



# Litton Blast

**Isaac Litton High School - Nashville, TN**

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### **Time to Welcome in 2022!!!**

Another year has come and gone. Seems as if they speed up every year. As a kid, I always thought it took forever to get to the next year. How I wish for that now. Much as happened as we have continued to battle through the COVID Pandemic and its Variant, The Omicron. With all we went through in 2021, we were able to come together, once again, as an Alumni Association and celebrate at Bluegrass Country Club with one of our largest turnouts for our Banquet. We were able to hear from both the Middle School Principal and the Executive Director for Backfield in Motion (BIM). With the help of our Board members and several of our Alumni we came together in December to wrap gifts for the students of BIM and served at their Christmas Dinner at Amqui Elementary School and at the Lion's Hall. I say this because we are still a strong Alumni Association here in Nashville. We can do this with the help of our Alumni time and donations to help us to serve.

I want to thank everyone who helped with the Banquet and events with BIM. We have a dedicated group who serve on the Board and other alumni who are willing to help out during the year. You do not have to serve on the Board to help the Association during the year. Just let us know that you are interested in helping and we will plug you in. We lost an important member of our Board and Alumni Association this year, Phil Watts ('68). He was a friend to me while at Litton as well as when we attended Vanderbilt. He will be missed. I also want to congratulate Mickey Collier ('65) on being named our Alumnus of the year for 2021. Mickey has been a tremendous help to the Board working with the Metro School Systems and Middle School on getting things fixed. We are lucky to have him serving on our Board and also for the help of his wife Pat.

Let me close this year by saying that I hope everyone has a Happy 2022 with good health and time spent with those who you love and maintain friendship with. I look forward to the next Banquet coming this June as well as coming together again at the Memorial Wall this coming Memorial Day to remember our Alumni who served and gave their all to keep the freedom that we have here in the United States.

You cannot hide the Lion Pride!!!

Don Clark

Class of '70

# 2021 All-Alumni Luncheon ROARS Back

On November 13, 2021, after a 17 month delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, alumni gathered at Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club for the All-Alumni Luncheon. Considering such a long delay and continued health concerns, many were apprehensive about attendance and participation, but, as usual, our LIONS came through. With 171 reservations, the event was second in attendance in the history of the group.

Tommy Halliburton, Class of '64 alumnus, was the keynote speaker and entertained and inspired the crowd with stories of his days at Litton, his career in law enforcement, and subsequent years as a Methodist minister. Classes of '60, '61, '70, and '71 were recognized for their graduation anniversary years. Mickey Collier, class of '65, was named Alumnus of the year (see article included in this issue.) Two ensembles from ILMS, truly talented youngsters, entertained the lucky attendees.

Attendees also enjoyed a delightful meal of Thanksgiving favorites, turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, rolls, and assorted desserts and beverages. More than 18 \$20-\$25 door prize gift cards were distributed to lucky winners.

Below are just a few photos from the event. All photos taken at the event are posted on the Litton website ([www.isaacclitton.com](http://www.isaacclitton.com)) where you can view, download, and print as many as you want (free of charge.)



*President Don Clark emceed the event.*



*Tommy Halliburton was the keynote speaker.*



*ILMS principal, Chara Rand, brought greetings.*



*Nominating Committee Chair, Kitty Woodson, presented new Board members, Buddy Jones, Treasurer. and Judy Cline, President-Elect.*



*The merchandise table displayed some old favorites and some new items.*



*A few Class of '65 members reminisce. David Comperry, Mickey Collier and Mr. and Mrs. Durward Fuqua.*



*ILMS Ensemble entertained the attendees with their remarkable talents.*



*The buffet line was long, but the wait was worth it!*

## SPOTLIGHT ON ALUMNI

# ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR 2021: MICKEY COLLIER

By Kaaren Andrews, Class of '59

At the all-alumni banquet at Blue Grass Country Club on November 13, it was announced that Michael Wayne (Mickey) Collier, class of 1965, has been named the 2020-2021 Alumnus of the Year.

Mickey grew up on Cardinal Drive in Inglewood. At Litton, he played trumpet in the famous Marching 100 Band and marched during half-time at Litton's football games. He was among those who marched with the band at the 1964 Rose Bowl parade in California; the International Lions Club Convention parade in Florida; and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City. He also played baseball in the Babe Ruth League managed by Chief Joe Casey.

Mickey graduated from Litton in 1965, then attended Memphis State College for two years; then joined the Navy, with basic training in Pensacola and Chicago. He also played softball when in the Navy. In 1968 while stationed in the Philippines, he met his wife, Patricia (Pat). "She took my breath away at first sight," he says. They've now been married for over 53 years and have a daughter, Teble; a son, Mike; and three grown grandsons, all of whom live in Hendersonville, TN, not far from Mickey and Pat.

