



The Brick & Mortar Board

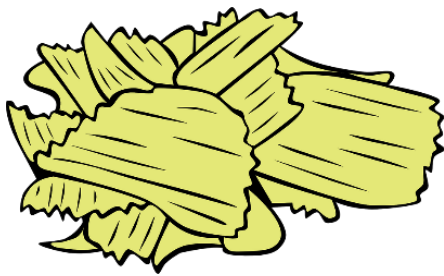
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BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic on September 15, at the Brickyard from 12 noon to 3 pm: Bring Your Lawn Chairs!

The all-class BrickieFest Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 15, during Hobart's Homecoming Football weekend, from 12 noon to 3:00 pm. This year's picnic will be at the Brickyard (the football stadium behind Hobart High School). You can enter from Union Street off 10th Street, and park in the east parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs, because there will not be picnic table seating.



The BrickieFest Picnic is being sponsored by the Hobart High School Guidance Department, which has been instrumental in encouraging seniors to apply for scholarships, which we have been awarding since 2012. The picnic is for all alumni of Hobart High School. Hot dogs, brats, chips and bottled water will be served free of charge by the HHS Alumni Association.

The Homecoming football game is on Friday evening, September 14, against Andean High School. The game starts at 7:00. Come for the weekend: cheer for the Brickies on Friday night, and meet your friends at the BrickieFest picnic on Saturday!

Alumni Spotlight

Craig Osika, Hobart Brickies Head Football Coach

Our *Alumni Spotlight* this issue is on Craig Osika, Hobart High School alumnus from the Class of 1998, and now the Head Football Coach of the Hobart Brickies.



Craig Osika (Photo used by permission of the [Regional Radio Sports Network](#))

As the new Head Coach of the Hobart Brickies football team, how would you describe your coaching style? Should we expect any big changes?

I don't expect there to be any big changes. I have been part of the staff for a number of years so the kids know what my expectations are. I expect our athletes to be disciplined in all aspects of their lives, and I expect them to give their best effort in everything that they do. I like to have fun with the kids but they also have a good understanding when it is time for fun and when it's time for work.

How would you describe your football experience when you were at Hobart High School?

I was fortunate to play in the Coach Howell era. It was one of the best experiences of my athletic career. People will ask what was more fun playing college football or playing in the NFL. My answer to them is, I had more fun playing high school football. There is really nothing that matches the Friday night lights.

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Alumni Spotlight (cont.)

You played under Cam Cameron at Indiana University, right? What was it like playing at IU?



I was part of Coach Cameron's second recruiting class. I really enjoyed playing for Cam and his staff. My position coach at IU really reminded me of Coach Don Rogers, and was a big influence on my decision to attend IU. I had a great experience at IU, I started playing as a true freshman and finished starting over

40 games in my career. I played for a lot of great coaches and developed lifelong friendships, and got to play in the best college football conference in the country.

Tell us about your years in the National Football League.

My career was short lived in the NFL. I did spend 3 years on the active roster with the San Francisco 49ers and the Cleveland Browns, but was never able to find a team to stick with. It is fun to say that I was once good enough to play in the NFL. Not many people get to say that. My time in the NFL was fun, but also very stressful. One day things could be going great, and the next day you could get hurt and cut. The NFL has really set me up for my future and I am very fortunate that I took advantage of some of the financial opportunities they provided their player with.

Were there any teachers or experiences in the Hobart schools that made a strong impression or influence on your life and career path?

I would say that all my coaches played a major influence in me becoming a teacher. I didn't decide to choose to become a teacher until I was 30. After

retiring from the NFL I worked as a supervisor at US steel and then spent a number of years in medical sales. I finally decided that I really wanted to be able to coach full time and the only way that I was going to be able to do so was to become a teacher. I went back to school full time and earned a bachelor's degree in education. Becoming a teacher was the best decision I have ever made. I love my job and enjoy coming to work every day. I hope that I am influencing and having the same impact on my kids that my coaches had on me.

