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## Personal story of life in Sioux City featured

The third in the series of Black History Month programs features Dr. Grady L. Bluford sharing his personal story about life in Sioux City. The **Tuesday Twilight Talk, "Living and Growing Up Colored in Sioux City"** will be held on Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum.

Dr. Grady L. Bluford was born in Flint, Michigan and came to Sioux City with his family when he was five years old. He began working at the age of 11 and at 79 years old he is still working part-time at Goodwill Industries of Sioux City, where he has worked for 43 years. In June 2009, Bluford was recognized by Goodwill Industries International as the recipient of the 2009 Rev. Edgar J. Helms Award for his commitment to achieving the goals of the Goodwill founder.

Bluford holds three master's degrees. After graduating from South Sioux City High School, he attended Wayne State Teachers College and later Morningside College. Bluford says he learned the value of education from his father, who shared this wisdom with him, "What you put on your back, men can take away from you. What you put in your head can't be taken away."

Bluford was married to Harriet Trosper-Bluford for 47 years before she passed away two years ago.

Black History Month activities are sponsored by the Sioux City NAACP and the Human Rights Commission in partnership with the Sioux City Public Museum. The final Black History Month program will be held on Thursday, February 25 at the Betty Strong Encounter Center. The panel presentation will include a discussion about the diverse experiences of discrimination, acceptance, and changes among the diverse ethnic groups in Sioux City.

Housed in the historic John Peirce Mansion at 2901 Jackson Street, the Sioux City Public Museum offers monthly Tuesday Twilight Talk programs featuring topics of regional historic interest. For more information, call the Sioux City Public Museum at 712-279-6174 or visit [www.siouxcitymuseum.org](http://www.siouxcitymuseum.org). Admission is free.