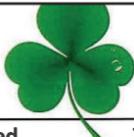


EDITORIAL

McClusky-Goodrich School  March 2026						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 BBB Districts TBD @ Washburn Acalympics @ Bottineau Lv at 6am	3 BBB Districts TBD @ Washburn	4 Art in the Classroom	5	6 Band Ensemble State 1pm @ Jamestown Archery @ Page	7 Archery @ Page FFA @ TLM JH Music Small Group Festival @ Washburn
8	9 BBB Regionals @ Killdeer Track practice Begins	10 BBB Regionals @ Killdeer SB Mtg. 6pm @ HS	11 PTO Mtg. 6pm @ HS Large Group Festival	12 BBB Regionals @ Killdeer	13 6-12 Winter Park @ Bottineau Lv @ 8am JH State Band @ Bis March 13 & 14	14 Archery @ Richardton Or Harvey FFA @ Carrington BBB State Qualifier Game
15	16 Softball & Baseball Begin	17	18	19	20 Archery @ Minot State	21
No School - Spring Break				Boys State Basketball @ Minot State		
22 FFA @ South Prairie End of Quarter 3	23 FFA State Winter CDE @ Minot Early Dismissal @ 1pm P/T Conf. 1:30-7:30 pm	24	25 Human Trafficking Presentation (Grades 6,10,12) @ 9:24 am	26 Scrubs Camp (Grade 6) @ TLM	27	28
29 	30 Family Engagement 6-7:30 pm @ HS Gym	31			Key: Bis=Bismarck Lv=Leave	

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.

Libelous or slanderous material is never allowed. No political promotion or view content.

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.

We will not publish anonymous/unsigned letters.

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 Sheridan Memorial Home.

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 Courthouse

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

Used flag receptacles.

There are used flag receptacles in both the McClusky and Goodrich Post Offices for anyone wishing to dispose of any retired flags.

Unless inclement weather or illness prohibits, the Gazette office is open by appointment. Call the editor for an appointment or information at 363-2492.

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Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Bad whiners and good wine

Stephen King: "While it is impossible to make a competent writer out of a bad writer, and while it is equally impossible to make a great writer out of a good one, it is possible, with lots of hard work, dedication, and timely help, to make a good writer out of a merely competent one." Thoughts? King says it about halfway through 'On Writing'.

"Are we doomed to be a bad writer forever, regardless of how much we study, sweat, and toil? Is great writing a Sisyphean summit, achievable only through accidents of birth and circumstance? What even constitutes a bad writer? Or great writing?"

This quote is a common variation of a sentiment shared by many famous authors regarding the importance of revision.

James A. Michener: Widely quoted as saying, "I'm not a very good writer, but I'm an excellent rewriter".

Related Sentiments: Similar ideas were expressed by Roald Dahl ("Good writing is essentially rewriting") and Robert Graves ("There is no such thing as good writing, only good rewriting").

This philosophy highlights that the essence of great writing lies in the revision process rather than the initial first draft.

For those who write fewer than 3000 words a day, making mistakes that do not get fixed is a 'biggie.' Once one gets used to several more words used in what they create, they simply become a nuisance, not a character flaw of a label on one's mental abilities.

As whiners do, turning good wine into bad whine with just the addition of an 'h', success belongs to those who keep on, learning, correcting, fixing errors, and enjoying the finished product after many hours of work with words and using all the help one can find

with reliable information and understanding that no one is perfect, especially the whiners.

One must look for the treat when desert looms, and desert was the needed noun, and not feel deserted.

One of my past life treats in getting the mail was when the Reader's Digest arrived. It was a race with Mom to see who got it first. Then it was reading from back to front, in defiance of the whiner's norm of front to back and getting all the humor in all its forms in the magazine read and ready to share.

Those were the days when words were valued for what they contained when used correctly not ridiculed when one little 'h' created that bottle of 'whine.'

We can try to become greater re-writers of our own lives by noting the whines we have developed and getting the "h" out of it. (The "h" joke was intended.) Then we may live better with our good wine that is left to share with our families and friends.

Have a great week!

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