

**A DREAM COMES TRUE...****Alumni Center Officially Opens**

IN THE MORE THAN 80 YEARS SINCE ISAAC Litton High School began holding classes at Jere Baxter School and then moved into its new building, there have been countless memorable occasions, both good and bad. After its closing and the destruction of the main buildings, those occasions have been treasured mostly in the minds and hearts of the thousands of graduates who graced its halls.



The official opening of the new Isaac Litton Alumni Center was held on August 11, 2012, at the newly renovated building. Participating in the ribbon cutting were (from left, front row) Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, Speaker of the Tennessee House of Representatives Beth Harwell, Litton Alumni President Harvey Fischer ('70), 5th District Congressman Jim Cooper and ILAA Secretary Jane Hagewood Steinhauer ('49), along with Board of Directors and past presidents of the ILAA (rear).

Some 15 years ago, the Metropolitan Nashville Park Board established a park on the site, followed by the erection of an historical marker outlining the history of the school. During that time, an idea emerged that would renovate the still-standing gymnasium and create a place to return and house Litton's memorabilia. It was an idea that seemed impossible to accomplish. Much of the memorabilia had vanished and the building was in such a state of disrepair.

But that did not deter Jimmy Howell ('47) and behind his undying efforts, and that of many other friends and alumni of Litton, it was culminated on August 11, 2012, when the new Isaac Litton Alumni Center was officially opened and dedicated. And that became the latest—and probably the most cherished—memorable occasion in the school's storied history.

More than 500 alumni and friends were on hand for the ceremony, led by current Alumni Association President Harvey Fischer ('70). Following the invocation delivered by Ricky Binkley ('70), the Star Spangled Banner was sung, backed by the music of the Litton Marching 100+ band.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, invited guests were introduced and spoke briefly. They included 5th District Congressman Jim Cooper, Tennessee House of Representatives Speaker Beth Harwell and Metro Nashville Mayor Karl Dean. Mayor Dean read and presented a special citation to Jimmy Howell in appreciation of his efforts toward the completion of the project.

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New Isaac Litton Alumni Website Is On The Way

By Larry Collier ('69)

A new website for Isaac Litton alumni will be available soon. Sometime in August, a new interactive website will allow you to search for alumni, see vintage pictures and stories, listen to portions of The Marching One Hundred Plus, keep up-to-date with alumni happenings, and order Litton memorabilia from the website store.

Brenda McClearn ('69) of McClearn Design Studio has been contracted to develop the new website. A technology committee comprised of Larry Collier ('69), Carol Draper Bourque ('68) and Jerry Newman ('58) has been working with Brenda and her staff to make sure that the new website is eye-catching and easy to navigate. Jerry Newman has worked thousands of hours to update the directory of all alumni. Once the website goes live, check your directory information for accuracy. If there are inaccuracies please e-mail Jerry at

jerrynewman@pclnet.net and give him the correct information.

Also, if you have pictures or newspaper articles that can be scanned and added to the website, send those items to Jerry or Larry at larry.collier@mnps.org.

Finally, if your class is planning a reunion or any other activity, send an announcement to Jerry so that he can make it a part of the website. If you take pictures at your class activity, send those as well so that they may be uploaded to the website.

Our sincere thanks go to Fred Clanton ('61), who has worked with our old website for years. We appreciate his contributions to the Litton alumni association and its members.

Watch for the announcement via e-mail when the new website goes live. You will be able to find it at www.isaacittonhighschool.com.

RANDOM REUNION NEWS...

★ The Class of '59 held a 53rd reunion on Saturday, July 28. The clambake kicked off at 11 a.m. in the lower meeting level of the Isaac Litton Alumni Center.

★ The Class of '61 celebrated its Golden 50th reunion on June 24th and 25th, 2011. A golf tournament in memory of Jim McBroom kicked off festivities on Friday morning, followed by a picnic at Saunders Ferry Park in Hendersonville that night.

Following a visit to the still-under-renovation Alumni Center on Saturday, the weekend was culminated with dinner at Bluegrass Country Club. The class donated \$1,000 to the Alumni fund and purchased a memorial brick for the Wall of Fame.

★ The Class of '62 will be holding its 50th reunion October 24th and 25th, 2012.

