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NEWSLETTER

2026 Tinora Academic Hall of Fame Inductees



Beverly (Rethmel) Singer, Class of 1997
6-12 School Counselor at Fairview



Dr. Elizabeth (Williams) Kelly, Class of 1996
Environmental Scientist & Manager at Martin County Florida's Public Works Department



Tammy (Young) Renollet, Class of 1983
Attorney for Defiance County Child Support Enforcement Agency



Frau Maria (Tumeo) Herman, Class of 1997
German Teacher

Message from the Superintendent:

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to congratulate every member of the Class of 2026. The entire Northeastern Local Schools district is incredibly proud of your accomplishments throughout your years with us. We know your futures are bright, and we look forward to seeing all that you achieve.

On May 4, 2026, we hosted our annual Academic Boosters Awards in the Performing Arts Center. During the event, we recognized 223 high school students for their academic achievements.
The Tinora Academic Hall of Fame was created to honor alumni who have used their Tinora education as a foundation for outstanding success in their professional lives. Inductees are individuals who have distinguished themselves in their careers, maintain a passion for lifelong learning, and serve as active, positive contributors to their communities.

We proudly welcome the following individuals as the inductees into the Tinora Academic Hall of Fame.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer!

Nicole Wells

Congratulation to the class of 2026!

On Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., Tinora High School graduated it's 62nd class. Eighty-five (85) seniors were involved in this year's commencement ceremonies.



Tinora Middle School Graduation

On Tuesday, June 2nd at 10:00 a.m. our annual 8th grade graduation was held at the Tinora Performing Arts Center. We celebrated the 82, 8th graders who will be moving onto Tinora High School this fall.



CONGRATULATIONS RETIREE'S!



Jenifer McConaughy - 25 Years
Brady Woolace - 29 Years

5 Years: Morgan Aden, Reid Anders, Tammy Brown, Eric Engel, Catherine Fedderke, Jessica Fleetwood, Chelsea Green, Cara Hornish, Kayla Johns, Lisa Mueller, Alex Nafziger, Sebastian Rue, Megan Wiles, Jenna Wilhelm.
10 Years: Amanda Beck, Katie Elling, Kaitlyn Hearne, Carol Hesterman, Amanda Kelly, David Middleton, Amanda Westhoven.
15 Years: Matt Ferguson.
20 Years: Ashley Martin, Tricia Rinkel, David Slagle, Christine Wonderly.
25 Years: Shelley Rittenhouse, Renee Roberts, Jenni Saner.
30 Years: Charlene Liska, Jessica Willitzer.

Tinora Middle School Amazing Shake

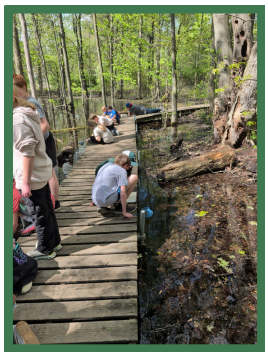


Tinora Middle School hosted the Amazing Shake competition for students in grades 5-8. This competition focuses on student etiquette, leadership, and professional skills. Approximately 40 volunteers from our community joined us as judges for the four rounds of competition. We began the competition with 60 competitors. During the last round, five students traveled to Moncho's Lounge for a lunch hosted by The State Bank. Placing 5th was Connor Stein, 4th was Madison Flemming, 3rd was Mia Mack, 2nd was Izzy Roesti, and our 1st place Amazing Shake winner was Kipton Bostelman. Thank you to The State Bank, iHeart Media, Higbea Embroidery, Drop Zone Pizzeria, Padrones, BlueJay Financial, Gary Cooper, Phoenix Theaters, and the TMS PTO for donating prizes.

5th Grade Field Trip to Camp Storer

Tinora fifth graders spent May 4–5 at Camp Storer, a tradition that has been part of our district since 1996 and moved to Camp Storer around 2009. Over two days, students got out of the classroom and into nature, taking part in hands-on science activities, canoeing, hiking, Gaga Ball, the climbing tower, and even trying out the new Kangaroo Jumper. Along the way, they spent time with classmates in a different setting, built stronger friendships, and gained confidence by trying new things and taking on new challenges.







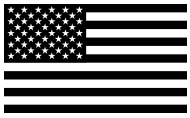


Tinora Middle School PTO

The TMS PTO is a group of parents, teachers, and administrators working together to provide for our students! Our biggest projects are helping students raise funds to offset the cost of their 5th grade trip to Camp Storer & 8th grade trip to Washington D.C. Please consider joining us at monthly meetings. We are needing a couple parents from each grade level, 5-8th, to assist with the fundraiser for their child's class. There are some PTO members that will be leaving us, so without your help we will not be able to do these fundraisers. We can accomplish more with parent involvement. New members are always welcome! The fall TMS PTO meeting will be September 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you there!

