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## Chachalu opens

### Museum, cultural center continue Tribe's rebirth

By Ron Karten

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**D**rum and song greeted approximately 200 visitors to the Phase 1 opening of Chachalu, the Grand Ronde Tribal Museum and Cultural Center, on Thursday, June 5.

Chachalu's opening has been a long time coming and a central dream of the Grand Ronde people since at least Restoration, but for many, long years before that.

Guests included members and staff of the Grand Ronde Tribe, many friends and contractors in granting, design and construction that have helped bring the project to fruition.

"This is a significant step," said Tribal Council Secretary Toby McClary, reading a letter from Tribal Council Chair Reyn Leno, who could not attend. "Never before have we had a place to tell our story."

"This has been quite a journey," said Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kenne-

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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

**Pam Endzweig, left, director of collections and senior research associate at the Museum of Natural and Cultural History & State Museum of Anthropology at the University of Oregon, and Tribal Council member Kathleen Tom take a selfie with Kitty Tom's baskets during the opening of Phase I of the Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center on Thursday, June 5. Kitty Tom is Kathleen Tom's great-great-grandmother and the museum loaned the baskets to the Tribe for the exhibit.**

## Blumenauer invites Tribe to marijuana talks



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

By Dean Rhodes

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**O**regon Rep. Earl Blumenauer told the Grand Ronde Tribal Council on Tuesday, June 3, that he thinks Oregon and Alaska will be the next states to legalize the use of marijuana, joining Washington and Colorado.

"It is a movement that is taking place across the United States," Blumenauer said during a two-hour visit to the Grand Ronde Tribal campus.

As the Democratic representative for Oregon's Third Congressional District, which includes Portland east of the Willamette River and lies within the lands ceded by the Grand Ronde Tribe in the Willamette Valley Treaty of 1855, Blumenauer said he is working in Congress to keep the federal government from interfering with what states decide to do regarding

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**Oregon Rep. Earl Blumenauer listens as Tribal Council member Cheryle A. Kennedy talks about how Native Americans receive rationed health care from the federal government during his visit to Grand Ronde on Tuesday, June 3.**