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Superintendent's Message

Chuck Hughes, Superintendent



In my January message, I shared that the Hartland Consolidated School District will be presenting a proposal for a .5 mill (1/2 mill) Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy to our community on May 2, 2017. A "yes" vote would result in the repurposing of a portion of the current debt retirement tax levy resulting in no tax rate increase. The .5 mills would be collected annually as a pay as you go process and not an interest-bearing bond. What I would like to do over the next few months is to share some frequently asked questions with you so that if there are any questions as to what the district is proposing, you can reach out to me for clarification.

Q: Why is the district in need of a Building and Site Sinking Fund?

A: Beginning after the 2010-11 school year, a drastic reduction in per pupil funding from the State of Michigan has resulted in school districts having to use their fund balance (i.e. savings account) in an effort to maintain programs. Since 2012 Hartland's expenses have been exceeding revenues, resulting in continual cost cutting measures. While we believe we have remained a "premier" school district, making expenditures in non-instructional areas has been difficult. The passage of a Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy would help take care of repairs and purchases that we have been putting off with the hope that per pupil funding from the State of Michigan would improve.

Q: What is a Sinking Fund?

A: A Sinking Fund is a savings account into which a local school district can deposit voter approved local millage revenue to pay cash for projects or major repairs as they arise, rather than having to borrow through short-term notes or long-term bonds.

An example of this would be the failure of a septic field or cooling tower in the middle of the year. Rather than borrowing a large amount of money, the district would use the sinking fund dollars to pay for the repairs, much like a homeowner might use their savings account to pay for a new furnace or roof.

Q: What can a Building and Site Sinking Fund be used for?

A: Funds can be used to purchase technology, increase security, repair or construct buildings, or purchase real estate property for future building sites. It cannot be used to pay for salaries and benefits.

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Q: How much will my taxes increase with a "yes" vote?

A: There will be no increase in the current tax rate with a "yes" vote. Currently, the tax rate for debt retirement is 8.55 mills. With a "yes" vote on May 2, 2017 the Board of Education would lower this rate to 8.05 mills and the Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy would collect .5 mills resulting in a projected zero net tax rate increase as the two collections would equal 8.55 mills.

Please feel free to contact me at chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us or Scott Bacon, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations at scottbacon@hartlandschools.us. Both of us can be reached by phone at 810-626-2100.

With winter in full force, it is important to remind our children to wear their winter clothing to and from school. If driving to school please make sure that all of the windows are scraped and that everyone drives with the road conditions in mind. Together we can make sure that our children arrive safely to and from school.

Hartland Schools Person of the Month

Nichole Perior



My name is Nichole Perior and I currently teach Algebra 1 at the high school. This is my 7th year here in Hartland but my first two years here I was a long-term substitute. I was so incredibly excited when I was finally hired as a "permanent" teacher!

I grew up in Flushing, Michigan, which is about 40 minutes north of Hartland and graduated from Flushing High School in 2001. I then went to the University of Michigan and graduated in 2007 with a Bachelor's Degree for Secondary Education in Mathematics and Biology. I completed my Master's Degree of Arts in Technology from Walden University in 2014.

My husband, Keith, and I have been married for almost 10 years and we have two amazing children, Kallen (7) and Kadence (4). My husband works for Lee Industrial Contracting in the machine repair division. He has been there for 10 years. Our son, Kallen, is in 2nd grade and attends Creekside Elementary here in Hartland. He is very active with sports and keeps us busy playing soccer, wrestling, and baseball. Our daughter, Kadence, also keeps us busy and enjoys gymnastics. Kadence is our "heart baby." She was born with a heart defect called Tricuspid Atresia and has already undergone three open heart surgeries. She had one at 5 days old, another at 5 months, and then another at 18 months. She is doing great now and we are hopeful that she continues to stay strong and won't need any more operations for a few years.

One of my most memorable moments here in Hartland had to be when Ms. Gazda's government class wrote letters to someone that had inspired them. When I received that letter, it was my first year here in Hartland, and this particular student brought tears to my eyes. I really had no idea that I could have so much influence on a student. It just really showed me that teaching isn't all about your content area but more about making those connections with students and to be there to support them in any way that we can. I still have this letter, and re-read it often.

Hartland is an amazing district and I am so proud to be a part of it. I believe in the "3 Rs" and that we all create a positive environment in our classrooms for our students. We care about their future and want only what is best for each of them. We have high expectations and we all challenge them in different ways. This is one of the main reasons that my husband and I have chosen to send our son to Hartland. We currently live in Montrose but we want what is best for our children, and Hartland is where it is at. When our daughter is old enough, she too will be a Hartland Eagle.

I am so thankful that I have been given this opportunity to work in Hartland and have really enjoyed my first few years of teaching and I look forward to many more. Go Eagles!

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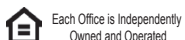
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KINDERGARTEN ENROLLMENT

2017-2018

Kindergarten Enrollment Packets will be available beginning
February 1, 2017



KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

A Kindergarten Orientation will be held on **Saturday, March 18** from **10:00 am to 11:30 am** at the Hartland Education Support Service Center, 9525 Highland Road.

