

City of Weston



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City Phone Numbers

- City Hall: 541 566-3313
- Hours 7:00am-5:30pm M-Thurs
- Closed 11:00am-1:30pm Lunch

Sheila Jasperson, City Recorder

Recorder@cityofwestonoregon.com

Library: 541-566-2378

Police/Dispatch: 541 966-3651

Public Works: 541-566-3976

We're online at:

www.CityofWestonOregon.com

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Council August 12 at 6pm

Meeting held in Gizmo, aka Weston Food Pantry
City Hall IS open to the public (masks required of course). We
are open our regular hours of Mon-Thur 7am-11am and 1:30pm-
5:30pm. Closed on Fridays.

DO NOT flush the "flushable wipes," regardless of what the
package/labeling state. Please **DO NOT flush or dispose of
grease** into the water or sewer system.

**City Hall is currently NOT open to the public due to
Umatilla County being pushed back to baseline. Hoping
it is only 3 weeks, BUT we will be evaluated each week
and we just wait. City Hall is open otherwise, just no in-
person business. Payments can be made via phone
(debit/credit) and/or the drop box on the side of City
Hall.**

Umatilla County's return to baseline status means Weston Public Library is currently closed. Curbside delivery is still happening. Call the library at 541-566-2378 to arrange a pick up anytime during regular open hours. Stay tuned for updates.

WESTON LIBRARY PAGE

www.westonpubliclibrary.com
Visit us on Facebook!

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Weston Photo Archive Online

Weston Public Library's photo archive has recently gone online. It contains around 500 photos, maps, and Weston Leader ads. This online digital archive has been created for visitors to readily enjoy the photo collection. It is divided by subject matter categories. Each category is linked to a category page which contains all such images in the collection. Many of the photos have not been identified, but have been included as they are subjects of special interest and are fine examples depicting an era of early-day local history.

Over the past 3 decades the photo images have been preserved on film, and then transferred to digital format for preservation and usage. Selected images have been enlarged for wall decor in the Library. In the year 2000, many of the photo images were printed and inserted into two large albums available

for public viewing, and in 2009, many of the photos were used to create a 48-minute DVD *"My Home Town"* which presents the rich history of Weston, Oregon and the surrounding area. That DVD is available for checkout at the library.

The photo archive is available through a link on the Weston Library's website, www.westonpubliclibrary.com. Special thanks to Friends of Weston Library, Umatilla County Cultural Coalition, and AWERE for their financial support.



Virtual Summer Program

Weston Library has something new and cool for kids. We are presenting a virtual experience from the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History for you to enjoy from home. Just go to the library website, www.westonpubliclibrary.com and click on the youtube links to access a program that was customized just for Weston. Watch at home, then come to the library and get your home activity kit. These are available on a first come, first served basis. Supplies are limited, so hurry in and get yours!

AUGUST

8/4 Library Board
5 pm @ the Library

8/6 FOWL Board
4:30pm @ the Library

8/14 & 8/17
Library Closed

8/20 Novel Readers
5 pm @ the Library

New at the Library

The Revelators,
fiction by Ace Atkins

*Lost and Found
Bookshop*, fiction by
Susan Wiggs

American Sherlock,
nonfiction by Kate
Johnson

Saturday, kids' fiction
by Oge Mora

How I Became a Spy,
YA fiction by Deborah
Hopkinson

Downton Abbey
(the movie on DVD)

Weston Public Library

These theme backpacks are available for checkout. They contain books and objects relating to these subjects: Space, Birds, Dinosaurs, Bugs, and ABCs. Perfect for day-care and preschools, families, and hot summer days!



WESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The chamber is looking for new members! You don't have to own a business to become a member. Come and join the chamber for better ideas and a better future for Weston.

Dues are \$5.00 per person or
\$15.00 per Business

"The purpose of the Weston Chamber of Commerce shall be to foster goodwill among its members, to promote any worthy enterprise that will be for the benefit of Weston or the community at large, and to enter into, and support such area development that will in turn assure better living within this community."

www.westonchamberofcommerce.com



Weston Public Library Photo Archives

The Weston, Oregon Public Library Photo Archive contains about 413 photo images, 7 maps, and 60 Weston Weekly Leader newspaper display ads.



This digital archive is dedicated to the memory of Margaret Sutherland, who took special interest in collecting and preserving local history and photo images while serving as the City Librarian from 1955 until her retirement in 1995, and to Kathleen

Schmidtgal who took over as City Librarian in 1995, and has carried on to preserve and expand the archive.

