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BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic Brings Brickies Together

The BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic was held on Saturday, September 24, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm at the Hobart VFW, 540 S. Indiana Street. Brickies of all ages were served free hot dogs, brats, chips, and bottled water, courtesy of the HHS Alumni Association. The Class of 1959 held a reunion inside the VFW the same afternoon. Thanks to all who came!



HHS alumni line up at the table at BrickieFest 2022.



Board member Debbie Vega and her husband Michael.

Alumni Spotlight

Meet Your HHSAA Board!

For the next few issues of *The Brick and Mortar Board*, we are interviewing ourselves! We'll give you a chance to get to know the people on the Board of Directors of the Hobart High School Alumni Association. This issue features our Vice-President Lynn Kostbade (Class of 1966), and our Secretary Tracy McCullough (Class of 1978).

Lynn Kostbade, HHSAA Board Vice-President

What are you up to these days, and how do you keep busy?

I retired from Centier Bank in 2017. Enjoy family, friends, grandkids. I take care of my mom (she's 92). After retiring I learned to quilt and I enjoy learning to make beautiful things for friends and family.

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Bob and Lynn Kostbade

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

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

I attended IU for a while, married Bob (55 years now), and had 4 children. I was a stay-at-home mom for 18 years. Then went to work for various banks, then Centier for 23 years. Now enjoying my time with family and friends. I have 18 grandkids and 4 greats.

Were there any teachers or coaches at Hobart who had an influence on your life?

Mrs. Norris was the teacher who had the most influence. She taught 9th grade English and Latin. She believed in discipline in your work and studies. She was a great mentor through school and a great friend.



Lynn and Bob Kostbade

Tracy McCullough, HHSAA Board Secretary

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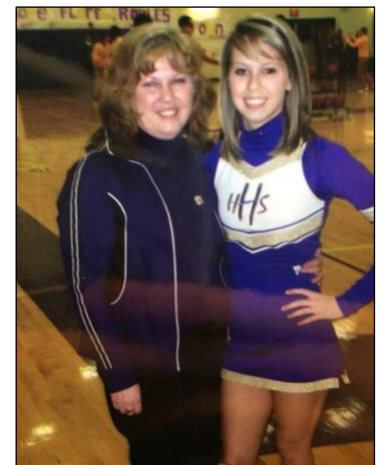
I am a Grandma to four beautiful grandchildren, three boys and one girl, with another on the way. They keep me very busy. The oldest is a freshman at Hobart High School now and so I am still attending many events happening at the schools on a regular basis. I am part of a bunco group who are all Class of 78 girls and we have been getting together for 20+ years. Four of us started kindergarten together and we really just have a great time. I lead a Bible Study class on Thursdays at my church and I enjoy gardening. I also enjoy being a part of the HHSAA board and have met a lot of great young people and fellow board members during my years on the board. I am a consultant and occasionally still judge cheer competitions/tryouts for local cheer teams. I also still take minutes for meetings as a mostly retired stenographer.



Tracy, grandson Kane, and husband Joe cheering on the Brickies.

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

I graduated from HHS in 1978 and was already working at Prudential Insurance Company. Upon my graduation, I went from part-time to full-time. I married my husband Joe McCullough (HHS Class of 77) in 1979. We started our family in 1984 with the birth of our first daughter. We were then blessed with three sons and another daughter, and our family was complete. Prudential went through a reorganization in the 80's and closed their local office, so I decided to attend College of Court Reporting in 1985. I completed my internship under Judge Anthony Cefali at Hobart City Court and then worked at Germann Law Office. The demands of motherhood dictated I take a break from court reporting although I continued to do minutes for meetings as that was shorter and more predictable for establishing childcare and working around school schedules. In 1994, I started coaching cheerleading at Hobart Pop Warner which I absolutely loved doing because it allowed me to be involved with my children and work with other kids too. I volunteered in several capacities within the Pop Warner local organization for over 24 years. I spent 9 years coaching cheerleading at Hobart High School.



Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

I taught a cheer class at the Hobart YMCA which was comprised of my second generation of cheerleaders, as many of them were the children of my original groups of girls in Pop Warner! It has been very rewarding to see all of these young ladies grow up and graduate high school, and college, start families of their own, and maintain friendships they made while cheering.

Were there any teachers or coaches at Hobart who had an influence on your life?

My favorite teacher while attending Hobart Schools was my fourth grade teacher Mrs. Speer at Mundell School. She had us all enter a contest and write a letter to Governor Whitcomb about what we loved about Indiana. I was a winner in that contest and two Indiana State Troopers came to class to present my award, a signed copy of Governor Whitcomb's book. She was very proud of me that day, and I adored her as a teacher. She just knew how to get the best out of her students! In High School my favorite teacher was Miss Hopp, the typing teacher. I started my sophomore year with a broken wrist (sustained during cheerleading) and she was most patient with me,

let me grade papers until the wrist healed, and I could officially type. I also had her as my teacher for typing in college and was able to test out of some things because she already knew my skill level. I enjoyed her stories of her time in the service. She had high expectations of her students but was a joy to be around at the same time. My favorite coach will always be Coach Johnston. He was demanding but never expected more of you than he was willing to demonstrate himself. My youngest also got the pleasure of having Coach JJ for high jump (even though he was officially retired by then).

