



The Brick & Mortar Board

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Meet Our New Scholarship Winners!



Scholarship winners with the HHSAA board. Left to right: Lynn Kostbade, Debbie Vega, Alex Pickett, Meghan Horn, Tracy McCullough, Paul Addison, Beth Barney, and Debra Opolski.

The recipients of the 2022 Hobart High School Alumni Association scholarships are seniors Meghan Horn and Alex Pickett.

Meghan will be studying Political Science at Indiana University, and Alex will be studying Sports Management at Trine University. Both wrote an essay "What It Means to Be a Brickie" as part of their scholarship applications.

On Wednesday, May 11, the HHSAA board treated Meghan and Alex and their families to dinner at the Paragon Restaurant.

The HHS Alumni Association has been awarding scholarships since 2012. Scholarship awards are the largest expense in the HHSAA budget.



Don't Forget: Homecoming Picnic September 24

The BrickieFest Homecoming picnic will be on Saturday, September 24, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the Hobart VFW, 540 S. Indiana Street. All Hobart High School alumni and their families are welcome!



David Dickson (Class of 1958) and his wife, Sandy Lea Dickson (Class of 1960).

Alumni Spotlight

David Dickson, Lifelong Educator

Our featured alumnus is David Dickson, Class of 1958, who has been a teacher, a superintendent, university lecturer, teachers' union representative, State Board of Education member, and more. Our interview with David begins on page 2.

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

Where are you living now, and how do you spend your time these days?

After graduating from Hobart High in 1958, I attended Perkinson Junior College in Perkinson, Mississippi. I received a scholarship for singing in Acapella Choir.

I returned to Indiana and enrolled in Indiana University Northwest. After one semester, I went down to Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Indiana, where I also sang in the acapella choir.

Over a period of time, 1960-1976, I earned a B.S. in Social Studies, an M.S. in Literature, and a Ph.D. in School Administration.

I must thank my wife, whom I married in 1962, for her constant help and support. We have four children and eleven grandchildren.

Could you describe the path from Hobart High School to where you are now?

After graduating with a B.S. degree, I began teaching English at Horace Mann High School in Gary, Indiana. I returned to I.S.U. in 1972 to accept a doctoral fellowship.

In 1975, I accepted the superintendency of Hobart Township Schools. After nine and one half years, I became Superintendent of Hammond schools and was there nineteen and one half years.

During those years, I taught graduate classes for I.U., I.S.U., and was a guest lecturer for Purdue. I also served sixteen years on the Indiana State Board of Education. With a total of forty-two years in education, I retired in 2003.

What motivated you to move from teaching into administration?

As a building representative for the teachers' union, AFT Local 4, I saw many inept principals who had no knowledge of instructional strategy, curriculum development, learning skills, or

teacher development based on training, planning, and classroom lesson plans.

Were there any particular teachers or coaches at Hobart High School who influenced your choice of career?

Mr. Simons, our choir director, was knowledgeable and dedicated to his students. He taught us to see over the horizon and formulated goals and objectives obtained through hard work and perseverance.

I have to say Gladys Anderson taught us the skills that got us through freshman college English. She introduced us to good literature, which directed me toward teaching English.

Do you have any advice for students wanting to go into school administration?

If you are looking toward school administration, first ask these questions:

- Does the community support education?
- Is the school board focused on educational issues, or did they run for the board based on individual petty concerns? Or worse yet, as a springboard into politics?
- Will they set policy and then let the superintendent run the school?

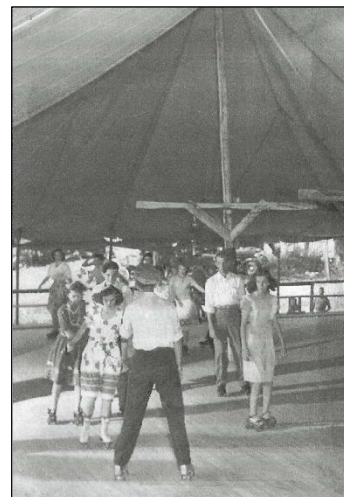
Examine the board's history and past practice to answer these questions.

When applying for a position as superintendent take a close hard look at the school's financial status. The budget in too many ways is a controlling and constraining factor. It affects class size, teacher training, salaries, teacher recruitment, and retention, curriculum change and development, and staying abreast of technology. All facts of the education program are impacted by the financial situation.

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

DO YOU REMEMBER? Hobart's Tented Roller Rink: Do you remember the roller rink (and the name of it) built in the early 1940's located off Route 130 between the NIPSCO building and Lo Jac's drive-in? The exterior of the rink consisted of four or five-foot-high concrete block walls. A military surplus hangar tent overlapped the concrete walls, cascaded to the ground, and could be rolled up to allow for air flow. Several times high winds blew the tent off and prevented the skating rink from being used. The rink owners finally decided to close the rink completely in 1947. Many Hobart families enjoyed skating there, and some local students worked there. Dave Leonard was a worker, and his older brother was a skate boy.

