

2018 Year in Review



History Making

Jan. 3 – Citing “a widely respected civil rights champion whose perspective on the bench will move us closer to a shared vision of justice for all,” Gov. Kate Brown selected Multnomah County Judge Adrienne C. Nelson to fill a seat on the Oregon Supreme Court, the first African American to serve on the state’s highest court.



With Honor and Integrity

Jan. 24 – With the backdrop of a new civil rights exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society and supporters from her Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, new Portland Police Chief Danielle Outlaw championed the long worn path to civil rights progress and challenged the city and law enforcement community to address racial inequities during her ceremonial installation as the city’s first African-American female police chief.



Tubman’s Revival

Jan. 31 – Deep community ties and a personal connection to the neighborhood helps Natasha Butler understand the needs as she plans for the reopening of Harriet Tubman Middle School, part of a larger effort by Portland Public Schools to bring equal access and quality academic programs to schools across the district.



Dynamic Pastor Dies

Feb. 7 – Rev. W.G. Hardy Jr., a humble spiritual leader from Portland’s African American community who inspired so many others with his dynamic sermons and lifelong service to his Highland Christian Center church and community, succumbed to a three year battle with kidney cancer on Feb. 2. Hardy, 60, was a third generation preacher from a family that included his father and grandfather.



Inspired to Keep Others Out of Gangs

Feb. 14 – Nicole Taylor, a Portland author of the young adult book ‘Ask Nicky,’ transformed her personal story about the consequences of gangs to the production of a new documentary, ‘The Nicole Taylor Story.’



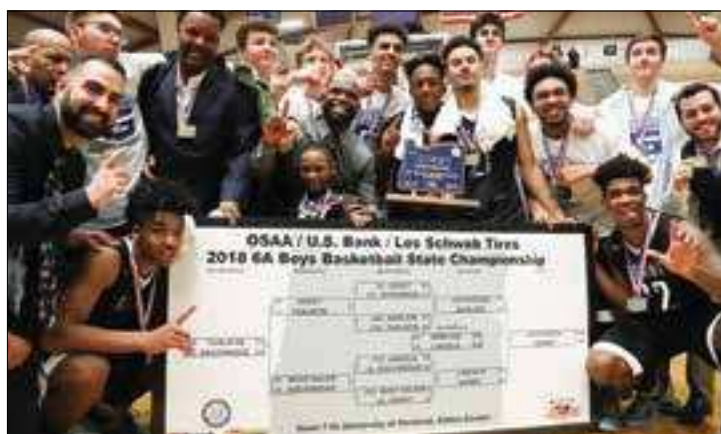
And in This Corner

Feb. 28 – Portland actor La'Tevin Alexander takes on the role of a lifetime as the legendary boxer who became Muhammad Ali. The play “In This Corner: Cassius Clay,” an Oregon Children’s Theater production, tackles issues of racial inequality and bullying during segregated Jim Crow-era Louisville, Ky.



Music and Activism Intersect

Feb. 21 – Longtime Portland civil rights leader Kathleen Saadat fronts a new CD of jazz standards “Love for Sale” in association with Portland singers Storm Large, Thomas Lauderdale and the band Pink Martini.



in basketball in 10 years by making two free throws with only 7 seconds left and scoring a 63-62 victory against cross-town rival and defending champion Jefferson in the final of the 6A Boys tournament.

Generals Take State!

March 14 – In a game that was neck and neck throughout, Grant High School won their first state championship



Students Declare ‘Enough’

March 21 – Students from at least 45 Portland area schools joined hundreds more across the nation to declare ‘enough’ with gun violence and walked out of classes in solidarity with students and victims of the mass school shooting in Parkland, Fla., one month ago.