

Hartford High School Alumni Association Newsletter

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Greetings Alumnus, The goals of the Hartford Alumni Association are to reunite alumni and friends, to foster loyalty and interest in Hartford High School and to provide grants for the benefit of the school and scholarships for its students. We have accomplished this in large part with our Alumni tradition of reuniting each year with a parade, picnic and dance. But, we have limited interest and participation in the planning of these events.

Community events like this are disappearing fast and without your help they can't continue. This is your organization. If you can find some time to help us out please try to do so. We have lists of tasks and the contacts needed to do each job. If you can't commit a lot of time consider doing it with a friend. A few more volunteers can make all the difference. If you live locally please join us at our monthly meetings or contact us at urhartfordalum@gmail.com

We still **need volunteers** on **Friday** night at **5PM** to set up tables and chairs at HHS and on Saturday to help stage the parade, direct traffic along the parade route, and later to take down tables, chairs and tents after the picnic at HHS. Please let us know if you can help in any way.

We hope that if you are not part of the parade you will come and enjoy it, stop by the picnic after to reconnect with fellow alums or dance the night away at the White River VFW.

Thanks for your continued support.

Jean Rowzee '64 President

Class of 1965 **60th Class Reunion **

Our 60th reunion celebration will be a backyard picnic at the home of Terri Patterson on Saturday afternoon. It will be BYOB with the food purchased using our class funds. We are looking forward to it.

contact Judy Peduzzi japeduzzi@gmail.com

Class of 1975 **50th Class Reunion **

The class of 1975 has chosen " 101 Dalmations" for our float. Location of the float building TBD We will have a picnic following the parade. Time and place TBD. Please follow our class page on Facebook and we will be emailing all further details as they become known. Contact Darlene Levy with questions

DarleneLevy@gmail.com

Class of 1980 **45th Class Reunion **

Our class is planning a float and a picnic but details are still in the works. Please contact Kathleen Rowell rowell.Kathleen@yahoo.com

<u>Class of 2005</u> **20th Class Reunion **
Contact Melissa Reynolds Hartlandgirl05@gmail.com

Class of 2015 **10th Class Reunion **

Our class will be gathering at the Filling Station in White River Jct. on Saturday 6/28 beginning at 6pm. With the option of attending the Alumni dance at the White River VFW from 7 to 11. Contact Esme Cole with questions. Esme.cole.vt@gmail.com

Alumni Day Saturday June 28th. This year's theme is

Disney Movies

8:15AM Parade staging begins. Float participants meet at the White River Elementary School (Pine Street)
10:00AM Parade begins

12:00PM Dedication at
Legacy Park at HHS
Picnic to follow at HHS
Food: from the -Booster Club
Band: Forever Young
Admission is free (Food and
beverage available for pur-

7-11PM Alumni Dance at the White River VFW with the Rick Davis Band Admission is \$10.00

If you are interested in getting together with your class please contact your class representative. If you do not know who that is contact us at urhartfordalum@gmail.com

Alumni Memorial Roll April 20, 2024-April 20, 2025

Raffaele "Ralph" Guarino '47 Lucille Vincent Follansbee '47 Ellen Holt Stetson '47 Eleanor Holt Billings '48 Marilyn Coutermanche Gates '49 Margaret Hoisington Rogers '50 Pasquale Baldasaro '51 Myrtle Cole '51 Howard Lyman '51 Eva Bomhower Cavanaugh '51 June Wilmot Burrington '52 Alice B. Hazen '53 Joseph Melisi '54 Ann Pallmerine Hamilton '55 Merton Young '55 Norma Picken McClelland '55 George F. Devins '57 Martha Roberta Boucher '59

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Elizabeth TardieJohnson Sheffield '77
Melodie Ducharme Oronte '77
Gary Sweet
Kimberly Wood '78
Michael S. Thurston '81
Charles G. Reed '82
Randy Scott Pregent '82
William Finney '87
Jason Scott Carpenter '94
Asa Johnson '04
Timothy A. Maxham III '06
Zachary Francis Ordway '10

Class Year Unknown

Lillian Rousseau Regione Russell O. Collins Justin Alonzo Howe William R. Hillard Duane L. Wheeler Gregory L. Stowe

*We apologize for any names omitted. Please contact us if you know of any errors at Hartford Alumni Association, PO Box 891, White River Jct., VT 05001. or urhartfordalum@gmail.com

Alumni Parade Grand Marshal-Norman Wolfe

Norman Wolfe came to Hartford in 1974 and taught through 2002. He was the band director at HMMS before moving to HHS where he taught Music Appreciation, Music Theory, History of Rock and a bunch of very popular electives. His student-first teaching style and love for music was always apparent and pulled kids into the band and music room.

