

Hello Lima School Community Members,

Happy New Year! The first semester is ending and students are getting ready for finals. The seniors are excited to be in 2024 as it puts them that much closer to walking across that stage. We are proud of the students and the efforts they gave this past fall in the classroom, on the field/court, or at other competitions.

Our basketball season is running strong and we will have a number of home games in January. Please check the attached calendar to see when those games will be played. Our last scheduled home game for the season will be on February 2nd and we will honor our seniors that night as well. Our seniors this year are Garet Lessley, Kynd Hildreth, and Jacen Haws. They have been such a big part of our athletic program and we thank them for their leadership and participation.

Lima has several academic competitions in the coming months. The County Spelling Bee is on January 24th at the Court House. The Academic Olympic team will be competing in March as well as our Business Professionals of America State qualifiers. FFA state competitions are scheduled for the first weekend in April. Good luck to all our teams and competitors!

The School Board will hold their regular meeting on January 9th beginning at 6:00pm. The major point of discussion will be the budget for 2024-2025. There has been a committee meeting to make recommendations to the Board to help find the funds needed to operate the school. I encourage everyone that is interested to please attend the meeting on January 9th. No final decisions will be made at this meeting but discussion on ideas will be had. I would like to thank everyone who came the meeting in December. The support for the school was strong and the participation at that meeting demonstrates the need for our school.

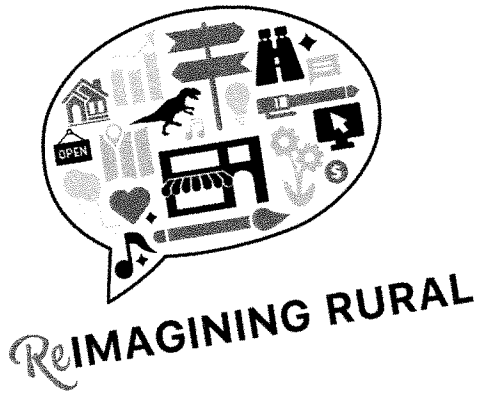
There will an opportunity for the community to work with the MSU Extension Community Development Program and participate in the Reimaging Rural Program. This work will focus on creating and sharing new ideas for rural community vitality. The goal of this group is to help the Lima and Dell communities create a positive future. Please read the attached new release from the MSU Extension Office for more information.

Thank you again for supporting the Lima School, our students and community.

Respectfully,



Brian C. Rayburn, Superintendent



What is Reimagining Rural?

Reimagining Rural is a program to increase volunteer engagement in rural communities. Reimagining Rural communities each host an in-person gathering for their local volunteers and leaders to watch rural-focused speakers via Zoom. Following the speakers, each community has their own local discussion about the ideas they heard from the speaker and how they might apply locally.

Lima/Dell Community Selected to Participate in Statewide Reimagine Rural Program

The Lima/Dell Community has been selected to participate in the fourth annual Reimagining Rural Virtual Gathering planned for January 29, February 12 and February 26, 2024 to be held in the Lima School Multipurpose Room. Everyone is welcome to this free, community-wide event to hear fresh, new ideas for rural community vitality to inspire and motivate community members to imagine a brighter future for their town.

The Reimagining Rural Virtual Gathering includes three sessions, broadcast via Zoom to groups of local participants gathered in-person in small towns across the state. Immediately following the speakers, local groups each have a facilitated conversation about how the new ideas might work in their community.

Communities that applied and were accepted to the program this year include: Big Timber, Boulder, Choteau, Custer County, Ekalaka, Ennis, Forsyth, Lima/Dell, Glacier County, West Yellowstone and Winnett. In total, 53 communities have participated in Reimagining Rural since its inception in 2020.

Communities participate in Reimagining Rural as a way to bring their community members together to get inspired and work together for a bright future. Lauren Dillon of Big Timber said that they are “excited to continue [local conversations] under the structure of this program – both to have the dedicated time together and for the inspiration and ideas from the themes of the three sessions.” Ekalaka participated in the program previously. Local leader Sabre Moore said in her application this year that “We are ready to come back and visit with other communities across Montana as it always helps galvanize our own community to share in this forum with others!” Custer County Extension Agent Jackie Beardsley said in her application “Miles City has many fun things happening, and creative leaders working to make it a wonderful place to live. I think Reimagining Rural could be the glue to pull them all together.”

