



Litton BLAST

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Isaac Litton High School

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A New Beginning

Greetings to all alumni of Isaac Litton High School. It's been a long time since a Litton Blast was produced, but hopefully that is all behind us now. Working with Carol Draper Bourque ('68) and Jerry Newman ('58), we plan to create a Blast quarterly. We are certainly excited to be working on news from Isaac Litton High School again.

In each issue, we will revisit our beloved high school and its many stories from the past. We will also be sharing news and information from the Isaac Litton Alumni Association (ILAA). It is our desire to keep you informed of the latest programs and activities in which your alumni organization is involved, as well as to let you know how you can be an active part of our legacy and our future.

In addition, each issue will include news from Litton Middle School. The school is currently a shining star in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School district. Its principal, Tracy Bruno, is a strong leader who goes beyond the call of duty for his students. He is also very much interested in the history of Litton HS. Your ILAA supports the program at Litton Middle through donations of both time and money.

You can always keep up with ILAA, as well as relive the past, by visiting the alumni website at www.isaacclittonhighschool.com. If you haven't found the website yet, we think you will be pleased with all the information and history included there. We will upload each issue of the Blast to the website just in case we miss you via email. The website includes all available contact information for all graduates. Be sure to check your personal information and let us know if changes are needed.

If you would like to contribute stories or ideas for stories for the Blast, you may send them to me at larry.collier@mnp.org, to Carol at carol@xk3.com, or to Jerry at jerrynewman58@gmail.com. Pictures accompanying your ideas or stories are welcome and may be attached to your email..

We will strive to ensure these new issues of the Blast are up to the standards created once upon a time by Ms. Gee and Mr. Byrom. Feel free to let us know how we are doing, but try to be gentle. We are not as young as we used to be.

Litton High Forever, Larry Collier ('69)

Mr. Swor Inducted Into Tennessee Band Master Hall of Fame

by Larry Collier

Sammy Swor, Sr., longtime director of Litton's Marching 100+, was inducted into the Tennessee Band Masters Hall of Fame in Chattanooga on April 12, 2013. For all Litton alumni, that really is no surprise. Some wondered what took so long. Still, it is a most deserving honor for arguably the best high school band director this state has ever seen.

The discipline and dedication Mr. Swor required of students were accepted unconditionally. That's due to the love and respect all band members had for him. While demanding discipline and perfection, he did so with a quiet, stoic demeanor, rarely raising his voice. He didn't yell at us and never berated anyone. He didn't have to. This is mainly because of the look. Long before the stare of Coach Pat Summitt was made famous, there was the stare of Mr. Swor. If he gave you this look, you just wanted to crawl into a hole and die. He never went overboard to praise us when we did well, because we were always supposed to do well. When we may have reached pure excellence, he might have nodded his head and may have even said "Good." That was it but that was enough for us.



Mr. Swor was inspired by the Spanish sound of the famous Hawthorne Caballeros Drum and Bugle Corps, from Hawthorne, NJ. He took many of their selections and wrote his own arrangements, then matched his arrangements to his intricate marching formations which he drew out on graph paper. Somehow it all came together on the field. He was many years ahead of his time. The Marching 100+ played and marched in a way never before seen or heard from any high school band.

To be a part of that band was truly a blessing for us all. The tradition and the pride created by Mr. Swor left its mark on all of us. Many former band members continue in music of some form or fashion to this day. In fact, two former band members continue to play for the Grammy award winning Nashville Symphony Orchestra, 50 years after they graduated from Litton. They are Billy Wiggins (class of '64) and Ann Richards (class of '65)

The appreciation of a broad spectrum of music continues to reside in all of us who were in the band. Most teenagers are not into the music of Broadway and Hollywood. Yet, it was that music which was introduced to us in our teen years by Mr. Swor. Many music selections from the popular movies and plays of the day were played by us during concert season. To this day, when I hear the best musical scores from Broadway and Hollywood, I think to myself, "I bet we would have played that."

