

## Superintendent's Message Janet Sifferman, Superintendent

**S** ome true "winter weather" has finally made its way to Michigan, but hopefully its stay will be short! Regardless of the weather, the district is in full swing, planning for the 2015/2016 school year. There are a couple of important dates and activities that are happening soon. Kindergarten Round-up for the 2015/2016 school year is scheduled for February 17 and 18 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Hartland Educational Support Services Center. Note that this is earlier than



in years past. Please refer to the announcement in this issue for further details. Scheduling for Hartland High School students begins this month and you may contact Hartland Middle School (for incoming freshman) or Hartland High School if you have specific questions regarding this process.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Board of Education member Cynthia Sinelli for her eight years of service to the Board and for her many years of service to the district prior to serving on the Board, as an involved parent, PTO/PAC member, and valued member of the Hartland community. She will truly be missed! With Cindy's departure, we are extremely happy to welcome Chris Costa to the Board table. Chris and his family have resided in the Hartland community for several years and have a son in 2nd grade at Round Elementary. Chris is a teacher in South Lyon. We are very fortunate to be able to continue Hartland's tradition of electing committed, community-minded, and child-centered members to our Board of Education.

As winter weather has finally made itself known, I wanted to remind everyone of the district's policies and procedures regarding what goes into determining a "snow day."

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#### Person of the Month Charlie Aberasturi

Charlie Aberasturi has been a fixture in the Hartland community for almost 20 years. He has served on the Hartland Board of Education for 17 years and is currently serving as the Board's treasurer. He also serves on the board of the Heartland Foundation, originally chartered by J. Robert Crouse. He received both his BBA and MBA from Eastern Michigan University.



#### Following is Charlie's "Hartland Story" in his own words:

Both of my children had the opportunity to spend all thirteen years of their education in Hartland Schools, and they are both Spartans. My daughter, Sarah, graduated from Hartland in 2009 and Michigan State University in 2013. She is currently an RN working in pediatric emergency at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor. Last October, Sarah married her high school sweetheart, Brett Callihan. They are living in Fowlerville.

My son, Dan, graduated from Hartland in 2012 and anticipates graduating from MSU in December 2015. He is pursuing an accounting degree and this semester is doing an internship with Grant Thornton, LLP in Southfield. Dan earns his spending money as an MHSAA basketball and baseball official for KLAA games.

My wife Sue and I celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary in 2014. Sue had the opportunity to serve on various PTOs and PACs for all fifteen years our children were in Hartland Schools. I am retired from remunerated employment after working 34 years for TRW in various financial management positions. I currently volunteer at my church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, and also at Pregnancy Help Clinic in Brighton.

#### Some of my most memorable moments include:

My daughter's first day of school and the level of comfort I had in giving this school district the opportunity to help in forming her into an adult. I was a "video camera-carrying parent" and noticed another father who was just as video-involved as I. Thirteen years later on my daughter's last day at Hartland High School, I saw the same father there with his video camera.

When my daughter was in elementary school I worked close enough to the school that I could come over to help during the day. This gave me the opportunity to sit with my daughter and her classmates; to be on the play-ground helping them with the merry-go-round as they chanted, 'Faster, faster we need a new master!"

There was a time several years ago when saying the pledge of allegiance was being reinvigorated. My son's principal decided to have children recite the pledge during announcements. Dan was given the opportunity to be the first one to do this. I made the assumption it was because I was a board member and thanked the principal; my innuendo must have made him realize my assumption.

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# **Editor's Page**



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## **Community Life**

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# Schools

#### Hartland Consolidated School District 9525 Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843 810.626.2100

# Kindergeräen Round OP

Mark your calendar for Hartland Consolidated School's Kindergarten Round-Up for the 2015-2016 school year.

Children are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September 2015 if they will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before **September 1, 2015**. A child who turns 5 after September 1 and before December 1, 2015, may enroll if parent/legal guardian notifies the school district in writing no later than August 1, 2015.

A Junior Kindergarten program (half day and/or full day) may be offered on a limited basis. A minimum number of students is required for the program to be made available. Parents may need to provide transportation in order to participate. You may contact Scott VanEpps at 810.626.2111 or scottvanepps@hartlandschools.us for more information.

A 20-minute orientation will begin at 5:30 pm in the Board Room located in the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd, followed by registration in the Performing Arts Center lobby on:

# Feb. 17 (Tues)6- 8 pmLast names starting with the letters A-LFeb. 18 (Wed)6- 8 pmLast names starting with the letters M-Z\*Please make every effort to enroll your child on the dates provided.

#### Please bring the following:

- Original birth certificate with seal, plus copy of same certificate
- Immunization records with proof of DTP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox shots (or proof of having illness), and vision screening, plus copy of record
- Proof of residency-copy of one of the following: certificate of occupancy, purchase agreement, builder's permit, rent receipt or agreement, mortgage statement/payment receipt, voter registration card, utility bill, driver's license

While we need to see the originals, it will expedite the enrollment process if you also bring copies of the originals.

Kindergarten registration packets are now available at the Board of Education office, the Community Education office, each elementary school office and the Hartland Child Care Center (51 Building). You can also download them from our website at **www.hartlandschools.us.** 

# Person of the Month Charlie Aberasturi continued from page 1.....

He put me in my place when he replied that it was not because of me, it was because my wife was a PTO parent! My reward for being a member of the Board of Education was realized when I had the opportunity to hand each of my children their high school diplomas.

We are born with and develop, through experience and education, individual talents. These talents are given to us to be used to help those we come in contact with. For me the application of these talents has been helpful to the Hartland School District, and so far, the electorate has agreed. I support and value Hartland Consolidated Schools because our district is willing to support positive values for our students.

#### Hartland Consolidated Schools 2014-15 School Calendar

February 2015	20-23	Mid-Winter Break, no school students or staff
March 2015	6 27	End of fourth marking period – High School End of third marking period – K-8
April 2015	2 3-10 24	Professional Development – no students Spring Recess – no school students or staff End of fifth marking period – High School
May 2015	25	Memorial Day - no school students or staff
June 2015	8	High School Exams, 1/2 day
	9	High School Exams, 1/2 day
	10	High School Exams, 1/2 day. Last Day of School,
		1/2 day school.

If needed, snow day make ups begin June 11.

#### Names in the News

Congratulations to Paul Scheidler for being honored as the **Daughters of the American Revolution Michigan Societies 2015 Michigan Outstanding Teacher of American History.** 

Paul teaches at the high school and has been very inspirational to countless Hartland students over the years. He will be recognized at a luncheon on March 31.





Left: Congratulations to Hartland High School sophomore Sophia Huebel whose poster submission was chosen as this year's winner in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The 2015 theme was service. For more information on MLK Day events at the high school, see page 4.

Congratulations to **Hartland Middle School teacher Mike Scheib** for being named this week's Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education award winner! Mike was recognized with a \$500 check from the Michigan Lottery and his class will receive a \$500 grant! They will use the money to package 10-12 thousand meals for kids around the world with an organization called "Kids Against Hunger."