Can anyone add to this story? What was the interior like, who were other workers or skate boys, etc.? Dave Leonard described the above story. Thanks, Dave. Email Paul Addison at paul@hobartalumni.org with additional information.



A tented roller rink like Hobart used to have (not the same one).

REPLY TO DO YOU REMEMBER? Christmas Carolers

From Sandy Yover Haas (Class of 1974): I didn't start attending Hobart schools until the end of my sixth-grade year, which was Spring of 1968. I don't believe I ever saw carolers at Hobart, but I did see carolers in my Gary elementary school, and they were the Goodfellow Carolers from US Steel. I don't know for sure if they're the ones that also went to Hobart, but it may be a good guess because they went around to all the schools in Gary. I've never forgotten them singing in their colorful outfits. If I remember correctly, the Goodfellow Club was a social organization connected to US Steel, and this was one of their members' activities.

I've included a link I found online with a bit of information about them. You may find additional information about them online. <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/495607133973695889/>.

REPLY TO DO YOU REMEMBER? Grade Schools Athletic Tee Shirt Colors

From Lyle Hatten (Class of 1958): The following is what I remember while attending grade school.

- Roosevelt: light green with gold lettering
- Mundell: blue with unknown lettering color
- Foreman: maroon with unknown lettering color
- West Hobart: dark green and white (?) lettering
- Liberty: silver gray and unknown lettering color

I recall grade school cheerleaders wearing the same colors. Does anyone remember having cheerleaders and what colors they wore? Thanks again for Paul Throne starting our athletic tee shirt program. Email Paul Addison at paul@hobartalumni.org with additional information.

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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 20, 2022) are:

OFFICERS

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

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Shaun Zoladz, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*, Class of 2006
Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970
Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971

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

Election of Board Members

Emails and letters have been sent out to current members of the HHS Alumni Association, concerning nominations for board members. Ballots will be sent out on or about June 1, and will be due back two weeks later. The current board members have agreed to serve another two-year term.

HHSAA Scholarship Fund

You can donate to the Hobart High School Alumni Association, and be certain that your donation will go toward scholarships only. Simply write "Scholarship Fund" in the memo line of your check, made out to **HHS Alumni Association**, and mail it to: **HHSAA, PO Box 68, Hobart, IN 46342**.

Class Reunion Roundup

If your class is having a reunion, send the information to us at info@hobartalumni.org.

CLASS OF 1972 50th YEAR REUNION (August 6, 2022):

The Class of 1972 will hold its 50th year reunion on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at Gino's Banquet Hall, 1967 E. 37th Avenue in Hobart. For more information, contact: Celeste Wiseman Ux at celestegrubbs@hotmail.com.

CLASS OF 1962 60th YEAR REUNION (September 9, 2022):



The HHS Class of 1962 will hold their 60th reunion on Friday, Sept. 9 at the River Pointe Country Club in Hobart. Contact Doug Davis at tubadoug7@gmail.com or call 812-679-9974.

CLASS OF 1967 55th YEAR REUNION (September 17, 2022):

The Class of 1967 will hold its 55th year reunion on Saturday, September 17, 2022. The venue is Gino's Banquet Hall, 1967 E. 37th (at Hwy 6 and 51) in Hobart. Stay tuned for information on ticket sales and details on an "Early Bird" gathering for Friday, September 16th, 2022. Please contact hobartbrickies1967@gmail.com or call Carol at 269-978-8494 with any questions.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

Classes of 1952 and 1953: The Classes of 1952 and 1953 are having breakfast the second Thursday of each month at the Paragon at 8:30. Any questions, call Marlene (Baier) Krawcyk (Class of 1952) 219-942-6301, or Martha (Jordan) Nichols (Class of 1953) 219-942-3062.

Class of 1970: The Class of 1970 is meeting for breakfast at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month at the Paragon Restaurant in Hobart.

Recent Obituaries
(since our March 2022 newsletter;
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

MAY 2022:

[Dennis Badovinac, Class of 1975](#)
[Carole Yoder Sypien, Class of 1965](#)
[Kathleen \(Kathy\) Aitken Vieitez, Class of 1968](#)

APRIL 2022:

[John \(J.T.\) Faughn, Class of 1962](#)
[Terry Davis, Class of 1966](#)
[Charles Southard, Class of 1945](#)
[Howard Eastwood, Class of 1975](#)
[JoAnne Dillard Erwin, Class of 1958](#)
[Stephen Andrew, Class of 1965](#)
[Arthur \(Art\) Hamilton, Class of 1947](#)
[Jennie Aleman Ramirez, Class of 1965](#)