High School Guidance Office

Contact Mrs. Rinkel and Mr. Siewert through email if you have any questions over the summer regarding CCP classes or scheduling for the next school year. Their last day in the office was June 12, 2026 and will be available next school year on August 10, 2026. Have a great summer break!



Military Honor

If you are a past graduate of Tinora and are currently serving or have served in the military, please submit a military honor form and picture to the Central Office so we can include you on our TouchPro Military Honor recognition page. Forms can be found online **www.tinora.org**. Completed forms and pictures can be dropped off or mailed to the Central Office, 5855 Domersville Rd., Defiance, OH 43512. Forms and pictures can also be emailed to khammon@tinora.org.

National Scholastic Award

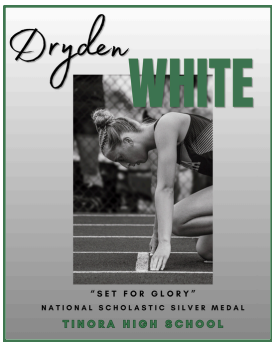
Senior Dryden White and Junior Corinne Vance recently earned a Silver Medal in the National Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, one of the most prestigious honors available to student artists in the country.
The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running recognition program for creative teens, making this achievement a notable milestone for students. Prior to this year, only five Tinora students have ever received recognition at the national level.
Dryden is the son of Tim and April McCarty. Corinne is the daughter of Tony and Erin Vance. Both students are instructed by Mrs. Erin Vance in yearbook and digital art classes at THS.

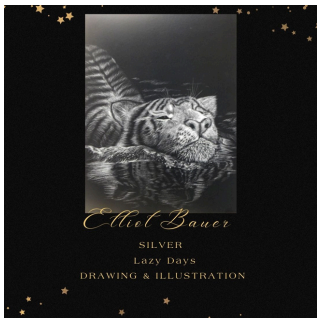
Scholastic Art Awards 2025

Elliot Bauer and India Okuley's art work was accidently omitted from the Spring newsletter.









Tinora FFA



On April 30th, 19 members attended the Ohio State FFA Convention in Columbus. During the trip, students had the opportunity to tour the convention center, watch the talent show, and collect our state award for Grain Merchandising. One of our members, Cash McCann, also participated in the State FFA Choir, performing during the fifth session. In addition, Tinora proudly celebrated Lindsey Weber, Zoe Billings, Nate Sattler, and Colt Etchison earning their prestigious State FFA Degree. On May 17th, the greenhouse class wrapped up a year-long project. Working within a limited budget, students planted, nurtured, and marketed a variety of flowers, vegetables, and baskets. Their efforts culminated in a successful community sale. The livestock class finished their 4th quarter project, learning feed ratios to raise 15 market broiler chickens. They ended their project by donating the butchered carcasses to the local food shelter.

Rambunctious Radicals

Thanks to the Tinora community for participating in the Fourth Annual Electronics Recycling Drive held on April 19 in honor of Earth Day. Sponsored by NHS and the Ram Radicals, a large amount of electronic materials was kept out of the landfill! Thanks also to Aim Ecycling for partnering with us for this event. Look for it again in 2027!

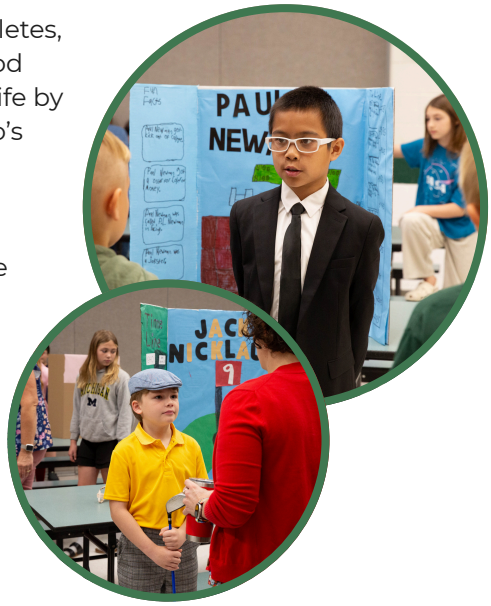
Tinora Elementary PTO & Clothes Bin

The PTO is a group of parents, teachers, and administrators working together to provide for our students! Please consider joining us at monthly meetings as a member at large. We can accomplish more with parent involvement. New members are always welcome! The first PTO meeting for the 2026-2027 school year will be on Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria. We hope to see you there!
We have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles! So please do not throw them away! Just place the items in the GREEN recycling bin at the front of Tinora Elementary School. Every pound of recycled items supports our school. Items that can be placed in our bin: Clothing, footwear, undergarments, accessories (hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands), handbags and linens. *We cannot accept soiled or moldy clothing.* Please call 419-497-1022 with any questions.