<http://www.weston-publiclibrary.com/>

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City Hall: 541 566-3313

Hours 7:00am-5:30pm Monday—

Thursday

Closed 11:00am-1:30pm

Closed on Fridays

Recorder@cityofwestonoregon.com

Code Enforcement

Evening office hours are Tuesdays

from 6:00-8:00pm.

Complaints can be filed then or at City Hall during regular business hours.



Umatilla County Pioneers Seeking Photographs

Do you have photographs of past Pioneer Queens or Grand Marshals? Photographs of past parades? Someone is looking for photos of the 1973 parade with

the float for Pioneer Queen Ruby Collins. Wasco County Pioneer Association would like to have photographs for the website to add to the history of the organization. We're also looking for biographies for many of the past Queens and Grand Marshals. Check the website to see what we have so far: www.UmatillaCountyPioneers Association.com

If you scan photos, please scan them at least at 300 dpi and email them to Trish Neal at TrishaNeal@hotmail.com *Don't have a scanner? Please let Trish know and arrangements can be made so that the photos never have to leave Weston.*

Attention Weston Senior Citizens!

CANCELED

Until further notice.



The Food Pantry is located at the Franklin Street door of City Hall. The Weston Food Pantry will distribute food each month on the Saturday after the 3rd Friday between 10:00a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Citizens from Weston, Athena, Adams, and the surrounding area are welcome. Please

bring your own bags or box. Don't be late. We must close on time. Contact person: Greg Phillips 503-880-6360 (Supported by CAPECO).

The Weston Food Pantry is open each month on the Saturday after the 3rd Friday. They have wonderful food supplies for folks in need. BUT, paper products are not part of what they provide. So, the **Weston-McEwen Lions Club** gathers paper towels and toilet paper to be part of the offerings. You can help!! There are boxes for your paper donations in the US Bank in Athena and in the Weston City Hall. We appreci-



Be sure to "Like" the Community of Weston Facebook page.

Keep up to date on what's happening, important notices, etc. This Facebook page is intended to supplement the City of Weston's website and the community website, WestonOregon.com You may post items to this page, too!

Be sure to invite your friends and family to "Like" the page, too.



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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 Community Development: www.WestonCommunityDevelopment.com
- Weston Historic Landmarks Commission: www.WestonHistoricLandmarks.com
- Weston Parks and Recreation Commission: www.WestonParksandRec.com
- Weston Public Library: www.WestonPublicLibrary.com
- Weston Chamber of Commerce: www.WestonChamberofCommerce.com
- Historic Weston Oregon: www.HistoricWestonOregon.com/



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Main Office: 541-276-3322

Pendleton

Call to schedule a presentation, explore volunteer opportunities or to make a Donation.

541-567-0424 Hermiston

Call either office for assistance with Domestic & sexual violence or stalking.

24 Hour Crisis Line

1-800-833-1161

Pendleton Advocacy Center

Office: 541-276-3322

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
1103 SE Court Place

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DHS M-W and F 8:00am to Noon

Hermiston Advocacy Center

Office: 541-567-0424

Monday-Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm
240 SE 2nd St., Suite B & C

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DHS M-W and F 8:00am to Noon

Milton-Freewater Advocacy Center

Office: 541-276-3322

DHS Thursday 8:00am to Noon

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Thursday—1:00pm to 5:00pm
722 S. Main (City Hall Basement)

Boardman Advocacy Center

Information — Call 541-567-0424

Thursday—1:00pm to 5:00pm
200 City Center Circle (City Hall)

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DHS Thursday—8:00am to Noon

Heppner Advocacy Center

Information — Call 541-276-3322

Heppner Women's Group

Information — Call 541-271-3322

**Volunteer Training, Parenting Class,
Mental Health First Aid — Call 541-276-3322**

Domestic Violence Services

provides direct services to victims of domestic/sexual and dating violence and stalking:

24 Hour Crisis Line

1-800-833-1161

**Sexual Assault Advocacy
Domestic Violence Advocacy
Bilingual Advocacy**

Shelters:

- ⇒ **Awakening House in Pendleton**
- ⇒ **Casa de Esperanza in Hermiston**

**Confidential Crisis Support
Information & Referral**

Safety Planning

**Confidential Abuse Assessment
Assistance with Restraining Orders
Court Support & Advocacy**

Presentations:

Community and Student Education

**Speakers available for businesses clubs,
schools, churches & civic groups.**

Parenting and Mental Health

First Aid Classes

Call 541-276-3322

Support Groups:

**Pendleton Women's Group
Call 541-276-3322 for information**

**Hermiston Women's Group
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**Hermiston Spanish Language
Women's Group
Thursday 6:00pm to 7:30pm
Children's activities provided
Call 541-567-0424 for information**

**Milton-Freewater Women's Group
Thursday 5:30pm to 7:00pm
Call 541-276-3322 for information**

Blue Mountain (Kees) Cemetery

www.BlueMountainCemetery.com



Andrew F. Kees was born in Washington Co., Pennsylvania in 1817 and died in Umatilla Co., Oregon in 1886. In 1860, he married Nancy Osborne (a survivor of Whitman Massacre) and they settled 2 miles south of Weston. From his farmland Mr. Kees deeded 1 and 9/16 acres for a cemetery site in 1875.