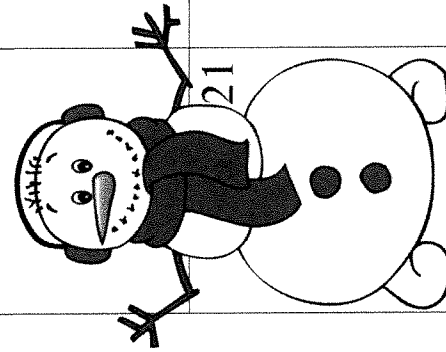
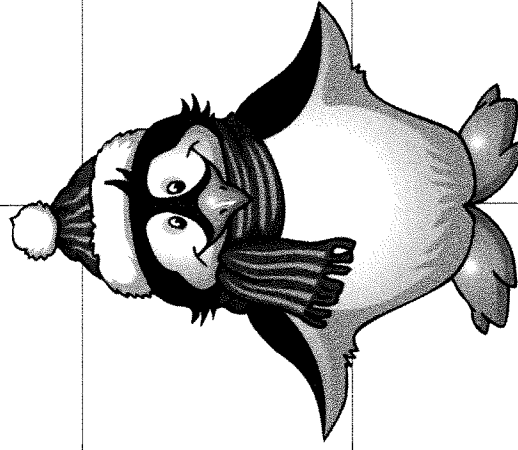
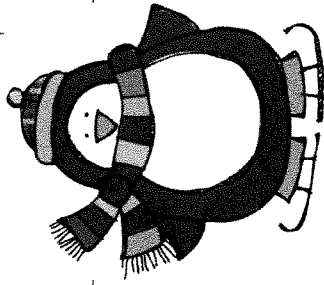
Each night of the program features a speaker as well as a story of success from a small town. Tara Mastel of Montana State University Extension will kick off the first night with some key data that gives context to some of the changes seen in our small towns including Montana’s own research on the rural “brain gain”. The second night features small-town experts Becky McCray and Deb Brown back by popular demand. McCray and Brown will share their “Idea Friendly Method” for getting things done in small towns without all the typical red tape. The final session will feature Rebecca Udem who is a passionate “dreamer” trying new things in rural, small town North Dakota. She is a professional speaker and hosts a podcast called Growing Small Towns.

Reimagining Rural is made possible through support from MSU Extension, the Montana Community Foundation, AgWest Farm Credit, Montana Department of Commerce and local hosts in each community.

The sessions are set for January 29, February 12 and February 26. Each session will be held from 6-8 p.m. in the Lima School Multipurpose Room. We will be serving refreshments. Please come join us for these conversations.

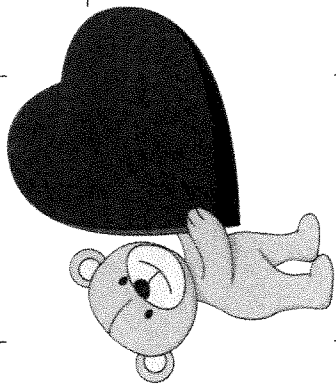
For more information contact visit <https://msuextension.org/communitydevelopment/reimagine-rural.html> or contact Tara Mastel at MSU Extension at tara.mastel@montana.edu.

