# **EDITORIAL**

### October 2025 McClusky-Goodrich School Wed Fri Sun Mon Tue Thu Sat JH VB Tourney JH VB 4pm @ TLM V VB Tourney 1pm ABC VB 5pm @ UHS 12:40 pm @ N.S @ Des Lacs V FB 7pm @ B.C. V VB Tourney 9am @ lem GBB 4:30 @ MGS Pancake & Sausage EGBB 4pm @ CNTR Des Lacs Supper 5:30 @ ES C VB Tourney TBD EGBB 4pm @ MGS | Lifetouch Picture JH VB 4:30 pm @ TLM V FB 7pm @ UHS ABC VB 5pm @ @ Flasher JH VB 4pm @ CNTR Day! JH VB Tourney TBD ABC VB 5pm @ lasher @ Center **LM** ABC VB 5nm @ V FB 7pm @ TLM ABC VB 5pm @ TGU Early Dismissal 1pm Standing Rock P/T Conferences @ 1:30 pm School Board Mtg. No School Education Conference JH/JV FB 5pm @ UHS 7pm @ HS ABC VB 5pm @ ABC VB 5pm @ MGS Drake/Anamoose 30 CNTR=Center National FFA Convention in Indianapolis N.S.=New Salem Volleyball Dictricts TBD @ S.P.=South Prairie 3.C.=Bowman County



# **Edge of Chaos**

By Allan Tinker

## Talking in acronyms

Communication is a vital part of life in all forms.

However, you might not want to be able to decipher what your cat or dog is saying about you.

On the other hand, you may cling to every word your investment counselor is saying about your financial return on investments.

Things get more difficult among all creatures, mostly humans, when various groups start using "short" versions of what they are saying, usually initials, mixed into whatever conversation, speech, lecture or criticism they are handing

When all participants in a conversation belong to the same "social" group, they will

likely chatter away, and no one feels left out.

Stick a stray dog into your family of pets and guess who gets yelled at for not knowing where the litter box is. Creatures of habit, using sense of smell, memory, and acceptance of the action, will become confused and possibly retaliate in a smelly way, if the pet owner decides to move the litter box every night at bedtime, with no notice whatsoever that the pet would understand.

Now this is a jump from human to pet behavior, but I think you might understand what it is like, when the bathroom you use at home is under repair and the only one working is in the far side of the basement of the house. Run... quickly!

What if no one told you when you got home from school, work or play? What if they called it "the loo" instead of "bathroom? What happened to communication then?

My own confused instance came when I overheard the nurses talking about my PVCs after a surgery I had. I wondered how polyvinylchloride had gotten into my system. It hadn't. It was a medical acronym for post ventricular contractions. No body flush needed.

If you want clear communication with the world, then when you speak to the world in general, do not cut off the trail of communication by running it by acronyms you use in your job or profession. Either that or limit your conversations to immediate family and co-workers.

And don't move the litter box unless you show the dog where it is BEFORE it needs it.

Have a great week!

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## Announcements

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Items submitted are edited for content, length, and space available. Grammar and spelling corrections will also be made, if needed.

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Letters must be signed, address included, with a phone number for verification.

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We will not publish anonymous/unsigned letters.

### **Announcements: Sheridan County Commis**sion/Park Board

Sheridan County Commissioners and Park Board: First Tuesday of the month

Starting April 1-2025; County Park Board first on agenda at 8:30 a.m.

Regular County Commission 9:30 a.m.

Check with the County Auditor for notice on special commission and committee meetings 701-363-2205.

### **Sheridan Water Resource District**

The Sheridan County Water Resource District will meet the second Thursday of February, June, September, and November in the Commissioners Room, 9 a.m.

McClusky City Meeting Second Monday of

month, 7 p.m. City Hall.

**McClusky Municipal Court:** Third Monday of the month, 7 p.m. City Hall.

**McClusky Job Development Authority** 

First Wednesday of the month, 6:30 p.m. City Hall McClusky Park Board

First Monday of the month, City Hall, 7 p.m.

McClusky School Board

Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. High school Home Ec. room: check with school for changes.

Sheridan County Citizens: The New Senior Citizen Center at 213 South Main Street is open from noon to 5 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Wednesdays are reserved for visiting the Sheridan Memorial Home.

Contact Linda Bowers, 363-9205 for current information.

**McClusky Fire Department** First Monday of the month;

summer at 9 p.m., winter at 8 p.m. City Hall. Goodrich Fire Department

Second Monday of the month; 7 p.m.

**Goodrich City Council** First Monday of the month;

8:30 a.m. **Martin City Council** 

First Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

**Sheridan County Food Shelf** Third Tuesday of each

month **Sheridan County Court**house

9 a.m. to noon. Board meeting to follow

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