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"Jett plays piano. He love Beethoven." Barry said they get to spend a lot of time with all their grandkids. "We're lucky they are all so close," he said. Both were born and raised in Tyler and graduated from Tyler High School. "That's why we were 100% behind building a new school," Marlys said. "We figured our parents and grandparents did it for us, its time for us to step up now." There are many local amenities that keep the Christensens firmly rooted in Tyler, including their family, the school and the hospital. They are still holding out hope for a new hospital and the day when Barry can drop off a fresh batch of cupcakes.

Nov. 11, 2020

Tyler man serves nearly 25 years in US Navy

Military service was always a big part of life in Shawn Bingham's family. His brother served in the Marines, his father served in the Air Force and Shawn himself served 24 years and nine months "to the day" in the U.S. Navy, retiring on his fathers birthday. He even proposed to his wife, Michelle, at the Navy Birthday Ball. "I figured she wouldn't say no in front of all those people," Bingham mused. Shawn and Michelle Bingham live in Tyler with their son Tarin, a freshman at RTR High School. Shawn has worked for Tyler Lumber Company since 2013, currently working in the Flaudreau office. Bingham said he joined the U.S. Navy in 1986 under the delayed entry program.

Nov. 18, 2020

RTR Board to debate moving to distance learning

The RTR School Board will meet in a special session on Thursday morning

to decide how to proceed in delivering education to students in the coming weeks. Superintendent David Marlette said on Monday that the district currently has 18 staff and 90 students at home because of either testing positive for COVID-19 or they were in a "close contact" situation. "Our four counties around us are all in the 80s or 90s or 100s infection rate or higher," Marlette said. "It's blowing up around us and we need to take action to protect students and staff." Marlette will recommend to the board that the district move to a PreK-12 distance learning plan starting Nov. 30.

Nov. 25, 2020

Christmas tree contest to raise funds for Christmas is for Sharing

We are all well aware of everything that has been taken from us this year as the pandemic rolls into its 10th month. That's why ElBell's Decor & More owner Shallyn Dybdahl thought it may be time to share a little happiness. Beginning next week, Dybdahl is asking area residents to take a picture of their Christmas trees and message them to ElBell's Facebook page by Dec. 4. The pictures will be posted on Dec. 5 and the public will be able to vote on their favorite tree, with a winner named on Dec. 11. ElBell's will donate \$10 for every photo received to combine with donations from other area businesses, with the funds earmarked for Christmas is for Sharing. The winner of "Best Tree" will win a \$100 gift certificate to ElBell's Decor & More. In addition to the ElBell's donation, other area businesses donating funds to the contest include TE Underground, Hair Expressions & Boutique, Tyler Family Dental, Thomas Electric, Scott Peterson Quarter Horses, Car Corral, First Independent

Bank, Johnson Flower Box, Peterson's Fabulous Dogs, Dressen Salvage, Kronborg Inn, Tyler Electric and Brookings Powersports. "We're still looking for donations," Dybdahl said. "Businesses can contact me if they would like to contribute. Our goal is to get \$5,000 to give to families in need in our community."

**Dec. 2, 2020
Tyler librarian settles into new role**

Back in August, a new face showed up at the Tyler Public Library. After decades in the position, Carla Skjong stepped down from the librarian position. In August, Shelly Finzen took on the new role, tapping into a varied background of experiences at a job that she embraces.

**Dec. 23, 2020
Knowledge Bowl returns to RTR**

After being absent from RTR schools for many years, this year marks the return of Knowledge Bowl competitions to the district. The activity facilitated through Southwest Central Service Cooperation (SW/WC). Knowledge Bowl is an extra-curricular activity for students who love trivia, problem-solving and challenging themselves.

**Dec. 30, 2020
Over \$5,000 raised for Christmas is for Sharing**

A fundraising project headed up by Shallyn Dybdahl of ElBell's Décor and More of Tyler and Kimberly Neels raised \$5,080. The pair signed up businesses and individuals of Tyler area to donate to the cause and solicit online photos for a Christmas Tree Decorating project with proceeds going to Christmas is for Sharing.

Lady Knights start season with win over Fighting Saints

By Jim Kopel
Tribute Sports

The RTR girls found enough shots to go in the hoop last Saturday against KMS in Kerkhoven to post a 52 to 39 victory. The halftime score was 22-16 for the visiting Knights.

