

At the foot of Weston Mountain

# The Blue Mountain Dispatch

Courtesy of the Weston Area Development Association

## 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Citizens Dinner Celebrates Weston's Finest

**Weston** – The Weston Area Development Association (WADA) is pleased to announce the 57th Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner, scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at the historic Memorial Hall in downtown Weston. This event will honor outstanding citizens of Weston and feature the theme **America 250**, commemorating the nation's 250th birthday.

Nominations for Citizen of the Year must be submitted by February 10. Forms are available throughout the community and can be accessed via the organization's website: <https://WestonOregon.com> The award

committee, made up of previous recipients, will evaluate the nominations and select the winner, who will be announced at the dinner. WADA encourages early submission of nomination forms, particularly if sent by mail, to ensure timely arrival. Forms may also be emailed to WADA or delivered in person at Stagecoach in Weston.

The evening will also recognize Educator of the Year and Youth of the Year, selected by AWSO Superintendent Ann Vescio. Additionally, the Umatilla County Pioneer Association will announce the



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WADA will utilize the annual dinner as an opportunity to support the band in raising funds to purchase bagpipes and other necessary equipment. Photo by Jim Reeder



## 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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2026 Pioneer Queen and Grand Marshal during the event.

The guest speaker, Judy Fortney, will share insights into her ancestor Suzanne Cayuse. Musical entertainment will be provided by a small ensemble from the Weston-McEwen High School Bagpipe Band including dancers, under the direction of Jacob Gau.

WADA will utilize the annual dinner as an opportunity to support the band in raising funds to purchase bagpipes and other necessary equipment. Band members will assist with event setup and meal service, and donations for the band will be collected during dinner.

Catering will be provided by Four Flames from Helix, offering prime rib with traditional ac-

	<b>57th Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner</b> Saturday, March 14, 2025 6:00 p.m. Memorial Hall — Weston, Oregon	<b>\$25.00</b>
	Citizen of the Year Educator of the Year   Youth of the Year 2026 Queen & Grand Marshal Announcement Prime Rib Dinner and Dessert catered by Four Flames	
<small>• 250 Celebrate America 250 •</small>		

companiments and dessert.

Tickets are priced at \$25 and may be purchased at Stagecoach, located at 106 E Main Street in Weston, or online at <https://>



## UMATILLA & MORROW: PIONEER SPIRIT, AMERICAN HEART

This year, as we celebrate America 250, the rich history, heritage, and culture of Umatilla and Morrow counties take center stage.

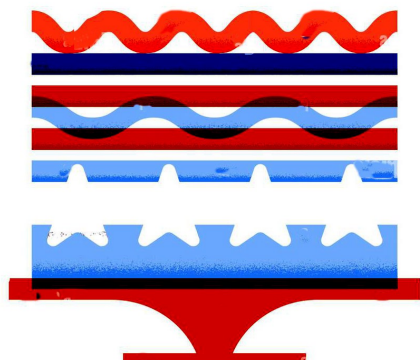
When our nation was in its earliest years, this region was still an unknown territory—vast, undeveloped, and shaped by generations of Indigenous peoples who have stewarded the land since time immemorial.

The lands that would become Umatilla and Morrow counties played an important role in early discovery, first gaining wider awareness through the Lewis and Clark Expedition and later serving as a critical corridor during the westward expansion of the Oregon Trail.

Today, the enduring presence and cultural contributions of local Native American tribes—alongside the legacy of pioneer settlements—remain central to the identity of the region.

Over time, people from many backgrounds have come to call this area home, including families with Mexican, Irish, Portuguese and Basque heritage, (just to name a few) each adding to the cultural fabric through agriculture, labor, traditions, faith, and community life. Together with the influence of railroads, ranching, farming and rural towns, these diverse histories offer a living connection to our nation's past.

Celebrating America 250 here is an opportunity to honor the people, places, and events that shaped the region, while inviting residents and visitors alike to explore Eastern Oregon's meaningful contributions to our shared American identity.



## Volunteers and Partners Needed!

The entire year will be spent celebrating America's Birthday! WADA would like to sponsor the "America's Potluck" on July 5th. We could use volunteers and/or partners to help organize the event. This would be a community event. We aren't sure of the location yet.