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The attendees joined in the singing of the Litton Alma Mater—again backed by the Marching 100+—then adjourned to the front of the building for the official ribbon-cutting.

The building was open during the rest of the day for all to visit and reminisce, then reopened on Sunday, August 12, from 1-5 p.m.

Other articles in the edition of The BLAST tell of special reunion events held in the Center by various classes. The lower level consists of the meeting hall, a board room, a kitchen for catering parties and the unbelievable resurgence of Litton memorabilia, displayed in the Lions Den. This level will be used exclusively by Litton Alumni, the Inglewood Neighborhood Association and the Backfield in Motion program. It is not available for any other group or activity. The gymnasium level will be available for Litton Middle School, as well as the other aforementioned

groups with special scheduling.

The Board will be meeting in the next few months to establish a schedule for visiting the building. This information will be disseminated by e-mail as well as posted on the new website when it comes on live (see the article elsewhere in this edition).

Alumni may reserve the lower level by contacting Micah Kimble of Backfield in Motion as to availability. He can be reached at (615) 227-9935 or micah@backfieldinmotion.org. Groups should plan to wash dishes, clean counters in the break room, wipe tables down and dispense trash. There is *no charge* for alumni to use this part of the facility.

Micah will explain the procedures for access and ascertain your schedule for its use.

You should plan to see *your* Alumni Center when you can. It is believed you will be pleased that so much has been accomplished and that it certainly perpetuates our age-old mantra—LITTON HIGH FOREVER.

"All-Class" Reunion Luncheon Another Resounding Success

For the second year since leaving the dinner-time format, a full house came together for the 2012 All-Class Alumni luncheon on May 5 at Old Hickory Country Club.

President Bill Stalker ('70) presided and Johnny DuVal ('52) served as master of ceremonies. Jimmy Howell ('47) gave an up-to-date report on the gymnasium renovation. The completion and dedication information is reported in the feature article on page 1.

The Class of 1962 was recognized and honored as the Golden Anniversary class. All classes were named and those in attendance were recognized.

The Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to Jane Hagewood Steinhauer ('49). (See a separate news item on this subject elsewhere in The BLAST).

A solemn moment occurred as names of our classmates who had celebrated the final commencement were read.

A report of the nominating committee was given, which included the names of new alumni coming on to the Board of Directors. Harvey Fischer ('70) was introduced as the in-coming President of the Association. He would take office on July 1.

The occasion concluded with the singing of "This Ole School" (a parody written by the late Litton English teacher Mrs. Harvey Gee of the Rosemary Clooney hit "This Ole House"); our "Litton High Forever" fight song and the "Alma Mater."

Keep your eyes open for the announcement of next year's luncheon.

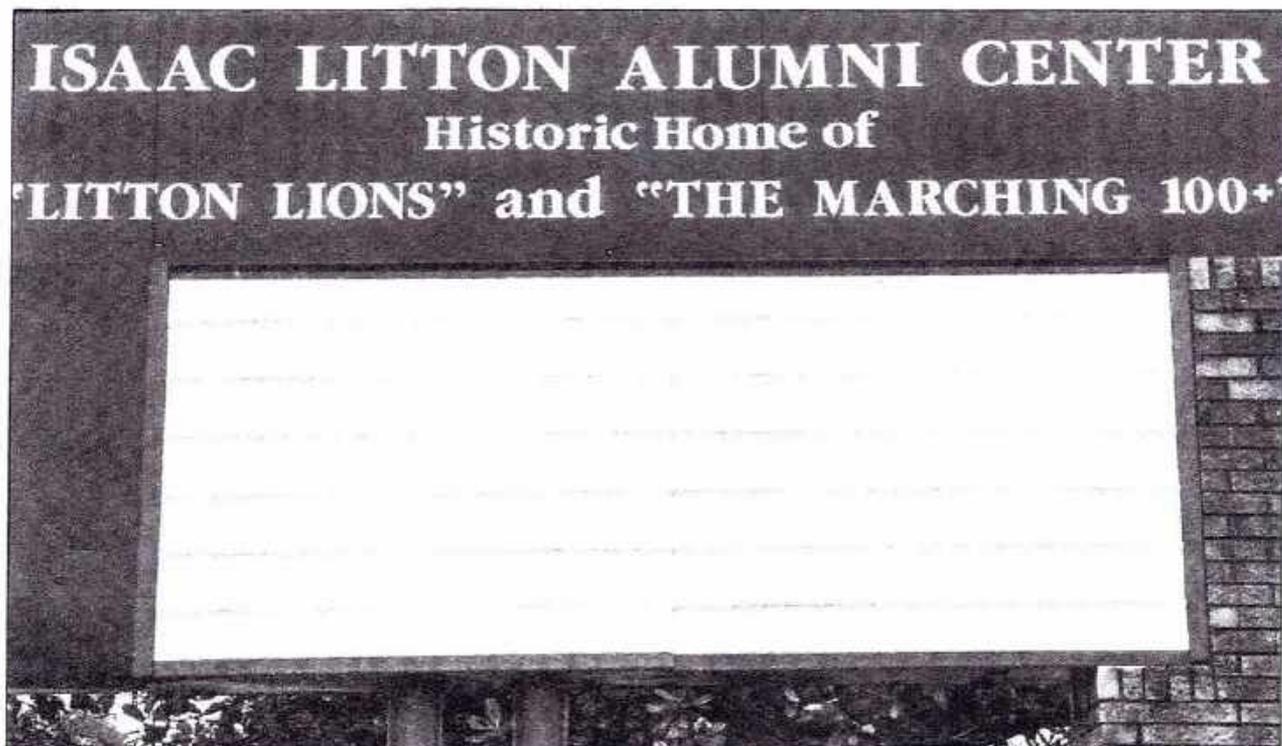
'The Class That Wasn't' Plans 40th Year Get-Together

