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Community News


Tioga Medical Center Named Top 20 Critical Access Hospital

Healthcare Facility Recognized for Outstanding Quality of Care for Second Consecutive Year

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has awarded Tioga Medical Center a 2025 Top 20 Best Practices in Quality designation, a distinction that recognizes the healthcare facility for the outstanding quality of care they deliver to their patients. This is the second consecutive year TMC has received this recognition. The top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs), including Tioga Medical Center, scored best among the more than 1,300 CAHs in the nation, as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health Quality INDEX. All hospitals in the INDEX study were evaluated across rural-relevant process of care measures.

An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo. “This recognition is a true testament to our mission—to provide compassionate, high-quality, and comprehensive healthcare services tailored to the unique needs of our rural community,” says Jamie Eraas, Tioga Medical Center President and CEO. “Saying I’m proud of our staff is an understatement; their passion for what they do is unmatched, and it’s truly inspiring to witness their incredible work each day.” Tioga Medical Center previously received this award in 2024 and 2015.





Jamie Eraas, President and CEO of
Tioga Medical Center


About Tioga Medical Center
A nonprofit healthcare system, Tioga Medical Center proudly serves the communities of northwest North Dakota with clinics in Tioga, Ray and Powers Lake; a 25-bed critical access hospital; a Long-Term Care center; and Independent Living apartments.

About NRHA
NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA’s membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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Celebrate National Hospital Week with Tioga Medical Center!


Join us on Monday, May 12 for a fun-filled evening featuring a Bike Rodeo and Community BBQ! Bring your children (preschool through 6th grade) and their bikes for hands-on riding activities and bike safety education, presented by the Tioga Police Department. Kids will also have a chance to win a brand-new bike or helmet! The Bike Rodeo kicks off at 4:00 p.m. in the Hospital parking lot. Stick around afterward for a Community BBQ at 5:30 p.m. at the Long Term Care gazebo. We’ll be serving up free slush burgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, and ice cream bars — fun and delicious for the whole family!



Tioga Area Dollars for Scholars will award over \$50,000.00 to Tioga High School graduates and alumni

Since 1992, Tioga Area Dollars for Scholars has awarded almost \$800,000 in scholarships to Tioga High School graduates and alumni. This year, we’re excited to award \$50,200 to 32 students—12 graduating seniors and 20 alumni continuing their postsecondary education. Every one of these students has worked hard and earned their scholarship, and we’re proud to be able to support them. Seniors will be presented with their scholarships during their baccalaureate ceremony. Both seniors and alumni recipients will be recognized at Tioga High School graduation and celebrated on our Facebook page. All of this is possible because of the incredible support from the people of Tioga. Our fundraisers, like our community meals, silent auctions, basketball sponsorships, and mail-a-thon campaigns, are only successful because our neighbors continue to show up and give generously. Every dollar raised goes directly to scholarships, and it’s your generosity that makes a difference in these students’ lives.

As a proud graduate of Tioga High School and a former recipient of Tioga Area Dollars for Scholars scholarships, I can say that this organization undoubtedly played a role in getting me where I am today. I now work as the Chief Operating Officer at Tioga Medical Center, and I’m surrounded every day by fellow healthcare professionals who also received support from this program. As the president for the past few years, it has been incredible to watch former recipients become nurses, business owners, linemen, therapists, welders, and more, and even more special to see them stay connected to Tioga, giving back just like they were once supported. If you’re looking for a way to make a lasting difference, consider donating or volunteering. You never know whose future you might be helping to shape. To learn more or get involved, visit us at <https://tioga.dollarsforscholars.org>.



Mark your calendars	Tioga School Calendar
May 3: Flag Raising Ceremony 8AM Centennial Park May 5: Tioga City Commission Meeting 7PM Tioga City Hall May 8: Tioga Golf Course Meeting 6PM Tioga Golf & Country Club May 12: Tioga Medical Center Bike Rodeo & Community BBQ 4PM May 12: Planning & Zoning Meeting 5:30PM Tioga City Hall May 15: Tioga Airport Authority Meeting 7PM Tioga Airport	May 1,2nd: Elementary Math Meet May 3,8,10 th : Pirate Basketball Camp May 5: Softball vs Ray 4:30 Tioga May 6: Softball vs Divide County 4:30 Tioga May 6: Elementary Music Concerts Grades 2-6 @ Central Elem May 8: Softball vs Ray 4:30 Tioga May 13: Elementary Music Concert K-1 1:30 @ Central Elem May 15: THS Awards Banquet



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Inspirational Quote	Tioga Trivia	Bible Verse of the Week
“Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts.” -Winston Churchill	How many students will graduate from Tioga High School in 2025? <small>Last Weeks Answer: True</small>	I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Psalm 32:8
A Little Chuckle		Today in History:
Now that you’re graduating from high school, just remember: Bosses don’t usually accept notes from your mother.		1926: Ford Motor Company becomes one of the first companies in America to adopt a five-day, 40-hour week for workers in it’s automotive factories.

