

EDITORIAL

McClusky-Goodrich School			 November 2025			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 V VB Districts TBD @ UHS	4	5	6 JH GBB 6pm @ Garrison	7	8
9	10 V VB Reg. TBD @ KLDLR Boys & Girls 1 st Wrestling Practice @ Velve	11 No School Veteran's Day V VB Reg. TBD Killdeer S.B. Mtg. 6pm @ HS	12 End of Trimester 1 PTO Mtg. 6pm @ HS 10-12 Career Fair @ Bismarck	13 V VB Regionals TBD @ Killdeer	14 JH GBB 4pm @ Washburn	15 JH GBB 10am @ TLM
16	17 JH GBB 4:30 pm @ TLM 9-12 GBB 1 st Practice	18 JH GBB 5:30 pm @ Shiloh	19 FFA Leadership @ Rugby	20 JH GBB 4:30 pm @ MGHS State Volleyball TBD @ Bismarck	21	22
23	24 Family Math Night 6-7:30 pm @ MGHS 9-12 BBB 1 st Practice	25 JH GBB 4:30 pm @ UHS	26	27  No School Thanksgiving Break	28	29
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Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Turkey talk

I have always wondered why and who chose turkeys to be on the block, so to speak, for the ceremonial center for a meal of thanksgiving.

Does not seem likely there were any volunteers from the wild turkey flocks throughout the continent before the days of the Pilgrims.

But there it is, the poor birds now bred by selection into being too heavy to fly far to escape death, making them even more a target of an ax or, in some places, a shotgun.

But running into BB's in a drumstick or breast meat might have made the ax a more desirable weapon, if one wants to think the birds had any say so in whether they, too, could have a weapon with which to return fire or swing or whatever.

But, my grandparents, parents, and myself, went on to raise turkeys for winter meals and to sell or give as gifts. There were the ones that looked like wild turkeys and then the white ones. Mom mistakenly switched breeds when the turkeys she had turned out to be fairly good and flying from the hill or first ring on the wind tower to

the top of the house, running thunderously down the north slant of the porch area and coasting down the hill. They would make fairly frequent trips during the day, strutting and dusting themselves as they returned back up the hill to check on turkey talk and to sing their gobble songs. Really.

So, the Beltsville Whites became her choice when she thought they would be smaller, at least from what she saw in the catalog, and she wouldn't have such huge birds to run on the roof or to have to cut in half to fit in the oven. Really, again.

Nope, she had not read into the descriptions far enough. They were not smaller, at least not around wise, maybe leg length, and they were much heavier, especially through the breast. They were the Dolly Parton's of the turkey world, and yes, they sang gobble, too. Reall, again.

When I raised turkeys, one of my grandsons would describe me at other family functions as "Grandma Turkey" to distinguish me from the other city swelling grandmas who did not. This was likely before

I raised all the hogs, lucky for me, the nickname for that might have been less funny.

But there we have it. The meat for many meals on this holiday. I prefer the stuffing, potatoes, and gravy, along with pumpkin pie and whipped cream, but I have no story about that part. Turkeys were raised, purchased, or given to us for all Thanksgiving meals that I recall.

Thank you, in case I forgot someone.

Lots of things to be thankful for, our families, friends, neighbors, physicians, musicians, teachers, storekeepers, waiters, and those who teach us things in ways we sometimes find unpleasant.

Without them, we might continue to make mistakes that we are unaware of far too long. The things we do right speak for themselves, and we tend to think we might be perfect. Bad idea.

Have a great holiday! The next one is lefse-connected and that is my favorite part of that holiday.

Take care, drive safely, eat wisely, and hug everyone nicely and gently.

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Regular County Commission 9:30 a.m.

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Sheridan Water Resource District
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McClusky City Meeting
Second Monday of the 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, (November 11) 6 p.m. High school Home Ec. room; check with school for changes.

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Contact Linda Bowers, 363-9205 for current information.

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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 Courthouse
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