

# EDITORIAL

## McClusky-Goodrich School



## February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 JH BBB 4:30 pm @ TLM	3 AB BBB 3pm @ TLM AB BBB 6pm @ TLM	4 No School Teacher PD	5 ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ UHS B BBB 4pm @ TLM	6 JH BBB 4pm @ UHS AB BBB 4:30 pm @ Our Redeemers 4th Graders Music @ Minot	7 JH BBB 10am @ Wilton FFA Contest @ Dickinson Archery Meet @ Killdeer
8 	9 B BBB 5:30 pm @ Center	10 JH BBB 4pm @ MGHS School Board Mtg. 6pm @ MGHS ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ UHS	11 PTO Meeting 6pm @ MGHS	12 ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ UHS JH BBB 4:30 pm @ UHS	13 GBB Districts TBD @ Garrison FFA Contest @ Fargo	14 GBB Districts TBD @ Garrison FFA Contest @ Kindred Archery Meet @ Wilton
15	16 No School Presidents Day Storm Make up Day GBB Districts TBD @ Garrison	17 JH BBB 6pm @ TLM AB BBB 6pm @ Linton	18 Booster Shots 8-9am	19 County Spelling Bee 4pm	20 JH BBB Tourney TBD @ UHS	21 JH BBB Tourney TBD @ UHS Archery Meet @ Oakes
22 End of Trimester 2	23 GBB Regionals TBD @ St. Mary's	24 GBB Regionals TBD @ St. Mary's	25 Art in the Classroom	26 GBB Regionals TBD @ St. Mary's	27	28 FFA Contest @ Beulah Archery Meet @ Garrison



## Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

### Dance

In one of those times when one watches a program, we are reminded of a comment from someone long ago.

This came up for me when I recalled someone, who was watching a dance class, state that he did not see the difference between dancing and marching.

At the time, I did not think it was said with much of any negative judgement involved except his view of it, as the music played and the dancers moved about the floor.

Just recently a comment was made quite similar to that one and I decided to see what the dictionary had to say about it.

March: to move along steadily usually with a rhythmic stride and in step with others.

Dance: an act or instance of moving one's body rhythmically usually to music in a series of rhythmic and patterned bodily movements

So, we see that how the body moves to marching music can be more rigid than fluid with limited body movements whereas dance is more fluid and often involves the ball of the foot in its steps and not

a flat-footed strike with the floor or ground.

To complicate matters there are bands which perform some of their program mixing the two styles.

Being married to a man who had danced to music from a young age and through a number of styles, starting in high school, he continued his learning all his life, we both kept fairly active, dancing whenever we could.

I just enjoyed all the types of music and movements that he taught me. We did not march much, until it was part of a folk dance and for a particular reason at the time.

Brian loved all music and dance styles. He taught them all, with his German, Norwegian, Russian, and Jewish dancers the most used in the paid performances he gave in Alaska and wherever we had a chance to dance.

Some dances are more fluid and smooth moving, while the German and Jewish are quite athletic and they leave the floor in high stepping routines more often than many other styles.

I cannot think of a country that does not have its own

style of dance, as moving to music seems to be a natural way of responding to the music or other rhythmic sounds around us. Others equate it with religious beliefs or think of dancing in sexual terms. That view does not seem to reflect what all the many countries of the world had in mind when they started their styles of dancing.

The varied and unique rhythms are amazing to watch and to learn. The movie "Fiddler on the Roof" and its dances that are performed reminds me of Brian and his skill at that style.

He also taught these styles of dance for many years, and it was our aim for retirement to be able to spend more time dancing. As most know, that dream ended for both of us with his paralyzing car accident.

Memories live on, with music around me that bring back many memories of life, both before and after meeting and marrying Brian. Dancing was what we both loved, along with books and learning.

Have a great week!

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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.

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### Announcements: Sheridan County Commission/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

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 Sheri

idan 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 Court-house

9 a.m. to noon. Board meeting may follow

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#### Optometrist

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