The orientation will provide parents an opportunity to hear from kindergarten teachers about a "typical" school day and the kindergarten curriculum. In addition, administrators will be on hand to talk about school safety, transportation, school attendance areas, student nutrition, and answer questions. This will be a family-oriented event and you are encouraged to bring your kindergarten child.

Hartland Consolidated Schools will be accepting kindergarten enrollment packets beginning **February 1, 2017** at the Board of Education office and each elementary school office during office hours. Enrollment packets can also be downloaded from our website at www.hartland-schools.us.

In addition to the enrollment packet, the following documents must be presented when registering:

- Original birth certificate with seal, plus a copy of same certificate for school records
- Immunization records with proof of DTP, Polio, MMR, Hepatitis B, Chicken Pox vaccines (or proof of having illness), and vision screening, plus copy of same for school records
- Proof of residency using 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.

Children are eligible for enrollment in kindergarten in September 2017 if they will have their fifth (5th) birthday on or before September 1, 2017. A child who turns 5 after September 1 and before December 1, 2017 may enroll if parent/legal guardian signs a waiver and is supported by the school district.

Due to the success of last year's full-day Junior Kindergarten program, we will again be offering Junior Kindergarten as a full-day program dependent on interest and adequate enrollment. The same age eligibility requirements apply to Junior Kindergarten that apply with Kindergarten.

You may contact Scott VanEpps at 810-626-2111 or scottvanepps@hartlandschools.us for more information.

High School News

Dave Minsker, Principal

810.626.2200



Above and Below: On Friday, January 13th, students participated in an event to bring awareness to distracted driving. A “No Phone Day” was implemented where students and teachers were encouraged to drop their phones off in the counseling office for the school day. The purpose was to demonstrate that if you can survive a school day without your phone, you could certainly survive a 20-minute car ride without texting. 213 phones were collected and students were entered into a drawing for a gift card.



Above and Below: 120 students qualified for the DECA state competition on January 12th. Congratulations to all of those students.



Above: Students show support for the basketball team during the game against Brighton.

Join Us for Winterfest January 28, 2017

No Snow?
Still tons of fun stuff to do!
Join us from Noon - 6:30 p.m.



Fireworks at 6:00 pm

Middle School News

Steve Livingway, Principal

810.626.2400



Above: Players on the seventh grade basketball team watch as Coach Wade Foster coaches.



Left: Basketball managers Jill Dusseau and Weston Paul work the scoring table during a game.



Kailey Lashbrook



Audrey Brown

Congratulations to our February Students of the Month

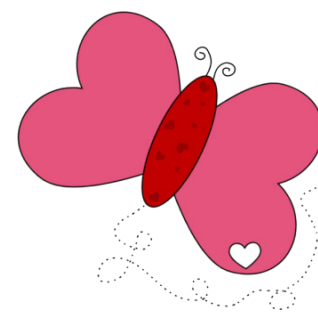
Kailey Lashbrook, seventh grade and Audrey Brown, eighth grade.

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 Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. 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 their parents.



Left: The HMS Pom Team gets ready to perform during a recent home basketball game.



Farms Intermediate News

Mikki Cheney, Principal

810.626.2500



Above: Friends having fun at Farms!



Congratulations to Students of the Month

Back row: Linnea Hahne, Alyssa Bachand, Joshua Elsey, Ethan Matties, Madison Armstrong, Dakota Malott, Gavin Preston, Landon Brown

Front row: Charlotte Caramagno, Hannah Husted, Noel Tippit, Brooklyn Keyes, Sydney Kelly, Faith Mikula, Logan Demeniuk

Not pictured: Katherine Waker, Joseph Pennala, Kattrina Thomas



Math Stars

Back row: Nathan Horst, Riley Burns, JR Raymond, Joseph Wagner, Lincoln Keilen, Delaney Spurgess, Michael Kilburg, Lotus Greene

Front row: Devon Burton, Ayyoub Fakhoury, Lucas Gilbert, Sarah Mrowka, Connor Watters, Abigail Mainka

Not pictured: Katherine Darrow, Dakota Malott

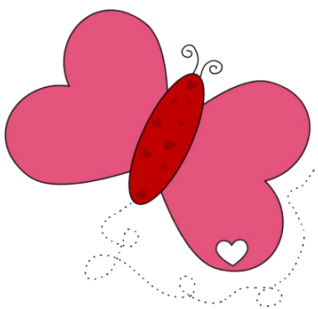


Star Readers

Back row: Allison Spurlock, Makala Faix, Cassandra McGaugh, Jake Leshner, Luke Bulloch, Peyton Bell, Logan Shier, Braden Heaney

Front row: Kale Black, Colin Brannigan, Josephine Brovage, Dylan Grieder, Isabella Drury, Natalie Plate, Gabrielle Miller, Braden Kaighen

Not pictured: Olivia Bour



Right: Thanks to all of our students who volunteer their time to be on the recycling team at Farms!



