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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, at the VFW, 540 S. Indiana Street in Hobart. 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



Autumn Turley, USI “Diver to Watch”

Our Alumni Spotlight is on Autumn Turley, Class of 2022, who attends the University of Southern Indiana and competes on the diving team. Autumn was named the “Diver to Watch” by USI in her freshman year.

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

For my freshman year I have lived in one of the freshman dorms on campus at USI. My dorm is about a 30-second walk to the pool and a 2-minute walk to all my classes. While I was in diving season, which was October to the end of February, I had to wake up around 5:15 am to be at our team lifts that start at 5:45 am. After weights I usually go to breakfast with the team at the loft (USI’s dining hall). Then I would go to my classes, study, and take a quick nap before my diving practice that afternoon/night. After practice I usually would get dinner on campus with the other divers, study a little, then go to bed by around 9:30 to 10pm. This was my every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. On Tuesdays,

I did not have any morning practice, so I got to sleep in. On Thursdays, the dive team would have a short dryland workout which I had to be at by 6:10 am (which was still sleeping in for me). On Saturdays, I would start my day at the pool for diving practice; then spend the day just hanging out with the swim team. On Sundays, it is our off day; so, the day is filled with doing laundry, cleaning up the dorm, studying, doing homework, and getting prepared for the week ahead.

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Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

How and when did you become involved in competitive swimming and diving?



My story is a little interesting compared to many others in the diving world. It was my

sophomore year of high school, the year before I was running cross country and track. During the cross-country season my ankle was a bit messed up from troubles with a past ankle injury. I chose not to do cross country that fall. Around the middle of October, I had gotten into trouble with my parents. They said that I needed to get back into a sport, it did not matter which sport, I just needed to be involved in something. I was taking French 3 that year with Emma Wright (State Champion Swimmer for Hobart High School), while discussing this with her in class, she told me I should swim. Emma explained how it would get me into great shape for track in the spring. The next day, my dad dropped me off at the middle school pool very early for practice. I sat down on the bench waiting for everyone to show up. Coach Rinas walked in and said, "You aren't swimming, you are going to dive." I would have never known that this interaction would change my life forever.

How did you decide on the University of Southern Indiana?

When deciding on USI it was a no-brainer. After speaking with Coach Cameron Kainer, I was very interested in coming to see USI in person. The waiting process was the worst of it all: my parents did not want me to visit until getting accepted. Finally, after getting accepted I went on my visit over USI's spring break. The campus was empty, it was a tad chilly. Walking through that campus I just knew; this is where I am supposed to be. I knew this was going to be the place I got to call home these 4 years of college. As soon as my

parents and I got into the car to leave, they both agreed. USI was perfect for me.

What are your plans for after college graduation?

I still do not know exactly what I want my life to look like after college. I am studying to get a major in Business Management with a minor in Marketing. I know I want to be in the business world; I just do not have a clear answer of where I want to be in it. I am very good with delegation for management, but also have a talent in art which would fall with my marketing minor.



Were there any particular teachers or experiences at Hobart that influenced your choice of a career?

When thinking of teachers in Hobart that have influenced my choice in career, it is very tricky to explain. Ms. Basiaga was a saving grace for me. I had her for Chemistry my sophomore year (the first time), she saw me when I was struggling. I did not think there was any possibility I would make it through high school, let alone college. I was struggling with undiagnosed ADHD very badly at that time. Ms. B noticed; she realized my attention issues very quickly. She did not just yell at me for dozing off or being off task, but she moved me to the front of the room, right in front of her. Every time I got off track or bored, she would help me regain that focus. My senior year, I decided I wanted her as a teacher again, so I signed up for her Chemistry 2 class. Yet again, she sat me at the front of the class... this time helping my catch back up with Chemistry and answering all my questions in the way that I understood it. I was thriving in her class, and that success motivated me to finish strong in my other classes. She believed in me when I could not believe in myself. Ms. B is a huge

Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

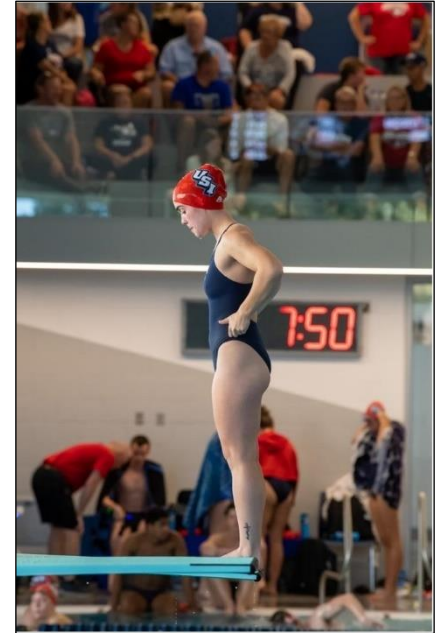
reason why I am doing so well in college now. She is a huge reason why I continued my education. She dragged me to my full potential, yet she was holding my hand gently and cheering me on the whole way.

