



# The Brick & Mortar Board

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## All-Class Alumni Homecoming Picnic September 26

This year's BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 26, during Hobart's Homecoming weekend. This all-class reunion will be held from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, at Festival Park on Old West Ridge Road. Hot dogs, hamburgers, brats and bottled water will be served, and the event is free of charge.

We invite you to make a weekend of it: come to Hobart for the Homecoming game on Friday, and stay through Saturday for the Homecoming Picnic! Is your class having a reunion that weekend? Then stay Saturday night, too!

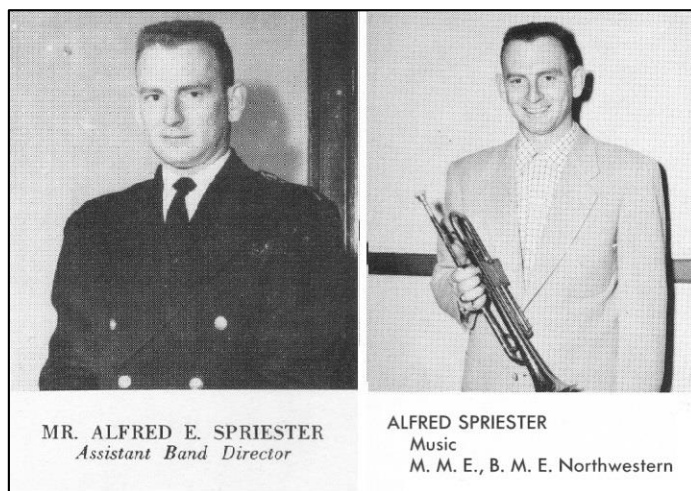
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## Band Alumni from the 1950s: Do You Remember Mr. Alfred Spriester?

Pam Spriester Bell is collecting an oral history of the music program at Hobart, including the period in the late 1950s when her father, Alfred Spriester, was the junior high band director and assistant at the high school.

Can you help Pam out? This would be a very informal audio interview over the phone, or when she is in Hobart on August 25.

If you can, please contact Pam at [pambell405@gmail.com](mailto:pambell405@gmail.com). Don't let your stories be lost. Thanks!



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### Alumni Spotlight



## Mark Deal, HHS Football Star and IU Assistant Athletic Director

Mark Deal, Class of 1975, is the son of the late HHS Head Football Coach Russ Deal. He is now at Indiana University as Assistant Athletic Director for Alumni Relations. Mark is our Alumni Spotlight feature for this issue.

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Alumni Spotlight (cont).



*(Mike, Russ and Mark Deal, all I-Men at Indiana University)*

*Could you describe your life and career path from Hobart High School until now?*

I graduated from Indiana University B.S. 1979... M.S. 1986... Played football at IU for all 4 years. Was a Graduate Assistant Football Coach at Indiana in 1979... was Assistant Football Coach at Wabash College 1980-1983... also Head Baseball Coach at Wabash College in 1983... Assistant Football Coach Marshall University 1984-1985... Assistant Football Coach Kansas State University 1986-1988... Assistant Football Coach Virginia Military Institute 1989-1990... Assistant Football Coach Rutgers University 1991-1995... Assistant Football Coach Indiana University 1996-2000... Assistant Director of Indiana University Varsity Club 2001-2007... Assistant Athletic Director of Football Operations Indiana University 2008-2013... Assistant Athletic Director for Alumni Relations 2014-to present.

I am married for 30 years to my wife Patty... also an IU graduate... we have 2 children who are both IU graduates... Carrie 28 and Casey 24... we have 2 grandchildren... Eleanore who is 2 and a grandson Eli who was born a month ago.

*Tell us about your father and brother, and how your family influenced your choice of a career.*

Obviously my Dad was the major influence on my career. I grew up the son of the "Father of Hobart Football". I wanted to be a Coach like he was. My

Mom was also a teacher, first at Gary Froebel High School and then at Hobart. So educators were a huge part of our family. I grew up where the dominant male figures in my life were my dad and my brother Mike. I followed in their footsteps not only as football players at Indiana University, but also in the coaching and education profession. It's funny that my Dad retired as Head Football Coach at Hobart to become the principal... and I have worked as an administrator at Indiana University for the past 15 years.

