NORTHEASTERN LOCAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Rams Unite - Fill the Bus Event

February is a special month as we celebrate Love the Bus, a time to express our appreciation for the dedicated professionals who ensure students' safety during their commutes to and from school. This initiative highlights the vital role played by the individuals who contribute to the Tinora school bus experience. In February we launched Rams Unite: Fill the Bus, a friendly competition that was held February 9-27th. The Tinora Elementary, Middle and High School competed to see who could fill the bus the most. The school that collected the most items was the Elementary School and they were rewarded with a root beer float celebration. In total between all three schools, 2,881 items were donated to Children's Lantern.



Message from the Superintendent:

This district is excited to welcome Mr. Matt Frey as the new High School Principal at the start of the 2026-2027 school year. He is replacing Mr. Alex Nafziger. We can't thank Mr. Nafziger enough for his dedication and service to Northeastern Local Schools over the past 5 years.

Mr. Matt Frey is a 2004 graduate of Tinora High School, a 2011 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a Bachelor's of Fine Arts and a Major in Art Education, and received a Masters in Educationional Leadership in 2018. He has taught Art at North Central and Kenton City Schools and is currently the 6-12 Principal at Miller City-New Cleveland. Matt and his wife Jaimee, have four children, daughter Adrienne and sons, Owen, Gavin and Griffin.



Nicole Wells

Tinora Athletics & Legacy Living of Defiance

The partnership between Tinora Athletics and Legacy Living of Defiance has proven to be a significant asset to the local athletic community. To date, Legacy Living has generously donated $4,540 to the athletic department, funding essential improvements to athletic facilities and equipment. This collaboration not only enhances the resources available to student-athletes but also underscores Legacy Living's commitment to supporting local initiatives. Known for providing compassionate senior living solutions in Defiance, Ohio, Legacy Living's contributions highlight the importance of community engagement and investment in youth development.



Tinora Prom

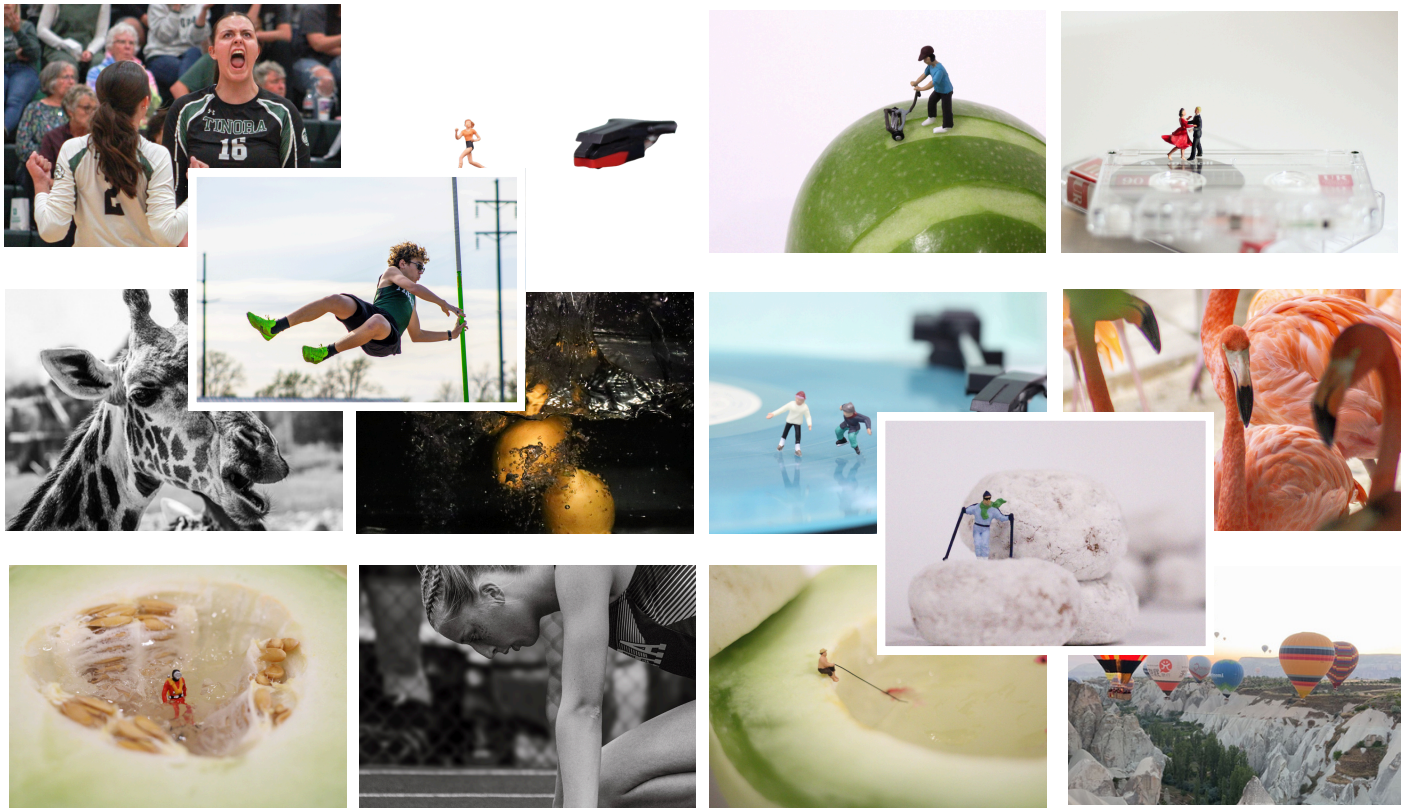
Prom 2026, Gold Rush, will be held Saturday, May 2 at the school with registration beginning at 5:30 PM and after prom ending at 2:00 AM. Tickets are $40 and available in the high school office through Wednesday, April 14. Everyone attending prom needs to have a signed registration and waiver form completed in order to purchase tickets. Please contact the office with questions. Registration forms and waiver forms are available in the office and on the district website.