Creekside Elementary News

Lawrence Pumford, Principal

810.626.2600



Above: Mrs. Arnett's kids are excited to read their new books.



Above: Mrs. LeBlanc, Drew and Anthony are excited about their field trip to the state capitol!



Above: Mr. Glazer and Mr. Grix lead Creekside student through a Creature Craze challenge during our First Lego League club. The club helps students learn about science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). We thank our volunteer parents who make this program possible.



Above: Alayna and Allyson are hard at work developing a logo for their new idea during Creekside Crusaders.

Right: Olaf made a surprise visit to the 4th grade students on the playground!



UPCOMING EVENTS

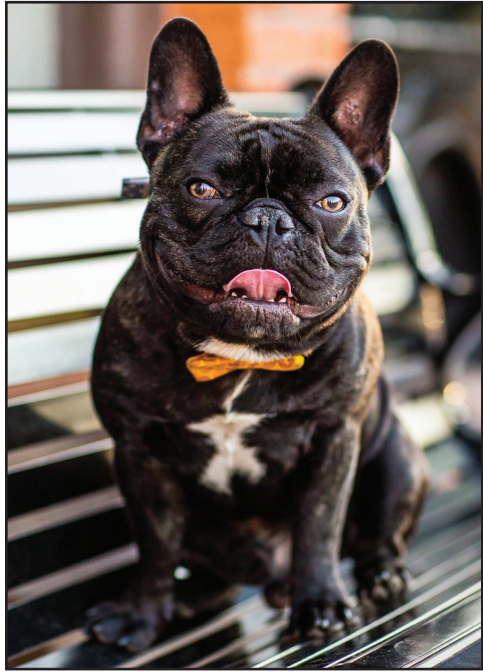
- **PTO Meeting, February 2nd @ 7:00 p.m.**
- **Popcorn Day, February 3rd**
- **Mid-Winter Break, No School, February 24th-27th**



Lakes Elementary News

Tony Howerton, Principal

810.626.2700



Left and Below: Lakes has a new addition to the staff. His name is Brix, and he is a therapy dog. Brix is a French bulldog owned by Dr. Toni Johnson, School Psychologist.

He has trained since he was 3 months old and passed the Therapy Dogs International test in the fall. He visits Lakes every week and loves our students. He enjoys going into classes and observing students learning. If you see Brix, be sure to say, "Hello," and he will likely greet you back with a kiss.



Above and Below: Students in several 1st grade classes at Lakes have been learning about computer coding with the assistance of Mrs. Becky Linton, Lakes Parent, FLL Coordinator, Highly Capable Volunteer Coordinator, and Engineer.



Below: On Friday, January 20, the Lakes PTO hosted its first Family Movie Night of the year. Families watched "Finding Dory" while enjoying pizza, pop, and snacks!



Upcoming Dates

- Friday, January 27:** Teacher Records Day
(No school for students)
- Monday, January 30:** 1st day of 2nd Semester
- Thursday, February 2:** Lakes PTO Meeting (6:30)
- Friday, February 3:** First Semester Report Cards sent home with students
- Friday, February 3:** Popcorn Day
- Tuesday, February 7:** Little Caesars Pizza Kit Delivery (2:00-5:00 pm)
- Friday, February 17:** Popcorn Day
- Friday, February 24 and Monday, February 27:** No School—Mid-winter Break
- Tuesday, February 28, Wednesday, March 1, & Friday, March 3:** Hearing Screening for K, 2nd, 4th grades

Round Elementary News

Dotty Selix, Principal

810.626.2800

Thank you to all of the Round School family that contribute to the success of our students. I am proud of the accomplishments our staff and students have made so far this busy school year.

The Round Elementary staff works as a team every day to ensure the success of every child through high quality classroom instruction including small group and individual instruction.

We have had an amazing first half of the year and we expect a great second half as well!



Left: Olivia Moulton and Madelyn Guzeit having fun at their holiday party at Rollerama!



Above: Kara Coates, Tori Gross, Ava Whitson and Madison Reuttercmyk pause for a picture during their time at Rollerama.



Left: Owen Makowski and Blake Raymond enjoy their time at the skating rink.



Left and Below: Round students enjoy their new sleds. Thank you Mrs. Lis!



Above: Our 4th graders enjoyed their visit to Cromaine Library this month.

Village Elementary School News

Mary Day, Principal

810.626.2850



Above: Village Elementary is off to a great start in 2017! Our students enjoyed many activities in December and we returned to school in January ready for a new year and lots of new learning! This month we had an assembly from “The Science Guy,” Mr. Prokuda (a former Village parent) got our students all excited about our upcoming Science Fair (February 21st). We look forward to seeing what types of experiments our young scientists create! In March we are excited to host the Annual Village Fun Fair (March 18th) so mark your calendars for an afternoon of fun and games at Village Elementary!



