

The Tumbleweed



Noteworthy News:

- Feb 20: No School; Presidents Day
- Feb 23-25: Divisional BBall in Wolf Point
- Feb 27-Mar 2: Spiritual Emphasis Days
- Mar 7: Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m.



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Introducing Mr. Jason By: Michael Brown

After a semester with a great substitute history/PE/economics teacher, Mrs. Mintz, a new teacher has been hired full time. Mr. James Jason is here from Illinois. He said he grew up in the northern suburbs of Chicago, but he says he now calls Chicago home. His thoughts on Lustre were that it is an incredible community, where he has experienced an outpouring

of care and compassion that doesn't compare to anywhere else he has ever been. As for weather, he says that the weather here is similar to Chicago because of the high wind.

Mr. Jason's favorite food is a good beef stew, while his favorite drink is coffee. His favorite class to teach is



World History, and his favorite verses are Mark 8:34-38. When asked about his hobbies, he listed listening to hip-hop music, and recently, he has developed a habit of freestyling. For those of you who haven't done so yet, make sure you say hi to Mr. Jason!

Lions Play Against Frazer, Poplar By: Etien Van de Gruiter

At the time of this article's writing there is only five guaranteed basketball games left for the Lions. With that in mind, on the 3rd of February, the Lustre Lions played against the

Poplar Indians in Moccasin Square Garden. Both teams had a solid start with the score ending 12-11, Poplar ahead by one. However, Poplar came out on the second quarter taking

the lead to 32-18. Going into the third quarter looking to score more, the Lions only (Continued on Pg. 3) mustered up nine points. When the fourth

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LCHS Meets Get By: Shelby Reddig

Get Pathsiriyos comes to LCCHS from the capital city of Bangkok, Thailand. America is her favorite place she has traveled to, and her dream would be to take a trip to



Japan. Get was born on September 11th, 2000. When asked what she thinks about Lustre thus far, she said that the people are very nice, and the weather is very cold. Get's first choice of food and drink would be noodles

and orange juice. Her favorite movie is Begin Again. She plans on pursuing a career in business. Get is kind, friendly, and has adjusted well to life at Lustre Christian High School. Make sure to give her a warm welcome!

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Fighting through Weariness By: Michael Brown



As the basketball season draws to a close, the number of games and the tiredness of the players usually increases. This year is no different. January 24 against Poplar JV was the first of three games that week for the Lustre Lions. The first half began with a 23-20 Lustre lead. After half time, the Lions came out on fire, scoring 23 points in the 3rd quarter while only allowing Poplar to score 5. Poplar outscored the Lions in the 4th quarter but it wasn't enough as Lustre cruised to a 59-39 win. Michael and Zach Brown each had 15 points followed by Thomas Brown

with 13, Levi Brown with 11, and Kyle Pederson with 5.

That Friday, the Scobey Spartans came to play in the Lion's Den. Lustre came out with great intensity and fought their hearts out until halftime, when the scoreboard showed a Scobey lead of only 29-23. The Lions worked hard in the third quarter but came up short. The fourth quarter started with a 45-33 Spartans lead. After 8 more minutes of play, the scoreboard showed 66-39 in favor of Scobey. Michael and Levi each scored 14 to lead Lustre. Thomas chipped in 10 and Zach added 1 point.

Saturday brought still more games, as Lustre travelled to Culbertson to take on the Cowboys. Lustre started off strong, scoring 34 in the first half while only allowing 28, and shooting 81% on free throws. The second half was much different. Culbertson hit 8 three pointers in the second half to help give them a 70-65 point lead as the final buzzer sounded. Lead scorer for Lustre was Thomas with 22 (16 from free throws), followed closely by Michael with 20, Levi with 13, and Zach with 10.

Lady Lions Combat Spartans, Cowgirls By: Shelby Reddig

The Scobey Lady Spartans traveled to the Lions' Den on January 27th for some thrilling games. Sadie came out strong, being our sole scorer in the first quarter. The scoreboard showed 4-13. The score shifted to 12-25 with the Lady Lions down at halftime. With another quarter down, the La-

dy Spartans held onto the lead with 34-20. Lustre played with their might but came up short, 25-44.