Art Department News

Congratulations to the following students for earning 2025 Scholastic Art Awards:
Riley Baldwin, Photography, Gold Key - *Curb A-Peel* - **Vanessa Cummins**, Photography, Gold Key - *Lemon Drop*
Vanessa Cummins, Photography, Silver Key - *Breaking Records* - **Bryce Eckert**, Photography, Silver Key - *Powdered Slopes*
Pal Patel, Photography, Gold Key - *Under the Rind* -**Pal Patel**, Photography, Honorable Mention - *Melon-choly Catch*
Pal Patel, Photography, Silver Key - *Morning Ride* - **Alesha Scott**, Photography, Honorable Mention - *After the Kill*
Corinne Vance, Photography, Gold Key - *Dance Track* - **Corinne Vance**, Photography, Silver Key - *Record Breaking Freeze*
Dryden White, Photography, Gold Key - *Set for Glory* - **Dryden White**, Photography, Silver Key - *I "Chews" You*
Dryden White, Photography, Silver Key - *Weightless* - **Dryden White**, Photography, Honorable Mention - *One in a Million*
Elliot Bauer, Drawing, Silver Key - *"10 Lazy Days* - **India Okuley**, Drawing, Honorable Mention - *We call it... "The Pepper Glow"*

This year, 2,270 works were submitted for judging and 649 were accepted for the show. These students will have their work displayed at The Scholastic Art Exhibition at the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. The exhibit runs from February 14th - April 12th. Students that received a Gold Key award will have their work judged at the national level.

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The Alliance is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Through the Awards, students receive opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Since their founding, the Awards have established an amazing track record for identifying the early promise of our nation's most accomplished and prolific creative leaders. Scholastic Alumni include notable artists Andy Warhol, Robert Indiana, and Cy Twombly. The students are under the instruction of Mrs. Hope Prigge and Mrs. Erin Vance.



Rambunctious Radicals

In January, the Ram Radicals service organization hosted a soup supper. All the proceeds are going to fund various service projects in the school. In March, the Rambunctious Radicals participated in the 9th annual Buddy Bowling sponsored by the Filling Home. The Bowl-a-Way in Napoleon was filled with over 80 bowlers with disabilities and friends! Also in March, the service group had fun keeping the teachers counting as they raised funds during their annual Cash Cow drive to sponsor animals through World Vision. The group continues to support plastic recycling in the middle and high school and is planning for the fourth annual electronics recycling day on April 25. In May, they will once again try to set the speed record for packing emergency food supplies through the Backpack Buddies program sponsored by United Way. If you have any other suggestions for projects that might fit the mission of the Ram Radicals group, please contact the high school.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

In cooperation with AIM Ecycling in Toledo, Tinora High School NHS & Rambunctious Radicals are hosting the fourth annual Electronics Recycling Day on Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. There will be a drop off location behind the Tinora Elementary School on Domersville Road where students will accept electronic items. There is no charge, but monetary donations will be accepted.