Above: Village Elementary would like to welcome two new teachers to our staff. Ms. Ingweiller (left) is joining our first grade team for the remainder of this year, she comes to us from Waterford Schools and we are excited to have her on board in one of our first grade classrooms. Ms. Snuverink (right) has come out of retirement to join our special education team, she has been a Hartland teacher for years, most recently at Farms Intermediate and she will be with us for the remainder of this school year.



Left and Below: Mrs. Butzier's 1st grade class is enjoying their class field trip to Oh My Lolli, Jack's Custard, and the Jiffy Factory.

First graders have had the opportunity to go on this field trip at Village each year and it looks like the tradition of learning, fun, & treats is still a big hit! Yum!



LEGACY High School News

Bill Cain, Principal

December Students of the Month Alyssa McKeny and Nicklas Sanderson



Students of the Month

Students receive this award through the State of Michigan given by Senator Joe Hune and US Congressman Mike Bishop. They receive this award for distinguishing themselves in both academics and in their personal conduct while also stepping forward as role models.



Above: The LEGACY teaching staff.



Above and Below: Legacy students enjoy a pancake breakfast sponsored by LEGACY staff.

We would like to welcome our new students to LEGACY as we begin second semester. We have a wonderful student body and an outstanding staff, all here to support you.

Student Count Day is Wednesday, February 8.

We have added a Spring Parent Teacher Conference date so parents please mark your calendars for March 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



PRESCHOOL

Carol Hayes, Director

810.626.2150

We're all different sizes and shapes as you can see, but at Hartland Preschool we're all just "free to be me!"

So, whether you're a circle, square or hexagon too, we know you will all love our preschool... so come join us soon!



CHILDCARE

Jen Turner, Director

810-626-2780

We offer care for children who attend the Round, Village and Creekside, Lakes Elementary and Farms Intermediate School. The children who attend the **Lakes or Farms** Schools may enroll at the School Street center, or take advantage of the school-age program at the Lakes Elementary School.

Both center locations are open 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



Both programs offer gym activities, arts and crafts, and outside play. When you are signed up for the Before and After School Care, you also have the option of attending on the "No School" days or Snow days! Our center is almost always open!

Before & After School Child Care Only

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You must notify the office if your child/children will be absent from the Before & After school program. Your regular weekly tuition will be charged unless the Center is Closed. If your Before & After School child attends on a No School Day, Snow Day, etc., your tuition for the day will be \$35.

Please come and visit our center to see all the activity.

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Hartland Senior Activity Center

Kim Ladd, Director

810-626- 2135



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Upcoming Events!

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Do you like puzzles? Brain teasers? This event is meant to be fun ☺ Not intimidating. Let’s exercise our brains!

Battle of the Sexes

Thursday, February 16th 5pm – 7pm \$5 per person

Bring your friends and family to compete in the battle of the sexes trivia event. Guys vs. Gals. Soup and Salad will be served for dinner

Medical Loan Closet

If you have gently used shower benches/chairs or bedside commodes, please consider donating them to the Hartland Senior Activity Center Medical Loan Closet. Anyone from our community can borrow items from our loan closet for FREE – you do not have to be a member of the senior center to benefit from this resource!

Travel Spotlight

You can find a listing of all our H.I.P. Travel destinations on our website. Note the first price is for HSC members, the second price is for non-members. This month we’re focusing on the following destinations!

Tuesday, February 14/15th

\$185/\$190

Celebrate Valentine’s Day with an overnight @ Firekeepers & 4 Winds Casinos – Spend the night @ the beautiful Fairfield Inn with indoor pool, hot breakfast buffet & shuttle to & from Casinos. Receive \$100 in incentives.

Depart: 2/14 @ 8:00AM (breakfast @ Firekeepers) –

Return: 2/15 approx. 8PM

Payment Deadline: Feb. 6th

6 days –7 Nights –April 26-May 1st

\$785/\$820

Azalea Festival in Virginia Beach Includes: 5 breakfasts, 3 dinners, incl. Spirit of Norfolk dinner cruise, Performance @ International Tattoo Show, Reserved seats for 64 Parade of Nations & NATO Fest Activities, Colonial Williamsburg, Norfolk Naval Base, McArthur Memorial, Chrysler Art Museum, Dinner & Evening Entertainment, Luggage Handling, Taxes & Gratuities, Motorcoach, etc.

\$75 Deposit Due Jan.20th – Final Payment Due March 6th.

