

# EDITORIAL

McClusky-Goodrich School



April 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				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

### Experience

Out of curiosity I searched for info on the old saying that experience is the best teacher.

I got back this bit of info, which I share with you

Experience is the teacher and reflection is listening to what you learned from yourself. Then one gets the lessons and insight from the experience and knowledge is acquired. That is how we become our own best teacher.

Where we most likely fall down on this, is not realizing that our thoughts are not all the information we might need, since we usually "sort of" like to not take the blame if the experience was humiliating, painful, or against popular opinion. We need to practice on thinking over what our options might have been and if we had taken them, and what the result would have likely been.

Perhaps kicking the stool across the barn and yelling at the milk cow when we fell backwards while milking, or getting the milking machine in place, and into the gutter.

Since there is often poop in the gutter, we might have gotten really upset. But some who have practiced learning about

their experiences and choices to be made, might have been less upset and found the incident amusing and not made it worse by yelling at the cow and setting ourselves up for a good kick in the shins when we get another clean bucket or machine and return to milking the cow.

Often, we develop habits of thinking we are the only one who makes mistakes. Lighten up, I doubt there is any situation that hasn't been replicated a dozen times over, ask any farmer who milks cows. Think this only happens in your milk barn? I think not.

Unless you thought you really handled it the best you could and it was all the cow's fault. I have never found that being loud and yelling at animals makes them like us any better, or to not be so fearful that they try to get away from us and all that yelling.

Laughing at one's self and our part in a negative situation can be a really hard thing to learn, but many have learned to at least not yell when upset, which seems to be a good thing for us, too, especially if we can avoid whatever it was that caused us to

fall off of into the gutter. Experience at work here.

Sure, a bad word when we stab our toe is not the end of the world, but when we continue this pattern, we let emotions take over and we may not like how we look to those watching. Especially if they saw the toe stubbing was a result of our not picking up the heavy tools that we had left on the garage floor from the night before.

Fixing problems and getting good experience is a process we can all learn or learn to do better. It just takes a bit of cooperation from our ego and seeing the situation as a way to learn, not a way to make things worse or repeat a behavior because we didn't reflect and learn a life lesson of growth and self-control.

Most people enjoy humor, often we do some really funny things and others might like to learn along with us, if we can take the time to reflect and not go yelling around when we do something in what we haven't the experience we need yet.

Practice, practice, practice; the good humor part, not the yelling.

Have a great week!

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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.

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**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.

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Contact Linda Bowers, 363-9205 for current information.

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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 Courthouse**

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