


EDITORIAL







Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
457			1 Happy New Year!	2 Classes Resume	3	4 AB GBB 6pm @ Underwood Dance Competition 8am @ Mandan
5	6	7 AB GBB 5pm @ Underwood	8	9 B GBB 3pm @ UHS	10	11 V GBB Jamboree 11:30 am @ Trinity TLM Snowball Dance Comp. 8am @ Jamestown
12	13	14 School Board Mtg. 6pm @ HS AB GBB 3pm @ TLM JH BBB 4pm @ Beulah AB BBB 4:30 pm @ TLM	15	16 AB GBB 3pm @ Washburn AB BBB 4:30 pm @ Washburn JH BBB 4:30 pm @ Fessenden	17 State Dance @ MSU	18 ABC GBB 1pm @ Surrey AB BBB 4:00 pm @ UHS State Dance @ MSU
19	20 No School MLK Day ABC GBB 5pm @ Elgin	21	22	23 JH BBB 4pm @ TLM ABC GBB 4:30 pm @ UHS	24 ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ UHS	25 JH BBB 10am @ Washburn AB GBB 1pm @ Mandaree AB BBB 2:30 pm @ Mandaree
26 	27 JH BBB 4:30 pm @ MG	28 AB GBB 3pm @ Center AB BBB 4:30 pm @ Center	29	30 AB GBB 6pm @ TLM JH BBB 6pm @ Garrison	31 ABC BBB 4:30 pm @ TLM	

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, 12:30 a.m. County Paark Board first on agenda.

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 Monday of the month, 6 p.m. City Hall.

McClusky Municipal Court

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

McClusky Park Board

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

McClusky School Board

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

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.

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 illnesses are prohibiting, 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 that next paper. We go to press at noon.

Material needs to be submitted in person, preferably in writing, by computer cards, or by email to gazette@westriv.com, or through the door slot at any time, 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.

Announcements for free or public events are free.

Thank yous, 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 the public.

Publishers Auxiliary

We practice journalism, which is defined by a discipline of verification; we tell you how we know something, or we attribute it; we're mainly about facts, not opinion. Social media is mainly about opinions and have little, if any, discipline or verification. Which should you trust?

Legion Auxiliary meeting
James Roberts Legion Auxiliary will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2025, at 2 pm at the McClusky City Hall.

Edge of Chaos

By Allan Tinker

Really?

Do you find it odd that more men than women are in power in the higher-ups of government, education, and business? With business a more successful place for women, mostly because money means a whole lot more to people than other things, we see many women running huge and successful businesses. Mostly it is because the money they earn gets some respect.

Not so in the world where other items, such as honesty, ethics, morals, family, and education are the main ingredients. Wave a few dollars and the world is theirs, some think.

With the younger generation making fairer distribution in some of these areas, in particular family structure, they are still overwhelmed by the "older" generations. I have long believed that each

generation gets a little better in all areas due to increased access to information of all kinds at all levels. With that comes the growth of understanding, fairness, and strong social standards.

Way too many think that if you "get by" with pulling a "fast one," no matter how damaging it is to everyone or just a few, that it is okay. It is not. It is still a lie, or a broken law or moral. This is a line of thinking one finds running in generations as a taught family value, displayed repeatedly in the entire family dynamics.

Children learn kindness, work ethics, respect for parents and siblings, eating habits, regard for the law and authority and many other things simply by what their parents and grandparents practice as life values. With exceptions for mental illness and birth

defects, this is how family values continue their successes in life and their failures.

Hardworking adults who use their efforts to provide well for their families, showing them they care by giving them good healthcare as they grow, showing them what to eat and how much, displaying approval of those who are doing well in business and education, promote efforts for their children to do the same. Preaching does not work when children see the behaviors do not match the words.

Such joy I find in watching small children being affectionate to their parents and siblings in public. Body language speaks volumes in hugs and smiles. Both ways, the giver and the receiver say more than just by words. We know they are comfortable with showing that they care.

Men who can whip up a batch of pancakes for breakfast are welcome in my family anytime. Put that with women who can change a tire, replace the brakes in their own car, or earn enough to drive the best car they might desire.

Those who do not find a reason to ridicule anyone are also top applause winners here.

Leave funny stuff to the things we do ourselves. That is okay to laugh at.

Have a great week!

Get your ad in the paper today

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parts of Minnesota. To reach support, connect with FirstLink via phone, text, or chat:

211 Information & Referral Helpline

Dial 2-1-1 or (701) 235-7335

Text zip code to 898-211

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Dial or text 9-8-8

Visit 988lifeline.org/chat

FirstLink offers the Care and Support Program, a program that receives referrals from hospitals and clinics

across North Dakota as well as the 211 Helpline and the 988 Lifeline. The program offers resources and coping strategies, encourages mental health treatment, and provides non-judgmental listening and support. Calls are offered weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly and work around your schedule. The Care and Support Program is confidential, free, and voluntary.