

Black History Month Events

Black Pioneers of the Oregon Country February - March 14

The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center will feature the exhibit "Black Pioneers of the Oregon Country" which runs throughout February until March 14 in honor of Black History Month. The Pioneer Family of the Month exhibit is on the Hammer Family. The Willamette Trades & Craft Workshop has hands-on activities; presenters will focus on medicine, sewing and toys. Visitors can see old medical instruments and salves and can practice making old fashioned splints. The End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is located at 1726 Washington St. in Oregon City. Call 503/657-9336, ext. 0. Their website address is www.endoftheoregontrail.org.

PGE African American Network

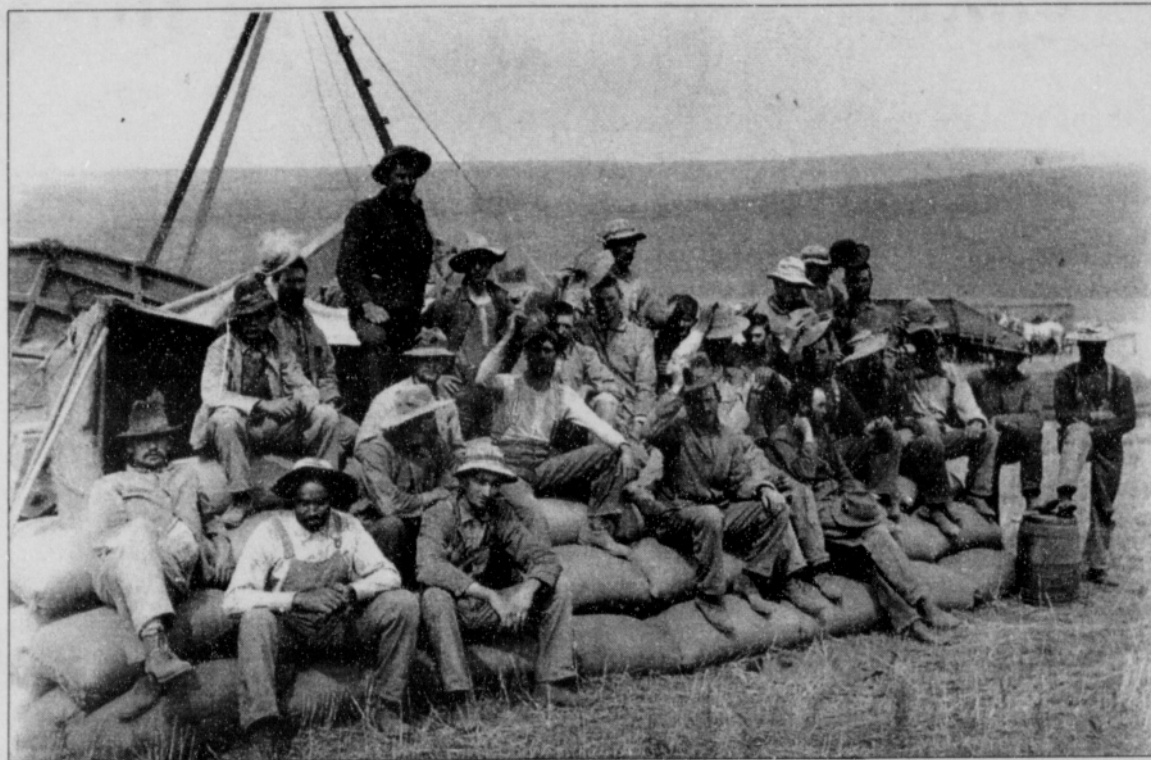
Wednesday, Feb. 21

All PGE employees and local community are invited to attend a talk on

the African American perspective in the media. Local television, radio broadcasters and newspaper journalists (including Renee Mitchell and Michael Ottey of the "Oregonian") are scheduled to attend. This event will be held at Two World Trade Center plaza, located at SW First and Salmon, from noon - 1:30 p.m.

Federal Agency Celebrates Black History Month Wednesday, Feb. 21

Roy Jay, president and chief executive officer of the Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network will speak. Featured entertainment will be the Grant High School gospel choir, the Bridge Builders Prospective Gents Club cane team and vocalist Lunora Vinson. This event will take place on Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the Robert Duncan Plaza, 333 SW First Ave. This year's theme is "Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics and Culture."



