



The Brick & Mortar Board

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BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic Canceled

The BrickieFest Homecoming Picnic, scheduled for September 26 at Festival Park, has been canceled. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the need for social distancing protocols, and the uncertainty about the football season, the Hobart High School Alumni Association made the decision to cancel.

The decision was made in the interest of the safety of the public. If the picnic were to be held, the HHSAA would be responsible for enforcing social distancing protocols, and turnout would very likely be low. After holding an alumni picnic every year since the original BrickieFest in 2011, this is the first time we have had to cancel. We are all hoping that at this time next year, we will be getting ready for the 2021 picnic.

Alumni Spotlight

Grayce Roach, Hobart HS Basketball Standout, Now Head Girls BB Coach at Westville

Our Alumni Spotlight this month is on Grayce Roach, 2014 graduate of Hobart High School, who excelled in basketball at Hobart and at IU Northwest. She is now the Head Girls Basketball Coach at Westville High School.

Where do you live, and what are you doing now?

I currently live in Michigan City where I am eagerly waiting for the school year to begin. This May I graduated and received my Master's in Public Administration from IU Northwest and since then, I have been enjoying my time off by soaking up the sun, catching up with friends, and spending time with my dogs.



Grayce Roach, on the IU Northwest basketball team.



Could you trace the path from when you graduated from Hobart High School until now?

Upon my graduation from Hobart High School in 2014, I chose to attend IU Northwest, where I studied Communication and played basketball for the Lady RedHawks. In 2018, I graduated and received a B.A. in Communication with Distinct Honor; however, during my senior year, I had to red

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shirt for basketball due to a sports injury, leaving me with one extra year of eligibility. Therefore, I chose to return back to IU Northwest, fall 2018, to pursue a Master's in Public Administration while completing my final season as a Lady RedHawk. During that season (2018-2019), I became an All-American and had a realization that I was meant to work in the Athletic Industry, so for my last year of my MPA program, I was the Head Women's Golf Coach at IU Northwest, as well as, the Graduate Assistant for Women's Basketball. Once I finished my studies this past Spring, I was hired at Westville High School to be a Physical Education Teacher and the Head Girls Basketball Coach. Although my degrees are not in education, I was able to fulfill this career by obtaining an Advanced Teaching License. I chose this path to get my foot in the door and hopefully help my dream of becoming an Athletic Director.

What sports and activities did you participate in at Hobart?

During High School, I participated in Varsity Basketball, Varsity Volleyball, National Honors Society and DECA.



Were there any teachers or coaches at Hobart who had a particular influence on your life and career?

High School was especially special for me because I was able to share my experience with my mom, Kari Roach, who is an electives business teacher. She obviously had a particular

influence on my life, as well as my friends' lives. We have several unique memories together and for that, I will be forever grateful. Madame O was another teacher who had a particular influence on my life. I took French for 3 years, particularly for my love of the culture and Madame. She was such a sweet, kind soul and a delight to be around. I always looked forward to her class. I also loved



Grayce Roach, IU Northwest basketball star.

my AP English teacher, Audrie Weaver. She had a way with getting all of her students involved and excited to read. I absolutely adored her and her unforgettable spunk. Coach Hamacher definitely had an influence on my career due to his heavy support and involvement with basketball during my four years at Hobart. He is a major reason why I chose to continue my athletic career at IU Northwest and I could not be more thankful for his leadership and guidance.

What are your plans for the Westville girls basketball program as you begin your first head coaching season?

As I begin my first coaching season at Westville High School, I plan to help establish a strong basketball program and serve as a new mentor for young adults who are passionate for the game of basketball, as well as, for a life of fitness and healthiness. I would like to develop a program where girls are excited for school to begin, simply because it means they get to play for me and represent their school.

Do you have any advice for high school girls who are interested in coaching or playing athletics as a career?

My best advice for high school girls who are interested in coaching and or playing athletics as a career is to fully commit to the journey because it is extremely rewarding. As a coach, you are able to positively influence your player's lives and help them grow as athletes and as people and as a player, you are able to travel, stay fit, meet new people, make lifelong friends, and continue competing in the sport you've loved your entire life.

Your Brickie Stories: What Do You Remember?

We want to hear your stories about your time at Hobart High School. If you remember any of these things, or if you have your own stories to share, send them to me (Paul Addison) at paul@hobartalumni.org, and we'll add your story to the conversation!

Do You Remember?