*Were there other people at Hobart, like teachers and coaches or other adults, who made a special impression on you as you were growing up?*

So many people! When you grow up the son of Russ and Eleanore Deal, you live your life in a little bit of a fish bowl. I had excellent teachers and coaches in Junior High and High School (many of them played or coached with my Dad)... Paul Throne, Jackie Rogers, Judy Lopez, Anita Sark, Tom Wuchner, Dwight Mathis, Jim Huminsky, John Carlson... my coaches... Don Howell, Tom Kerr, Bill Cope, Jerry Hicks, Steve Balash, Jim Lichtenberger, Tom Workman, Moe Rhody... probably left someone out and I apologize for that.

*What advice would you give to Hobart High School students about coaching and directing athletics?*

It is a great profession. I hear from guys I coached at Wabash College (when I was only a few years older than them) and Rutgers University my last place before IU... I was at Rutgers 5 years and grew very close to those guys... 20 of them came to see



me at the Rutgers vs. IU game in New Jersey last fall... it was very special and very emotional for me... that is why you coach and teach... it is all about the relationships.

*(Mike and Mark Deal, at their induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame)*

# Class Reunion Roundup

Here is the current list of upcoming class and all-class reunions. If your class is having a reunion, send the information to us at [info@hobartalumni.org](mailto:info@hobartalumni.org), and we will publicize it on our website and in our newsletter! More information on all these reunions can be found on the [HHS Alumni Association website](http://HHS Alumni Association website).

## **Class of 1975: Saturday, August 22, 2015**

40th Reunion Saturday, August 22, 2015, 6-12 pm at the Elks Lodge on 61<sup>st</sup> Street. Come see your old friends and make some new ones! The classes of '74 and '76 are invited too! A home football game is the night before on August 21 at 8 pm and the Reunion is August 22 from 6 pm to midnight. More details to come. RSVP as soon as possible to [carolretz@sbglobal.net](mailto:carolretz@sbglobal.net) with your mailing address. Also, visit our Facebook event page "Hobart High School Class of 1975".

## **Class of 1965: Friday, September 25 and Saturday, September 26, 2015**

Social night on Friday that will work around the HHS homecoming football game. Reunion Banquet on Saturday at the Elks Club, 61<sup>st</sup> Street in Hobart. Please set aside this date. Contact Barb Phillips Rowley at [mnbrowley@msn.com](mailto:mnbrowley@msn.com) if you have changed your address, or if you have any ideas for the reunion.

## **Class of 1970: Saturday, September 26, 2015**

The Class of 1970 will celebrate its 45<sup>th</sup> year reunion at Assumption Hall on Saturday, September 26, from 6:00 to 11:00 pm. Other weekend activities include the Homecoming football game on Friday evening, followed by a get-together, a Saturday morning tour of the new High School at 9:30, the HHS Alumni Association Homecoming Picnic from 12 noon to 3:00 pm, and a Sunday morning brunch to end the weekend. Check our Facebook page, "Hobart (Indiana) High School Class of 1970", for updates, or email Paul Addison at [paulhaddison@gmail.com](mailto:paulhaddison@gmail.com).

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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 are:

### OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970.....	President
Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998.....	Vice-President
Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970 .....	Treasurer
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Tracy Estabrook McCullough, Class of 1978 .....	Corresponding Secretary

### AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Brent Martinson, *Principal, Hobart High School*  
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Dawn Briney Krull, Class of 1968  
Michael Trammel, Class of 1967  
Sherry Oswald Peterson, Class of 1965  
Jane Woodruff, Class of 1969

### STUDENT MEMBERS

David Kostbade, Class of 2016  
McKayla DeLeon, Class of 2016

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# Recent Obituaries

(since our May 2015 newsletter;  
in PDF form these are links to the obituaries on the HHSAA website)

## JULY 2015:

[Mark "Skip" Donelson, Class of 1970](#)

## JUNE 2015:

[Louis Roper III, Class of 1965](#)

[Reginald "Reg" Fowler, Class of 1960](#)

[Susan Conrad Burney, Class of 1965](#)

[Lorraine Swanson Donely, Class of 1942](#)

[Lester Wesley, Class of 1951](#)

[Lindy Moss, Class of 1944](#)

