



Litton BLAST

Isaac Litton High School - Nashville, TN

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The MISSION of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association is to preserve the rich heritage of our former school, to provide support to the present Isaac Litton Middle School, and be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children in our community. We do this with effective communication that continually reaches out to bring the Alumni and the community together to promote our programs and services.

Save these dates:

Memorial Day Remembrance, May 29, 2023, 10 AM
Annual All-Alumni Banquet, June 10, 2023, Lions Hall
Veterans Day Breakfast, November 11, 2023

For more details read articles below, FB page, and website.

Please continue to show your support financially through donations and by paying your annual dues (\$15), even if you're not able to attend the banquet.

Thank you for your generosity!

MAIL CASH OR YOUR CHECK (payable to ILAA) to:

ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 752

MADISON, TN 37116

**(or to Roy "Buddy" Jones, Treasurer, 100 Windham Drive,
Hendersonville, TN 37075)**

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

After a really active fourth quarter, this past quarter has been one of planning for both the immediate and the next few years. This alumni organization exists because of the love we all have for our school and the memories of good friends and good times during our formative years—experiences that have most likely continued to impact us in at least some small way. This alumni organization also exists because of the desire we have to pay it forward—to leave a legacy that will help to provide a good education and meaningful experiences for the youth of today who will be the leaders of tomorrow.

The board planning has revolved around communications, events, and engaging with our partners, as follows:

Regarding communications, our goal is to secure and improve our means of communications with all our alumni regardless of location. I can't brag on our website enough. Just do a search of other high school alumni organizations to see if you can find a website to compare (and if you do, then let us know because we are all about continuous improvement). Our communications committee, headed by Alice Shehane, and Jerry Newman, our webmaster, are always researching and implementing new ideas. Not only that, but the board has also taken it upon themselves to reach out to our alumni from the thirties and forties in more personal ways, through calls and cards, to maintain connections. If you are related to or have knowledge of a classmate from one of these earlier classes, please let me know.

Regarding events, our goal is to have more events at Lions Hall to provide a way for everyone who can to gather to renew and continue friendships, and in many cases to make new friends based on what we all have in common. Our Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events also allow us to honor our veterans and do some outreach in the Inglewood Community. We are continuing to add events. In fact, based on a suggestion received through our Facebook page, the Board is hosting a "Sock Hop" in September. Note that you don't have to wear socks or to hop to attend, but we will have food and music; and for those who do like to dance, have at it!! More info TBA.

Regarding our partners, we continue to look for ways to work with Isaac Litton Middle School (ILMS) and Backfield in Motion (BIM). We recently met with ILMS staff, PTSO reps, and other partners to discuss their needs and how we can more positively interact, and these suggestions are now being considered by the Board. You will be hearing more about this throughout the year.

The reality is that we are not getting any younger. With this in mind, we do have a sense of urgency to do all we can while we can, most especially to impact the youth represented by our partners, ILMS and BIM. Most of what we do involves money, and that is where the bulk of your dues and donations go (aside from maintaining our meeting space), so we hope you will keep them coming. The more donations we receive, the more we can benefit these two fine organizations.

To you who are reading this letter, a tremendous **THANK YOU!** for your interest in the organization and what we are all trying to accomplish. I look forward to future interactions with some of the best people on the planet—my fellow friends and alumni of Isaac Litton High School.

Litton High Forever!

Judy Butler Cline
Class of 1970
President, Isaac Litton Alumni Association

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Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet (Reservations required.)
Saturday, June 10, 2023
Lions Hall, Old Litton Gym Building
4500 Gallatin Pike
Nashville, TN 37216
Doors Open at 10:30 AM, Meal at 11:30 AM



We'll be celebrating our annual banquet in your Alumni Association's Lions Hall with opportunities to visit with your former classmates at the location of many of our exploits and adventures!

You can also spend time touring our Lions' Den collection of memorabilia!

Once again, we will have a delicious banquet catered by Useton's Catering and Special Events.