After completing his Navy service, Mickey returned to Tennessee and went to work as a salesman for the Dictaphone Company for 35+ years, ultimately being made a District Manager and receiving several awards. After retiring from Dictaphone, he went to work for the Metro Nashville government as Maintenance Manager for the Metro Sportsplex. Retiring from that position in 2019, at his large retirement party, he was honored to receive a jersey signed by all the members of the Nashville Predators hockey team. He also received many other awards during his tenure with the Sportsplex.

One of Mickey's many great interests has been in vintage antique cars, and he owns two: a 1978 Chevrolet truck and an all-original 1957 Chevrolet station wagon. He also has a 2005 Thunderbird and a 1959 Feathercraft boat. He has served as President of the Sumner County Vintage Car Club and participates in many car shows. A skilled craftsman, he enjoys restoring antiques and old furniture for both personal use and as gifts, and he and his wife go "antiquing" often. His father worked for the L&N Railroad, and in his den is a solid oak roll-top desk that belonged to his father which Mickey restored to pristine condition. Also in his den among



*Alumnus of the Year, Mickey Collier, his wife Pat, Banquet chair, and ILAA President, Don Clark.*

many other antiques is an original Philco console radio which he painstakingly brought back to life. Other projects have included the refinishing of the metal 1950s cabinets in his wife's craft room, where she does crocheting, painting, and jewelry making. Mickey and Pat are also active supporters of the Sumner County Humane Association and give time and money to numerous local charities as well, such as HomeBound Meals and Home Safe. They donate to local food and clothing drives and give tirelessly of their time and talents to neighbors, friends and the community.



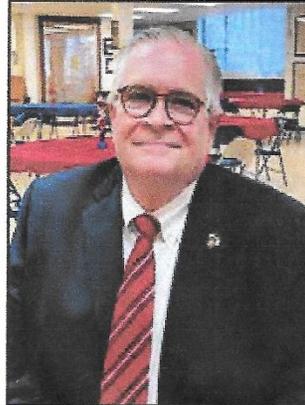
After joining the ILAA Board, Mickey was named President and served from 2018 through 2020. Under his tenure and direction, extensive renovation and upgrading of the Alumni Hall building and grounds took place. Damages caused by heavy rains that had flooded the Lions Hall and Lion's Den were given special attention. Ceiling tiles, carpet and baseboards were replaced. Roof repairs were made. Solar lighting around the outside marquee was installed and a new flag was hung above the Memorial Wall. A secure railing was put up at one of the building's entrances. The outside elevator was upgraded. Outside drainage issues were undertaken. All Class composite photographs in the Lions Hall were repaired and cleaned. Special cabinets were built and installed for storing surplus materials. Mickey obtained and maintained special items for display in the memorabilia room---the Lion's Den---tasks that he continues with the help

of his wife, Pat. He established significant working relationships with Metro government departments and employees regarding the building's upkeep, and still makes regular trips to Litton property to ensure that it is safe and being properly maintained. He is in close contact with the staffs of two of the programs which the ILAA supports: the Isaac Litton Middle School, and the non-profit program, Backfield In Motion (BIM), which provides after-school tutoring and meals for at-risk inner-city youth. For example, the Lions Hall now has WiFi connections for the BIM boys' tutoring use.

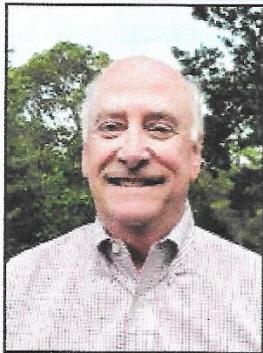
One wonders, though. Where does Mickey find the time? Where does he get all his energy? And, most of all: WHEN does he ever sleep???

The Isaac Litton Alumni Association is proud to add Mickey Collier to its list of Alumni of the Year recipients. His skills and talents have helped ILAA secure that the Isaac Litton High School leaves a lasting, meaningful legacy to its alumni and to the community. "Lions, Forever!" is not just a slogan; it has become a reality.