On Saturday the 28th, the team headed to Culbertson to take on the Cowgirls. The game had a bit of a rough start, with the Cowgirls leading 23-7 at the end of the first quarter. Going into

halftime, the score was 22-33 with the Cowgirls still leading. During the third quarter, the Lady Lions inched even closer in points. They were down just 34-40 with one quarter left. The last eight minutes proved to be intense. Although Lustre ended up losing 43-52, they fought hard 'til the end.

Lions, Thunder JV Teams Battle By: Kyle Pederson

On January 30, 2017, The Lustre Lions played The Mon-Dak junior varsity team. After the final buzzer sounded the final score was a Mon-Dak win, 69-30. In the first quarter, Zack Brown got 9 points, and Braeden Toavs with 2. In the second quarter, Zack Brown got 3 free throws, and Kyle Pederson

got a basket, with a total of 5 points for the quarter. After half time, Zach Brown came out with another 9 points and another bucket from Kyle. In the final quarter, the Lions only scored 3 points, a bucket from Kyle and a free throw with Zach. With 22 points, half of them free throws, Zach Brown was the

top scorer of the night. The next top scorer of the night was Kyle Pederson with 6, and the next top scorer, Braeden Toavs with 2. Even with a score of 30 points, the Lions still lost to the Thunder's 69 points.

The Lady Lions also played the Mon-Dak Thun-

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Lady Lions Beat Bearcubs, Lose to Indians By: Michael Brown

The Lustre Christian Girls basketball team travelled to Poplar to take on the Lady Indians on Thursday, February 2. Poplar jumped out to an early lead of 18-3 in the first quarter, then pushed it to 30-11 by halftime. Despite the never ending effort by the Lady Lions, Poplar continued to push the lead, ending the third quarter with a lead of 46-19. When the final buzzer sounded, Poplar

had a 59-23 point lead. Kylie Kirkaldie led Lustre's scorers with 8 points, followed by Kaitlyn Toavs with 6, Kassie Kirkaldie with 4, Sadie Brown with 3, and Halle Reddig with 2.

The following night, Lustre challenged the Frazer Bearcubs at the Lion's Den. This was a highly anticipated game, as Gabriella Capasso would be debuting as a Varsity starter after playing JV due to the ninety-day rule. The game

was close the whole time, with both sides going ahead, then losing ground, then going ahead again. At halftime, Frazer had 28-25 lead. The Lady Lions, however, had other plans. After a close 3rd quarter, Lustre broke loose to outscore Frazer 22-5 in the 4th quarter. Lustre won the game by a 60-47 point margin. Gabriella led scorers with 23, while Sadie added 16, Kylie 10, Kassie 6, Halle 4, and Kaitlyn 1.



Lions Play Against Frazer, Poplar

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quarter rolled in, the final score showed on the board with 61-44. The following day Lustre battled against the Frazer Bearcubs. Both teams started off strong

during the first half where the score at the end of the half shows that Frazer is ahead by two points 33-31. Both teams fought with fervor, however, Frazer came out on top with the

final score of 97-70. As the season nears its end, come out and cheer on for your Lions nearing the home stretch of the basketball season.



Bogars Present Chapel By: Michael Brown

Pastor Bruce and Connie Bogar spoke for the January 26 chapel. After the worship team sang "Made Alive," "That's Why We Praise Him," and "You Never Let Go," Pastor Bruce came and read Psalm 27:1-8. Connie then talked about her story: how she was raised in a Christian home, how she had no knowledge of her sin when she was young, how the Father drew her into salvation, and how because of

this she was made aware of her sin. After talking about how she struggled with wondering if she was actually saved, she told how the struggle humbled her and she accepted God's free forgiveness of her sins. She felt God's calling to be a missionary, but she ignored it and went to college. She had a lot of fun and had the appearance of a "good Christian girl," but she felt dead and sterile inside. Finally, Con-

nie decided to give in and follow God's lead. She said that experience has shown her an important lesson: God's plan is best, and He is not trying to ruin your life, even though it may seem like He is. It also made her prize her relationship with God more. Pastor Bruce and Connie ended the service by talking about how struggles, the local church, and other things help bring us closer to God.



