

EDITORIAL

Announcements

McClusky-Goodrich School		February 2026				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 JH BBB 4:30 pm @ TLM	3 AB GBB 3pm @ TLM AB BBB 6pm @ TLM	4 No School Teacher PD	5 ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ UHS B GBB 4pm @ TLM	6 JH BBB 4pm @ UHS AB GBB 4:30 pm @ Our Redeemers 4 th Graders Music @ Minot	7 JH BBB 10am @ Wilton FFA Contest @ Dickinson Archery Meet @ Killdeer
8 	9 B GBB 5:30 pm @ Center	10 JH BBB 4pm @ MGHS School Board Mtg. 6pm @ MGHS ABC GBB 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

Making exceptions

Rules are best followed and enforced, to keep progress moving forward in most applicable situations. If you almost always follow a rule, your downfall is likely to be connected to the times you did not. Sad, but the downfall of many otherwise good decisions.

Now, there are exceptions for rule breaking. That is when a rule limits a needed behavior or result that is dangerous, poisonous, or no longer applicable to current standards, such as not tying your horse to the fire hydrant while you lunch at the local café.

Rules and breaking them are not for those in power or control to change things so that they no longer work, avoid liability, hide what it is they are really doing, or putting a "good face" on a situation where the consequences are jail time.

I hope you get the drift of some of the differences that apply to following or not following rules.

Good rules are generally followed by most people. Some people bend the rules and then get called things such as "used car salesman" since they stayed within legal, but perhaps not ethical, boundaries.

There are some who follow no rules that cost them money, touch on behaviors they know will hurt someone, and eat way more than the recommended daily diet of whatever foods are giving them more weight than they need to be trim and fit.

While you do not usually throw water at your aunt sitting on the porch swing, if it is on fire and your aunt is at risk, you might decide that her being wet is a necessary ending to not breaking the rule. She might even agree later, when she calms down.

Not so good is telling someone the age of the horse you are selling them by saying it is "about ten years old." There is a normal life span range for horses but ten is not "about" right if the horse is pushing twenty-five. That is generally called lying through your teeth.

Businesses have rules, public facilities and services have rules, people who sell, make, or create foods and medicines for human and animal consumption have rules to follow. There are traffic rules, building codes, meeting protocols, and how you treat other people

rules and called etiquette.

We learn many of these things as we grow up and old. Some never learn them and those around them may suffer things that would not have happened had a rule been followed. Those who break rules often end up hurting themselves, their ability to earn a living, or finding someone to be their friend.

If your friends don't break rules, you might consider getting some mental health assistance. Then you might not end up alone or in jail.

Rule following can make your life easier, earn you the trust of others, let you keep a job you really like, or be the person your dog thinks you are.

Asking others to break a rule for you is terrible. Just because they actually did the rule breaking doesn't mean the judge is stupid. He or she likely sees what your part in the stolen candy was. Not a good way to live with other people who you want to call friends.

Hope you enjoyed the rules. Might come in handy someday when you are faced with a decision on how to do the right thing, face the consequences of a bad thing you did or supported, or just want to grumble about how hard it is to do what you want when the world thinks you should not. Have a great week!

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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 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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