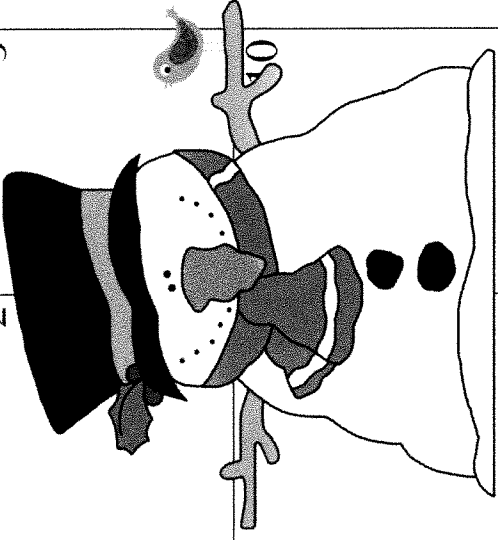
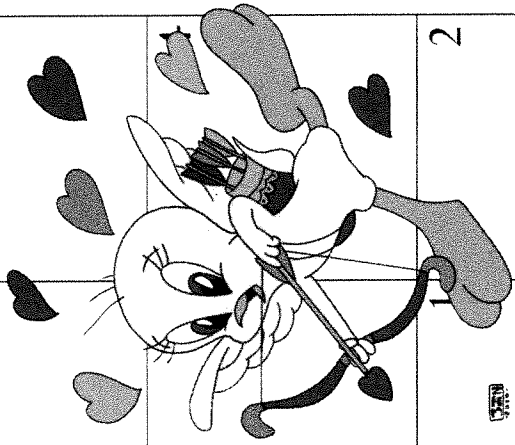
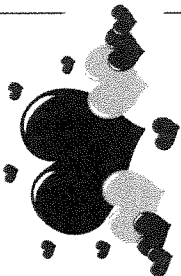
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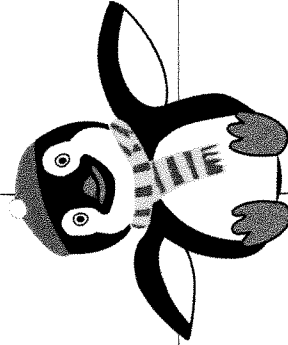


Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Beef Barley Soup, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	3 Turkey Shepherd's Pie Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	4 Roast Beef Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	5 Pizza Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	6
8 Chef Salad, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	9 Breakfast Sandwiches on a Bun Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	10 BBQ Beef on a Bun Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	11 Ravioli, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	12 13
14 Beef Stir Fry Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	15 Beef Stir Fry Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	16 Chicken Spaghetti Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	17 Salisbury Steak, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	18 20 Tamale Pie Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk
21 Potato Soup with Cheese Bread, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	22 Sloppy Joes, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	23 Smorgasbord, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	24 Tater Tot Casserole Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	25 27 Hamburgers on a Bun Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk
28 Lasagna, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	29 Tomato Soup, Ham and Cheese Melts, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	30 Tater Tot Casserole Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	31 Hamburgers on a Bun Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	3

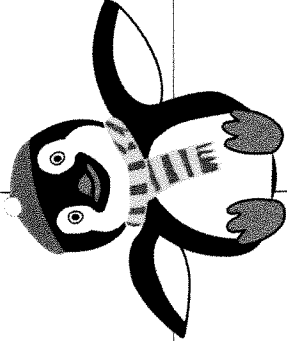
hello, FEBRUARY!



Tue		Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 Lasagna, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	30	31	1	2	3
	Tomato Soup, Ham and Cheese Melts, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Tater Tot Casserole Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Hamburgers on a Bun Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk		
	Hamburger Stew, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	French Toast Sauce, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Spaghetti With Meat Sauce, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	16	17
11	12	14	15		
Beef Enchiladas, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Green Bean Casserole, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Pork Chop Sandwiches, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Corn Dogs, French Fries Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	1	2
18	 Beef Stir Fry Vegetables, Fruit,	20	21	22	29
	Oran Chicken over Rice, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Tacos, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Chili, Cornbread, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Chicken Broccoli Casserole, Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk	Tortilla Soup Vegetables, Fruit, and Milk
26	27	28	29	1	2



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		2	3	4 Booster Club Meeting 4:00	5	6 JV/Varsity BB Home Shields Valley 3:00/4:00 JH Boys BB at Sheridan
		9	10	11 JV/Varsity BB Home Twin Bridges 5:30/6:30	12	13 JV/Varsity BB Home Ennis 4:00/5:00
		15	17	18 End of Q2 and S1	19 JV/Varsity BB Home Manhattan Christian 5:00/6:00	20 JV/Varsity BB Gardiner 4:00/5:00
		22	24	25 Varsity BB Harrison 7:00 JH Boys BB vs. Sheridan Home 4:00	26 Varsity BB Home Leadore 4:00	27 JV/Varsity BB WSS 4:30/5:30
		29	31		2	3 Varsity BB West Yellowstone 5:30