Sammy Swor was simply a musical genius. Those of us who had the good fortune of being a part of this one-of-a-kind unit will never forget it. We were truly blessed to have been led and taught by a man whose talent, intelligence and leadership made him a star. His innumerable contributions created much of the tradition and pageantry that was Isaac Litton High School.

Thanks, Mr. Swor

Bonnie Sloan Inducted Into NFF Hall of Fame

by Larry Collier



In the spring of 2005, Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools created its first Sports Hall of Fame class. Included in that class was Litton's own Bonnie Sloan. We all know that Bonnie was born deaf, but he never let that stop him from playing football. His coach at Jere Baxter recognized his ability and desire. He practiced with Bonnie and we know how that turned out. He became one of Litton's stars. Bonnie won All-City and All-State honors. Later, he was selected as the NIL Lineman of the Decade by NIL Magazine.

In the fall of 1969, Bonnie enrolled at Austin Peay State University. In his 4 years at APSU, he earned All-OVC and All-American honorable mention honors. He was further honored by being inducted into the APSU Hall of Fame.

In 1973, Bonnie realized a dream and made history at the same time. He became a member of the St. Louis football Cardinals of the NFL, which made him the first deaf player in NFL history. During his tenure in the NFL, he also played for the New Orleans Saints.

In March, 2010, Bonnie was inducted into the National Football Foundation's Hall of Fame. Two years later, the NFF created the Bonnie Sloan Courage Award to honor athletes who overcame significant hardships to make their mark in athletics. This award will be given every year to a most deserving athlete at the annual NFF banquet.

Bonnie was honored yet again in August, 2013 when the city of Hendersonville celebrated Bonnie Sloan Day. At this ceremony, there were several speeches by hearing impaired persons who told of how Bonnie had inspired them. It was a very touching tribute to a man who inspired us when we were students at ILHS. When receiving each honor over the years, Bonnie has a difficult time understanding what all the fuss is about. He doesn't believe he's done enough to warrant all the attention. However, we all know what an inspiration Bonnie was to all of us. He was mature beyond his years and showed all of us what class looks like. Beyond Litton, he has inspired thousands of others who have come to know and love him.

Bonnie, congratulations to you for all the honors you have received. You are most deserving of them all. Furthermore, you are just another reason Isaac Litton High School has such a rich history and tradition.

"Bonnie did it all for us in the line."

says Richard Hewitt who coached at Litton during Sloan's playing days.

"Offensively or defensively, he had no peers."

ILAA MEMORABILIA FOR SALE



Red or Blue Ball Cap
(See Order Form for Blue)
\$12.00

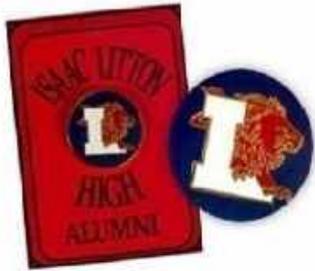


Sweat Shirts (Blue or Red)
Tee Shirts (Blue or Red)
Sweat \$25.00 Tee \$15.00
S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

Board member Shirley Johnston Parrish is in charge of the sale of these items and periodically holds special sales at the gymnasium, Lion Hall. The next sale will be April 11, 2015. Please join them for coffee and doughnuts and shop this great merchandise

Below is a new painting by Mae Cude ('34).

"L" Litton Lapel Pin



\$5

Litton Mug



\$10



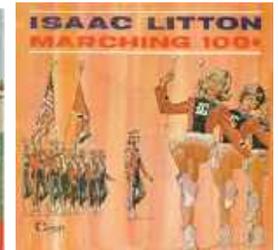
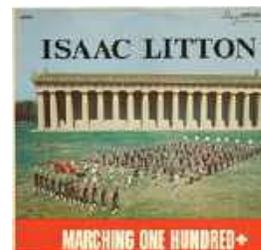
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Isaac Litton High School

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CD's feature all time great like:
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(The detailed playlist for each CD is on our Litton website.)

12.00 each or all four for \$40.00

Mary Sue Barrett Lee Boyd (Litton's Most Senior Graduate?)

by Sandra Lee Travis (Mrs Boyd's daughter)



Mary Sue lived in the Nashville area during her childhood, where her life was centered on family and church. She graduated from Isaac Litton High School in 1933. She was a good student, and enjoyed biology and chemistry. She was a skilled tennis player and participated in many neighborhood matches!