Choral Music Department

Congratulations to the Tinora Concert Chorale and the Tinora 7th/8th Grade Choir for each receiving an Excellent (II) rating at OMEA District Large Group on Saturday, March 14.

Congratulations to the high school choir students who participated in OMEA Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, January 24 at Bryan High School. Receiving Superior (I) ratings were Hayleigh Fowler, Jordan Geiger, Jennifer Lichtenwald, Cash McCann, Sydney McMaster, Irelyn Mueller, Savannah Schroeder, Colin Stein, Addie Thomas, The Tinora Mixed Ensemble (Irelyn Mueller, Jordan Geiger, Cash McCann & J.R. Geiger), and the Tinora Freshman Ensemble (Isabel Boundy, Hayleigh Fowler, Jordan Geiger, Margaret Wachtman, Colin Stein, and Henry Crone). Receiving Excellent (II) ratings were Henry Crone, J.R. Geiger, Jade Sandys, and the Tinora Mixed Quartet (Irelyn Mueller, Addie Thomas, Brock McDowell, and J.R. Geiger).

Congratulations to the middle school students who participated in OMEA Solo & Ensemble on Saturday, April 11 at Defiance High School. Receiving a Superior (I) rating were Caeden Heil, Nick Higbea, Ella Kaup, Andrea McMahan, Aubrey Meyer, Annaleisa Miller, Zoey Schroeder, Chloë Sheets, Connor Stein, and Joel Wachtman. Receiving an Excellent (II) rating were Liz Chiles, Jenna Wensink, the Tinora Mixed Ensemble (Mali Lillemon, Jenna Wensink, Chloe Sheets, Jaedyn Byers, Connor Stein, Caeden Heil, Nick Higbea, and Mila Wyse), the Tinora Treble Ensemble (Mya Masser, Grace Faykosh, Hannah Slattman, Aubrey Meyer, Wynter Flowers, and Annabelle Houck), and the Tinora Men's Ensemble (Trey Gentit, Joel Wachtman, Zach Knight, Holden Fowler, Nick Higbea, and Jaedyn Byers).

The Spring Choir Concert for grades 7-12 will take place on Monday, May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Tinora Performing Arts Center. Please join us for an evening of excellent music!

Instrumental Music Department

Congratulations to the High School Concert Band for receiving a Superior (I) at district large group contest! This is the first time since 2014 that the band has received the honor to go to state. The band will perform at Findlay High School on Friday, May 1st at 5:45 p.m. Congratulations to the following High School Band members for receiving a Superior (I) at Solo & Ensemble: JR Geiger, Liam McMaster, Sydney McMaster, Tracey Rich (Trumpet), Jade Sandys, Kamden Stollsteimer (Timpani), Addie Thomas, and the Percussion Ensemble. Congratulations to the following students for receiving an Excellent (II): Rylee Belcher, Sofia Jordan, Tracey Rich (Horn), Savannah Schroeder (x2), Colin Stein, Kamden Stollsteimer (Piano), Clarinet Trio, and Low Brass Choir. Upcoming Performances: HS State Contest, Friday May 1st, 5:45 p.m. at Findlay High School. Spring Band Concert, Grades 5-12, Tuesday May 12th, 6:00 p.m. in the PAC. Jazz 'n Coffee Night, Friday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m. in the High School Cafeteria. Middle school students performed at Solo & Ensemble on April 11th. Scores are posted to the band Facebook page.

THS Science News

On Saturday, March 14, the Science Club participated in the Science Olympiad at Bowling Green State University. Congratulations to Wesley Maxwell and Liam McMaster for scoring 4th in Bungee Drop, Marisa Raimonde, Wesley Maxwell, and Calvin Martin for scoring 5th in Experimental Design, and to Savannah Schroeder and Jade Sandys for scoring 6th in Astronomy! Great job to everyone on the whole Science Olympiad team!!!

Tinora Fine Arts Boosters

As the school year is starting to wind down, the Tinora Fine Arts Boosters are finishing up the year. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the academic awards in May. The concessions committee is beginning to plan for the 2026–2027 football season, and we need your help! A common misconception is that TFAB volunteering is only for high school parents, but this is an opportunity for all parents of students involved in the arts at Tinora. Your support at any level helps keep our programs strong. If you have a student in grades 5–8 art, drama, band and/or choir, please consider volunteering in the concession stand during home football games. The concession stand is our biggest fundraiser, and your time makes a meaningful impact. Volunteering now is a great way to fulfill your service time early so when your student reaches high school, you can spend more time enjoying their performances. This is also a great way to meet other families and be part of the excitement of Friday night football. Thank you for supporting our students and helping make the season a success! If you have questions, you can email the boosters at tinorafineartsboosters@gmail.com, contact any of the booster officers or email any of the directors for band, choir, art and drama.

