

ENTERTAINMENT

Event showcases Olympic hockey player

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

An upcoming event at the International Falls Public Library will focus on a Warroad native's interesting path to success in the Olympics and National Hockey League. The Arrowhead Library System will present Henry Boucha, author of "Henry Boucha, Ojibwa-Native American Olympian," in

a free program about his life growing up in Warroad, becoming an Olympic and NHL hockey player and how his Ojibwa roots have helped him persevere through challenges and




Henry Boucha

tragedies to become a leader in raising awareness about Native American athletes today. The program, including a display of Olympic and NHL hockey memorabilia, will be offered at the International Falls Public Library 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. Henry Boucha is a retired Native American professional ice hockey

centerman who played six seasons in the NHL for the Detroit Red Wings, Minnesota North Stars, Kansas City Scouts and Colorado Rockies. Henry's promising hockey career was tragically brief, cut short by an eye injury that forced him to hang up his skates at the age of 25. However, his impact on the game continues to this day, thanks to his work with an


NHL/USA Hockey Diversity Task Force Program and the National Coalition Against Racism in Sports and Media. While raising his family in Warroad, Boucha tried but was unable to find someone interested in developing a series about Native American Olympians. In 2011, he formed Boucha Films to share the tragedies and successes of these

sports figures to motivate Native youth, families and Nations of Indigenous People through these inspirational stories. Boucha shares his journey from high school hockey star to the Olympic and NHL hockey arena and the triumphs and tragedies along the way to become a successful advocate for Native American athletes.



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