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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EXPLORING YORK'S JOURNEY



Scott Tucker, Lewis and Clark National Historical Park superintendent, shows a exhibit about York, and the way he is portrayed in various art mediums, inside the visitor center.

Exhibit honors black slave's role with Corps of Discovery

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

Historians have a clear understanding of what Lewis and Clark looked like and what they faced on their journey west. The Corps of Discovery expedition more than two centuries ago is a celebrated foundation of American history.

One unofficial member of the expedition, York, a black slave to William Clark, has not received the same recognition, despite the fact he is considered the first black man in America to cross the continent north of Mexico.

York is mentioned in journals and letters, but his image was never captured. Paintings and statues of him rely on interpretations of the way he was described in historical writings.

Lewis and Clark National Historical Park unveiled an exhibit this month exploring how York has been perceived throughout history.

Cydonie Fukami, the former educa-

tional tech park ranger, spent the past month piecing the exhibit together into a display at the entrance of the visitor's center. Fukami is leaving this month for a supervisor position at Weir Farm National Historic Site in Connecticut.

Before she leaves, the half African-American and half Native American park ranger said bringing York's story to the forefront has been a goal since she joined the park two years ago.

"That was on my mind since day one when I walked through the visitor center," she said.

Fukami wanted to have the exhibit done by Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but she said,

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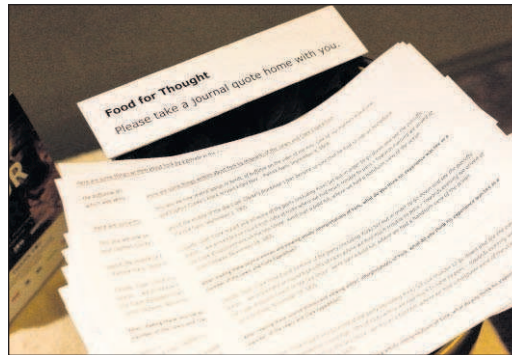
Cydonie Fukami

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A display about William Clark's black slave York is shown at the Lewis and Clark National Historical Park visitor center.



Journal entries discussing York are available at the exhibit.

Rohne will not go for three

Dairy farmer represents eastern Clatsop County

By KYLE SPURR
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Dirk Rohne will not seek a third term on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners. Since 2008, the Brownsmead native has represented the eastern part of the county that includes the unincorporated towns of Knappa, Svensen, Brownsmead and Westport.

He describes his time on the board as representing the underrepresented.

"In various instances, as an individual I have truly been able to make a difference and make things go in a better direction," Rohne said.

Rohne started his public service with the Brownsmead Fire Department, Knappa Water Board and Clatsop County Planning Commission. Adding in his time with the planning commission, Rohne has been involved with the county for more than 10 years.

He was first elected to the Board of Commissioners in May 2008 and re-elected in May 2012.

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Don't feed the elk, really

Elk attacks and near misses prompt law in Warrenton

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Go ahead and feed the ducks. Feed the songbirds and squirrels, too, if you can find them. Just don't feed the elk.

The city is preparing an ordinance that would prohibit residents from feeding elk or other wildlife, a reaction to elk attacks and near misses last year and reports that some people are handing out food to the beasts.

Elk that have already grown comfortable on the North Coast could associate people with food, increasing the risk of confrontations. Dangerous predators, like cougars, could also follow elk into neighborhoods.

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Drivers pull over to take photos of a bull elk in Hammond in September.

And brewery makes four

Reach Break Brewing gets thumbs up from commission

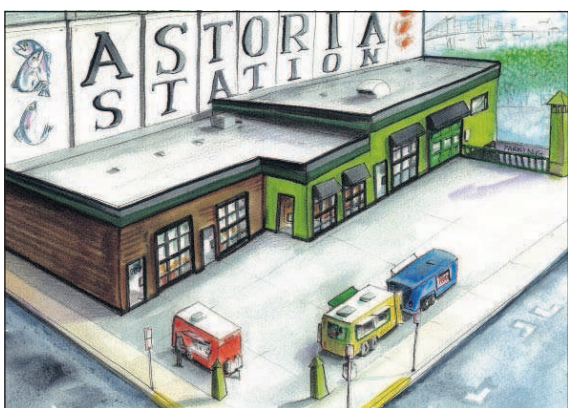
By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

A new brewery is coming to downtown Astoria. The Astoria Planning Commission on Tuesday approved a conditional use permit for Josh Allison and Finn Parker to open Reach Break Brewing at Astoria Station, which currently houses Astoria Indoor Garden Supply.

Parker and Allison said they will focus on sour beers, start a buildout in May and hope to open later this year. They will lease the building from Astoria Station LLC, owned by Warren Williams.

"I was a fish biologist," Allison said in

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Graphic by Don Nisbett

Warren Williams, who owns Astoria Station at the corner of 13th and Duane streets, would like to spruce up the building and add signage on the vacant wall of the Norblad Building. Astoria Indoor Garden Supply will eventually be replaced by Reach Break Brewing.

