





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

When work becomes hobby

I was not exactly cut out for Home Economics class in high school. I would have been much happier in Vocational Ag, but that was not an option in those days. Classes were then divided along gender identity a lot, when it was assumed that welding was work and women must do things that do not have such a fierce name to them. After all, welding brings forth images of sparks, hot metal, clanging of bars and machinery. Guess who became a farm owner later in life! And much later when another in my family also applied for the then possible class in vocational agriculture, she got in but only after the teacher remarked that he didn't like it because the only reason he thought women signed up for that was to "be with the boys" and he didn't mean that nicely. Then, after the first semester, when she earned the top spot in firearms, whatever it was labeled back then, and then went on to do some remarkable welding on the farm when needed, no more was

said. Now, I sometimes think there are more females interested in this area, than men. Seems the state extension service might be an indicator along that line. I took High School Home Ec., but I already was baking at home, sewing at home, gardening at home, canning at home, and helping with meat processing both chicken and others, as needed. I did not know Parliamentary Procedure, so I volunteered for that as well. Now that came in handy when I married Brian as he excelled in that area at a national level, during his long history with Lions and Rotary International clubs and quite a few others. He could take a meeting that ran hours from morning to late afternoon and cut it down to half days, along with getting everything covered and a good lunch to boot. My first jobs on the farm were weeding, gathering eggs, feeding bottle calves at milking time and "slopping the hogs" with skim milk left over from separating the whole milk. Dad also taught me how to

grease machinery. Find the zerks, wipe them off, shoot in three shots of grease, wipe them off again, and remember how many and where they were. It was much easier for him as I could crawl under the low spots more easily. If I missed one, I was told where to find it or them, wherever. Sewing was something my mom did, mostly so we could have nice clothes, and pants got mended. There were also nice gifts to give on someone's birthday or Christmas. I recall the many quilts she laid out on the floor and tied yarn, to hold them together strong, adding complementing colors to the squares. This was all work. Never heard dad call any of these things a hobby. I do not know if anyone had one anyway, as all were work in some form. It might have been a hobby listening to sports on a radio on Sunday afternoon, after church, and after lunch with relatives or neighbors. Never asked. Later in life, I sewed as well, for my kids to have things to wear when they were little, such as or a bib, or later a prom dress, or the jacket for a neighbor's boy when they had no money to buy the little guy

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Announcements

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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.

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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 Court-house
9 a.m. to noon. Board meeting may follow
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