Following graduation she enrolled at Vanderbilt University and completed one year. Because she had become engaged she was discouraged by her father from continuing her education. Until her marriage she worked in several retail positions, including at White Trunk and Bag Co., which her father owned with his partners.

Mary Sue was married to Wilford Freeman Lee in the Inglewood Baptist Church in 1936, and continued to live in the area, on Woodlawn Ave., in Old Hickory, Madison, and Inglewood during the time children Sandra (1940) and Wilford F. Lee, Jr. (Skip) (1944) were born.

In 1947 the family moved to Gallatin when Wilford joined the family business there. Mary Sue was primarily a homemaker, but she also kept books for the business, participated in activities at First Baptist Church, the garden club and home demonstration club. Since there was always a large garden, she canned and froze vegetables, and often made jelly and preserves.

In 1953 the family moved from town to a farm on Neal Lane, and Mary Sue lived there until 2006. She continued to be active in clubs and eventually worked at the mens store that she and her husband ran for some time. She had worked in the 1950 census and subsequently was employed by the Census Bureau visiting homes across middle Tennessee where she interviewed selected households for a health survey. She was in demand for Bureau work in other areas and traveled to Boston, Atlanta, and St. Louis to work on surveys, plus many other locations closer to home. She continued to work in this capacity following a divorce; she also began to travel during the 70's and 80's and enjoyed many trips abroad, on cruises, and to popular beaches in the U.S. with close friends. She continued to attend and support First Baptist Church in Gallatin, and was the longest attending member at the time she moved from Gallatin. By this time Mary Sue had six grandchildren, five grandsons and a granddaughter! It was at an Isaac Litton reunion that Mary Sue ran into Richard "Hannie" Boyd, whom she had known as a high school student. Hannie had lost his wife several years prior and they renewed their friendship, began dating, and married in 1980. Mary Sue acquired another daughter, Cathy, Hannie's only child, who eventually added her husband and three more grandsons to the family!

Mary Sue and Hannie enjoyed a busy social life with friends in the Nashville area, and spend as much time as was available fishing at Lake Tansi and at Old Hickory Lake. They lived in Mary Sue's farm home in Gallatin, where Hannie outfitted one of the old sheds as a shop. They continued to have a garden every summer, and canned and froze more than they could ever have eaten!

After Hannie's death in 1994 Mary Sue continued to spend time with her dear friends in Gallatin as well as with the Nashville/Litton group. She became an avid bridge player, continued to travel, spent time with her children and grandchildren, and went back to work part-time in a men's clothing store in Gallatin. She was able to go on biannual fishing trips with relatives of Hannie's, still using Hannie's trusty 14-ft. fishing boat! After 2006 she lived in an apartment complex at Brandywood in Gallatin, and continued her activities in spite of difficulties seeing due to macular degeneration. In 2008 she experienced great sorrow when her beloved son, Skip, passed away.

In mid-2014 Mary Sue finally agreed to move to North Augusta, SC to an assisted living facility near her daughter, Sandra. She is enjoying new friends and her daily activities, playing bridge when she can find partners, visiting with family members (9 grandchildren and 10 greats), and is looking forward to a visit back to Gallatin in the spring and to her 100th birthday in September of this year.

[If you enjoyed Mrs Boyd's story, please send her a card: Mary B Boyd, 105 North Hills Dr #105, North Augusta, SC 29841](#)

Local Pilot Faced Choice: Jump or Ride

Originally published in 1958 by Paul Schleicher



Few people ever face the decision reached by First Lt Morris F Estes, 26 year old pilot with the Tennessee National Guard. His was the split second choice of whether to bail out or ride down his high speed jet plane. In five years of flying, Estes of 608 Lamont Dr, had never been confronted with this decision before. That was until about 12:45 pm one Sunday while winging high above the Wisconsin hillsides. That is when he came face to face with his decision.

