





EDITORIAL

McClusky-Goodrich School			 January 2026			
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 AB GBB 1pm @ Flasher ABC BBB 2:30 pm @ Flasher
4	5 School Resumes AB BBB 5:45 pm @ Surrey	6 AB GBB 6pm @ TLM	7	8 ABC GBB 4:30 pm @ TLM	9	10 V BBB 12pm @ Trinity V GBB 1:30 pm @ Trinity
11	12	13 BC BBB 3pm @ Center JH BBB 4pm @ Beulah AB GBB 6pm @ UHS	14 PTO Mtg. 6pm @ MGHS 4-Day Community Mtg. 6pm @ MGHS Gym-School Board Mtg. to follow in Conf. Room	15 AB BBB 6pm @ Glen Ullin JH BBB 6pm @ Garrison	16	17 JH BBB 10am @ Washburn B GBB 2pm @ UHS AB BBB 3:30 pm @ UHS
18 	19 No School MLK Day JH BBB 3pm @ Steele AB BBB 5pm @ Steele	20 AB GBB 5:30 pm @ New Salem	21	22 JH BBB 4pm @ TLM AB BBB 6pm @ TLM	23 AB BBB 5pm @ New Salem	24
25	26 JH BBB 4pm @ UHS AB GBB 6pm @ UHS	27 ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ TLM	28 Art in the Classroom	29 JH BBB 4pm @ TLM AB GBB 5pm @ New England	30	31 AB GBB 1pm @ UHS



Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Gaslighting

It is just as I threatened, more social and behavioral science. I am not alone on addressing this issue as it has many sources listed on various websites for anyone who wishes to validate information or to learn more than I present.

We don't know what we don't know, since we haven't learned where our knowledge ends until we stumble over the bumps that let us know we have been missing something.

When people get angry and walk away from hearing something they think is wrong, that is not a good sign of their mental health or information basis. Anger is a bad way to deal with something that bothers us.

And NO ONE is right all the time.

But many people will do a lot of research in reputable resources and have been known to make an "about face" when they realize what information they have been missing.

It is called education.

But this week, my focus was on a psychological deviant who used negative behaviors to try to destroy another person's mental and emotional

health. It is called "gaslighting."

The name comes from a movie about a husband who tried to convince his wife that the gas lights in their house were working just fine, when in the meantime he was making them flicker and go from dim to bright and then denied her complaints about this.

This behavior, in many deviant forms, destroys the mental health of those under attack and can also destroy communities where many use the behavior to get power, money, attention, affection, or keep someone in a relationship that is toxic.

The prior example is how it might be used in a personal manner.

In a community setting, gossip or gossip groups can negatively affect someone's or many people's lives by spreading false information about them.

This might be starting rumors about their work, their spouse, what people think about them, or the value of their work or efforts. The victim who is under attack either may never know the outside maneuvers used against them,

or is helpless to know how to "clear the air" about the inaccurate statements.

Tough to feel good about what you do when the gas lighter is spreading negative reports about you.

Jobs crumble, businesses close, people move away, or someone gets uneasy about their own value in the world.

There are many ways that gas lighters use to do their dirty work, but it basically requires getting someone to believe the negative statements about themselves when the gas lighters uses them frequently without the victim getting other information to balance things out with the truth.

Isolated or people with limited access to money, power, or information, suffer greatly at the hands of these disturbed individuals.

Know you are okay by not taking one person's negative statements for the truth. Go to the source and check it out. Do not be partner of a con artist out to destroy the world around them or someone you know.

Have a great week!

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The McClusky Gazette will not honor requests to withhold names.

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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, check with school for changes.

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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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McClusky-Goodrich School Board

4-Day School Week Public Meeting, 6:00 pm in the High School Gymnasium, followed by regular January Board Meeting in the High School Conference Room, Wednesday January 14, 2026

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