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Congratulations, Brickies, on a Great Football Season!

The Hobart Brickies football team just completed an amazing season, with a record of 11-3, including 11 wins in a row. They won their 26th sectional championship, and advanced to their first semi-state game in 16 years. And this is Coach Craig Osika's second year! Thank you, Coach Osika and players for an exciting season that showed the best in talent and sportsmanship!

Here are the scores from the Brickies' football games this season:

8/23 vs. Chesterton, L 21-14	9/27 vs. Kankakee Valley, W 49-10	11/1 vs. Highland [sectional], W 35-0
8/30 at Merrillville, L 21-0	10/4 at Highland, W 35-0	11/8 vs. Lowell [sectional], W 20-0
9/6 at Griffith, W 42-0	10/11 vs. Munster, W 65-0	11/15 at New Prairie [regional], W 36-7
9/13 at Culver, W 30-27 (30T)'	10/18 vs. Lowell, W 38-8	11/22 at East Noble [semistate], L 29-24
9/20 at Andean, W 33-10	10/25 at Hammond Morton, W 42-21	

A Membership to the HHS Alumni Association Makes a Great Holiday Gift!

Are you wondering what to get this year for the Brickie who has everything? A membership to the Hobart High School Alumni Association helps support scholarships for HHS graduates to attend college or vocational school, and to support this newsletter and our website so that we can publicize class reunions and alumni events. A single year membership is \$10, and a lifetime membership is \$100. The membership form is on the last page of this newsletter.

"Your Brickie Stories", a brand new feature (see page 2) *All-Class Reunion in Florida on February 8, 2020 (see page 3)*

Alumni Spotlight

Our Future Alumni: Hobart School Students at All Grade Levels

Our Alumni Spotlight this month is on all students in the Hobart City Schools system. We are proud of our future alumni, who have had a remarkable fall. We refer you to Superintendent Peggy Buffington's excellent newsletter "[Focus on Education](#)" for the full article, but here are some of the highlights:

- The Varsity football team won the Regional Championship and made it to the Semi-State game
- Cross-country runner Bruce Leipart ran in the State Championship competition
- The JROTC Raiders won the National Championship in Georgia
- The Middle School Brickies won third place in the Regional "We the People" debate contest, and will be competing in the state competition on December 10
- All elementary schools placed in the Regional Spell Bowl competition, with Joan Martin bringing home a first place

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

This issue of *The Brick & Mortar Board* launches a new feature: Your Brickie Stories. You are invited to add to stories presented here, and start telling new ones. While you can always post stories to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/hohighalumni/>), or other Facebook pages like Anything Hobart, Indiana or Hobart Memories, these stories will be easy to find, by going back to past issues, and add to, by sending us a quick email.



Credit for this idea goes to Lyle Hatten, Class of 1958. He has given us several starter stories, but we'll begin with three. Read them, and if you would like to add to them, just email me (Paul Addison) at paul@hobartalumni.org, with the story title and your comment. It will be added in the next issue of the newsletter. Thanks, Lyle!

A Brickie Bowl Tale

While attending a late home football game in the 1960's or early 70's, the night was cold and one could see their steamy breath. The concession stand was being overrun with folks buying hot drinks. Upon running out of hot drink cups, other cups were used to replace them. To everyone's surprise, the customers found they were getting wax on their lips, fingers, and mustaches which caused quite a stir. It was very funny to see this happen. Ladies were lined up at the ladies' room to remove wax from their face and hands, and repair their makeup. The cause for this was that waxed cold cups were being used for hot drinks instead of hot drink cups.

The question here is, does anyone remember the date that this happened? If you do, email Paul Addison at paul@hobartalumni.org. Just mention "A Brickie Bowl Tale". Thanks!

HHS Bell Ringers

This story takes place in the late 50's. When Hobart would win a home game, the high school would be left unlocked with the lights on allowing students to enter and climb the narrow wooden steps into the bell tower. When the kids reached the bell (now stands at the Brickyard football stadium), they would ring it for 3 to 5 minutes using the old steel bell ringer. I (Lyle) was up there twice during the basketball seasons.

Does anyone remembering ringing or assisting ringing the bell? Add your name to the Bell-Ringers list by emailing Paul Addison at paul@hobartalumni.org, and mentioning "HHS Bell Ringers". Thanks!

Working at the Art Theater

Over our high school years many of our students worked downtown at the local Art Theater. Some were Bill Woods, Al Addison, Lyle Hatten, and Sue Sempf. Who else worked at the Art Theater during their high years? To have your name added to the list, please email Paul Addison at paul@hobartalumni.org, and mention "Working at the Art Theater". Thanks!

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Register Now: Hobart High School All-Class Reunion is Saturday, February 8, 2020!



The Hobart High School All-Class Reunion will be on Saturday, February 8th, 2020, at the Huntington Hills Country Club, 2626 Duff Road, Lakeland, FL. The cash bar will start @ 11:30 am, and the hot buffet luncheon will begin at 12:15 pm. The cost is \$39 per person (tax and gratuity included).

