

Lustre Links 2015

Alumni/Booster Club Committee

President: Ron Reddig (74)

Vice President: Brant Unrau (99)

Secretary/Treasurer: Julie Schmidt (72) Reddig

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer: Connie Leland

From the President:

Holiday greetings from Lustre! We are embarking on another new year and I would like to update you on this year's happenings and some of the plans for 2016.

In October, the Alumni Association catered the meal for the annual NorVal Electric Co-op meeting held at LCHS. Everyone did a fabulous job with cooking, serving and cleanup. The evening was very well received from all parties involved. It is always fun to see the people of Lustre get together and do what they do best, serve others. The saying goes Rome wasn't built in a day, but if you need something done well and in a hurry the LCHS Alumni Booster Club is up to the task! I am awfully proud of the quality of people that have come out of the sacred halls of LBA-LCHS, just saying. I'm sure all of you that have left paradise are doing the same things in your neighborhoods!

The LCHS building project has come a long way towards completion, but has some finishing touches to complete. Last year your club gave funds to help with this large endeavor. The Alumni Booster Club would like to help by furnishing signage for the facade of the new west entrance as well as other needs for the school. It goes without saying that with the age of time come repairs and updates that always exceed funds. Prices for the signs range from \$2000-\$4500.

We thank you all for your continued support. Your association over the years has done stand-alone projects and contributed towards larger needs such as the school's current project. We also look for new suggested projects that the school will benefit from. If you have things you would like to see considered, let us know. You can all take pride that your alumni/boosters continue to strive to make things run smoothly back in Lustre and wants your comments and support.

Lastly, I would encourage you all to plan a visit to the school to see what is happening here and to look up your former classmates wherever they might be in the world. We all have a common bond from attending school at LBA-LCHS. Thanks again for your support and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Ron Reddig (74)

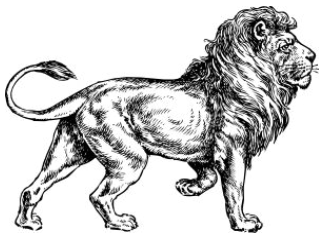
(ff) former faculty (f) faculty (fs) former student LBA/LCHS graduates have graduate year following name

**Lustre Links can now be found
at lustrechristian.org!
Also look for news & info on the
LCHS facebook page.**

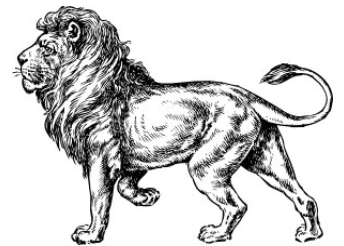
The Newest Lifetime Members

**TAD NUCE (ff)
COLLEEN PUST (77) FISCHER
WES PANKRATZ (76)
CAROL TOEWS (77) HARRISON
PERRY SCHMITT (78)
DOUG TOAVS (70)**

*All Lifetime Members are displayed on a plaque in LCHS hallway.



**WANT TO JOIN
THE \$100 CLUB?**



Send Donations, Dues & Memberships to:

LCHS Alumni/Booster Club
294 Lustre Road
Lustre, MT 59225

*Yearly dues are \$10 with lifetime membership staying at \$100.

Sports Spotlight:

****The LCHS Girls Volleyball team finished their season in November taking 4th at District Tournament.***

****Brooke Toews (00) Holzrichter coached the Lustre Girls Junior High Team and the Lustre Boys Jamboree Team. The girls placed 4th at their tournament held in Hinsdale and Saco. The boys brought home the 1st place trophy and remained undefeated for the season!***

****The LCHS boys & girls basketball season has begun as they opened their season at the Glasgow Class C Showcase Tournament on December 4th & 5th. Check out the Lions' basketball schedule on the school website lustrechristian.org. Go Lions!***



FUTURE ALUMNI

A son, *Austin John*, was born to **Johnathan (95)** & Laura **Skillman** on May 17, 2014. He weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and joins a brother Tyler. They reside in Belgrade, MT where Jonathan is a construction engineer for Century Construction.

A son, *Reid Andrew*, was born to Cole & **Denise Pankratz (02) Stutheit** in November 2014. He joins 2 sisters.

A daughter, *Jordyn Taylor*, was born to Jeff & **Becky Unrau (90)** Henckel on December 2, 2014. She weighed 6 lbs 7 oz and joins a sister.

