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Dispelling Misconceptions

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lice the event, presented by REAP, Inc. and Africa House in partnership with The Bridge.

“It’s the journey,” he said. “We all recognize that we come from the same place – Africa – so the journey begins with the sounds of Africa with music by different groups with African drums and African bands.”

Thomas is also preparing a video presentation of the journey, he said, “that shows all the experiences we’ve had – colonization, slavery – and our experiences to try to be free with our own rights.”

There will also be presentations of the history of blacks in Oregon, “from Vanport and beyond,” Thomas said.

At the day-long event on Saturday, the sounds of Africa will again welcome attendees before a day of seminars and speakers on a wide variety of topics relating to the black experience, Thomas said.

“There will be (morning) seminars on PTSD, misconcep-

tions among Africans and African Americans, how religion was used to divide us as a people, and more,” he said. After a “Taste of the World” lunch, afternoon seminars include topics such as fathers in the home, self-love, building bridges: working together intentionally, and economic empowerment.

Many prominent members of the black community will also speak during the event, including Nkenge Harmon-Johnson of the Urban League of Portland, Ron Herndon of Albina Head Start, Djimet Dogo of Africa House, Dr. Alisha Moreland-Capua and Daniel Capua of the Capua Foundation and Dr. Koffi Dessou, City of Portland Office of Equity and Human Rights, and Imam Mikal Hammad Shabazz of the Oregon Islamic Chaplains Organization.

The day will end with a healing session, Thomas said, “on what was learned in the two days along with a declaration of how we build going forward – a time to hear one another out, and to heal and move forward.”

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110 Beavercreek Rd, Oregon City
Dec 3 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

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Dec 10 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mulino Child Development Coalition
13700 S Freeman Rd, Mulino
Dec 17 12-2 p.m.

Orchid Health Center
535 NE 6th Ave, Estacada
Dec 20 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY

Rosehaven
627 NW 18th Ave, Portland
Dec 2 2-3:30 p.m.

Department of Human Services: Alberta Office
30 N Webster St, Portland
Dec 3 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

CareOregon Open Hours
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Dec 4 9-11 a.m.
Dec 11 9-11 a.m.
Dec 18 9-11 a.m.

Department of Human Services: East County Office
11826 NE Glisan St, Portland
Dec 6 12-2 p.m.

Department of Human Service: SE Malden
8129 SE Malden St, Portland
Dec 10 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Portland Rescue Mission: Burnside Shelter
111 W Burnside, Portland
Dec 12 8-10 a.m.

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Dec 16 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Transition Projects Laurelwood Center
6130 SE Foster Rd, Portland
Dec 19 1-3 p.m.

Union Gospel Mission
3 NW Third Ave, Portland
Dec 31 1-4 p.m.

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Sunset Presbyterian Church
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