Mr. Wolfe was heavily involved in musicals, plays, and pretty much everything that took place in the auditorium. He expanded the music program to include a stage band, marching band and jazz band. He was a member of the Pit for many years and brought the Pep Band to new heights in the early 90's with a huge blue and white polo clad group playing at all home football and basketball



games. Mr. Wolfe could always be spotted with an instrument in his hands, but it was his signature trumpet that brought him the most happiness.

Some of us were fortunate enough to have had Mr. Wolfe as a band leader from 5th grade through high school.

Mr. Wolfe got to know his students very well as many of them spent time in the band room during their off periods just to be around somebody they liked and trusted. He was a mentor, confidant and a friend to hundreds of students.



5813 Woodstock Road 805-295-8500 Publichousevt.com Denise Bouchard '81, Jess Potter '03, Jen Wheatley, Kim Wilcox '06, Kelsey Eastman '09, Caleb Lyman '10, Alan Dunn, Linsi Nyland '11, Aidan Brooks '21, Olivia Chase, Harry Gaudet, Haley Clough, Holly Moore '22

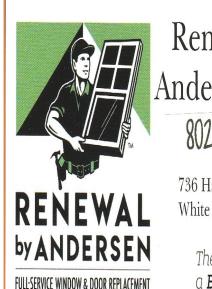


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Mr. Wolfe was Hartford's version of Mr. Holland from the movie Mr. Holland's Opus. His passion and excitement for music was contagious. His students found themselves liking the music he played just because he liked it. And he liked all kinds of music. He also planted the seeds of that love for music in his students in their future. Some of our Alumni even saw their children reap the benefits of his passion as they were fortunate enough to have Mr. Wolfe as their teacher as well. Now after 30 years he still keeps in contact with some of his former students.

The Hartford School District was very fortunate to have had such a gifted musician, talented teacher and a kind person and friend. He made all of his students feel welcome and gave them a sense of belonging. We are thrilled to honor Mr. Wolfe as our Grand Marshal. Congratulations friend

Thanks to former students of Mr Wolfe for sharing their fond memories of him. Sunnie McPhetres '70, Joe Cusick '92, Jeremy Durand '93, and Jeff Moreno '94

Attention !!!

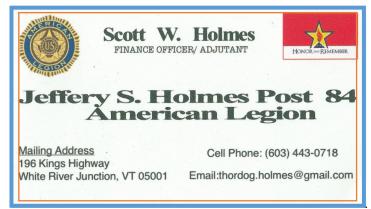
There is a change to the parade route and start time this year. We will start at the Elementary School at 10AM, proceed across the Bridge St bridge, left onto railroad row, across the tracks and up into town. Down Gates St. to Church St. Up Church St. then right down North Main St. back toward town. Back across the tracks to Bridge St bridge and straight to the Elementary School. Unfortunately we can not go up past the Bugbee Center across the bridge and right past the Coop to Pine St.. Recent changes to the highway require these changes.











Denise Morse Bouchard '81

Hartford High Sports in Review

The boys soccer team and the girls and boys cross country teams all won their league titles this year. The volleyball team won the program's first play off match.

The girls field hockey team won the D-11 state championship with a thrilling 1-0 win over U-32. This is the programs 2nd straight title and a school record 13th overall.

Bennett Moreno (600m,800m,1000m,1500m) and Ayodele Lowe (high jump and long jump) each set multiple Vermont state records in track and field and qualified for the 2025 indoor nationals.

In a Boston meet Bennett smashed the state record for the 600m with 1:24.09. The old record of 1:26.94 had stood since 2014. He later broke his own record with a time of 1:23.26. Bennett is currently ranked #12 in the nation in the 600m.

Ayodele broke the state high jump record of 6'3"when he cleared 6'6" (narrowly missing 6'8". He is currently ranked #13 in the country.

Ben Lang cleared 10'6" to set a new school record for indoor pole vaulting.

The boys lacrosse team won the 2024 D-II state championship to cap off an historic season for Hurricane athletes. This was the boys lacrosse program's 2nd straight title and the schools 6th of the school year, easily a new record for HHS.

Over the winter the girls ice hockey team won the D-II state championship with a 2-0 victory over Middlebury in Gutterson Field House at the University of Vermont. Goals were scored by seniors Emma Bazin and Madison Barwood.





Sonia O'Banion 1991

Steve Richard '77 ,Patricia Richard '77 , Brian Richard '79 Timothy Martin '02





Hartford was the first school in the state to offer Girls Varsity Ice Hockey in the early 90's and though they have come close many times had never won a state title until last year. Now they have their second consecutive state title. Congratulations!

Madison Barwood became the all-time leading scorer in both field hockey and girls ice hockey (and is on her way in girl's lacrosse too).

HHS has a streak of 7 consecutive seasons with at least one team winning a state title. .. An incredible feat showcasing the versatility, depth, and consistency of our student athletes.