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8am	Billiards	8am	Walk Fit	8am	Woodcarvers	8am	Billiards	8am	Walk Fit
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10am	Silver Chords	9:30am	Mah Jong	10am	Both Choirs	9:30am	Jouni's Angels	9am	Postural Stretch
10am	Games	9:30am	Sit & Fit	10am	Drumming	10am	T.O.P.S.	9:30am	Intermediate Tap II
10am	Yoga	10am	Euchre	12:30pm	Duplicate Bridge	10am	Silver Ringers	10am	Relaxed Euchre
12:30pm	Silver Ringers	10am	Silver Squires	12:30pm	Art w/ Donna	10:30am	Nimble Needles	10am	Ping Pong
1pm	Tai Chi	10am	Line Dance	1pm	Coloring Club	11:30am	Yoga	10:30am	Intermediate Tap III
1pm	Cribbage	10am	Ping Pong			12:30pm	Chess	11:30am	Advanced Tap
2:05pm	Pickleball	11am	Pickleball			1pm	2 nd Wind Ensemble	12pm	Pickleball
6pm	Silver Strummers	12pm	Pinochle					12pm	Big Euchre
6pm	Chess	12:30pm	Art w/ Kathy			6pm	Euchre	1pm	Tai Chi
		1pm	2 nd Wind Ensemble						



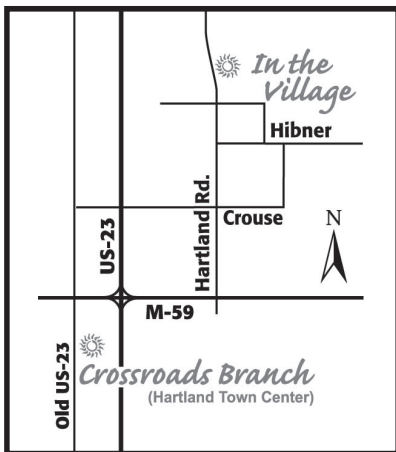
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Fight the Winter Blahs! 4 weeks of drop-in activities during the month of February. Participate and receive a raffle ticket - one per person, for the weekly prize drawing (\$5 gift card).

Drop-in - Village.

Week of Feb 6: Walking Trivia Maze

Week of Feb 13: Valentine Crafts

Week of Feb 20: Sensory Balloon Match Game

Week of Feb 27: Scavenger Hunt



A.L.I.V.E. FOR 55+: STAYCATIONING!

Mondays, February 6, 13, 20 & 27 @ 1:00 pm

February 6: Learn how to get outside in our area and enjoy winter and spring!

February 13: Spa Day - Learn how to plan a spa day for relaxation at home.

February 20: Potluck - Bring a unique or exotic dish to pass and the recipe.

February 27: Game Day! Try your hand at a new card, board or video game.

Register for the series - Village.

SCRATCH TEAM PROGRAMMING CHALLENGE

Tuesday, February 7 @ 6:30 pm

Bring a child, parent, grandparent, or friend (or two!) to work as a team to solve challenges in the beginner-friendly programming language Scratch. Your multi-generational team will learn how to use Scratch and compete against other participants to win a small prize. No programming or coding experience is necessary! **Register - Village.**



MIXED MEDIA ART PROJECT

Wednesday, February 8 @ 6:00 pm

This mixed-media class will provide artists of all levels the chance to explore the elaborate and multidimensional world of combining materials - like paper, paint, free-hand drawing, collage, stenciling and more. \$5 material fee; payable at the event. **Register - Village.**

CROMAINE CARES: COOLING NECKTIES

Saturday, February 18 @ 10:00 am

Join us monthly for a project the whole family can do for a cause. This month: Cooling neckties for overseas military personnel. Bring your sewing machine and camouflage/sand/tan colored material to make cooling neckties. We will provide the cooling gels to fill the neckties - a great way for kids to help out. All ages welcome. **Register - Village.**

CONVERSATION CAFE: MOVIES

Wednesday, February 22 @ 6:30 pm

Tim Pies, local film and television prop buff will showcase some of his collection and give a behind the scenes peek at some of your favorite shows and films! Just in time for the Oscars! As a special treat check out the JAWS shark teeth! Fresh, hot popcorn will be provided. **Register - Village.**

TELL US YOUR STORY

HARTLAND STORIES: LUCK AND COINCIDENCE

Tuesday, February 21 @ 6:30 pm

Come see why the art of storytelling is making a comeback! Listen to stories from others on the theme "Luck and Coincidence," or participate with your own true, first-person tale of no more than 5 minutes. **Register - Village.**

STORYTELLING WORKSHOP

Saturday, April 22 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Light lunch provided

Want to participate in the NPR Moth story experience with confidence? Hope to be able to share stories with your children and grandchildren that everyone wants to hear? Learn the art of storytelling from experts! **Register - Village.**

UPCOMING

A.L.I.V.E. for 55+: Art Sense: March 13, 20, 27

Sharing the Underwater World: March 15

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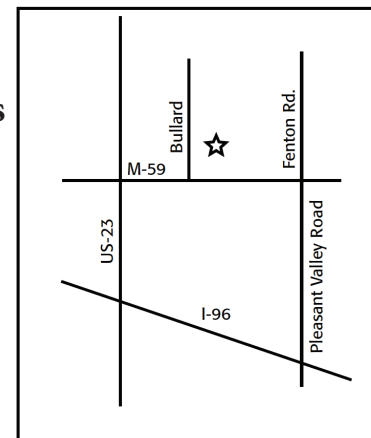
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Hartland Happenings

Township offers residents convenient services

As a convenience to our residents, Hartland Township offers services including passport processing and notary services. Residents may also visit Township Hall to get a dog license and submit absentee ballots during election season.

