






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 Santa Day @ MGES 4:30-6:30 pm	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					
No School Christmas Break  Dec. 22-Jan. 5				Key: U.T. = United Tribes				



Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Days of music from the past

School programs were different at our school in the country from what kids had in “city” schools. We had books with carols in them but no accompaniment to aid in what key or rhythm was done. Teachers in those days had their basic state certification to teach all the grades (no one mentioned kindergarten back then) the subjects required but musical or sports talents varied as much as who the teachers were from year to year.

For a long time in my school like, everyone in school with me had a last name that started with “H”. There were Haux, Hegel, Heib, Herr, Hai-beck and Hoffer families. At some point, we lucked out when a variety of other names made their way into the township. Then we added Krein, Martzolf, and Bertsch. The backgrounds were mixed as

well, from German to Norwegian and an occasional special other country. We paid little attention to family history.

At least we were lucky enough for no one’s first name to be duplicated.

Teachers were more varied in last names, with Shefveland, Dalos, Herr, Axt and Holen filling some of the latter years up to when the schools consolidated into McClusky and rode a bus to school.

But, the bright side, again, were the other skills that varied so we had lessons in embroidery, baseball, shuffleboard, and blackboard games that gave us new insights and talents. We also had some good artists that shared how to draw and design our art that hung on the walls and that was pasted onto the windows.

The decorations for any holiday appeared on the an-

nual art class schedule, with Christmas adding shiny tinsel, colored glass balls, and figurines donated for the holiday by the students.

We sang duets, often together by grade level, and had bells to jingle and special garments for the kings and animals in the Christmas story. We thought we were special for what we offered parents and others who attended the Christmas party, which sometimes had an accordionist who played and sang. Then everyone could dance as well.

Today’s Christmas concerts are different, but most of the music is familiar. There is less social visiting around the concert scene but the addition of music is a welcome improvement on what is learned in these performances.

Of all things we learn in school, perhaps this is the one love that stays with us the longest, music: with singing, dancing, and students performing special roles.

We never know when or where the next Peggy Lee will show up, or Lawrence Welk. Note that we missed either of these last names in our school membership.

Have a great Christmas. Sing a lot. Dance a little. Find the hidden talent in your family and encourage them to provide music for you.

Have a great week!

Announcements

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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, (December 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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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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