Wax Museum

History came alive at Tinora Elementary as fourth-grade students transformed the cafeteria into an Ohio Wax Museum, highlighting famous Ohioans.

After weeks of preparation, students dressed as historical figures, athletes, inventors, entertainers, and other notable Ohioans. Each student stood beside a tri-fold display, they created and brought their character to life by sharing facts about their accomplishments and contributions to Ohio's history.



The project, led by fourth-grade teacher Ms. Jenni Saner, has been a Tinora tradition for more than a decade. Students developed skills in research, organization, public speaking, and creativity throughout the experience.

Parents, staff members, and younger students visited the museum and enjoyed meeting the "famous Ohioans," while students gained confidence in sharing their knowledge with others.

The Ohio Wax Museum remains a memorable learning experience that brings history to life and gives students the chance to be famous for a day.

Tinora Fine Arts Boosters

The Tinora Fine Arts Boosters supports the fine arts programs, students, and teachers at the middle and high schools in multiple ways throughout the year. This includes the arts, band, choir, and drama. The boosters are looking forward to working together to enhance opportunities for our students and foster connections throughout the Tinora community. Community and parental involvement in the boosters is vital to maintaining the program. Your involvement helps make all the difference, and with your help, we know this will be a great success! We can't wait to work with all of you and cheer on our students! Please email tinorafineartsboosters@gmail.com with any questions about meetings, volunteering, or membership, or feel free to reach out to any of the officers directly. Meeting dates are typically held on the second Monday of the month at 6 PM in the band room. Our next scheduled meeting is August 10th.

Terry Wachtman – President
Kaycie Wachtman – Secretary
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Stephanie Schwiebert – Vice President
Andrea Walter – Treasurer

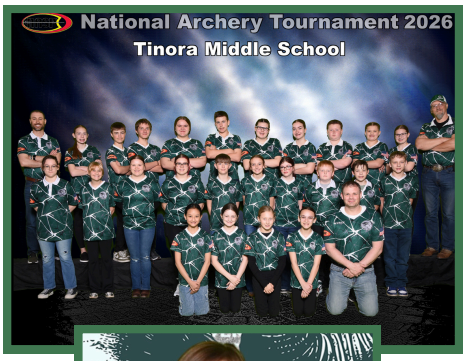
Academic Boosters

On May 4th, the Academic Boosters honored 223 high school students for their academic achievements at our annual awards banquet. Seven seniors received an award for earning a 4.0 every quarter of their high school career: Craig Hoffman, Cailyn March, Liam McMaster, Irelyn Mueller, Jayden Sines, Marissa Raimonde and Addison Thomas. We also had 26 seniors receive book scholarships for their post-secondary education. We also welcomed in the third class of Academic Hall of Fame inductees. Special thank you to Eric's All American Ice cream for donating 450 scoops on May 21st for the 5th-12th grade honor roll treat. Thank you to our lifetime/yearly booster members as well as our community donors for their continued support of the Tinora Academic Boosters. Congratulations to all of the 2026 Tinora honor students and graduating senior class!

Athletic Boosters

Congratulations to all the student athletes that competed in their respective sport this Spring. On April 25th, 2026, we held our annual reverse raffle, which was a success because of the support of the community. With the money we raised, we are able to put money into individual team accounts, as well as our general fund so we can continue to support our student athletes. On July 27th we will be having our annual membership meeting alongside our monthly meeting. At this meeting we will be accepting nominations and voting on different positions. Any members who are interested in running or voting, are encouraged to attend the meeting and anyone new who is interested in being a member is also encouraged to attend the meeting.

Tinora Archery Club





The Tinora Archery Club had another great year. The club was made up of 76 total archers from 5th - 12th grade. Archers attended 9 local tournaments held throughout Northwest Ohio on Saturdays in January-March. One of those tournaments was a home tournament that was held in the High School on March 20 & 21. In March, 58 archers attended the State Tournament in Columbus. The Middle School & High School teams both qualified to attend the NASP Eastern Nationals Tournament as well as 1 Elementary shooter. Unfortunately, there were not enough High School shooters able to attend, but there were 24 from the Middle School Team and the Elementary Individual that went. For the 2nd year in a row, the Middle School Team also qualified for the NASP Championship "Worlds" that is held in Daytona Beach this year. There wi 15 shooters attending that competition.