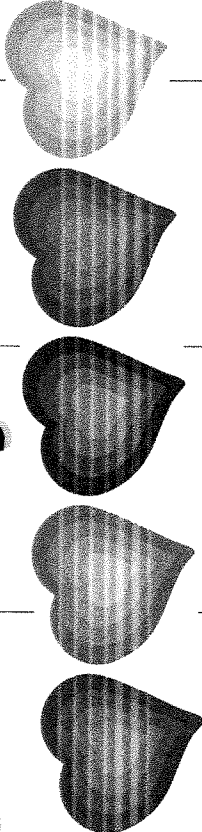




Part 1
6-8 PM Lima School
Multipurpose Room
Everyone Welcome
Refreshments Provided

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1 Booster Club Meeting 4:00	2 JV/Varsity BB Home Sheridan 4#0/5:30 Senior Night	3 Varsity BB West Yellowstone 5:30
11 JH Boys BB at Sheridan 4:00 February 12th	12 IMAGINING RURAL Part 2 6-8 PM Lima School Multipurpose Room Everyone Welcome Refreshments Provided	13	14 BE MINE Senior Class Valentine's Day Dinner Fundraiser	15 JV/Varsity BB Twin Bridges 5:30/6:30	16 FFA Fundraising Dinner	17 JV/Varsity BB Ennis 4:00/5:00
18	19 4-H Meeting 6:30	20	21	22	23	24 BMD County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
25	26 IMAGINING RURAL Part 3 6-8 PM Lima School Multipurpose Room Everyone Welcome Refreshments Provided	27	28	29	1	2

February 2024



Class of 2024 Senior Trip ~February 28 thru March 6th~



Name	Jersey #	Grade	Height
Luke Wendt	10	10	5'10"
Danny Broussard	12	11	6'
Carter Rayburn	14	10	6'
Kynd Hildreth	20	12	5'11"
Ezra Staley	22	09	6'1"
Kalen Martinell	24	10	6'
Garet Lessley	30	12	6'1"
Jacen Haws	32	12	6'2"
Ty Wellman	40	08	5'10"
Antony Stosich	44	08	5'7"
Gus Huntsman	54	10	5'11

2023-2024

Lima Bears Basketball

Head Coach: Bryce Hildreth

Assistant Coach: Aaron Wellman

Superintendent/A.D.: Brian Rayburn



Shields Valley	Home	January 6	BJV 3:00 / BV 4:00
Twin Bridges	Home	January 11	BJV 5:30 BV 6:30
Ennis	Home	January 13	BJV 4:00 / BV 5:00
Manhattan Christian	Home	January 19	BJV 5:00 / BV 6:00
Gardiner	Away	January 20	BJV 4:00 / BV 5:00
Harrison	Away	January 25	BV 7:00
Leadore	Home	January 26	BV 4:00
White Sulphur Springs	Away	January 27	BJV 4:30/ BV 5:30
Sheridan	Home	February 2	BJV 4:30 / BV 5:30
West Yellowstone	Away	February 3	BV 5:30
Twin Bridges	Away	February 8	BJV 5:30 / BV 6:30
Ennis	Away	February 10	BJV 4:00 / BV 5:00

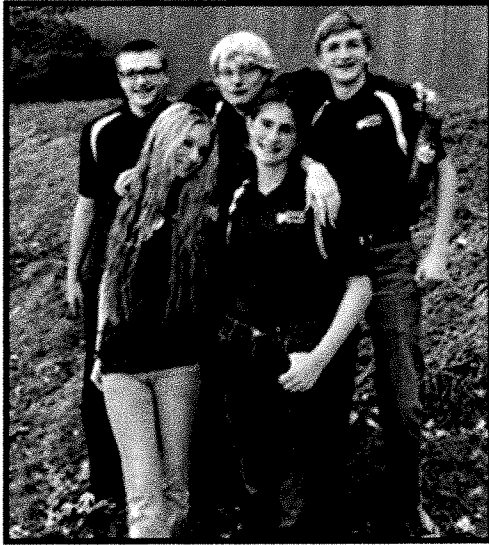
Lima FFA 2023-2024

Annual Fund Raising
Dinner
February 9th, 2024
Save the Date!