[Click here to download and print the registration form!](#)

The All-Class Reunion is organized by John Mattix, not by the HHS Alumni Association. Please direct all questions to John at hoosier_1968@hotmail.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 May 3, 2019) are:

OFFICERS

Paul Addison, Class of 1970*President*
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Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970
Holli Smith Kostbade, Class of 1998

STUDENT MEMBERS

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

NEW AND RENEWED MEMBERS (since our September 2019 newsletter)

ANNUAL MEMBERS

Bill Clingan, Class of 1963

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 1965 55th REUNION (August 22, 2020)

From Barb Phillips Rowley:

I'm posting good news this time, we are going to have a 55th reunion On August 22, 2020 at the River Pointe country club in Hobart, some of you may remember it as Superior farms and then the Supervisors Club. So mark on your calendar so you won't book something else that weekend.

If any of your mailing info has changed or phone numbers, emails etc. let me know. We have lost 108 classmates as of this message, so keep in mind that if you want to see someone, you may be running out of time. Hope to see you all in 2020.

Thanks,
Barb

ATTENTION, CLASS OF 1977

Hobart Class of 1977 is looking for their classmates! We are trying to get ready for a 50th reunion. So if you can contact Ann Springman by phone 219-947-1766 or PM her on Facebook, that will be fine. And if you have address for fellow classmates, that would be great.

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 jimnichols@yahoo.com.

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 mjhobby@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 second Saturday of every month. We have changed the location to the Lake Park Restaurant on Old Ridge Road at Lake Park Avenue. 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 Paragon Restaurant, from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see more 1964 alumni there. Contact Marsha Longacre Shabi at marbi22@juno.com.

CLASS OF 1970: Classmates from the Class of 1970 are meeting at 10:00 am on the third Saturday of the month, at the Paragon Restaurant on Highway 6 near 51 in Hobart. For more information, contact Beth Scott Barney at bethbarney1103@aol.com.

Recent Obituaries

(since our September 2019 newsletter;
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

DECEMBER 2019:

[Ruth Ann Thiel, Class of 1964](#)

[Gayle Huminsky Warnimont, Class of 1955](#)

NOVEMBER 2019:

[Andrew \(Drew\) Solomon, Class of 2010](#)

[Jeff Hughes, Class of 1983](#)

[Betty Fifield Schoonover, Class of 1945](#)

[Richard \(Rick\) Seeley, Class of 1971](#)

[Betty Erwin Dotson, Class of 1973](#)

[Charles "Chuck" Schwuchow, Class of 1973](#)

[Arthur Keefe, Class of 1968](#)

[Royce Peterson, Class of 1963](#)

[Mary Wagoner Peek, Class of 1959](#)

OCTOBER 2019:

[David Jordan, Class of 1959](#)

[Donald Radulovich, Class of 1982](#)

[Diana Gymrek, Class of 1956](#)

[Linda Smith Tremmel, Class of 1964](#)

[Thomas \(Tom\) Thiel, Class of 1972](#)

[Doug Lacey, Class of 1967](#)

[Chuck McIntire, Class of 1964](#)

[Edward Mioduski, Class of 1950](#)

SEPTEMBER 2019:

[Eddie Skimehorn, Class of 1970](#)

[Cathern Woods Sorrick, Class of 1942](#)

[Gary Erwin, Class of 1976](#)

[Lynn \(Jack\) Harter, Class of 1952](#)

[Ronald Gee, Class of 1959](#)

[Bryan Richa, Class of 1983](#)

[Irene Ksenak Mockaitis, Class of 1959](#)

[Pam Costello Harkins, Class of 1979](#)

AUGUST 2019:

[Ann Knocke Tanner, Class of 1980](#)

[James Meade, Class of 1959](#)

(OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED):

MAY 2019:

[Meghan Johnston, Class of 2001](#)

[Jim Arreola, Class of 1969](#)

FEBRUARY 2019:

[Jean Heavilin Vanaman, Class of 1957](#)

APRIL 2018:

[Brian Knickerbocker, Class of 1962](#)

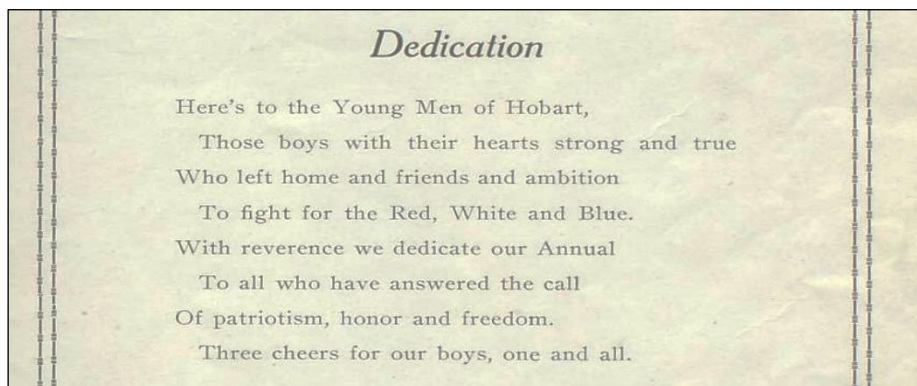
JUNE 2015:

[Lawrence Gee, Class of 1951](#)

100 years ago

From the 1919 HHS Aurora Yearbook

World War I had just ended in November of the Class of 1919's senior year. The yearbook (*The Aurora*) was dedicated to those who had served in the war.





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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