Tinora Athletic Boosters

Congratulations to all of our athletes on their accomplishments. Thank you to everyone who continues to support the athletic boosters and the student athletes. Our reverse raffle is Saturday, April 25 and we hope to see you there. If you are interested in becoming a booster member, please see any of the athletic boosters board members or attend one of our meetings. Our meetings take place on the last Monday of every month at 7 PM in the high school cafeteria. We look forward to continuing our support of all the student athletes!

Tinora Academic Boosters

The Academic Boosters are proud to continue supporting Tinora students throughout the 2025–2026 school year. This year, we've provided quarterly honor roll treats to approximately 500 middle and high school students. Our 3rd-quarter celebration will take place in May, featuring ice cream generously donated by Eric's All American Ice Cream. Our High School Academic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 4th, where we will also honor this year's Academic Hall of Fame inductees. Invitations will be emailed to high school students who have earned honor roll status for all three quarters. Students are asked to RSVP for the Sweetwater catered dinner, and all friends and family are welcome to attend the awards ceremony that evening. Seniors should also watch for information about book scholarship applications. Thanks to generous community donations, along with funds raised through 50/50 raffles and our Super Bowl square fundraiser, we are able to continue rewarding Tinora students for their academic dedication. We also look forward to celebrating the Class of 2026 and recognizing their hard work and achievements!

Tinora FFA

This has been an excellent year for FFA members! From competing in State Contests to State/American Degrees, to National Proficiencies the FFA members have rocked this year!

Farm & Agribusiness Management: On February 2nd, Tinora placed 1st in the district by taking an online quiz on agribusiness budgets, supply and demand, and operational management. Top placers were Emma Gerencser (1st Place Individual) and Grant Lymanstall (2nd Place Individual).

Grain Merchandising: On February 9th, Tinora placed 1st in the district by taking an online quiz about grain prices and crop management. Top placers were Grant Lymanstall (1st Place Individual), Zoe Billings (2nd Place Individual), Graham Hammon (3rd Place Individual), and Cale Johnson (4th Place Individual). The team moved to the State Competition on March 18th, placing 7th Overall.

Ohio FFA Greenhand Quiz: On February 23rd, first-year FFA members participated in the Online Greenhand quiz, placing 3rd in the district as a team. Members were tested on their knowledge of FFA history, parliamentary procedure, officer positions, and the FFA emblem/motto. Top placers were Emma Weber (8th Place Individual) and Hartley Waltmire (9th Place Individual).

Agronomy: On March 3rd, Tinora took 1st place in the district agronomy contest, which included identifying insects, seeds, weeds, and diseases, as well as a team event. Members included: Aubrey Hall (2nd Place Individual), Mackenzy Bacon (3rd Place Individual), Evie Wiemken (6th Place Individual), Colton Travis (8th Place Individual), Bailey Wiseman (10th Place Individual), and Gavin Hampton.

