

Ty Camblin faces partial removal of rare tumor

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When HHS freshman Ty Camblin failed a BOCES hearing screening at school last fall, he and his family had no idea it would lead to the diagnosis of a rare diffused neurofibroma tumor.

Through CT scans, MRIs and doctor visits at Children's Hospital in Denver and Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., Camblin is electing for surgery to remove a portion of the tumor that is pressing his left ear canal shut.

He and his parents, Kris and Marla Camblin, made the trip to the Mayo Clinic last week for an April 16 appointment. The second opinion matched the diagnosis from Children's, and Camblin is tentatively looking at a May 20 surgery date in Denver.

With optimism to be admired, Camblin just looks forward to hearing again. With an anticipated three-to-five-day hospital stay after surgery, the teenager has his eye on his driver's license and his 16th birthday on May 27.

While no contact sports will be allowed for six to eight weeks, Camblin will still be able to focus on his steers this summer as he works on his 4-H and FFA projects.

Their faith, along with community/friend/family support, has made the diagnostic journey easier for the Camblins. "God shows his path for Tyler, and we'll walk it with him," said Marla.

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