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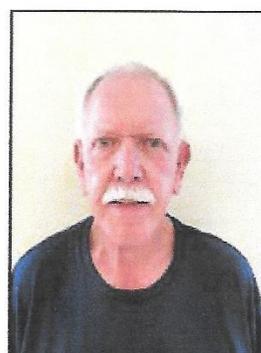
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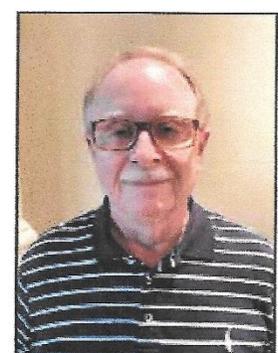
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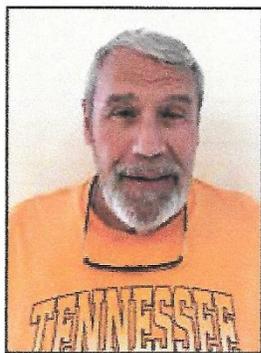


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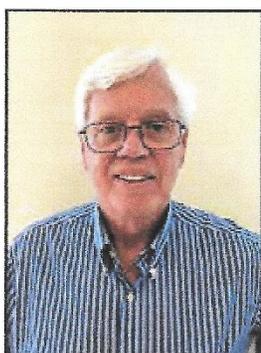


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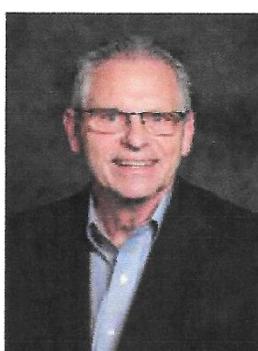
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# Wrapping Rockstars!

By Judy Butler Cline, Class of '70

According to Christina Deaux, Director of Development for Backfield in Motion, your Board of Directors plus a few “gifted” volunteers were “true (wrapping) rockstars” last December 7, 2021, when they met at Litton Alumni Hall to wrap Christmas presents for the kids served by Backfield in Motion.



*Marion Adams Greenlee, Alice Stewart Shehane, Mike Riggins, John Halliburton, Don Clark, Jerry Bean, Pat Collier, Mickey Collier, Pat Martin, Kitty Woodson, Nancy Abbott (not pictured)*

We actually had two shifts scheduled, a morning and a lunch shift; however, the morning shift, shown above, was so efficient that they had all the gifts wrapped by 10:45 am. Don Clark, Board President thanked all who were there early. “Thanks to all for your willingness to help this year.” Kaaren Andrews remarked “kudos to all, you did a great job!”

These gifts, purchased in part with donations from Litton Alumni, were distributed to the kids at their annual Christmas Dinner the following week. You may recall that last year was an exception. Due to the prevalence of Covid-19, the dinners were cancelled and the gifts were delivered to each home.

Not only is this a meaningful time of serving our valued partner, Backfield In Motion; it was great fun as you can see from the pictures above and below.



**Wrappers: Mickey Collier, Mike Riggins, Pat Martin, John Halliburton, Christine (BIM)**



*Pat Collier*



*Don Clark (ILAA Board of Directors President), Dr. Todd Campbell (CEO and Exec. Dir., BIM), Micah Kimble (VP of Operations, BIM)*

## AND THEN!!!

**By Alice Stewart Shehane, Class of '69**

Backfield in Motion provides tutoring and mentoring services to students at multiple elementary and middle schools in the Metropolitan Nashville area. Thanks to contributions from many corporations and community organizations like our **Isaac Litton Alumni Association**, they are able to take students on shopping trips, give them gifts, and serve them dinners at Christmas.

This year, the **ILAA** and its members contributed **\$6140** to **BIM** for this activity. In addition, **ILAA** Board members and other alumni help serve dinners at Amqui Elementary School (with a visit from Santa) and at the **ILAA** Alumni Center for Isaac Litton Middle School students.



*ILAA Servers at Amqui: Pat Collier, Sammy Swor, Alice Shehane, Don Clark, John Halliburton, Judy Cline, Mickey Collier, Mike Riggins, and John McHenry.*



*Board members serving at Amqui.*



*Amqui students enjoying their party.*



*Two of the young ladies whom BIM serves at Amqui Elementary School.*



*A few more Amqui students at their BIM party.*

Then, on Wednesday night, **ILAA Board** members and other alumni served ILMS students their BIM Christmas dinner and watched as they received their Christmas gifts.



*Mickey Collier, Don Clark, Pat Collier, Judy Cline, Wil Clouse, Joyce Fogerty, Mike Riggins, and Alice Shehane at Lions Hall after serving BIM students Christmas Dinner.*



*Ariel Terrell and Gary Tucker, Coordinators with BIM.*



# How is your memory of Rock 'n Roll?

Answers at the end.