The menu will include vegetarian lasagna, bacon wrapped roasted chicken, roasted potatoes, green beans, salad, assorted beverages, and assorted desserts.

Classes of 1943, 1953, and 1963 will be especially recognized in this, their anniversary year.

Various items of Litton merchandise will be available including our
ILAA Cookbook A Collection of Recipes and Memories.

The deadline for reservations has been extended to **May 25, 2023**, but we encourage you to send in your reservation right away. Even if you're not able to attend, please consider

paying your annual ILAA Dues and making a generous donation.

Reservation Information

Name (incl. maiden name) _____ Class of _____

Street Address and Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Please list all guests attending with you and if they also graduated from ILHS and year.

Name: _____ Year: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____

<u>Payment for</u>	<u>How Many?</u>	<u>Total</u>
Banquet Reservation	X	\$35.00 = \$
July '23 – June '24 ILAA Dues	X	\$15.00 = \$
<u>Tax Deductible Donation</u>		<u>\$</u>
Total Amount Enclosed		\$

Make Check Payable to Isaac Litton Alumni Association or ILAA

Enclose your payment and the above form and mail to arrive by May 25, 2023 to:

Buddy Jones, 100 Windham Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37075

We hope to see you there!

BE A SPONSOR!

Our Annual All-Alumni Banquet will be held on Saturday, June 10, 2023. As we celebrate our history, this will be a day to remember, reminisce, and recall everything **ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL!** Last year's event was a huge success due to generous donations from supporters like you and our proud Litton Alumni. In our ongoing efforts to fundraise for our various projects, we invite you to please consider any one of the giving levels below by purchasing an ad for the Banquet program. You can place an ad for your class, in honor of a loved one, or in support of your business. You can also solicit ads for the program from businesses you frequent. All sponsorships and contributions are tax-deductible.

Deadline for submission, May 15, 2023. Thank you for your support.

SPONSORSHIP CATEGORIES IN OUR 8 ½ X 11" **FULL COLOR PROGRAM** INCLUDE:

<p>Full Page \$1000</p>
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<p>Half-Page \$500</p>

<p>Quarter-Page \$250</p> <p><i>This category is perfect for various Alumni groups to pay tribute to Classmates, encourage participation with the group or just brag about how special they are!</i></p>

All categories may include your logo, photographs, contact information, etc. Or, describe what your business or venture is all about, your goals and achievements.

For more information, contact:

Don Clark

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Please help us make this year's Banquet even better and support the activities of your **ILAA!** Recognition of all sponsors, with their ads, will be placed on our website and remain there throughout the year. **Thank you for your consideration and support.**

NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR for 2023

This award is presented to the Alumnus of the Year at our Annual Banquet. He or she is selected by Committee on the following criteria:

Characteristics of the Alumnus of the Year should include but are not limited to any one or a combination of the following:

- distinguished professional achievement
- distinguished leadership
- service to Isaac Litton High School
- service to community
- loyalty to the ideals of Isaac Litton High School
- positive representation of Isaac Litton High School

(If you want to include supporting documentation of this person's qualifications, please do so).

NAME of NOMINEE: _____ CLASS OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER or AVOCATION: _____

EDUCATION AFTER ILHS: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICES: _____

SERVICES WHILE AT LITTON: _____

HONORS OR ACHIEVEMENTS: _____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____ CLASS OF: _____

SEND THIS FORM TO:

**Kitty Kincaid Woodson
634 Bradshaw Rd.
Lebanon TN 37087-7423**

Deadline for nominations: May 15, 2023

MEMORIAL DAY 2023

“Remembering the Names on the Blue Bricks”

May 29th, 2023 at 10 AM



We plan to come together to hold a day of remembrance for the “Names on the Blue Bricks” on our Memorial Wall at Isaac Litton. I hope that you will take time to come and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country and the freedom we all enjoy today. We plan to start at 10 AM with the ceremony. We will have Wreaths Across America represented that day as well. Come and learn more about what they do and how they honor our military veterans.