Meat Evaluation: On March 3rd, Tinora placed 5th in the district meats contest, where they identified various whole and processed cuts of beef, pork, and lamb. Afterward, they take a short multiple-choice test. Members included: Cash McCann, Madison Egler, Karter Keber, Mason Jones, Zach Rex, and Kamdyn Wagner.
Nature: On March 3rd, Tinora members competed in a district nature contest, where they identified mammals, reptiles, fish, plants, and equipment. Tinora placed 4th as a team with Mackenzie Maassel (10th Place Individual), Courtney Garrett, Caleb Cutchall, Tayvin Frederick, Noah Cereghin, Grant Lymanstall, Graham Hammon, Liam Behnfeldt, Brady Retcher, Kipton Bostleman, and Matt Barnes competing.
Wildlife: On March 3rd, Tinora members competed in the district wildlife contest, where they identified mammals, birds, fish, trees, plants, animal sounds, skulls, and equipment. Tinora placed 4th as a team with Josh Bishop (7th Place Individual), Landon Meyer, Alex Fields, Ian Gustwiller, Bryce Sines, Easton Sines, Carter Hammon, Lane Bailey, Jack Wiseman, and Jackson Siewert.
General Livestock: On March 3rd, Tinora members competed in district general livestock contests where they judged market and breeding classes of steers, pigs, goats, and lambs. Tinora placed 8th as a team with Nate Sattler (3rd Place Individual), Abby Bacon, Emma Gerencser, Zoe Billings, Alivia Knight, Abby Bidlack, Colton Helmke, and Colt Etchison participating.
Equine: On March 3rd, Tinora members competed in the district high school equine contest, where they identified horse tack, judged hay, and judged horses. Tinora members participating were Cale Johnson, Joey Coppes, Joe Barnes, Kendel Johns, Teagan Holbrook, Addi Siewert, Hailey Squires, Lexi Rios, Tate Etchison, and Evan Brubaker.
Poultry: On March 3rd, 10 individuals competed in the poultry contest, which required judging live chickens, taking a test, grading chicken carcasses, and candling eggs. Tinora placed 3rd in the district. Lindsey Weber, Grady Hampton, Boston Humes, Mason Ferguson, Isaac Ruffer, Stella Faykosh, Ellie Guilliam, Emma Weber, Hartley Waltmire, and Estella Martinez. competed in this contest.
Public Speaking: In early February, students competed in the District 1 Public Speaking Contest. Emma Gerencser placed 2nd in Beginning Prepared. She moved on to the state competition on March 7th.
State Degrees: To earn a State FFA Degree, the student must possess leadership qualities, must be an active member, must serve in community service, and must make money through a Supervised Agricultural Experience(SAE). The following individuals will be awarded their State FFA Degree in May at the State FFA Convention: Lindsey Weber, Zoe Billings, Colt Etchison, and Nate Sattler.
American Degrees: To earn the American FFA Degree, the student must be a graduate, have earned a State FFA Degree, and use their SAE to raise over $10,000 in income. The following individual has passed state evaluations and will most likely be awarded the American FFA Degree. National Evaluations are in June/July, with the National Convention being at the end of October. Paige Weber is Tinora's only American Degree Applicant this year.
Tinora FFA Banquet: Our annual awards banquet was held on March 19th, with the meal in the elementary and the ceremony to follow in the PAC. The following specialty awards were presented.
Blue/Gold Award: Lindsey Weber, Cale Johnson, Joe Barnes, Zoe Billings, Evie Wiemken, Mackenzy Bacon, Landon Meyer, Emma Weber
Star Greenhand Degree: Emma Weber
Star Chapter Degree: Abby Bidlack
Outstanding Leadership: Cash McCann
Spirit of the FFA: Lindsey Weber
DeKalb Award: Abby Bacon

HS Guidance Updates

Counselors are working with all students and scheduling for next school year. Final schedules will be completed sometime in April/May. All students should have the opportunity to view their potential schedule before leaving for summer break.
State testing is also currently going on in the High School with the last date for testing taking place May 6th. State testing scores will be sent to the school late May or early June and the Family Reports will be distributed prior to the end of the school year.
Below is the list of subjects and the test dates given to High School students:
April 16 ELA 2 (Sophomores ONLY and Retakes)
April 21 Geometry (Some-Juniors -Sophomores - and Freshmen)
April 23 Am. Government (Juniors ONLY)
April 28 Am. History (Sophomores and retakes)
April 30 Biology 1 (Some Sophomores and Some Freshmen and Retakes)
May 5 Algebra 1 (Some Sophomores and Some Freshmen and Retakes)

CCP INFORMATION

Students interested in taking CCP classes this summer or during the 2026-2027 school year must have submitted the **Intent to Participate Form** and other documents to the guidance office by April 1, 2026. Late documents will not be accepted. The NSCC registration window for Fall classes opens on March 16, 2026. To register, students must first apply online to NSCC. Once accepted and completed the "Next Steps" requirements, students can then register for CCP classes prior to summer break. **Registration forms will not be processed past June 12, 2026.**

- **April 1** - CCP Intent Forms are due and Summer Application deadline
- **April 15** - CCP Fall Application deadline
- **May 2-8** - CCP Exam Week at NSCC
- **May 9** - Last day of Spring Semester for CCP students at NSCC
- **May 15** - Last day to register for Summer Semester classes at NSCC
- **June 11 - LAST DAY TO SUBMIT FALL REGISTRATION FORMS TO MRS. RINKEL**

IT'S SCHOLARSHIP SEASON FOR SENIORS!

Scholarship opportunities have been shared with seniors on their Google Classroom Guidance account. It is the students responsibility to keep track of their due dates. Reminders are often sent out a week prior to the due dates to submit applications. Good luck to all seniors who take the time and effort to earn recognition. Four years of hard work can really pay off! Best wishes!