The Excellence in Education award is sponsored by the Michigan Lottery, proud to provide nearly 19 billion dollars to support public education over the past 40 years.

# **High School News**

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# **Principal's Corner**

#### Ben Mainka, Hartland High School Principal

**P**arents, this month is a very important month as we have students beginning to look at classes that they would like to take next year and start thinking about the spring. Our winter sports programs are in full swing and we are preparing for many busy events coming our way in the spring. Winterfest is approaching soon and we have the State of the School Address coming up as well. We hope to see many of you out and supporting our various local events!



February 7 – Winterfest Dance
February 10 – State of the School Address (HS Auditorium)
February 12 – FASFA Online Night at HHS
February 17 – Festive Band Concert
February 20-23 - Mid-Winter Break





This January, Hartland High School once again celebrated the life and message of Martin Luther King, Jr. emphasizing service projects and inspiration. Students spent one day this January volunteering their time to help local organizations such as the Salvation Army, OLSHA, Humane Society, Hartland Township and more.

Some of the projects taken on by Hartland High School students this year included:

**Project Linus:** Creating No-Sew blankets to be given as gifts to seriously ill and traumatized children in hospitals, social service agencies, or shelters **Meals on Wheels:** Decorated bags for meals.

**Soup Kitchen-** To creating 225 sack lunches- including sandwich, snack bar, piece of fruit, condiments, napkin.

**HAVEN project:** Made 100 First Night Kits for new residents at the shelter **Ronald McDonald House:** Made hygiene kits.

**Gleaners Project:** Made birthday bags for Senior citizens who may need assistance from Gleaners during their birthday month

Last Chance Rescue: Baked dog bones to feed animals at the shelter Inspire HHS: Created signs and posters to hang around our high school Hartland Winterfest: Made crafts for all of the kids who attend the 1st Hartland Township Winterfest on Jan. 31.

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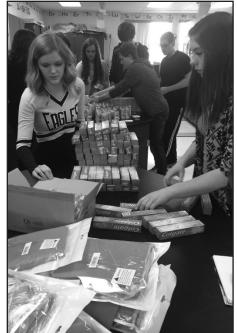
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## **Middle School News**

Steven Livingway, Principal



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#### EIGHTH GRADE TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL

• **Scheduling:** Hartland High School counselors will meet with eighth grade students late February. Students will receive all the information they need to begin scheduling for the High School.

• Freshmen Parent Night will be February 26 at Hartland High School. Parents and students will receive information about the High School curriculum, counseling services, math offerings, music options, the Link Orientation program, and more. Students may attend but MUST sit with parents.



**Above:** The HMS Pom Team prepares to perform during a recent home basketball game.



**Above:** Coach Silverston confers with his players during a home basketball game.



#### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month, a selection committee at Hartland Middle School selects one seventh and one eighth grade student to receive recognition as "Students of the Month." Nominated students must meet one or more of the following criteria in order to be selected.

- The student must show continued success in all subjects
- The student must exhibit good citizenship
- The student must make a significant positive contribution to the school and others
- The student must exhibit a positive attitude toward school, self, and others

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month, Emma Ross and Jacob and Joseph Pezzotti.







Jacob Pezzotti, eighth grade Student of the Month. Joe Pezzotti, eighth grad Student of the Month.

Joe Pezzotti, eighth grade Student of the Month. Emma Ross, seventh grade Student of the Month.



## Farms Intermediate News

Mikki Cheney, Principal

# 810.626.2500

#### Welcome to New Farms Staff



Welcome to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Kelm who will be permanent substitutes at Farms!





Each month at Farms Intermediate School, we acknowledge students who have been nominated by their teachers for outstanding academic performance, as well as, for displaying exemplary Reason, Respect, and Responsibility. Students are presented with a Student of the Month certificate and their names are announced school-wide. Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

#### Students of the Month:

Front Row: Amanda Niemi, Siera VanAken, Morgan Donovan, Violet Sinishtaj

**Middle row**: Mandy Daavettila, Kenneth Armor, Joey Pierzynski, Keegan Merenuk, Cole Lamberger

**Back Row:** Chase Pietila, Madison Purdy, Sophia Kwiatkowski, Morgan Cummings, Claudia Waske, Riley Gerecke, Addisyn Woodruff

Not Pictured: Hunter Kretz, Isaac Griebe

#### LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRY

Fried or Baked Fish Homemade Clam Chowder **St. John Catholic Church** February 20 & 27, 2015 March 7, 13, 20, 27, 2015 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Dining In: St. John's Thompson Hall Take Out: (517) 546-9154 Located at M-59 and Hacker Rd. Cash, Check and Credit Card Accepted



Left: We would like to say goodbye and good luck to Trixie (on right) who has officially retired from Farms as our therapy dog! We will greatly miss her!

A warm welcome to Ava (on left) who is our new therapy dog at Farms. She has some pretty big paws to fill, but we know she will do a great job!



**Above:** Mr. Wissner's class worked with high school DECA students on the 2014 Idea Challenge Project. Thanks to Mr. Wissner and the high school students for all of the time and energy they put forth in making this a fun and educational experience for our students!



**Star Readers and Math Students** 

The Farms teachers select two students each month from their homeroom classes who have exhibited good reading or math habits. These students are the ones you see reading whenever they have a few minutes to spare, or they are putting forth exceptional effort in their math classes. All monthly winners receive a 50 cent gift certificate for popcorn. Their names are also put in a drawing for a Target gift certificate. Congratulations to our Star Readers and Math students!

Math Stars & Star Readers: (Pictured above from left to right) Sydni Quinn, Kamryn Gerecke, Josh Hebert, Mitchell Fedewa

## Creekside Elementary News

Lawrence Pumford, Principal



# 810.626.2600



**Above:** Mr. Gutteridge's class loved the visit they received from Olympic hopeful Avery Evenson.



**Above:** Creekside students love the new set of Google Chromebooks we received recently! The Chromebooks enable our students to access more information and improve their technical skills.



**Above:** Creekside teachers hard at work during an Early Release Professional Development on Friday. We appreciated having the time to learn together!

#### Upcoming Creekside Events February 4: Market Day, 3:45 PM - 5:15 PM February 6: Aladdin Play, 7 PM February 7: Aladdin Play, 11AM February 13: Valentine's Day Parties February 17&18: Kindergarten Registration, 6 PM February 20-23: Mid-Winter Break, No School



Above: Alena, Olivia and Madison comfortable on 4th Grade Pajama Day



**Below:** Congratulations to our yearbook cover finalists! Clockwise from the top are pictured, Ethan, Brendan, Hudson, Gabby and Ava. Students voted for their favorite artwork by donating to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. The contest raised \$667 for the JDRF and Ava's drawing was selected for this year's cover! The other four finalists will have their drawings on the back cover of the yearbook.



