

Editorial



From the Publisher's Desk

By Kelsey Majeske

A new chapter for the McClusky Gazette

There are some things in small towns that are easy to take for granted until they're gone.

A familiar Main Street business. The local café where neighbors gather. The volunteer who always seems to show up when help is needed. And, unfortunately, local newspapers have become part of that list.

Across North Dakota and across the country, community newspapers have disappeared at an alarming rate over the past two decades. Communities that once had a dedicated source of local news now find themselves without anyone regularly covering city council meetings, school board decisions, local elections, community events, or the stories of the people who call those places home.

That's why I am both humbled and excited to introduce myself as the new publisher of the McClusky Gazette.

The Gazette has long served as a record of community life in Sheridan County. It has preserved history, celebrated achievements, announced births and weddings, reported local government decisions, and provided a place where neighbors can stay connected.

Those aren't small things. They are the threads that help hold a community together.

As we dive into this new chapter, I want readers to know that we believe deeply in the importance of our community newspapers.

Community newspapers are not simply businesses. They are institutions. They create transparency in government. They give local organizations, schools, churches, and businesses a place to share their stories. Most importantly, they ensure that the history of a community is documented for future generations.

In today's world, there is no shortage of information. What is increasingly difficult to find is information that is truly local. Social media can tell us what is happening on the other side of the world in seconds, but it often can't tell us what happened at last night's city council meeting, who was honored at the school awards banquet, or which local nonprofit is making a difference in our community.

That's where local newspapers come in.

Our company has invested in newspapers across North Dakota because we believe rural

communities deserve access to local news just as much as larger cities. We believe every community deserves its own voice and its own historical record. We believe that when communities lose their newspapers, they lose something far more important than ink on paper.

The future of local newspapers depends on local support. Every subscription, every advertisement, every submitted photo, every story tip, and every letter to the editor helps keep community journalism alive.

As we take ownership of the McClusky Gazette, our commitment is simple: We will work hard to provide the local news you crave, celebrate the people and events that make this community special, and continue the Gazette's important role as Sheridan County's newspaper of record.

We know we are becoming stewards of something that existed long before us and, with the support of this community, will continue long into the future.

Thank you for welcoming us. We look forward to getting to know the community, hearing your stories, and continuing the tradition of local journalism that has helped keep communities connected for generations.

Because local news matters. And communities like McClusky deserve to have their stories told.

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 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 Job Development Authority

First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m. City Hall

Summerfest is scheduled for Friday August 1 through Sunday August 3.

Friday is the Kiddies Parade, Main Parade on Friday, Sunday is the Hoffer Lake events.

McClusky Municipal Court

Third Monday of the month, 7 p.m. City Hall.

McClusky Park Board

First Wednesday of the month, City Hall, 4:30 p.m.

McClusky School Board

Second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. High school Home Ec. room; check with school for stories told.

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Sheridan County Senior Citizens: 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 to follow

Sheridan County 4-H

Achievement Days

July 8th and 9th at Hoffer Lake

McClusky Summer Fest

August 1, 2 and 3, 2025

Contact Tracy Stein for more information (701-341-7509)

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 prohibit, the Gazette office is open by appointment. Call the editor for an appointment or information at 363-2492.

Submissions of ads, photos, obits, copy, reports, minutes, events, and subs, new and renewals, are possible at that time. Ads and notices must meet the noon Friday deadline before the next issue to be included in the next paper. We go to press at noon Monday.

Material needs to be submitted in person, preferably in writing, by computer cards, or by email to gazette@westriv.com, by mail to McClusky Gazette at P.O. Box 619, McClusky, 58463, or by phone to McClusky Gazette at 701-363-2492.

Thank you for keeping our chain of information working by using the established protocols for submission of community information. Our readership continues to grow.

Thank you, personal announcements, sales of items or services, or promotion of events which charge admission or are fundraising events are ads. Legals are paid, required reports and announcements to

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