Applications for the NELTA Scholarship are due no later than April 24th to the High School guidance office. Interviews will take place thereafter on May 4.

Kindergarten Screening

Tinora Elementary is now taking registrations for the 2026-2027 school year kindergarten classes. Students must be five years of age by September 1, 2026 to be eligible for kindergarten in the upcoming school year. Students currently attending the Early Five program at Tinora are already registered for regular kindergarten next year.

Screening dates for kindergarten are Thursday and Friday, April 23 and 24, 2026. Morning and afternoon sessions are available on Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24. The screening will last approximately 90 minutes. The screening will consist of tests for vision, hearing, speech, vocabulary, motor skills, and pre-academic skills. Children are encouraged to wear tennis shoes so that they can comfortably complete the motor skills portion of the screening. Students will be escorted to all the stations by school-provided volunteers. While the children are being screened, parents will be expected to complete all school paperwork for their child. When parents arrive at Tinora Elementary, please park in front of the school and enter the front doors. If possible, we encourage parents to not bring younger siblings to their child's screening. Please bring the child's birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residency, and custody papers (if applicable). Proof of residency can be a current utility bill, bank statement, or lease agreement. A driver's license is not proof of residency. Also, if there are child care arrangements, please bring that information so bussing can be arranged. To register their child, parents please go to **northeasterndefiance-oh.finalforms.com** or use the **qr code**.

Choose the 2026-2027 school year. Complete the online forms and submit. Parents will be contacted to set up a screening date and time.

Tinora High School Yearbooks

Tinora High School yearbooks are on sale now through April 25, 2025. Extra copies will not be ordered this year, so purchase now! Books can be ordered at www.jostens.com. Please email Mrs. Vance at evance@tinora.org if you have any questions.

5th & 6th Grade Spring Music Program

The Tinora 5th & 6th Grade Spring Program will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the Tinora Performing Arts Center stage. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for the 5th grade portion. ALL 5th graders will be singing [at 6:00] and all 6th graders will be singing [at 7:00]. We hope to see you there for an evening of fun music!!

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Child Development Classes

The Child Development Classes have been busy learning through hands on experiences. Students have taken home lifelike practice babies for a weekend, while also studying pregnancy and infant development. They hosted infant and toddler days to practice age-appropriate interaction and observe developmental milestones in real time. In addition, students have been visiting Poplar Ridge Training Station, where they are preparing to present a preschool-friendly version of Snow White featuring interactive counting activities to engage young learners.



Spring Cleaning? Book Lovers!

The Tinora HS Book Club will be collecting books for a district-wide fundraiser/book sale taking place later this Spring. Please consider donating your gently used books. All levels and genres will be welcome! Books can be donated to the high school office. Donations will be accepted until May 1st. Check out the Northeastern Local School's Facebook page for our upcoming sale dates!

8th Grade Washington DC Trip

The TMS 8th grade class recently completed an unforgettable educational journey to Washington D.C., bringing their American History curriculum to life. Students explored iconic landmarks and institutions that have shaped our nation's story, including monuments on the National Mall, Smithsonian Museums, National Archives, and Arlington National Cemetery. We extend a heartfelt thank you to the TMS PTO for their commitment to enriching our school community by organizing many fundraisers to help make this trip feasible.



Spring Musical – "Frozen"



The THS Theatre Arts Program presented "Frozen: The Broadway Musical" at the Tinora Performing Arts Center in March. Adapted from the well-known Disney movie, audiences journeyed to Arendelle to meet Anna, played by Emma Wilson, and Elsa, played by Irelyn Mueller, along with Olaf (Brock McDowell), Kristoff (Colin Stein), Prince Hans (Malaki Molina), The Duke of Weselton (Henry Crone), and Sven (puppeteered by John Wachtman). Young Anna and Elsa were played by TES students Anna Parsons and Molly Daoust. Supporting roles were played by Addie Thomas, Alex Fields, Mackenzie Maassel, Sydney McMaster, Cash McCann, J.R. Geiger, Hayleigh Fowler, Alivia Knight, David Buchman, Grayson Askins, Cailyn March, Ellie Guilliam, Corinne Vance, and a special appearance by talented TES student, Kensington Wagner. Savannah Schroeder served as Production Stage Manager, and high school students performed in the ensemble and chorus, aided in scenery and prop construction, designed and operated the sound and lighting systems, and worked on stage crews. This monumental production could not have been possible without our incredible directors, volunteers, donors, parents, and the overwhelming support of the Tinora community and district administrators.







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