1. **When did "Little Suzie" finally wake up?**

- (a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock
- (b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock
- (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock
- (d) The movie's over, it's 5:30

2. **"Rock Around The Clock" was used in what movie?**

- (a) Rebel Without A Cause
- (b) On the Beach
- (c) Blackboard Jungle
- (d) The Wild Ones



3. **What fits in the blank, from a Rock & Roll standpoint? Earth \_\_\_\_\_**

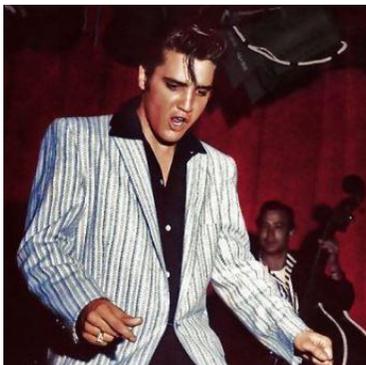
- (a) Angel
- (b) To the Moon
- (c) Mother
- (d) Worm

4. **"I found my thrill." Where?**

- (a) Kansas City
- (b) San Francisco
- (c) Heartbreak Hotel
- (d) Blueberry Hill

5. **"Please turn on your magic beam \_\_\_\_\_ bring me a dream."**

- (a) Lover, Lover
- (b) Mr. Sandman
- (c) Earth Angel
- (d) Dream Lover



6. **For which label did Elvis Presley first record?**

- (a) Atlantic
- (b) Rock Time
- (c) RCA
- (d) Sun

7. He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he?

- (a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown
- (b) Charlie Brown
- (c) My Mother
- (d) Buster Brown

8. In Bobby Darin's "Mack The Knife," the one with the knife, was named

- (a) McShane
- (b) Mac Heath
- (c) Mac Cloud
- (d) McNamara

9. Name the song with "A-wop bop a-loo bop a-lop bam boom."

- (a) Boo-boo Bobby
- (b) Good Golly, Miss Molly
- (c) Be-Bop-A-Lula
- (d) Tutti Frutti

10. Who is generally given credit for originating the term "Rock And Roll"?

- (a) Dick Clark
- (b) Wolfman Jack
- (c) Alan Freed
- (d) Dwight D. Eisenhower

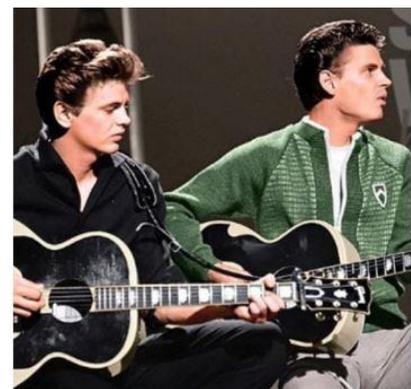


11. In 1957, he left the music business to become a preacher:

- (a) Little Richard
- (b) Perry Como
- (c) Frankie Lymon
- (d) Tony Orlando

12. Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" was written to what star?

- (a) Brenda Lee
- Angie Dickinson
- (c) Connie Francis
- Annette Funicello



13. The Everly Brothers were.....

- (a) Pete and Dick
- Don and Phil
- Bob and Bill
- (d) Tom and Dave

**ANSWERS:**

1. (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock; 2. (b) Blackboard Jungle; 3. (a) Angel; 4. (c) Blueberry Hill; 5. (a) Mr. Sandman; 6. (c) Sun; 7. (b) Charlie Brown; 8. (a) Mac Heath; 9. (c) Tutti Frutti; 10. (c) Alan Freed; 11. (a) Little Richard; 12. (d) Annette Funicello; 13. (b) Don and Phil



The **ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** is working very hard to preserve and perpetuate the legacy of our proud history. There are several committees that address this goal. Please consider volunteering for one or more of these committees. (You do not need to be a Board Member or be available for regular meetings to be a volunteer. As a volunteer, your contribution would be in voicing your opinion and utilizing your talents in one of the areas of involvement of your choosing.) Please review the list of committees and contact any Board Member for more information on how you can

## **VOLUNTEER**

THANK YOU

### **MERCHANDISE COMMITTEE (MC):**

Purpose: The purpose of the MC is to replenish, inventory, and track/oversee the sale of merchandise.

### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE (COC):**

Purpose: The purpose of the COC is to seek ways we can assist other organizations within the community in efforts to benefit the children of the community as a whole. This committee will serve as the liaison between the Board and any organization we serve.

### **MEMORABILIA / LIONS DEN (MLD):**

Purpose: The purpose of the MLD is to collect and organize items of interest and memorabilia pertaining to the history and legacy of Isaac Litton High School; to provide historic insight to those interested in our heritage and role in the community over the years.

### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (CC):**

Purpose: The purpose of the CC is to ensure that all communications from the ILAA are clear, concise, and professional, and that they are distributed in a timely manner.

### **CLASS REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE / MEMBERSHIPS (CRC):**

Purpose: The purpose of the CRC is to ensure that the most current information for all alumni is available for distribution or other use as needed, as well to help direct Class Reps in the best and most professional way to communicate with their classmates.

# ISAAC LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

In upcoming issues of the **BLAST**, we plan to give highlights of activities at ILMS.

---Recently, our magnificent namesake was honored with an article on Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education's website. The article spotlighted ILMS's status as a STEAM school. Wouldn't our former ILHS science and math teachers be proud?