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God's Existence Known, Experienced By: Shelby Reddig



What are your plans after high school? Where do you see yourself in thirty years? These were a few questions Pastor Frank Lenihan asked in chapel on January 31st when he came to speak. Pastor Frank spent his senior year of high school in Sweden as an exchange student. Upon leaving, he received a Bible as a gift from the family he stayed with. Back then, he was not spiritual. Look at him now. His plan was to go into law

enforcement, but instead went into the military.

His point was that you may think you have everything figured out in high school; however, your plans are going to change. Pastor Frank went on to discuss the doctrines including the Doctrine of the Bible, Angels, Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ, and the main focus of his chapel, the Doctrine of the Existence of God. We are to make the most of our opportunities each and every day.

God exists, can be known, and can be experienced. Some reasons we know this is due to natural revelation, like creation, and special revelation, including the Bible and Jesus Christ. One's own conscious is the last thing; studies have shown that all people are spiritual. All have a sense of right and wrong, and all have a belief in some sort of afterlife. Allow God's existence to be known and experienced in your life.

New Teacher Presents Testimony By: Michael Brown



As usual, chapel started with music on February 9. The worship team sang *Indescribable, Take My Life, and Sweetly Broken*. After the worship team came Mr. Jason, the new history teacher. Mr. Jason, who grew up in Chicago, began to share his testimony. He started by reading Mark 8:34-38, which was a key verse for him. He grew up in a Roman Catholic home in Deerfield, Illinois. After becoming a recurrent thief in the 4th grade, he went to a summer

Bible camp, where he accepted forgiveness for his sins. Mr. Jason started going to youth group, and every week would show up, promise to make changes in himself, then go back to his old way of living. His senior year, after a huge fight with his mom, he was grounded for three weeks. His mom made him council at the same summer camp he went to when he was in 4th grade. The next fall, he went to Illinois Wesleyan College and "went off the deep end"

because he now had freedom. This resulted in a deep depression. He transferred to Calvin College, then went to Moody Bible Institute. He kept living his life, but was interrupted several times by death or near death of close friends and his father. In closing, Mr. Jason shared lessons he learned throughout his life. First, God doesn't abandon us, and second, God can bring life to anyone, no matter how dead they feel.

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? For what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels."

Mark 8:34-38 (NASB)

Cold Winter Continues By: Shelby Reddig

Did the groundhog see his shadow, or is spring coming early this year? This is what ran through people's minds the morning of Thursday, February 2nd, 2017. Punxsutawney Phil, the famous rodent, enjoyed his 131st celebration of Groundhog Day in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The prediction actually has nothing to do with the groundhog's

shadow. It is decided ahead of time by a top-hat wearing group on Gobbler's Knob; this is a tiny hill just outside Punxsutawney. A short poem was read to announce the prediction, which ended in, "Six more weeks of winter, it shall be!" Some rejoiced, while others weren't too thrilled to say the least. Records dating back to 1887 show Phil has predict-

ed more winter a whopping 103 times; spring arriving early has been announced only 18 times. Further records are unknown. "Groundhog Day", the movie released in 1993 starring Bill Murray, has increased the Gobbler's Knob crowd immensely. We will have to see if Phil's predictions play out!



Celebrating St. Valentine's Day By: Etien Van de Gruiter

Many wonder who is St. Valentine, and why are we celebrating a day based on the saint himself. The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better

soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Some associate the holiday as a pagan holiday or a day where many people

all over the world express their love for another by sending gifts, letters, and chocolate. According to Greeting Card Association, Valentine's Day usually sells an estimate of 1 billion cards, making it the second largest card sending "holiday" of the year, putting it behind Christmas, where an estimate of 2.6 billion cards are sent.



