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Community News

9th Annual Drone Camp for Kids Set for August 9–10 at Tioga Community Center!

Hosted by Tioga Area Economic Development and Proudly Sponsored by Tioga American Legion Post #139 and Enel Green Power Tioga Area Economic Development is proud to announce the 9th Annual Drone Camp for Kids, taking place August 9–10, 2025, at the Tioga Community Center. This two-day, hands-on educational event introduces students ages 10 to 17 to the exciting and fast-growing fields of drone technology and artificial intelligence (AI). Now in its ninth year, the camp continues to inspire young minds through real-world applications, interactive learning experiences, and career-focused technology education. Program Highlights - Drone Flight Curriculum by the University of North Dakota Students will train using a hands-on Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) curriculum developed by the University of North Dakota’s prestigious aerospace program. Modules cover drone safety, operation, airspace awareness, and simulated mission scenarios. Gamification of STEM Learning with Fenworks - Joining for the first time, Fenworks will present a unique drone curriculum and esports strategies to transform traditional STEM learning into an immersive and engaging experience with exciting drone racing! Live Demonstrations by Airport Hobby Shoppe of Minot - The Airport Hobby Shoppe will host live demonstrations of remote-controlled aircraft and multirotor drones, with opportunities for campers and families to explore both hobbyist and commercial UAS models. Drone Challenges, Competitions & Prizes - Campers will test their piloting skills in obstacle courses, drone racing challenges, and simulated rescue missions. An awards ceremony will honor top performers with prizes and certificates of achievement. Event Details: Dates: August 9–10, 2025 two days 9 A.M. – 4:30 PM. & Sunday 12-3:30. Location: Tioga Community Center - 410 6th St. NE, Tioga, ND. Tuition: FREE! (includes equipment use, training materials, and lunch provided by NCC) Thanks to generous support from Tioga American Legion Post #139 and The Tioga Fund



Quotes from Leadership
“Hosting this year’s camp at the Tioga Community Center gives us the space to expand programming and welcome new partners like Fenworks and UND’s AI team,” said Wendy Lenzen, President of Tioga Area Economic Development. “It’s an ideal setting to spark creativity and prepare young people for the future of technology.”
“We proudly support programs that instill leadership, discipline, and innovation,” said a representative from Tioga American Legion Post #139. “Drone Camp empowers kids to dream big and develop skills that will serve them for life.”

About the Organizers
Tioga Area Economic Development - Dedicated to advancing innovation, workforce development, and quality of life in western North Dakota, Tioga Area Economic Development leads initiatives like Drone Camp to prepare the region’s youth for tomorrow’s economy. Tioga American Legion Post #139 - Serving local veterans and the wider community, Post #139 invests in high-impact youth programs that promote leadership, service, and lifelong learning. Each student will take home their own drone thanks to Enel Green Power and will be able to register for a free professional drone in our exciting door prize drawing.

To Register: www.eventbrite.com

Tioga Area Economic Development Host’s AI class for adults and business owners

As the 9th Annual Tioga Drone Camp inspires a new generation of students in science and technology, parents, other adults will also have a unique opportunity to expand their own understanding of the future. Dr. Robert Martin, PRESIDENT OF ELEVATE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS AND a noted educator, business strategist, and tech advocate, will lead a free, one-hour class titled "How AI is Shaping the Future: A Crash Course for adults" during Drone Camp weekend. The session will focus on the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on business, education, and everyday life—and how parents can prepare their families for a rapidly changing world. Dr. Sreejith Vidhyadharan Nair of UND will also be in attendance and host a one-hour Question and answer session about AI and unmanned aerial systems. The class is scheduled to take place during camp hours on Saturday, August 9th, at Neset: 6844 State Hwy 40, Tioga ND 11AM-2PM It is open to all parents, adults and business leaders, with no registration required. “We talk a lot about preparing kids for the future,” said Dr. Martin. “But many parents feel left behind by all the talk about AI and automation. This class is designed to make AI understandable, relevant, and useful to families right now.”

Topics will include:

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| What AI is—and what it isn’t | AI in education and learning |
| The changing job market and how it affects future careers | Tips for parents to stay informed and help guide their kids |

About Dr. Robert Martin

Dr. Martin is a seasoned business advisor, educator, and technology speaker known for helping leaders navigate digital transformation. He is the founder of Elevate Business Solutions and a frequent presenter on AI, business strategy, and workforce development.
Register at www.eventbrite.com Search A.I. Class

Norseman Museum thankful for generous donation - Veronica McGinnity

Tioga Historical Society had a very special guest on July 17, 2025 as Art Langved joined us for our monthly meeting. We are so happy and thankful to announce that Art Langved and Clarice Langved generously donated enough money to get our concrete work done! We will now be able to continue with our expansion project! We are hoping that others will follow suit and help us with donations now that our project is moving forward. The current location is full and we need this expansion so badly. We have so many items in storage that will be displayed in our expansion across the street from our current location. Two buildings full of Tioga and surrounding areas history! Museums are such an important part of all communities. Local history is something that should be preserved for generations to come and to be proud of. If you have not visited our museum we are open every Saturday and Sunday from 2-5 and also on special occasions in town. We also have a model of what our new expansion project will look like on display for anyone interested in seeing what it will look like.

