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Joe Clemmons: "All My Life, I Wanna Be a Brickie"



Joe Clemmons at the HHSAA Annual Meeting, shaking hands with President Paul Addison

Joe Clemmons, Brickie football player, co-captain and coach, spoke at the 8th Annual Dinner Meeting of the Hobart High School Alumni Association about what it means to be a Brickie. Through the encouragement of many coaches and teachers (including Tom Kerr, Don Howell and Kathy Throne Cox), and lots of hard work, Joe became the kind of person he saw in those coaches and teachers. He is a 17-year member of the Hobart Police Department (following in his father's footsteps), and was recently elected to the Board of Hobart Township. The meeting was held at the high school on Friday, May 3.

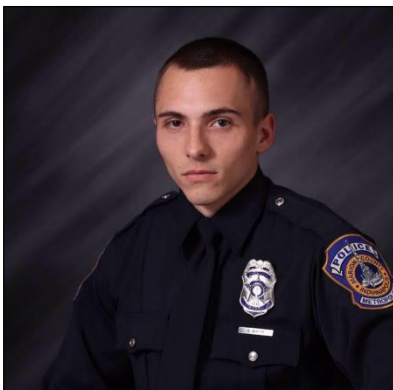
Beth Scott Barney (Class of 1970) was elected to join the HHSAA board. Current board members. In the middle of two-year terms, are Paul Addison (President), Lynn Sheets Kostbade (Vice-President), Tracy Estabrook (Secretary), Debra Broker Opolski (Treasurer), Craig Osika (Dean of Students), Holli Smith Kostbade (at large), and student members Lily Kolross, Audree Vann, and James Corgan.

Seniors Lily Kolross and Max Salazar were awarded \$500 scholarships and read from their scholarship applications on "What it Means to Be a Brickie".

Thanks to all who attended!



The Hobart HS Alumni Association board, with scholarship winners Max Salazar and Lily Kolross, and Kane McCullough.



Ethan Smith, Class of 2009

Ethan Smith, HHS Alumnus, Indy Police Officer

Our Alumni Spotlight this month is on Ethan Smith, Class of 2009, who is now an Indianapolis police officer and First Lieutenant in the Army National Guard. Ethan was recently featured in the news for helping push a man whose wheelchair broke down for several city blocks in Indianapolis. ([See our website for the story.](#))

The interview begins here:

What is your job, and what does it consist of?

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

I am a Police Officer with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department, as well as a 1st Lieutenant in the National Guard. My job of a Police Officer for IMPD consists of the normal duties of a Police Officer. Those duties are to serve and protect the citizens of Indianapolis, Indiana. As a 1st Lieutenant Signal Officer in the National Guard, I lead the Signal Corps, which is responsible for the Army's entire system of communication. Officers plan and execute all aspects of communication on a mission and are critical to the Army's continued success. I am being deployed to Kuwait the 1st week of June this year, and this will be my 1st deployment, which will be a 9-month deployment.

Could you tell us a little about your family life?

My parents are David and Stacey Smith, my sister and brother are Saylem, and Easton. My parents and siblings live in Hobart, and I live in Indianapolis. Growing up, I was an only child for the first 12 years of my life, until I was blessed with my sister and brother. I grew up with parents that encouraged me to try everything at least once, whether it was sports or any other activity. My parents taught me to always have goals and never be afraid to fail, and they convinced me that hard work always pays off.

We read the story of how you pushed a man whose wheelchair had broken down. Do you have a lot of non-crime, non-accident situations to deal with in your job?

As a Police Officer we are always dealing with non-crime issues, for example, an elder husband's wife was getting tires put on their car and the husband was not able to reach his wife for quite a while. He called into the Police Department, where I received the run to assist him. I went to his house, got his information, and I decided to try and find his wife for him. I was able to locate her at a different tire shop, where she was waiting for them to complete her car. I went back to the gentlemen's house to let him know she went to an entirely different tire place than they had planned and that she was okay, and that she would be home shortly. We deal with non-crime issues every day, whether it is defusing argument amounts neighbors or family member or the elderly needing someone to talk to.

