ORIGINAL WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE - 1859

ORIGINAL COURTHOUSE REGIONAL HISTORY FORUM SERIES FOR 2020

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

Saturday, February 1
From Radical Idea to Ratification: Women's Voting Rights
Janice Dilg is principal of a historical consulting firm. She is state coordinator for an online resource for the 2020 centennial of the 19th Amendment that extended voting rights to women. She will tell the story of Sylvia Thompson (D-The Dalles) who introduced the bill ratifying the amendment in the 1920 special session.

Saturday, February 8
The Women of Sorosis: Social 'Influencers' of Their Day
Denise Dietrich Bokum retired from healthcare management and volunteers at Fort Dalles Museum. She will share the far-reaching contributions of women leaders in The Dalles who gave Sorosis Park its name and founded the museum.

Saturday, February 15
Rufus and the Army Camp that Helped End World War II
Cal McDermid is director of Fort Dalles Museum and a Sherman County native. He explores the unique settlement in Old Wasco and later Sherman County, and the role of Camp Rufus in developing technology for bridging the Rhine.

Saturday, February 22
Finding the Wire Trail: Early Instant Communication in the Gorge
Dave and Helen Wand and Larry McGinnis live east of Troutdale. They have been at work finding traces of the original telegraph system that ascended from the Sandy River and continued east to The Dalles following an old Indian trail.

Saturday, February 29
Famous Visitors: Guess Who Came to Dinner?
*Those who read local newspapers or listen to local radio know **Rodger Nichols**.* Our local historian and member of the Courthouse board has stories about notable folks who have come to town in the past 215 years plus some homegrown notables.

Admission is free for the February programs
Donations gladly accepted! – Downstairs monitor for those unable to climb stairs.
Coffee and cookies will be served