All official records of the Blue Mountain Cemetery were destroyed. Fortunately, Mrs. E.C. Miley and Mrs. O'Neal spent many days researching and re-establishing the county records as complete as possible. The list of burial sites on the website is a compilation of their efforts.

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 expired.

If you have photos to contribute or updated information that can be verified, please send the information to Trish Neal at TrishNeal@gmail.com Information has to be verified before it will be added to the site to make sure that the information is as accurate as possible. I know that Bob would appreciate knowing his work lives on. ~Trish Neal

Historic Weston, Oregon

A Town Rich in History



<http://historicwestonoregon.com/>

Weston, Oregon History
History Notes
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Pea Production
Canning Process
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Weston-Elgin Highway
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Traveling The Oregon Trail

Century Farms &
Ranches
Key Century Farm
Sams Century Farm
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Weston Cemetery
Blue Mountain (Kees)
Cemetery
Hyatt Family Cemetery
History Links

Attorney General Ellen F. Rosenblum

JUST HANG UP
THE PHONE ON IMPOSTER SCAMS!

IF THE CALLER...

- ✓ asks you to wire money or buy a prepaid card;
- ✓ says you have won a prize or a gift but you need to pay fees or taxes first;
- ✓ asks you to visit websites or download software;
- ✓ asks for usernames, passwords, account numbers, or your home address;
- ✓ says the offer is only good for today; or
- ✓ asks you to keep the call a secret, **JUST HANG UP!**



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Mayor & Council Seat Vacancies

The **City of Weston** will have open positions for Mayor and two (2) City Council seats that will become vacant at the completion of the 2020 calendar year. The terms run for four (4) years, with a term of service expiring in December 2024. Positions require residency within the Weston City limits for a minimum of one (1) year and voter registration in Umatilla County.

The City Council meets the second **Wednesday** of every month, at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall, 210 E Main, Weston, Oregon.

If you are interested in running for Mayor or City Council, please pick up the elections packet at Weston City Hall, 114 E Main, Weston, Oregon or visit www.sos.oregon.gov/elections/Pages/electionforms.aspx. Completed forms will need to be filed with City Hall.

Closing date for submitting candidacy forms is 10:00am, August 25, 2020. Eligible candidates will appear on the November 3, 2020 ballot. Elected candidates will be sworn into office at the first meeting in January 2021.

If you have any questions, please call the City Recorder's Office at 541-566-3313.

Sheila Jasperson
City Recorder / Elections Official

Posted: June 4, 2020
Sheila Jasperson, Election Filing Officer

City Hall/Post Office/Library/FB

Council and Budget meeting are **Wednesday 6/10 at the Food Pantry (aka Gizmo) @ 6pm**

Pandemic Players Project — Rob McIntyre

My other hat is school music educator for the Athena Weston School District. Although the Gem is separate from that, I am posting this information on Gem first because I can get better initial exposure by posting it here.

These are pretty dark days for arts educators the world over. I have known for some time that it would not be possible to proceed with student music and rehearsals according to the local traditions and standards for the coming year. The standard for social distancing in a typical classroom during the pandemic may be six feet, but for playing a wind instrument or singing it is eleven feet. This cannot be done. Group singing, wind instruments, including bag-pipes are all on standby as group activities. They may be played some at home.

To convert the experience into something musically interesting, creative and tactile while at the same time promoting musicianship without blowing air around the room and that should give the program a fighting chance at returning to normal when the pandemic ends is the goal. Whew.

The Blue Man Group is known for playing pitched mallet percussion instruments built from PVC pipe. The Blue Man Group versions are a thick maze for visual effect, the twists and turns can be simplified for classroom models. These instruments are laid out like a musical keyboard and can be constructed in high, mid and low ranges. I have intend-



ed to construct enough of these instruments to accommodate the largest student cohort/pods that can fit into the high school and middle school sites--two sets of instruments, total in the neighborhood of forty instruments.