A daughter, *Sophia Lila*, was born on December 20, 2014 to **Marshall (04) & Luanne Toews (05) Mullet**. She weighed 8 lbs 3 oz. They reside in Minnesota.

A daughter, *Malayni Elise*, was born on March 16, 2015 to **Mark (01)** & Jenny **Toews**. She joins sister Mia and brother Micah.

A daughter, *Ashlyn Joy*, was born to Mike & **Nora Unrau (96)** Matlosz on April 2, 2015. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and 20 inches long. She joins sisters, Lily, Ella & Emily.

A daughter, *Olivia Ann*, was born to **Winston (05)** & Jody **Mullet** on May 3, 2015. She weighed 6 lbs 10 oz.

A son, *Gavin Eugene*, was born to **Darin (04)** & Ashley **Pankratz** on May 6, 2015. He weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and 19 inches long. He joins a sister Hannah. They currently reside in Larslan, MT.

A daughter, *Marlee Blake*, was born to **Randy (00) & Rebecca Unger (01) Reddig** on June 2, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and joins brother Cameron and sister Harlo.

A daughter, *Vera Renae*, joined the family of **Anthony (02) & Ronda Olfert (02) Lind**. Anthony is currently the youth pastor at Bethesda Church in Huron, SD. She joins 2 sisters, ConLai & Juliana.

A daughter, *Piper Carol*, was born to **Curtis (01) & Lisa Toews (00) Neufeld** on June 19, 2015. She weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and joins sister Samantha and brother Jake.

A daughter, *Nadia Carlene*, was born to **Ryan (96)** & Laura **Wall** on June 26, 2015. She weighed 10 lbs 2 oz and joins brother Kyran.

A son, *Zion Abel*, was born to **Caleb (05)** & Rebecca **Olfert** on July 19, 2015. He joins 4 siblings.

A daughter, *Grace Aletheia*, was born to Dan (f) & Melissa Marasco on August 17, 2015. She weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and joins 2 sisters and 2 brothers.

A daughter, *Karensa Kay*, was born to Scott & Heidi Yost (ff) Morton on September 14, 2015. She was 21 inches long & weighed 7 lbs 10 oz. They recently moved to Chandler, AZ.

A daughter, *Amelia Elizabeth*, was born to **Dawson (97)** & Alicia **Olfert** on November 2, 2015. She weighed 8 lbs 3 oz and 20 inches long. She joins 3 brothers and a sister.

A daughter, *Everly Lynn*, was born to Corey & **Nikki Reddig (02)** Doolan on December 2, 2015. She weighed 6 lbs 7 oz. She joins 2 brothers, Carter & Keaton.

Wedding Bells



Kelsey Erickson (08) married Saw Hla Tha on July 26, 2014 in Missoula, MT. They currently live and work in Hamilton, MT. They also help with youth ministry and missions in their church.

Michael Unrau (94) married Amy Juhl on Dec 13, 2014 in Colorado Springs, CO. Their blended family consists of 6 children.

Zach (12) Homontowski married Dakota Stickfort (fs) on May 1, 2015 in Hawaii.

AnaCristina Rodriguez (09) married Carlyle Ross on June 28, 2015 in Milwaukee, WI.

Caleb Dirks (06) married Casie Schaan on September 12, 2015 in Williston, ND where they reside and are both employed.

Kara Tweten (04) & Ben Fosland were married in Fort Peck, MT on October 3, 2015. They reside in Scobey, MT where Ben is a lawyer and Kara works for Child Protective Services.

Grady Toews (05) married Kara Michael on October 18, 2015 in Seattle, WA . Grady is working at ExtraHop Network in the financial department and Kara will graduate in June with a Masters in Psychology.

Need a great gift idea? Our very own Lustre artists Marcia Fast, Sharon Skillman & Trisha Byrne (fs) Reddig have created a hard-covered book called "Prairie Sketches". It is filled with different, unique drawings right from the area! Contact one of these ladies:

Sharon 406-392-5312

Marcia 406-392-5342

Trisha 406-392-5500

Books are \$40 plus S & H. 10% of proceeds go to LCHS.

In Loving Memory...

Gayle Robinson (ff) passed away on October 19, 2014. She taught at LBA from 1964-1967.