Concussion injuries are a big point of discussion these days. Has your approach to coaching changed as a result of this discussion?

I don't think that I really have a choice. The state has regulated the type of practice and the amount of time that you can spend with your athletes.

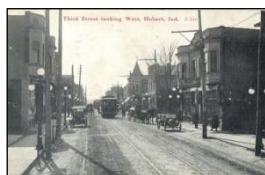
Professional athletics is by nature a very competitive business. What advice would you give for high school students, especially athletes, who are considering college and their career?

I tell all my students to set realistic goals. I am honest with them and let them know that statistics prove that the majority of them will not play at the college level. I don't discourage them from trying to obtain that goal but I also want them to understand the probability is low. I want them to make their education a priority, it will set them up for opportunities that might not be there without it. I tell them that nothing in life comes easy, it is going to take hard work and sacrifices to get the things you want in life. I try to encourage them to be good people, be kind to others, and treat people the way you would want to be treated. I feel that if they do those things that they have a great opportunity to become productive members of society.

(Note: [The Northwest Indiana Times published an article last month about Craig Osika.](#))

Postcards of Old Hobart

(by the editor, Paul Addison) I'm happy to share [my collection of Hobart postcards on Google Photos](#) with all of you!



Class Reunion Roundup

Here is the current list of upcoming class and all-class reunions, listed in order of occurrence. If your class is having a reunion, send the information to us at 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](#).

CLASS OF 1968 50th YEAR REUNION (September 6-8, 2018)

The Class of 1968 will hold its 50th year reunion on September 8, 2018, at River Pointe Country Club in Hobart. Save the date! Here is the tentative itinerary:

Thursday, 9/6: Possible Meet and Greet Mixer

Friday, 9/7, 7:00PM, Football

East Chicago Central (East Chicago, IN) at the Brickyard

Location: Hobart High School or/after, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 783, 143 S Hobart Rd., Hobart, IN 46342
(219) 942-9790

Saturday, 9/8

6:00 Social Hour, 7:00 Dinner (Cash Bar)

River Pointe Country Club, 6700 Country Club Road, Hobart, Indiana, 46342, (219) 942-2747
Cost \$75

CLASSES OF 1952 AND 1953 COMBINED REUNION (September 14-16, 2018)

The classes of 1952 and 1953 will celebrate their 65th and 66th year on Homecoming weekend, September 14-16. Here is the brief schedule:

- Friday, 9/14: PIZZA PARTY, Krull Towers, 4:30 to 8:00 pm
- Saturday, 9/15: REUNION, Ambassador Banquet Hall, 12:00 to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, 9/16: BREAKFAST, Paragon Restaurant, 9:30 am

To see the complete schedule, including the registration form, [download this document](#), then print it out and send it in with your check or money order, as soon as possible, but by September 1 at the latest.

There is a list on the website of [classmates who have not been located](#). If you have contact information for any of these classmates (address, phone number and/or email), please call Joyce (Dommer) Coleman at 219-464-2635.

CLASS of 1958 60th REUNION (September 14-16, 2018)

The class of 1958 will celebrate their 60th year reunion on Homecoming weekend, Sept 14-16. Here is the brief schedule:

- * Friday, 9/14: EAT/PARTY at Hobart American Legion, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Individual checks)
- * Saturday, 9/15: 12-3:00, All-Class-Picnic at The Brickyard, free food, courtesy of the HobartAlumni.org
- * Saturday, 9/15: REUNION, 4:00-8:00 pm at The Paragon restaurant (Individual checks)
- * Sunday, 9/16: BREAKFAST 9:00-11:00 am at The Lake Park Restaurant (Individual checks)

We're attempting to inform classmates via calling or emailing of the reunion plans. Email Larry at larry58koziol@gmail.com for reservations and questions.

