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Community News

City of Tioga Special Election: December 10th

The City of Tioga has set a date of December 10, 2024 to hold a Special Election for the open City Commission seat. The election will be held at Tioga City Hall from 10AM to 7PM.

This position will serve as the City of Tioga Street Commissioner.

One candidate has been identified that will be on the ballot to fill the open position..Kyle Ralston.

Kyle shared the following information about himself and would ask for your vote on December 10th.

Kyle is originally from Petersburg ND, a small town of 150 people. In November of 2013, Kyle moved to Tioga and pursued employment in the Oil Patch. His hobbies include volunteering at the Tioga

Fire and Ambulance Department, being active on other boards in Tioga and he enjoys assisting with

agriculture in the field during seeding and harvest as well as travelling the United States on his Harley

Davidson Motorcycle.

Q&A:

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- Why did you decide to run for a commission seat?

I would like to serve as a City Commissioner because Tioga is my new hometown. I am very involved in the Community and I have an interest in the success of my community as a homeowner and taxpayer.

- What is something you would like to accomplish if elected to serve as a Commissioner for the City of Tioga?

I would like to see more progress on infrastructure improvements throughout the city.

- Why should Tioga Residents vote for your on December 10th?

I am very involved within the City, energetic, willing to listen, transparency is a must from the Commission board to Tioga Citizens.



Pinnacle Agronomy Expands into new facilities! - Jim Wznick, CEO & Chris Husted, Location Manager

Tioga Pinnacle Agronomy department will be relocating soon to its new facilities south of town on Highway 40.

C.E.O. Jim Wznick and Agronomy location Manager Chris Husted stated that "we have outgrown our current facilities and there was a dire need to improve our speed of delivery while also having the capability to store more product on hand to capture better pricing at different times of the year.

The Project began with the purchase of the former Shopko building on Highway 40 south of Tioga. The 36000 square foot building will be used to store and retail crop protection, seed, feed and lubricants products which also includes the storage of Bulk DEF.

Most of the renovations have been completed except for the offices which will be located in the southeast corner of the building that will be completed sometime in January. Future plans are being worked out to offer a full line of sprayer parts, hoses,

Banjo fittings, transfer pumps and all necessary fittings and parts for transferring liquid and dry agricultural products.

In addition to acquiring the former Shopko building, Pinnacle purchased 10 acres of land to the West and South of the building.

Construction began in April of a 7500-ton Dry Fertilizer storage facility for agricultural purposes and will be completed in January and ready to begin receiving product. Chris Husted added that "the loadout equipment of this facility will greatly improve the

speed of delivery to our customers."

In addition to the new facilities, new equipment has been added which includes an additional dry fertilizer spreader, new

payloader for loading the dry fertilizer, new forklift with plans to add an additional sprayer for custom applications.

There have also been additions to the staff of our agronomy department. "We have a very good group of employees working for us" stated Wznick and Husted, and we are committed to employing more employees which will include a full-time agronomist

along with 2 more equipment operators.

Wznick concluded by stating that "Pinnacle's board and management is committed to offering products and services for our core

business of serving our owners which are the Farmers and Ranchers of our community".



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Donna May Miller: 07/15/1942 - 11/18/2

"May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special will never be forgotten."

-Julie Hebert

Mark your calendars

Dec 2nd: City Commission Meeting 7PM @ City Hall

Dec 6th: Magical Medora Christmas Musical 7-9PM @ TCC

Dec 7th: Magical Mainstreet Christmas - 1PM Main Street

Dec 7th: Holiday Vender Show 10-4pm @ TCC

Dec 10th: Tioga Fund Advisory Board Meeting 6PM @ City Hall

Dec 10th: Special Election - City Commissioner

Dec 12th: Kids painting class 5-7pm @ TCC

Dec 15th: Ladies Christmas Tea 4PM Zion Free Lutheran Church

Tioga School Calendar

Dec 2nd: Boys Basketball Practice Starts

Dec 3rd: Central Elementary Christmas Concerts 5:30

Dec 4th: Pirate Branch in-school bank

Dec 9th: Winter Pep Rally 6:30 PM @ Tioga High School Gym

Dec 10th: GBB vs NSP 4:30-8:30PM

Dec 11th: Pirate Branch In-school bank

Dec 13th: BBB vs Surrey 5:45PM-8:30



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2024-2025 Williams County Firestorm Wrestling updates with Coach Arlan Anderson

This year this Williams County Firestorm girls team has expanded with new numbers. We had no graduates last year, so all the wrestlers from last season are coming back to the room with experience and leadership. Here are our returners:

Jazmine Lindberg 10th is the only state qualifier for our young team and is excited to keep improving this upcoming season.

