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## Monument Inspired by Eagle Scout

The first African American memorial in the city of Vancouver will be dedicated Saturday recognizing the historical contributions of black U.S. Army Buffalo Soldiers stationed at Fort Vancouver.

The memorial was the inspiration of Wilson Keller, a 17-yearold Eagle Scout who recently learned about the sacrifices and bravery of Buffalo Soldiers.

"It's so important to represent the entirety of our armed services history and the Buffalo Soldiers from the 24th and 25th Infantries who served honorably," Wilson

The National Park Service, the



The historical contributions of black U.S. Army Buffalo soldiers stationed at Fort Vancouver are recognized in a new memorial that will be dedicated during a public ceremony on Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m.

Historic Trust, the Buffalo Sol- cluding members of Willie Morediers Moses Williams Chapter, the Community Military Appreciation Committee, Boy Scout Troop #648, as well as private and business donors assisted with the troop, and all of the partners who installation.

The public dedication will take place Saturday, Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. in front of the Infantry Barracks at the Fort Vancouver National Site. Buffalo Soldier veterans, in-

house's family, a Buffalo Soldier who served in Vancouver will be guests of honor.

"We are proud of Wilson, his made this overdue memorial a reality," said David Pearson, Historic Trust chief executive officer and president. "The Buffalo Soldiers are an important part of U.S. history, as well as to this community."



Romans 8:28 28And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.



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## The Week

#### **NAYA Sued for Abuse**

A 29-year-old Native American woman filed a \$750,000 lawsuit last week against the Native American Youth and Family Center claiming the organization failed to protect her from sexual assaults by a janitor at NAYA's school in northeast Portland when she was 17.

#### **Officer Cleared in Texts**

Portland's Independent Police Review Panel cleared a police officer last week regarding his texts and exchanges with right wing organizers of protests downtown. Early on, Mayor Wheeler and others had raised the possibility the officer was bias, but responded to the concluded investigation by saying it would have been more fair to have given the officer the benefit of the doubt.



#### **Kaepernick Ad Wins Emmy**

Nike's controversial ad featuring Colin Kaepernick, the NFL player sidelined after protesting justice issues at NFL games, was honored with an Emmy Award Saturday. The "Dream Crazy" ad, created by Portland's Wieden+Kennedy ad agency and produced by Park Pictures, won the Creative Arts Emmy for Outstanding Commercial.

### **Fired Superintendent Settles**

The Portland School District paid \$675,000 last month to settle a wrongful termination lawsuit filed by Yousef Awwad, the district's former deputy superintendent. Awwad claimed he was fired for opposing the hiring of Superintendent Donyall Dickey, whom the district hired and immediately let go in 2017. Awwad was also under investigation for a relationship with a subordinate, but it was determined he adhered to district policy by disclosing the relationship to his supervisor.

#### **Sued by Animal Rights Group**

An animal rights group filed a complaint last week urging federal regulators to fine Portland Community College \$10,000 each for the deaths of four lambs and two calves on the Rock Creek campus, saying the deaths could have been prevented. According to the complaint, the lambs were killed by predators, likely coyotes, and twin calves were born "small and weak" and later died.

#### **Public Advocate Resigns**

Oregon's public records advocate announced her resignation last week after 18 months on the job saying she felt she was "put in an unethical position" by Gov. Kate Brown's staff who wanted her to work for the governor's interests instead of the public interest.

### Man Killed in Hit and Run

Police say a driver struck and killed a person walking on Northeast Portland Highway near 45th Avenue at around 8 p.m. on Sunday night and then left the area. No arrests have been made.

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