CLASSES OF 1972 AND 1973 COMBINED REUNION (September 15, 2018)

Save the date! The classes of 1972 and 1973 will combine their reunion this fall, during Hobart High School's Homecoming weekend. The reunion will be September 15, 2018 at Hobart American Legion Post 54, 208 S. Linda Street in Hobart. Cocktails at 6:00 with cash bar. Dinner at 7. Cost will be \$20 each person. Please contact Leigh Huminsky, 219-942-5721 or send payment to Leigh Huminsky, 106 N. Illinois St., Hobart, IN 46342.

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Class Reunion Roundup (cont.)

CLASS OF 1978 40th REUNION (September 29, 2018)

The Class of 1978 will be holding their 40th class reunion on September 29, 2018, at the Moose Lodge at 5:00. Planning meetings are under way with the next one being held at the Moose Lodge on August 23, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Classmates interested in planning the reunion are welcome to attend. Kristy Rosenbaum is the contact person for the class and questions can be emailed to her at lkcrose@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 2008 10th YEAR REUNION (November 10, 2018)

We are pleased to announce Hobart High School's Class of 2008's 10-Year Reunion is now in order! Tickets available!

What: HHS 08' 10-Year Reunion

When: November 10, 2018 (Saturday)

Time: 5pm in the Orleans Ballroom Check-In at 2pm for hotel stay

Where: Blue Chip Casino 777 Blue Chip Drive--Michigan City, IN Ticket Purchasing Info:

Price: \$75

How:

1. Click link ---> <https://www.paypal.me/brickiereunion08>

2. Submit \$75 for 1 ticket OR \$150 for 2

3. Login or sign up to Paypal to buy tickets with your account to ensure all purchases are properly tracked for proof of purchase and for guest count purposes.

Please read and sign with contact information once ticket is purchased:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1F9yCnXIZPgHY19bAjPhSR_i-cn-Bj-1kTTJYiWkZohU/edit?usp=sharing

Excel Spreadsheet is attached under group files for ticket purchasing records.

Visit the [Facebook page for the Hobart High School Class of 2008's 10-Year reunion](#). (You will need to log into Facebook.)

CLASS OF 1969 50th REUNION (September 14, 2019)

The Class of 1969 is having their reunion on September 14, 2019 at the Old Town Banquet Center, 711 Calumet Avenue in Valparaiso. Plans are underway and we would like to get as many addresses and email addresses as we can. We have a special email account set up and it is classof69.50th@gmail.com. We also have a Facebook page, [Hobart H.S. Class Of 1969 50 Yr Reunion](#). People from the class are encouraged to join the group. Mark your calendars!

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASSES OF 1952 and 1953: These combined classes meet every 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:00 am at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Martha Jordan Nichols at nurse56.1@netzero.net.

CLASS OF 1956: We meet on the last Saturday of every month at 9:00 am, at the Paragon Restaurant. Contact Mary Jo Hopkins at mjhoppy@comcast.net.

CLASS OF 1958: We have a luncheon on the 3rd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00 PM. Hope to see more HHS1958 alumni there. Contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1960: We have a luncheon on the 2nd Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road in Hobart at 1:00PM. Hope to see more HHS1960 alumni join us. Contact Linda Quinlan Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com.

CLASS OF 1964: We have a breakfast brunch on the second Saturday of every month at the Lake Park Restaurant, 7 E. Old Ridge Road in Hobart, from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see more 1964 alumni there. Contact Marsha Longacre Shabi at marbi22@juno.com.