“Our goal is to provide our residents with exceptional service and convenience,” says Township Supervisor Bill Fountain. “We realize that locating a provider for many of these services, particularly passport processing, is becoming a challenge. Our central location makes stopping by easier for residents.”

Visit www.hartlandtwp.com for more information, including hours of service.

Sidewalk Clearing Ordinance

The Township’s Sidewalk Ordinance requires property owners to clear pedestrian sidewalks adjacent to their property by removing accumulated snow and ice from sidewalk area within 24 hours of a snow event. The ordinance is only applicable for those walkways along public roads.

Thanks for your assistance in keeping our sidewalks safe for pedestrians.

Hartland Aquatic Center Spring Events

OPEN SWIMS

Friday
7:30pm - 9:00pm
Saturday
2:30pm - 4:00pm & 7:30pm - 9:00pm
Sunday
2:30pm - 4:00pm

Cost: \$5 per person
Children 2 and younger free
No open swim from 7:30-9pm on 3/18

ADULT OPEN SWIMS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
8:00am - 10:30am, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Tuesday, Thursday
8:00am - 10:30am, 11:30am - 1:30pm
Saturday
7:30am - 9:00am

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For more information please visit:
hartlandschools.us/aquatic-center
or call 810-626-2279

Hartland Audubon News

February 7, 2017 7:15 pm,
meeting, presentation by
George Patterson.



The Hartland Audubon Club will meet on Tuesday, February 7 at 7:15 pm. We meet at the Hartland Educational Support Center 9523 E. Highland Rd. We will have a short meeting to report bird sightings, and other nature happenings, followed by a stimulating presentation. We welcome your birding observations and will make you feel welcome to our friendly group. Upcoming field trips are announced at each meeting by our enthusiastic president. Memberships are encouraged.

Tonight's program will be given by Hartland Audubon's own George Patterson whose presentation is entitled "For the Sake of Art" – Wildlife Painting/Photography by George Patterson. George will be presenting his beautiful paintings and photographs of waterfowl, birds of prey, upland game birds, as well as mammals including deer, bear, moose, elk antelope, big horn sheep and mountain goats. We are all looking to improve our artistic recording of the wildlife that we see. You won't want to miss this visual treat!

Check out Hartland Audubon on hartlandaudubon.weebly.com.
For more information contact Birder_John@hotmail.com or
call 517 546-2610.

WOULD YOU SCORE 100% AS A PARENT?

Your child will change...the moment your perspective on parenting changes

We just conducted our best New Parent Orientation yet!

The purpose of this training session is not only to teach new parents how to make the most of our school but more importantly how to develop into great parents. Why? Because we know that behind every "Black Belt Child" are "Black Belt Parents"!

We can have an immediate impact on our parents because we know "*Children change the moment parents change their perspective on parenting!*"

We wanted to share some of the parent changing gems with you:

- We know the secret to developing amazing kids is by first training great parents.
- Where did you learn to parent? Unless you intentionally parent differently you will parent exactly like your parents.
- Front Load your time and energy. It is much easier to develop a great kid now rather than fix them later.
- As a parent your role must change from Caregiver to Manager to Mentor. You only do this if you learn to listen, being fully present and without judgement.
- You and your child need to learn how to be in a Peak, Positive, High Energy Emotional State to be successful. Think of it like being in the "zone".
- It is not about the karate here. It is about developing the Habits, Attitudes and Character Traits of high achieving, successful and happy people.
- Kids need to struggle more. Often our lives are too easy. Hardship and Failure are not only good but essential for developing "Grit" (Persistence and Perseverance)
- Parents CANNOT be their child's BFF. They need to be their PARENT!

- Boredom and wanting to quit things are good for kids. Creativity, coping skills and self awareness happen during "boredom", and learning to continue when you want to quit builds patience, persistence and perseverance.
- Be careful of technology - the real world cannot compete against the virtual world. Wonder why kids can't sit still and listen in school?
- How to build confidence - Make them do things they do not want to do...often.
- How to develop self-control - Make them wait for things all the time. A major factor in a child's success in life is their ability to Delay Gratification.
- How to develop a high achieving/performing child - "HIENTS" (High Internal Emotional Need to Succeed). Instill a "growth"/"always learning" mindset early while they still want to please you! Then get them really, really good at ONE thing.
- Watch their words...Never let your child ever say these words "I Can't!" and "I hate school!" Then stop complaining, criticizing and especially blaming!
- Do NOT make your child the center of your family.

So there it is. Your crash course in parenting!

I recently came across an exceptional parenting article that every parent must read written by an occupational therapist titled "***Why our children are so bored at school, cannot wait, get easily frustrated and have no real friends!***"



If you would like me to send you a copy just give me a call at (517) 586-1001 or drop me an email at ohanadojo@gmail.com

Happy parenting. Let me know how it goes!
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Community NEWS

The Dance Project Teaches Swing Dance Lessons at Hartland Teen Center

The Dance Project has been teaching teens swing dancing at the Hartland Teen Center. The mission of The Dance Project is to promote respect, leadership, and self-confidence through fun dancing.



