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Courtesy of the Weston Area Development Association

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The Importance of Historic Preservation in Small Communities

Historic preservation is more than the act of saving old buildings; it is the intentional protection of a community's identity, memory, and sense of place. In small communities especially, historic buildings serve as visible links between past,

present, and future. Preserving these structures



strengthens local character, supports economic vitality, and reinforces social cohesion in ways that new construction alone often cannot. As towns across the country face pressures from development, population change, and economic uncertainty, historic preservation offers a sustainable and community

-centered path forward.

At its core, historic preservation protects cultural heritage. Historic buildings embody the stories of the people who built, lived, worked, and gathered in

them. A century-old courthouse, a downtown theater,

or a row of early commercial storefronts tells a story about how a community formed and evolved. For small towns, where history is often deeply personal and multigenerational, these buildings provide continuity and

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57th Annual Weston Citizens of the Year Dinner Celebrates Weston's Finest

Weston Area Development Association is hosting the annual Weston Citizens of the Year Dinner on Saturday, March 14th at the historic



Memorial Hall in Weston at 6:00pm. This is the first year that the organization is hosting the

dinner.

Weston's Citizen of the Year, two Youth of the Year awards, and the Educator of the Year will be recognized. The Umatilla County Pioneers Association will announce the

2026 Pioneer Queen and Grand Marshal.

The guest speaker will be Judy Fortney as Suzanne Cayuse. Judy is originally from Weston but now lives in Walla Walla. She speaks about Frenchtown as well as her ancestors.

Members of the Weston-McEwen High School Bagpipe Band will be helping with the dinner as well as entertaining the dinner guests. This is also a fundraiser for the band. The "chamber pot" will be making the rounds!

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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.

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

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

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pride. Losing them can mean losing tangible connections to shared experiences, traditions, and local identity.

Preservation ensures that future generations can understand where their community came from and why it matters.

Beyond cultural value, preservation delivers significant economic benefits, particularly for small communities with limited resources. Restored historic districts often become centers of economic activity. Heritage tourism—travel focused on history, architecture, and culture—brings visitors who are more likely to spend money locally on dining, lodging, and shopping. Unlike large-scale attractions that require major investment, historic buildings already exist and can be leveraged as authentic destinations. A preserved downtown with historic architecture often distinguishes a town from countless others, giving it a competitive edge in attracting visitors and new residents.

Historic preservation also supports local jobs and small businesses. Rehabilitation projects are typically labor-intensive rather than material-intensive, meaning more money is spent on skilled local labor such as carpenters, masons, electricians, and craftspeople. Adaptive reuse—repurposing historic buildings for modern needs—can transform old schools into community centers, factories into apartments, or train depots into cafes. These projects stimulate local economies while retaining architectural character. For small communities, this approach encourages investment without sacrificing identity.

Another key benefit of preserving historic buildings is sustainability. Reusing existing structures conserves the energy already invested in their construction, often referred to as “embodied energy.” Demolishing historic buildings and replacing them with new construction generates significant waste and consumes additional resources. Many historic buildings were designed with durable materials and climate-responsive features such as thick walls, operable windows, and natural ventilation. When thoughtfully updated, they can perform efficiently while reducing environmental impact. For communities seeking environmentally responsible development, preservation aligns well with long-term sustainability goals.

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Historic buildings also contribute to social stability and community well-being. Familiar landmarks anchor neighborhoods and foster a sense of belonging. In small towns, these buildings often serve as gathering places—churches, schools, town halls, and main street storefronts—where civic life unfolds. Preserving them helps maintain walkable, human-scaled environments that encourage interaction and participation. This sense of place can be especially important for younger residents deciding whether to stay and for former residents considering a return.


Finally, historic preservation empowers communities to shape their own futures. Rather than adopting one-size-fits-all development models, preservation encourages place-based decision-making rooted in local values. It allows communities to grow and adapt while respecting what makes them unique. When residents see their history valued and protected, it builds trust, engagement, and shared responsibility for the community's future.

In conclusion, historic preservation is not about resisting change; it is about managing change thoughtfully. For small communities, preserving historic buildings protects cultural identity, stimulates economic growth, promotes sustainability, and strengthens social connections. These benefits extend far beyond aesthetics. By investing in historic preservation, small communities honor their past while creating resilient, vibrant places for generations to come.

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There will be door prizes, too!

Tickets are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/42afm3xd> and can be picked up at the door on Saturday, or at Stagecoach located at 106 E Main Street Wednesday through Saturday 11am to 6pm. The dinner is \$25.00 per person.

	57th Annual Weston Citizens Award Dinner Saturday, March 14, 2025 6:00 p.m. Memorial Hall – Weston, Oregon	\$25.00
	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>		

The prime rib dinner is being catered by Four Flames from Helix. The dinner also includes dessert and beverages.

For more information please contact Sheldon Delph at 360-520-3819 or Trish Neal at 541-262-7229 or email at WADA97886@gmail.com

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.