**AMERICA** It would involve the community bringing hot and cold dishes, desserts, etc. for the community potluck. If we have financial support, it would be possible to include a BBQ or have the potluck catered and sell tickets to cover the costs. What are your thoughts?

Individuals and organizations that would be interested in helping celebrate America 250, should contact WADA at 541-626-7229 or WADA97886@gmail.com



### WADA uses Zeffy.com for Donations

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.



Millions to help.

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>

# Weston Valentine's Day Celebrations

## Weston Schools

Valentine boxes were put in the rooms of Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Miss Colvin and Mrs. Pell and all were made happy by the valentines they received.

The Weston Leader, Fri., Feb., 20, 1920 pg 4

## Upland News Notes

Wednesday night Mr. and Mrs. R. E. English entertained a number of young people at a Valentine party.



Those present were Bertha Walden, Ruth Dowd, Agens Schneider, Pearl Dowd, Alice Dowd, Miss Mayberry, Susie Beathe, Carl Brutscher, Gus Olson, Ralph and Henry Dowd,

Max and Dale Neil, Raymond, Chester and Norval Ferguson, Terrence Terhune, Clarence Beathe.

The Weston Leader Fri., Feb 16, 1917 pg 4

## Valentine's Party Held

A St. Valentine's party was given Wednesday, February 15, in the Masonic Hall by the Bachelor Girls. The evening was spent in playing games, after which a dainty two course luncheon was served – the last course following out the club colors, pink and white. Those present were: Misses Ruth Read, Josie Lavender, Ruby Price, Mamie Barnes, Leola Duncan, Blanche Beamer, Lottie Brandt, Thelma Anderson, Aline Noren, Lucile Cogswell, Odessa Kirkpatrick, Zella Gould, Lois Porter; Mrs. Gladys McFadden; Messers Lowell Duncan, Joe Read, Rulin Smith, Virgil Lundell, James Beamer, Curran McFadden,

Elmer Tucker, Frank Smith, Carl Brandt, Lincoln Haffner, Ray O'Harra, Orell McPherson, James Kirkpatrick, A.F. Sempert.

The Weston Leader, Fri. Feb. 16, 1917 pg 3

## Weston Schools

Miss Colvin's room is studying the life and works of Lincoln this week. The pupils are also preparing for St. Valentine's Day. These students are certainly up-to-the-minute in everything.

The Weston Leader, Fri. Feb. 13, 1920 pg 4



The Christian Endeavor Society of the United Brethren Church gave a St. Valentine's social at the church last evening. Thirty-one were present. The decorating committee had the room beautifully adorned with red and white streamers and hearts,

and many Valentines were also in evidence. The entertainment committee furnished several nice games and plays, while the refreshment committee served a palatable luncheon of heart-shaped sandwiches, white and pink cake, and cocoa. The judges decided that the refreshment committee had won the prize for the best work.

The Weston Leader, February 15, 1918 page 4



# Coffee Hour on KUMA



Weston Area Development Association President/Treasurer Trish Neal talks about the WADA's mission and goals for 2026. She also talks about Weston having one of two commercial historic districts in Umatilla County, its historical

significance and function. Next, she talks about the preservation of the Weston City Hall building, which was formerly Farmers Bank of Weston. Neal also talks about the WADA is now the owner of the Isham Saling house and restoration of the property that is currently underway. She also talks about the annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner and plans in the making to celebrate America's 250th birthday.

To learn more visit <https://westonoregon.com>



## Blue Mountain Senior Meals

Tuesday, February 10th Blue Mountain Senior Meals is having a Senior Meal at the Memorial Hall in Weston.

Menu: Spaghetti, garlic bread, veggies or salad and dessert.



Come visit and enjoy a good meal!

Doors open 11:30am. Meal served at 12Noon.

Volunteers are always welcome to assist in food preparation, serving and clean-up. Menu subject to change.

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## Should You Hire a Professional?

By Emily Potter

Once you've decided whether you need to restore or rehabilitate your historic house, the next step is deciding whether you want to DIY it or hire a professional.



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Taking on a restoration or rehabilitation project can be enjoyable if you like hands-on

work, whereas hiring a professional can save you time. Or, you might want to do a little of both, where you work on the projects you're passionate about and contract experts to finish the rest.