From Paul Addison (Class of 1970): If you were in the band at Hobart High School, you know the tradition of this great band program. William Revelli started the program in 1925, Fred Ebbs directed the band in the 1940s, and numerous other directors have come and gone over the years. My greatest memory was performing at the Midwest Band Clinic in Chicago in December 1967. I still have the recording. What do you remember about the band program?

RESPONSES TO: Tattoos

From Denise Council O'Neill (Class of 1966): My sister and brother both had tattoos. They kept teasing that I'd have to get one too and I was very scared. The subject of the WWII came up in a college class and I volunteered that these were likely due to the fact that we lived so close to all the steel mills. I was 'kind of close. I wrote to the Hobart Historical Society and they told me the Civil Defense was part of the decision for us to have the tattoos. Funny thing - I've never met anyone outside of Hobart who had this done - even people on the East Coast.

RESPONSES TO: Lyle Hatten

From Bev Lockwood Moe Bolwerk (Class of 1961): Enjoyed reading Lyle Hatten's life experience. I knew Gerri and Lyle while I worked at Vossbergs. I moved back to Hobart and worked as an R.N. for Dr. Carter and as a head start nurse after Gerri left her position there.

The February 2021 All-Class Reunion is Still On!

Although the Homecoming Picnic was canceled, the Florida All-Class Reunion at The Villages on February 20th is still on, for now. It will run from 12:30 to about 3:30 pm. The attendees at the reunion last February voted to move the event from Lakeland to The Manatee Recreation Center in The Villages, 1512 Hillsborough Trail, The Villages, FL 32163.

Of course, we realize that things may change between now and then, but for now, the reunion is still on. If you have any questions, contact John Mattix at 215-514-1582, or at hoosier_1968@hotmail.com.

Here are some pictures from last February's Florida All-Class Reunion:



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, 2020) are:

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Debra Broker Opolski, Class of 1970*Treasurer*
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Beth Scott Barney, Class of 1970
Debbie Scharbach Vega, Class of 1971

STUDENT MEMBERS

Adam Barney, Class of 2021

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 May 2020 newsletter)

LIFETIME MEMBERS:

Caleb Banjoff (2020)
Patience Zimmerman (2020)

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Christy Mathis Cirino (1976)
Nathan Fox (2020)

John Hartin (1954)
Dylan Jaskulski (2020)
Bob Kostbade (1966)
Lynn Sheets Kostbade (1966)
Eulene (Lane) Vannest McKenzie (1955)
Henry Sanak (1953)
Paula Wolfe Siminski (1968)



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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 can be found on the [HHS Alumni Association website](#).

CLASS OF 1965 55th REUNION (August 21, 2021)

Barb Phillips Rowley of the HHS Class of 1965 has informed us that their reunion for August 22 has been canceled, and **has been rescheduled** for Saturday, August 21, 2021.

CLASS OF 1970 50th REUNION (September 25, 2021)

Beth Scott Barney of the HHS Class of 1970 has informed us that their reunion for September 26 has been postponed, and **has been rescheduled** for Saturday, September 25, 2021, at St. Mary Orthodox Center, 8600 Grand Blvd., Merrillville, IN 46410. Ticket cost is \$45 per person, \$80 per couple. Contact Beth Barney at: bethbarney1103@gmail.com for more information.

REGULAR CLASS GET-TOGETHERS:

CLASSES OF 1952 and 1953: Not currently meeting. Contact Martha Jordan Nichols at j.mnichols@yahoo.com

CLASS OF 1956: Not currently meeting, but they hope to in the near future. Contact Mary Jo Hopkins at mjhoppy@comcast.net

CLASS OF 1958: Not currently meeting. Contact Larry Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com

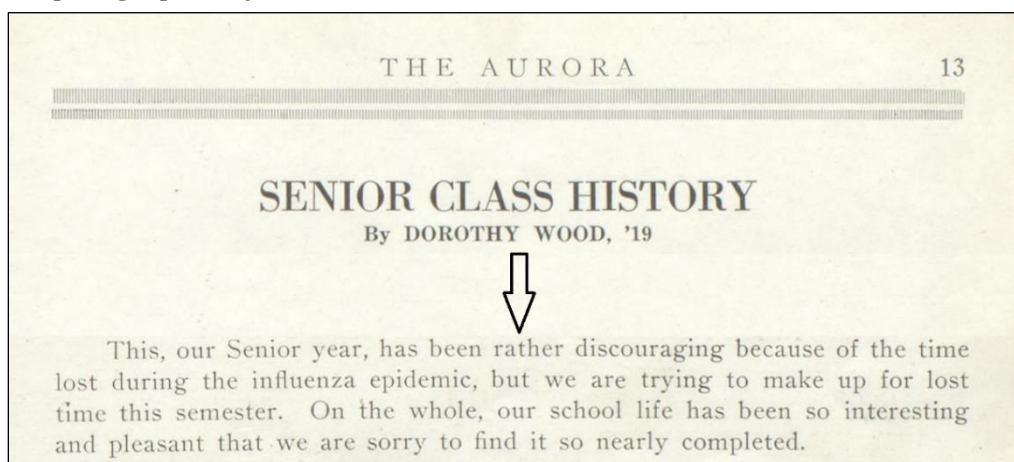
CLASS OF 1960: Not currently meeting. Contact Linda Quinlan Koziol at larry58koziol@gmail.com

