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Community News

<u>Tioga men make the trip to Glendale, AZ to celebrate the life of Charlie Kirk - Veronica McGinnity</u>
Local men Chuck Stewart and Bryan Moberg attended the Charlie Kirk memorial in Glendale, AZ on September 21, 2025. They arrived at State Farm Stadium at 6AM and stood in line for four hours in 100+ degree weather before they were finally able to get inside. Several people in line were overcome from the heat and needed medical attention. When asked what they thought of the memorial, Bryan stated it was peaceful, spiritual, hopeful, and that the Holy Spirit was present everywhere. Chuck said it

was a very moving experience. For those of us who weren't born yet or too young to remember the JFK assassination November 22, 1963. September 10, 2025 was our JFK moment. We will never forget how we heard the news or what we were doing. That day we lost a brilliant young man who only spoke truth and loved to debate anyone. He treated everyone he talked to with respect. Charlie was self taught, with only a high school diploma. He read over 100 books a year. Whileat the memorial Chuck and Bryan met people from all over the country. They met people from North Carolina, Washington, Florida, South Carolina, and New York. We as a nation are once again mourning the loss of a great man and martyr. One who had as profound impact as Martin Luther King Jr. and John F. Kennedy. Charlie was met at the gates of Heaven with these words: "Well done, good and faithful servant." Matthew 25:23. We all need to keep his family in our prayers as they navigate this life without him. God Bless you Charlie!



Clarence (Chuck) Stewart and Bryan Moberg

<u>Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation - EDC Director Update</u>

The Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation is excited to announce the hiring of Josh Vachal. We asked him to share a little background~ My story begins in Valley City, North Dakota, nestled in the Sheyenne River Valley. Growing up, I was deeply involved in my family's cattle operation, where we raised Shorthorn cattle, a tradition that has been part of our lives for generations. Those early years taught me the value of hard work, community, and carrying forward something meaningful for the future.

After high school, I moved to Fargo to continue my education and begin my professional journey. Over the past five years, I have worked in business development, helping communities and organizations grow through collaboration and strategic planning. When I saw the opportunity to

become Tioga's Economic Development Director, I knew it was the right step. With my family's roots in nearby communities, it felt like the perfect chance to move west and contribute to a place with so much potential.

Tioga, known as the Oil and Energy Capital of North Dakota, plays a vital role in our state's future. I look forward to helping the community build on those strengths, while also exploring new opportunities that tie together our energy, agriculture, and local businesses. My goal is to ensure Tioga continues to thrive,

nsinesses. My goal is to ensure Tioga continues to thrive, not just as an energy leader, but as a welcoming place

where people and families can grow and succeed.

I believe in the power of relationships, and I have an open-door policy. Whether it's a handshake, a





conversation, or a new idea, I want to hear from you. Tioga is a community filled with pride, and together with the EDC board, city officials, and residents, I am excited to see what we can accomplish. I'm grateful for the opportunity to serve and look forward to meeting many of you around town.

Tioga's EDC Director also attended the memorial for Charlie Kirk - read on for Josh's comments.

On September 10th, 2025, our world felt the impact of a young conservative activist's death. I speak for myself only when I say that Charlie Kirk was a friend, a mentor, and a gift for young professionals

such as myself. I was able to attend the funeral, only in thanks to my friends at Turing Point. It is a day I will never forget. This is one thing I wrote and shared with the people at Turing Point. Back in 2020, I got into a disagreement on social media, and from that day forward, I made a promise to myself—I wouldn't post about politics anymore. But today, as I was listening to Charlie Kirk's podcast, I felt the need to share something. The last few years have been tumultuous. I had the pleasure of meeting Charlie, and what stood out most was how much he cared about genuine conversation. He appreciated hearing a different perspective, because it meant the discussion could be real and honest. I respected that about him. I also admired how he could speak with such conviction about faith and values without needing to open a Bible—he simply lived it and knew it. The world feels different now. We've lost kids, we lost a state senator back in June, and now we've lost a man who

- worked tirelessly to get young people engaged like never before. Two things weigh heavy on my heart:

 1. He should never have left this life the way he did.

 2. I wonder what impact this loss will have on a
- I wonder what impact this loss will have on a movement.

And yet, in the past few weeks, I've noticed something powerful. There's been no chaos, no fires, no looting. Instead, my feed has been filled with American flags, Bible verses, and reminders of God. I will miss the man who built a following like no other, but I believe his torch will be carried forward. I'll miss hearing his voice on the podcast!





