






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	Key: U.T. = United Tribes		
No School Christmas Break  Dec. 22-Jan. 5						



Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Weather and memories

My goodness but for bad weather around the holidays we wouldn’t have any, I guess. I know, that is an old and tedious joke.

But when things have to get done and people are looking for answers, the weather doesn’t seem to care at times. Perhaps when we learn to be prepared for ALL possibilities, we will suffer less. Other things are beyond our power to control or stop. It is a job of honesty to ourselves to decide which we want to be, prepared or finding something to blame for what we did or did not do.

There were bad blizzards when I was a kid, and now that I read Memory Lane-age stuff, I find that nature pretty well repeats itself and we should expect to be inconvenienced at times by our mere mortal talents.

I listened to the weather forecast and checked with my daughter and noted that the weather was supposed to change at 4:30 p.m., more or less, according to the reports we used.

I headed home from the town office as soon as I got the files done that I needed, the mail checked for the lost pa-

pers of last week, and picked up some yeast in case I decide to try a new doughnut recipe if I get bored or hungry or just want to have something to share.

I tended to some more file sorting at home, then noted how the weather had gained an ugly face since I had been back home. The outside cats got some food and I brought all my office stuff in from the car which I had parked close to the porch for any wind shelter that provided.

Recalled the ice storm in the 1970s when electrical poles snapped off from the weight of ice all across the state. Back then I took some photos of what I could walk to see and then didn’t go out anymore when the kids got home from school.

Power failure brought a rescue from a neighbor’s spare heater that used kerosene and it was try to get the chores done and keep the animals fed until the storm eased.

We had propane with which to cook but the furnace required electricity, so at least the kitchen was warm, sort of.

These times make you thankful for the little things

that are positive, and now at Christmas I try to think of them. Things warm our feelings up when they are honest and happen unexpectedly. Much like the neighbor with the heater.

I take a handshake and a bit of praise in the same way I view other blessings; gifts that belong to no holiday.

For those who called to ask where their paper was without jumping to the worst conclusion on their own, well it got lost, more locations than ours in McClusky. And a couple have been found. Not ours. I am missing my office copies as well, so we can survive this one together and hope for the best.

I now sit at the computer and hope for no power failure but will keep going until this storm is over and then deal with the problems left. No one to blame, it is just how winter goes in the state where I chose to live.

As soon as the wind eases or at least switches from the deck area, I will again feed the outside cats in the shelter of a cardboard box and be happy this storm is ending. That will be a gift in my book as well.

Thank you, higher power, for the end of the storm.

Merry Christmas to you all and have a great New Year’s with those you love.

Announcements

Letters to the Editor policy
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 must be signed, address included, with a phone number for verification.

The McClusky Gazette will not honor requests to withhold names.

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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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