

# Big maintenance job at Pelton-Round Butte hydro system



Courtesy photo

The shut-off valves are very large, requiring this extra long truck and trailer for transport. The valves were built in Europe, then transported from the delivery port by trucks.

The Pelton-Round Butte hydro-dams—the largest such system within the state of Oregon—were built in the 1950s and '60s; and the ongoing maintenance keeps the system running efficiently, generating power revenue for the tribes and partner PGE.

The tribes and PGE just carried out one of the largest dam maintenance projects in recent years, the project requiring the re-

placement of the turbine shut-off valves at the Round Butte Dam powerhouse. The new valves replace the previous valves that are decades old, and were starting to leak.

The leakage through the old system was getting worse, and the operating partners decided to replace them with the new set.

The new components are very large. They were built in Europe,

shipped by sea to port, then moved by ground transport to the dams for installation.

As explained during the 2023 tribal budget meetings last year, the

turbine valves replacement project is one of the more expensive capital improvements at the dams. The new valves, though, will last for decades, said Cathy Ehli, general

manager of Power and Water Enterprises. Another large project coming up this year will be improvements to the anadromous fish re-introduction facilities at the dams.

For Pi-Ume-Sha

## Endurance horse race

The Pi-Ume-Sha Treaty Days Endurance Horse Race will happen on Saturday, June 24 starting at the Warm Springs Shaker Church. There are two race divisions:

Seniors Division: 16 years and up. Juniors Division: Ages 15 and younger. The Seniors run a 15-mile course, and the Juniors run a six-mile course. The Seniors will start

on 8 a.m. on race, and the Juniors at 8:15. Paid prizes for both divisions are for first-, second- and third place. The entry fee for Seniors is \$100, and for Juniors, \$50.

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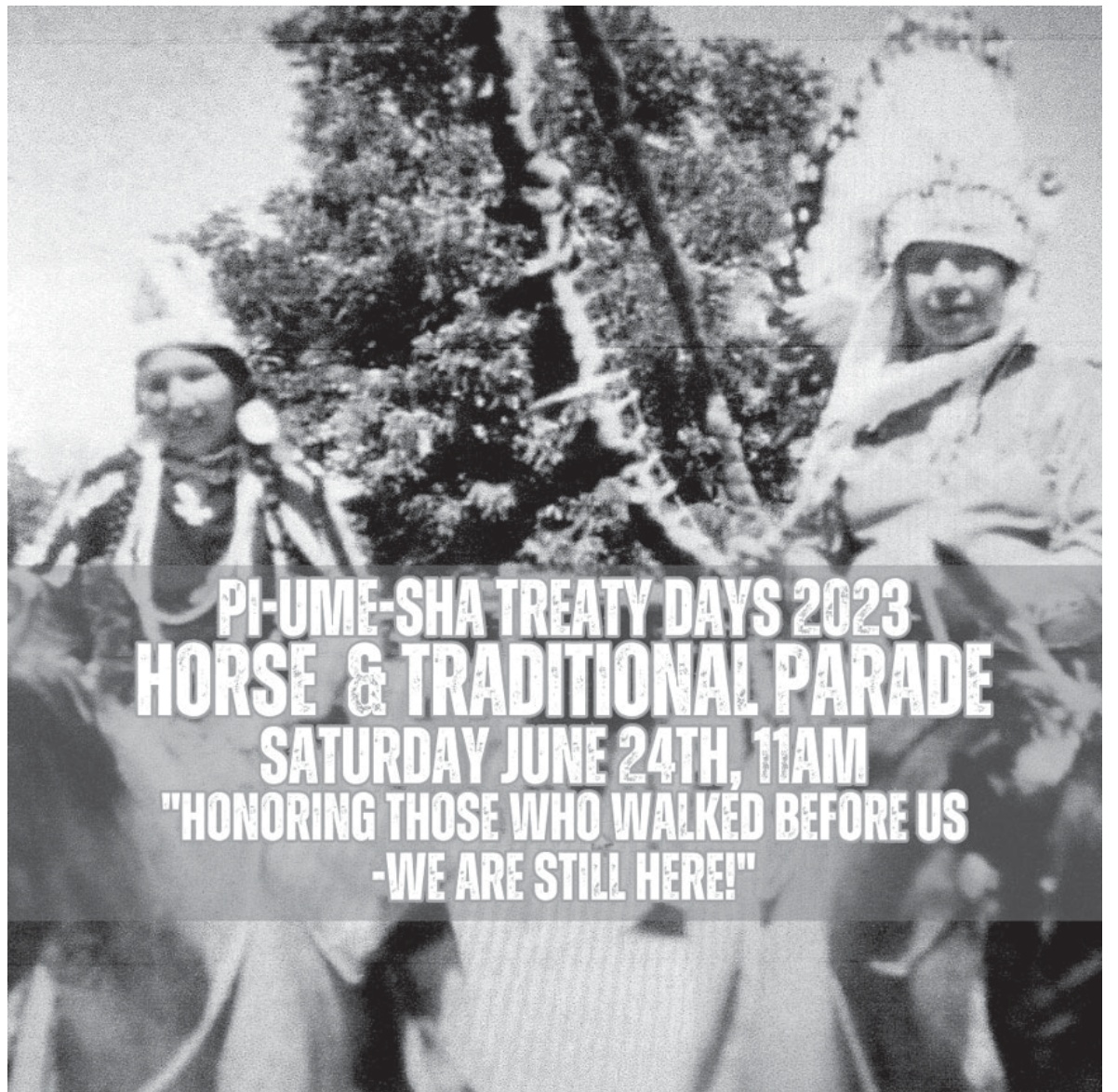
## Superman, Wonder Woman

The Fourth Annual Superman and Wonder Woman Challenge is coming up on the Sunday of Pi-Ume-Sha weekend, June 25. The event—a tribute to the past Pi-Ume-Sha Chairman Isaac Mitchell—includes a 3.3 mile rugged overland foot race, a 9-mile bicycle race (on paved road), and a 1.75-mile fun run-walk.

The start time is at 8:30 on challenge day. There is a \$20 en-

try fee, and you receive a souvenir shirt or baseball hat.

For more information text Azar Spino at 541-460-3611; or Sandra Greene at 541-325-1839.



## Museum grant for 30-year retrospective

The Museum at Warm Springs has received an \$8,000 grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission that will help with the museum's 30-year retrospective exhibit.

The grant was one of 12 to awarded to museum's in Oregon, ranging from \$3,315 to the maximum \$8,000, totalling \$77,582, as part of the Heritage Commission Oregon Museum Grant program. In the region, the High Desert Museum and Bend Historical Society also received grants.

The Oregon Heritage Commission is part of the Oregon Heritage program at Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The grant program began in 1965 when only 24 organizations were eligible for the program. The grant is funded lottery dollars. The museum 30-year retrospective exhibit is coming up this summer.

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