Editorial

McClusky-Goodrich School March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BBB Districts TBD @ Washburn Acalympics @ Bottineau Lv at 6am	3 BBB Districts TBD @ Washburn	4 Art in the Classroom	5	6 Band Ensemble State 1pm @ Jamestown Archery @ Page	7 Archery @ Page FFA @ TLM JH Music Small Group Festival @ Washburn
8	9 BBB Regionals @ Killdeer Track practice Begins	10 BBB Regionals @ Killdeer SB Mtg. 6pm @ HS	11 PTO Mtg. 6pm @ HS Large Group Festival	12 BBB Regionals @ Killdeer	13 6-12 Winter Park @ Bottineau Lv @ 8am JH State Band @ Bis March 13 & 14	14 Archery @ Richardton Or Harvey FFA @ Carrington BBB State Qualifier Game
15	16 Softball & Baseball Begin	17	18	19	20	21
22 FFA @ South Prairie End of Quarter 3	23 FFA State Winter CDE @ Minot Early Dismissal @ 1pm P/T Conf. 1:30-7:30 pm	24	25 Human Trafficking Presentation (Grades 6,10,12) @ 9:24 am	26 Scrubs Camp (Grade 6) @ TLM	27	28
29	30 Family Engagement 6-7:30 pm @ HS Gym	31			Key: Bis=Bismarck Lv=Leave	

Girls State Basketball @ Minot State

Archery @ Minot State

No School – Spring Break

Boys State Basketball @ Minot State

Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Old Settlers Day

This past week I had a request for information that was published in 1973. I set a time and found the bound volume.

After finding the requested information, the requester left. I informed them that I would email the photo of the info to them as the bound volume does not cooperate with trying to replicated pages, since they are bound tightly and do not lie flat enough. With us both holding the pages flat, I was able to get decent readable copies.

I emailed them to their home and told them that the State Historical Center in Bismarck has a library that contains copies of all newspapers published in North Dakota and printed pages can be purchased of them for a small fee.

After the requester left, I browsed the ad for Old Settler's Day that appeared in a full page ad showing the events for three days, July 9, 10, and 11. Considering I graduated in 1959, I looked to see what had changed from what I remembered of those past summer celebrations, the one in 1973, and what is held now.

I recall listening to the Old Settler's tell their stories in the park, where a free lunch was held. Kids swarmed the area enjoying the merry-go-round they powered with their feet, the set of swings and tetter-totters, and the rings for swinging your way across the grass at a decent height, fun enough but not likely to inflict damage if you lost your grip.

I remember the Roxy Theatre and the movies on the weekend, the kiddies' parade and the competition for first, second and third place in the themed entries.

There was carnival rides held on Main Street, about the area of what is still the grocery store and the street to the south.

There was an ad for "Crazy Days" at most merchants' sidewalk areas, a tractor driving contest, and on July 11, 4-H Achievement days in town.

There was something for everyone all day long, which would likely be hot days considering the date.

Fireworks were shown at the city ballpark at night where a baseball game was also played during the day.

I recall walking around town and the business area and enjoying visiting. Some people were buying groceries, no sense in making another trip to town if you could make "a day of it all." There were at least three stores, at least two of which bought eggs to help pay for the groceries needed.

I mix up my memories a bit but most of the things from the 1950s and 1973 seemed quite similar.

Next time I will dig out the fifties volumes and see what I have forgotten or what has changed.

Have a great week!

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The McClusky Gazette welcomes and encourages letters to the editor.

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

Libelous or slanderous material is never allowed. No political promotion or view content.

Letters to the editor are reserved for individual comment to the editor on a subject of local interest and should follow these guidelines: Letters addressed to the public at large are not considered letters to the editor.

Letters should not be more than 250 words in length. The shorter the letter, the more likely it will be read.

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

The McClusky Gazette will not honor requests to withhold names.

We will not publish anonymous/unsigned letters.

Announcements:

Sheridan County Commission/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 on the second Thursday of February, June, September, and November in the Commissioners Room, 9 a.m.

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

City Hall, 4:30 p.m. First Wednesday of the month.

McClusky School Board Second Tuesday of the month, check with school for changes.

Sheridan County Senior 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 Courthouse

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

Used flag receptacles.

There are used flag receptacles in both the McClusky and Goodrich Post Offices for anyone wishing to dispose of any retired flags.

Unless inclement weather or illness prohibits, the Gazette office is open by appointment. Call the editor for an appointment or information at 363-2492.

Submissions of ads, photos, obits, copy, reports, minutes, events, and subs, new and renewals, are possible at that time. Ads and notices must meet the noon Friday deadline before the next issue to be included in the next paper. We go to press at noon on Monday.

Material needs to be submitted in person, preferably in writing, by computer card, or by email to gazette@westriv.com, or by mail to McClusky Gazette at P.O. Box 619, McClusky, 58463, or by phone to McClusky Gazette at 701-363-2492.

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Gazette for sale informational meeting

Wednesday March 11, 7 p.m. Gazette Building

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