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## Community News

### Tioga Rec fall sports are in full swing! -Tioga Rec Council Vice President, Sarah Davis

Along with the start of school comes the start of the fall sports season for Tioga Rec. Each season, we are happy to offer a variety of activities for different age groups regardless of experience level or athletic background with the hopes of fostering a love of sports and all the lessons they teach: teamwork, communication, sportsmanship, discipline, mental toughness, and so much more. We have over 100 kids participating in fall sports this year!

It wouldn't be fall without football. Our flag and tackle football teams are excited to hit the field and are eager to learn and compete. Flag football consists of 2-4 graders and they are coached by Pat Alberts, Jeff Moberg, and Mike Einarson. They are focused on creating a fun atmosphere and teaching fundamentals for kids just learning the game of football. They will put their knowledge to the test when they play in Ray 9/13 at 1:00pm and in Tioga 9/30 at 5:15pm. Tackle football is for 5-6 graders who are ready to put on pads and a helmet and get more physical. They are coached by Andrew Mesker, Raul Neri, David Pederson, and Tyler Lalim. They are focused on player and skill development, learning plays, and building confidence in a challenging and fun way. If you'd like to watch them on the gridiron, they will be playing in Powers Lake on 9/16 at 6pm, in Ray 9/30 at 6pm, or in Stanley on 10/11 at 11:30am.

For all the kids that love to run, we also offer cross country. It is for 3-6 graders and is coached by Camille Borresen. She focuses on making running fun, while teaching the kids about good running mechanics, pacing, strength, coordination, and agility. They have one race at the end of the season on 9/30 at 4:30 pm. Thanks to the Tioga Country Club for providing the beautiful course to run on and to Sana Feiring and her high school cross country team for assisting the kids through the course. The last sport we offer in the fall is volleyball. It is for 4-6 grade girls and is coached by Nicole Person, Sarah Carkuff, Lexi Knudson, and Ariel Matthews. This is extremely popular with 43 girls participating this year. The 4th grade girls are concentrating on learning all the basics of volleyball while the older girls are working at perfecting those skills. The coaches provide a supportive environment that encourages healthy competition and friendship. We are lucky to be able to utilize the beautiful new Community Center gym for our practices and games this year. If you'd like to come see them in action, they have home games 9/11, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, and 10/13 all starting at 4:30 pm.

Our coaches and volunteers dedicate countless hours to making sure every child has the opportunity to learn, participate, and grow. From the court to the playing fields, the support from families and our community creates an atmosphere that makes Tioga Rec sports truly special. If you have a passion for sports and would like to help our programs, we are always looking for volunteers. Please message our Tioga Rec Facebook page or tell a board member if interested!



### Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation - EDC Director Update

The Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation has spent the better part of 2025 advertising, reviewing resumes, and conducting interviews with potential applicants that might fit the bill for the Economic Development Director in Tioga ND. As the saying goes, 'Good things come to those who wait.' and the TAEDC board is excited to report that they are welcoming a new EDC director to the team beginning September 29<sup>th</sup>. We're looking forward to the positive impact, support and growth opportunities that this will bring to Tioga! More details to come in our October 1<sup>st</sup> edition!

## Tioga Area EDC Small Business Spotlight: DA Land, LLC

### DA LAND, LLC: Bringing Innovation and Community Focus to Tioga

In the heart of Tioga, North Dakota, DA Land, LLC has emerged as a vital addition to the local business landscape since its founding in 2021. DA Land, LLC was born out of a need for quality attachments with reasonable lead times and to create something meaningful for the Tioga community. Located at 501 Front St. S, the company has quickly become a go-to source for farm and ranch supplies, specializing in skid steer attachments, three-point implements, feed solutions, and much more! DA Land, LLC stands out for its commitment to providing high-quality products locally. Recognizing the challenge of sourcing reliable skid steer attachments locally, the company has partnered with many manufacturers since its creation to provide the needs of the community and offset, not compete with, other locally owned business. These partnerships allow DA Land to provide innovative solutions tailored to the needs of local farmers, ranchers, and rodeo enthusiast, ensuring efficiency and durability in their operations.

Beyond its product offerings, DA Land, LLC is deeply invested in the Tioga community. The company has collaborated with the local FFA chapter to support hands-on learning, including a tree-planting initiative as well as a newly formed partnership to support a more hands on opportunity for the Tioga FFA Students. No spoiler alerts in this article, more to come on what is next with the Tioga FFA and DA Land's partnership!

Additionally, DA Land has continued to support local rodeo events to help promote the western way of life in North Dakota. The main focus has been to help support the White Earth Valley Saddle clubs rodeo and more specifically the Queen Pageant. As well as rodeos and saddle clubs in Williams, Burke, and Divid County's. As well as supporting the Tioga Sports Booster Club with benefit cook outs! Their efforts reflect a dedication to fostering economic growth and community engagement. DA Land is poised to continue serving Tioga's agricultural community with efficiency and care for many years to come.

As DA Land, LLC moves forward, it remains a shining example of how local businesses can blend innovation, quality, and community spirit. Tioga residents can look forward to seeing more from this homegrown enterprise as it continues to grow and support the area's agricultural heritage.