Gatorade Vermont Girls Basketball Player of the Year

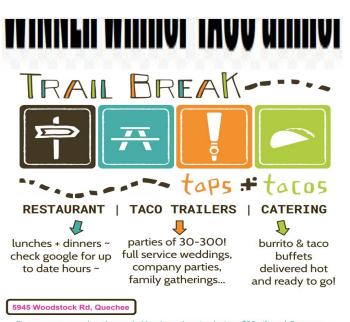
Hartford Junior **Charlotte Jasmin** has been named Gatorade Vermont Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Each year Gatorade honors the best high school athletes from their state for outstanding achievements in their sport, in the classroom, and in their community.

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The 5'10" guard averaged 24.8 pts,9.8 rebounds,4.3 assists and 5.6 steals per game and became the first person in program history to score over a 1000 points. She has surpassed Bill Vielleux (HHS '93) as the all-time leading scorer in Hartford basketball history.

Charlotte is a National Honor Society member who volunteers with Hope Happens Here, a

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Jeff Knight '89

Judeen Barwood '56, Linda Miller '76, Margaret McDerment '61

Performing Arts Department

This year has truly been one for the books in the Performing Arts Department.

Our Tri-M Music Honors Society was named State Chapter of the Year.

Junior, Arlo Philip was accepted into the National American Choral Director Association con-

ference(the only Vermont student).
Senior, Macy Bettweiser was one of three finalists in Broadway Worlds Next on Stage competition and performed in NYC at the finale at Studio 54. Macy was also awarded the New England Music Festival four year Scholarship.

Congratulations to Hartford students for their outstanding achievement at the VT Music Festival. Hartford had numerous students accepted into our Music District Festivals, New England

Music Festival, and the All-State Music Festival.

Molly Fournier-Stephens recently prepared and performed a memorized 7 minute trombone solo for a panel of judges in competition for a VT Allstate Music Festival Scholarship. She was honored as the states top scoring brass performer and received a Performance Scholarship. She will now perform her solo in front of the entire Allstate Music Festival in May.

We had 11 students accepted into the Allstate Music Festival this year.

There were five students accepted into the All state Band . Daniel Beaulieu, Molly Fournier -Stephens ,Dexter Maxell-Crosby, Larkyn Moody-Hamilton, and Cooper Warren.

There were 6 students accepted into the Allstate chorus. Jadin Bennett, Quinn Chartier,

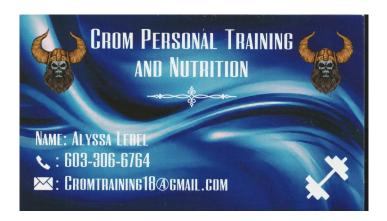
Jaxon Dalpra, Maddie Moore, Arlo Philip, and Cora Winslow.

The Chamber Choir was selected to perform at the NAfME All-Eastern Music Festival and three of our students were accepted into the festival in band, treble choir, and mixed choir.

Congratulations to the cast and crew of **Embellish**, Hartford's one act play, for making it to the State Festival.









Marc Garza '84

Best of the Upper Valley

Congratulations to Hartford students who had their art projects exhibited at the "Best of the Upper Valley High School " exhibit at the AVA Gallery in Lebanon: Cavin Benjamin, Geneva Durgin, Lilli Lachle, Taylor Lynds, Monet Nolan, Logan LaPole and Norah Wood.

Bridge Competition

Hartford had 5 out of a total of 30 teams to compete in the annual bridge competition at Vermont State University. Two of the Hartford teams finished in the top 4.

Overall champions were the Hartford team of Sebastian Lorenz, Ben Lang, and Connor Beland. They scored 1st in strength,2nd in design, and 3rd in presentation. Their bridge held 870 pounds which was 220 pounds more than the any other bridge. Each member of the team won a scholar-ship to any VTSU school.

Student Representative of the Hartford School Board

Congratulations to **Walker Garthwaite** for being the student representative on the Hartford School Board.

Alumni Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to this year's HHS Alumni Scholarship winners! Paige Trombly and Tyler Piper

Paige Trombly will be pursuing Nursing at Colby-Sawyer College.

Tyler Piper will be headed to the University of Vermont majoring in Business Administration.