HS Academic Olympics Team

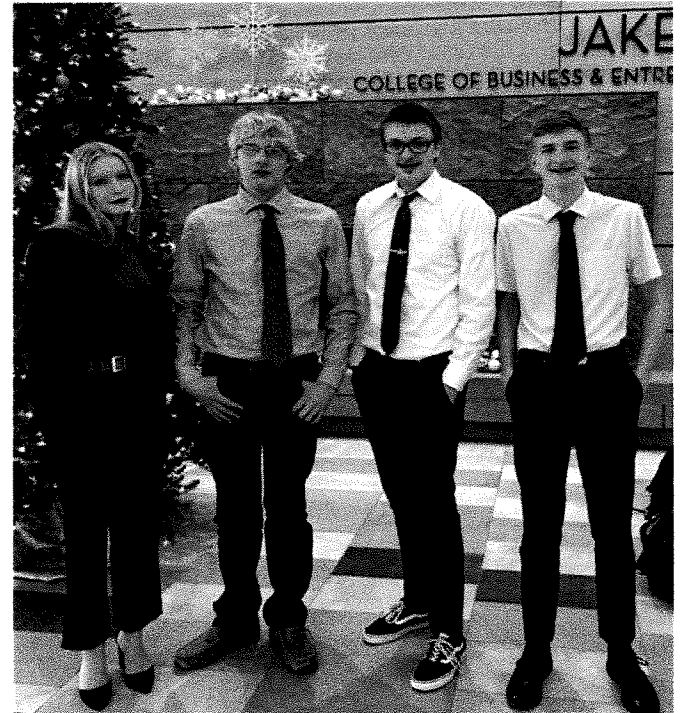
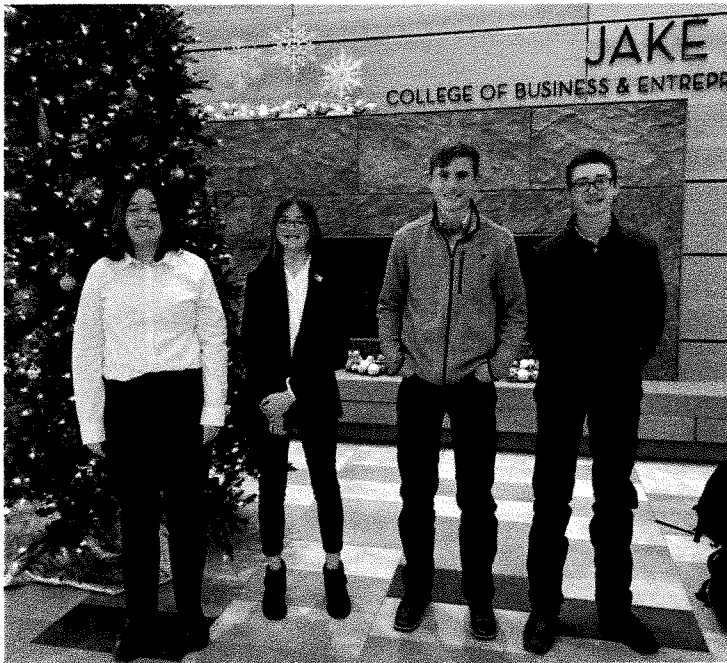
Fall 2023



- #13 Audrianna Bernard
- #14 Sadie Wendt
- #21 Kiersten Bernard
- #11 Paige McQuiston,
- #22 Isabell McQuiston
- #10 Harmony Burlison



The JH Lima Lady Bears had a wonderful season ending on a high note with 12 wins and 2 losses. The future looks bright for these young ladies. We are proud of you! The JH Lady Bears were coached by Mrs. Eva Bernard



Congratulations to the Junior High BPA Members! They qualified for the state competition in March by placing first in Digital Game Design at the Western Region competition in Bozeman, MT.
Rayne Kindberg, Kiersten Bernard, Ty Wellman, and Rowen Bailey

Congratulations to the High School BPA Members!
State Qualifiers:
Maddy Young
1st in Business Law and Ethics,
3rd in Human Resource Management
Charity Hildreth (Not Pictured)
3rd in Fundamentals of Microsoft Word
Garrett Smart, Jacen Haws, and Carter Rayburn
placed 5th in Podcasting



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December 12, 2023

Lima Alumni and Friends of the Lima/Dell Community,

This past summer we enjoyed a wonderful all school reunion. Debbie Detton and many others put on a great weekend full of reuniting friends, reminiscing about old times, and reliving experiences from our glory days at Lima Schools. More specifically, many spoke about the lessons and values taught and learned in Lima High School. At the reunion it was apparent that many people passed through these doors and went out into the world to do great things. This school has been the training ground for many of us who can hold our heads up with pride in the way we have raised our families, or the pleasure we take in a job well done.

