

## Tiger Knowledge Bowl Season Wraps Up

By: Colby Larson

On Thursday, March 11 we wrapped up the 2020-2021 virtual Knowledge Bowl season. The boys' team Rothsay Rose got 16th place and was made up of Colby Larson, Chris Carrillo, Wylie Brenden, and Josh Honer.

The girl's team Rothsay Rust got 20th place and had Abby Honer, Andrea Phillips, Allison Phillips, Katie Reber, and Madison Tillman.

When asked about the season junior Chris Carrillo said, "It was a difficult season being online, but we made the best out of it and got a win."

Everyone that participated got to enjoy being out of school like a normal Knowledge Bowl season still.

"Just like this whole school year we made the best out of a difficult situation and tried our best," said senior Colby Larson when reviewing the season.

Overall, our teams did well. This is especially true when we had 8th graders filling in spots on a 9-12th grade teams. Everyone worked extremely hard, which lead to some good results overall.

"I think that all the students put a lot of effort into the season. I was proud of how they committed to the Knowledge Bowl team in a year where it was difficult competing online. I also know that getting to go out to eat after our meets is a nice treat for the students and so not being able to do that disappointed them. I was really proud of our senior Colby Larson for not only coming out the last two years when I asked him to but being a leader that everyone could follow this year," said Knowledge Bowl Coach Jennifer Sletten.

## School To Perform Beauty And The Beast



Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Tim Rice  
Book by Linda Woolverton

By: Alivia Zilmer

This year the high school musical is going to be the Broadway version of Beauty and the Beast by Linda Woolverton using the traditional storyline.

They are excited to have senior Ethan Bennett performing in the musical. He has the most experience by being involved in musicals throughout his entire high school career. The musical is tentatively scheduled to be in mid-April. The musical is anticipated to last about two and one-half hours not including the intermission. The total number of cast members will be around 20 students. There will be several other underclassmen that will be involved as well. They hope to live stream or off a link where people can watch it.

Co-director Heather Reber said, "I look forward to working with all the students, as well as my new co-director, Mrs. Phillips in putting Beauty and the Beast together. It's a big show and we have limited time, but we are excited and ready for the challenge!" Watch in April for a chance to watch all the hard work that the students are going to put into a great musical.

# Benefit To Be Held For Greg Honrud

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from Mayo about a liver transplant, my medical records had been looked at, and that Oncology and the Organ transplant team at Mayo had been talked to, and I was a go!

Greg returns to Mayo Clinic in March and will find out then what

## Kenzie Lankow Named To Honor List



KENZIE LANKOW

The Academic High Honor and Honor lists (Dean's lists) for the past fall semester at Minnesota State University, Mankato have been announced by interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Matt Cecil.

Kenzie Lankow was named among the Honor students. Kenzie is a 2018 graduate of Rothsay High School and is the daughter of Glenn Lankow and Tammy Moen-Lankow.

There where 2,731 students earned a 3.5 to 3.99 average to qualify for the Honor List.

the future holds for him.

In 2012, Greg lost his dad to cancer. It was not easy to watch as a loved one battles cancer.

Greg has a daughter from a previous marriage and a granddaughter, Bree, who is two-years-old. He has a lot to live for.

Greg met and married Darcie in 2016. She has three children, Jenny who is a Rothsay graduate and Jacob 15 and Dylan 13 in high school.

"Three years ago we welcomed Bo into our lives," said Greg. "Bo is a French Bulldog who gets spoiled as he should."

The Honruds like to get out in the boat and fish in summer and ice fish in the winter.

Greg has been a volunteer Boat Captain for Rothsay in the Heart O'Lakes High School fishing challenge for the past three years and he is eager to get back in the boat.

"I've also deer hunted with my dad and brother for the past 30 plus years. My brother and I sure miss our Dad during hunting, said Greg.

Greg enjoys riding motorcycle. He and Darcie have ridden through the Beartooth, Big Horn, and Rocky mountains. They also enjoy their annual trip to Sturgis, SD.

"At one time I belonged to the Rothsay Renegades Motorcycle Club," remembers Greg. "We held an annual rally and raised money to help kids in the area who had medical problems. We would normally pick



A very special person in Greg Honrud's life is his granddaughter, two-year-old Bree. He enjoys spending time with her.

one kid each year and help as much as we could. The Rothsay Renegades are no longer a club."

He has attended many motorcycle rallies in the area that were raising money for one cause or another.

Another passion for Greg was playing drums in area bands for benefits for various causes, retiring in 2009.

These words have not been

written to garner the readers sympathy for Greg. In fact, he was reluctant to share his story when first approached.

We never know the struggles of another. Greg has born his trials with great strength, dignity and without self pity.

There comes a time in each person's life when they may 'need a little help from their friends,' this is the time for Greg Honrud.

"I'm very fortunate to have friends and family that support me the way they do," concluded Greg. "My medical history is nothing to brag about, but I have tried to make up for it by doing different things. Life has struggles. We don't get to pick them, but it doesn't keep us from living."

The benefit on Saturday, April 24, will run from 2:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at the Rothsay Event Center. T-shirts can be purchased to sponsor the benefit at the Powerhouse in Rothsay. There will be a silent auction, live music, food, drinks and more at the benefit.

Other ways to help are through a Go Fund Me account, or an account set up for Greg at Farmers State Bank in Rothsay.

