

# 2023 Year In Review

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## First Female Sheriff Sworn In

Jan. 11 - Nicole Morrisey O'Donnell made history on January 4th as she was sworn in as the first female Multnomah County sheriff in the agency's 168-year history, according to the sheriff's office. Morrisey O'Donnell succeeds former Sheriff Mike Reese, who could not seek reelection because of term limits.



## Oregon Child Welfare Director National Appointment Confirmed

Jan. 11 - The U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Oregon Child Welfare Director Rebecca Jones Gaston to Commissioner of the Administration of Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The ACYF oversees federal programs that support social services that promote the positive growth and development of children, youth and their families; protective services and shelter for children and youth in at-risk situations; and adoption for children with special needs.



## Trail Blazers Mourn the Passing of Founding Broadcaster

Jan. 25 - Bill Schonely, the longtime Portland Trail Blazers broadcaster who coined the phrase "Rip City" passed on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2023. He was 93.



## Portland NAACP and Black Leaders Address Tyre Nichols Death

Feb. 8 - The NAACP and Portland leaders held a vigil for Tyre Nichols, who died after being brutally beaten by Memphis police officers. Nichols was just 29 when he died. Video of police beating and kicking him was released and protests around the country began.



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