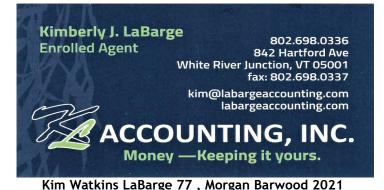


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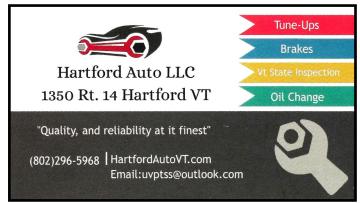


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Jason Gaffney 93

Monument to honor Hartford Residents Military Service

Hartford Alumni! The Hartford Monument Committee is planning to erect a second monument to honor Hartford residents who served in Korea, Vietnam and the conflicts that followed. We need your help! We are searching for the names of current service members and veterans that meet the following criteria:

The service member or veteran must have entered military service while a resident of the Town of Hartford **OR** retired from military service while a resident of the Town of Hartford * **OR** lived in the Town of Hartford following military service * (a minimum of thirty years of residency is required to be included on the monument if the first requirement is not met.) The name cannot appear on any veterans monument in another town or state

The Committee has begun compiling lists based on the Department of Veterans Affairs. The current list can be found at https://tinyurl.com/Monument-2

If YOU OR YOUR service member's name is not included on this list, you will find an application to submit the name.

We have also started our fundraising through grants and will be launching public fundraising shortly. This will include honor bricks to be placed around the monument. Information about this part of the project will be available at the same link as above.

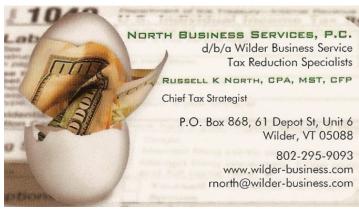
If you are in town for Alumni Day and have not seen our first monument honoring Hartford's proud history of military service with the names of World War I and World War II veterans, please check it out in Veterans Park on Railroad Row.

If you have ideas or questions, please contact ww1monument@gmail.com

Thank you for your help,

Hartford Monument Committee









2024 Float and Raffle Winners



First Place - Class of 1979



Third Place - Class of 1994

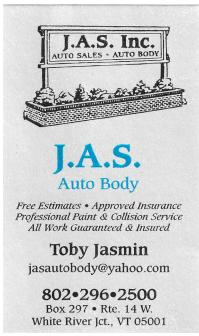
1st place raffle- Marli Fuller2nd place raffle- Victoria Maurer3rd place raffle- Christine Koloski



Second Place - Class of 1974

Hartford High School Alumni Association Raffle
Prizes drawn at the Alumni Dance June 28th 2025
Fred Davis Memorial Grand Prize \$500.00
2nd Prize \$200.00, 3RD Prize \$100.00
Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

If you wish to purchase raffle tickets please use the QR code on the back of the newsletter or mail a check to our PO Box 891 White River Jct. Vermont 05001



Toby Jasmin '88

NOTHING CAN STOP A HURRICANE!

For generations, Hartford High School students, families, faculty, staff, and administration have gathered around our fields to support and cheer on our friends and classmates. And as thousands of faithful alumni and fans know, once you've caught the Hurricane spirit, it lives deep inside of you.

To commemorate and honor the generations of scholars, athletes, artists, and community members who've passed through Hartford High School, we have started a fundraising campaign to build Legacy Park at the Alumni Athletic Complex. Our plan is to give the Hurricane faithful a focal point on campus; a place to meet up and reconnect with friends from the past; a place to meet new friends; and a place to support the Hurricanes to come!



Every donation - large or small - will go toward improving our athletic campus, starting with the construction of the Alumni Arch as the grand entrance to Legacy Park. Plus, every class that reaches the target gift level of \$2,500 will have its year of graduation proudly added to a brick on the Alumni Arch.

WILL YOU HELP US?

As a family of scholars and athletes, parents and students, teachers and staff, fans and alumni, let's build Legacy Park, and let's show the world what Hurricane Pride is all about.





Rank Class		Donation	
1	2018	\$3000.00	
2	1979	\$2500.00	
	2020	\$2500.00	
4	1989	\$1084.00	
	1986	\$834.00	
5	1987	\$834.00	
7	1998	\$750.00	
8	1994	\$665.00	
9	1992	\$350.00	
	1954	\$350.00	
10	1972	\$250.00	

Three classes (2018.1979. and 2020) have reached \$2500 and will have a brick added to the Arch.

If you would like to contribute please send your donations to Hartford High School 37 Highland Avenue White River Jct. VT 05001 Please Write Alumni Arch/Legacy Park in the memo line and include your year of graduation.

We will gladly send you a receipt for tax purposes.

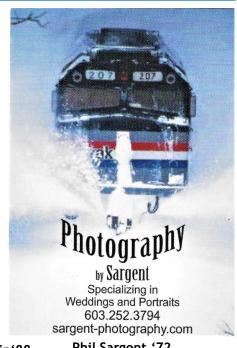
Legacy Park Dedication

Legacy Park is taking a big step forward this year thanks to the generous contributions of so many Hartford Alumni. On Alumni Day (June 28th) there will be a ceremony to dedicate the first memorial to be placed in Legacy Park. This will be for Luna Ricker and will take place at the High School at noon.

Please join Luna's family, friends and former students and athletes at the entrance of the Park for this ceremony.

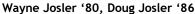






Phil Sargent '72







Pete Schaal '65, Todd Schaal '88,

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