

UNION COUNTY MUSEUM

Free Third Tuesday

7 p.m., Tuesday, June 20

Guest Speaker

Cassie Gray-Jeffries



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A resident of Union County and 2016 graduate of EOU, Cassie Gray-Jeffries specializes in the historical research and archaeology of the Japanese-American Internment Period and a little-known story that touches Union County.

Following the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in December of 1942, the United States government ordered the evacuation and internment of over 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry who were living on the nation's west coast. The war-time imprisonment of these men, women, and children; many of them U.S. citizens is widely known amongst both scholars and the general public. What most do not know, however, is that select groups of Japanese Americans were able to escape this fate through various means. This presentation will primarily focus on upon the history and archaeology of a site within Union County, Oregon, where a small group of Japanese-Americans were able to both avoid internment and make vital contributions to the national war effort by laboring in the timber industry.

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