Harvest hands near Moro, Oregon. (Photo courtesy of OHS)

Annual Soul Food Dinner

Thursday, Feb. 22

Bon Appetit will present the annual Soul Food Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 22, 5 p.m. at Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Rd.; Fields Dining Room, Templeton Student Center. The menu will include BBQ ribs, chicken, red beans and rice, fried okra, catfish, and other items. Cost for the dinner will be \$8, and is open to the public. For more information, call Ray Warren at 503/768-7051.

Grant High School Royal Blues

Friday, Feb. 23

Michael Allen Harrison, one of the Northwest's most loved music composers, arrangers, pianists and performers, will play a benefit concert Friday, Feb. 23 at the Grant High School Auditorium in Portland. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. The Celebrity Concert will benefit the Grant High School Royal Blues, the renowned 31-voice choir of this diverse Northeast Portland school. The Royal Blues, who will join Harrison and Julianne Johnson on stage, are raising funds for their dream of a 15-day concert tour this summer in England and Scotland. Call 503/916-5160, ext. 468.

Rebuilding a Broken Bridge

Friday, Feb. 23 and Saturday, Feb. 24

Debo Kotun, author of the novel "Abiku," will speak at a Black History Month presentation at the Gifford Pinchot National Forest Headquarters, located at 10600 NE. 51st Circle, in Orchards starting at

11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 23 and on Saturday, Feb. 24, he will speak at 10 a.m. at a church located at 3605 E. 13th St. Mr. Kotun's topic, "Rebuilding A Broken Bridge," explores the relationship between Africans in America and African Americans.

First Annual Black Music Celebration Friday, Feb. 23 & Saturday, Feb. 24

The First Annual Black Music Celebration will feature Thara Memory and the Super Band, Bobby Torres and His Ensemble, vocalists Nancy King and Margaret Linn, a 12-piece string section. The program will chronicle the history of Black Popular Music in America. Call 503/295-6542.

Does Race Really Matter?

Saturday, Feb. 24

The SEI Pamplin Fellows will be conducting their first Teen Summit of 2001 on Feb. 24, 12:30 p.m. at the Center for Self Enhancement, 3920 N. Kerby Ave. The topic of this summit will be "Does Race Really Matter?" Teens from the local community will engage in provocative dialogue on such topics as "Interracial Dating/Friendships," "Hip-Hop's Influence on White teenagers," and "Public Perceptions of Different Race Groups."

Marylhurst Senior Center

Sunday, Feb. 25

A concert featuring the Marylhurst Symphony Orchestra

along with African drumming, storytellers, and some special guest appearances by Mel Brown, Janice Scroggins, Bruce Smith, Israel Annon, Caton Lyles and Ben McDonald. The orchestra will perform three works, the last of which is the debut of Thara's original composition, "The Middle Passage." Call 403/699-6242 for ticket information.

Africans in America Tuesday, Feb. 27

Portland State University is sponsoring Part 4 in a series of lectures on Africans in America. The event is co-sponsored by the Assoc. of African Students and Black Studies Dept. For additional information, ask for Dramaine or Jataune at 503/725-5660.

The Origin of Oregon Rappers

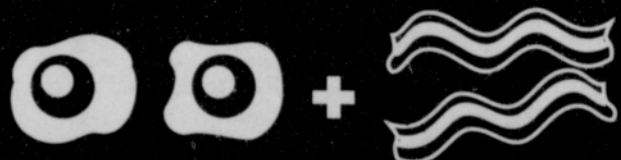
Wednesday, Feb. 28

Mackin Rob, a.k.a. Young Fame, will discuss the origin of Oregon rappers from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in Rm. 122 of Terrell Hall at the Cascade Campus of Portland Community College.

A Rendition of "I Have A Dream" Speech

Wednesday, Feb. 28

All PGE employees and local community are invited to attend a program for black history where there will be a rendition of Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech and other program activities will be given. The event will be held at Two World Trade Center Plaza at SW First and Salmon, from noon - 1:30 p.m.



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