The hope is to change the culture by promoting positive dancing. The teens were invited to attend The Black Light Dance held at Highland United Methodist Church. They also helped by creating beautiful decorations that glowed in the dark.

A teen from the Teen Center commented, " I enjoyed the dance a lot! I suggest more kids should do it. We can start teaching other kids to swing dance."

Pictured above: Rachel Klasso and Rebecca Rotay making decorations for the black light dance.

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"I brought Davis to his pediatrician. The meeting with his doctor did not go well. I was told to lower my expectations. He would never be 'fixed'. We went to Dr. Doud's the next day and I broke down crying as I told him what his doctor had stated. I let him know - I knew my little boy was intelligent. He just couldn't get it out."

"Dr. Doud tested Davis' vision and discovered that his vision was significantly delayed in several areas. He not only gave me hope - which at that point was all I wanted, but a plan to assist Davis."

After vision therapy, "Davis improved so significantly that at the end of second grade, I was told not to let the 3rd grade teachers know anything was wrong with his ability. He had all A's and B's. He was able to keep up and follow directions. His visual memory was 14% when we started vision therapy. It is now near 90%."

"I am so pleased and cry at the thought of how far he has come. It truly is overwhelming to think of what would have happened to Davis if we would have listened to his pediatrician, lowered expectations and accepted this situation, Davis would have failed at school and in life."

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Hartland Optimist Youth Appreciation Celebration

Hartland Optimist Club needs you! On **March 15th**, the club will present its **21st Annual Youth Appreciation Celebration**.

At this event, we celebrate young people between the ages of six and 19 who are nominated by community members for actions above and beyond what can be expected of them. Examples might include: outstanding community service, special achievement, good judgment and choices, perseverance and overcoming hardships, support, care and encouragement of others, loyalty or teamwork.

Please think about a young person in the Hartland community that you know through your church, business, family or friends and help us to honor him or her on this special evening.

To nominate a young person, please contact Paula Waters at 810.626.2105 or at paulawaters@hartlandschools.us for information.

All nominations are due no later than **Feb. 20**. We apologize ahead of time- we can NOT accept late submissions. For further information, please call Mr. Scott VanEpps at 810.626.2111.

The Hartland Optimist Club is one of over 2600 Optimist Clubs throughout the world. Clubs are dedicated to, "Bringing out the Best in Kids." Optimist Clubs serve over six million young people a year through more than 65,000 service projects.

To donate to our effort, please go to www.paypal.me/optimists

Thank You from the Hartland Optimist Club

The Hartland Optimist Club once again sponsored the "Adopt-a-Family" Program for families in our community in need of help during the holiday season.

We appreciate all the support from our schools, our sports teams, our clubs, our high school, individual families and area businesses. In the true sense of giving, we embraced and gave and together we adopted 47 families. Thank you so much and Happy New Year!

If you have any interest in joining our club, please contact Vicki Schiesel at 313-220-2797.

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February 9, 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm:

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Flash from the Friends of Cromaine District Library

It truly seems that the "Holidays" ended, and the "Friends" were head over heels involved in their used Book/Bake Sale. It was a successful event, and we are most appreciative of all the folks who volunteered to help with our Sale. We want to thank Krogers for supplying the Bags for our Bag Sale.

It should be noted that all funds derived from any "Money Making Venture" go directly to Cromaine's Staff to help with any special endeavor they feel important. We are proud that we have been able to donate over \$6,000 to various Libray Programs, and we look forward to giving a donation of \$12,000 to furnish and equip the new "Teen Area" in the reconfigured library.

On March 17, 2017 we will begin a monthly "Social Gathering" to Celebrate the 90th Birthday of our Library.

We always enjoy new Members, so if you'd like to become involved in a very " Special Organization", join the "Friends". Check us out at the Circulation Desk at Cromaine in the Village.

PS We would like to thank Eileen Griswold for her kind Donation of the Christmas Tree that adorned the lobby of Cromaine in the Village this "Holiday Season".

Inside us all, there are places only a Friend can reach....

-Michelle Bryon

-Your Friend, Mary Lynn Thomson

Cromaine Library is located in the "Village of Hartland" 3688 Hartland Rd. N

Community NEWS

Hartland Rotary News

Hartland Rotary inducted two new members on January 5, 2017. Beth Yarmak, CPA and Lee Halsted, OD (pictured left). Beth Yarmak 's CPA firm is now full time in Hartland at 11750 Highland Rd.



Thursday, January 5, Beth gave her classification speech. She shared her recent trip to Orlando, Florida where she spent five days learning the new requirements for her 2017 tax season. Beth emphasized that transparency will be the key to avoiding an audit. The IRS will be focused on taxpayer's statements and checking to be sure the taxpayer is able to back up their statements with receipts. Lee Halsted has been a practicing optometrist for 39 years. He has been a part of Rotary since 1977 and a Livingston County Rotarian since 2008. Lee enjoys participating in local projects and has a passion for water and sanitation projects as well as youth programs. Lois, his wife, is a charter member of Hartland Rotary.

