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Group making pilgrimage for Blessed Kateri

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will be canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21. Blessed Kateri, whose father was Mohawk and mother was Algonquin, will be the first Native American to become a saint.

Blessed Kateri was born in 1656 and died at the age of 24 in 1680.

The process of her sainthood began in 1884, followed by her veneration in 1943 and two certified miracles in 1943 and 2006. The miracles attributed to her fulfilled the qualifications of her sainthood.

Local group attending

Members of the Blessed Kateri Catholic Indian Mission of Warm Springs will be participating in a pilgrimage to the Vatican to witness the canonization.

Those making the pilgrimage are Father Luis Flores-Alva and



Colleen Reed, Leslie Cochran-Davis, Nancy Seyler, Ursula Gibson and Marcella Hall (from left), with Father Luis Flores-Alva are planning the pilgrimage.

tribal members Marcela Hall, Ursula Gibson, Colleen Reed, Nancy Seyler and Leslie Cochran-Davis.

The Pilgrimage will begin in New York, with a visit to the national shrines for Blessed Kateri.

They will also visit the place where she lived, was baptized and buried.

The group will then travel to Rome to prepare for the visit to the Vatican and the canonization ceremony on Oct. 21.

The group is currently selling raffle tickets to help fundraise for the event. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on September 30 after mass.

Please contact any members of the group if you would like to purchase tickets.

Donations are also welcome. Any assistance given will help the members of the church be a part of and witness the canonization of Blessed Kateri.

Donations can be made to: Blessed Kateri On October 21, 2012; PO Box 764; Warm Springs, OR 97761.

(More raffle information on page 4.)

Mt. Hood tribal events next week

The Culture and Heritage Department is preparing for a gathering this month at Mt. Hood Ski Bowl.

Friday, Sept. 28 will be Native American Day at Ski Bowl, where they will open the facilities to tribal member students. There will be no charge for students who show language learning, perfect attendance, athletic involvement or outstanding GPAs.

The following day will be the grand opening of the Warm Springs Interpretive Center at Mt. Hood. This begins at 10 a.m. The day will include a powwow, tribal member vendors, social dance performances. Events are free and open to tribal members.

Leading up to the grand opening, members are planning a commemorative horse ride from the north reservation boundary to Mt. Hood.

The celebration recognizes Warm Springs and their tie to the land. The area is part of the land the tribes ceded to the United States as part of the Treaty of 1855.

Vendors can sign up to reserve a spot for \$25 per table. Vendors will have until Sept. 24 to sign up, and can pay at the door. A film crew will document the celebration and horse ride. A tipi village and camp area will be marked out for tribal participants. (See page 4 for more information.)

Intersection work to continue for next few weeks

The construction work on the Hollywood intersection is being done between the hours of 6 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The scheduled hours are best for the site conditions and safety, said Warm Springs Construction.

There are flaggers to direct traffic during work hours.

The project is expected to be finished around the end of October. If you have any questions about this project, please call the Construction office at 541-553-3207.

The Hollywood-Tenino paving project has a budget of close to \$600,000, with funding through



Construction crew at work on paving project.

tribal shares of the BIA infrastructure budget.

The project will involve recon-

struction and paving at and around the Hollywood-Tenino intersection. The project summary states:

The section of road from Shitike Creek Bridge to the four-way intersection will be removed and reconstructed with new road base and asphalt.

The section of road on East Tenino-Tenino from Elliot Heights to the administration building-West Hills intersection will receive a 2-inch asphalt overlay.

The 2-inch overlay will also be applied from Kot-num road to the Hollywood-Tenino intersection. Sidewalks and concrete curbs will be repaired or replaced in various sections of the project.

Halliday returns as W.S. Agency Superintendent

By Dave McMechan
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John Halliday returned to work in Warm Springs last week. Some may remember that he worked here years ago, at jobs quite different from his new one.

Halliday is now the Superintendent for the BIA Warm Springs Agency. His first day back on the job in Warm Springs was last Thursday. About 30 tribal members were on hand for a welcoming party at the administration building.

He then met with Tribal Council for the first time last Friday. A matter for early discussion was possible further 638 contracting by the tribes.

Earlier years

Halliday grew up on the Yakama Reservation and in Seattle. Back then he would spend time on the

Warm Springs Reservation, visiting relatives.

His grandfather Frenchy Thomas, a log truck driver, lived at the trailer courts by the Deschutes River near Rainbow. His grandfather was known as a great singer. He was known especially for "Indian Love Call," which he sang at the Pendleton Round-Up.

"They say I look just like him," Halliday said.

His uncle is Lucie Thomas, now among the oldest living Wasco elders. His brother is James Halliday of Warm Springs, also known for his singing, who is now studying at the Oregon State University campus in Bend.

John Halliday and another brother Jeff are members of the Muckleshoot Tribe. John also has Warm Springs, Wasco and Yakama ancestry.

From the early 1980s until 1992, Halliday worked at different jobs on



John Halliday

the Warm Springs Reservation. He first worked as a busboy and waited tables at Kah-Nee-Ta.

He then worked as an insulation installer for Housing, and then be-

came a Warm Springs Police officer. He was a tribal officer from 1986 until 1992. His final two years as an officer were spent in inter-tribal law enforcement at the Columbia River.

Education

Halliday then attended the University of Montana, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree, after having earlier studied at Haskell Indian University in Kansas. He received his degree from the University of Montana in 1994. He then earned a Masters in Public Administration in 1996.

He also taught classes through a fellowship. At the university he taught political theory, public policy, Native American economic and environmental perspectives, and tribal government.

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Rodeo at Simnasho

The Simnasho community will host the "Why Knot" Rodeo this Saturday, Sept. 22. Open bullriding and a sanctioned Wild Horse race are part of the action.

There will be an endurance race starting at noon, and the rodeo starts at 1 p.m.

There will be a junior colt race, senior colt race, cow riding, bare-back riding, ranch bronc riding, S&G Wild Horse race (for non-card holders only), ribbon roping, and cow milking. Sign-up between 10 and 12 on rodeo day.

Payouts are \$100 added for most; \$50 for junior colt and senior colt races; and \$300 for ranch bronc riding. The announcer will be Mackie Begay.

The Why Knot Rodeo will include a PWHRA sanctioned Wild Horse race, \$1000 added; two head and final; Pendleton start. For more information contact the PWHRA office.

The open bullriding event, \$1,000 payout, is sponsored by Mackie Begay. For information contact Mike Alps, 541-419-1028.

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