[Mary Lee Phillips Wilson, Class of 1956](#)

## MAY 2015:

[Nina Griffiths Beckman, Class of 1940](#)

[JoLee McLead Shell, Class of 1949](#)

[Charles Vigland, Class of 1959](#)

[Ronald Wojtysiak, Class of 1954](#)

[Sally Brewer Cope, Staff](#)

[Clara Vargas Stefanelli, Class of 1954](#)

[David Shedrow, Class of 1969](#)

[Pam Brown Coveris, Class of 1970](#)

[Dallas Tidwell, Class of 1968](#)

[Pete Tomaga, Class of 1987](#)

[Martha "Mickey" Raiza Shapley, Class of 1950](#)

[Brad Walsh, Class of 1972](#)

## APRIL 2015:

[Michael \(Mike\) Stefanchik, Class of 1962](#)

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## 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

## Our Supporters

The HHS Alumni Association is a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, and our entire financial support comes from membership dues and contributions. We recognize our supporters by listing the names (not the amounts) of those who have contributed to HHSAA, including memorials, donations, and new and renewed members. Membership in the HHS Alumni Association is \$10 per year, and life memberships are \$100.

## NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our May 2015 newsletter)

Paul Condry (Lifetime Member, 1974)

Paul Aleman (1958)

Donald "Rik" Kapica (1978)

David Kostbade (1996)

Holli Kostbade (1998)

Robert Popaditch (1961)

Carol Schmelter Shingler (1958)

Jane Woodruff (1969)

## Happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Us! (A Message from the President)

The Hobart High School Alumni Association celebrates its fifth birthday on July 17. It was on July 17, 2010, that Debra Broker Opolski and I filed the Articles of Incorporation with the Indiana Secretary of State. A week before that, on July 10, a small group of Hobart alumni met at a park bench under a tree at Festival Park and decided to form the Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.



During that first year, our main focus was to plan and advertise the first BrickieFest, held in Brickie Bowl on July 30, 2011. Those of you who attended will remember that it was about 95 degrees in the shade, and we were not in the shade! Still, over 1600 people attended, many of whom became paying members of the HHSAA. Since then, we have had fall get-togethers at Festival Park, Deep River County Park, and Veterans Memorial Park. Since 2013, they have been held (and will continue to be held) on the Saturday of Homecoming weekend. This year's Homecoming Picnic is at Festival Park, from 12 noon to 3 pm. We will be serving hot dogs, brats and bottled water, all free of charge.

We decided early on that registering on our website, [www.hobartalumni.org](http://www.hobartalumni.org), would be free, and that alumni can use the website to contact each other, publicize their class reunions, and find the latest news about the Alumni Association and its activities. We also decided to make our newsletters available for free on the website. The newsletter is published about six times a year. Since June 2012, each issue has featured an "Alumni Spotlight", in which we talk with a Hobart High School graduate who has gone on to an interesting career. Contact us at [info@hobartalumni.org](mailto:info@hobartalumni.org) if you know of anyone (including yourself) who might have an interesting story to tell. We also have a blog at [hhsaa.blogspot.com/](http://hhsaa.blogspot.com/).

So why do we also have a paid membership option? It's because our mission is to support Hobart High School as well as the alumni. In our first five years, we have awarded eight scholarships to graduating high school seniors, and one professional development grant to a Hobart teacher. As alumni of Hobart High School, the Alumni Association gives back to the school that gave us our own start, and we continue to watch talented young men and women of character leave Hobart High School to make their marks on the world.

The Hobart High School Principal has always been a member of our board. David Spitzer helped us get our start during our first year, and Brent Martinson has been a tremendous support to us since then. We welcome new Hobart High School Principal Angela Patrick, who will become a member of our board when school starts this fall. I'd like to thank all our board members, past and present, especially Coach Paul Throne, for their loyalty, enthusiasm, creative ideas and hard work since the beginning. I'd also like to thank all of you alumni for your support of the Hobart High School Alumni Association during these first five years. Here's to many more!



Sincerely,  
Paul Addison, President  
Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

# Annual Dinner Meeting Takes Care of Business



The HHS Alumni Association awarded three scholarships to high school seniors at the fourth Annual Dinner Meeting on May 22 in the Grand Room at the high school. The winners were Molly Zakutansky, Jaclyn Flores and Zach Satterfield.