The person in Hobart that influenced my passion for business the most is Buzz Underwood (Owner of Lincoln Carry Outs in Hobart). I was a manager at Lincoln’s before I came to school. I loved working there. Buzz and his family saw something in me and pushed me to follow my dreams. Buzz has taught me so much about the business world, especially about managing and keeping a small business alive and thriving. He is truly a wonderful boss and mentor. I would not be studying business if it wasn’t for Buzz.



Do you have any advice for students planning for college, especially if they are interested in sports?

My biggest piece of advice for anyone planning for college whether a student-athlete, student-worker, and even just a student is to learn how to manage your time. As you can tell I am very busy with everything I do at school, but everyone in college is busy... then mixing in social life that brings even bigger time management issues. At the beginning of the school year, my Coach Andy Brown sat down the other divers, and I explained how difficult time management can be in college. He printed out a full week schedule with half hour increments. We first wrote in our classes, then practices, then when we will be eating. Finally, looking at the schedule you see the open periods of time; then you decide what times will be reserved for studying and homework. The other open spots are for rest and leisure. He made many copies of these for us to continue to use. This paper has fully corrected my past time management issues. Everyone says that they don’t understand how I do it all; this tool is how I do it.



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:

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- Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971

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.

Our Newest Supporters

NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Jasper Hopkins (1954)
Pamela McClanahan Rossell (1972)

NEW OR RENEWED ANNUAL MEMBERS:

Terry Fasel (1965)
Alan Govert (2019)
Elizabeth Govert (2017)
Richard Govert (1987)
John Thomas Hartin (1954)
Judy Hood (1960)
Mary Ellen "Midge" Routes Hutnick (1966)
Sandra Scott Casperson (1953)

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

Reply to: Civil Defense Air Raid Drills

From Lyle Hatten, Class of 1958: While I attended Roosevelt Grade School in the mid-40s, Hobart City and the Hobart School System assisted the government and state by participating in Civil Defense air raid drills. I remember having drills during the day and night for the possibility of any air attacks on our local cities and steel mills. These drills were under the supervision of the Civil Defense, and the downtown Police and Fire Department tower sirens would sound to alert the townspeople of the impending drills.

Under teacher supervision, the Roosevelt students would participate in the drills by getting under their desks for protection. Students would be directed to exit the building by way of the front door and the back of the building through the outside slide tube. Teachers would tell the students that if it were the real thing everyone would leave the building and immediately go home to their family. I have no idea about the Junior High and Senior High routines.

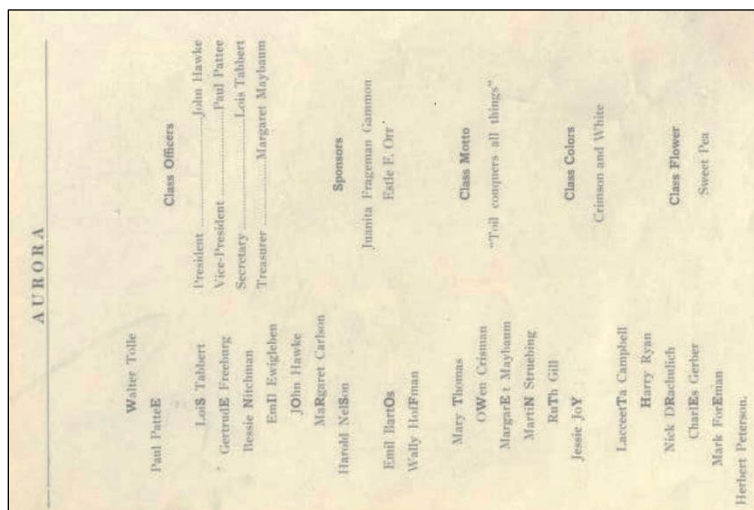
During these years our southern Lake Michigan area had several army Nike bases that were built for defense against an air attack. Hobart's closest base was located on Route 130 East of Hobart in the Wheeler area. My father, Wilbur Hatten, was a Civil Defense air raid warden who wore a special government uniform. During Civil Defense night drills, he would check all buildings in his assigned area and contact the owner if any light could be seen. Our town had several other Civil Defense wardens working in other areas. Hopefully, some folks will write in if their father was a warden and let us know about how he assisted in Civil Defense.