Anita (Midge) Toavs, wife of **Willard Toavs (59)**, passed away on October 30, 2014. In memory of Anita, memorials were given to Lustre Christian High School. Her son, Kelly, is currently the Chairman of the LCHS School Board.

John Dirks passed away on December 18, 2014. He is survived by his wife **Linda Wall (52) Dirks** and 4 children which were all LBA/LCHS graduates. John served on the LBA/LCHS school board and was a school bus driver for nearly 30 years.

Gene Schock (57) passed away on April 8, 2015 in Ronan, MT. He is survived by his wife Judie and 4 children.

Raymond Rahn (72) passed away on May 24, 2015 and his wife, Betty, lost her battle to cancer on June 6, 2015. They are survived by their daughter Rebecca (fs).

Pastor Mac Johnson passed away on November 30, 2015. He is survived by his wife Shirley and their family. He was the pastor at Lustre MB Church starting in 1988 ministering there for many years. He officiated many weddings of LCHS alumni.

PROJECT PREVIEW:

This photo is what the west side of the school now looks like! The Alumni/Booster Club would like to add signage on this new entrance of LCHS. If you would like to help make this project happen, send donations to:

**LCHS Alumni/Booster Club
294 Lustre Road
Lustre, MT 59225**



WHERE IS THE LCHS CLASS of 2015?

Maya Cruz: college in Los Angeles, California

Mawin Kulpruks: Grand Canyon University in Arizona

Serena Weide: working with Mission Nannies in New Orleans, Louisiana

Mack Young: University of Montana in Missoula

Chen Zefeng: Aims Community College in Denver, Colorado

**Have any news to share or a change of address? Let us know at
lchsalum@gmail.com**

The 50th Annual Schmeckfest was held on March 27, 2015. Ethel Wall & Lillian Toews, members of the very first Schmeckfest committee, were in attendance and honored.

The net income for the event was \$89,414! A big thanks to the Steering Committee and all who helped make it another successful fundraiser for LCHS!

**Dean (69) & Julie Schmidt (72) Reddig
Bob (89) & Yvonne Brown
Martin (61) & Karen Fast
Roy Allen (88) & Jodi Reddig (92) Neufeld*

*The Alumni
Booster Club
Committee
wishes you a very
Merry
Christmas!*

***If you were unable to make the 50th Schmeckfest
Celebration, come to the 51st Annual Schmeckfest on
Friday, March 18, 2016 & plan on attending the***

**LUSTRE
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

JULY 3, 2016



SCHMECKFEST SAUSAGE COOKBOOKS FOR SALE!

Get your Schmeckfest Sausage Cookbook!
All proceeds go to LCHS! Each book is filled
with 80 'Schmecktaacular' recipes that have
sausage as their main ingredient. (Keep in
mind that any sausage will do...it doesn't
have to be Schmeckfest Sausage.)

If you are interested and live locally, pick up
your copy today at the LCHS office for just \$12.
If you would like to have a copy mailed to you,
please send a check for \$15 (\$12/book plus
\$3/book for shipping) to:

LCHS
294 Lustre Rd
Lustre, MT 59225

We were saddened with the news of a
fire in the Gospel Fellowship Church
in Wolf Point on November 18, 2014.
This is the home church to many of
our alumni, students, and boosters
and is a sister church to the Lustre
MB Church. The church was started
when many Lustre farmers retired
and moved to Wolf Point in the 50's
and saw a need for an evangelical
church to worship. Since the fire, the
church has been meeting together with
the Community Bible Church until
their building is built east of where
the original church was located.



*Did you know? In May, the Alumni/Booster Club gave
money to the LCHS building project. This amount
included the money from the 2012 All School Reunion
offering of \$13,000 and combined with other donations,
the total amount given was \$15,000! Thanks so much
for making this possible! To get in on helping out with future projects for LCHS, send
contributions to LCHS Alumni Booster Club, 294 Lustre Road, Lustre MT 59225.
We look forward to hearing from you!*

Check it out! lustrechristian.org

Keep updated with LCHS happenings!

Look for the Lustre Links there too!



LUSTRE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1916 – 2016

There are 13 family members still living on the original Lustre homesteads and they are planning a celebration on Sunday, July 3, 2016. A community-wide worship service to give God the glory for His faithfulness to our community for these 100 years will be held at 10:00 a.m. at Lustre Christian High School. These families will host a lunch at noon followed by an afternoon of history. If you plan to attend, please contact one of the 12.