## Litton: STEAM Education Connects Students to Real World

Posted on 11/29/2021

[Isaac Litton Middle](#) evolved from Isaac Litton Junior High and Jere Baxter Junior High. The site was named after the grandfather of Judge Litton Hickman, the then-presiding judge of Hickman County.

Litton is a STEAM-themed school in East Nashville that allows students to connect their classroom learning to the real world. The theme is supported by curriculum, partnerships, hands-on work, and technology — every classroom is equipped with interactive smartboards.

The building itself is a STEAM lesson. It is a LEED-certified, green building with double-pane windows, motion-sensor lights and plumbing, and climate-controlled classrooms throughout the school. Students can participate in events and programs like career fairs, the Rocket STEAM program — which, thanks to a Toshiba America Foundation Grant, lets students learn about rockets, force, and motions — and digital photography, a club sponsored by the Brentwood Photography Group. The school also has an extensive band program that includes beginner, intermediate, rock, pep, and honors bands. Students can choose their skill level and music interest.



ILMS' mascot is a lion, and their colors are red and blue. The school motto is "Moving full STEAM ahead with P.R.I.D.E.", which stands for Prepared, Reflective, Innovative, Data-driven, Engaged. ILMS is committed to giving each student a personalized experience through which they are exposed to real-world opportunities, and their identities, interests, and talents are cultivated.



## CONGRATULATIONS MRS. REID 2021 ILMS TEACHER OF THE YEAR!

Ms. Reid was selected by her colleagues for the prestigious Teacher of the Year Award! Mrs. Reid serves as the ILMS Band Director. She has continued to build the ILMS Band Program to one of the best and programs in MNPS.

# Class of '58 Was a First!

By Jerry Newman, Class of '58

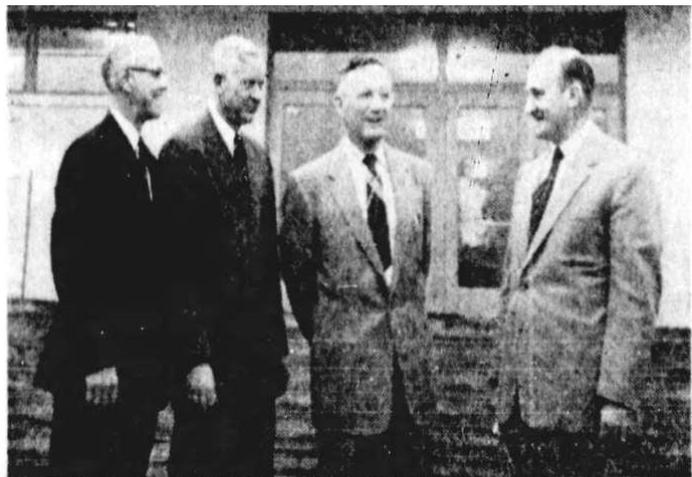


The Isaac Litton Class of 1958 had the distinction of being the first graduating class that entered the senior high from the junior high building. The first year of operation in the junior high was September 1954 with the ninth graders (freshmen) being in the new building. Marshall Foster was principal of the senior building and

Talmadge Miller was assistant principal with responsibility for the Junior High building. Our homeroom teachers who served the ninth graders were Mary Estes, Charles Fentress, Ruby Garrett, Mae Garrett, Martina Glasscock, George McFarland, Hershel Moore, Sue Senter, Gloria Varner, and Ronald Webb.

## "LITTON JUNIOR HIGH DEDICATION SET

Dr. Willard E. Goslin and County School Superintendent J E Moss will have principal roles in the dedication of Litton Junior High on Sunday, December 12 at 2:30 pm. Peabody College professor of Education Dr. Goslin will be the main speaker in the school gymnasium. Moss will present the building to Talmadge Miller, Assistant Principal in charge of the junior high. County Board of Education members and community leaders will be guests. The Litton band and Chorus will be featured at the ceremony."



—Staff photo by Jack Corn  
Four educators who took part yesterday in dedication ceremonies at Isaac Litton junior high school stand at the entrance to the new building. From left are Talmadge Miller, assistant principal in charge of the school; Dr. Willard E. Goslin, Peabody college education professor; J. E. Moss, Davidson county school superintendent; and Marshall Foster, Litton principal.



Our Freshman Class Officers were:  
President, Larry Cole;  
Vice President, Peggy Waller;  
Secretary, Gayle Fulghum; and  
Treasurer, Judy Atherton.  
Mrs. Varner pictured at the left was our class sponsor.



- Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.
- I still have a full deck; I just shuffle slower.
- Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a rollercoaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still!
- Someone posted that they had just made synonym buns. I replied, "*You mean just like the ones that grammar used to make?*" I am now blocked.
- Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers ... if you do find one, what's your plan?
- The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only let animals on the ark.
- Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.
- In the 1950s I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then.
- Dear Sneeze: If you're going to happen, happen. Don't just put a stupid look on my face and then leave.
- I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.
- My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.
- If you see someone buying candy, popcorn, and a soda at the movies, they are a drug dealer. There's no other explanation for that type of income.
- After a year of this pandemic, I'm either going out for ice cream or to commit a felony. I'll decide in the car.
- I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car assumes it's an extra passenger who isn't wearing a seat belt.

# THE 1960 STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

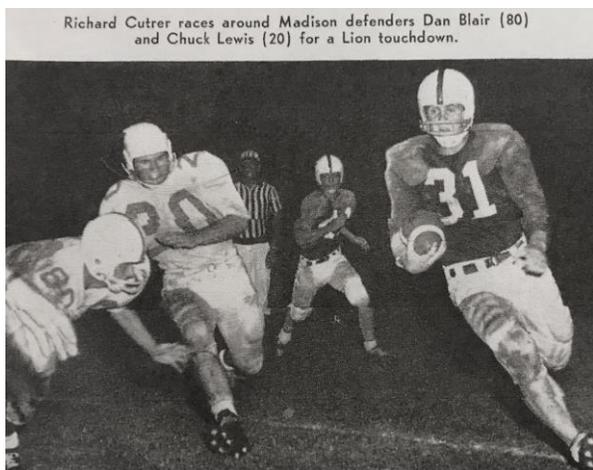
By Larry Collier, Class of '69

I began attending Litton football games in the fall of 1958 when I was only 7 years old. I quickly acquired the pride that all red, white and blue clad Lions possessed. What a spectacle Friday nights were at our grand old school! Great teams. Huge, confetti covered crowds. The best band in the land. Yes, Football Friday nights at Isaac Litton's Hume Marshall Field had something for everyone.

There were high expectations for the Lions entering the season. But as always, the Lions faced a tough schedule. Year in and year out, Litton played one of the toughest schedules in the state. Could they make it to the Clinic Bowl as the '58 team did? Time would tell.

The Big Blue opened the season with a 42-7 win over Cookeville led by halfback Richard Cutrer. He was doubtful before the game with a back injury, but it did not slow him down.

The next game was against Memphis Central. First play of the game saw Don Hudson race 86 yards for a touchdown. Ronnie Reed and Butch Shaw led the defense by stuffing Central 3 times inside the Lions 35 yard line.

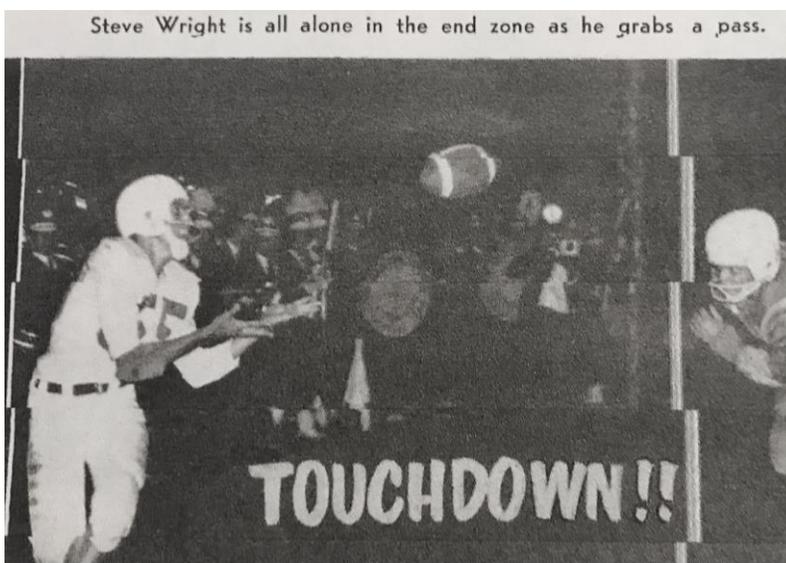


Richard Cutrer races around Madison defenders Dan Blair (80) and Chuck Lewis (20) for a Lion touchdown.

Next up was the huge neighborhood rivalry game with Madison. The Rams scored first but it was not to be their night. Cutrer and Jack Patterson led the victory for the Big Blue, both scoring TDs while QB Joe Young got the other one.

The annual game with Springfield was the next contest. The Yellow Jackets were always tough, but this night belonged to the Lions. All the scoring took place in the first half with Litton leading 13-0. The first TD took place after a 28 yard pass from QB Don Hudson to Cutrer. On the next play, Cutrer raced around left end to hit paydirt. He followed that by kicking the extra point. The Lion defense held up for its first shutout of the season.