The RE-84F reconnaissance jet he was flying from Winnipeg, Canada to Chicago on an air defense exercise developed engine and navigational difficulty. Estes tried every emergency procedure that he had learned in over four years with the air force and an additional year with the 105th Tactical Reconnaissance squadron at Berry Field. All efforts to correct the malfunctions failed and after nearly an hour he realized that he had to leave his plane. That was when he had to make his big decision in a hurry. Slowing down as much as possible, Lt Estes reached for his lever that all pilots hope they never have to pull. Located beneath each arm rest, the automatic seat ejection mechanism stands ready. Within the next five seconds, he was hurled into the black, cloud laden skies high above the Wisconsin countryside. He thought that 8500 feet above Wisconsin was a mighty long way from home at 603 Lamont Dr in Nashville where his wife, Joyce, and their two children, Terry Sue 4, and Morris III 2, were sleeping peacefully.

Slowly his parachute floated earthward. This time there was a moment to think about his parents, Mr and Mrs Hollis F Estes who live in Madison. As he swayed back and forth under the billowing folds of nylon, supporting him above a lake, a house, a road, a tree- he didn't know what- Morris had a fleeting thought of his new real estate business he had recently opened in Madison. Then, he was on the ground. He found himself in a cultivated field not far from the spot where his jet had exploded against the earth. He walked to a nearby farmhouse where a group of excited people had called local police. The officers gave him a ride to Manitowoc, the nearest city.

Back at Berry field one of the proudest men to meet the plane bringing Estes home was M/Sgt Dorman W Hayes, parachute rigger for the air guard. Hayes said, "he felt mighty good that a 'chute he had personally packed had brought one of his buddies to a safe landing. This is the third emergency in which a 'chute he had rigged had brought a man to safety in the ten years he has been a rigger. Estes stepped from the plane at the air guard operations building, pushed his helmet back, and gazed at the city skyline. "Boy", he breathed, "Nashville has never looked better. I'm just so proud to be here".

Morris F Estes graduated in 1950 from Isaac Litton High School

News From Litton Middle School

Congratulations!!
Mrs. Tyrunya Goodwin
Teacher of the Year



Mrs. Goodwin teaches 7th grade math and science. As team leader for the 7th grade, she is a member of the Leadership Team for Litton Middle School.

Mrs. Goodwin's husband, Marcus, is also a teacher in Metro Nashville Public Schools. Mr. Goodwin, their two sons, and the Litton Family are very proud of her.

Band Director Winstein: Litton Honor Band CPA participation

The Litton Honor Band travelled to MTSU on March 12th to participate in the Middle Tennessee Concert Performance Assessment. They performed on stage for a panel of judges and received scores for their performance. This is the Litton band program's first appearance at this event. Wish them luck!

Spring Concert

The Litton Band's Spring Concert will occur on Thursday, **May 7th** at 6:00PM in the Litton Gym. All band students will be performing. We hope to see you there!

Sports Coach Dixon:

The Litton Lions Wrestling Team competed in the Eastern Division Tournament Saturday, January 31st. They wrestled at Dupont Hadley Middle School. Please continue to support our team. Go Lions!!

Coach Jennings:

The Lady Lions and Lions have finished their regular season games playing IT Creswell on February 2 in a make-up game with Feb. 3 being the last game at DuPont Hadley.

Other Sports News

The Litton Wrestling Team finished third in the city. Three wrestlers finished the season undefeated. They are 8th grader Timmy Cox, 7th grader Jacorey Miller, and Josue Garcia. Congratulations, boys, on your hard-earned efforts.

Congratulations also to the girls' basketball team who made it to the second round of the Eastern Division basketball tournament at Whites Creek High School.

GO BIG BLUE !

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

WHAT IS A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE? The Class Representative is the person who helps the Alumni Association to maintain contact with as many of our alumni as possible. Some classes, depending on size, may have more than one Class Representative, with the graduates of that Class being divided among them. A Class Representative is encouraged to be creative in finding information about his/her classmates (ask others from the class, use a "search" program, etc.)

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At the March 26, 2015 Board Meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the following document to be our official Vision and Mission Statement. This statement will be added to our ILAA Website.