Whatever approach you take, the decision involves knowing how much time and money you want to spend, what your interests are, and what skills you're looking to hire someone for. This list of questions will help you explore different types of professionals who can help you, plus important things to consider before hiring them.

### Should I contract with a historical researcher?

A historical researcher typically provides the homeowner with a written report detailing the history and architecture of the house, along with biographical sketches of former owners or inhabitants. Researchers can also complete nomination forms to list properties in the national or state register or local list of historic buildings.

**What can an architect do for my project?** Architects can inspect the historic house to determine existing conditions; develop an architectural program to determine best uses for existing rooms; provide conceptual drawings; assist homeowners with obtaining and reviewing bids from contractors; and develop a construction schedule and oversee work.

*Tip:* To find an architect qualified for your project, contact your local or state chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). You can also reach out to your state historic preservation office (SHPO). Note: Neither the AIA nor the SHPO guarantees or endorses the work of the architects on the list.

**What could an interior designer add to my project?** An interior designer specializes in interior finishes, including wall, floor, and ceiling surfaces, fixtures such as lighting, kitchen, and bathroom, and furnishings.

**How do I decide on a landscape architect or designer?** A landscape architect or designer can ana-

lyze the existing landscape, design one that is appropriate to your house, and prepare drawings and specifications for its restoration or rehabilitation. They can also help obtain bids from landscape contractors and oversee the work.

*Tip:* Check your state chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), as well as your SHPO. As with architects, no endorsement is given or implied.

**What does a general contractor provide?** A general contractor provides the construction services required to actually restore or rehabilitate your house. Typically, services include securing and providing materials, labor, and equipment, as well as managing subcontractors and craftspeople. General contractors also usually obtain building and other permits required by the local government.

*Tip:* The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) can provide you with a list of general contractors who have listed their expertise in residential remodeling. Like the others, NAHB does not endorse or guarantee the work of the contractors on the list.

**Should I consider a design/build firm?** When architects and contractors join together, they become a design/build firm, offering a full range of design and contracting services. On one hand, hiring a design/build firm instead of an architect and contractor separately may save you time and possibly money. On the other hand, you will not have the benefit of an independent architect acting on your behalf to oversee construction and make sure the contractor is doing work properly.

**How do subcontractors work?** Subcontractors provide specialized building trades or services, such as finished carpentry, plastering, masonry work, and plumbing. The general contractor is usually responsible for selecting the subcontractors, coordinating their work, ensuring that it is done correctly, and paying them.

**When should I hire preservation craftspeople?** Craftspeople provide specific crafts or services not typically used in new construction, such as repairing or installing stained glass or applying gold leaf to surfaces. To find craftspeople in your area, check with your SHPO, or contact the pertinent professional or trade associations.

**How do I know the professional is qualified?** We can't say it enough: Please remember that lists

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from your SHPO and other professional and trade associations do not constitute an endorsement or guarantee for contractors' work. Ask family, friends, and neighbors for recommendations as well, then interview those you're considering hiring—as well as their former clients (see next item)—and visit completed projects. Ultimately, select professionals on the basis of the quality of their work, how well you like their work, and how well you think you can work with them.

**Ok, I'm considering hiring a professional for my restoration or rehabilitation project.**

**What questions should I ask their former clients?** When you interview former clients of potential professionals, here are some questions you can ask:

- Did the professional listen to the owner's ideas and explain how they could be incorporated into the design (or why they should not be)?
- Did the professional help define a reasonable project to fit your budget?
- Was the design sensitive to the historic and architectural character of the house?

Was the design produced on schedule and for the agreed-upon fee? If not, were the changes reasonable?

And again, if possible, try to visit their completed projects.

<https://tinyurl.com/ybbdh6y9>

**Grants Available: National Fund for Sacred Places**

The National Fund for Sacred Places provides financial and technical support for community-serving historic houses of worship across America. The National Fund for Sacred Places provides matching grants of \$50,000 to \$500,000 to congregations undertaking significant capital projects at houses of worship, along with wraparound services including training, technical assistance, and planning support.

You can learn about current participants.

<https://tinyurl.com/87u92vz2>

**Applications opened January 13 and close March 13, 2026.**

<https://tinyurl.com/yf2j3map>



A program of Partners for Sacred Places in collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation



<https://ishamsalinghouse.com>

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- Non-flushable Paper**  
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- Baby and Household Wipes**  
labeled as flushable or non-flushable.
- Non-flushable Feminine Hygiene Products and Diapers**  
Tampons, pads, wrappers, etc.
- Medications and Vitamins**  
can pollute our environment. Instead, take them to dispose-a-med event.
- Household Chemicals**  
such as paint thinner, paint, cleaners and car fluids.