Probably few groups of Litton Alumni have more dedication than the Class of 1972, self-proclaimed as "The Class that Wasn't." As is well known, Litton was suddenly closed in the summer of 1971. Those who would make up the Class of '72 had to move on to, and thus graduated from, other high schools. But because of their love for Litton, they have maintained an alumni group and celebrated reunions.

"We have always stayed close and held reunions," says '72 grad Rhonda Bale, who is serving on the Board of Directors of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association. "And this is our 40th coming up."

The Class will meet Saturday, September 29, at the Alumni Center. The clambake will start at 5 p.m. and conclude at 10.

The Marquee in Front of Your New Alumni Center



It's Not A Class Reunion, It's A Birthday Party

The Litton Class of 1970 came up with a unique idea. Though 2012 marked the 42nd year since graduation, it also happened that every member of the class turned age 60 this year . . . thus a giant birthday party.

The birthday bash was held June 9th, and constituted the first official class function held in the gym since renovation was completed.

"We had nearly 90 classmates and spouses to attend," said Bill Stalker, immediate past president of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association and member of the Class of '70, "All enjoyed seeing the work that was done, particularly the Lion's Den and the thousands of items

of memorabilia that are displayed there."

Those in attendance enjoyed reliving Litton memories, seeing old friends and participating in a Litton trivia game. A delicious BBQ was provided by Michael's Café in Lebanon, owned by classmate Marsha McConnell Wright.

Special guests included Coach Wayne Forehand and wife Linda, who have attended many class reunions and get-togethers.

The class purchased two bricks to be added to the Wall of Fame . . . one engraved with the Class of 1970 and the other in honor of Coach Forehand.

REFLECTIONS OF A LITTON GRAD

"Memories of Our Days in the 50s Will Always be With Us"

By Dr. Kathryn H. Pugh ('59)

When I was sixteen, I was a junior at Litton High School. Now, my granddaughter is a junior in high school. College is next for her, as it was for me.

My prayer is that her last two years are as happy as my two years were. I had outstanding classes and teachers. I had good friends, many of whom are still my friends. My principal's office was open to me daily, never "off limits to students."

Many of us have had marriages of 50-plus years. Some have had multiple marriages. We have children and grandchildren, sometimes great-grandchildren. We have adored our families just as our families loved us when we were growing up.

I spent 30 years as a teacher in a public high school classroom. In those years, many of my students grew to

adulthood to become masters: they are lawyers, doctors, politicians and business persons. Others are workers in industry. As an English teacher, I remembered those days in my English classes, and I sought to be like my teachers. When I headed English departments, I wanted them to be like the one I remembered. As a forensic coach, I remembered the travel times and the friendships I found throughout the area. I wanted my students to experience those times as well.