Jane Woodruff, Class of 1969, was elected to the board of directors. The high school choral group Wolfgang entertained, and a delicious dinner was served by the high school cooking staff.

Paul Condry, President of Regional Radio Sports Network, spoke to the group about his book and documentary film, "Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie: The History of Hobart Football", which will be available soon (see <http://www.hobartbrickiefootball.com/> to order your copy). Paul also talked about his time at Hobart and how he got into the sportscasting business.

Thanks to all who came!

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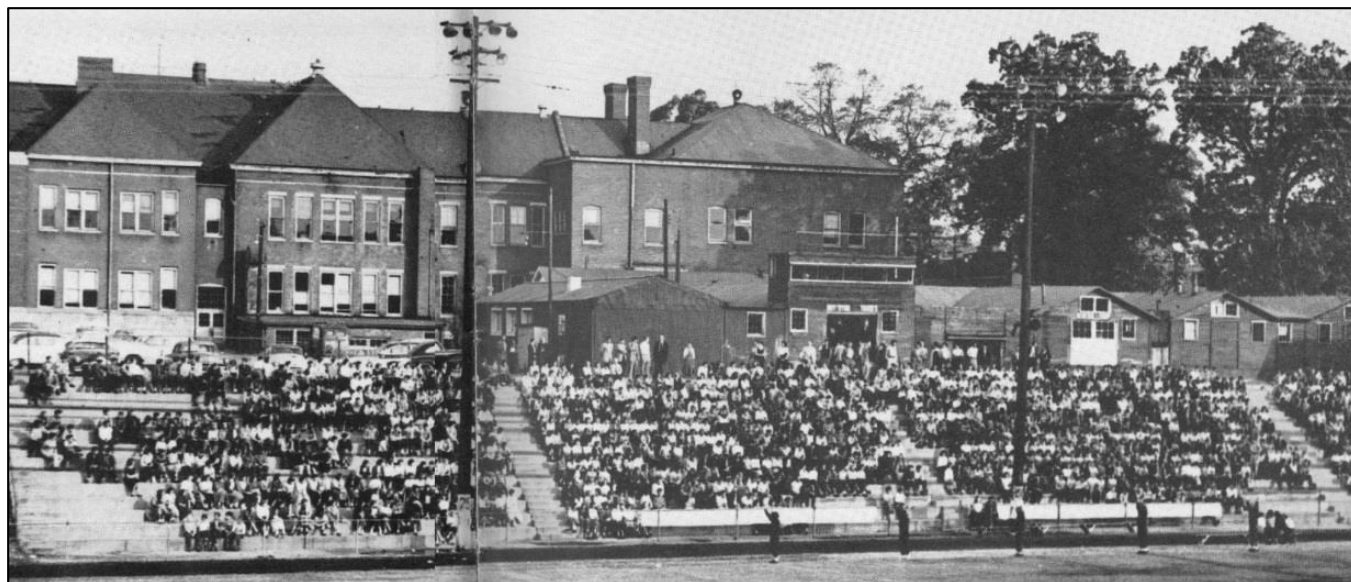
## Welcome, Class of 2015, to the HHSAA!

The HHSAA board voted last year to award one year of membership in the HHS Alumni Association to any graduating senior who wishes to join. From the Class of 2015, we have 153 new members! Of course, it costs nothing to register on this site and get all the news of HHS class reunions, but membership in the HHSAA supports scholarships for students and professional development for teachers, enabling you to give back to the school we love. Welcome, new members!



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## Blast from the Past: Brickie Bowl in 1956



*CAPTION: Constructed between the years 1935 and 1939, Brickie Bowl has gained a reputation for its ideal location and structure. Another section of cement bleachers was added last year to seat the expanding number of track and football fans. (From the 1957 Memories yearbook)*



## Membership Application and Renewal Form Hobart High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Check one: New member \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

Check one: 1-year membership (\$10) \_\_\_\_ Lifetime membership (\$100) \_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name (in high school) \_\_\_\_\_

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Your class graduating year at HHS \_\_\_\_\_

*"Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie!"*

Thank you for your support!

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

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