## Lakes Elementary News

#### Lindsay Smither, Principal

# Congratulations to our own Mrs. Laura Smith, third grade teacher, who was chosen as a winning teacher of the Goals for Schools program sponsored by the Plymouth Whalers Hockey Team.

Two players from the team, Mathew Campagna and Mitch Jones, came to Lakes on January 15 to present Mrs. Smith with an award and a gift certificate.

They also read "Z is for Zamboni" to the students, talked to them about the importance of working hard in school, and even gave everyone an autographed poster.





**Pictured left:** Mrs. Smith, Matthew and Mitch and student Kaden Custodio who nominated Mrs. Smith for this award.



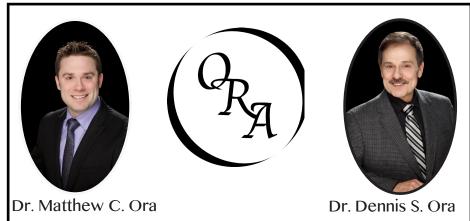




Lakes students enjoyed an annual visit from students in the Hartland High School Theater Class in January. They visit us each year to perform a play that they write, produce and perform for our students in two assemblies.

This year's play was "Space Travelers Learn a Lesson" and included concepts tied to our Lakes Kids Care Program. It is always a great experience for our students, and especially fun to see some of our ex-Lakes' students return to our school!





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# Round Elementary News Dave Minsker, Principal

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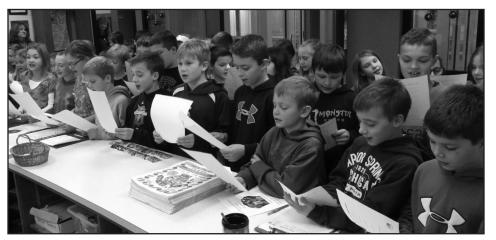
s the holiday season came and went and a new year is upon us, Round A Elementary School spent our holiday season in style. Thank you to the Round School staff and family for donating time and money to help families less fortunate. The entire Hartland District always does a nice job helping our community and Round School certainly did our part.

Round Elementary School makes a great effort to show our young people the importance of giving, not only during the holidays, but as a way of life. Needless to say, the holiday season was a special time at Round this year.

Highlighted pictures feature caroling, holiday parties, graham cracker houses, and holiday book reading. Round Elementary School would like to wish everyone a successful and safe 2015!



Above: Mrs. Watter's Kindergarten class participated in a holiday party with a little craft making.



Above: Mrs. Spencer's and Mr. Kromer's 4th grade classes sang holiday carols in the main office at Round.





Above: 4th grade students show off their holiday graham carckers houses just before winter break.



Above: The 3rd grade classes had a book reading event around the Polar Express. Their classroom turned into a holiday train to the North Pole. A fun time was had by all!



Above: The Round School main office joined in the holiday spirit with decorations and fun.

## Village Elementary School News

#### Bill Cain, Principal

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**Above:** Students enjoying winter and our first big snowfall of the season at recess.



**Above**: Ms. Spranger's 4th grade class created a presentation on Village Elementary School for the Hartland Board of Education using the Google Chromebooks. Ms. Spranger's students did an amazing job designing and presenting to our school board.



**Above:** The school board and the public were able to see the value of the Chromebooks for our children and how well our students are being taught and utilizing this technology.



Village students were able to make wonderful memories at their holiday parties this past year... Enjoying holiday treats, creating keepsakes, making ornaments, decorating sugar cookies, and enjoying the day with family!





# Village Elementary 10632 Hibner Rd., Hartland MMA 2 MMA Sale

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Mark your calendars for this great sale... You don't want to miss it! Would you like to be apart of our sale? Need to declutter, make a little extra cash? Registration is now open and spots will go quickly. Reserve yours today! Tables are \$15 each. Please contact Katrina Brown at purringkat@hotmail.com to get your registration form.

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## **LEGACY High School News**

Kirk Evenson, Principal

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Now that we are in the second semester, the seniors are anxiously anticipating that magic milestone – graduation! We have the largest senior class in school history, poised for diploma and the challenges of what comes next in life.

The staff at LEGACY continues to provide a top-notch education full of rigor and relevance for the students of Hartland. It is through their positive support and professional expertise that guides each and every student on to success.

#### Coming events:

- Seniors finalize plans for college and beyond. Please see Ms. Banks in the Career Center and Mr. Gagacki for your graduation plan.
- ACT/MME Test will be held at LEGACY the first week of March.
- Prom May 8, 2015 at Crystal Garden in Howell
- Legacy HS Graduation May 27, 2015 here at the SSC building
- HHS Graduation on June 5, 2015 at Eastern Michigan University

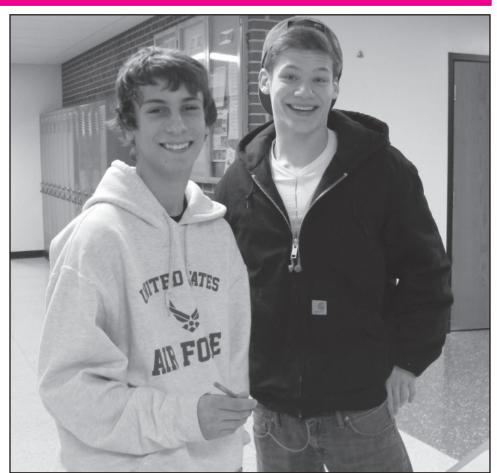
It has been a great school year so far. We have excellent students and they are achieving credit toward graduation with much success.



**Above:** Kaylee Baltes and Brandon Federick check-in with Mr. E and Ms. W to start the day.

**Below:** Kat Zoohedinoori, Amelia Donahue and Makenze Howarth talk before Semester Final Mini-Session.





Above: Marshall Adkins and Brad Buell having fun at school with big smiles.



## **PRESCHOOL News**

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With two locations and three teaching teams, Hartland Preschool offers a variety of class options to help accommodate the needs of the Hartland Community. Preschool registration for the 2015-2016 school year is now open.

Spots are still available in many of our classrooms taught by our three teams of Laura DeRosier, Dawn Lubeski /Laura Messner and Tara Yoerg / Tracie Waldron. We will be highlighting our three classrooms through the next few months in Community Life. This month we feature the teaching team of

#### Dawn Lubeski and Laura Messner.

For more information, to schedule a tour, or to register, call 810.626.2150.



#### Supportive, Safe & Consistent

F or nine years, the Hartland Preschool team of Dawn Lukeski and Laura Messner have effortlessly created a classroom which surrounds their students in a caring,

compassionate and consistent learning environment.

It's a place, according to the two teachers, where children and parents both feel safe, supported and nurtured, important factors when considering the beginning stages of their child's education.

"Not only do we provide a consistent and structured environment for our students, but our parents as well," teacher Laura Messner said.



