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Help Paul Condry Write “Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie”, A History of Hobart HS Football

Paul Condry, the President of Regional Radio Sports Network, and his staff are writing the book and making the documentary film, “Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie”, the history of Hobart High School football. He is searching for former Hobart football rosters, pictures and contact information for any former Brickies.

Hobart alumni, can you contact Paul as soon as possible if you have any information or memorabilia? His contact information is below.

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Alumni Spotlight

Douglas Davenport, National Guard Bandsman



This month, our Alumni Spotlight feature is with Douglas Davenport, HHS alumnus from the Class of 1987. Doug is a clarinet player with the 34th Army Band of the Iowa National Guard.

What are you doing these days, and what have you been up to lately?

I am currently playing with the 34th Army Band, of the Iowa Guard and Quad City Wind Ensemble. In the Iowa Guard I have double on bass drum with our colonial MPT (musical performance team) called "The Patriots." We play colonial era music and also most of us also form a woodwind quintet.

Could you describe your path from Hobart High School to the present day?

Musically speaking I participated in the Northwest Indiana Youth Orchestra before transitioning into the Army as a bandsman. Also I took lessons from Denise Kirkland of the Northwest Indiana Symphony Orchestra. I also attended Ball State University where I studied music.

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

What have been the highlights or most memorable moments in your career with the National Guard Band?

I have performed for major political figures through the years like the former President Gerald Ford while he was still alive. Before that the 74th Army Band performed for the speech by George H.W. Bush. In 2013 I was involved with the Governor Mike Pence's inauguration before I moved to Iowa. Next week I will be similarly involved in the Iowa Governor's inauguration as well.

How did the Hobart High School band program influence your career choice?

I love to play and have continued to play throughout the years.

Were there other people in the Hobart schools, or other people as you were growing up in Hobart,

who had a strong influence on your life?

Let's see...Jay Gephart who was the director at the time, along with Denise Kirkland who took my clarinet playing to the next level. Of course while at Ball State Caroline Hartig, along with the retiring Rolf Legbant, provided me with valuable instruction.

Do you have any advice for Hobart High School students today about a career as a musician or in the U.S. armed services?

My main word of advice is never put your instrument away. It provides me joy as I feed this passion. I do get paid for my military service but much of my musical activity pays in intangible ways. Also find the ensemble and people which challenge you musically so you don't grow stale or complacent. The National Guard is a good way to go with great education benefits if you don't feel like serving full time.

Mark Your Calendar: 2015 Alumni Homecoming Picnic is Saturday, September 26!

This year's BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 26, during Hobart's Homecoming weekend. This all-class reunion will be held from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, with the place to be announced. The event is free of charge.

We invite you to make a weekend of it: come to Hobart for the Homecoming game on Friday, and stay through Saturday for the Homecoming Picnic! Is your class having a reunion that weekend? Then stay Saturday night, too!

75 Years Ago

Frederick C. Ebbs was hired as Director of Bands in 1940, succeeding William D. Revelli, Richard Worthington and Bertram Francis. The Ho-Hi Life of September 27, 1940, reported the following:

The band was presently surprised Wednesday, September 11 by the visit of the well-known William D. Revelli and Richard Worthington. Mr. Revelli directed the band in "Horizon" by Peter Buys. He appealed to the band members to cooperate with Mr. Ebbs to help maintain the high standard of the Hobart band. He recommended Mr. Ebbs to the school board as outstanding above all available directors for Hobart. "My heart is still with the Hobart band," he said. Mr. Revelli promised to visit the band frequently this coming year.

Reunion Roundup

Here is the current list of upcoming class and all-class reunions. If your class is having a reunion, send the information to us at info@hobartalumni.org, and we will publicize it on our website and in our newsletter! More information on all these reunions can be found on the [HHS Alumni Association website](#).

Class of 1965: Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26, 2015

Social night on Friday. Reunion Banquet on Saturday at the Elks Club, 61st Street in Hobart. Contact Barb Phillips Rowley at mnbrowley@msn.com.

Class of 1970: Saturday, September 26, 2015

The Class of 1970 will celebrate its 45th year reunion at Assumption Hall on Saturday, September 26, from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Other weekend activities include the Homecoming football game on Friday evening, followed by a get-together at a place TBA, a Saturday morning tour of the "new" Hobart High School at 10th and Union Streets, the HHS Alumni Association Homecoming Picnic from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at a place TBA, and a Sunday morning brunch to end the weekend, at a place (of course) TBA. Check our Facebook page, Hobart (Indiana) High School Class of 1970, for updates, or email Paul Addison at paulhaddison@gmail.com.

Recent Obituaries (since our October 2014 newsletter)

SEPTEMBER 2014:

[Mary Svetich Mayhew, Class of 1953](#)

[Danny Green, Class of 1959](#)

[George Harley DeLeurere, Class of 1957](#)

OCTOBER 2014:

[Carolynn Martin Lepp, Class of 1957](#)

[Violet Galich Prusinski, Class of 1941](#)

[Jim Goffiney, Class of 1962](#)

[Kurt Kuechenberg, Class of 1969](#)

[John McDowell, Class of 1961](#)

[Herbert Ellenberger, Class of 1942](#)

[Robert A. Gresser, Class of 1962](#)

NOVEMBER 2014:

[Connie Spencer Hollar, Class of 1973](#)

[Lisa Bauswell Trojan, Class of 1985](#)

[William "Billy" Forrest, Class of 1977](#)

[Leonard Ols, Class of 1935](#)

[Kathleen Stowers Fourman, Class of 1954](#)

[Edrena Paulding Callahan, Class of 1949](#)

[Sophie Wojihoski, Teacher](#)

[Jay Scriba, Class of 1944](#)

DECEMBER 2014:

[Diane James, Teacher](#)

[Patty Keefe Besse, Class of 1974](#)

[Mary Therese Eichstetter, Teacher](#)

[Angeline "Angie" Ames, Class of 1947](#)

[Dennis Cantrell, Class of 1973](#)

JANUARY 2015:

[Donna Kewlie O'Melia, Class of 1945](#)

[Tony Grafton, Class of 1980](#)

[Don Burton, Class of 1985](#)

[Michael Sebben, Class of 1979](#)

[Kenneth Ross, Class of 1974](#)

[Marilane Schroeder, Class of 1969](#)

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Sherry Oswald Peterson, Class of 1965

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David Kostbade, Class of 2016
McKayla DeLeon, Class of 2016

Mission Statement

The mission of the Hobart High School Alumni Association is to develop and maintain a close relationship between Hobart High School, its constituents, and its alumni for their mutual benefit. The Association is committed to, and involved in the support and well-being of Hobart High School and its alumni.

OUR GOALS

- To assist Hobart High School in communication with its alumni
- To convey to Hobart High School the views, attitudes, and needs of the alumni in seeking to preserve, advocate, and promote alumni interests
- To strengthen alumni activities and programs
- To support educational programs through teacher grants and student scholarships

Our Supporters

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NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our October 2014 newsletter)

James McLuckie (1947), Lifetime

Carol Schmelter Shingler (1958)

Alan Govert (1962)

Rick Govert (1987)

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