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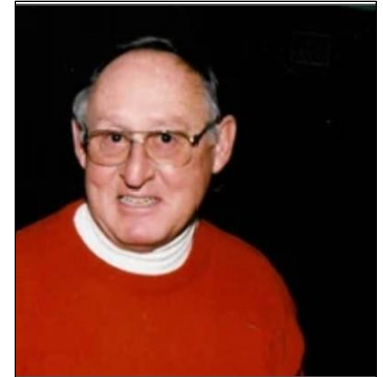
R.I.P. Bill Cope

Longtime coach, teacher, and principal in the Hobart Schools, William (Bill) Cope, passed away at the age of 88 on Saturday, February 18. Here is Bill's memorial page and obituary:

https://www.hobartalumni.org/class_profile.cfm?member_id=3785572.

Visitation will be on Thursday, February 23, from 2:00 to 7:00 pm at Burns Funeral Home in Hobart. The Kiwanis will hold a memorial service there at 6:0 p.m. Thursday.

This information and picture were obtained from Burns Funeral Home, at:
<https://www.burnsfuneral.com/obituaries/William-Cope-5/#!/Obituary>.



Come to the 2023 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic on Saturday, September 23 from Noon to 3

The 2023 BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 23, from 12 to 3 pm. The location has not been confirmed yet. The picnic is free, and is for all alumni of the Hobart schools and their families. Free hot dogs, brats, chips, and bottled water will be available courtesy of the Hobart High School Alumni Association.

The Homecoming football game will be against Lowell on Friday, September 22, at the Brickyard. Mark your calendars now and make a weekend of it!

Alumni Spotlight

Max Wojihoski, Newly-Appointed IU Marching Hundred Drum Major

Our Alumni Spotlight is on Max Wojihoski, Class of 2021, who has recently been appointed as the drum major for the Indiana University Marching Hundred Band. Congratulations, Max!

*What are you up to these days and how do you keep busy?
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Max Wojihoski, Class of 2021, playing trumpet with the IU Marching Hundred.

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

I am a sophomore at Indiana University studying marketing and sustainable business, with aspirations to attend law school. Outside of class, I have been an active leader in the Marching Hundred and Big Red Basketball Band as a trumpet player.

How did you decide on Indiana University?

During my senior year of high school, Indiana University wasn't always my first choice. But I instantly fell in love with the campus and the people the first time I visited - it felt like home. I realized that I could easily combine my passions for business and law by studying at one of the nation's top business schools, the Kelley School of Business. Ranging from great academics to the stellar packed-stadium atmospheres, there are so many aspects of this university that make me proud to be an Indiana Hoosier.



The IU Marching Hundred in formation.

How were you chosen as the next Drum Major for the Marching Hundred? Did you apply for the position?

To become a Drum Major in the Marching Hundred, you have to go through a rigorous audition process. I had started preparing for the process two months in advance. The audition consisted of conducting the band, giving commands verbally, giving tempos through whistles, mace spinning to a couple of songs, and an interview. Now, I am beyond grateful to get to serve as the leader of the Marching Hundred, and I am excited for the new opportunities that the future season will bring. It is truly an honor to be a Big Ten Drum Major at IU.



Max Wojihoski and the fall trees.

What are your career plans?

As of now, I am planning to attend law school and find a career in a governmental position, or a practicing law firm. Overall, I just want to find a career in which I can serve others for the greater good.

What teachers at Hobart had a great impact on you to bring you to where you are today?

I owe my success to many people, and I can't even begin to list them all here. But some important figures related to band I would like to thank include my band directors at Hobart. This includes Mr. Dinkins, Mrs. Rehlander, and Mrs. Teykl for their passion for teaching music which has helped me become the musician I am today. Their incredible talents inspired me to be where I am now, and I appreciate them for all of their guidance over the past several years. They are the reason why I have such a love for music, and I want to carry that on as Drum Major.

Do you have any advice for students planning for college or their careers?

College may seem like an overwhelming amount of time and work, but it is definitely worthwhile. So far for me, these past two years have truly been the most amazing experiences I have ever had. You are able to meet so many kind and like-minded people who care deeply about your passions. You also get to meet people from many different walks of life, and it gives you a whole new perspective on the world. Whatever you pursue, just ensure to experience new opportunities, and meet new people to help you reach your goals of success.

Class Reunion Roundup

Please send reunion information to us at info@hobartalumni.org. Updates are posted on our website, at: <https://www.hobartalumni.org/ClassReunions.htm>. These events are listed in order of their occurrence.



CLASS of 1978 45th YEAR REUNION (July 1, 2023):

The Class of 1978 will hold its 45-year reunion on Saturday, July 1, 2023. It will be held at the Hobart Moose picnic shelter from 4:00 to 10:00 pm. More information will be posted on our website as it becomes available.

