Send check or money order to PO Box 256, Weston, OR 97886
- Pay online at: <https://westonoregon.com/support-wada/> (Secure site)

All donations to WADA are tax deductible as allowable by law. 501(c)(3) Tax ID: 88-0783039

**Tell us More! I am:**

- Historic homeowner  Historic building owner  Historic Society member  Architect/Engineer
- Contractor/Consultant  Part of an historic district  Preservation Assoc. Member  Non-profit
- Historic Preservation Commission Member  Planning/Zoning Board Member  Government
- I am interested in volunteering to support WADA’s mission



Search GuideStar for the most complete, up-to-date nonprofit data available.  
<https://www.GuideStar.org>