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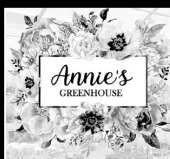
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Community News

Public Notice: City Commission Candidate Forum

Join us on Thursday, May 9th @ 7:00PM at the Tioga Community Center

Commission President

Vote for one seat

Brett Rieniets

Kevin Litten

****Get to know your candidates****

Hosted by:

Tioga Area Economic Development Corporation
and Tioga Chamber of Commerce

Commission Seats

Vote for two seats

Jaden Iverson

Steven Dye

Josh Hedstrom

A few words from City of Tioga Commission Candidate: Jaden Iverson

My name is Jaden Iverson I am the son of Deon and Shana Iverson. I am 27 years old and have lived here my whole life. I grew up on the family farm ten miles south of Tioga with my two siblings Jace and Sara Iverson. In 2020, I left the family farm and moved to town with my wife Kate. Last fall, we welcomed our first child into the family named Warren. I currently work in the oilfield operating a rig at Moe Well Service as well as farm and ranch with my family.

When I think of what my vision is for Tioga's future these are a few things I would like to see. I would like to see a community that is safe, functional, clean and appealing to the eye. I would like to see that we are fiscally responsible, with opportunities for families and businesses to join us. I would like to ensure the people of aware and involved in the current issues facing our town. Here are some issues I think need to be fixed or improved. We need to get the newspaper back so citizens can be informed. Our roads desperately need to be fixed and we need to hold the ones responsible accountable for their actions and see to it that it is fixed. I would like to investigate the crime situation and see what is necessary to keep us safe. I would like to see more housing options and will investigate how we can try to make that happen. I would like to see the budget be improved and stop wasting money on things that do not benefit the community. I would like to see us paying off debt and finding ways to be more self sufficient and not rely so heavy on aid from the state. I would also like to give some tax relief for citizens. I want to see why city hall feels the need to overreach and extent out city limits and attempt to annex in businesses that are outside of town. I would like to put a stop to that because I believe that is total overreach of power and do not like seeing tax money being taken away from townships. We need to respect our limits. I would like to see that money we do have is spent in the most responsible way that will benefit our community.

If any of these issues matters to you, please come out and vote for me. I think you should vote for me because I can be a new voice of the people. I will question and discuss every issue that a decision is made on. I will stand firm on what is fair, right, and responsible and will not be swayed or blindly follow others. I offer a perspective from a young person's point of view which I believe the community needs. I am very excited and motivated to do this because I feel I must do this for my community. Vote for me and help me make a positive change for our community.



A few words from City of Tioga Commission Candidate: Steven Dye

My name is Steven Lee Dye. I am a former resident of Kansas, and a 2 1/2 year hopeful new resident of Tioga. I have a wife, Erica Dye, and a handsome son, Beau who is 1 and 1/2 years old. Our family is full of life and love, with 2 small dogs, and 1 older one we just lost this year due to old age. I have been a self-employed contractor/handyman for the past 12 years. My wife bakes and makes a lot of homemade yummy food for residents around the area. Our hobbies include fishing, camping, volunteering around the community, exploring new things with our son and sleep (who doesn't enjoy sleep). I value honesty and hard work.

Having current and future families be proud to raise their children in the community would be a current vision I have for the future here. I want the community as a whole to come together with values to a better future for our littles. I have seen/heard of a few small issues already in the community that I hope in the future can be addressed.

I have noticed that residents and citizens seem to feel that there is a lack of communication between the city and themselves. That their opinions are not valued or heard. I would like to address that in the future and I want to hear you! I think a vote for me is a vote in the right direction for the future of Tioga. I want an open door policy for communication and an understanding to what happens between the citizens of Tioga and the city. A vote for me is a vote to try and make Tioga great again. I hope to see you all at the elections!



Mark Your Calendars

May 6th: City of Tioga Commission Meeting 7:00PM Tioga City Hall

May 9th: Pick up the Patch: meet at Neset @ 9AM

May 9th: City Commission Candidate Forum 7:00PM

Tioga Community Center

May 15th: Bicycle Rodeo (4:00PM) and TMC Community BBQ

(5:30PM) at Tioga Medical Center Parking Lot.

School Events / Home games:

May 1: Gearing up for Kindergarten, 6:30-7:30PM Central Elementary School

May 2: Baseball vs KBB 4:30PM / Softball vs Glenburn 4:30PM

May 15th: Baccalaureate 7PM at the First Lutheran Church

May 16th: Booster Club Banquet 6:30PM at THS

May 17th: Last Day of School!!