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Inspirational Quote	Tioga Trivia	Bible Verse of the Week
When I was first diagnosed with ALS, I was given two years to live. Now, 45 years later, I'm doing pretty well. -Stephen Hawking	How many fire departments are in Williams County, ND  Prev Edition Answer: Soybeans	This is what real love is, It's not our love for God, it's God's love for us. He sent his son to die in our place to take away our sins. -1 John 4:10
A Little Chuckle		Did you know?
Girl in the bar: "What do you do for a living?" The firefighter: "I make the six o'clock news."		Charlie Kirk has written two books. His first book, "Time for a Turning Point," was published in 2016, followed by "The Maga Doctrine' in 2020.


## Community News

### Tioga Medical Center Welcomes New Environmental Services Manager

Tioga Medical Center is pleased to welcome Kelly Witten to our Environmental Services (EVS) team! As manager, Kelly will oversee the EVS team, ensuring our facilities remain clean, safe, and welcoming for all – patients, residents, staff, and visitors alike.


Kelly previously served as an environmental services supervisor at Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande, Oregon, where she worked for several years before relocating with her family to Tioga this past August. While at GRH, she earned her T-CHEST and T-CSCT certifications, further enhancing her expertise in environmental services within a healthcare setting.






### Tioga Medical Center and NCC to Host Tailgate Event on Sept 19!

TMC and NCC are teaming up to host the Taco Bout' Health Tailgate party on Friday, September 19, at the Ray Football Field. The fun kicks off at 5:30PM til 7PM, Right before Ray-Powers Lake Outlaws take on the Tioga Pirates.




## SUPPORT AUSTIN'S ALS JOURNEY

On June 18, 2025, Austin Knudson (33) received the life-changing diagnosis of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). As he and his family face the challenges ahead, let us come together to support Austin, his wife Abbie, and their two sons, Rowan and Ezra, during this incredibly difficult time.



## BENEFIT FOR AUSTIN KNUDSON



September 28  
12 to 4 p.m.



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### Mark your calendars

Sep 15: City of Tioga Public Budget Hearing 6PM Tioga City Hall  
Sep 15: Tioga City Commission Mtg 7PM Tioga City Hall  
Sep 16: Dakota Hope Banquet 6:30PM-9PM Tioga Community Center  
Sep 16: Tioga Park Board Meeting 6PM Tioga Park Building  
Sept 18: Tioga Airport Authority Board Meeting 7PM Tioga Airport  
Sep 28: Andrew Knudson Benefit

### Tioga School Calendar

Sep 16: Volleyball vs Kenmare/Bowbells 3:00PM  
Sep 19: TMC/NCC Tailgate Party - Ray Football Field 5:30-7PM  
Sep 19: Football @ Ray 7PM  
Sep 23: Volleyball vs Trenton 4PM  
Sep 24: Picture Day - THS  
Sep 26: FB vs Bottineau  
Sep 29: Golf State Tournament - TBD



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# LET'S GO PIRATES! PIRATE PRIDE!



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Front Row: Weston Lalim, Gunnar Moberg, Jackson Vagts, Colton Lenzen, Eli Alberts

## Varsity Boys BB Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
2/6	Alexander	Away	6:30pm
2/10	Trinity Christian	Away	6:30pm
2/18	Ray	Home	6:30pm
2/22	District Play-in	TBD	7pm
2/28 3/3-4	District 5	Williston	

## Varsity Girls BB Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
2/6	Bishop Ryan	Home	7pm
2/8	Belfield	Away	7pm
2/11	District Play-in	Newtown	TBD
02/13-15	Districts	Newtown	TBD



Back Row: Mia Neri, Coach Taylor Nelson, Keslee Kever, Theea Johnson, Kambree Johnson, Cheryl Hayes, Kiya Sparks, Coach Deb DeMoe  
Front Row: Jenna Holmen, Marli Lalim, Mercedes Travis, Ava Wallin, Katie Mora, Leah Placek





**TIOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO RESUME CLASSES ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18th**

The Tioga Public Schools' 2025-2026 school year will begin on Monday, August 18th.

Central Elementary school days will run from 8:35 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Tioga High School days will run from 8:40 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.

Teacher workshops are scheduled for Wednesday, August 13th through Friday, August 15th.

**TIOGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS REGISTRATION**



**HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

ALL Tioga High School students, grades 7-12, are required to register at the High School or Online on Tuesday, August 5th or Wednesday, August 6th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the office closed between 12:00 to 1:00 on both days.

Lunch money and participation/activity tickets can be purchased during registration. Payments can also be mailed in advance to Tioga High School, Attention: Secretary, PO Box 279, Tioga, ND 58852. There will be no free meal program for the 2025-2026 school year.

Those desiring further High School information can contact Brodie Odegaard, High School Principal or Jayme Jorstad, Secretary at 701-664-3606.