Elementary Individual National Shooter: Penny Karr

Middle School National Team: Kendall Bailey, Mackenzie Bany, Katie Bidlack, Logan Brown, Sophia Bussing, Brooklyn Case, Kim Lien Dorsey, Aubree Eckman, Ocean Heller, Aburie Hernandez, Paislie Hoffman, Kora Hurtig, Zach Knight, Harper Linder, Jesse Lulfs, Luca March, Mya Masser, Hannah McBride, Kennedy Roberson, Andrew Shaver, Morgan Smith, Connor Stein, Hartley Waltmire, Emma Weber

Middle School Worlds Team: Kendall Bailey, Logan Brown, Sophia Bussing, Aubree Eckman, Paislie Hoffman, Kora Hurtig, Zach Knight, Jesse Lulfs, Luca March, Mya Masser, Kennedy Roberson, Andrew Shaver, Connor Stein, Hartley Waltmire, Emma Weber

German 3 and 4 Students Travel To Germany



German 3 and 4 students traveled to Germany to see and experience the culture up close. We visited Berlin, Dresden, Munich, Rothenburg, and Heidelberg. Students were able to learn about Germany's medieval history all the way to their current history happening today. Thank you to everyone in the community who supported our fundraisers to help support this trip!

German Club students visited Bowling Green State University on April 6, where they experienced German language and culture classes. Students got hands on experiences and were able to meet with students and professors to discuss the possibilities that arise with the continuation of studying German in college.

Stephanie Canales Honored by CORAS

Tinora Local Schools is proud to recognize third-grade teacher Stephanie Canales, who received the Outstanding Elementary Teacher Recognition from the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) at Bowling Green State University. "Stephanie exemplifies what it means to be an outstanding educator," said Superintendent Mrs. Wells. "She inspires confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning in every child she serves." Known for her student-centered approach, Stephanie focuses on building confidence and making learning meaningful and fun. "I hope my students leave me with more confidence in themselves," she shared. Elementary Principal Mr. Tipton praised her dedication and impact. "Mrs. Canales always puts students first and has a unique ability to help them grow both academically and socially," he said. We are proud to celebrate Stephanie and the difference she makes in the lives of our students each day.



THS Book Club



Thank you to all who donated and shopped our THS Book Club Book Sale! Save your books to donate next year, and enjoy your summer reading!

All Sports Champs

The Tinora Rams had an outstanding 2025–2026 athletic season, earning both the Green Meadows Conference (GMC) All-Sports Championship and the GMC Boys Championship.
Tinora finished first in the All-Sports standings with 80.5 points and led the boys standings with 54.0 points, reflecting a year of strong, consistent performances across multiple sports.



"Earning the GMC All-Sports Championship is a proud moment for our entire district," said Athletic Director Jake Essig. “This award doesn't belong to just one team or one season; it is the result of a collective pursuit of excellence from our student-athletes, our coaching staffs, and our entire community."

Tinora High School Yearbooks

A few extra Tinora High School yearbooks are still available for purchase at www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Once the last one sells, no more will be printed or ordered. Secure your copy before it's too late.

FCCLA Members Take Action Through National FACTS Project

The Tinora High School FCCLA members recently took part in the National FCCLA Families Acting for Community Traffic Safety (FACTS) project. This national FCCLA program encourages students to promote traffic safety through education, leadership, and community involvement. The Tinora FCCLA Students worked to build awareness of the dangers of texting and driving. The students planned a video, promoted spirit days, read daily announcements and hosted a driving simulator in the cafeteria at lunch. The Tinora High School students placed in the top 20 at the state level for this project. Participation in the project also helped members strengthen important skills such as teamwork, leadership, and public communication.



2026 Summer Food Service Program

Free lunch and activities! Lunch served Monday through Friday starting June 3rd through July 24th at the following locations:

Defiance-Latty’s Grove Park
606 William St.
11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Defiance-Bronson Park
2104 Power Dam Rd.
12:15 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

Defiance-Hebron Ministries
1123 Ayersville Ave.
11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

During the school year Northeastern Local School serves breakfast and lunch to students. The cost of breakfast is $2.25 and lunch $3.50. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.

Transportation Changes

For the 2026-2027 school year if there are any transportation changes from the 2025-2026 school year, please contact Angie Bussing at abussing@tinora.org, or 419-497-9919 prior to Open House on August 27, 2026.

Bus Driver Employment Opportunity

We are looking for a full-time bus driver and substitute bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year. The starting pay for bus drivers is $23.05 per hour with no experience required. In addition, drivers receive $18.44 per hour for trips. Drivers are guaranteed 3.5 hours per day, five days a week, and are eligible for stretch pay, which allows a portion of each paycheck to be set aside so you continue receiving pay during summer break. Please contact Angie Bussing, Transportation Supervisor, for more information. Phone: 419-497-9919 or Email: abussing@tinora.org

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Congratulations to the 2026 Tinora High School Graduates!

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Lukas James Bennett
James Raymond Bigley III
Frankie Dean Bohn
Sophie Jolene Marie Bowling
Brody Caleb Buchhop
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Jayden Anna Sines
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Kamden Donald Stollsteimer
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