May 19th: Graduation 2:30PM THS



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Tioga Trivia

How many years was Maynard Odegaard a volunteer firefighter for the City of Tioga?

Last Week's Answer: 1902

Bible Verse of the Week

We still have faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

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Community News

A few words from City of Tioga Candidate for Commission President: Brett Rieniets

My name is Brett Rieniets. I've lived in Tioga for almost 38 years. I have a stunning wife (Heather) and three kids (Clayton, Reed, and Baylee). I have made a career out of the Oil & Gas industry, and I am currently employed by Kinder Morgan. I'm a typical ND guy. Fishing, hunting, golfing, and camping in the summer months. I was raised right. I'm fundamentally grounded in principles of honesty, integrity, and a clear understanding of right vs wrong.

I think one of the most important parts of forward looking is understanding and appreciating the past. There is a playbook on what has worked, what didn't work, and how to utilize both ends of the spectrum to reach a common goal in the most efficient and economical manner.

Tioga doesn't necessarily need to grow, but we deserve to grow. Whether it is growing the strength of our balance sheet, finding creative ways to capitalize on enhancing existing infrastructure, or maintaining staples of normalcy that a lot of us long-term residents have appreciated for years; you can do all those things at once or in series as long as the business fundamentals and operating rhythm are fundamentally sound. Growth opportunities and how they are executed should be celebrated. Putting together initiatives to grow the community should be something the community can rally behind and help push across the goal line. They shouldn't be points of contention or create friction. Again, Tioga deserves to grow but it shouldn't come at the cost of division amongst the community and an inherent lack of trust with the city commission members. Rebuilding trust, keeping lines of communication open, making it a point to collaborate with the community, and understanding that the city commission works for the citizens of Tioga will go a long way towards getting back on track.

Opportunities for growth and enhancements will always be there. We do not get to control commodity prices, inflation, or market fluctuations that have positive and negative impacts to us locally. What we do get to control is our ability to be prepared for all potential scenarios. Fine tuning the balance sheet and operating rhythm goes a long way towards being prepared to sustain the less favorable times and capitalize on the economic highs. Always be prepared to strike when the iron is hot.

There is a major disconnect between the city commission and the citizens. The relationship, or lack thereof, has diminished the sense of community that made Tioga such a great town to grow up in and continue to live in. Trust and confidence need to be rebuilt in a manner that doesn't discredit the work that was previously accomplished. In today's day and age, it has become increasingly easier to blame shortcomings on the people that were there before you, but that doesn't benefit anyone. One of the lesser appreciated facts about Tioga is there is a ton of intellectual horsepower in the community, but it is being underutilized for all the wrong reasons. There is no better time than the present to work together collectively and collaboratively to produce a product that the city and citizens deserve and can enjoy for the foreseeable future.

One of the biggest issues I see is our inability to turn vision into reality. The city commission has a vision, the community has a vision, and neither one seems to align with each other. I want to work on helping Tioga have a common vision and turn it into reality. The proverbial line drawn in the sand between community and city commission needs to be erased and it needed to happen a long time ago.

I have strong business acumen and a level of financial aptitude that would benefit the city from an operational efficiency standpoint. The overwhelming sense of contention at city commission meetings seems to revolve around financial responsibility and improvements need to be made in short fashion. I fully understand that anyone with the right attitude and a willingness to learn how to manage the interests of the citizens and the finances of the city can do it with time, but the job needs to be done right now. I am more than capable and well-equipped to do that right away.

The Communicator also reached out to commission candidate Josh Hedstrom and commission president candidate Kevin Litten via phone and email. No response was received. We hope to see all candidates at the forum on May 9th.

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Pick Up the Patch



Now that Spring has finally sprung, we would like to invite you to participate in the 2024 Oil Can "Pick Up the Patch" event. This year's event will be taking place on Thursday, May 9th. We are looking for volunteers to help pick up trash along the roadways, and donate supplies such as trash bags, gloves, and beverages. You can come as an individual or as a group. We will start the day meeting at NESET at 9 AM. From there you will be assigned a pick-up zone. Lunch will be provided by Balon Valves back at the NESET office at noon.

This year's pick-up zone will include Hwy 40 from the junction of Hwy 2 until one mile north of Tioga.

Anyone interested can contact NESET @701-664-1492 or send an email to patriciahove@nesetconsulting.com or heather.weflen@clr.com

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