**ELEMENTARY INFORMATION**

KINDERGARTEN, NEW, AND RETURNING Central Elementary students must register at the Central Elementary school office or online on Tuesday, July 29th or Wednesday, July 30th, from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

KINDERGARTEN TESTING will take place on July 29th & July 30th. Testing is by appointment only. If you have not been contacted, parents are asked to call Meghan at Central Elementary, 701-664-3441, to set up an appointment. Kindergarten students must be 5 years old on or before July 31st to register. Students will NOT be allowed to register or be tested unless a birth certificate is presented.

Lunch money and participation/activity tickets can be purchased during registration or by stopping by the office before the first day of school Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Payments can also be mailed in advance to Central School, Attention: Meghan Lalim, PO Box 69, Tioga, ND 58852. There will be no free meal program for the 2024-2025 school year.

Those desiring further Elementary School information can contact Timothy Schaffer, Elementary Principal, or Meghan Lalim, Secretary at 701-664-3441.

**LEGAL NAME REQUIRED**

The 1989 ND Legislature passed a law (NDCC 15-47-48) that requires all schools to use a student's legal surname for all communications such as school records, report cards, etc. Students must be registered using their legal name.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

**Kindergarteners and all students required to be up-to-date on immunizations**

Section 23-07-17.1 section of North Dakota State Law entitled Inoculation Required before Admission to School mandates that all students through grade 12 meet a minimum number of required immunizations prior to school entrance. These requirements can be waived only for medical, philosophical, moral or religious reasons.

**Reminder: Students entering the 7th grade must have their Tdap and Meningococcal vaccinations.** Students entering 11th and 12th grades are now required to have 2 Meningococcal vaccinations. Immunization requirements are posted on the school's website in the Forms folder under Documents and on the health department website: <http://bit.ly/NDVaccination>

Upper Missouri District Health Unit comes to Tioga Clinic every third Thursday of the month for immunizations. UMDHU is making a special trip to the clinic on August 20th for immunizations needed for school. **Please call UMDHU at 701-965-6813 for an appointment or more information.**

**SPORTS PRACTICES TO BEGIN**

Sports practices will begin on the following days:

Football, High School August 7th, Junior High August 11th Volleyball, High School August 18th, Junior High August 25th Cross Country, 7th-12th August 11th Girls Golf, 7th-12th August 4th

**ALL students participating must have a yearly physical prior to beginning practices.**

**INFORMATIONAL TOOLS**

Parents can access school information through the school website at [www.tioga.k12.nd.us](http://www.tioga.k12.nd.us).

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PowerSchool can be accessed on the school website or <https://tioga.ps.state.nd.us/public>. Through Power School, parents and students can keep track of lunch balances, grades, attendance, and more. Parent and student passwords are handed out during registration at both schools.

Lunch account balances may be made by debit or credit payments online through e-Funds for schools. Online payments require the student's last name and 5-digit PowerSchool ID at:

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**ATTENDANCE**

Attendance and punctuality in class is essential for students to excel in their educational accomplishments and to do their best work. Parents are asked to call the school when their children are absent or tardy. Students 18 years or older may provide their own excuse notices. Without notification, an absence will be considered unexcused.

**TIME SCHEDULES**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

8:35 AM - 3:30 PM

**HIGH SCHOOL**

8:40 AM to 3:35 PM

Period 1 8:40 - 9:29

Period 2 9:32 - 10:21

Period 3 10:24 - 11:13

Period 4 11:16 12:31

Advisory 12:34 - 12:59

Period 5 1:02 - 1:51

Period 6 1:54-2:43

Period 7 2:45 3:35

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There will NOT be in-town bussing due to a lack of drivers. Out-of-town bus routes will remain relatively unchanged for the 2025-2026 school year. 701-664-2333 for more information.

Parents may contact Paul Olson, Supt. at

**YEARLY PHYSICAL REQUIRED**

The ND High School Activities Association requires ALL students participating in athletics to have a yearly physical prior to beginning practices.





# TIOGA FARM FESTIVAL

## Friday, September 5th

9:00—12:00pm 4-H Livestock Show & FFA Ag Olympics

2:00-5:00pm Norseman Museum Open

3:00-4:30pm Tioga Medical Center Ice Cream Social @ LTC



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8:00am—10:00am Veteran's Suicide Awareness Walk

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10:00am Lunch Counter by Regina Lalim & Family

10:30am Parade with GRAND MARSHALS Roger & Georgia Blestrud

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Free BBQ at Tioga Ambulance Hall following the Parade

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11:00-3:00pm Tioga American Legion's 6th Annual  
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12:00-4:00pm Inflatable Games

1:00-2:30pm ENTERTAINMENT featuring THAT 60S BAND

2:00-5:00pm Norseman Museum Open

3:00pm Kids Tractor Pull

\*Registration begins at 2:30 @ Flag Pole

4:30pm Northwest Sportsman's Association Youth Shoot

\*North Side of Tioga Dam

\*Registration Begins at 3:30pm

## Sunday, September 7th

10:30am Community Church Service

\*At Tioga Community Center

Community Dinner to Follow

\*By Ministerial Association

\*At Tioga Community Center

2:00pm Demolition Derby @ Tioga Dam

\*More info at Just For Fun Motorsports FB

2:00-5:00pm Norseman Museum Open

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