The Knights, as was the case in many games last year, had plenty of shots, but few successes. They would put up 63 shots from the field, making 17 of them. That would be about 27% shooting. The free-throw line wasn't much better. Making 17 of 34 free throws isn't going

to get many wins in the Camden Conference this year.

Lexi Schreurs led the offense with 12 points, while Allie Christianson helped with 11 points. Kalleigh Carr, Faith Thomsen and Maddi Wendland finished the night with nine, eight and six points, respectively.

Haley Muenchow had an outstanding evening on the boards with 15 rebounds. Skylar Borresen had five assists, while Faith Thomsen had five steals. The rebounding edge favored the Lady Knights 31 to 22.

The Lady Knights will

play this Thursday at home against Dawson Boyd. Once again these games will be live streamed.

Both the B and C teams posted victories in Kerkhoven. The B team won their game by a score of 44-22. Tatum Hess led the way with seven points, while Riley Serreyn and Maddy Lawrence each had six points. The C team scored 52 points in their win. The final was 52-10. Both Tatum Hess and Ally Nelson had 15 points while Abby Carr added eight points.



Photo by Mark Wilmes

Jonah Christensen makes a hard drive to the basket during Saturday's win over KMS.

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Knights open season against Saints with home win, 72-63

By Jim Kopel
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The RTR Knights finally got their 2020-21 season under way last Saturday with a hard-fought home win against the KMS Fighting Saints. After leading by five points at the break, the Knights increased their advantage to win by a score of 72 to 63.

The first half was one rugged affair. Yes, football has been over for about three months, but many of the players on both sides still had many football ideas in their heads.

The Knights started with a 3-0 advantage, but the Saints battled back to take a 13-11 lead at the half-way mark of the first half. They would increase their advantage to five points before the Knights gained control.

Aiden Wichmann would score six points while Jonah Christensen would hit two free throws to make the score 20 to 21 for the Saints. Dylan John-

son would then hit a big bomb to give the Knights the lead. Wichmann then would nail a bomb, plus score three points on a 3-point play, to show a score of 29-22 on the RTR score board.

Another bomb from the top of the key by Cody Wichmann, plus a last-second rebound basket by Darrick Baartman, showed a halftime score of 38 to 33 for the Knights. Aiden Wichmann would put up 17 points the first half.

The second half was a bit better in terms of basket play. Fewer fouls helped the game move along a bit quicker. Jonah Christensen led the Knights in rebounds with eight boards and he also had five steals in the game. Logan Lamote helped the rebounding stat with seven rebounds, while Dylan Anderson blocked four shots. Aiden Wichmann handed out six assists.

Aiden Wichmann led the Knights with a double-double, scoring 22

points and grabbing 10 rebounds. Baartman scored 10 for RTR. Lamote pulled down nine rebounds for the Knights.

Both the B and C teams also had success in their first games. The B team outlasted the Fighting Saints by a score of 49 to 45. The Knights had a comfortable lead but saw the young Saints come back with bombs. Finally, a basket by Tucker Haroldson, plus two free throws from Cody Wichmann, put the game away. Hayden Gravley led the offense with 10 points while Haroldson and Blake Christianson each scored six points.

The C team won their game by a score of 53 to 24. Drew Werkman led the offense with 17 points. Carson Gylling, Kai Drake and Blake Christianson followed with nine, eight and seven points respectively. Ben Guida, Aiden Johnson and Isaac Norgaard each scored four points. Colby Frahm added two points.

Art Legacy Project Grants Webinar Workshop

You are invited to join SW MN Arts Council online for a grant workshop webinar on Thursday, Jan. 21 from Noon -1 p.m. to learn about the guidelines, requirements, and application process for our Art Legacy Project grants and Art Legacy Planning grants for organizations.

Art Legacy Project Grants provide organizations in the SMAC region

with up to \$20,000 in matching funds to stimulate and encourage the creation, performance and appreciation of the arts through large-scale projects that will leave an arts legacy in southwest MN. No cash match required in fiscal year 2021.

Next application deadline: March 3, 2021.

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ganizations in the SMAC region with up to \$2,500 to plan for a specific large-scale project or activity that will create or advance a strong arts legacy in Minnesota. No cash match required in fiscal year 2021.

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