

The Sun

Letters 5/29/21

Please no wrecking ball

To the editor:

It made me sad to read that we may lose another historic building in the area. The Cornell Co-op Building in Westport is one of a collection of historic buildings on the county fairgrounds.

Tearing down this building would be a crime. It is misleading to tell the public a new building can be built similar to this historic building. New construction would leave out the beautiful details.

People just don't build like they used to. Cosmetically it hasn't been painted in years. It might need some replaced wood, roofing, window sash and doors, but in whole the structure is sound. Of course, mechanics will be upgraded to accommodate codes and the new uses of the building. Don't forget the extensive cost of tear down, removal and clean up. Site work and new concrete foundations are also very expensive. This building cannot be replaced, instead, I believe it should be restored.

— *Livingston Bailey*,
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