



ORIGINAL WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE - 1859

ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE REGIONAL HISTORY FORUM SERIES FOR 2018

Programs begin at 1:30 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom of the 1859 courthouse, 410 West 2nd Place, The Dalles behind the Chamber of Commerce / Visitors' Center

Programs are handicapped accessible on the first floor.

The programs are free but donations are always appreciated.

Saturday, February 3

Airmail Beacons of the Columbia River Gorge

Local historian Susan Buce has a family connection to early aviation in the Gorge. In the days before radar, her grandfather Jack M. Buce Sr. was “mechanician” for the airway beacons that served as a “highway of light” guiding the pilots who flew the mail from coast to coast.

Saturday, February 10

Fourteen Miles on the Spokane, Portland and Seattle Railroad

Retired math teacher Loren Delaney was born in The Dalles and raised in Wishram. He will present a tour of north shore railroad history between mile posts 94 and 108. Of special interest are photos of the “Norma,” the stern-wheeler that plied the river prior to the Wishram to Celilo bridge, key to James Hill’s victory in the race to construct the Oregon Trunk railroad.

Saturday, February 17

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Its Cemeteries

Sexton of the local Odd Fellows Cemeteries Craig Hector will share the unique history and values of the I.O.O.F. Since the nineteenth century, the lodge’s concern for common folks beyond their fraternal organization led them to sponsor cemeteries that were open to all.

Saturday, February 24

Obsolete U.S. Currency: From the Half Cent to the \$100,000 Bill
Gorge Country news director Rodger Nichols reveals what pioneers carried as pocket change. He will tell the stories of odd and unusual currency, some from America’s earliest days and some used locally. He is willing to do a free evaluation of three coins or bills per person after his program.

Coffee and cookies will be served.

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