The strength of their classroom dynamic comes from the blending of the two teachers personalities and their ability to mesh and work well together. It's also their commitment to not only their students, but the parents that helps make their classroom special.

"We understand what it is to leave your baby with us," Messner said. "So we always tell parents, we will love your child the way you love your child."

Born and raised in Hartland, Lubeski and Messner are both Hartland alumni and now enjoy the fact that they are teaching many of the children and grandchildren of families they went to school with.

"It's just gives us such a sense of community," Messner said. "We really enjoy it."

While starting the transition of leaving their parents and having fun at school are priorities in their classroom, preparing their young students to be successful in Kindergarten and beyond is the basis of their classroom education.

"We use tools that are fun and functional," Dawn Lubeski said.

Programs such as LEAPS, Handwriting without Tears and Zoo-Phonics are used on a daily basis in Lubeski's classroom, along with one of her favorites, as well as her students, Letter Detectives.

Using a magnifying glass, students become "detectives" as they search the room for letters, writing down their "clues" in their books through the year. It's perfect, yet simple way to subtly teach children that learning is fun.

"The kids love it," Lubeski said. "They think it's a game, but they learn so much!"



#### Highlights of Dawn Lubeski/Laura Messner Classroom:

Letter Detective: Letter Detective is a fun way to reinforce letters and sounds in our classroom. Students are asked to search for letters in words around the room using their magnifying glass and recording their findings in their books.

**LEAPS:** LEAPS is a literacy program where students are introduced to a letter through a song followed by activities that go with that letter. There is also a homework piece that students complete and then return to display in the classroom. The students love to see their work displayed!

**Zoo-Phonics** is one of many ways to teach children phonemic awareness, the building block for literacy. Through active and engaging ways of introducing our letters, children will learn letter sounds and blending. Each letter has an animal, action and a sound associated with it. Our goal is for your children to learn and enjoy our Zoo-Phonics friends.

**Handwriting Without Tears:** Research supports the active teaching of handwriting. Recent findings demonstrate that writing by hand improves creative writing skills and fine motor skills. Each child has to manipulate tools to create Upper and Lowercase letters.

#### Child Care Center (10235 School St.)

Ages	Days	Time	Teacher
3 year old	Mon & Wed	9:15-11:45 a.m.	DeRosier
3 year old	Friday	9:15-11:45 a.m.	DeRosier
3 year old	Tue & Thur	9:15-11:45 a.m.	Yoerg/Waldron
4 year old	Mon & Wed	12:30-3:30 p.m	DeRosier
4 year old	Tue & Thur	9:00 - 12:00 p.m.	DeRosier
4 year old	Tue & Thur	12:30-3:30 p.m	DeRosier
4 year old	Friday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	DeRosier
4 year old	Tue & Thur	12:30-3:30 p.m	Yoerg/Waldron
4 year old-extMon & Wed4 year old- extFri		9 am -1 p.m.	Yoerg/Waldron
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#### Hartland Educational Support Service Center (9525 Highland Road – M59)

Ages	Days	Time	Teacher
3 year old	Tue & Thur	9:15-11:45 a.m.	Lubeski/Messner
4 year old	Mon & Wed	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner
4 year old	Monday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner
3 & 4 yr old	Tuesday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner
4 year old	Wednesday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner
3 & 4 yr old	Thursday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner
4 year old	Friday	9:00-12:00 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner
4 year old	Friday	12:30-3:30 p.m.	Lubeski/Messner



#### 2015 One of Two High School Scholarship Presented

The Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors voted unanimously to award one of its two annual local high school senior scholarships to former **Township Clerk Larry Hopkins daughters – Alyssa & Kaitlyn.** 

Larry passed away unexpectedly on



Tuesday, December 23, 2014, after an 18 day battle with a very aggressive form of cancer known as Poorly Differentiated, Large Cell Neuroendocrine Carcinoma.

It was Larry's wish that his daughter's attend college, as they are senior's at Hartland High School this year.

"Larry was an incredible friend to our Chamber," said David Kelley, president of the Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce. "Our members thought very highly of Larry and had a huge amount of respect for him. Our Board collectively felt that any help we could provide to his family would have made Larry proud."

A gofundme account has been established for Larry Hopkins daughters and can be found at: **www.gofundme.com/ja818** 

The Hartland Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to assist business establishment and growth in the Hartland area through information, support, and networking; and to provide a means for business to give back to the community.

# Hartland Happenings

## Where do your tax dollars go? The answer is a click away

Hartand Township has made it easier for residents to review the municipal budget with the addition of an easy-to-use online tool. The budget software offers an overview of the budget as well as options to delve deeper into the numbers. Graphs offer viewers a quick view of expanditures and revenue as well.



"This program increases the torreparancy of the township budget by making these numbers both easily available and simpler to interpret," says Finance Director Susan Dryden-Hogan. "We never tose sight that the dollars we allocate are toppayer dollars — and that toppayers should have access to how these dollars are budgeted."

Visit www.HarilandTep.com to view the 2014/2015 budget.

#### Township loses a champion

With the Dec. 23, 2014 passing of Hartland Township Clerk and Board of Trustees Member Larry Hopkins, the community lost not only a tireless volunteer but also a champion of this township.



"Larry leaves a great legacy in our community," says Township Supervisor Bill Fountain. "His work on the Township Board of Trustees and Planning Commission leaves an indelible mark on this community. His unwavering commitment to Hartland was evident in the number of community volunteer organizations in

which he not only participated, but also often played a lead role -from the Rotary Club to Community Council. He is sorely missed."



This is a paid adverticement.

# **Places of Worship**



#### Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran, LC-MS

13667 W. Highland Road (M-59), Hartland, MI 48353 Phone: 248.887.4300 Rev. Christopher Thoma, Pastor; Mrs. Andrea Johnson, School Principal Sunday Divine Services: 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Classes: 10 a.m. www.oursaviorhartland.org



#### Hartland United

#### Methodist

10300 Maple Rd. Hartland, MI 48353 Phone 810.632.7476 Pastor: Rev. Paul Gruenberg Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. secretary@hartland umc.org www.hartlandumc.org



#### St. John Catholic

2099 N. Hacker Road, Howell, MI 48855 Office Phone: 517.546.7200 Pastor: Fr. Francis George Mass Schedule: Saturday 5 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Main Church) Tuesday: 6:45 p.m.; Wed., Thurs., Fri., 9:00 a.m. (Little Church) www.stjohnthebaptisthowell.catholicweb.com



#### Fellowship Bible

2500 Hartland Rd. Hartland, MI 48353 Phone: 810.632.7263 Sr. Pastor: Howard Wideman Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Bible study 7p.m. www.fbhartland.org



## Tyrone Community Presbyterian

9141 Hartland Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 Phone: 810.750.0350 Pastor: Linda Living-Hawley Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m. Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. Fellowship: 11:15 a.m. Bible Study: Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. www.tyronecommunitypresbyterianchurch.com