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 July 1) 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

Tracy Brumley, *Dean of Students, Hobart High School*
Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998

STUDENT MEMBERS

Lillian Kollross, Class of 2019
James Corgan, Class of 2019
Audree Vann, Class of 2020

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 June 2018 newsletter)

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Terry Howatt (1970)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

David Jordan (1969)

HHSAA Website Update

Have you visited our website, www.hobartalumni.org, lately? Here are some pages you might not know about:

- Class Reunion Photos (send yours in!): <http://www.hobartalumni.org/Reunion-Photos.htm>
- Alumni Spotlight Archive: <http://www.hobartalumni.org/Alumni-Spotlight-Archive.htm>
- HHSAA Life Members: <http://www.hobartalumni.org/LifeMembers.htm>

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Recent Obituaries

(since our June 2018 newsletter;
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

AUGUST 2018:

- [Kenneth \(Kenny\) Erwin, Class of 1953](#)
- [Geri Kopko Kovel, Class of 1958](#)
- [Harley Martin, Class of 1940](#)
- [Larry Tosch, Class of 1968](#)
- [Mark Wignall, Class of 1975](#)
- [Robin Gabel Dustman, Class of 1975](#)
- [Geraldine \(Evelyn\) Erwin Ehrhardt, Class of 1953](#)

JULY 2018:

- [Jim Nelson, Class of 1978](#)
- [Gaynale Cheek Kapika, Class of 1979](#)
- [Tom Gasche, Class of 1959](#)
- [Norma McKnight Labadie, Class of 1953](#)
- [Patricia Saynak Ribar, Class of 1958](#)
- [George Hennings, Class of 1964](#)
- [Kent Carlson, Class of 1953](#)
- [Susan \(Sue\) Smith Dubach, Class of 1975](#)

JUNE 2018:

- [Wayne Schenk, Class of 1968](#)
- [Sandra Overturf Harvey, Class of 1964](#)

[Raymond "Terry" Jackson, Class of 1977](#)

[Catherine Bobele Wilson, Class of 1983](#)

(Older obituaries recently received)

MARCH 2018:

[Kathy Frost, Class of 1972](#)

NOVEMBER 2017:

[Mickey Dooling, Class of 1966](#)

AUGUST 2017:

[Veronica "Sue" LaCoss Granzow \(Staff\)](#)

MAY 2016:

[Connie Lutz, Class of 1973](#)

OCTOBER 2014:

[Patricia Krull Combs, Class of 1947](#)

JUNE 2014:

[Rita Schaeffer Dale, Class of 1968](#)

APRIL 2014:

[William \(Bill\) Furnish, Class of 1962](#)

100 Years Ago: From the 1918 HHS *Aurora* Yearbook

Did you have the idea that school a hundred years ago was all seriousness? This excerpt from the 1918 *Aurora* yearbook indicates that it was not. It's a list of "Creditless Courses Given at Hobart High School", and the instructors of records are students. Have fun reading this course list!

The 1918 yearbook, and many more, are available [on the HHS Alumni Association website](#), thanks to the Lake County Public Library, which digitized and indexed them.

CREDITLESS COURSES GIVEN AT HOBART HIGH SCHOOL	
Course	Instructor
Nobooksience	Hosea Bayor
Argumentive Power	Wilma Cullman
Howtobeapopt	Mary Gearhart
Some Funny Noises	Emma Carstensen
Shortology	Florence Pio Sordelet
Giggleology	Lolita Smith
Bluffotomy	Ralph Melin
The folly of tardiness	Margaret Tabbert
How to recite Chemistry Lessons (out of your book, results guaranteed in five days)	Dora Owens
Lovers Rights	Thelma Petteer
Ruffhouseology	Leonard Nelson
Crazyometry	Viola Puettjer
Blushology	Vera Barnes
Modestometry	Grace Murray
Smearchemistry	Esther Nelson
Happyometry	Ira Keppel
The Necessity of Bright Heads	Ray Kostbade
Quietology	Alice Melver
Howtogetthin	Ruby Skaggs
Hehehehahahaology	Martha Mackey
Howtobeastrongman	John Martin
Guessometry	Mary Maybaum
Theory of Teaching	Evelyn Fredrick

—Dora Owens, '18



Membership Application 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) _____

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!

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

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