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“Drake Well Museum and Park Announces 2019 Petroleum Program Series”

On Thursday, March 7, Drake Well Museum and Park and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. will kick off the museum’s 2019 Petroleum Program Series. This year’s four part series is scheduled for every Thursday evening in March. Presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. with light refreshments served at 6:00 p.m. Admission to each presentation is $5.00 for adults (12-64 years), $4.00 for seniors (65+ years) and Free for youth and Friends of Drake Well, Inc. members.

The first installment of the 2019 Petroleum Program Series will feature a presentation by Chris Dubbs entitled “Women Journalists in World War I.” In the first six months of World War I, America’s largest circulation magazine, the Saturday Evening Post, took the unorthodox step of sending four women journalists into the war zone. These women visited the trenches, interviewed royalty and generals, chronicled the plight of refugees, and brought to public attention the enormous role played by women. Dozens of other female reporters followed in their footsteps. Mr. Dubbs’ presentation will highlight the female war correspondents who covered the Great War, from the opening days, through the period of American involvement, the Russian Revolution, and the Versailles Peace conference in 1919.

Mr. Dubbs is a retired Gannon University administrator and a military historian. He is the author of America’s U-Boats, Terror Trophies of World War I and American Journalists in the Great War, Rewriting the Rules of Reporting. In 2018, he co-edited The AEF in Print, An Anthology of American Journalism in World War I. His latest book, Women Journalists in the Great War, will appear in fall 2019 from the University of Nebraska Press.

The 2019 Petroleum Program Series’ full schedule of speakers includes:

March 7 – “Women Journalists in World War I” – Chris Dubbs, Military Historian and Retired Administrator at Gannon University
March 14 – “Kinzua Dam from Construction to Function” – Douglas Helman, Supervisory Natural Resource Manager Kinzua Dam and Allegheny Reservoir, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
March 21 – “Colonel Edwin L. Drake” – Bob Archer, Education Director, Oil Creek & Titusville Railroad
March 28 – “Wind Energy in Pennsylvania” – Michael Sell, Project Coordinator, Institute for Energy at St. Francis University


Located off Route 8 south of Titusville, Drake Well Museum and Park is open year-round. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.
Drake Well Museum and Park is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in partnership with Friends of Drake Well, Inc. and is part of the Pennsylvania Trails of History® (www.PATrailsofHistory.com).

Additional information about the 2019 Petroleum Program Series and other museum programs is available at www.drakewell.org, by calling (814) 827-2797, or find us on Facebook at Drake Well Museum and Park.

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