You are always welcome to join us on 1st and 3rd Thursday mornings for breakfast and informative presentations at the Hartland Insurance Agency, 2532 Old US 23 at 7:15 AM.

If you have a passion for community service and enjoy sharing the fellowship of those with a similar desire, please consider joining us. Please visit www.hartlandrotary.org or our FACEBOOK , Hartland Rotary Club, for more information on our club.

Hartland Home and Garden Club

The next meeting will be February 8, 2017 at 6:30 pm at the Hartland Senior Center, 9525 Highland Rd.

Our speaker will be herbalist Jim McDonald who will share the myriad and surprising medicinal uses many common weeds we all step over each day. The fee for non-members is \$3.

For more information, call 517 545-9370.

Hartland Area Historical Society News

Many of you pass by the Florence B. Dearing Museum each and every day and have noticed some changes. For those that do not, 2016 was a busy year! We have a new roof, new blinds on the windows and beautiful gardens around the building.

The Museum is fortunate to have wonderful volunteers. In December we celebrated those volunteers at the Tyme Well Spent Tea Room where we enjoyed lunch. We also participated in the Halloween Trick or Treating and Polar Express. That being said we need your help. The museum has many needs.

We would like to have more people be a part of the history here in Hartland. If you can give a few hours a month please contact me, Barbara Walker at 810-730-3622.

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Community NEWS

Be a part of one of Hartland's greatest and oldest traditions!

The Hartland Memorial Day Parade planning has started for the 2017 parade!! Join us as we bring to fruition an event that encompasses our community and honors those who have sacrificed their lives for the blessings of liberty.

Hartland Community Council Memorial Day Parade planning meetings are every first Monday of the month.

Our next meeting will be February 2nd at 6:30 pm at the Hartland Insurance Agency.

Everyone in the community is welcome to attend our meetings and we would be honored to have you there.



Shrek The Musical Jr.

Who: The Hartland Players'
ENCORE YOUTH THEATER

Where: Hartland Performing Arts Center-
9525 E. Highland Rd. Howell, MI 48843

When: March 17th- 7:30 p.m., March 18th- 7:30 p.m.,
March 19th 2:30 p.m.

Tickets may be reserved at the main branch of the Cromaine Library or purchased on line at www.hartlandplayers.org. The ticket price is \$8. Please direct questions to the Producer, Kay Simmons at 734-679-7981 or Tommy Dunny 517-861-6121 or visit our website at www.hartlandplayers.org.

Bringing this story to life is our talented cast: Andrea Arnold, Cate Addor, Josh Archer, Josie Archer, Scott Bell, Gillian Blaszkowski, Jacob Blush, Amber Clark, Kaylee Cook, Matti Digue, Liam Dunny, Jaclyn Ellis, Grace Fitzgerald, Lauren Gates, Dominic Ignagni, Roman Ignagni, Camryn Ihrke, Annika Kreeger, Lauren Kreeger, Mia Lincoln, Miya Mattucci, Murphy McIntyre, Sam Mollard, Dory O'Dell, Anabel Persons, Tommy Persons, Carmen Pushman, Emma Rider, Julie Ross, Nancy Ross, Bradley Schwab, Gracie Sheets, Avery Shrier, Lucas Somers, Joseph Streight, Karissa Szczechowicz, Nicco Valente, Sophia VanBuren, Amanda Webster, Ella Willard.

The production team includes: Mary-Jo Bell-Director; Karen Ellis-Co-Director; Shryl Cone- Vocal Director, Kay Simmons-Producer; Tommy Dunny-Co-Producer; Mollie Kiser-Choreographer.



Hartland Robotics

This past fall, Hartland Robotics has had a GREAT season. Let's spread the word about these awesome students!

At the upper elementary school level, Hartland Farms Intermediate fielded three new, rookie teams as part of the FIRST Lego League initiative. The JockBots (Team #24928) brought home the top Research Award at their qualifying tournament in November. The EagleBots (Team #24396) secured the Inspiration Award for demonstration of FIRST Core Values at their qualifying tournament on November 12th, and brought home a 1st Place trophy for Strategy and Innovation from the Michigan State Tournament in December!

At the middle school level, Hartland Middle School at Ore Creek fielded two teams again -- the Steel Eagles (Team #5290) and the Sonic Eagles (Team #5957) -- as part of the FIRST Tech Challenge initiative. The Steel Eagles were awarded the Inspire Award at their qualifying tournament in Howell on December 3rd. This is the highest award for an FIRST Tech Challenge team, reflecting all round performance in Core Values, Presentation, and Robot Performance, and a first time award for a Hartland team!

The Sonic Eagles scored two trophies for their work in design – one Design Award given at a qualifying tournament in December and the PTC Design Award, granted to the team at the Michigan State Tournament on December 17th. To top it off, the Sonic Eagles received an invitation to the Super-Regional competition in Iowa at the end of March, 2017. Advancing to this event is first time for Hartland!



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