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2021 Year in Review



A Hero's Welcome

Aug. 18 – Vancouver's Jordan Chiles returns from the Tokyo Olympics with a silver medal and city of Vancouver throws a parade in her honor. Chiles was born in Tualatin and raised in Vancouver, graduating from Prairie High School in 2019.

Madison Reopens as McDaniel High

Sept. 8 – Portland Public Schools celebrates the reopening of Leodis McDaniel High School, a fully modernized learning environment for the former Madison High School campus in northeast Portland. McDaniel was a greatly respected and well-loved educator from the Black community who gained an impeccable reputation as an administrator and principal at Madison in the 1970s and 1980s.



Effort to Save Black Landmark

Sept. 22 – Louis McLemore, exalted ruler of the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, surveys the damage from a Sept. 11 fire that started outside the building and spread to the walls and roof of the local landmark, a building serving Portland's Black community for generations. A gofunne.com campaign was gathering donations to make repairs.



Born in Tough Times

Oct. 6 – Starting a business is hard, but doing it during a pandemic is even harder. Just ask Y'Nique McAllister Wright who successfully opened Y'Nique Touch Salon at Northeast 13th and Alberta with an added commitment to make the destination a reflection on the rich history of the neighborhood, a center for black culture in Portland.

Grim Toll of Shootings

Oct. 20 – Portland breaks a 1987 record for more than 70 shooting deaths, and with more than half of those killed being Black, Latino or Asian, Black community leaders continue to grapple with the crisis. Discussions included increasing the availability of healthy activities for young people, supporting more un-armed mental health crisis teams and hiring more police officers.



New Start for De La Salle North

Nov. 3 – James Broadous II helps usher in a new permanent home for De La Salle North Catholic High School celebrating the completion of a renovation and construction at the former St. Charles Elementary site, next door to St. Charles Church near Northeast 42nd and Killingsworth.

A Black Doctor for Better Health



Nov. 17 – The free North by Northeast Community Health Center in northeast Portland creates a new space for patients to get culturally competent care when it hires Dr. Gina Guillaume as medical director. The Black physician was introduced by Dr. Jill Ginsberg, the clinic's co founder.



Holiday Markets Build Community

Dec. 8 -- The community was invited to shop for Christmas by supporting Black and minority businesses. Folks at Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), for example, put the welcome mat out for their special holiday market set up at 1237 N.E. Alberta which will stay open through Dec. 24, featuring products by local, minority – owned businesses.

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