As we enjoyed celebrating nearly 100 years of a successful education in Lima, we may not have been aware that our school is in a financial crisis. Due to declining enrollment for many years, truthfully since the railroad took out the depot and turntables, our funding has become less and less. We have now come to a critical breaking point in the funding of our school, leaving our school board members to make some difficult decisions in the months ahead. Some of these options are to cut several teachers from an already depleted staff. This in turn will cut programs and options for our students that make school enjoyable and enlightening. We may lose funding for a full-time superintendent, who currently also takes on many other roles without additional pay. This is the case for many of our faculty and staff members as we want to give our students the best experience possible. There is even strong discussion of closing the doors of "Ol' Lima High" and sending our students to find other avenues to complete their education. This decision cannot be put off for another year, five years, or more but instead must be made within the next month!

As concerned members of the Lima Community, we cannot let this happen. We hope you feel the same way. Educators, staff, and board members are willing to do what it takes on their end to provide their students with the best education they can offer but they need your help in order to do so. While donations are greatly appreciated, we need your ideas and help spreading the word. Please contact our school board members and offer what you can. Contact other classmates and friends and help spread the word to others that this message may miss. Give generously to help us keep our school and as many programs as possible so we can continue to spread the values of Lima High School. Our school is the heart of our community. This tough decision will not only impact students, parents, staff, and board members but it will also affect our whole community. There will be no more school events or games to attend. Students having to attend high school elsewhere will leave families split up. Sooner or later these families will have to make the tough decision to move from Lima so they can keep their children in the same school. This problem affects our entire community. If we lose our school, we firmly believe we will lose our community. In this little community we have come to realize that the greatest lessons of life are not always learned in the Math, English, or History classroom, but instead are learned through life's challenges and adversities. Please help us to continue teaching these lessons and keep our small-town traditions alive.

All donations will be deposited in the Miscellaneous Fund to be used for general district expenditures. If you would like to donate or have ideas, please contact our school office or mail checks to:

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Sincerely,
Concerned Members of The Lima & Dell Community



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Donations to the Lima School District are tax deductible! The District can write a tax-deductible receipt to anyone who makes a monetary donation to the district. Would you be willing to consider a one time or an annual tax-deductible gift? If you would prefer to donate electronically we will soon have an option through "Square" to do so. Please watch the Lima School App and Website for this information, and feel free to call the school office for information 406.276.3571

The Internal Revenue Code allows taxpayers to claim a deduction for donations they make to qualified organizations. A qualified organization includes most nonprofit schools that operate exclusively for educational and literary purposes.

Please fill in this information card and return with your donation, so we can get you a receipt.

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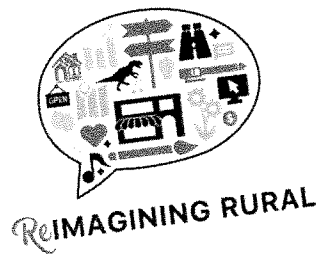
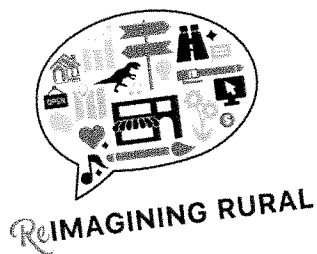
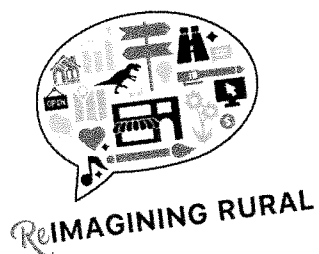
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January 29th, February 12th & February 26th.

EVERYONE is WELCOME!

We Will Have Refreshments and Good Company to SHARE!

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