

Black History

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• Dawson Park and the remnants of Albina's City Hall building.
 Tour Sponsors: Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and Portland Development Commission.

The final tour will take place from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. March 4 and will depart from Little Big Burger, 3747 North Mississippi Ave. Tickets for the tour are \$16. To purchase, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hidden-history-of-albina-tour-tickets-21391053216>

Rebuilding Center, NAYA to Present 'York' in March

The ReBuilding Center and the Native American Youth and Family Center invite you to attend this remarkable event – two performances of the play York on March 12 and 13 at Jefferson High School in Portland.

The show is a one-man production. Actor David Casteal will play York, an African American man enslaved by William Clark who is best known for his participation in the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

The play will show at 7 p.m. March 12 (doors at 6:30) and 2 p.m. March 13 (doors at 1:30). A short Q&A panel will follow each performance.

Tickets: Advance tickets are \$7.00 for students (with ID) and \$12.00 for adults. Day-of tickets are \$15.00 at the door. To in-

quire about group ticket sales, please email info@rebuildingcenter.org for more information.

Oregon History Tour Travels 'Back Roads to Black History'

Oregon Black Pioneers will host a day-long tour of important sites in Black history outside the Portland area May 14.

A luxury coach bus will travel to six historic tour places and a local winery, stopping in Salem, Brownsville, Philomath, Corvallis, Soap Creek Valley, Helvetia and North Plains.

The history tour begins at Unthank City Park, named after the late civic leader, Dr. Denorval Unthank.

Each stop includes a history lesson provided by local experts. A special guest, professional storyteller Chetter Gallo-



way, will also present during the tour. The \$50 ticket includes a box lunch with choices of ham, roast beef or vegetarian options. A goody bag with information about each stop will be provided to all attendees.

Stops include a commemorative heritage marker honoring 43 African American pioneers buried at Historic Pioneer Cemetery in Salem; the 1864 home of Cora Ann Cox in Brownsville; Historic Mount Union

Cemetery in Philomath; the early settlement home of Hannah and Eliza Gorman in Corvallis; Soap Creek Valley Schoolhouse, a home that was owned by an interracial couple located north of Corvallis; Helvetia, Ore., the home of Black pioneers Floyd and Annie Cash; and Abbey Creek Vineyard, located in North Plains and owned by the first African American winemaker in Oregon, Bertony Faustan. (Wine tasting will be available for an additional \$10 paid directly to the winery.)

To purchase tickets, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/the-back-roads-to-black-history-oregon-history-tour-tickets-21592961128.

New Book Shares of African American Individuals Who Influenced Growth

In Oregon author Lilian Whitlow's book "Lift Ev'ry Voice," she writes short biographies of several African Americans in history who have helped influence the black community through their gifts of music, sports, art, literary work, and politics.

Even though the book is written about African Americans, Whitlow hopes that every culture and race will be inspired through these personal stories.

"Lift Ev'ry Voice" is meant to teach of fascinating individuals, learn from their influence, inspire others to live a life of impact, and lastly – share of people who have not been acknowledged for their influence.

The book is available in softcover, hardcover and e-book and through Amazon, Barnes & Noble and XLibris.

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itoring of the implementation of the plan and to see results that change local and state policies.

The group will use Oregon Department of Education data to track progress. They will look at things like graduation rates, absenteeism, attendance and disproportionate discipline. They will also look further into culturally responsive curriculum and teaching practices as well as investing in early learning programs.

Smith said House Bill 2016 goes beyond legislative equity policy that gives only a mention to the needs of the underserved, instead of planning and financing to change the outcomes. She calls this investment and prioritization of Black students in Oregon a "historic moment".

"It is ... specifically calling out what needs to happen for African American and Black Students in the state to be successful – and ways in which we can go about that – and ways in which we can invest in that," Smith said.



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