

DARLINGTON COUNTY PARKS, RECREATION and TOURISM

Hartsville Area

John Wall, Hartsville Area Director

Youth Basketball registration has concluded and teams have been selected. This program fills the gym and is very competitive. The season has begun and the play has been fast-paced and fantastic.

Karate with **Gary Carpenter** continues to be one of our favorite choices after hours. Boys, girls and adults are taking advantage of this experience and enjoying it very much.

Wrestling with **Mikey Lynch** continues progress on the mat. Congratulations, to **Mikey** as he has created the **Hartsville Wrestling Hall of Fame**. **Coach Lewis Lineberger** was the first inductee in a ceremony held Friday, January 13 at **Hartsville High School**.

Senior Programming continues to provide a variety of activities including **board games, card games, crochet and day trips**. We have a great group that continuously take advantage of all there is to do through the recreation department.

We are grateful for our opportunities and those who help support us. We are also grateful for the facilities afforded us.

Darlene Brown – Program Director

Wow! The New Year is here and our seniors are ready to tackle it. We have seen new faces in all of our programs this month proving that people do take New Year's resolutions seriously.

There are some new faces in all six of our **Senior Exercise** classes. Some of our **Society Hill** members have come out to our **Hartsville** site to mingle and get another class under their belts. Our Senior walkers have "upped their game" by adding more laps to their routine. Our member numbers are growing along with their determination. These seniors are determined to live a long and healthier life. We are proud to be a part of this lifestyle change.

Every Tuesday, our seniors get together to crochet. These ladies have a very creative imagination. They have created purses, shoes, hats for cancer patients, shawls, blankets and baby booties. These products of imagination are works of art. Each item is uniquely beautiful in its own right. Each Thursday is Bridge and games day. Our seniors come out to exercise their

brain skills in a friendly environment. Thursdays are made for games such as bridge, kings in the corner and scrabble.

Each Tuesday and Thursday night, our youth comes out to **Karate** and **Wrestling** classes. These kids are full of energy for the classes. **Gary Carpenter** is the **Karate instructor** and **Michael Lynch** is the **Wrestling instructor**. Both instructors are wonderful with the children and keep them anticipating the next move.

Bingo was held on the 9th. Our seniors love bingo. Everyone is a winner on this day. The 14th was a high impact day with 8 children going to **Hi-Wire**. These kids sure do have some energy! After an hour of flight time, we had a delicious meal at **CiCi's Pizza**. To finish off the day we stopped by the arcade room and played games. The 27th found us in **Charleston at America's first Museum**. Not only did our seniors enjoy the history of our state but that of the start of our great nation as well.

The **Hartsville Area Recreation Department** wishes everyone a safe and happy new year!

Maceo Haynesworth – Athletic Director

The **Hartsville Area Recreation Department** has begun its youth basketball leagues. The season started January 9th. Games are played on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Games begin at 6 pm during the week and at 10 am on Saturdays. We have 25 kids in our Instructional League (5-6) year olds. Four teams are in our (7-8) Co-ed league. The Small Fry (9-10), Mite boys (11-12) teams have four teams each. The department has one (9-10) girls team and one (11-12) girls team.