Many of us, when we remember our days at Litton, want others to have what we had. I think about my granddaughter's years, and it makes me fondly remember my days at Litton.

Today, a Big Mac is not 50 cents as it was then and the Inglewood Theater is no more, but the memories of our days in the 50s will always be with us.

Class of '71 Having A "40-Plus-1" Reunion

As this issue of The BLAST is being assembled and sent to alumni, the Class of 1971 is having its "40-Plus-1" Reunion. The affair was scheduled for Saturday, August 18, at the newly renovated gym, now known as the Isaac Litton Alumni Center.

According to Hal Gibbs of the '71 Reunion Committee, the affair gets underway at 5 p.m. Dinner catered by Famous Dave's BBQ is served from 6-7. A

program is planned for 7 p.m. with music and fun lasting from 9 'til 11, plenty of time to reunite with old friends.

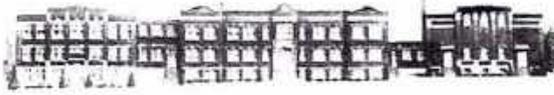
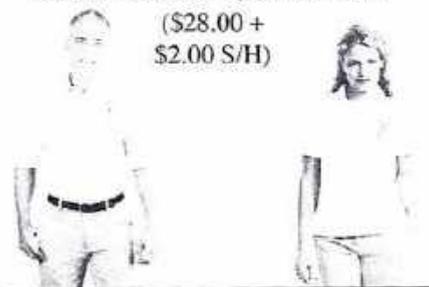
In addition to Gibbs, the reunion committee consists of Charlie Bill Gragg, Alan Boles, Cathy Lamberth Boles, Rick Tanley, Kathy Watson Henderson, Jeanna Wiggins and Jeff Hudgins.

ILAA DUES AND MEMORABILIA

In 2002, the Board of Directors established a \$5 annual dues amount to help defray costs of publications, mailings and other non-profit expenses. Of course, this is strictly on a voluntary

basis, and the amount remains the same. If you haven't sent in your dues for 2012 or 2013, now is a good time. Also, items below are available for purchase, and proceeds over and above

the actual cost goes to the ILAA operating fund. These items are also available to view and purchase if you visit the Isaac Litton Alumni Center.

<p><i>"The Spirit Lives"</i> Color Prints by Ralph McDonald ('53) are in two sizes: 10" x 15": \$50.00 each 18" x 25" on canvas: \$265.00 each</p>		<p><i>Alumni Lapel Pins</i> are 1" in diameter: \$5.00 each</p> 	<p><i>Khaki, Red & Blue</i> <i>Unstructured Cap</i> \$12.00 each (\$10.00 + \$2.00 S/H)</p> 
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25th ANNUAL REUNION PICNIC ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL

ALL LITTON GRADS INVITED
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2012

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Winningham Farms (Drew Maddux Farm)
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What to Bring: • Covered Dish • Lawn Chairs • Old Litton Stories

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND SPREAD THE WORD

Directions: Take I-65 North to Vietnam Veterans Parkway to Exit #14, Green Lea Blvd. Exit right and go to the next street on the right, Little Drive. It will merge into St. Blaise Road and after one-half mile you will come to the entrance to the farm. Watch for Litton picnic signs. Go past houses and barns and you will see cars and your classmates.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ALUMNI OF THE YEAR

Name _____ Class of _____

Address _____

Employment (if any) _____

Education _____

Dues-paying Member of ILAA: Yes No Don't Know

Community Services _____

Activities at Litton _____

Honors: School and Community _____

I recommend this Litton Alumnus for the Outstanding Alumnus Award.

Submitted by: _____ Class of: _____

Send to: Harvey Fischer – President – ILAA • 311 W. Sixth Street, Columbia, TN 38401

Jane Hagedwood Steinhauer ('49) Named 2012 Outstanding Alumnus

Energetic, dedicated, focused, giving, selfless, hard-working . . . all these adjectives can describe our 2012 Outstanding Alumnus, Jane Hagedwood Steinhauer. She was presented the award at the All-Alumni luncheon on May 5, 2012.

Jane has stayed close to many of her classmates over the years, has served on the Alumni Board of Directors and is currently Secretary of the organization, giving countless hours to its operation.

Following graduation in 1949, Jane went to work with the telephone company, and very soon met John Steinhauer, an alumnus of East High. They've been married 60 years.