Could you trace your path from Hobart High School to where you are now?

I graduated Hobart High School in 2009, and went on to Saint Joseph College, where I spent a semester and then transferred to Indiana Northwest. From there, I transferred to Indiana University Bloomington. My junior year at IU, I took a semester off and went to Basic and Infantry Training at Fort Benning, Georgia. After completing the Army training, I went back to IU to finish. I graduated in 2015 with a degree in Criminal Justice, and I also graduated Indiana University ROTC program. Following graduation, I was offered a position as a Patrol Officer with IMPD, where after being hired I attended their 48-week Police Academy Training and Field Training, which I graduated from in 2016.



*Ethan Smith, First Lieutenant,
Army National Guard*

Were there any particular teachers, coaches or experiences at Hobart High School, or in Hobart growing up, that had a strong influence on you?

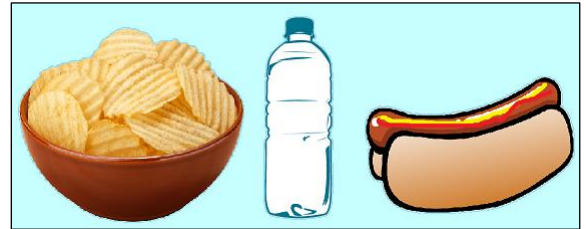
I am sorry to say, but there were no coaches or teachers, or community that influenced me to get where I am today. The most important influences in my life are my parents. They were the ones that supported me, and always gave me the tools I needed to be successful. They always encouraged me to set goals, and once they were reached, to set new ones. I can honestly say, without my parents, I would not be where I am today.

Do you have any advice for students today who might be considering a career in law enforcement?

I encourage those who want to become Police Officers, but they need to realize it is a job that requires self-discipline, mental strength, physical strength, and the willingness to protect and serve their community. There is not a job in the world that is more rewarding than being a Police Officer.

BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic is Saturday, October 12

The Fall 2019 BrickieFest All-Class Picnic will be held on the Saturday of Homecoming weekend, October 12, from 12 noon to 3 pm, at the Community Center next to Festival Park. All Hobart High School alumni, faculty and staff, past or present, are invited.



Hot dogs, brats, chips and bottled water will be provided free of charge by the Hobart High School Alumni Association. Feel free to bring a snack, side dish, or dessert to share, but it is not required.

Make a weekend of it! On Friday night, October 11, the varsity football team plays Munster at 7:00 pm at the Brickyard. Come see the game, and then come to the BrickieFest picnic on Saturday from noon to 3. Maybe your class would like to have a get-together on Saturday night; if so, email us at info@hobartalumni.org, so that we can post the information on our website and our Facebook page.

We hope to see you at BrickieFest!

HHS Alumni Association Board

The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The current members of the Board of Directors (as of May 3, 2019) are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970	<i>President</i>
Lynn Sheets Kostbade, Class of 1966	<i>Vice-President</i>
Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970	<i>Treasurer</i>
Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978.....	<i>Secretary</i>

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Craig Osika, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*
Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970
Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998

STUDENT MEMBERS

Lillian Kollross, Class of 2019 (graduating)
James Corgan, Class of 2019 (graduating)
Audree Vann, Class of 2020

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

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our March 2019 newsletter)

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Peter Winske (1960)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Andrea Beluchak Fressle (1966)

James Marler (1961)

Linda Linoski Marler (1964)

David Kostbade (1996)

David Kostbade (2016)

Holli Smith Kostbade (1998)

David Scheeringa (1985)

Class Reunion Roundup

Here is the current list of upcoming class and all-class reunions, listed in order of occurrence. 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 1969 50th REUNION (September 14, 2019)

The Class of 1969 is having their reunion on September 14, 2019 at the Old Town Banquet Center, 711 Calumet Avenue in Valparaiso. Plans are underway and we would like to get as many addresses and email addresses as we can. We have a special email account set up and it is classof69.50th@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook page, [Hobart H.S. Class Of 1969 50 Yr Reunion](#). People from the class are encouraged to join the group. Mark your calendars!