Do you have stories or comments on this story? Send them to me at paul@hobartalumni.org. Thank you!

100 Years Ago

Creative Writing in the Yearbook

You'll have to look sideways to appreciate this. There were 23 seniors listed in the 1923 HHS Aurora yearbook, and the editors were able to spell "WE SENIORS OF TWENTY-THREE" with letters from each of their names. Problem was, that sentence only required 22 letters, so Herbert Peterson stepped up and provided the period.



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Recent Obituaries (since our February 2023 newsletter; in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

APRIL 2023:

[Mary Shalapsik Marks, Class of 1967](#)

MARCH 2023:

[Jeff Kolczak, Class of 1982](#)

[Kevin Robinson, Class of 1972](#)

[Dawn "Beige" Landes Reese, Class of 1957](#)

[Howard Eastwood, Class of 1956](#)

[Charlotte Rushing Butler, Class of 1967](#)

[Linda Cook Espinoza, Class of 1964](#)

[Alon Dickson, Class of 1964](#)

[Carol Whittaker Draper, Class of 1954](#)

[Mary Banaski, Class of 1952](#)

[Stephan \(Steve\) Yetsko, Class of 1977](#)

[Mark Hoffar, Class of 1969](#)

[Nedra Klaja Scubelek, Class of 1959](#)

[Linda Collins Binkley, Class of 1964](#)

FEBRUARY 2023:

[Frederick \(Fred\) Ahrens, Class of 1962](#)

[Vicki Kozyra Filter, Class of 1962](#)

[Arthur \(Art\) Elwood Kurth, Class of 1950](#)

[Janet Werhowatz Kronvall, Class of 1984](#)

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

[Lawrence \(Larry\) Powell, Class of 1960](#)

[Michael \(Mike\) McLennan, Class of 1969](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED

NOVEMBER 2022:

[Donna Fetterer Hoyo, Class of 1956](#)

[Keith Schuetter, Class of 2011](#)

JULY 2021:

[Patty Smith Hennings, Class of 1963](#)

FEBRUARY 2021:

[Susan \(Sue\) Annaert Anderson, Class of 1971](#)

JANUARY 2021:

[Mark Bowman, Class of 1979](#)

OCTOBER 2020:

[Marilyn Fortner Rosenquist, Class of 1971](#)

JULY 2020:

[Thomas \(Tom\) Mole, Class of 1956](#)

JUNE 2020:

[Keith Worthington, Class of 1976](#)

FEBRUARY 2020:

[Gordon Perney, Class of 1942](#)

OCTOBER 2018:

[Jane Collins Hoefflicker, Class of 1954](#)

SEPTEMBER 2018:

[Rose Luczak-Jager, Class of 1973](#)

JANUARY 2017:

[Joanna Noggle Kasper, Class of 1953](#)

OCTOBER 2016:

[Annabel Inscho Thomae, Class of 1936](#)

APRIL 2016:

[Phillip \(Phil\) Whittaker, Class of 1956](#)

MARCH 2016:

[Diane Tomkiewicz Saviola, Class of 1971](#)

JANUARY 2016:

[Ruth Nagel Niksch-Vestal, Class of 1941](#)

[Charles Gardner, Class of 1973](#)

MARCH 2015:

[Martha Fetterer Jones, Class of 1958](#)

OCTOBER 2014:

[Lucy Eckenrode Gilliam, Class of 1943](#)

APRIL 2014:

[Dr. Richard Worthington, Class of 1938](#)

SEPTEMBER 2013:

[Warren Perney, Class of 1939](#)

JUNE 2012:

[Clarence "Jimmy" Hitson, Class of 1942](#)

MARCH 2012:

[Janet Jones Reller, Class of 1946](#)

MAY 2011:

[Anthony \(Tony\) Kupkee, Class of 1942](#)

MARCH 2011:

[Lee Ewing, Jr., Class of 1955](#)

JANUARY 2011:

[Anna \(Anne\) Kisola Bruce, Class of 1935](#)



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 _____

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Home phone _____

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Work phone _____

"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"
Thank you for your support!

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