A Look at the News of 2005

January

Skate park

The new year began with the opening of the Skater's Park, which quickly be-

came a popular place for young people.

Cougars

The beginning of 2005 also brought the start of a new program aimed at protecting the

reservations that cougars were seen to be frequenting. In response to tribal

members' concerns, the Department of Fish and Wildlife issued a permit to

tribal members allowing them to be present on the reservations.

Charter school

Other news from January 2005 included the opening of a new

Charter school for middle and high school students in the area.

Biomass

The new year also brought a new focus on renewable energy.

February

New gymnastics

The new waterfront park opened in February. The build-

ing was designed with an open courtyard ceremony for the opening event.

Tribal Health

Community leaders were invited to see and appreciate the new

facility during an open house on February 14. Minister Smith, prin-

cipal of the school, said the new gym opened for many.

"The floor is beautiful. It's mckinley," smiled Smith. "It keeps

base lines, so it's not cluttered.

"The whole facility, as a whole, is really

beautiful," he added.

Cougars

The following month saw a rise in cougar sightings.

March

River permits

The month of March saw the issuance of a legal permit for fishing on the

Deschutes River. The permit allowed for a limited number of people to use the river, with

conditions that were set in place to protect the salmon population.

Biomass

Continuing the focus on renewable energy, the County Council

voted to ban the burning of wood chips in the area.

April

CAPECE LOCKS - The Confederated Tribes signed an agreement with the state that could lead to the most im-

portant economic development program in the region's history. The agreement, or grant, commits, provides the necessary state-

support for development of a tribal casino in Cascade Locks on the Columbia River. The agreement was signed by the governor and the state of Oregon.

May

Unprecedented decision

The federal court in Oregon issued a decision that could have significant

implications for the Confederated Tribes.

June

When the River Was Full

The story of the river's fullness was told by a great and sweeping subject.

Treaty celebration

A highlight of the June celebration was the re-enactment of the signing of the Treaty of

1853. The re-enactment took place on June 22, 1853, in the same

location as the treaty was signed.

July

New longhouse

July saw the opening of the new longhouse at Celilo Village.

Vineyard

The vineyard in Oregon, which was mentioned in the news.

August

Newjudges

Several new judges were appointed to the courts in August.

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The Coq. Kulongoski sent a letter to the BIA stating that a tribal center at Cascade Locks would not be a detriment and would benefit the local community.

EIS process

Meanwhile in August, the Confederated Tribes continued the evaluation of a new casino at Cascade Locks, which was proposed to be built on the

reservation.

The EIS process is a large, nec-

essary step toward approval of any extension or expansion of the casino at Cascade Locks.