CLASS OF 1974 45th REUNION (October 12, 2019)

The HHS Class of 1974 is having its 45th year reunion on Saturday, October 12, 2019, at Gino's Ambassador Hall in Hobart. The football homecoming game is on Friday, October 11, 2019. Classmates will meet at the game. For additional information contact: Martha (Fick) Osten, (219) 742-8184, marketingmartha@comcast.net.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASSES OF 1952 and 1953: These combined classes meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Martha Jordan Nichols at jimnichols@yahoo.com.

CLASS OF 1956: We meet on the last Saturday of every month at 9:00 am, at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Mary Jo Hopkins at mjhoppy@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1958: We have a luncheon on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00 PM. Hope to see more HHS1958 alumni there. Contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1960: We have a luncheon on the second Saturday of every month at (new location) the Paragon restaurant on Ridge Road. Hope to see more HHS1960 alumni join us. Contact Linda Quinlan Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1964: We have a breakfast brunch on the second Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 E. Old Ridge Road in Hobart, from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see more 1964 alumni there. Contact Marsha Longacre Shabi at marbi22@juno.com.

CLASS OF 1970: Classmates from the Class of 1970 are meeting at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month, at the Cracker Barrel, I-65 and 61st Avenue in Hobart. For more information, contact Beth Scott Barney at bethbarney1103@aol.com.

Recent Obituaries

(since our March 2019 newsletter;
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

MAY 2019:

[Rodney \(Rod\) Baker, Class of 1966](#)

[Erma Crum Ewigleben, Class of 1951](#)

[John Thyen, Class of 1948](#)

APRIL 2019:

[Arthur Calvin, Class of 1943](#)

[Carolyn Aton, Class of 1977](#)

[Margaret "Margie" Sandor Carter, Class of 1965](#)

[Jeffrey Todd, Class of 1995](#)

[Richard \(Rich\) Locke, Class of 1964](#)

[Lynda Harter Quigley, Class of 1962](#)

[Wayne Erwin, Class of 1966](#)

[Connie Colburn Popcheff, Class of 1970](#)

[Richard Ondrovich, Class of 1962](#)

[Steve Hallett, Class of 1976](#)

MARCH 2019:

[Cyndi Ann Wilfong, Class of 1975](#)

[Rita Fennessy Lamprecht, Class of 1962](#)

[Elizabeth \(Betty\) Rearick Salapski, Class of 1958](#)

[Jeff Schmelter, Class of 1973](#)

[Joyce Pavy Delmage, Class of 1958](#)

[Jason Koselke, Class of 2002](#)

[Veronica Levan Miller, Class of 1961](#)

[Lisa Kennedy, Class of 1991](#)

[John Thomas, Class of 1949](#)

[Paul Dubenetzky, Class of 1969](#)

[Donald \(Don\) Huminsky, Class of 1952](#)

[Jason Burrell, Class of 1992](#)

[Jim Davis, Class of 1952](#)

[Karen Anderson Anders, Class of 1957](#)

[Katherine \(Kathy\) McKnight Graves, Class of 1958](#)

(Older obituaries recently received)

APRIL 2016:

[Donna Hannah Hawkins, Class of 1976](#)

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Check one: New member ____ Renewal ____

Check one: 1-year membership (\$10) ____ Lifetime membership (\$100) ____

First Name _____

Last Name (in high school) _____

Married Last Name _____

Your class graduating year at HHS _____

(Renewing members only need to fill out the following if anything has changed)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____

Cell phone _____

Work phone _____

"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"

Thank you for your support!

**Membership is \$10 per year per person, or \$100 per person for a Life Membership
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