Quory Whiteford 12th, Casey Gross 12th, and Grace Fedlar 12th were all one match away from qualifying for the state tournament, and they are on the hunt to qualify this year. We currently have 9 girls on our roster, which is a program high.

The Firestorm wrestlers have been putting in the work over the off season to better themselves and each other with off season tournaments and camps. We are excited for this season to start and to achieve the goals we have placed for ourselves. Practices are going well and we are excited to be competing soon.

Our first competition is in Stanley on December 5th and then in Velva on December 6th.

Firestorm Girls Wrestling is coached by Austin Werre, Arlan Anderson, Trish Jensen and Jace Iverson.

The 2024/2025 Wrestling season is upon us, excitement is building in the room with lots of hard work and technique to get us prepared for the season. We are currently in our 10th season as the Williams County Firestorm that consists of Tioga/Ray/Powers Lake.

Last years season was our best to date, finishing 8th in state, this year looks to be a good one as well after losing only 1 senior off last years squad. We return 4 state placers Tristian Miller, 2nd @ 107, Kash Brown 3rd @ 127, Rocker Aguilar 3rd @ 152, and Ashton Weathersby 8th @ 189. We also have multiple wrestlers who have qualified for the state tournament that are working hard to make that next step and get on the podium this season, McCoy Jorstad, Boden Iverson, Walker Sheldon, Jeremiah Schmidt and Matthew Jacobs. Levi Jensen, Carson Brunelle, Gavin Davidson, Tavin Skalicky, Jakob Peterson, Angus Wolla, Nickolas Polglaze, Brock Poff And Daxton Gilder all have Varsity experience and are looking to break into the lineup and make it to the state Tournament and onto the podium this year as well. Others looking to make an impact on our varsity roster this year are Kase Brown, Gabe Miller, Thatcher Davis, Weston Sheldon, Michael Twinn, Baryon Espartero, Jeremiah Walsh, Ceser Vargas, Romeo Burnias, Triden Thull, Diego Garcia, Brennin Thuesen, and Kysten Keever.

We currently have 40 boys middle school and High School in the room this year all working hard trying to break into our 13 weight class line-up, our wrestle offs this year could very easily be a high placing match in the Region Tourney. We are very deep in multiple weight classes and it is exciting to see how far this group can go. Our team goals are top ten finish in the state tournament and to qualify as a dual team. The Firestorm team is coach by Arlan Anderson, Austin Werre, Jake Jensen and Jace Iverson.

Our 1st action will be a Triangular in Stanley with Mon Dak on December 5th then we will be traveling to Velva for a Tournament on the 6th and 7th. **We only have 2 home events on the schedule as of now Jan 10th Jr High Tourney Jan 11th Varsity tourney and Velva comes to us on Jan 30th, please come support this hard working group of athletes.**

Tioga Pirates Girls Basketball updates with Coach Deb DeMoe

The Tioga Lady Pirates' pre-season kicked off with their first scheduled practice on November 18, 2024. With six seniors graduating from last year's team, we are looking for our returners and some up-and-coming other players to contribute quality minutes at both a JV/Varsity level. We may be considered a "young" team as we do not have any seniors on our roster this year, however, we do have returning players that have seen a lot of time at the varsity level. We will be without one of our top three point shooters and strong defender, Mercedes Travis, who had knee surgery over the summer and is working hard in physical therapy to regain her strength back. She will definitely be missed, but we know will come back stronger than ever!

We are blessed with a lot of height, strength, and quickness, all of which we're hoping will be a difficult match up for our opponents. It has been evident that many of the girls have spent numerous hours not only in the gym, but also the weight room throughout the off-season. We have dedicated girls with a strong work ethic and a passion for the game of basketball. We have four starters returning from last year's team, Cheryl Hayes, Ava Wallin, Theea Johnson, and Kambree Johnson, who will definitely be looked to as leaders and be detrimental to the team's success, along with Kiya Sparks, Leah Placek, and Katie Mora. Other players who have been vying for a spot on the varsity roster include Jenna Holmen, (8th Gr.), Keslee Keever (7th Gr.), Marli Lalim (7th Gr.), and Alexa Griffin (Soph.)

Post season awards from last year include: Cheryl Hayes and Ava Wallin who were named to the All District Team. Cheryl Hayes was also named to the All Region Team, and Cheryl Hayes and Theea Johnson were named to the All District Tournament Team. Our first game is at Surrey on December 6, and our first home game is on December 12 with the Junior Varsity scheduled for 5:45 and the Varsity at 7:15 P.M. We have ten home games this year, and we would love our fans to come cheer us on and support the Lady Pirates throughout their 2024-2025 season!

Coach Deb DeMoe and Coach Taylor Nelson



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