**These products are detrimental to the environment and can pollute our water supply.**  
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**Weston Commercial Historic District  
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E. Main Street between Water and  
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**Historic Significance:** Architecture/  
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**Architectural Style:** Italianate  
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tion, Industry/Processing/Extraction, Social  
**Historic Sub-function:** Clubhouse, College,  
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**Current Function:** Commerce/Trade, Domestic,  
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**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)

*Let's keep our TigerScots clothed and confident!*

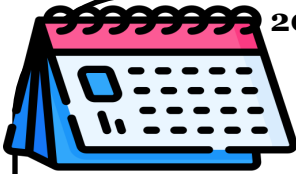
## Preservation Action and The National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

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.



### 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 TBA — Annual Pioneer Picnic and Parade**

**July 5—Community Potluck — America 250**

**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.**

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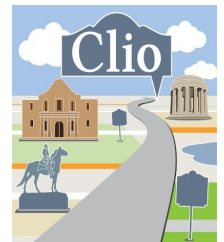
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## Local Links

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>

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/>

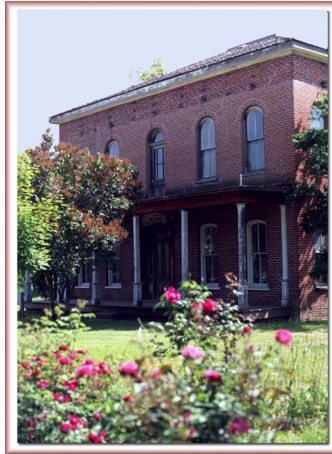
Domestic Violence Resources: <https://www.dvs-or.org/>

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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  
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Make checks payable to the Weston Area Development Association and send to:  
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### Athena Weston Education Foundation

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**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  
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*Funding Categories Include:*

**Historic Preservation - Museums  
Archaeology - Downtown Revitalization  
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## 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!

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## 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>  
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**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>

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# 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner

*Hosted by Weston Area  
Development Association*

**March 14, 2026 at 6:00pm  
Memorial Hall—Weston**

***Celebrating Weston's Finest!***  
**Citizen of the Year**

**Educator of the Year | Youth of the Year  
2026 Pioneer Queen & Grand Marshal**

**Guest Speaker**

**Judy Fortney as Suzanne Cayuse**

**Entertainment**

**Weston-McEwen High School  
Bagpipe Band directed by Jacob Gau**

**Dinner Catered by Four Flames**

**Prime Rib Dinner with Dessert**

**Tickets: \$25.00**

**Tickets available at:**

**Stagecoach**

**106 E Main Street | Weston, Oregon**

**Wednesday through Sunday 11:00am to 6:00pm**

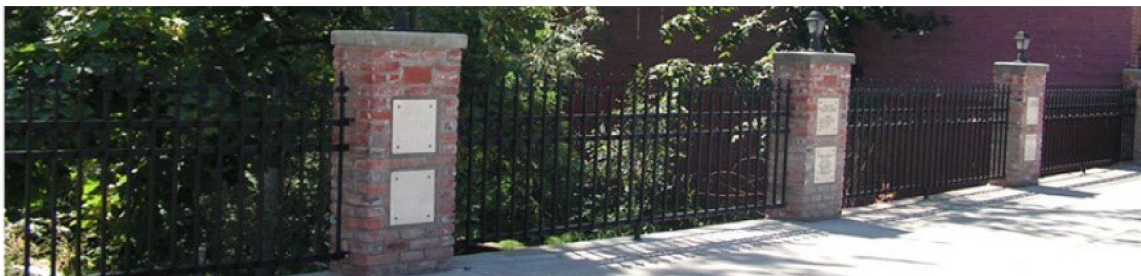
**-or-**

**Purchase online at: <https://tinyurl.com/42afm3xd>**

**Pick up at the front door on day of dinner.**

**Contact Sheldon 360-520-3819 | Chuck 541-969-2070**

**<https://WestonOregon.com>**



**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)

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**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



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