MARCH 2022:

[Rich Vichinsky, Class of 1970](#)
[Kristy Glutting Regeski, Class of 1981](#)
[James Rose, Class of 1965](#)
[Rodney Vanderplough, Class of 1983](#)
[David \(Dave\) Robbins, Class of 1965](#)
[Michael \(Mike\) Wirtz, Class of 1976](#)
[Donald "Boze" SeDoris, Class of 1992](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

FEBRUARY 2022:

[Thelma Dekema Bennett, Class of 1943](#)
[Michael VanSanten, Class of 1984](#)

JANUARY 2022:

[John Watkins, Class of 1962](#)

OCTOBER 2021:

[David \(Dave\) Flood, Class of 1968](#)

MAY 2019:

[Larry Clapp, Class of 1975](#)

OCTOBER 2016:

[Norine Frederick Beckner, Class of 1939](#)

FEBRUARY 2016:

[Charles Beckner, Class of 1941](#)

DECEMBER 2013:

[Betsy Collett Lemon, Class of 1962](#)

JULY 2010:

[Lynn Weiler, Class of 1950](#)

MAY 2010:

[Robert Keller, Class of 1941](#)

Our Supporters

NEW LIFE MEMBERS (since our March newsletter):

David Dickson (1958)

Lori Mattix Lencheck (1974)

RENEWED ANNUAL MEMBERS (since our March newsletter):

Cynthia Holley (1969)

Katherine Karageorge Miller (1959)

100 Years Ago



PURPLE AND GOLD

Purple and gold, rah, rah!
Purple and gold, rah, rah!
Who-rah! Who-rah!
Hobart High School, Rah, Rah, Rah!
Glorianna, Prince of Panna,
Best High School in Indiana,
Zippi-Zippi! Ziz-boom-Bah!
Hobart High School, Rah, Rah, Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah! Rah!
Hobart High School, Rah! Rah! Rah!

KELSIE R. WARNE

Coach

He is from the central part of the state; has attended Tipton High, Central Normal College and Indiana University. The "Big Five" showed up well at the tournament at Valpo under his coaching. Let's all hope with the "Big Five" that "Kelsie" is back next year.

This is from the 1922 *Aurora*, Hobart High School's yearbook. We don't hear this cheer much anymore.

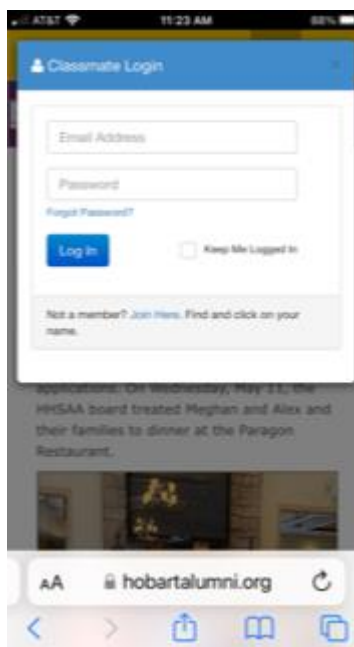
Many Hobart yearbooks are available on the HHSAA website, thanks to a project by the Lake County Public Library. Visit our website at: <https://www.hobartalumni.org/HHS-Yearbooks-Online.htm>.

A Handy Guide to the HHSAA Website

Our website is at: www.hobartalumni.org. Most of the information on the site is available to you without registering, but to see a classmate's profile, you need to register with an email address and a password. Also, to see the list of Life Members of the HHS Alumni Association, you need to be registered. Here is a short tour. These screen shots are from a smartphone, so if you have a laptop or desktop, the screen may be laid out a little differently, but everything should still be there and easy to find.



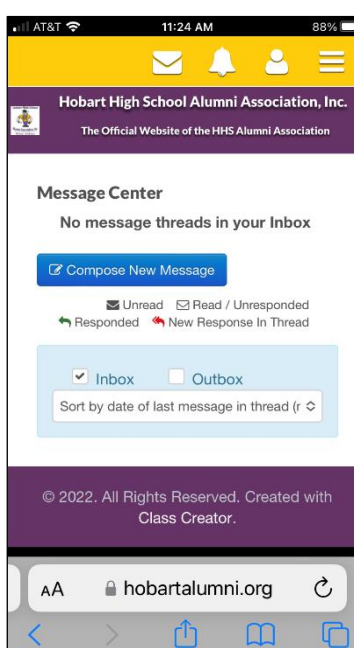
#1: This is what the home page looks like when you first arrive. In the gold bar, you'll see two icons, the Head icon and the Menu icon. If you are not a registered user, these are the only two icons you will see. If you tap (or click) the Head icon, you will be able to log in.