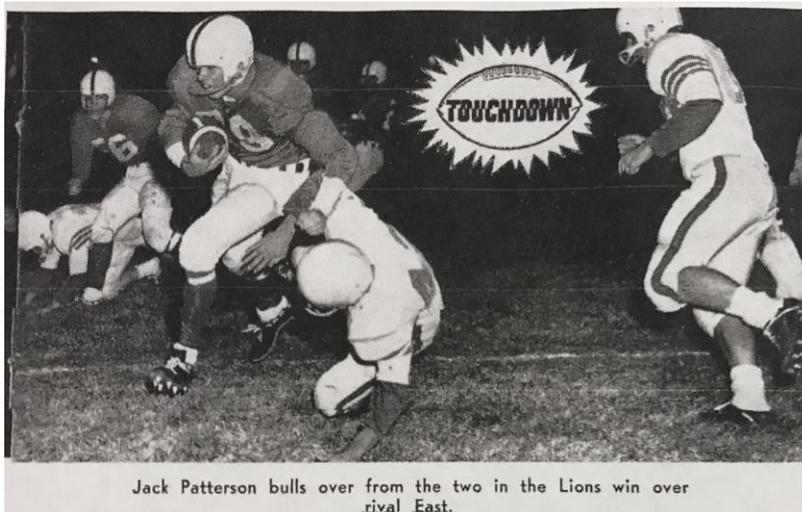
In 1960, Litton was in the AAAA division, which was called the Big Four. Along with the Big Blue in AAAA were Hillsboro, MBA and Ryan. The winner of this division would go to the Clinic Bowl. So Litton's next opponent was Hillsboro for the all-important divisional game. The game started slowly for the Lions as they trailed 9-0 at halftime. The defense carried the Lions after that and the good-guys won 13-11. The Lion defenders held the Burros to 57 yards on the ground compared to 200 yards for the blue clad Lions.



Steve Wright is all alone in the end zone as he grabs a pass.

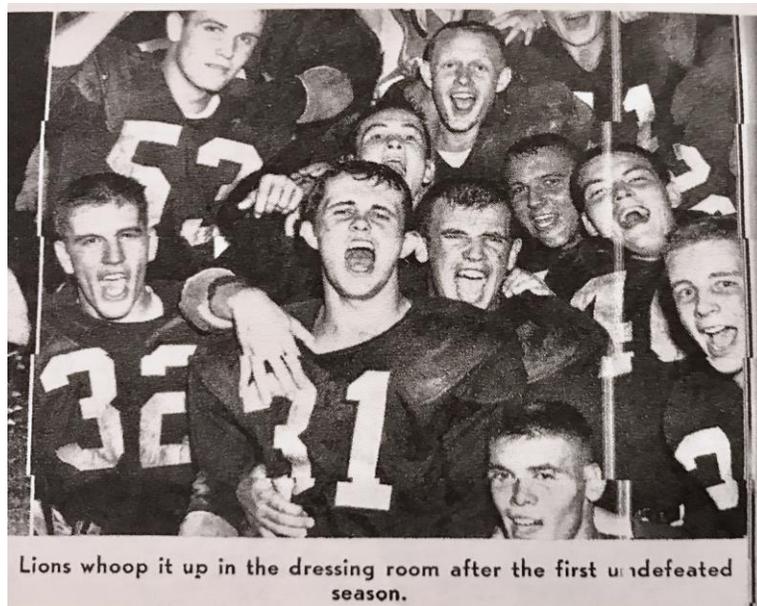
Billy Tomlinson made his presence known in the next game as the Lions faced the Goodlettsville Trojans. Tomlinson raced 80 yards with the opening kickoff and Litton never looked back. Tomlinson scored 2 more times as the Lions won 31-0. Litton had 308 yards rushing for the game.

Another neighborhood rivalry kicked off the next week against the East Eagles. The Lions running game continued to churn out the yardage, gaining 362 yards. Richard Cutrer raced 76 for the first TD. Tony Daniels and Joe Young each added 1 touchdown, while Jack Patterson had 2. Final score: Litton 32-East 0.



Then came the pre-Halloween game with MBA. Football games between the Big Red and the Big Blue were legendary in Nashville during the 40s, 50s, and 60s. This one belonged to the Big Blue. Litton prevailed 19-6, setting up a showdown with Ryan for the Big Four Championship.

Ryan was the defending Big Four champion. The winner of this game would go to the Clinic Bowl. Litton's first TD was set up by the running of halfbacks Tony Daniels and Billy Tomlinson. Bruising fullback Jack Patterson bowled over the goal line from 2 yards out. Then, Billy Matthes recovered an Irish fumble at Ryan's 30 yard line. This set up another Lion touchdown run by Tomlinson. The Lions feasted on the Irish for a 13-0 victory. Litton was Clinic Bowl bound.