CLASS OF 1964: We have a breakfast brunch on the second Saturday of every month at the Paragon Restaurant, 6 and 51 in Hobart, from 11am to 1pm. Hope to see more 1964 alumni there. Contact Marsha Longacre Shabi at marbi22@juno.com

CLASS OF 1970: Not currently meeting. Contact Beth Scott Barney at bethbarney1103@gmail.com

A Hundred (and One) Years Ago

An excerpt from the 1919 HHS yearbook reminds us that this isn't the first time a global pandemic has made life difficult, especially for the graduating seniors, who didn't expect life was going to be that way. This yearbook was made available by the Lake County Public Library at <https://archive.org/details/HOHS1919Images/>, and the arrow indicates that the image has been edited to include the last paragraph only.



Recent Obituaries

(since our May 2020 newsletter;
in PDF form, these are links to each classmate's In Memory page)

AUGUST 2020:

[Kenneth \(Ken\) Winston, Class of 1965](#)

[Bruce Boling, Class of 1955](#)

[John Young, Class of 1983](#)

[James \(Jim\) Lake, Class of 1961](#)

[James \(Jim\) Ray, Class of 1960](#)

[Deanna Paras, Class of 2006](#)

[Paul Stropky, Class of 1958](#)

[Dacre Shawn Sullivan, Class of 1978](#)

[Dennis Schuman, Class of 1963](#)

[Carol Coppage Garland, Class of 1965](#)

JULY 2020:

[Donald Radulovich, Sr., Class of 1951](#)

[Harlan Stratton, Class of 1945](#)

JUNE 2020:

[Debra Streeter, Class of 1984](#)

[James Ryan, Class of 1949](#)

[James "Jamie" Sloas, Class of 1992](#)

[Wallie Ahlgrim Overturf, Class of 1959](#)

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

[Gloria Suarez Cavanaugh, Class of 1959](#)

[Vickie Bivins Lerch, Class of 1970](#)

[John Marks, Class of 1967](#)

[Robert Shone, Class of 1955](#)

[Bridgette Frankovich, Class of 2005](#)

[Charles \(Chuck\) Smith, Class of 1963](#)

[Jeffery \(Jeff\) McCullough, Class of 1977](#)

MAY 2020:

[Richard \(Rich\) Cawley, Class of 1983](#)

[Douglas Mills, Class of 1979](#)

[Jerry Wright, Class of 1968](#)

[Linda "Janie" Eaton Camann, Class of 1961](#)

[Robert \(Bob\) Fife, Class of 1968](#)

[Karen Galster Green, Class of 1967](#)

[Aleen Doolittle Barnes, Class of 1935](#)

[Alice Frankenhauser Wheeler, Class of 1970](#)

[Philip \(Phil\) McDowell, Class of 1965](#)

APRIL 2020:

[Steve Atwater, Class of 1962](#)

[Richard Campos, Class of 1951](#)

[Daniel \(Dan\) Kolczak, Class of 1956](#)

[Carole Gilbert, Class of 1952](#)

[Edward \(Ed\) Hughes, Class of 1958](#)

[John Hughes, Class of 1963](#)

OLDER OBITUARIES RECENTLY RECEIVED:

FEBRUARY 2020:

[Donna Ahlgrim Benedict, Class of 1951](#)

AUGUST 2019:

[Joyce Small, Class of 1946](#)

[Matilda Fas Chappo, Class of 1947](#)

DECEMBER 2018:

[James \(Jim\) Guth, Class of 1965](#)

APRIL 2016:

[Patricia \(Pat\) Britton Westmoreland, Class of 1959](#)



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Membership is \$10 per year per person, or \$100 per person for a Life Membership
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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 _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____

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Work phone _____

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Thank you for your support!

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