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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>

Restore Oregon: Our Advocacy Begins at the Oregon Legislature

The Oregon Legislature's 2026 "short session" kicked off on February 2nd and is already running at the fast pace required for its six-week duration. Restore Oregon staff and our Policy & Advocacy Committee are proactively reviewing bills and working with partners, like the Cultural Advocacy Coalition of Oregon (CACO). We are supporting their work to minimize proposed cuts to the funding just approved in 2025 for the **CREF capital projects** – <https://tinyurl.com/f8eeax84> over half of these are directly related to investments in historic places (and one plane)!

We are also supporting two bills:

HB 4036 <https://tinyurl.com/4pvup487> would establish the "Preserve Affordable Homes for Oregon Fund" helping keep affordable housing in existing properties. **Here is our testimony:**

February 5, 2026

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

RE: SUPPORT HB 4036

Dear Chair Marsh, Co-Chairs Breese-Iverson and Andersen, and Committee Members,

As Oregon's only statewide non-profit historic preservation organization, Restore Oregon works with thousands of people across the state each year to preserve, reuse, and pass forward the historic places and spaces that embody Oregon's diverse cultural heritage. By helping our fellow citizens preserve our state's unique built, natural and cultural environments, we help celebrate and promote much of what makes Oregon special. We would like to express our **support for HB 4036.**

Financial tools and incentives are essential to the feasibility of preservation projects—which, in turn, preserve and protect the overall housing stock. There is such an urgent need to preserve Oregon's existing affordable housing and this fund would allow for the "remodel and repair" of these existing affordable housing units currently in distress. **Preservation plays an important role in addressing the affordable housing crisis.** Our organization has celebrated and recognized many affordable housing projects that have adaptively reused historic properties but we also know we have to do more and be part of the permanent solution to protect and keep affordable housing options in older existing properties.

And, in most cases, **the greenest building is the one that already exists.** The embodied energy in existing structures is sub-

stantial, and every time we send a serviceable building to the landfill, we are incurring a carbon debt that must be amortized. The value of existing structures is immense since they do not require the extraction of virgin resources to produce, and the added energy efficiency of a new building typically takes many decades to break even when we account for the CO2 associated with demolition of the existing structure and the use of raw materials to build the new one. Architecture 2030 produced the CARE (Carbon Avoided: Retrofit Estimator) Tool, which quantifies the avoided-carbon impacts and benefits of reusing and upgrading existing buildings at a project scale. This tool has demonstrated a reduction in carbon costs, which counsels in favor of providing direct financial incentives for preservation projects.

Our affordable housing professionals need this unique, targeted funding tool to preserve and maintain their housing portfolios. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 4036 and for considering Restore Oregon's comments.

Of course, we are watching and monitoring a handful of other bills, making quick decisions as the deadline for bills to move forward (must pass the first chamber) is already here. Please stay alert for any last-minute calls for testimony (aka Action Alerts) to help us.

You can learn and track what's happening using the Legislature's "**OLIS**" online system. <https://tinyurl.com/ywe35np4>

A Valentine for Oregon: Celebrating 49 Years of Restore Oregon



Pictured Above clockwise from top left: HPLo newsletter from the Restore Oregon archives; Crater Lake Lodge from the Restore Oregon archives; Billy Webb Elks Lodge courtesy of Architectural Resources Group (ARG); Inside Billy Webb Elks Lodge with Brent Leggs visiting by Carey Cramer/Restore Oregon.

<http://www.restoreoregon.org>

HELPING SENIORS IN MILTON-FREEWATER



Donation Drive for the Residents of Milton-Freewater Health & Rehabilitation

I'm collecting essential and comfort items to help the seniors at Milton-Freewater Health & Rehabilitation in Milton-Freewater.

ITEMS WE NEED

- Quilted blankets with bright colors
- Stuffed animals
- Etc.

**Items must be clean and in good condition. Some items must be new.*

Why it Matters

- ✓ Many seniors live on fixed incomes.
- ✓ Provides comfort, dignity, and activities.
- ✓ Helps our neighboring community

DONATION DROP-OFF LOCATIONS:

- ✓ Milton-Freewater Library
- ✓ Weston Library
- ✓ Athena Library

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Thank you for helping make a difference! ✨

We're honored to share exciting news!

Weston Area Development Association has earned the 2026 Gold Seal of Transparency from Candid — the third highest level of recognition for nonprofit transparency and accountability.

This Gold Seal reflects our unwavering commitment to openness, integrity, and clearly sharing the impact of our work with our community, partners, and supporters.

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**Weston Commercial Historic District
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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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Wednesday through Saturday 11:00am-6:00pm

Weston Food Pantry Hours

- ◆ 1st Tuesday of each month from 5pm to 7pm
 - ◆ 3rd Saturday of each month from 10am to 12pm
- Questions: call or text (541) 709-3562

Donations can be dropped off
inside Weston City Hall.
Monday thru Friday
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM, and 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

**Your Representatives in
Washington, D.C.
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25th of the month to appear in the next month's
newsletter.