I just don't think he ever really stopped coaching. I have had many excellent role models at Hobart High and have been blessed to "be a Brickie." I am very proud to be a Hobart High School Alumni.



Tracy McCullough and family.

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

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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, or meets regularly, please send the information to us at info@hobartalumni.org.



CLASS OF 1973 50th YEAR REUNION (August 19, 2023):

The Class of 1973 will hold its 50th year reunion on Saturday, August 19, 2023. We will have our dinner at Gino's Banquet Hall, 1967 E. 37th Avenue in Hobart. There will be music at Festival Park on Thursday and we may meet for a relaxing evening on Friday at a winery. For more information, contact: Leigh Huminsky, lhuminsky@yahoo.com, or friend her on Facebook.

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) Krawczyk (Class of 1952) 219-942-6301, or Martha (Jordan) Nichols (Class of 1953) 219-942-3062.

Class of 1958: The Class of 1958 is having their luncheon the third Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

Class of 1960: The Class of 1960 is having their luncheon the second Saturday of each month at the Paragon Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Any questions, contact Linda (Quinlan) Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

Class of 1970: The Class of 1970 is meeting for breakfast at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month. Check our Facebook page for the location: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/110625168719>, or check here during the week leading up to the third Saturday.

Our Supporters (not previously listed)

We apologize that a number of new or renewed members were left out of our August issue. They are included here.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Patricia Marie Toth (1973)
Donna Arlington Petraits (1971)
Bruce Washko (1975)

NEW OR RENEWED ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Chris Gielow (1967)
John Hartin (1954)
Larry Joliff (1958)
Laine Popp Kasarda (1978)
Mary Siddall Newcomb (1970)

Margaret Scott Salisbury (1971)
Renee Shannon (1961)
Vicki Small (1961)
Ronald Smith (1961)
Celeste Wiseman Ux (1972)

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

OCTOBER 2022:

[James "Jimmie" Forrester, Class of 2012](#)

[John Thomas, Class of 1973](#)

[John Nadolski, Class of 1982](#)

[Heather Dangremond Snyder, Class of 1966](#)

[Jeffrey \(Jeff\) Vanderplough, Class of 1984](#)

[Marcia Cady Banister Tracy, Class of 1961](#)

[Elizjah Wilson, Class of 2022](#)

[Charles \(Chuck\) Gard, Class of 1965](#)

[Minerva Lazar Williams, Class of 1941](#)

SEPTEMBER 2022:

[David \(Dave\) Gibson, Class of 1972](#)

[Judy Tidwell Edelen, Class of 1970](#)

[Betty Davis, Teacher](#)

[Zonabelle Dignin Tuttle, Class of 1947](#)

[Beverly Dutkovich Braun, Class of 1952](#)

[Irene Broda Blaschek, Class of 1958](#)

[Phillip Saims, Class of 1984](#)

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

[Janice Boatright Sievers, Class of 1969](#)

[Tristan Isolampi, Class of 2004](#)

[Ralph Peters, Class of 1967](#)

[Tommy Mann, Class of 1992](#)

AUGUST 2022:

[Robert Koval, Teacher](#)

[Brooks Culpepper, Class of 1979](#)

[Gerald \(Skip\) Reese, Class of 1957](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

MAY 2022:

[Joseph \(Joe\) Angotti, Class of 1961](#)

APRIL 2022:

[Loma Geyer Davies Silcott \(Teacher\)](#)

SEPTEMBER 2020:

[Julie Shaffer McHenry, Class of 1982](#)

APRIL 2020:

[Robert \(Bob\) Wronko, Class of 1958](#)

AUGUST 2018:

[Glenna Kay Beckett Lamphier, Class of 1961](#)

JANUARY 2017:

[Michael \(Mike\) Bellinger, Class of 1981](#)

NOVEMBER 2014:

[Rich Fowler, Class of 1972](#)

JANUARY 2014:

[Elaine Reisinger Broschart, Class of 1945](#)

MARCH 2013:

[Valeria Grey Pruitt, Class of 1945](#)

MAY 2011:

[Donald Marrs, Class of 1936](#)

JANUARY 2011:

[Barbara Howorth Sailor, Class of 1946](#)

OCTOBER 2010:

[Angelo "Bruce" Brucato, Teacher](#)

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

Did You Drive to School?

From Paul Addison, Class of 1970: Many of us had our driver's license around the time of our junior or senior year. Our family had a white 1961 Chevy Biscayne (stick shift) that my parents let me drive to high school during my junior year. My friends would pile in at lunchtime, and we would go to the B&K Root Beer stand for lunch.

Did you drive to school? What kind of car did you drive? And where did you go for lunch? Send your stories to me at paul@hobartalumni.org.



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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