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Chachalu Open House

When: All events occur on Friday, June 1. There will be Elders' opening at 3 p.m., general entry at 4 p.m., Chachalu re-opening presentations at 4:30 p.m., Rise of the Collectors exhibit presentation at 6 p.m. and raffle at 7 p.m.

Where: Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center, 8720 Grand Ronde Road.

More information: 503-879-2226 or visit www.grandronde.org and look under "Rise of the Collectors" on the homepage.

Chachalu re-opens June 1 and will feature items from British Museum

By Danielle Frost

Smoke Signals staff writer

Although construction of the Tribe's Chachalu Museum & Cultural Center began five years ago, its story goes back decades.

When efforts to restore the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde began in the 1970s, having a museum was one of the top five priorities.

It has taken time, patience and perseverance, but those efforts will culminate in the Phase Two Chachalu open house on Friday, June 1. The new 4,000-square-foot grand exhibit hall features a large gallery space to showcase the

Tribe's history and offer a deeper understanding of those who came before.

Chachalu Manager Julie Brown said the museum's success is a testament to the many talents of Tribal staff.

"We have several outside department staff to extend our appreciation to in this endeavor," she said. "Personally, my involvement with Cultural Resources and Chachalu development is the most important contribution I have made in my life. What a privilege it is to support a visitor

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First Foods Celebration set at achaf-hammi

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The First Foods Celebration is about providing different items — once considered Tribal diet staples — and presenting them in a way that encourages consumption, especially for youth.

"There is a disconnect between youth and food," Tribal member and Culture Committee Chair

Francene Ambrose says. "Kids are so used to seeing food from the store. The idea is to bridge the gap, and tell them the story behind the food and why it is important to con-



Francene
Ambrose

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If you go

First Foods Celebration

When: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2

Where: achaf-hammi (Tribal plankhouse) adjacent to Uyxat Powwow Grounds, 9600 Hebo Road

More information: Francene Ambrose at 503-879-3663 or fambrose@marionpolkfood-share.org

Tribal Council meets with Merkley



Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley meets with the Grand Ronde Tribal Council in Tribal Council's conference room on Friday, May 4. Tribal Council, led by Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy, discussed various issues with Merkley, including federal law enforcement funding for Terminated Tribes, sea lion predation of salmon and lamprey at Willamette Falls, leasing of Tribal lands for economic development and Tribal efforts to grow hemp.

Police funding, sea lions and hemp production discussed

By Dean Rhodes

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Tribal Council met with Oregon Sen. and possible 2020 Democratic presidential candidate Jeff Merkley for an hour on Friday, May 4, and discussed federal law enforcement funding for Terminated Tribes, sea lion predation of salmon and lamprey at Willamette Falls and possible

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Merkley critical of administration effort to redefine Tribal status

By Dean Rhodes

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Oregon Sen. Jeff Merkley said he does not support a Trump administration effort to start treating Tribal members as a race instead of as members of sovereign nations.

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