She has been a leader in the Girl Scouts of America, directed community pageants, been active in leadership of the PTA, been involved in two active political cam-

paigns for John and was instrumental in establishing numerous businesses. For 30 years, she catered the breakfast for the Hendersonville Rotary Club. One of her most cherished sources of pride is being a charter member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church.

But she beams most when speaking of her children. Joni is the principal at Hendersonville High School, Matt an ordained Lutheran minister, Janet a flight attendant trainee with US Airways in Phoenix, and Steven, who lives in Tallahassee. Daughter Julie passed away in 1966.

Jane could not attend the luncheon as she was in Johnson City, Tennessee, for a grandchild's college commencement. The award was accepted in her behalf by daughter Julie.

Elsewhere in this edition of The BLAST, you'll find a form to nominate an outstanding grad for 2013.

THE LIONS DEN

By Mary Ann Escue Baker ('54)

When the idea of a gym renovation at Litton was still in the discussion stage, one of the first ideas to emerge was that of a room to house Litton memorabilia. When the school was demolished, hundreds of items from its past were salvaged by many alumni so they could be protected.

Now that dream has been realized. It has been named The Lions Den. Back in January, when I accepted the assignment of bringing these items together, I had no idea how things would turn out. It far exceeded my expectations.

When you enter The Lions Den, you'll be overcome by the red and the blue. The school colors are every-

where, from the carpet to the hundreds of band and athletic uniforms and school letters that have "come home."

This room pays tribute to a great school, its renowned marching band, its historic athletic programs and the many internal organizations and clubs that made Litton a diversified educational institution that Nashville and Middle Tennessee still remember. It also pays tribute to the teachers, coaches and great principals we were so fortunate to have guiding us through our teenage years. Each display, each picture, each newspaper write-up has a story to tell, and many will bring tears to your eyes.

When you visit with a class reunion or other activity, take plenty of time in The Lions Den. You'll be glad you did.

'57 CLASSMATES GATHER FOR 55TH REUNION

Class President Andrea Jo Lehning Moore gathered her classmates together on July 21 for their 55th reunion. The ground floor of the Isaac Litton Alumni Center was the scene of the affair.

Coming together at 10:30 a.m., it was a festive occasion as the 60 classmates and guests assembled to reminisce about old times. It was further enhanced by roaming through The Lions Den filled with thousands of items of memorabilia.

Lunch was provided by Stroud's BBQ, after which an informal program took place. Andrea Jo reported on e-mails, phone calls and letters received from classmates

who could not attend. This also included reports on many having health problems.

Charles Kimbrough, a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, reported on the funding and hard work of dedicated alumni that brought the Alumni Center to its completion. Ray Clark led an audience participation session as attendees revealed infamous events and memorable activities of days gone by.

The reunion concluded with a visit and photographs on the gym floor.

DON'T FORGET THE MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

Your classmates get together on the first Thursday of each month at Ryan's buffet located at 2151 N. Gallatin Road in Rivergate. It's a great time to chat and reminisce. It gets underway at 11:30 a.m. Come by and enjoy the fun.

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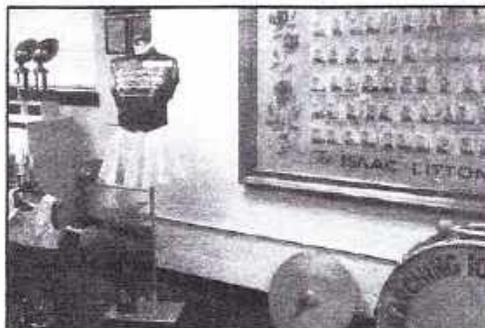
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SCENES FROM THE LIONS DEN

Litton Memorabilia Comes Home



Class of '54 Comes Together June 2

Old Hickory Country Club was the scene of the reunion of the Litton Class of '54 on June 2 this year. Fifty classmates and guests were present, with class president Lee Casetty driving down from Virginia to join and lead the festivities.

The class members were entertained with a game of Litton trivia, along with the normal recalling of ole times. The class voted to hold a reunion every two years, since it becomes more difficult for some to travel. "We can all remember when we were younger and in better health," recalled Mary Ann Escue Baker.

After the luncheon, the class took a trip to the newly renovated gymnasium, visiting The Lions Den.