The last game of the season provided the Lions a chance for its first perfect season in history. The DuPont Bulldogs came barking onto Hume Marshall field but left with its tail between its legs. DuPont was no match as the Lions roared 41-0. Jack Patterson gained 110 yards on 10 carries and scored 3 times as the Big Blue finished the season 10-0, with 5 shutouts and only 6 TDs scored against them all season.

The Associated Press named Isaac Litton the state champions. The Lions' stable of running backs Richard Cutrer, Jack Patterson, Billy Tomlinson and Tony Daniels received lots of publicity and a few awards. However, a team doesn't win with running backs alone. Linemen Butch Shaw and Don Filson were named to the All-State team. Receiving All-City honors were linemen, Sandy Baggot, Ronnie Reed and Billy Matthess. In short, this Lion team was loaded.

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*Row 1:* Ronnie Reed, David Elliot, Jerry Hindman, Billy Tomlinson, Charlie Ingram, Kenneth Armstrong, Jack Patterson, Don Hudson, Richard Cutrer. *Row 2:* Coach Bill Harris, Sandy Baggott, Granville Hicks, Butch Shaw, Ray Ward, William Knight, Billy Mathess, Don Filson, Doug Wood, Joe Young, John Comer, Coach Ronald Webb, Coach Bill Thompson. *Row 3:* Mark Byrom, Randall Smith, Bill

Lewis, Werner Grossholz, Carey Herring, Tommy Clifton, Henry Clark, Alan Cardiel, Curtis Corbin, Ronald Hicks, Coach Charles Care. *Row 4:* Stanley Fish, Steve Wright, Tony Daniel, George Tanley, Wesley Hall, Johnny Parkinson, Ronnie Hasty; Managers, Mike Ford, John Lumpkin, Jerry Goad.



Of course, there was 1 game remaining...the Clinic Bowl on Thanksgiving Day. The Tennessean reported that 28,000 fans filed into Dudley Field, the largest crowd to ever witness a high school football game in this state. Litton was matched up with Battle Ground Academy on a beautiful day for football. As a 9 year old, I had never heard of BGA, but they too were undefeated. I found out later that they too were loaded. After fumbling the ball 5 times, the Lions were never really in it, losing 13-0.

Coach Bill Harris deserved better. I thought he never received the credit and publicity he deserved. He was a great coach and his players gave their all for him. The Clinic Bowl loss was to be his last game as the Litton coach. He decided to go into administration and I was crushed. How could he leave the best high school around?

Many years later, I had the chance to meet BGA's legendary Coach Brown. I introduced myself as a broken hearted 9 year-old in 1960 when he beat Litton. He told me what Coach Harris said to him after the Clinic Bowl loss: "I tried to tell them what a good team you had. I tried to tell them."



**COACHES**

Bill Harris, W. C. Thompson, Charles Care, Ronald Webb, and Ed Garrett.



**CAPTAINS**

Captain Sandy Baggott is flanked by co-captains Butch Shaw and Charlie Ingram, as they confer with Coach Harris.

Through those first 3 years of being a young fan of Isaac Litton football, the Big Blue only lost 4 games. I felt so blessed to live in Inglewood and be a part of the history of one of the best high schools in the state. I felt bad for children living in other parts of Nashville because they could never experience what the Inglewood community did. Those 3 years still live within me, as do those gridiron greats who played for the Lions. To them I say "Thank You" for making wonderful memories for me. You were a great inspiration to so many of us kids. Simply put, you were my heroes.

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48	GRACE LEE SCHELLAND BINKLEY	30. Oct. 2021
51	NORMA FLEMING GOBER HAYES	9. Dec. 2021
51	DAVIDA ANN SMITH HOLLINGSWORTH	18. Nov. 2021
53	LeELEANOR MARY SMITH TOMBERLAIN	27. Oct. 2021
57	PATRICIA BREWSTER LEBKUECHER	8. Oct. 2021
59	SARAH HALLIBURTON ESTES	1. Oct. 2021
60	ROY LEON ELROD	2. Nov. 2021
60	DAVID N STANFIELD JR	6. Dec. 2021
61	DONNA DEAL ETHRIDGE	10. Dec. 2021
61	FRANCES DURHAM LIPSCOMB	17. Dec. 2021
61	GWENDOLYN LASATER SANDERS	20. Nov. 2021
62	MARY LOUISE TAYLOR WATKINS	9. Dec. 2021
62	GLORIA JEAN WEISS TURNER	6. Nov. 2021
65	THOMAS ALLEN (TOMMY) FENTON JR	16. Oct. 2021
66	CAROLYN JANNETTE HARDAWAY BURNETT	14. Oct. 2021
66	BRENDA GAYLE TUCK BROWN	15. Oct. 2021

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