If you would like to donate, please contact: Veronica: 701-641-1184 or Glenda Lovdahl: 701-641-3182



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Inspirational Quote	Tioga Trivia	Bible Verse of the Week
Don't stop when you're tired. Stop when you're done.	What was the name of the company that recently purchased Hess? Prev Edition Answer: 60 years!	From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. John 1:16
A Little Chuckle	Did you know?	
My boss said, "This is the third time you've been late this week. Do you know what that means?" I replied, "It's Wednesday?"	In 75% of American households, the woman manage the money and pay the bills	

Community News

Superintendent Scoop – August 2025 - Paul Olson

Welcome back to the beginning of a new school year. We are excited to introduce the new staff that will be joining us this year. At Tioga High School, we have Mr. Michael Rizzo. He will be teaching physical education and serving as one of our junior varsity football coaches. At Central Elementary School, we have Miss Maura Mills (Kindergarten), Miss Sara Iverson (2nd grade), Miss Alexa St. Pierre (3rd grade), and Mr. Brent Danks (3rd grade). Mrs. Lindley Benson is returning to the school counselor position. Overall, we feel very blessed to have filled our teaching positions and the elementary counseling position with quality individuals. This year, we do have our back-to-school “meet and greet” for parents and students at both our schools on Thursday, August 14th from 3:00pm – 6:00pm.

For our sports teams this year, we welcome Mr. Pat Alberts to the varsity girls’ basketball coaching position. Mr. Carter Valliere has resigned as the junior varsity coach, so we are continuing to look for a varsity head boys’ basketball coach and a junior varsity boys’ basketball coach. Please contact Mr. Ryan Albrecht (Athletic Director) or Mr. Paul Olson (Superintendent) if interested in either position.

Due to the increase in our enrollment, our football team will no longer be in the 9-man division this season. We did appeal to the North Dakota High School Activities Association regarding this change, but our appeal was denied. We are now scheduled for a two-year block in the 11-man division. I recently had the pleasure of listening to some of our alumni reminisce about the time Tioga High School participated at the Class A (11-man) level in the past. I’m sure our players and coaches will be ready to compete at this level.

As many of you are aware, construction has continued at Tioga High School throughout the summer. We are hoping to have our parking lots paved prior to school starting. As much as the recent days of rain are very much appreciated, they have set our schedule slightly back for completing the parking lots, football field and new track. We did anticipate our football field not being quite ready at the start of our season this year. With this in mind, we tried to schedule our home games later in the season. Our first home game is currently scheduled for Friday, September 12 th against Stanley; however, preliminary plans have been made to swap this game to away and next season play at home if necessary.

Regarding the construction of the additional six classrooms and gymnasium, they are remaining on schedule for the completion date of November 1st. Our plan is to move the sixth-grade students over after the Christmas Break, which will give us time to set up the classrooms. We will be scheduling an open house for the new addition once it is completed. The date for this will be announced later.

There will also be a change for students regarding the usage of their cell phone. With the passing of North Dakota House Bill 1160 and Governing Board Policy FFI, all personal electronic devices (i.e., cell phones) brought into the school building, are to be stored in their locker from the start of the school day until the end of the school day. If parents need to contact their child, they can call the main office. I do applaud our state legislators in taking a proactive step in creating stronger learning environments in schools and a sincere thank you to our parents for their support as we roll out this change in the upcoming school year.

I look forward to the start of the new school year, and if you have any questions or concerns, please know you are welcome to stop in and visit. Sincerely, Paul Olson Superintendent Tioga Public School District #15



Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation seeking Economic Development Director

Are you community driven, project oriented, passionate about the growth and success of Tioga? Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation is seeking a dynamic individual to promote the City of Tioga. This position directs economic development initiatives to achieve the established goals and objectives outlined by the Board of the Tioga Area Economic Development Corp and Tioga Chamber of Commerce. This individual will be responsible for attracting new business, encouraging current business retention and expansion, promoting and attracting youth retention, relationship building and collaboration with various community organizations, identifying/applying for community grants. Complete job description and application available on Indeed.com or request via email, send resume and cover letter to president@tiogand.org. Applicant must reside or be willing to relocate to Tioga, ND. Resumes accepted until position is filled.

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