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The Restoration through Storytelling



Sorority Sisters pose with the Chris Poole-Jones Memorial statue in front of the Delta House. Photo courtesy of ECO Trust

Breathing Life into the Community through Social Action

A Land Stewardship Storytelling Series of East Multnomah County is a series of gatherings designed to elevate Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) ancestral agricultural wisdom, restore and preserve cultural traditions along with uplifting storytelling as a meaningful knowledge system. This series focuses on showing how the intersections of place based storytelling and opportunities to restore cultural and community traditions are interwoven with and related to lands and waters stewardship.

This third gathering of the series will take place at the June Key Delta Community Center (JKDCC), located in the Albina Neighborhood of North Portland February 22nd at 5pm. Come hear the women of Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Incorporated tell the story of how the legacy of their commitment to public service, vision and strategic partnership have provided a safe, nurturing environment for Black communities of Portland. Learn how JKDCC, an innovative community green building project, continues to breathe new life into the community through sustainability and social action.

Black History on the Go Retired Coach Spreads Word on Black History

BY BEVERLY CORBELL

After 39 years as an award-winning high school coach, Dennis Carline could have become a college coach, but he wanted to continue teaching younger, especially underprivileged, kids.

Carline had one focus: Black history, which he today teaches through his African American Mobile Display that he takes from school to school all over the state.

Carline could easily be retired, but he has approached his latest endeavor with the same enthusiasm and compassion

that he showed in the classroom and gym for decades.

For all his work, Carline, an alumnus of Pacific University of Oregon, was recently honored with the school's Outstanding Achievement Award.

According to the school's website, Carline had a long career "coaching sports and counseling kids at all levels of Portland-area school systems, focusing on schools with underserved students." He coached and taught at Tubman and Glenhaven elementary schools, and at four area high schools, including Benson, Fort Vancouver, Roosevelt and De La Salle North Catholic.

"For Carline, working with kids involved a lot more than sports," the school's



Dennis Carline surrounded by the art of his mobile Black history exhibit

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