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Tioga Trivia How many tornadoes were confirmed

Prev Edition Answer: 10

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Bible Verse of the Week

My time is in your hands. -Psalm 31:15

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Tioga High School Coaches Update

Coach Albrecht~ The Firestorm shot 27 strokes better today to move up for a tie for 13th place with Hazen, 2 back of Linton-HMB and 3 of Park River for 11th place. The Ava finished in 30th, Autumn 50th, Billee 67th, Marli 89th, Bella 98th and Sara in 117th. Congratulations to the Firestorm on an excellent season!

Coach Feiring~ With 14 athletes running Cross Country this year we have had a lot of excitement so far this season. Dwayne Declaro, Cooper Hayes and Carter Schmitz are the returning runners. These three boys have made some major improvements throughout their running careers and have come together and worked hard to show great leadership to all of the new faces we have on the team. Joining us from Ray we have Cash Brown, Daniel Smith, Jordan Nelson and Lea Petersen. Tioga's 8th graders have taken over with 5 athletes including Keslee Keever, Jaxon Keller, Madden Johnson, Diego Guevara, Leland Dennis and along with them, our 7th grade boys Tate Rice and James Sagaser.

Together this team has been working super hard, starting every day of the week off with a 6:30AM practice. These athletes have done well for themselves accomplishing personal best times as well as placing as a team. Dwayne, Kash, Cooper, Leland, Diego, Jaxon, Tate and Keslee have qualified to compete at the State Cross Country Meet on October 24th in Jamestown and we are looking forward to more of their teammates meeting their goal to qualify. State Qualifications for Cross Country are time goal standards. Girls must run a 5K (3.1Miles) in 27 minutes or less and Boys must run the 5k in 24 minutes or less. Coaching this group of kids is a true blessing and we are honored to be looking forward to what the rest of the season has in store! Thank You to all of the parents for all of your support and for sharing your kids with us!

Coach Meyer~ We have had some great "highs" and have also experienced a few "lows" in the first half of our season. The team had a thrilling 5 set victory against the Kenmare Honkers, proving our team is capable of making great plays and being an aggressive force on the court. The team has been working extra hard to increase their defensive skills in order to maintain an aggressive offense at the net. We have encountered some inconsistency with how we show up or don't show up in games, so the team is working hard to find consistency as they grow to be the team they want to be! Our team captains have done a great job vocalizing team expectations and keeping everyone together, working to reach their team goals. Our team has had a few unfortunate injuries that have required our players to be flexible and adapt to changes. We have two captains/middle blockers sitting out due to ankle injuries (Kambree Johnson and Theea Johnson) as well as a player with a foot injury (Karlie Longie). The team will remain hopeful, despite the injuries. We have many athletic, skillful players that are willing to step up for the team and fill in the gaps. Varsity Captains: Cheryl Hayes, Amanda Kingston, Theea Johnson, Kambree Johnson



Varsity Stats Leaders: Cheryl Hayes: Kills-101, Assists-82, Blocks-22, Digs-105, Aces-24 Kambree Johnson: Kills - 63, Blocks - 17, Digs - 40, Aces - 22 Mercedes Travis: Kills - 23, Digs - 66, Aces - 6

Amanda Kingston : Digs - 83



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Oct 6: Tioga City Commission Meeting 7PM Tioga City Hall

Oct 9: Pumpkin Fest - Main Street 3-7PM

Oct 11: Fireman's Breakfast 8-12PM Tioga Ambulance Bldg

Oct 11: NW Sportsman Banquet 5:30PM Community Center

Oct 13: Planning/Zoning Mtg 5:30 Tioga City Hall

Oct 13: Columbus Day

Tioga School Calendar

Oct 1: Central Elementary - Picture Day

Oct 3: FB vs Velva

Oct 5-6: FBLA FLC

Oct 7: Homecoming Coronation 12:30

Oct 7: VB vs Trinity Christian

Oct 9: VB vs Alexander

Oct 10: FB vs South Prairie-Max /Pep Rally 2:45PM

Oct 15: End of Quarter 1

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