Monroe Bartel	392-5274
Gary Dahl (Lori Nichols contact #)	392-5743
Martin Fast	392-5722
Warren Fast	392-5721
Jon Kliewer (Berg)	392-5787
Ron Olfert	392-5763
Henry Ortmann	392-5277
Don Pankratz	392-5720
Julie Reddig (Schmidt)	392-5321
John Toews	392-5557
Ross Trimble	392-5291
Loren Unrau	392-5211
Lyle Wall	392-5281

**For further details, check the lustrechristian.org website or
Lustre Centennial facebook page created by Brooke Holzrichter
(Individual families have plans to celebrate Saturday or Monday.)**

Transplant Update:

I am giving those of you who might be interested in an update about my current condition since my transplant in February. I am now nine months post surgery and am improving daily. My strength is coming back and I can basically put in a full day's work again. The previous two Years were a struggle due to complications from a failing liver. Weekly blood tests to check anti-rejection levels are really the only in-convenience I have. In the big picture it reminds me of how quickly time goes by and how fortunate I am to have a second chance at life. Without God's amazing plan and timing I am not sure how I would be doing right now. The only real glitch that I have had was the Drs. at Mayo took me off of one med that caused a rejection alarm that was remedied by going back on it. I will go back to the Mayo Clinic in February for an annual exam and annually thereafter if I stay on track. I have written to the donor family and hope to hear back from them. It is interesting that one of the most important people in my life is someone I know nothing about. Again to ALL my family and friends none of this could have turned out like it did without God's grace and your awesome support. If anyone has questions about the transplant process, I would be happy to try to answer them. Again I am doing well and hope to someday be able to repay all of you in some way for your graciousness.

Ron's new website is now:

<http://ronreddig.my-free.website>

Sincerely,
Ron Reddig

THE 2015-16 LCHS SCHOOL YEAR:

SCHOOL BOARD:

Kelly Toavs - Chairman/Promotion
Bob Brown (89) - Vice Chairman/Finance
Randy Reddig (00) - Secretary/Dorm
Jared Fast (92) - Yard
Brad Traeholt (86) – School Maintenance
Stan Friesen (77) - Housing
Jason Brown (95) - Transportation

LCHS STAFF

Wes Young - Principal
Renee Adolf - Science, Spanish, Advanced Comp, Technology
Michael Butler - Choir, Band, Computer 1
Al Leland (79) - English 9-12, Creative Writing, ESL English & Asst GBB Coach
Dan Marasco - Math, Bible
Keith Orr - Social Studies, PE, AD, GVB & GBB Coach
Bonnie Unrau - Guidance, Librarian, Speech/Drama
Lucas & Naomi Lorenz – Dorm Parents
Jean Toews (67) - Evening Cook
Randy Reddig (00) - BBB Coach
Jared Holzrichter & **Ron Reddig (74)** – Asst BBB Coach
Lynn Unrau – Track Coach
Daryl Toews (67) - International Representative
Eileen Traeholt (65) - Custodian
Diane Unrau - Secretary/Treasurer

DORM COMMITTEE:

*Daryl (67) & Jean Schmidt (67) Toews
Dawson (97) & Alicia Olfert
Justyn & Kimberly Wall (99) Klatt

FOUNDATION COMMITTEE:

Keith Unger (71)
Wilbur Unrau (68)
Grant Zerbe (77)

The LCHS Foundation held their 100 Club Annual Heritage Dinner on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 in the LCHS gym. About 80 guests enjoyed a BBQ Brisket dinner catered by **Warren (78) & DeeDee Heidner (82) Fast**. Door prizes, a Foundation report by Chairman **Keith Unger (71)** and special music by Glenda Goertzen (fs) Krieman were followed by a special presentation by Rocky Erickson, well-known state-wide sportscaster with the Montana Sports Network of Billings. Mr. Erickson shared a few interesting and humorous stories from his many years of broadcasting sports and then told about his experiences of visiting former concentration camps in Europe with a Holocaust survivor.

LCHS Foundation continues to grow and provide support to the ministry of the school. To date over \$400,000 has been given for a large variety of projects. Thank you for your support.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE from the BOARD...

