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Note: Rogue Valley YCF expects to have two graduating youth who can be interviewed, photographed and identified by name. Other youth should not be photographed or otherwise identified.



12 to receive diplomas Monday at Rogue Valley YCF in Grants Pass

Family and friends will attend commencement exercises Monday to applaud 12 youth who will receive diplomas from Newbridge High School at the Rogue Valley Youth Correctional Facility, 2001 N.E. F St., in Grants Pass.

Youth are making the cake for the 6:30 p.m. event. Rogue Valley YCF Superintendent Ken Jerin and Newbridge Principal Dave Fuller will welcome guests.

Speakers will be Philip Cox, OYA assistant director for community services; Rogue Valley YCF staff member Augie Munoz, whom youth selected to speak; and graduating senior Anthony Vetkos.

Also Monday, 14 youth will receive GED certificates at a 5 p.m. event, and awards will be presented to youth at a 1 p.m. assembly.

High school graduation is a significant milestone because studies show greater levels of educational achievement reduce the likelihood of new offenses later on. In all, OYA projects its high schools this spring will recognize more than one in eight youth in its close-custody facilities – 101 high school diplomas, 27 GED

certificates, three associate's degrees, and a number of vocational and other certificates.

Three Rivers School District provides education staff for Newbridge High School through a contract with the Oregon Department of Education.

Rogue Valley YCF is a 100- bed facility, one of 10 OYA close-custody facilities statewide delivering education and treatment to approximately 900 offenders ages 12-24. OYA also supervises approximately 1,100 youth on probation and parole in communities across Oregon.

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