## RPS Welcomes Special Ed Teacher Mr. Hopkins

By: Sam Danielson

Toviao Hopkins is one of our new teachers at Rothsay High School. He is the special education teacher for the elementary classes. In addition, Mr. Hopkins is helping coach the junior high boys' basketball team.

Mr. Hopkins grew up in the small town of Gwinner in southeastern North Dakota where he went to North Sargent High School. He has two older brothers Kenny, Kyle one of which is deceased, and a younger brother Travis.

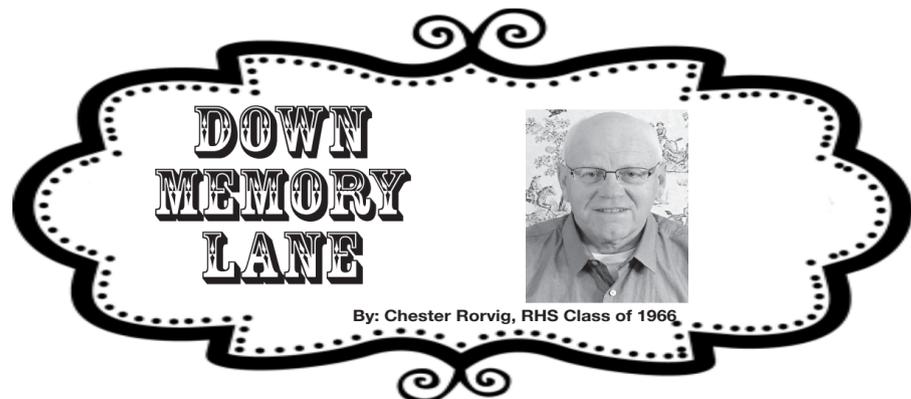
In college Mr. Hopkins went to Mr. Don's State College of Beauty in Fargo for cosmetology, NDSCS Wahpeton, for pre-elementary education, and graduated from Concordia College Moorhead, with an elementary education degree. He also has a K-6 grade elementary and a fifth to eighth grade social studies license.

When asked why he decided to teach at Rothsay he replied "I choose to teach in Rothsay because I love small towns and the intimacy and



closeness of small-town schools. I was also warmly welcomed by the administration and since then I have never felt so appreciated and valued in my educational career as I do here, so I know I made the right choice."

Mr. Hopkins has been married for 28 years to his wife Linda and together they have two kids Cecelia and Samuel.



By: Chester Rorvig, RHS Class of 1966

Hello Rothsay! Being retired, living through another Minnesota winter, and further confined due to the Covid virus, well, that provides an opportunity for reminiscing and reflection. So here is another try at that. I will start with some memories from my days in the first grade.

It has been 66 years since I was one of 20 first graders in the class taught by Mrs. Belgum. Our class was in the north classroom on the first floor of the old brick part of the school built in 1903. There was an entry/hall-way on the outside of the classroom where we would hang our coats and keep out boots, gloves, and scarves.

We played outside for "recess" in the warmer weather. During the winter we went to the gym, the one built in 1939. We had a strong emphasis in first grade on learning to read, using phonics to sound out words. That foundation has served me well in life and is a part of my experience in that class, and in that school, for which I remain grateful.

We also had workbooks to practice tracing and writing letters of the alphabet, both capital and small. We kept these workbooks on a shelf in the back of the classroom and would bring them to our desks to improve our skills at writing the letters.

Mrs. Belgum had a firmness about her, but it was supportive and helpful, not harsh. I now regret not going back in the years that followed to thank her for how she helped me so much and gave me a good start in school, especially with the ability to read well.

I lived east of town, on County Road 24, and often rode the school bus to school. The bus route varied over the years, but we often went east to County Road 21, then south, and picked up kids on nearby roads, before coming back to town on old Highway 52. Millard Nord Jr. (Sonny was the name he went by) operated the school buses and often drove the route where I lived.

From that class of 20, 14 of us continued in the Rothsay school until high school graduation in 1966. In later grades, we were joined by other students as they came in from country schools. Our class size peaked as freshman when we had 36 students. We ended up with 31 in our graduating class. Several of us keep in touch periodically to this day.

But now, thinking back to those days, and the years that followed as we passed through Rothsay School, time seems to have gone by so quickly. And then the adult years of working, raising a family, and finally retiring, well those too went way too fast it seems.

I came across a writing that summarizes this quick pass we take through life. It provides a way of reviewing the past and of dealing with things we did, things we did not do, things that worked out well, and things that did not work out so well. I hope you too find it meaningful.

Here are some excerpts from that writing:

**AND THEN, ITS WINTER** (author unknown)

"It is winter before we know it. You know, time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that I was young and embarking on my life. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all.

"And I have glimpses of how it was back then and of my hopes and dreams. But, here it is, the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise. How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go? And where did my youth go?

"I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. We are now those older folks, that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

"But, at least I know, that the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last. Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done; there are things I should have done but didn't, but indeed, there are things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

"So, if you're not in your winter yet, let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. Don't put things off too long! Life goes by quickly. Live for good today and say all the things you want your loved ones to remember. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after."

P.S. (If you had a teacher, or someone, who helped you in a way for which you are grateful, go find them and thank them. Don't wait too long)

Chester Rorvig, frequent visitor to Rothsay, High School Class of 1966

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