

# EDITORIAL

## Announcements

McClusky-Goodrich School



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 EBB 4pm @ MGHS EVV 4pm @ Washburn JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ Minot Turf JV BB 4:30 pm @ Beulah	3 No School Good Friday	4
5	6 No School Easter Monday	7 EVV 4pm @ TLM JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ TLM EBB 4:30 pm @ Garrison VBB 4pm @ Velva	8 PTO Mtg. 6pm @ MGHS Conf. Room	9 VBB 4pm @ Garrison JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ WB EVV 4:30 pm @ Wilton	10 EBB 4pm @ TLM JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ Carrington Small Group Festival @ Washburn	11 EVV Jamboree TBD @ Wilton
12	13 EBB 4pm @ Washburn EVV 4pm @ TLM JV/V SB 4:30 pm @TLM VBB 4pm @ TLM SB Mtg. 6pm @ HS	14 K-12 Spring Concert 7pm @ HS Gym Recital @ 6pm for Solos & Duets	15	16 EVV 4pm @ S.P. JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ Beulah EBB 4:30 pm @ MGHS VBB 4pm @ TLM	17 JVBB 4pm @ Surrey	18 TLM Prom
19 FFA Banquet 1pm @ ES Gym	20 EVV 4:30 pm @ Center	21 EBB 4pm @ MGHS EVV 4:30 pm @ GSN VBB 4pm @ S.P. JV/VSB 4:30 pm @ Rugby	22	23 EVV 4:30 pm @ Center	24 JV SB 4:30 pm @ Hazen	25 EVV Jamboree TBD @ Center
26	27 EVV 4:45 pm @ UHS	28 EVV 5:15 pm @ Hazen JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ TBA EBB 4:30 pm @ Wing VBB 4pm @ TLM	29 Art in the Classroom	30 EBB 4pm @ South Prairie JV/V SB 4:30 pm @ TLM VBB 4pm @ Surrey	KEY: WB=Washburn S.P.=South Prairie GSN=Garrison EVV=Elem Volleyball	EBBB=Elem Boys Basketball BB=Baseball



## Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

### Spring

In looking over the past years of spring weather in our area recorded in the bound volumes of the McClusky Gazette, I see both nice days and some storms, including some rather fierce ones, along with prairie fires and drought. We can be assured somewhat that we are going to see storms end and crops planted, calves will be born, and we will enjoy lunch in the fields or trips to grandma's and grandpa's house for family and other special seasonal events.

Easter is behind us, and the next major holidays will again show us both good and bad weather.

The changes we see are those of modern machinery allowing fields to get bigger and crops larger with less human effort but larger gas and machinery costs. Those of us older people remember well planting potatoes early and using simple potato planters drawn by either a horse or small tractor as we rode in back, dropping the potatoes into the planter's mechanism and dirt being pulled over by the machine.

Later in the year, another round with the tractor and a machine in the field would

dig up the potato crop, and we would pick them by hand and fill the potato wagon which would head into the shed for a few days while the dirt dried and the clean potatoes stored for winter or sale.

Those of us may still do hand planting and harvesting of potatoes in our gardens, but machinery handles the large or commercial potato crops.

School is almost done for the year, and I recall anxious days waiting for the final bell in the country school that was just across and down the road by our farm, where I still live. With snow melting, water was a fun thing to see, where culverts under the roads rushed with water until that level was below the entry level of water and the ditches sat with water for ducks and geese to hatch their families and provide entertainment when we worked around the farm.

I liked to "help" the water by digging little ditches in the roads and yard and seeing how fast I could make the water run. Fun at no cost and a broken stick for a shovel.

Calving time was usually about the same time, perhaps a bit earlier, but another time to enjoy nature and avoid

crossing the path of a just-freshened mother cow who can be quite protective when her new baby seems to be at risk. No need to argue, just get on the other side of the fence and safely enjoy the calf. The milk cows babies were put into the barn, reunited with their mothers but fed by hand, whole milk by bottle, then later they received the skim milk by pail after the cream separator had done its job, also powered by hand when dad got the speed up for the machine to separate cream from milk. Pigs and chickens also received the skimmed milk, and both skim and whole milk was stored in the house refrigerator for cooking and meals.

Growing up on the farm allowed a close relationship with animals and how they provide for both themselves and their owners through milk, meat, eggs and money at sale time. In the house, cream was stored in the refrigerator and taken in large cans to town for sale, as were the surplus eggs from the chickens. Most kids received allowances of varying amounts from a nickel to a dollar or two depending upon age and family finances. That meant a copy of the latest comic book, school supplies, a candy or frozen treat in town. One might have

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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 Sher-

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

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