After generous donations to the building fund by the many individual supporters, the alumni, and the foundation, the high school was able to move forward with the west entry addition. Slate Architecture was hired on as the architect and Sletten Construction served as the general contractor. This general contractor was selected based on their bid, but also their willingness to let the community take on the portions of the project that would not affect the schedule. This, in turn, helped us save money where we could. One of these ways was through community project days. The work began on May 20, 2015 with the community volunteers tearing down the existing west entry and connector between the gym and existing building. The painting of the interior portion of the entry was also completed by the community. The west entry has since been completed.

The major work completed is a new grand entry with a larger coat room and a commons area that can be used as a study area for the dorm and gathering area for students waiting for their ride after a long day. New handicap accessible restrooms were added and also equipped with baby changers making them family friendly for game nights and special functions. A Flex Room was added that will be used as a changing room for visiting teams during the basketball season. We also have the option to use it as a classroom or for other purposes in the off season. A 2-story connector/breezeway and fire escape was also added at the gym and existing hallway at the lower level and the Assembly Room upstairs. Now students can bring band equipment directly into the gym from the assembly room. Another major upgrade that is not well seen was the electrical service. The overhead power lines were removed and the interior feeders and electrical panels were upgraded providing greater flexibility for future growth and for Schmeckfest demands. Included in the electrical upgrades were new lights for the gym.

Involved in the 2-story breezeway was a mezzanine in the gym. This portion was cut from the original contracted work because of budget. However, since the entry was completed and harvest has wrapped up the community has begun constructing the mezzanine and hope to have it complete prior to the first home basketball games in mid-December.

On behalf of the board, we would like to thank you for your support in this project! As we look forward to the future, we would ask that you prayerfully consider giving towards further building improvement needs. The next goal of the board is to replace siding and windows on the rest of the school.



**Work being done to build the mezzanine which will give convenient access to the assembly room.
Photo by Becca Reddig**

NEWSWORTHY:

Dan (78) & Carol Leland (78) Markwardt celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last October by going on a 5000 mile – 18 state – 18 day road trip. They enjoyed visiting family & friends along the way. While in Virginia, Dan and Carol met up with **Lynn Greene (77)** Rademacher and her husband Verle.

Teri Liebrand (02) Lawrence ran the fastest time out of 5 go-rounds at the Canadian Cowboy Association Finals. Her husband Stetson will be participating in the Sinch Boyd Gaming Chute-Out during the NFR at the Orleans Arena this month.

Timothy Lenihan (14) graduated from Basic Training at Fort Jackson, NC and was then sent directly to Fort Eustis, VA to train as a helicopter mechanic on a CH47 Chinook. He graduated Friday, December 11, 2015 and will be assigned to an Aviation Unit to train to be an officer while attending the University of Montana.

Mack Young (15) graduated from Advanced Individual Training with the National Guard in Fort Benning, GA on September 3, 2015. He will be participating in the ROTC while attending the University of Montana.

James Ryu (14) is currently serving in the military in the South Korean Coast Guard.

Marshall Mullet (04) co-founded Catch22 Marketing in 2014. In 2015, the company added two employees and moved to a new office. Catch22 helps businesses market themselves online through websites, social media, and inbound marketing. Marshall designed the LCHS website last fall and currently **Becca Unger (01)** Reddig is updating the site to keep us all informed!

Jackie Ryu (11) graduated from the University of California-San Diego with a BS degree in Mathematics and Economics.

Tad Nuce (ff) has moved to Galena, Illinois since leaving New Tribes Mission in 2012. He serves as principal of Tri-State Christian School there and his wife, Deanna, is the Spanish teacher. “We have very much enjoyed the Lustre Links we have received and the news about the Lustre families who served our family as much as we served them during our time at LCHS.”

Tito Matias (84) was promoted to Chief of Schools for Chicago Public Schools. His position serves much like a regional superintendent being responsible for 38 schools (34 elementary schools and 4 high schools) on the northeast part of the city.

Don & **Eileen Baerg (65)** Traeholt hosted a BBQ on July 4, 2015 for neighbors, family & friends to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. A highlight was renewing their vows.

Doug Toavs (70) is working at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN as the Director of E-Philanthropy within Institutional Advancement. His wife, Sue, is a Speech & Language Pathologist at Gillette Children’s Specialty Healthcare in St. Paul.

Have any news to share? Update us at lchsalum@gmail.com

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