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.

CLASS of 1958 65th YEAR REUNION (September 23, 2023):

The Class of 1958 will hold its 65-year reunion on Saturday, September 23, 2023. We will have our dinner at the Paragon restaurant in Hobart starting at 4:00 PM. A fixed menu (about \$22) will be served; head count needed by August 22nd. A night-before reunion get-together will be Friday, September 22 at 5:00 pm at the Paragon. Contact Lyle Hatten at 760-941-4606 for all reunion info.

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 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 on the HHSAA website during the week leading up to the third Saturday.

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

Do You Remember: Air Raid Drills

Thinking back many years ago, can you add to this story? The Civil Defense program started in Hobart by having daily practice drills to prepare for any forthcoming air attacks on our steel mills and cities. Downtown Hobart had a steel tower with mounted sirens located at the Police and Fire departments. When the sirens sounded, drills would be carried out both morning and evening, and monitored by Civil Defense air raid wardens. Do you remember how our school systems (elementary, junior, and senior high) assisted and responded in these drills? We need your follow-up. Send your stories to me at paul@hobartalumni.org. Thank you!

Our Newest Supporters

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Don Caldwell (1974)
Cynthia Holley (1969)
Mark Holzmer (1970)

NEW OR RENEWED ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Linda Jackson Bakos (1967)
Allen Blanchard (1954)
Bill Clingan (1963)
Janet Addison Hills (1972)
Donald "Rik" Kapica (1978)
Leslie Schulz Kapica (1977)
Tom Kerr (1957)
Ashley McCullough Koble (2002)
Bob Kostbade (1966)
Lynn E. Sheets Kostbade (1966)

Larry Koziol (1958)
Linda Quinlan Koziol (1960)
Angela McCullough Manolas (2012)
Adam McCullough (2004)
Andrew McCullough (2009)
Aaron McCullough (2011)
Katherine Karageorge Miller (1959)
Sharon Wozniak Palmeri (1966)
Sherry Oswald Peterson (1965)
Sam Preissler (1953)
Wilma Hasse Preissler (1953)
Kimberly Berry Rujevcan (1979)
William Rujevcan (1979)
Henry Sanak (1953)
Reneé Shannon (1961)
Laurie Tweedale (1971)
Janis Palmer Vonderhaar (1957)

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

FEBRUARY 2023:

[William \(Bill\) Cope, Class of 1952](#)

[Myron Thomas, Class of 1967](#)

[Diane Halvorson Dilley, Class of 1964](#)

[Nancy Guzman, Staff](#)

[Samuel \(Sam\) Wyatt, Class of 1975](#)

[Mark Blaschke, Class of 1975](#)

[Donald \(Don\) Trail, Class of 1965](#)

[Louis \(Lou\) Mikolics, Class of 1952](#)

[Patricia \(Pat\) Kline Parent, Class of 1972](#)

JANUARY 2023:

[Karen Nickell Sears, Class of 1960](#)

[Bonnie Sears Hurr, Class of 1954](#)

[Michael Trammel, Class of 1967](#)

[Lynn Huttle, Teacher](#)

[Thomas \(Tom\) Potter, Class of 1965](#)

[Maryann Brush Kerr, Class of 1957](#)

[Joseph \(Joe\) Smalley, Class of 1996](#)

[Roxann Johnson Ingram, Class of 1972](#)

DECEMBER 2022:

[Donald \(Don\) Anderson, Class of 1954](#)

[Cecilia Hill, Staff](#)

[Donald \(Don\) Dotson, Class of 1957](#)

[Terry Hand, Teacher](#)

[Mary Kavarie Wojcik, Class of 1979](#)

[Connie Brickner, Teacher](#)

NOVEMBER 2022:

[John Aughey, Class of 1969](#)

[Thurrell Thompson, Teacher](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

OCTOBER 2022:

[Ernie Hatton, Class of 1965](#)

JULY 2022:

[Richard Wells, Class of 1946](#)

JUNE 2022:

[John Veit, Class of 1971](#)

JUNE 2021:

[Georgia Smith Kalman, Class of 1945](#)

MAY 2021:

[Peggy Mahoney Link, Class of 1971](#)

APRIL 2021:

[Judith \(Judy\) McLain Sorba, Class of 1958](#)

MARCH 2021:

[Keith King, Class of 1971](#)

AUGUST 2020:

[Frank Hoy, Class of 1971](#)

[Daniel \(Dan\) Forrester, Class of 1973](#)

APRIL 2020:

[Joe Howard, Class of 1971](#)

FEBRUARY 2020:

[Pauline Moll Guin Neighbors, Class of 1945](#)

2019 (MONTH UNKNOWN):

[Daniel \(Dan\) Mathews, Class of 1970](#)

