

LOCALNEWS

Former NHL star to deliver speech

Event set to begin at 4 p.m. Monday at RRCC

BY EMILY GEDDE
Staff Writer

It takes a village to raise a child. And sometimes, that child will grow up to be successful. Henry Boucha, former NHL star, will discuss at Rainy River Community College next week the role his hometown of Warroad played in his upbringing and how important it was to his success.

Boucha will take the stage of the RRCC theater at 6 p.m. Monday during an evening of culture and community conversation at the college.

“Henry will talk about some of the struggles he had within his own community and what he believes is the key to bringing a community together,” said Brad Krasaway, director of student life and academic advising, diversity officer at RRCC. “We will also host a traveling exhibit and have a community conversation.”



Brad Krasaway

Rockies. He was also considered one of the stars of the 1972 U.S. Olympic hockey team that earned a silver medal. His career ended in 1976 after he failed to recover from an eye injury.

Aside from his keynote speech Monday, Boucha will also host a signing of his book, “Henry Boucha, Ojibwa, Native American Olympian,” from 4-5:30 p.m. at RRCC.

Krasaway said Boucha is currently part of an organization called Bridge Builders in Anchorage, Alaska, where he resides. The coalition brings people of all different cultures together



Takudzwanashe Biti

to learn about each other to in order to create a more inclusive community. “That is what Monday night is all about,” Krasaway said. “We want to bring people in our community

together to have a discussion how we can better ourselves to thrive and be more successful.” **Good conversation** Following Boucha’s speech, a community discussion will be facilitated by committee members who organized Monday’s event. Participants will break into small groups to discuss ways to create a welcoming atmosphere for anyone in the community — regardless of their background.

“We have students come to (RRCC faculty and staff) annually telling us how comfortable and welcome

More information

Monday’s event will also feature the exhibit, “Why Treaties Matter.” Rainy River Community College student ambassadors from 4-6 p.m. will give tour of the virtual exhibit that explains how treaties continue to affirm the inherent sovereignty of American Indian nations. While traveling through the exhibit, people can see how Dakota and Ojibwe treaties with the U.S. government affected the lands and lifeways of the Indigenous people of the place now called Minnesota and why these binding agreements between nations still matter today.

they feel on campus, but they point out some issues they have within the community,” Krasaway said. “It’s mainly based on people’s misunderstanding of who they are based on their accent, the color of their skin, religion, whatever it might be. We want to be break that barrier.”

RRCC student ambassador Takudzwanashe Biti said he came to the college from Texas and while he feels welcomed in the community, there are areas in need of improvement.

“We’re trying to break down the social and cultural barriers,” he said. “I feel that could really help out this community.”

Krasaway is hopeful Monday’s event will be the first of many.

“We have a plan that includes having a discussion like this,” he said, adding the Voyage Forward initiative is collaborating with the event.

“When people talk about their hopes and dreams for the community, they talk about having a community that accepts all different backgrounds,” he said. “We’re in a rebuilding process... This is part of a reinvention of who we are and what we can be... Everyone has a stake in the community and everyone should be encouraged and almost obligated to come help rebuild.”

DISTRICT COURT

The following people have been recently convicted of felony or aggravated misdemeanor crimes in Koochiching County District Court. The information is provided to The Journal by court staff.

Benjamin T. Charlton, 26, Williams, was sentenced

April 6 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

He was ordered to serve one year jail and pay \$3,535 fine and fees. All but 60 days jail and \$1,235 was stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years

supervised probation. He was ordered to provide 80 hours community work service and must follow the recommendations of an evaluation. He was ordered not to use or consume alcohol or controlled substances and may not enter bars or liquor stores. He must

submit to random tests.

Thomas L. Sims, 23, International Falls, was sentenced April 6 to gross misdemeanor second degree driving under the influence.

He was sentenced to one year jail and placed on three years supervised proba-

tion. All but six days jail time were stayed on court conditions and he was ordered to complete Borderland Substance Abuse Court program.

Camilla R. Sorum, 35, International Falls, was sentenced April 6 for gross

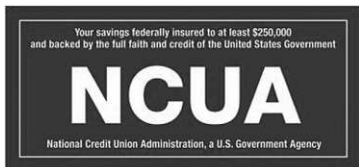
misdemeanor obstructing the legal process.

She was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,175 fine and fees. All but five days and \$225 was stayed on court conditions and she was placed on two years supervised probation.

TruStar:
Your credit union
offers its own
special blend
of service and value!



ANNUAL MEETING
6:30 p.m., Monday, April 20, 2015
Lenard’s at AmericInn
International Falls, MN 56649



Federally insured
by NCUA



County Market LIQUOR

Coors Light
24 Pack Cans
\$16.97

NewCastle
12 Pack Bottles
\$13.97

McAdam's Canadian Whisky
1.75 Liter
\$11.97

Twisted Wines
750 ml
\$4.94

Bud, Bud Light & Michelob Golden Draft Light
24 Pack Cans
\$17.97

Stella Artois
12 Pack Bottles
\$13.97

New Amsterdam Vodka
1.75 Liter
Sale \$14.97
Minus \$7.00 Mail-In Rebate
\$7.97 FINAL COST

Canyon Oaks Wines
750 ml
\$3.96

Hamms & Hamms Light
30 Pack Cans
\$13.97

Mike's Hard Lemonade
12 Pack Bottles
\$13.97

Admiral Nelson Spiced Rum
1.75 Liter
\$12.97

Flip Flop Wines
750 ml
\$4.94

www.superoneli liquor.com

County Market LIQUOR

Prices good through Friday, April 24, 2015

1907 Valley Pine Circle • Int'l Falls, MN 56649 • 218-283-6163
Right next to County Market

Come for the SERVICE.....Leave with the SAVINGS!

VISA MasterCard Discover

Monday – Saturday
8a.m. – 10p.m.
Sunday - CLOSED