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der at the Lion's Den. In the first quarter, Olivia Brown scored a basket and Gabriella Capasso made 7 out of 8 free throws. In the second quarter Olivia Brown put in 2 more baskets and a free throw, Gabriella also scored 2 baskets and Lily Short and Kassie Kirkaldie put one in as well. At the beginning of the second half Gabriella

broke out with 10 points in the quarter with a free throw from Megan Fast and another from Kassie Kirkaldie. In the last quarter, Gabriella got 3 more baskets and a free throw to fall. Pair that with the 2 pointer from Lily Short and you get a total point count of 43. The Mon-Dak Thunder played hard and kept the score close. Sadly, the Lady Lions were

over taken in the last 2 minutes and lost 46-43. The top scorer of the night for the Lady Lions was Gabriella Capasso with 28 points. Olivia Brown got 7 points; Lily Short had 4 points, Kassie Kirkaldie with 3, and Megan Fast with a free throw. In fact the free throws of the night were pretty good for the Lady Lions making 11 out of 18, or 61%.

To the Residents of the community of Lustre (PWS (Public Water Supply) #MT0003263 and #MT0003282):

This letter is to report the Lead and Copper test results, collected on September 27, 2016, for the designated sample locations listed below:

From: Lustre Grade School District #23, PWS #MT0003263, Wes Young, Administrator
#6 Lustre Grade Ln, Lustre, MT 59225 (406-392-5725)

FIVE SAMPLES REQUIRED AND COLLECTED

LOCATION	RESULTS FOR LEAD	RESULTS FOR COPPER
Kitchen #1	0.002 mg/L	0.090 mg/L
Ladies' Bathroom	ND (Not Detectable)	0.091 mg/L
Classroom #1	0.001 mg/L	0.277 mg/L
Teacher Lounge	0.001 mg/L	0.279 mg/L
Janitor Room	0.001 mg/L	0.121 mg/L

From: Lustre Christian High School, PWS #MT0003282, Wes Young, Administrator
#4 Lustre High Cir, Lustre, MT 59225 (406-392-5735)

FIVE SAMPLES REQUIRE AND COLLECTED

LOCATION	RESULTS FOR LEAD	RESULTS FOR COPPER
Kitchen #1	0.001 mg/L	0.04 mg/L
Kitchen #2	ND (Not Detectable)	0.04 mg/L
Janitor Room	ND	0.03 mg/L
Men's Bathroom	ND	0.11 mg/L
Women's Bathroom	ND	0.05 mg/L

The action level for LEAD is 0.015 mg/L with the maximum contaminant level goal set a zero. The action level and maximum contaminant level goal for COPPER is 1.3 mg/L. The results indicate that we have NOT exceeded the lead action level and have not exceeded the copper action level on any sample.

What does this Mean?

Under the authority for the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA set the action level for lead in drinking water at 0.015 mg/L and 1.3 mg/L for copper. This means utilities must ensure that water from the customer's tap does not exceed these levels in at least 90 percent of the homes sampled (90th percentile value). The action level is the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. If water from the tap does exceed this limit, then the utility must take certain steps to correct the problem. Because lead may pose serious health risks, the EPA set a Maximum Contaminant Level Goal of zero for lead. The MCLG is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

What are the Health Effects of Lead?

Lead can cause serious health problems if too much enters your body from drinking water or other sources. It can cause damage to the brain and kidneys, and can interfere with the production of red blood cells that carry oxygen to all parts of your body. The greatest risk of lead exposure is to infants, young children, and pregnant women. Scientists have linked the effects of lead on the brain with lowered IQ in children. Adults with kidney problems and high blood pressure can be affected by low levels of lead more than healthy adults. Lead is stored in the bones, and it can be released later in life. During pregnancy, the child receives lead from mother's bones, which may affect brain development.