The mallets will be made of high density rubber mat material attached to plywood backing. Each student will have their own set of mallets, kept in a Ziplock bag with their name upon it. Which brings me to the reason for posting. I need a lot (hundreds) of schedule 40 PVC fittings 2" and larger in diameter --couplers, 45 and 90 degree turns and a few miles of PVC pipe. ABS will also work. Quite a quantity of 3/4" plywood for frames will also be required. I expect to construct instruments with two chromatic octave ranges, similar to a band instrument range. Sometimes people have this stuff laying around in a box. Sometimes people want to help. The school will of course be helping but the school is up to it's eyeballs figuring out a lot of issues at

the moment.

I am not complaining and do not want to hear complaining. This situation has been handed to us and we will figure out a way to proceed until the situation improves. In addition to constructing a fleet of these things, I will be writing the learning method and all the arrangements as the group matures. I also need to rethink the at home portion of the package, after today it is apparent to me at least that at home will occur at intervals we cannot necessarily control and probably sooner that we would like. We will be known as the Pandemic Players. Public performances will be out of the question, so we will record some of those. Message me if you have materials to contribute to this really critical endeavor for the continuation of local educational music ensemble through the pandemic.

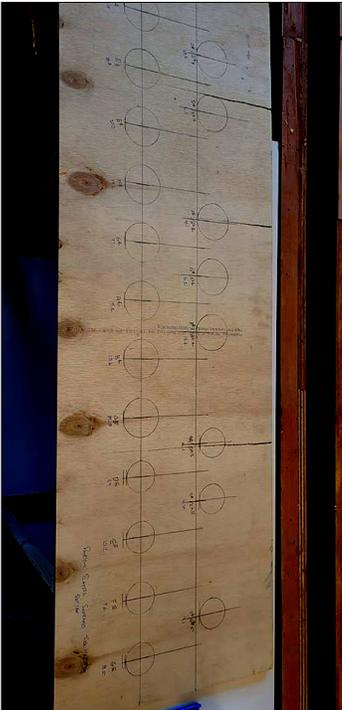
There have been a number of inquiries about making dollar donations to the Pandemic Players project at the Athena Weston schools. The funds will be administered through the Weston McEwen High School ASB account. Checks then should be made out to Weston McEwen High School and Pandemic Players listed on the item line.

The high school is closed so please mail them to either the Athena Weston School District, 375 S. 5th St. Athena OR 97813 or Athena's Gem, P.O. Box 85 Athena OR 97813. Remember too that we are looking for any miscellaneous PVC couplers, elbows and pipe that you have laying around, including big stuff for the tuba range instrument.



So far, area patrons have contributed \$650 of materials towards building instruments. I'll know pretty soon now exactly what the material cost will be to build one of these. The tenor version will use longer pipe. Most kids will play a soprano or tenor. There will be a tuba, with pipes extending to 16 feet.

Pandemic Players prototype, version 2. The range is now Bb3 to F5, more able to align with standard band key signatures. The deck is entirely redesigned, now made of particle board and there is a wood strut connected to the bottom side. The tube bounce problem is gone. The stand had to be made 3 inches taller to accommodate the two longer tubes on the bottom range and I want the stand to fold somehow. We will work on that in the morning. As it is, the tubes lift out and the top comes off so that kids/parents can transport "The Phoenix." The tubes have to be wrapped with something where they pass through the deck so that they are snug in the hole. Duct tape, even masking tape seems to do an effective job.



Production can start most any time now, funds continue to come in.

Thanks to Senator Bill and Margaret Hansell for their generous contribution today.

Pandemic Players construction teams--the work can be conducted at home if tools are available. I realize that harvest is going on now, so this can be worked on after harvest so long as I have enough volunteers.

1. The Drill Team will take the marked top deck blanks that I provide and cut the holes for the tubes. You will need an electric or cordless drill and a 2" and 2 1/2" hole saw. The most time consuming part of building these instruments is clearing the debris out of the hole saw after making the cut. This is done 20 times to create one finished deck. We should have at least six people working on this step.

2. The A Team will cut the PVC and ABS tone pipes to the designated length. Twenty cuts produces a set. You will need a chop saw with a finish quality blade. It is important that you do not remove your fingers when operating this tool. Don't say that you weren't warned.

I am the only one cutting the couplers in half. I have the jigs to do it.

3. The Transformers will assemble the stands using a jig, or glue the couplers to the pipes and then set everything together.

We aren't painting anything. The kids can decorate them or not at home using their own schemes.

Check out the video: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=299316934484394>



FRANKLIN STREET BRIDGE PROJECT UPDATE:

- ◆ **August 10, 2020 is the "start date" for the bridge replacement.**
- ◆ **The reason for the delay is due to a hold up with the manufacturing of the bridge beams.**
- ◆ **When this project does start, because of the heat, work will start in the early morning.**
- ◆ **Paving of Arman and Pomeroy streets will be completed in conjunction with the bridge work.**