After we have the remembrance time, we will open the Lions Hall and our memorabilia room (Lions’ Den) for people to see and visit with fellow alums. We plan to have lite refreshments available as well.

We will have merchandise available to purchase and will have forms available to register for our All-Alumni Banquet that will be on June 10th this year at our Lions Hall.

Hope to see you all on Memorial Day.....

Don Clark

Class of 1970

Signs of Spring



White dogwood



Crocus

Forsythias





Redbuds

Daffodils



Easter Baskets

ALUMNI SNAPSHOTS



Mini-Band Reunion, 2022

Talmage (Tammy) Watts ('66), David Shupe ('65), Jay Dawson ('65), Diane Shupe Vanette ('65), and Ann Richards ('65) get together to celebrate the twins' birthdays. The Shupe twins' father was the doctor for several of the trips that the Marching 100+ made during their years in the band.



Contribution to the ILAA

Gary Richardson, Class of '60, found a Phil Ponder print of our school at an estate sale for the Bill Ivy family and donated it to the ILAA.





Spotlight on Alumni: Carl G. Stevens, Class of '42

Carl G. Stevens went to be with Jesus on January 24, 2023, just four days short of his 99th birthday, in Boerne Texas.



Carl was born on January 28, 1924, in Old Hickory, Tennessee to Lulon Ford Stevens and Fannie Lewis Gill Stevens. He was a Dow Jones published author for the college textbook, *Selling*, and a gifted speaker in demand at conventions all over the world. He was an inductee into the "Speakers Hall of Fame." Carl, who graduated from Vanderbilt University, served in the US Army before marrying the love of his life, Miss Dorothy Jean Stinson, on November 27, 1948.

Carl began his career in shoe manufacturing. It was there he discovered that 4 out of 5 sales were made by one out of 5 salespeople. His intellectual drive to discover why this was true led to the discovery of a required personality trait that could not be taught. In collaboration with Harvard intellectuals and co-authors, it was found that the capacity of empathy (the ability to place oneself in another's shoes while still reserving priority interest) was the trait necessary for a salesperson to be extremely successful. Carl's team created a psychological testing protocol to identify those with the trait.

Carl taught at Universities across the United States about the findings of this research and had speaking engagements, along with Paul Harvey and Norman Vincent Peale, around the World in over 166 countries.

Carl found enormous success in the automotive and insurance industries and also in college sports recruiting, notably with Jackie Sherrill at Texas A & M and Alabama football coach, Paul 'Bear' Bryant. Carl was a mentor and teacher to many, two of whom became decades-long close friends: John Robison of Austin, Texas, and Graham Weston of San Antonio Texas.

Carl and Jean connected with a beloved group of friends in their early marriage who became their "Unfamily".



Known for his keen ability to connect with people, Carl made friends with all he met. He was quick to strike up a conversation and share the wisdom he acquired over many years. Like many other Litton graduates, he excelled and brought honor to our school through his achievements.

Hugh LaFollete, class of 1966, suggested we have a column in each BLAST issue where former Litton students send in a short paragraph/article about their favorite teacher at our wonderful school. His contribution will be in a future issue.

Here are our first selections.



From Kaaren Frazier Andrews, Class of '59:

Mrs. Lillian Long was a great teacher; she had a solid knowledge of English literature and grammar and was expert at explaining things. Her students were impressed with her elegant demeanor and sense of style as well. She was always impeccably groomed; wore simple but fashionable clothes and shoes; never raised her voice; never seemed to lose her patience. However, one sensed an underlying granite expectation of good behavior in her classroom and we all knew that no disrespectful actions would be tolerated. This made an experience I had one day in her class stand out as one that I still shiver over to this day.



Her class was right after lunch, as I recall. I'd been given a piece of gum in the cafeteria and casually put it in my mouth after eating lunch. Without thinking, I walked into Mrs. Long's class still chewing away. Everybody came in and settled down and waited for the class to begin. Mrs. Long was sitting up front at her desk, sorting through some papers. After a minute or two, everything got quiet---then VERY quiet. In a perfectly even, normal tone without raising her voice, Mrs. Long said, "Okay, class, we'll begin our review in a minute just as soon as Kaaren comes up and disposes of her gum in the waste basket next to my desk.