#### All Saints Lutheran, ELCA

12701 W. Highland Road (M-59 Hartland, MI 48353 Church Phone: 248.887.8060 Pastor Denise Russell Denise Clarey, Director Little Saints Preschool Preschool Phone: 810.746.0238 SundayWorship: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 am & 6 p.m. The Buzz Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. (Pre-K through 5th grade)



## Hartland Community

Chapel

PO Box 652 Hartland, MI 48353 Services held at the Hartland Music Hall 3619 Avon St 248.660.4366 Pastor Russ Greer Sunday Worship: 11 am starting Sept. 7 www.hartlandcommunitychapel.org



#### Venture Church

9525 Highland Road , Howell (just w. of 23) Mailing address: 10171 Bergin Road Howell, MI 48843 Meets at the Hartland Performing Arts Center, Lead Pastor: Terry Prisk; tprisk@therivercc.net Student Ministry: Kurt Brandemihl; kbrandemihl@therivercc.net 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Phone: 810.991.1116 www.theriveron59.com or email: ventureon59.com



### Tri County Christian

13020 Holtforth Rd., Fenton, MI 48430 810.714.1139 Pastor: Randy Greene Sunday School: 9am Sunday Worship: 10am Various weeky Bible studies www.triccc.com



#### Heritage Hills Free Methodist <sup>5530</sup> Runyan Lake Road,

Fenton, MI 48430 Pastor Tony L. Chick 810.632.3417 heritagehills1@yahoo.com 8:30 a.m. Prayer Group; 9 a.m. Sunday School; 10 a.m. Fellowship Time; 10:30 a.m. Worship Service www.heritagehillschurch.com



#### Flood Gate Renewal Fellowship

1623 Old US 23, Brighton, MI 48114 810.227.2005 Pastors Bill & Clara Bolin Sunday Worship: 10 am Family Night on Wednesday: 7pm www.FloodGateRenewal.org



#### Hardy United Methodist

6510 E. Highland Road Howell, MI 48843 517.546.1122 Rev. John Schneider, Pastor Worship Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Sunday www.hardychurch.org



#### Victory Baptist

P.O. BOX 523 3642 Washington St., Hartland, MI 48353 810.632.6337 Pastor Ryan Guenther Services: Sunday 10, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday 7 pm. www.vbchartland.org



## Ore Creek

#### Community

3375 Fenton Rd. Hartland,MI 48353 248.887.1133 Lead Pastor: Dave Classen; dclassen@orecreek.org Youth Pastor: Daniel Holman; daniel@orecreek.org www.orecreek.org

# **BUSINESS DIRECTORY**



#### Community Life/February 2015/ 17

## **Hartland Senior Center**

Kim Ladd, Director 810.626.2135 9525 Highland Rd., Howell, MI 48843



#### Welcome to Hartland Senior Center Monday – Thursday 8am-4pm Fridays – 8am-3pm 810-626-2135

www.hartlandseniorcenter.org

#### Membership!

Are you interested in making new friends? Do you want to be more active? Please consider joining us at the Hartland Senior Center!

Dues are only \$15 per year for a single member and \$20 for a couple living in the same household. We have over 1,300 members from all over the area. Our membership year runs from January – December – so now is a perfect time to come check us out!



**Above:** On Nov. 18, the Senior Center hosted our Annual Turkey Dinner. Thank you to the young men from Pack 385 for helping make the event extra special this year!



**Above:** We were once again involved with this awesome experience. Great Lakes National Cemetery is where we chose to place our wreaths. We contributed about 40 wreaths from HSC but there are almost 17,000 graves at GLNC. Please join us next year to help honor the fallen heroes who gave all.



#### More Holiday Wrap-Ups:

**December 10:** Annual Veterans' Breakfast. Thank you to our Township officials, Supervisor Bill Fountain and Trustee Joe Petrucci for making this event happen. There were about 40 veterans sharing their stories.

**December 11:** Holiday Music Concert 130 people enjoyed the festive sounds of our band and choir members.

**December 12:** Red Cross Blood Drive at HSC has about 25 people came out to donate blood at the senior center. Thank you to everyone who donated and gave the most precious gift during the

Holiday Season.

**December 15 - 16:** Santa visted with the CE pre-schoolers and had a wonderful time! About 80 pre-schoolers shared cookies and songs with our seniors while waiting to get their picture with the "big guy."



#### Website!

Have you checked out our website lately? www.hartlandseniorcenter.org We post our monthly calendar of activities as well as descriptions of annual events. You can also find links to our community partners and sponsors. These organizations are instrumental in helping our center offer great programs and resources to the community.



#### 810-632-5520

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On May 30, Hartland will once again rally to a cause as hundreds of people come together for Relay for Life. This year, the event will take place at the **HESSC track from 9 am - 11 pm.** 



Over the next few months, Community Life will be introducing and highlighting local teams who have worked hard to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

The **Hartland Teachers Care** team has been participating in the Hartland Relay for Life for many years. The team answered the following question of **"Why Do We Relay?"** 

#### Why do we Relay?

We relay to support our community and to find a cure for Cancer! We have competed for more than 15 years-- starting in Brighton -- and have participated every year since Hartland has started hosting Relay. Our HEA team has so many members that our team has participated in Relay by making sure at least one member is walking every hour.

To have your Relay for Life team introduced in an issue of Community Life send an email to tatumryan@hartlandschools.us

## If you're interested in forming a team, visit www.relayforlife.org or contact Laura DeRosier at lauraderosier@hartlandschools.us.

▲ bigail Peterson is an 8th grader and Cadette Girl Scout from Troop

A#41818 who recently spent her holiday vaction making more than 480 rubber band bracelets for children who are sick in the hospital.

She enjoys helping others and thought this would cheer them up a little. The bracelets were sent to the Foundation of Hope who will send them out to children all over the United Sates.



## **Big Time Used Book Sale**

Used book & Bake Sale At Cromaine in the Village Great selection of wonderful used Books...Adults and

Childrens Aldult Hardbacks \$1.00 Adult Paperbacks \$ .50 Children's Hardbacks \$ .50 Children's Softbacks \$.25

Thursday, February 26 9:00 am-6:00 pm February 27 9:00 am-6:00 pm Saturday, February 28 9:00 am-4:00 pm BAG SALE on Saturday (Everything that fits in a provided bag for \$5)

Bake SaleThursday 9:00 am-6:00 pmFriday9:00 am-6:00 pmMain floor of Cromaine in the Village

#### Hartland Teachers Care

Hartland teachers have been busy this year supporting the community. Through their "Casual for a Cause" donations, <u>involving monetary</u>

donations to charity in return for dressing informally on Fridays and on special occasions throughout the year, the Hartland Education Association was able to give generously to Salvation Army, the Hartland Hero Teen Center, and to schools for adopting families at Christmas time.

#### The teachers also raised approximately \$3200 for Gleaners Community Food Bank, to be matched by Ford Motor Corporation.



