

LOCALNEWS

RRCC commencement Friday

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Rainy River Community College will hold its commencement ceremony at 1 p.m. Friday in the RRCC Gymnasium.

A reception in honor of the graduates will follow.

Surrounded by their classmates, family, friends, and faculty and staff, 86 RRCC students will receive their degree, diploma, or certificate from Rainy River Community College.

About the 2015 graduating class:

- Eighty three earned associate of arts degrees, one earned a associate of science-science degree, one associate of science-health science degree, one associate of applied science-industrial maintenance degree, three fitness specialist certificates, and two indigenous studies

- certificates.
- The average age is 22.
- Ten of the 86 students graduated after fall semester.
- Five students are earning more than one credential.
- Twenty students are graduating from their respective high school through the Postsecondary Enrollment Options (PSEO) program.
- There are two teams of brother/sister graduates.
- Thirteen students are graduating from Itasca Community College with their practical nursing diploma.

Welcoming the 2015 graduating class will be Provost Carol Helland, and Minnesota State College and University Board of Trustee member Kelly Charpentier-Berg will provide greetings and con-

gratulations on behalf of MnSCU Chancellor Steven Rosenstone.

Sue Collins, president of the Northeast Higher Education District, will provide the president's greeting and, along with Provost Helland, and RRCC Foundation members Eric Strand and Jerrod Sher-moen, have the honor of presenting the diplomas to the 2015 graduates.

Suzanne Aldrich, Itasca Community College Nursing Program director, will present the diplomas to the RRCC cohort of the ICC practical nursing program.

The processional and recessional will be performed by the Rainy Lake Community Orchestra and the Rainy River Community College Student Senate members will greet and usher guests.

SPRING GARDENING



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Third- and fourth-grade students at St. Thomas School last week got on their hands and knees to work in the gardens at St. Thomas Parish.

DISTRICT COURT

A St. Paul man was sentenced recently to eight years prison for felony first-degree controlled substance crime.

Anthony K. West, 19, St. Paul, was sentenced in Koochiching County District Court April 28 to 96 months at the Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, for felony first-degree controlled substance crime. He was ordered to pay fine and fees of \$150.

In addition, the following people have also been recently sentenced for felony or aggravated misdemeanor crimes. The information is provided to The Journal by court staff.

William S. Boswell Jr., 36, International Falls, was sentenced May 5 for felony second degree criminal sex conduct — significant relationship, under 16, multiple acts.

He was sentenced to 52 months at the Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, which was stayed on court conditions for 10 years. He was ordered to serve six months in jail and given credit for four days already served. He was placed on 10 years supervised pro-

bation and ordered to pay \$1,265 fine and fees. He was ordered to register as a predatory offender, follow the recommendations of an evaluation and attend a sex offender program.

He was ordered to have no contact with the victim or family of the victim and no contact with people less than age 18. He must provide a DNA sample and may not access or use the Internet without approval, other than for a job search. He may not use alcohol or controlled substances or enter bars or liquor stores. He must submit to random tests and searches and may not use or possess firearms or dangerous weapons.

Benjamin E. Lavigne, 31, International Falls, was

sentenced April 21 for felony third-degree criminal sex conduct.

He was given a stay of adjudication and ordered to serve 20 days jail and pay \$1,000 fees. He was placed on supervised probation for eight years and may not have unsupervised contact with people less than 16 years old until released from probation. He may not use alcohol or controlled substances or enter bars or liquor stores. He must submit to random tests and searches and may not have contact with the victim. He was ordered to serve 80 hours community work service.

Benjamin E. Lavigne, 31, International Falls, was

sentenced May 4 for felony first-degree driving while impaired within 10 years of three or more qualified prior impaired driving incidents.

He was sentenced to four years in the Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, which was stayed on court conditions. He was placed on seven years supervised probation and ordered to serve one year jail. He must complete a chemical assessment.

Travis C. Netland, 25, International Falls, was sentenced May 4 for felony domestic assault by strangulation and gross misdemeanor third-degree driving under the influence.

On the felony, he was given a stay of imposition of

sentence and placed on five years supervised probation. He was ordered to serve 30 days jail and 40 hours community work service. He was ordered to follow the recommendations of an evaluation and may not use alcohol or controlled substances. He may not enter bars or liquor stores and must submit to random tests and searches. He must complete Borderland Substance Abuse Court.

On the gross misdemeanor, he was sentenced to one year jail and \$75 fees, with all but 30 days of the jail time stayed on court conditions. He was placed on five years supervised probation and ordered to provide 40 hours community work service. The sentence is to run

concurrent with the above sentence.

Nicholas R. Baron, 26, was sentenced April 21 for gross misdemeanor second-degree driving while impaired.

He was given a stay of imposition of sentence and placed on supervised probation for five years. He was ordered to serve 90 days jail and pay \$1,325 fine and fees. He was given credit for good time and ordered to serve 120 hours with the Sentence to Serve program. He was ordered to follow the recommendations of an assessment and may not use alcohol or controlled substances or enter bars or liquor stores. He must submit to random tests and searches.



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