I mean, there was absolutely dead silence. Everybody turned his head and looked at me.

I slowly got up and walked up to the waste basket, feeling every eye in the room boring through me. I took the gum out of my mouth, threw it into the waste basket and walked back to my seat. I was devastatingly embarrassed and humiliated and could sense the snickers that were being swallowed. That was the hardest short walk I ever made. The class began and Mrs. Long never mentioned the incident again. Needless to say, that was the last time I ever chewed gum in any school classroom, even college.



From Mike Riggins, Class of '69:

My favorite teacher was Harvey Lackey. I graduated in 1969, I was in his biology class. I think it was my junior year. I always look forward to going to his class because he made it fun , He had a good sense of dry humor.

From Judy Butler Cline, Class of 1970:

Mrs. Mary Frances Spurlock was passionate about her subject, and she made me love it as well. (10th and 12th grade English.) I remember that she had watched *Gone With The Wind* many times. She loved Shakespeare and brought back photographs from her visits to Stratford-Upon-Avon that brought his plays and literature to life. Although she was not an easy teacher, I always looked forward to her class.



From KAREN HUFFINE BROWN, CLASS OF 1972:

Miss Frances Rice was dedicated to her teaching job. I could tell that she loved her Home Economics and wanted her students to learn it and love it like she did.

My grandmother was a seamstress and made her living by sewing for other people. She taught me to sew beginning at a young age. Miss Rice taught us a lot about sewing and cooking – how to set a table properly and I'm sure many other things about home. I still have a biscuit recipe that Miss rice gave us in class.

If you would like to recognize your “FAVORITE TEACHER” with a description or anecdote, email the BLAST Editor,
Alice Shehane, at shehane64@gmail.com.

If You Can Dance, You Have A Chance

By Mickey Collier, Class of '65

Many years ago, 1959, a youngster attended a dance in Fellowship Hall, the basement at Inglewood Methodist Church. He observed, with interest, the cute Jill Hudson dancing with the handsome Donnie Greene. They were doing a dance called the "Bop." They were smiling profusely and seemed to be having a wonderful time. The youngster, me, was greatly impressed.

About a year later, there was a party at the home of Susie (class of '65 and Mike class of '61) Borum. The party was held in a large room above the detached garage. I think it was located on McGavock Pike. It was a scene out of the movie Dirty Dancing. All my heroes were there: Billy Tomlinson, Sandy Baggott, Ray Ward, etc. The hot new song that night was the Peppermint Twist by Joey Dee and the Starlighters. This little five-foot kid was wide eyed. I thought it was time to learn these dances.



Soon after, I heard that several of my classmates were planning to attend dance lessons in East Nashville in an upstairs location above the Western Auto. So our parents would take us there one night per week. I remember Butch Stewart, Janelle Holt, Diane Barr and Darlene Shadden; I think there were about 20 of us.

We learned slow dances, but frankly, we were too young to care about being that close. The cha-cha was ok, however, the Bop was our intended goal. Besides, I was too short to dance with many of my female classmates.

Beginning in my sophomore year, 1962, we were bombarded with new musical groups. The British Invasion, Motown, Beach music, Soul music: all of it was danceable. The Twist, the Hully Gully, the Jerk, the Watusi, the Stroll, the Mashed Potato, the Hitch Hike, the Monkey, the Swim, the Pony and the Boogaloo presented a challenge to teenagers. After all, one must be able to keep up. Then we saw James Brown. Wow! The man could move!

We had a few sock hops at Litton, but there were dances for teens all over the Nashville area. In the summer we could pick a good dance experience almost every night of the

week. Skatelane, St. Joseph Church, and the Legion in Madison. The Dog House in Old Hickory. The Beach House in Hendersonville, and a bit later, we had the Uptight Club in Goodlettsville.