**Right:** Mike Joseph (closest to the Salvation Army sign) and Ethan Hawker, teachers, are bell-ringing at Kroger.

In addition to financial contributions, many

winter coats were collected for Bountiful Harvest in Brighton, and much fun was by had by teachers, joined by other staff, families and student organizations, as they rang the Salvation Army bells in front of Kroger once again this December.

Upcoming events include Bowl for Kids' Sake, teachers reading at Cromaine Library in March, Relay for Life, and of course, the Memorial Day Parade. Hartland teachers would like to give back to this wonderfully supportive community!



**Left:** Hartland teacher Bonnie Wolf (right) presents a check to Bridget Green from Gleaners.

**Below:** Students at the Hartland Teen Center thank the HEA for their help and donations at Christmas.



Upcoming Classes with Hartland Community Ed: Beginning Fencing Classes Cooking Classes with The Great Foodini Farms Concert Choir Kids in Focus Photography Class Mommy & Me Princess Tea Party Register at www.hartlandcommunityed.com

# **Club & Organization NEWS**

#### **HMS Swim and Dive News**

The team started the season with a big win against South Lyon December

4th, 97-73. Hartland took 7 first place finishes out of 11 events including a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the 50 freestyle event.

Michael Harris captured a new school record in the 50 Free along with four 1st place finishes and 3 State Cuts. Maddie Mince broke her own record in the 50 Butterfly along with three 1st place finishes and four State Cuts.



<sup>24</sup> Record holders Michael Harris 50 Free and 50 Fly, Maddie Mince 50 Free, 50 Fy and 100 IM, Gabe Pillen Diving

Aaron Thielen showed a strong performance with four 1st place finishes with four State Cuts. Great swims were turned in by Olivia Nied, Jordan Pierzynski,

Nathan Schick, Ben Paxton, John Wisniewski and Perry Smith to earn State Qualifying times as well. The dive team had an awesome performance with Gabe Pillen earning enough points to also qualify for States.

The team came up two points short against Brighton on December 9, 84-86. Hartland managed to grab three more school records and come up with 18 State qualifying swims. Michael Harris came away with a new school record in the 50 Butterfly and 3 State cuts. Maddie Mince broke the 50 Freestyle record and captured 2 State Cuts. Gabe Pillen finished with a new diving record. Aaron Thielen snagged 3 State cuts and Jordan Pierzynski, John Wisniewski and Nathan Schick grabbed 2 State cuts each. Additional State qualifiers at this meet were Julia Geheb, Olivia Nied, Laney Richter and Sydney Smith.

The team rebounded from the Brighton loss to bring home a win at Huron Valley on December 16th, 125-45. Great swims resulted in 9 first place finishes out of 10 events, including one, two, three finish in four of these events. Michael Harris came up with 4 first place finishes and an additional State cut. Aaron Thielen and John Wisniewski both grabbed 3 first place finishes and an additional State cut each. Maddie Mince had 2 first place finishes and an additional State cut. Julia Geheb also snagged a 1st place finish. The Dive team had a strong performance with a one two finish with Delaney Richter and Gabe Pillen respectively.

The team finished 2014 with a win at Howell 124-45 on December 18. Hartland took ten 1st place finishes out of 11 events, seven new State Cuts and two new school records. This includes 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes in three of these events. Maddie Mince finished with four 1st place finishes, broke her own 50 butterfly record and grabbed a new school record in the 100 IM.

John Wisniewski grabbed four 1st place finishes. Michael Harris and Jordan Pierzynski snagged 3 first place finishes each. The Dive team finished 1st, 2nd and 4th with Sydney Smith, Gabe Pillen and Delaney Richter respectively.

#### Hartland Home & Garden Club Next Meeting February 11: Tree Grafting

Andy Duvall, owner of Duvall Nursery in South Lyon, will give a presentation on Tree Grafting at the next Hartland Home and Garden Club meeting starting at 6:30pm, February 11, at the Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. M59 in Hartland Township.

The public is encouraged to attend. There is a fee of \$3 for non-members. Call 517-552-8725 for more information.

On the weekend of December 5th, 22 Hartland Hurricane swimmers competed at the Snow-Ball Splash at the Livonia Community Rec Center. Congratulations to the top 3 place finishers in their respective time divisions. In the 10 and under age group: Nathan Bergkoetter 1st in 25 Back and 50



Free, Madeleine Wisniewski 2nd in 50 Fly, 3rd in 50 Back, 100 Back, and 200 Free. In the 11-12 year old age group: Brianna Brunk 2nd in 100 Fly, Blayne Risher 2nd in 50 Breast, 3rd in 50 Free and 100 Breast and Anna Vontroba 3rd in 100 Fly. In the 15-18 year old age group: Kyle Brown 2nd in 100 Fly. Junior Olympic time cuts were achieved by Blayne Risher in the 100 Breast and the 200 Free Relay team of Anna Vontroba, Mari Beth Pressley, Brianna Brunk and Marissa Harris.

On the weekend of December 12th, 33 Hartland Hurricane swimmers traveled to Fenton High School to compete at the Fast Times at Fenton High ABC meet. Congratulations to the top 3 place finishers in their respective time divisions. In the 10 and under age group: Nathan Bergkoeter 2nd in 25 Back, Jack Brennan 3rd in 100 Free, Madelyn Grasley 1st in 50 Fly, 3rd in 50 Breast, Taylor Morris 3rd in 100 IM, Madison Shaw 1st in 50 Back, 2nd in 50 Breast, 3rd in 50 Free, and Madeleine Wisniewski 1st in 100 Back, 2nd in 50 Free, 3rd in 200 IM. In the 11-12 year old age group: Brianna Brunk 2nd in 50 Back and 100 Free, Marissa Harris 2nd in 50 Back, 3rd in 50 Fly and 200 IM, Madeline Kazmierski 3rd in 500 Free, Hunter Mayer 3rd in 50 Breast and 50 Free, Mari Beth Pressley 1st in 100 Back, Blayne Risher 2nd in 100 Breast, Leopold Schick 3rd in 100 Free, Anna Vontroba 1st in 100 IM, 2nd in 50 Breast, and Ava Williams 1st in 50 Back and 100 Free. In the 13-14 year old age group: Haley DeWolf 2nd in the 500 Free and Nathan Schick 2nd in 1650 Free.

Ever wonder what to do with your old glasses? Take them to any of the Local Eye Doctors and drop them in the box and the **Hartland Lions Club** will pick them up! We then send them to be recylcled or used overseas by people that need them.



The Hartland Lions Club is a club that works on

providing glasses and hearing aids to the Hartland Community and surrounding areas. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at **Biggby Coffee** at 6:30 pm in the Community Room. Feel free to stop by to see us and we can explain more about what the Lions Club is all about.

We would welcome new members at anytime! Any questions call Kurt Stromlund 810.923.4252. Also feel free to check out the club's website: www.Hartlandlionsclub.org

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#### Hartland Teens Celebrate Christmas

The Chirstmas Party at the Next Door Hartland Teen Center was attended by 44 teens. They decorated the teen center with Christmas lights and decorated a Christmas tree with ornaments that they made.