What are the Health Effects of Copper?

Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the action level over the years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's Disease should consult their personal doctor.

What are the Sources of Lead and Copper?

Lead is a common metal found in the environment. The main sources of lead exposure are lead-based paint and lead-contaminated dust or soil. Drinking water is also a possible source of lead exposure. Most sources of drinking water have no lead or very low levels of lead. Most lead gets into drinking water after the water leaves the local well or treatment plant and comes into contact with plumbing materials containing lead. These include lead pipes, lead solder (commonly used until 1986), as well as faucets, valves, and other components made of brass. Copper works its way into the water by dissolving from copper pipes in the household plumbing. The longer the water has stood idle in the pipes, the more copper it is likely to have absorbed. Newer homes with copper pipes may be more likely to have a problem. Over time, a coating forms on the inside of the pipes and can insulate the water from the copper in the pipes. In newer homes, this coating has not yet had a chance to develop.

What can I do to Reduce Exposure to Lead and Copper in Drinking Water?

Run your water to flush out lead and copper. If water has not been used for several hours, run water for 15-30 seconds or until it becomes cold or reaches a steady temperature before using it for drinking or cooking. This flushes lead and copper-containing water from the pipes.

- > Use cold water for cooking and preparing baby formula.
- > Do not boil water to remove lead or copper.
- > Look for alternative sources or treatment of water.
- > Test your water for lead or copper.
- > Identify if your plumbing fixtures contain lead or copper.

For More Information

On reducing lead exposure around your home and health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead, call the National Lead Information Center at 800-24-LEAD, or contact your health care provider. Also Montana DEQ 406-444-4400.

Posted by Marietta Olfert Cert. #6306 (392-5763)

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For Sausage Sales, please call Mike and Nicky Hilkemann at 392-5559, Sarah Brown at 392-5301, or Jason and Stephanie Brown at 392-5201.
(Feel free to leave a message at any of these numbers.)

Prices: until Mon., March 6th is \$5 for bulk and \$6 for cased; after March 6th is \$6 for bulk and \$6 for cased.

The school recently earned \$57.92 in donations from people using the smile.amazon.com web site.

Please use smile.amazon.com for all Amazon shopping and choose LCHS as the charitable organization to receive a percentage of your purchase costs as a contribution.

Cut-up Day is on Thurs., March 9th at the Brown's shop. Please remember to bring any large stainless steel bowls (labeled with your name) for use that day. Also, remember your COOLERS with ice packs to pick up your sausage!!! Note that this year we will provide aprons, gloves, and hair/beard nets for suggested use.

LCHS Calendar

February 20	Presidents Day, No School
February 23-25	Divisional Basketball Tournament in Wolf Point
February 27	Valley County Commissioners @ LCHS 6:30 p.m.
February 27-March 2	Spiritual Emphasis Days
March 7	Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7 p.m. Call the LCHS office to set up a time to meet with teachers
March 9	Chapel 1:16 p.m.
March 16	Chapel 1:16 p.m.
March 17	End of 3rd Quarter
March 24	Schmeckfest

Note: For updated game times and school information, please visit the LCHS Facebook page.

All are welcome to attend LCHS Chapel Services .

"Important! Important! Important!"

Schmeckfest Quilts/Displays/Vendors:

If you have a quilt to be displayed at the 2017 Schmeckfest, or would like to have a display or vendor table, please contact:

Kimberly 392-7395, Becca 392-7963, or Brooke 650-6199.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the defense of my life;
Whom shall I dread?

When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,
My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

Though a host encamp against me,
My heart will not fear;

Though war arise against me,
In spite of this I shall be confident.

One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek:
That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

To behold the beauty of the LORD

And to meditate in His temple.

For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;

In the secret place of His tent He will hide me;

He will lift me up on a rock.

And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me,

And I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice,

And be gracious to me and answer me.

When You said, "Seek My face," my heart said to You,

"Your face, O LORD, I shall seek."

Psalm 27:1-8 (NASB)