Each great band had their following. The Crystals, The Shags, The Knights, The Jaguars, The Anglo Saxons and if you were lucky, The Exotics, or Charlie McCoy and the Escorts.

What a blessing to meet other teens from different schools. Many of them became life-long friends.

Our local Dave Overton with Tommy Sands on the "Five-O'Clock Hop"

In 1968, Uncle Sam decided that I should be in the Philippines. On a beautiful, tropical night, at a thatched roof dance club on the beach, I asked a young English-born Navy brat to dance with me. 55 years later, we are still dance partners. Yes, I took advantage of my chance.

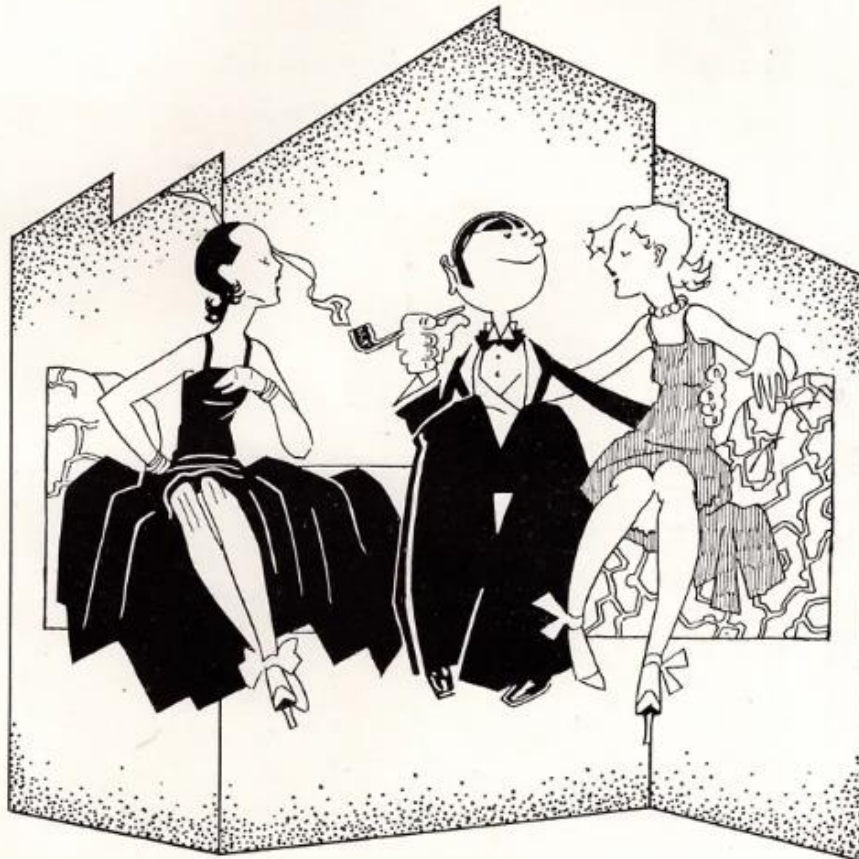


*Once upon a time there was a school named "Isaac Litton."
Here are pages from the annual of its first Graduating Class.*

(Shades of "Great Gatsby"?)

❖ LITTONIAN ❖

PRESENTED BY THE
Class of Nineteen Hundred Thirty-two



YEAR BOOK
OF
ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE



Class History

SINCE ours is the first Senior Class of the New Isaac Litton High School, we would like to cherish the memory that it has left a history of noble achievements.

We started as Freshmen at Jere Baxter, which was then a Junior High School. It seemed as if we were starting on a journey. In our Freshman year we thought the journey would be difficult. With the aspirations of high standards and ideals, we took our first steps toward the goal which we were planning to reach. Everyone co-operated in the activities and, especially, with the splendid faculty. New friends were made and they helped to make another step of the journey easier.