Teens frosted Christmas cookies, opened holiday stockings, and enjoyed eating tacos. The teens

wrapped presents and played, The White Elephant Gift Exchange Game where they would open a gift and if they didn't want it, they could exchange it for something else. The game was lots of fun! Thank you parents and Meijers for donating items for the Christmas Party.

Pictured above: Brady Spisz, Tanner Behr

#### MEMORIAL DAY BOOKLET VETERAN PHOTOS NEEDED

Photos of veterans are needed for publication in the 2015 Memorial Day booklet. These photos should be from the time when someone was or is serving in the military, regardless of the branch of service. Photos will be scanned and returned to the owners.

Additional information about where the military service took place, length of service, etc. will be very helpful.

Please contact Barbara Krueger at bek4450@aol.com, or 248-887-1283 for additional information.



## Rocha Represents Hartland for Scholarship Program

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program held its 57th Annual Scholarship Program on Saturday, January 24 at Saline High School.

**Kendra Rocha**, (pictured left) a senior at Hartland High School, represented Livingston County in the competition. Kendra competed doing a ventriloquism act for her talent and received a scholarship for her "Be Your Best Self" essay.

Her future plans include attending Grand Valley State University to study Business and Public Administration. Her ultimate career goal is to become Governor of Michigan and then work for a non-profit like 4H or the Red Cross.



Seventeen contestants from around the state of Michigan competed for thousands of dollars in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local events throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile Alabama. This scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

"This is an amazing group of smart and talented young women and we are excited to have them showcase their talents at this year's scholarship program said Angela Bobo, Distinguished Young Women of Michigan State Director.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which is the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country.



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#### MEDICARE AND MEDICAID MYTHS

#### MYTH # 1 Medicare will cover my nursing home expenses.

While Medicare provides some coverage for nursing home expenses, the coverage is quite limited and is not long-term. Medicare covers only up to 100 days of "skilled nursing care" per spell of illness, of which only 80 days are fully covered. The patient must start paying a copayment of up to \$152 per day (as of 2014) from the  $21^{st}$  day to the 100<sup>th</sup> day unless he or she has supplemental insurance that will cover the copayment. To qualify for Medicare, the patient must enter a Medicare approved "skilled nursing facility" or nursing home within thirty (30) days of a hospital stay that lasted at least three days, and the care in the nursing home must be for the same condition.

#### MYTH #2 You need to be poor to qualify for Medicaid.

Medicaid helps needy individuals pay for long term care, but you do not need to be completely destitute to qualify. Generally, as of 2014 an individual is allows to have only \$2,000 in assets (excluding a home, one car, and certain life insurances. However, eligibility for Medicaid is not that cut and dried and often depends on the facts of each case. The rules vary depending on whether an individual is looking for "Community Medicaid," which covers some home care costs or "Institutional Medicaid," which covers nursing home costs. Eligibility is also different when the applicant has a spouse. Potential applicants or caregivers are strongly encouraged to explore with an elder law attorney the possibility of qualifying for Medicaid in order to help defray the cost of long-term care.

MYTH #3 A Prenuptial Agreement will protect my assets from being counted if my spouse needs Medicaid.

A Prenuptial agreement only works to keep property separate in the event of death or divorce. It does not keep property separate for purposes of Medicaid eligibility. However, a "sick spouse" may still be eligible for Medicaid even if the "well spouse" has assets. A "well spouse" should explore the eligibility rules with an elder laws attorney.

#### MYTH #4 I can give away up to \$14,000 a year under Medicaid rules.

The rule that allows gifting up to \$14,000 per year is an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rule, NOT a Medicaid rule. The IRS allows an individual to gift up to \$14,000 a year without incurring any gift tax liability. However, under Medicaid rules, a gift of \$14,000 or any other significant amount will trigger a penalty period. This means that for approximately every \$14,000 gifted within the 5 year period before a nursing home Medicaid application is filed a penalty (noncoverage) will occur prior to qualification. It is important to note that there is no penalty period on transfers of assets between spouses.

Dispelling the myths should encourage individuals or their caregivers to explore Medicaid as an option to paying for longterm care. Medicaid is definitely a viable alternative for many of us and is commonly used. However, the rules are complex and it is critical to consult with your elder law attorney to ensure no stone is left unturned.

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#### Encore Youth Theater would like to congratulate the cast of The Wizard of Oz:



Cate Addor, Joshua Archer, Josie Archer, Scott Bell, Kaden Bunn, Becca Darsh, Olivia Davenport, Alexis Davis, Matti Digue, Liam Dunny, Jaclyn Ellis, Kaylie Gallaher, Rachel Hatfield, Gabby Hinds, Emily Horst, Cecelia Horvath, Emilio Horvath, Annika Kreeger, Lauren Kreeger, Miya Mattucci, Murphy McIntyre, Samantha Mollard, Kaci Munir, Kelli Neal, Isaac Pedley, Carmen Pushman, Noah Race, Maggie Ruby, Haley Rood, Julie Ross, Alanna Schiavone, Zoe Shettler, Abby Smith, Jamie Smith, Shelby Spangler, Joseph Streight, Karissa Szczechowicz, Nicco Valente, Ella Willard, and Rachel Zimmerman.

The production team includes Mary Jo Bell, Director, Shyrl Cone Assistant Director, Jill Mac Choreographer, Mollie Kiser Assistant Choreographer, and Karen Ellis Co-Producer and Lori Peterson Co-Producer.

#### Mark your calendars to attend one of our upcoming performances March 13-15th

at the performing Arts Center in the Hartland Educational Support Center.

Follow the yellow brick road with our talented cast in this fantastic fun play as Dorothy, the silly Scarecrow, the lovable Tin Woodsman, and the Cowardly Lion begin their merry musical journey to Oz.

More information may be found at www.hartlandplayers.org.

#### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE GRAND MARSHAL NOMINATIONS

Nominations are being accepted for Grand Marshal of the annual Hartland Memorial Day Parade.

On behalf of the Hartland Area Community Council, the Hartland Optimist Club will again assist in the selection of the Grand Marshal from nominations made by members of the community at large.



Nominees must live within the Hartland Area and have volunteered their time and

effort to enhance the well-being of our community. The Optimist Club performs the initial screening of candidates and then forwards names to Community Council for final selection.

To nominate someone to be the Grand Marshal, please provide a written statement explaining why you believe the individual has made a significant impact on the Hartland Community. The only duty of the Grand Marshal is to ride in the parade, Monday, May 25.