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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 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.

Preserving the Farmer's Bank: A Call to Action for Historic Restoration

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.

The City of Weston urgently seeks public support to stabilize the mortar and complete the vital tuck-pointing repairs on the south wall.

Your Support Matters

The city has secured \$32,000 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.

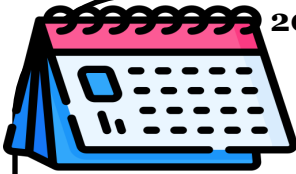
Online donations:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdd2bb34>

Check donations:

Please make check 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)



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.**



Be sure to "Like" Our Facebook page @WestonOregon2022

Keep up to date on what's happening, important notices, etc. Be sure to invite your friends and family to "Like" our page, too.



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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT HEALTHCARE INSURANCE AND LEGAL MEDICAL DOCUMENTS, THIS MAY BE THE PLACE TO START



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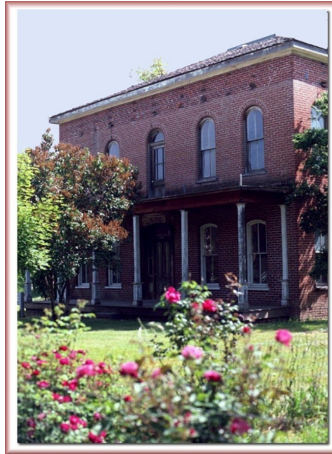
Local Links

- 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/>
- 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.



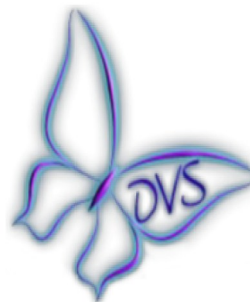
All donations will go to the Isham Saling House Restoration Project.

<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:
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Do you enjoy running in charitable events that benefit the local community? Do you like a challenging road race? Or do you like an easy stroll? If you've said yes to any one of these, then our event is one you need to do! Please join us for the Kirk Rd Krusher 10K and McLean Mile and 5K hosted by Run Oregon, an event for the entire family! This road race is a FUN run/walk designed to create an environment that promotes physical fitness. A portion of the proceeds generated from this event will be donated directly to the Weston Food Pantry, the named beneficiary for this inaugural fun run.

The Weston Food Pantry is open for anyone who is food insecure twice each month. In December the pantry served 100 families who needed food! The Weston Food Pantry helps anyone who comes to the pantry and says that they need food. The Weston Food Pantry doesn't care where people live, no one gets turned away. Typical food includes fruit, vegetables, canned food, dried food, bread, milk, eggs, cheese, butter and a variety of meats.

Link to Register: <https://tinyurl.com/33vpvcr>
 Link to Donate: <https://tinyurl.com/m69mycrj>

Athena Weston Education Foundation

AWEF is a non-profit organization which raises and distributes funds to support the enrichment of programs, expansion of opportunities, and placement of resources to empower students in the Athena-Weston School District to thrive.

We are excited to announce the **Third Annual AWEF Dinner and Auction Fundraiser, "Hats & Horses: a Derby-Themed Party,"** which will be held on **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, time and location TBD.

Please join us for a fun evening that will include a BBQ Dinner and silent auction. Tickets will go on sale May 1, 2026.

athwestfoundation@gmail.com



For information on renting Weston-Athena Memorial Hall, please contact the new Hall Manager, Scott Carlson, @ 541-720-1888.



Transit Bus Schedules

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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

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

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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
- ◆ **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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57th 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

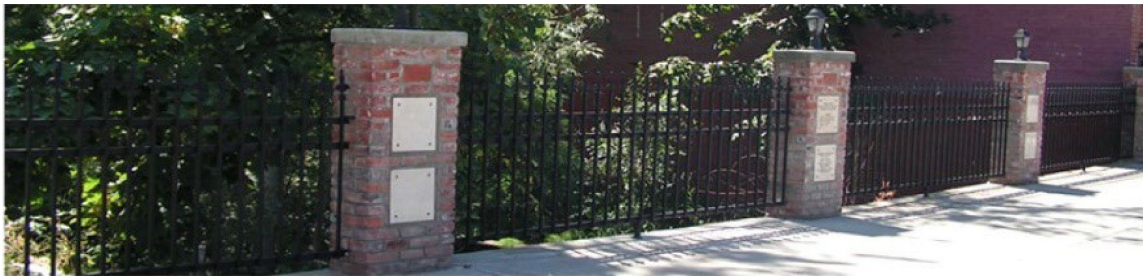
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Purchase online at: <https://tinyurl.com/42afm3xd>

Pick up at the front door on day of dinner.

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

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- \$15 Student
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- \$45 Household
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- \$100 Preservation Contributor
- \$250 Preservation Advocate
- Other \$ _____

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- \$250 Preservation Advocate
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- \$1000 Preservation Circle
- Other \$ _____

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Contact Name:

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

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