At the close of nine months of school, we stopped for a vacation in order that we might not become weary before our destination was reached. After three months had passed we resumed our journey, traveling this time as full-fledged Sophomores and, as the name implies, feeling much wiser than the poor little Freshmen just entering high school. Our Sophomore year did not seem so difficult, because the road seemed to contain fewer knocks and bumps than it had the previous year. Everyone had entered with the determination of doing his best. We were now considered as models by our lower classmen, or at least we wished to be regarded as such by them. School spirit was developed very rapidly among our girls and boys as we became more and more interested in athletics. Perhaps the close of the school found our number diminished by a few members who fell by the wayside.

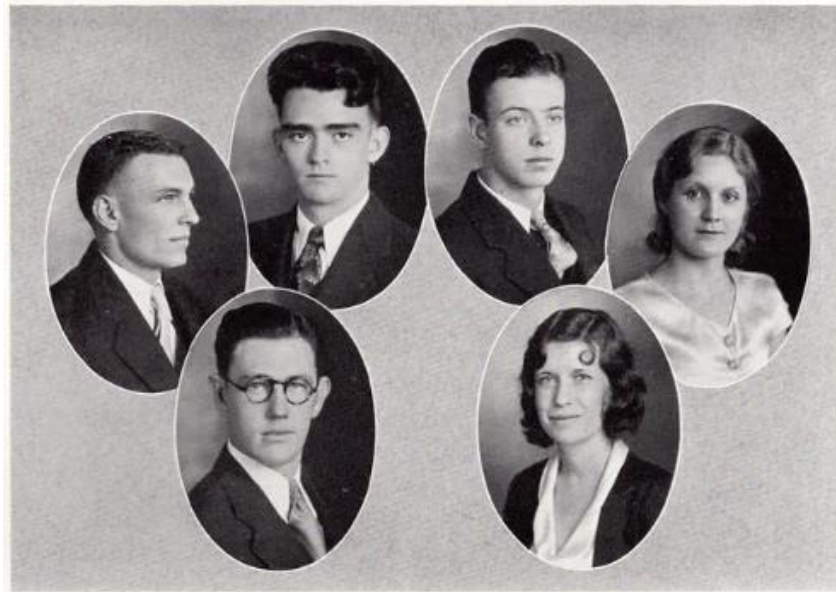
As we entered the Junior year, our number had been increased so greatly by the Freshmen and the new class of Sophomores that we had completely outgrown our old building. We were the first Junior Class of which our school could boast, so some provisions had to be made for us. Consequently, we entered our third year in the Inglewood Methodist Church, which the congregation was kind enough to let us use temporarily. During this period many of our classes were taught in one room, similar to a Chinese school. Although this manner of learning was rather wearing upon the nerves of both teachers and pupils, we managed to survive. At last, early in October, we were delighted on arriving at school to find that we must make plans to move at once into our new building, which is located on the Gallatin Road. Along with the new building, we also acquired a new name—Isaac Litton High School. We were now offered every opportunity to obtain an education. We began our work in earnest now. At the close of our Junior year, we were both sorry and glad; sorry to leave the school which we had learned to love, but looking forward to coming back the following year as bona fide Seniors.

Thus far having succeeded, we entered the Senior Class full of zeal and ambition. As we reached the end of this journey, it meant that we would depart from many of our friends and classmates whom we would never meet again. At least, many of the Seniors had prepared themselves for professions and occupations to enable them to go out upon Life's Highway with hope and confidence.

We, as Seniors, know that all happy moments must have an ending. Our fondest hope is that we may never fail to exert an influence upon you and to give you an inspiration to cherish high ideals and to live pure lives that our dear Alma Mater will be proud to claim.

PAULINE HITE, *Class Historian.*





Senior Officers

B. S. WALKER *President*
 GENE MONTGOMERY *Vice-President*
 PAULINE HITE *Secretary*
 HANSON BOYD *Treasurer*
 MISS MARY VIRGINIA KING *Sponsor*
 MR. J. E. MALONE *Sponsor*

Motto: "Ad astra per aspera"

Flower: Lilacs

Colors: Orchid and Green



1932, when the school consisted of only one building!