Send your nomination to:

Hartland Optimist Club, P.O. Box 64, Hartland, MI 48353



The **Hartland Area Historical Society** is planning a fun night out to recognize Hartland couples who have been married for more

#### than 50 years!

*This could be you, your parents, friends, or family members.* Photos with names, date, place married, and a photo may be mailed to:

> Hartland Area Historical Society P.O. Box 49 Hartland, MI 58353

On **February 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m**. the Hartland Community is invited to join the Hartland Historical Society for a great meal, Barber Shop music and Dan Packer's talk on "Historic Theatres In Detroit."

For more information call Barbara Walker at 810-730-3622.

#### ENCORE YOUTH THEATER OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP

The Hartland Players' Encore Youth Theater is offering a one-time \$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior. The scholarship was initiated in 2005 and continues to recognize students who have demonstrated special ability in, and dedication to, the theater. Although the

scholarship acknowledges students with experience in the theatrical arts, it may be used at the college of the recipient's choice while pursuing the discipline of his/her choice.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, the high school senior must be a past or current member of Encore Youth Theater and have a cumulative high school grade-point average of 3.0 or higher. In addition, he/she must include with the application a copy of his/her high school transcripts, an acceptance letter from the college of his/her choice, two letters of recommendation, a completed application form, and an essay response.

#### Applications are available on the hartlandplayers.org website and must be postmarked by May 1, 2015.

Recipient(s) will be notified by phone on May 22, 2015. The scholarship check will then be given to the high school of the recipient so that it may be presented as part of any scheduled honors awards ceremony.

Encore Youth Theater provides training and experience in the performing and theater arts for students aged 8-18 through theatrical productions, camps, and workshops. This scholarship is a way for us to celebrate a student's growth and commitment to the theater. For additional information, visit hartlandplayers.org or contact Amy Shettler at sshettler@concast.net.

We encourage all who are eligible to apply!

# **Community Announcements**

#### The Hartland Players Present "Plaza Suite"

*Plaza Suite* by Neil Simon is being performed by the Hartland Players, Main Stage. Performances will take place at the Harland Music Hall, 3619 Avon St., on:

February 20, 21, 28 at 8 pm & March 1 at 2 pm.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.hartlandplayers.org



#### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE PLANNING MEETING**

Hartland Community Council meeting on Monday, February 2 at 6:30 pm at Ore Creek School. The next meeting will begin intensive planning of the 2015 Memorial Day parade, chaired by Hartland resident Sandy Roberts.

#### The theme for the parade will be selected, in addition to forming various committees.

#### Next Hartland Audobon Meeting: Tuesday February 3 at 7:15 p.m.

n Feb. 3, the Hartland Audobon will present a talk given by our very own President and master nature photographer John Smith. John's presentation will be "Chasing the Golden Cheeked Warbler, Black Billed Vireo, & Snowy Plover.



The birds are common to the Edward's Plateau in

the hill country of Texas, west of San Antonio. He will also be talking about birds which fly through from Mexico, as well as birds seen on route in Kansas and Oklahoma and ducks and White-Faced Ibises seen at wildlife refuges. The mission of the Hartland Audubon Nature Club is "to promote the preservation of natural habitats, while fostering an understanding and appreciation of birds and other wildlife."

#### Check out Hartland Audubon on hartlandaudubon.weebly.com.

For more information contact Birder John@hotmail.com or call 517.548.2610. The Hartland Audubon Nature Club will meet on Tuesday, February 3 at 7:15 p.m. We meet at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center, Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd. (M59) 45543. Our meetings are held from September through June. We have a fantastically dedicated president and friendly group of nature enthusiasts who will make you feel welcome.

The evening starts with a short meeting and the sharing of bird sightings. Weekly Saturday field trips and other events are announced at the meetings.



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In addition to providing family vision care, Dr. Doud has been diagnosing and treating vision problems that interfere with reading and learning for more than 11 years. Dr. Doud has treated hundreds of patients from the Hartland and surrounding communities from all over South East Michigan.

"It is very rewarding to see children excel who previously struggled because of underlying vision problems," shares Dr. Doud. Most people don't realize that seeing 20/20 is just one of 17 visual skills required for academic success. All 20/20 means is that you can see the size of letter you are supposed to see from 20 feet. If your child continues to struggle with reading despite all best attempts to help, a vision problem could be at the root of his or her difficulties.

#### Homework Battles and Reading Difficulties Resolved-Thanks to Vision Therapy!

"Ever since Vittoria started kindergarten I noticed that she seemed to be struggling with things that my other 5 children had been able to master easily. School seemed to be a challenge for her. She was wonderful at math and oral memorization, but her reading comprehension levels were a huge struggle and her ability to retain her phonetic knowledge was nonexistent. I thought that it might be vision related, as in she needed glasses. After a visit to the U of M Pediatric Ophthalmology department, all the results came back negative.

At a complete loss, I turned to some of my close friends through a post on Facebook. One of them recommended that I contact Dr. Doud at Hartland Eye Care.

Vittoria was diagnosed with Convergence Insufficiency. We started Vittoria in vision therapy. In school, I saw her begin to advance and succeed. She is less "flighty" and more focused when she has conversations with others and is able, now, to maintain eye contact with the person with whom she is speaking. Vittoria loves arts-and-crafts of all sorts; and now her creations are displayed with pride. Best of all, Vittoria is well aware of the difference that Vision Therapy has made in



her life. Vittoria reads for pleasure now. She is more confident, more determined to succeed in things that she does, and actually has an even happier and glowing outlook at life.

Looking back, I find it difficult to believe that the same little girl that looks at me with such pride in her eyes after she reads an entire page without any help is the same child that struggled to finish a single sentence. I am incredibly happy with how far she as advanced; I know that it would have continued to be a struggle for the both of us if we hadn't stumbled upon the Hartland Eye Care and Visual Learning Center."

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#### Fire Safety During the Winter Tips from Hartland Fire Marshal Mike Bernardin

This is a quick reminder of the dangers winter can bring in regards to fire safety, and just a few minutes of prevention, can save you or a family members life! Here are my top 5 winter fire safety tips:



1) Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms weekly! If you have hardwired / interconnected alarms, test a different one each week!

2) Open your windows! – That's right, take a few seconds every few days or at least once a week, to operate bedroom windows! Make sure that your windows don't get stuck due to the extreme cold temps.

**3)** Shovel snow outside your doors. Take a few minutes to ensure that all exits from your home are clear of snow. As we begin the last half of winter this month, make sure frost heaving isn't affecting your ability to get out of your home!

**4)** Do you use a small portion of your roof right outside a second story window? If so, you should have the screens removed (Don't need them anyway) and use a push broom to push the snow away from the window and off the roof from the inside of your house. Even creating a 3-4' spot that is free of snow and ice will prevent you from falling!

**5)** If you use space heaters, fireplace, or wood stove, be sure to keep combustibles free of the heating source! Start shopping around now for a professional to sweep your chimney once the heating season is over!





#### Hartland Music Hall Wedding Open House

March 15 2-4 pm

Are you curious to know what having your wedding at the Music Hall would look like?

Then join caretaker Don Thompson for a tour and informational session and have all your questions answered.

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