

EDITORIAL

McClusky-Goodrich School				 December 2025		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 JH GBB 6pm @ TLM Vs Velva 9-12 BBB First Practice	2 JH GBB 4pm @ UHS AB GBB 6pm @ Hettinger	3	4 JH GBB 4pm @ Surrey	5 AB GBB 5pm @ Mandaree	6 JH GBB 10 am @ Wilton TLM Snowball Gr. 5 & 6 7-8:30 pm Gr. 7-12 9-11:00 pm
7	8 K-12 Music concerts 6:30 @ MGHS	9 JH GBB 4pm @ UHS AB GBB 6pm @ UHS	10 PTO Meeting 6pm @ HS	11 School Board Mtg. 6pm @ HS	12 JH GBB Tourney TBD @ TLM AB BBB 5pm @ Glenburn	13 JH GBB Tourney TBD @ TLM AB GBB 2pm @ Towner
14	15 V BBB Tourney TBD @ Our Redeemers	16 V BBB Tourney TBD @ Our Redeemers AB GBB 6pm @ Linton HMB	17	18	19 End of Semester 1 Early Dismissal @ 12:30 pm V BBB Tourney TBD @ Our redeemers	20 V BBB Tourney TBD @ Our Redeemers V GBB 7pm @ Jamestown
21	22 No School PT Comp Day	23	24	25 	26	27
28	29 V GBB Shoot Out 4:30 pm @ BSC Vs Harvey V BBB Shoot Out @ BSC	30 V GBB Shoot Out 4:30 pm @ BSC Vs Kenmare V BBB Shootout @ U.T. Vs Harvey	31	 Key: U.T. = United Tribes		
No School Christmas Break  Dec. 22-Jan. 5						



Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Ties to the past

After my revisit to the turkey situation in my family in my last column, which I must admit had more to do with the diet the Beltsville turkeys received, than their intended breeding to be a more marketable and smaller turkey

Most anything on our farm was the target of good food, as good diets were the basis of good health with those who shelled out calories to both humans and livestock.

But on to ties to other things, now that Thanksgiving has passed and we are chewing at the days up to Christmas. Sales all over the place, both online and local.

I will note the unexpected ties to two who received the Quilts of Valor this past month. While not friends with his family, Jimmy Blotter was on the local crew for the 2000 Census, he in the McLean County area and me in the group working out of Bismarck, as I had the west portion of the state to cover.

Later, during my work with the McLean County Journal, I noted his name in the community many times, as well as running into relatives of his wife in the Butte area, while

doing stories there.

Always impressed with his good work, especially for the census. He was one of many residents working for the Census in their area throughout the state.

Then I recently received information on Leroy Lauer, husband to Alice, about his also receiving the same honor. Great to hear!

He and Alice were familiar friends, customers of the day when I sold older laying hens in the fall, to make room for younger hens who laid more eggs for feed eaten. And Alice frequently called for fresh eggs as well.

We would talk about the people who still lived in the area, who had married who, and how the kids were doing, and all those bits of family news that are what bond us to our communities.

Gentle is how I would describe the manner in how Leroy and Alice treated each other.

So, what goes around comes around, and who you know comes around in areas you might not expect, especially when you lose touch for many years. And some who only

know you are okay by where you came from.

Brian, who liked to assign me negotiating problems he had in his office as he said I always got the problem solved when he couldn't.

Once I got a 10-day extension on the return of the moving van, mostly because I was familiar with a small-town north of Harvey, ND, that this agent was from. He said he knew we would get the van back undamaged and on time with the extension, something in which the weather between Alaska and North Dakota often presents a problem.

We did.

Later I told Brian that you can say most anything to anyone about any problem as long as you use the right words and don't get upset. I prefer peace to war. Hope that goes full circle, too.

Counting down for Christmas, have you been good and kind and generous or are you just in need of a piece of coal for the furnace? Choice is yours.

Have a great week!

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Announcements

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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.

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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 Commissioners/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

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

McClusky School Board

Second Tuesday of the month, (December 11) 6 p.m. High school Home Ec. room; 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

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