***To see more of the wonderful faces of our Litton "ancestors,"
 go to IsaacLitton.com and click on the "Galleries"
 There you will see additional visions from our past!***

ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE?



Let's see how good your memory is.

The answers are printed at the very bottom...but don't cheat!

01. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, “_____?” Invariably, someone would answer, “I don't know, but he left this behind.” What did he leave behind? A _____
02. When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on “The _____ Show.”
03. “Get your kicks, _____”!
04. “The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed _____.”
05. “In the jungle, the mighty jungle, _____.”
06. After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the “_____.”
07. “Nestle's makes the very best... _____.”
08. Satchmo was America 's “Ambassador of Goodwill.” Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was _____.
09. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? _____.
10. Red Skeleton's hobo character was named “_____, _____.” and Red always ended his television show by saying, “Good Night, and _____.”
11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their _____.
12. The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? _____ or _____.
13. In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, “the day the music died.” This was a tribute to _____.

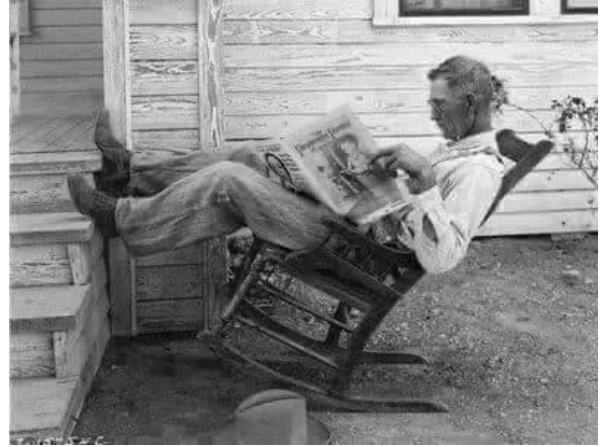
14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called “_____.”
15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the “_____ - _____.”
16. Remember LS/MFT _____ / _____ .
17. “Hey Kids! What time is it? It's _____ !”
18. “Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The _____ Knows!”
19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was “a graveyard smash.” Its name was the “_____ !”
20. Alka Seltzer used a “boy with a tablet on his head” as its Logo/Representative What was the boy's name? _____.

ANSWERS:

01. The Lone Ranger left behind... A silver bullet
02. The Ed Sullivan Show
03. On Route 66
04. To protect the innocent
05. The Lion Sleeps Tonight
06. The limbo
07. Chocolate
08. Louis Armstrong
09. The Timex Watch
10. Freddy, The Freeloader and 'Good Night and God Bless.'
11. Draft Cards (Flags were also burned, but bras were burned for another cause.)
12. Beetle or Bug
13. Buddy Holly
14. Sputnik
15. Hula-hoop
16. Lucky Strike/Means Fine Tobacco
17. Howdy Doody Time
18. Shadow
19. Monster Mash
20. Speedy

Send this to your 'older' friends, (Better known as Seniors.) It will drive them crazy!
And keep them busy and let them forget their aches and pains for a few minutes.

ADVICE FROM AN OLD FARMER



**Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and
bull-strong.**

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

**A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John
Deere tractor.**

Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.

Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.

Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.

Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.

It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.

You cannot unsay a cruel word.

Every path has a few puddles.

The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.

Don't judge folks by their relatives.

Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.

**Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a
second time.**

Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.

Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.

**The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the
mirror every mornin'.**

Always drink upstream from the herd.

Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.

Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.

If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.

Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.

Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.



GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Died January 1, 2023- March 31, 2023

CLASS	NAME	DATE OF DEATH
42	CARL GILL STEVENS	2023-01-24 Age 98
44	JOHN LEE SMITH	2023-02-25 Age 97
46	ROSE HUDDLESTON HARRIS BARTLETT	2023-01-24 Age 94
49	TOMMY ARCHIE PHELPS	2023-01-07 Age 91
54	THEODORE EVERETT (TED) WYNNE	2023-02-23 Age 86
55	HOWELL STENNIS SMITH	2023-03-11 Age 85
56	ARTHUR MICHAEL MAYERNICK	2023-03-06 Age 84
57	JOHN WESLEY RIADON III	2023-01-30 Age 83
60	BENJAMIN CLYDE (BEN) THOMAS	2023-01-20 Age 80
62	PAMELA LOUISE SPROUSE HAMMOND	2023-03-09 Age 79
63	WILLIAM OLDHAM (BILL) BRADLEY	2023-03-22 Age 77
64	PHYLLIS MARIE WALKER ETHRIDGE	2023-01-30 Age 75
65	JOHN DOUGLAS BRYANT	2023-01-05 Age 75
66	JOHN DONALD HORSTMAN	2023-03-07 Age 75

NOTE: Due to the publication deadlines for each quarterly issue of the BLAST, the names of those departed alumni received after the 25th of the quarter will be included in the next issue.

**Please send us any notices to
Kaaren Andrews at kaarena81@comcast.net,
as soon as possible. Thank you.**

Additional Deaths Reported January 1, 2023- March 31, 2023

42	JEAN HOPKINS HARRISON	2020-07-21
42	KATHERINE EUGENIA SNYDER FISHER	2021-01-09
43	MARY JOSEPHINE OWENS SMITH	2019-07-19
44	WALTER EUGENE WALLS	2015-09-20
44	BEVERLY WILLIAMS GATTIS	2016-11-04
44	MARGARET (MAGGIE) JACKSON DENSON	2017-05-17
45	JEANNE ANDERSON WELLS	2021-04-08
46	JOHN ALDEN GRIFFIN	2020-10-02
46	KATHRYN COOPER PEELING	2021-06-24
46	BEVERLY MCRAE WHITE	2019-04-20
46	WILLIS CALVIN OWENS	2019-03-21
48	CHARLES RIGGINS, JR.	2016-12-18
48	NANCY TEASLEY GROVE	2020-03-21
48	JEAN YEARGIN JONES LEWIS	2014-08-31
48	HAROLD E. CONN	2018-05-11
48	JUANITA ("NITA") RICHARDSON PETTUS	2019-03-21
50	BETTY COPELAND FALDE	2023-02-07
55	MARY ELIZABETH OWENS HENSLEY	2022-11-11
55	ROBERT R. (BOBBY) YANT	2013-11-19
56	CARLTON HARRISON THOMAS	2020-01-14
56	CHARLES SIDNEY (SID) YOUNG	2022-12-18
58	CELIA HAY WILSON ROSSIGNOLO	2021-04-16
59	GEORGE TAYLOR (BUDDY) THOMPSON	2023-02-00
59	RETHA FUSSELL HUSSEY	2017-02-24
62	JUDITH GRAVES GENTRY	2022-12-15
64	CURTIS STEVEN (STEVE) SPROUSE	2020-12-14
65	PAULETTE TUCK McGLASSON	2023-02-19
71	STEPHEN RAY WHITE	2022-12-19
72	DIANNA DAWN BAILEY TOMLIN	2020-03=20

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Remembering Our History – Honoring our Legacy



Recently, Harvey Fischer, (70),
Past ILAA President,
presented a check to the ILAA
Board from his PAC as the
lobbyist for Farmers Employee
Agent PAC.



Have you considered how you can contribute to the legacy of our wonderful high school?

First, you can make a monetary contribution to the ILAA right now.

Second, you can ask your family to include your attendance at Isaac Litton High School in your obituary.

Third, you can bequeath a donation to our Alumni Organization in your will or by instructing your family to make a contribution to the ILAA.

None of us are getting any younger and, thanks to the “Powers that Be,” there will be no more [Litton Lions](#), except through the Middle School. Our support of that great school, Backfield in Motion, and other community activities will help the memory of [BIG BLUE](#) live on when we are all gone.

Your ILAA Executive Board is now working on plans to assure that our LEGACY will continue.

Please consider doing whatever you can afford to keep our names in the hearts and minds of generations to come.

Thank you, [ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI](#), for your support.