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“Dancin’ Thru the Decades” March 23: Come and Dance with HHS Alumni!



The Sock Hop is no longer a thing of the past! You are invited to join other Hobart High School alumni on Saturday, March 23, and dance the night away at Rosser Hall, 1421 W. 37th Avenue in Hobart.

The HHS Alumni Association presents “Dancin’ Thru the Decades”, for all alumni and their guests who are 21 or older (beer and wine will be served). Admission includes a free sandwich and a beverage.

Doors open at 7:00 pm, and the music plays from 8-11, provided by FireFly Music. You are encouraged to dress in the style of your class decade.

Tickets are \$20 per person, or \$35 for a couple. Tickets are available at the high school main office, the administration building, and at the door.

HHSAA Annual Meeting is Friday, April 19

Plans are being made for the Hobart High School Alumni Association’s second Annual Meeting, which is set for Friday, April 19, in the Grand Hall at the high school. Doors open at 6:00, and dinner will be served at 6:30. HHSAA members and non-members are invited. The cost is \$12 per person, or \$20 for a couple.

Wolfgang, the HHS choral group, will provide entertainment. College scholarships will be awarded to two high school seniors at the meeting. Board members for 2013-2014 will also be elected. (Are you interested? We are accepting applications for openings on the Board. Email President Paul Addison, paddison@alumni.indiana.edu, if you are interested in serving a 2-year term.)

Tickets will go on sale in March. More information will be posted on our website, www.hobartalumni.org, and will be emailed to classmates with profiles on the website, and to paid HHSAA members. Save the date!

Alumni Spotlight



Football Coach Ryan Turley Returns to HHS

Hobart High’s Ryan Turley played on the 1989 State Championship Brickie team, and graduated from HHS in 1991. He returned to Hobart in the fall of 2011 as Head Football Coach. Ryan has agreed to share his story with us, beginning on the next page.

Alumni Spotlight: Ryan Turley

You went from playing on the Hobart High School football team to being Head Coach of the Brickies. Was this ever a goal of yours?

It was not an initial goal when I went into the field of education and coaching. However, as I continued down my career path and when the position opened the past two times I was definitely intrigued and interested in the position.

Could you describe your educational and career path from Hobart High School to your present position as Head Coach?

I graduated from Hobart High School in 1991. I was fortunate enough to earn an Athletic Scholarship to play football for the University of Indianapolis. I was red-shirted as a freshman and lettered in football the following year. The long-time Head Coach, Bill Bless retired after my second season at U of I. At that time, I decided I was going to transfer to Butler University to go to school and play football for the Butler Bulldogs. It was a tough decision to transfer, but one I have never regretted. Butler was a great experience. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Education in December of 1995. I student taught at Franklin Central High School and Broad Ripple High School my final semester at Butler University. It was a unique opportunity because I was fortunate enough to join Franklin Central's varsity football staff and worked with special teams and with the coaching staff that I competed against when I was in high school. Hobart played Franklin Central in the State Championship my junior and senior year in high school. Things looked promising at Franklin Central and it looked like I would be employed by them following my graduation. At the time, my girlfriend, Amy Turley (Campbell) was offered a job at Hobart and Franklin Central. We thought that Indianapolis is where we wanted to live and Amy took the position in the Franklin Central school system while I was student teaching. It looked like I was going to get a permanent job at Franklin Central the following year because they had a PE opening. They sent me to Michigan to get my WSI (Water Safety Instructor License). While, I was in Michigan for this week long course, the Varsity Basketball Coach at Franklin Central took a job at another school and they had a hiring freeze until they filled that position. The unexpected happened in my mind when they filled my teaching position with the new basketball coach's job.

I was fortunate enough that Butler University helped land me a job while I was student teaching with a company called Endocrine Diagnostic. I was employed as an Exercise Director/Therapist. I worked with severely obese people trying to motivate them and get them physically more active. It looked like I would be doing this for next calendar year until another teaching position opened up in the Indianapolis area. However, the day before the school year started I received a call from Don Rogers, former teacher and current Hobart School Board member, and he said a good friend of his from LaPorte had a sudden PE position open at Boston Middle School in LaPorte. They wanted to interview me over the phone and said if things went well that most likely I would get the job. I was hired during that phone interview and was told that I started the next day. It was a tough decision because my fiancé, Amy was already hired at Franklin Central and I was taking a job up north. My father at the time was extremely ill and I thought it was a calling from God to move back up north. My father died three and half months later of emphysema, so it was the right decision because I got to spend some valuable time with him prior to his death. My fiancé, Amy decided to move back at that time as well and landed on her feet in the Merrillville school district. I was in the LaPorte school system for three years and was the Head Varsity Track Coach for all three years and coached football for a couple years at the middle school and freshman level. My goal at the beginning of my career was to become a coach at the varsity level.

In the spring of 1999, Tom Kerr contacted me regarding applying at Wheeler High School to start off the football program. They never had a football program and they were going to start with a JV team initially and then the following year a varsity team. I was the finalist for the position; however, they hired Chip Pettit (Current Principal at Crown Point High School). We worked together for eleven years. I was hired as the Defensive Coordinator and Varsity Head Track Coach for Wheeler High School in 1999. Our first JV game was against Hobart at Brickie Bowl. It was very exciting to start my varsity coaching career off against my alma mater in Brickie Bowl. The following season, we went 5-6 in the inaugural year of Wheeler football with an upset against one of top ranked schools in the state, John Glenn in the opening round of the playoffs.

