



The Brick & Mortar Board

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Homecoming BrickieFest Picnic is BYOF: Bring Your Own Food; Cold Water Provided



Come out to Deep River County Park, 7510 County Line Road, on Saturday, September 28, for an all-class Homecoming weekend get-together. The Homecoming BrickieFest Picnic will run from 12 noon to 3:00 pm.

Bring your own food! Cold bottled water will be provided. There will be game areas for activities like volleyball and cornhole tossing.

Hobart High School's Homecoming football game is Friday evening at 7:00 pm at the Brickyard. The Brickies are playing Lowell.

We suggest that you make a weekend of it. Come to the Homecoming football game on Friday night, meet your friends at the BrickieFest picnic on Saturday afternoon, and go out with your classmates on Saturday night!



The HHS Class of 1973 is having its reunion that evening (call Leigh Huminsky at 219-942-5721, or email her at lhuminsky@yahoo.com for more details). If any other classes are getting together that weekend, please email Paul Addison at paddison@alumni.indiana.edu, so we can get the information onto the HHS Alumni Association website, www.hobartalumni.org.

Save the Date! Valentine's Dance on February 15, 2014 at Rosser Hall

Take your sweetheart out to dinner next Valentine's , but on Saturday night, February 15, bring him or her to Rosser Hall to celebrate the holiday with your Hobart High School alumni friends. The HHS Alumni Association is sponsoring a Valentine's Dance for Brickies of all ages on Saturday, February 15, 2014. Save the date! More details will appear in these newsletters and on the HHSAA website, www.hobartalumni.org.

Alumni Spotlight

Carolie Warren, HMS Principal and Author

The HHS Alumni Association is open to anyone who ever attended, worked at, or taught at the Hobart City Schools at any time. Carolie Warren, Principal of Hobart Middle School, certainly qualifies! Carolie is married to 1971 HHS alumnus Rod Warren, and has recently published a book. Her conversation with us starts on page 2.



Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

What are you up to these days? What's your current occupation, and what do you do?

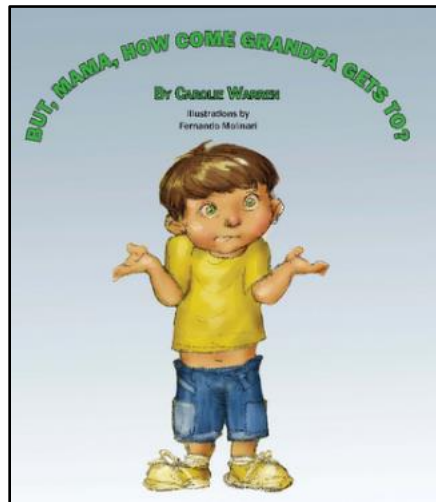
In my current role as Hobart Middle School Principal and my former role as Hobart HS Assistant Principal, I have had the privilege of getting to know many amazing Hobart students, their parents, community members, and School City of Hobart staff. We say it often because it is so true, "Hobart is like one big family." I am grateful that even though I did not attend school in Hobart, I have been connected to Hobart in many ways. My husband, Rod, graduated from Hobart as did our three children Matt, Ryan, and Lisa. I have lived in Hobart for 42 years, have attended church in Hobart most of my life, and have worked in the school system for 15 years.

Could you describe your educational and career path from high school to the present?

Before I completed my bachelor's degree, I was a Title 1 aide at Liberty Elementary for two years and at Ridge View Elementary for seven years. It was at RV that I was encouraged by the teachers, especially Nancy Wojcik, to complete the degree I started years earlier. I am forever indebted to that great group of ladies! After finishing my bachelor's degree in Secondary Education with a major in English, I taught at Crown Point High School for four years and then went into building administration. My first administrative position was at River Forest Elementary, the school I had attended as a student. From there, I became an assistant principal at HHS and am now in my third year as the HMS principal. I completed my Ed. S. degree and superintendent's license several years ago from Indiana State University.

Tell us about your book, "But, Mama, How Come Grandpa Gets To?" What's it about, how did you decide to write it, and how did you see the process through?

Four and a half years ago, Rod's father, a wonderful man, came to live with us as he was beginning to lose his self-sufficiency. Though I love him dearly, having an elderly person in the home 24/7 has its challenges. As I began to take note of the habits that frustrated me, I tried to work through them by correlating them with a relevant part of his past. For example, the first page of my book, seen through the eyes of a young child, says, "But, Mama, how come Grandpa gets to put his feet on the couch and I don't?" Mama responds, "Because, Bronson, those are the feet that took Grandpa to the steel mill for forty years to earn a living for your daddy."



And on it goes. When I realized that the thoughts were really starting to help me remain focused, I decided they might be able to help others as well. I wrote them down and submitted my text to nineteen publishers.

Raquel Benatar, from Laredo Publishing, offered to publish the book. I knew she heard my message when she said she wanted to publish the book because it taught love, acceptance, and respect for the elderly.

How can we obtain a copy, and could we get one signed?

"But, Mama, How Come Grandpa Gets To?" is available online at www.laredopublishing.com, Amazon, and barnesandnoble.com. I would love to hear from you on my website/blog address www.butmama.com, or through my email address carolie.warren@comcast.net. If you are interested in getting a signed copy of the book, you can email me or attend one of my upcoming book signings at Barnes and Noble in Valparaiso on Oct. 12th, at Hobart HS on Oct. 21st, or at the *Leeza Gibbons Care Connection Symposium* in Joliet, Illinois, on Nov. 16th where I will also be speaking.

Do you have any advice for young students who might be interested in writing, or in school administration?

My suggestion to students and adults alike who are interested in pursuing writing is to simply begin by writing down your most important thoughts as they occur. Once they are compiled, then you can organize them cohesively. There are many options in publishing in today's world; for anyone who is serious, I suggest reading two books that were recommended to me. They are *Aiming at Amazon* by Aaron Shephard and the *2013 Children's Writer's and Illustrator's Market*.

For those who are interested in pursuing a career in school administration, my suggestion is to be prepared to work hard and have a challenging, yet extremely rewarding career. I consider myself very fortunate to have my administrative career in the great school system of the Hobart Brickies!

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- To strengthen alumni activities and programs
- To support educational programs through teacher grants and student scholarships

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Rod Warren (1971)

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