#2: This is the login screen, where you enter your email address (which is your username) and your password. If you would like to join the website, click Join Here, and you will be guided through the steps. Note that joining the website is free. To join the HHS Alumni Association, scroll all the way to the bottom and look for Donate.

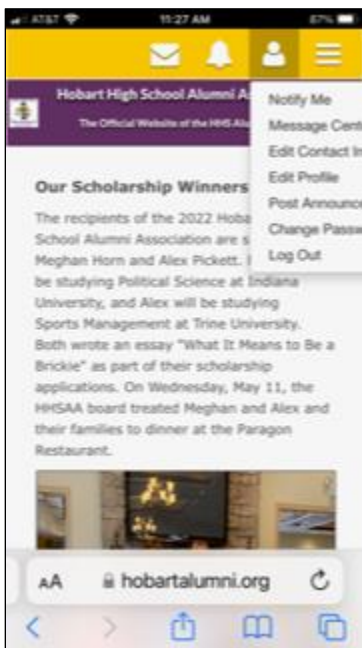


#3: After you log in, you will see two more icons. The envelope is for the Message Center, and the bell is for Notifications.

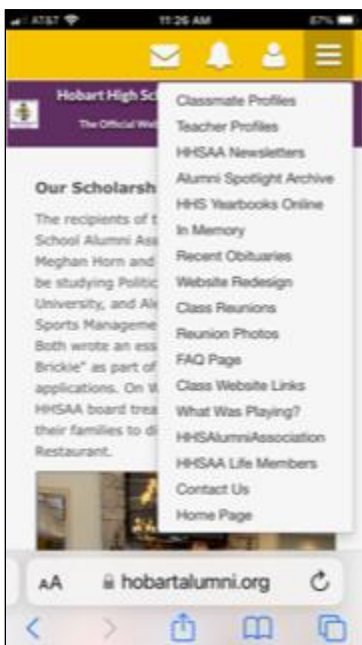


#4: In the Message Center, you can read messages sent to you by other classmates or alumni, or you can send a message to any registered user, or if you want to send a classmate (or other registered alum) a message. The Notifications icon will have a number on it if there are messages waiting for you.

Handy Guide to the HHSAA Website (continued)



- #5: The Head icon now has a drop-down list, which contains many items:
- Notify Me: change preferences, like birthday notifications
 - Message Center: same as the envelope icon
 - Edit Contact Info: this is where you can change the email address you want to use for your username. You can also change your address, phone number, and even your name (for example, if you get married)
 - Edit Profile: this is where you can post pictures, videos, and information about your spouse or partner, kids and grandkids, your occupation, your school story, your military experience, and where you can block the public and search engines from accessing your profile (highly recommended).
 - Post Announcements: these have to be approved by the webmaster, just to prevent spamming and advertising.
 - Change Password: you can change your own password here, but if you forget yours, there is a Forgot Password link on the login screen.
 - Log Out: for privacy and security, we recommend that you log out after each session.



- #6: The Menu icon lets you visit any of our feature pages.
- Classmate Profiles: search for a classmate or alum, living or deceased. Everyone can read obituaries, but you need to be registered to see the profile for a living classmate.
 - Teacher Profiles: teachers don't have a class year unless they graduated from Hobart. You'll find teachers and staff listed in this section.
 - HHSAA Newsletters: every one of our newsletters, going all the way back to 2011, can be accessed here. The most recent issue is listed first.
 - Alumni Spotlight Archive: find the newsletter by the name of the Alumni Spotlight feature. Nearly all of our issues have this feature.
 - HHS Yearbooks Online: the Lake County Public Library digitized most (but not all) of the HHS yearbooks since 1908. Inside each one, you can search for anyone by typing their name.
 - Recent Obituaries: listed with most recent entries first and separated by month, obituaries are listed here, with a link to the original source.
 - In Memory: select the graduating year, and the list of deceased class members will be listed by year deceased or alphabetically.

- Class Reunions: all upcoming class reunions that we know about are listed here, including contact information. They are listed in order of the event's occurrence. (You can send class reunion info to us at: info@hobartalumni.org.)
- FAQ Page: frequently-asked questions about the website.
- Class Website Links: if your class has its own website, we'll be happy to include your link here.
- What Was Playing? a list of the most popular songs playing during your graduation year, from 2016 all the way back to 1900, with links to the songs themselves! The list was compiled by Jennifer Eastwood Davis, Class of 1962.
- HHS Alumni Association: information about the HHS Alumni Association.
- HHSAA Life Members: a list of all life members of the HHSAA (you must be registered).
- Contact Us: an easy way to send the webmaster a message, including how to get your name onto your class roster if it is not there.
- Home Page: this takes you back to the main page of the website.



Membership Application Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Membership is \$10 per year per person, or \$100 per person for a Life Membership
(proceeds go towards student scholarships and teacher grants)

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!

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