This off-season was another difficult decision-making time for me. Our whole coaching staff was offered a job in the Crown Point school district to take over the Crown Point football program that had lost 14 straight

games. Chip Pettit made the decision to go back to his alma mater and I had to make the decision to leave with him or stay and go after the head coaching position. I decided I wanted to stay with our staff and experience coaching at the 5A level (highest level in the state of Indiana at the time). I decided to take a job teaching 8th grade Physical Science at Taft Middle School and I became the Varsity Defensive Coordinator and coached middle school track. We lost the first 8 games of the season and finally broke the streak at 22. We were 1-9 our first season at Crown Point. The next year we went 8-3 and made it to the second round of sectionals.

The Hobart position opened after this season with Coach Boston resigning from his position. I was asked to come in and interview for the position. After two interviews, the committee decided to hire Wally McCormack. I continued to be the defensive coordinator for the following season; however, Crown Point offered me the Strength and Conditioning Director position for the school corporation. I was not sure if I was ready to give up coaching football; however, I knew that in able to take all the sports to another level at Crown Point we would need to have all of our sport programs lifting weights and being on the same program. It was a great opportunity working with all 22 sports as well as the Dance and Cheerleading teams. This also gave me the opportunity to go back to school and get my Masters in Educational Administration from Purdue University Calumet. I thought after completing my administration license that I was going to use it. I went through a couple interviews with different corporations. However, I kept feeling like I was not finished in the classroom or on the field. I re-evaluated my goals over Christmas of 2008 and decided I wanted to get back into coaching football instead of being the Strength and Conditioning Director for the Crown Point School Corporation. Chip Pettit had agreed to get me back on the field. However, my friend Dave Grabzcak (Hobart High School Class of 1990) was the Defensive Coordinator for Hobart at the time and asked if I would be interested in being the Defensive Backs Coach for his defense. After meeting with Wally McCormack I was offered a position. I taught at CP for another year; however, after work I would drive home to coach football for Hobart. I knew once I started coaching at Hobart that I wanted to come back as a teacher as well. It felt like home.

The following year, Dr. Buffington hired me to teach 7th grade science at Hobart Middle School. Working in three corporations prior to coming to Hobart was a great experience. Working for the school corporation that I graduated from is quite an honor and it is nice to

give back to the community that has given me so much. I worked as the Defensive Back Coach for Wally McCormack for two years. In 2011, the head coaching job came open again at Hobart High School after Wally McCormack resigned after the 2010 season. I was fortunate to be at the right place at the right time and was given an opportunity for an interview and ended up getting hired on April 6, 2011 to take over Hobart Brickie football program. The first year, 2011, we struggled going 3-8. This past season, we turned the corner and went 8-3 losing in the second round of the playoffs to Mishawaka who ended up State Runner-Ups for Class 4A.

You played on the state championship Brickie team in 1989, one of four championship seasons in that era. How much is another state championship in your plans when coaching the current Brickie teams?

The ultimate goal of any program I have been with is to win the State Championship. It is our program's goal to bring back another State Championship to Hobart, Indiana.

What do you like best about teaching and coaching at Hobart High School? How do you see the football program as part of a well-rounded education?

As I said before, working in Hobart feels natural. Often times it does not seem like work because it is my passion to give back to the school corporation and community that has given me and so many others so much.

I have strong beliefs that football and all sports play a major part in the educational process. It gives students the opportunity to work as a team and with others for a common goal. These lessons will stay with individual for the remainder of their lives. I believe it will help them be better prepared to be productive citizens in whatever career choice they embark on in the future.

You are involved with the Pop Warner football program in Hobart, correct? Do you feel that the earlier someone starts playing football, the more likely that person is to be successful at the high school level and beyond?

I have been involved with the Pop Warner program from the stance of supporting them in any way we can. We have orchestrated camps and clinics for athletes and coaches over the past couple years.

I believe that each individual is different and that a starting time for each young man will be different depending on maturity and personal skill. I have seen

examples of both types of kids that become successful. I was fortunate to play Pop Warner all the way through. I think I started at the age of 8 or 9 years old. I never had any issues, I never burned out, and love the game still today. I have also seen players that never played Pop Warner and came out in either Junior High/Middle School or even did not start until they were in high school and they went on and were successful at the high school and collegiate level in some cases.

Do you have any advice for young students who might be interested in a career as a football player or coach?

My advice is to expand your horizons and be involved in as many sports as you can when you are a kid. When the college coaches come through to recruit an athlete they want to know what other sports they play besides what they are recruiting them for. If they specialize in one sport it is a red flag and they are scared that the athlete may have maximized his potential and the threat of burn out is a possibility.

Variety is a key. Playing numerous sports helps prevent burn out and builds a resume for later in life. Your experiences become your resume and your resume oftentimes dictates your career.

It's Free to Join the HHSAA Website!

Visit our website at www.hobartalumni.org. You can register for free by finding your name and creating a profile with your email address and contact information. If you don't find your name, click Contact Us, and send us a message, asking to be added to the roster. Be sure to include your class year.

Joining the HHS Alumni Association is a different issue. The HHSAA raises money for scholarships and teacher grants, and that membership is \$10 a year. But the website is free!

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The Hobart High School Alumni Association was officially incorporated on July 17, 2010. The members of the Board of Directors whose terms end in July 2014 are:

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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

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Membership in the HHS Alumni Association is \$10 per year, and your dues are tax-deductible. Your membership is extended until December 2013. Lifetime memberships are also available for \$100 per person.

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