Community News



Tioga High School held its annual art show on Thursday, April 10th, 2025.

Among the student entries were [pencil, charcoal, pastel, pen, and marker] drawings, [tempera, watercolor, gouache, and acrylic] paintings, cut-paper collage, found-object art, clay, paper mâché, toilet paper sculpture, functional resin items [such as pens, jewelry trays, coasters, and cute containers], digital art, and photography. All submissions were from students in Art I - IV and Photography. All artists were required to prepare their artwork and encouraged to help set up and be present for the entire show. Several art pieces sold at prices ranging from \$2.00 - \$30.00.

Unique Projects & Senior Spotlight

Most unique to the show this year were decorative homemade candles by Art IV senior, Isabella Sanchez, two tall wooden cupboard doors [from the art room] with a series of five projects painted on them by Art III senior, Alex Anderson, a paper dragon hand puppet by Art I freshman, JaiLynn Garvey, and a children’s mini grand piano sporting painted fruits and veggies, by Art IV senior, Abby Zochert. The piano has since been donated to the new preschool in Bakken Elementary in Williston. All three aforementioned seniors were part of the group that painted the mural on the side of Pizza Pie last year. Other Art IV seniors who helped complete the mural and had artwork featured in the show are Mia Neri and Baylee Litten. Art IV senior, Alisha Rubianes, Art III senior, Flor Torres, Art II senior, Sherlyn Torres, Photography senior, Nick Wolla, and Photography senior, Eli Clark, also had submissions in the show.

Voting & Awards

Attendees from the general public voted on their favorite artwork in three categories: 2D - which includes all flat work on paper, canvas, or wood, 3D - which includes pieces with physical depth such as clay and paper mâché, and photography. Winners for each category are as follows:

2D: 1st Place: June Kuntz, Art II, for her black and white film-inspired acrylic piece titled Crashing Whale.
2nd Place: Alex Anderson, Art III, for her Bob Ross-inspired acrylic piece, Serenity.
Baryon Espartero, an honorary Art I student, for his red ink-pen rendition of Jessica Rabbit. JaiLynn Garvey, Art I, for her weather-manipulating wizard in pencil, titled Lightning Shock.
3rd Place: June Kuntz, Art II, for her limited-color painting in gouache, Peeking Tiger.JaiLynn Garvey, Art I, for her graphic pencil portrayal of Hunt of the Wendigo.
Baryon Espartero, an honorary Art I student, for his pencil rendition of Conquest.
Summer Schmitz, Art III, for her realistic depiction of a bat in pencil, titled Wings.
Cesar Vargas, Art I, for his pencil drawing of a buck in binoculars, Hunting Binos.


3D: 1st Place: Abby Zochert, Art IV, for her acrylic-painted piano, titled Eat Your Fruits and Veggies.
2nd Place: Izzy Sanchez, Art IV, for her stuffed, hand-cut-and-sewn, long-eared Floppy Bunny.
JaiLynn Garvey, Art I, for her clay self-representation of Pikachu eating a Nutty Buddy wearing a ball cap, titled I Choose You!
3rd Place: Sofia Fladeland, Art I, for her toilet paper and watercolor geisha sculptures, Rock and Water.
Baylee Litten, Art IV, for her resin and mixed media piece titled Under the Sea. Mia Neri, Art III, for her resin and dried flower jewelry tray, Lavender Flowers. Alex Haakenson, Art I, for his toilet paper and watercolor shark, titled TP Shark.

Photography 1st Place: Izzy Sanchez, for her embroidered black and white self-portrait, Roses in Bloom. Romeo Burnias, for Lady Bug. **2nd Place:** Nick Wolla, for W. **3rd Place:** Eli Clark, for Glass.

Fun Facts about Art Classes at THS: As students advance through the program, the focus shifts from foundational elements, techniques, and media, to exploration and the process of synthesization. The amount of creative freedom given to all art students increases with each year of experience, until eventually, students get to start choosing their own projects. In other words, the more a student takes art at THS, the more invested they become in their work, the more meaningful the projects become, and the more fun they have as a result!







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