AUGUST 2018:

[Kathleen \(Kathy\) Walker, Class of 1973](#)

APRIL 2017:

[David Haynes, Class of 1958](#)

OCTOBER 2016:

[Steven \(Steve\) Zajec, Class of 1945](#)

MAY 2016:

[Roberta Kilander Franz, Class of 1970](#)

MARCH 2016:

[Shirley Gilliam Gilbert, Class of 1954](#)

FEBRUARY 2016:

[Mary Wininger Kraft, Class of 1938](#)

[Robert Luken, Class of 1973](#)

DECEMBER 2015:

[Cheryl Lines Klakoski, Class of 1973](#)

NOVEMBER 2015:

[Francine \(Fran\) Mathews McClaran, Class of 1973](#)

JUNE 2015:

[Linda Guss Durbin, Teacher](#)

JANUARY 2015:

[Martha Mueller Taylor, Class of 1938](#)

NOVEMBER 2014:

[Bess Westmoreland, Teacher](#)

OCTOBER 2014:

[Eileen Bellinger Wiggins, Class of 1949](#)

JANUARY 2014:

[Robert Holzmer, Class of 1936](#)

DECEMBER 2013:

[William \(Bill\) Holzmer, Class of 1937](#)

NOVEMBER 2013:

[Evelyn Glumac Ondrovich, Class of 1939](#)

OCTOBER 2013:

[William \(Bill\) Salter, Class of 1939](#)

DECEMBER 2012:

[Harold Meeks, Class of 1946](#)

OCTOBER 2012:

[Gloria Brahm Nordyke, Class of 1944](#)

[Carole Gilliam Pangburn, Class of 1956](#)

[Una Jean Haxton Cooper, Class of 1938](#)

AUGUST 2012:

[Steven Jensen, Class of 1971](#)

MAY 2012

[Dorothy Ryan Csokasy, Class of 1947](#)

APRIL 2012:

[Robert Ricketts, Class of 1971](#)

OCTOBER 2011:

[Helen Wells DeFries, Class of 1933](#)

JULY 2011:

[Helen \(Nadine\) Eaton Rubens, Class of 1943](#)

[George Bennett, Class of 1973](#)

[Harry Goethal III, Class of 1971](#)

APRIL 2011:

[Dala Skimehorn Smith, Class of 1970](#)

[Alberta Beveridge, Teacher](#)

NOVEMBER 2010:

[Gretna Yunker Connor, Class of 1939](#)

OCTOBER 2010:

[Marcia Newman, Class of 1971](#)

SEPTEMBER 2010:

[Randy Berleen, Class of 1973](#)

AUGUST 2010:

[Joyce Lincoln Frenzel, Class of 1935](#)

[Jerry Zelenka, Class of 1943](#)

JULY 2010:

[Velma Hooseline Lonner, Class of 1930](#)

JUNE 2010:


[Richard Averitt, Class of 1939](#)

APRIL 2010:

[Ken Lysiak, Class of 1970](#)

100 Years Ago

From the 1923 HHS Aurora yearbook

<p>AURORA</p> <p>ORIGIN OF THE HOBART TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>N. P. Banks, First School Trustee</p> <p>There was no grading or regular course of study in this school until 1886. In 1887 the two first years of High School were added; at the end of two years the graduating class consisted of one member, some having dropped out.</p> <p>Soon after, two more years of High School work was added and the next graduating class consisted of three members. This is very different from our present-day graduating classes.</p> <p>In 1896 the school was inspected by the State Board of Education and commissioned. This permitted any graduate to enter any State Educational Institution without examination. This year, with the approval of the State School Superintendent, the trustee furnished transportation for all students of Hobart Township High School living more than two miles from school.</p> <p>According to the Superintendent, this was the first school transportation in the State at public expense. The first school in Lake County to fly "Old Glory," the American flag, over the school house, was Hobart School. The flag raising was attended by the Hobart G. A. R. with patriotic ceremony, in the spring of 1887.</p> <p>The present graduating class consists of twenty-three members. The school has competent instructors, and good management, and ranks high with the High Schools in the surrounding towns and cities.</p> <p>The school building as it now stands was erected at five different periods. In 1877 a square four-room building was erected which is now near the center of the present building.</p> <p>In 1890 a two-room addition was built on the east side of the old building, and in 1894 a four-room addition on the west side.</p> <p>In 1897, a new roof being needed on the old building and on account of the uncouth appearance of the building, the walls and roof of the east wing and the old part were raised to conform to the west wing, and a stone foundation and front added. In 1910 the east wing was built, all of which constitutes the present building. This was a Township School, District No. 2, until the town took it over in 1915.</p> <p>The row of hard maple trees in front of the school building was planted in 1897.</p>	
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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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