*Isaac Litton
Alumni Association*

Our Vision

The Vision of the Isaac Litton Alumni Association is that our heritage and ideals will be preserved and passed on to future generations.

Our Mission Statement

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.

Authored by Carol Bourque, Kay Cunningham, and Phil Watts

Isaac Litton All-Alumni Luncheon

Saturday, June 13, 2015
Old Hickory Country Club
Old Hickory, TN
Meet & Greet 11:30
Buffet Lunch 12:00

We encourage you to attend and pay your annual alumni dues so that we can maintain our gym and to fund the annual scholarships. ILHS merchandise and memorial bricks will be available for purchase that day. We will be honoring the Class of 1965 on their 50th anniversary, and they will be seated together.

INFORMATION FORM

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE (home): _____ CELL: _____
EMAIL: _____
CLASS OF: _____

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS

I will be accompanied by (wife, husband, friend) NAME: _____

Is she / he a Litton graduate: _____ If yes, what class? _____

1. Luncheon reservations _____	x \$30.00 =	\$ _____
2. Annual Alumni Dues: _____	x \$15.00 =	\$ _____
3. Tax Deductible Donation:		\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Please make checks payable to: ISSAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION or
I.L.A.A.
PO Box 752
Madison, TN 37116-0752

You are encouraged to pay your annual alumni dues and update your contact information for our records, even if you are unable to attend our luncheon. Failure to pay your dues will result in your name being removed from our future mailing list. Your reservation is required to receive your name tag (at the door) that will serve as proof of your payment. All reservation forms and payments are due by June 5th, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ALUMNI OF THE YEAR 2015

Each year this award is presented to the Alumni of the Year at our Annual Luncheon. He or she is selected on the basis of service made to their fellow man and community and their willingness to always lend a helping hand. They must be of good character and representative of what our Board of Directors would be proud to have as an example of a good citizen. Please nominate an alumni whom you feel deserves this award. It is a prestigious honor to be selected.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CLASS OF: _____

EMPLOYMENT: _____

EDUCATION: _____

DUES PAYING MEMBER OF ALUMNI ASSOC: ____ YES ____ NO

COMMUNITY SERVICES: _____

SERVICES WHILE AT LITTON: _____

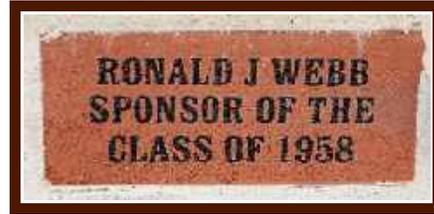
HONORS: _____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____

SEND FORM TO:

Jane Steinhauer
124 Circle Drive
Hendersonville, TN 37075

For a limited time, anyone wishing to become a part of our community's Litton Alumni Gymnasium fund-raising effort can support the worthy endeavor by purchasing a Legacy Brick and endowing that brick (or bricks) with a simple enduring message. Litton supporters thank you in advance for your generosity and shared vision.



Pictured at the left is the Memorial Wall where bricks are installed. The above picture is an actual brick from the wall so you can see how they look.

Buy A Brick Leave a Legacy ...

Honor a Loved One, Commemorate a Special Event, Support a Group or Business

Each engraved brick costs \$60 or two for \$50 each and will help pay the cost of the Litton Alumni Memorial. Investments in this campaign may be characterized as charitable contribution pursuant to Section 162 of the Internal Revenue Code. Please consult your tax advisor for specific reporting requirements. Check should be made payable to: Isaac Litton Alumni Association, Inc. Send check and this form to Jane Steinhauer, 124 Circle Dr, Hendersonville, TN 37075-4826. Allow 2 months for installation.

PERSONALIZED BRICK ORDER FORM

Purchaser's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ eMail: _____

INFORMATION TO BE ENGRAVED ON ONE BRICK UP TO 3 LINES, 14 CHARACTERS PER LINE

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Communication Corner

What Your Fellow Alumni Would Like to Share



The Litton Class of 1955 is revving up to have their 60th Reunion on June 13, 2015 in the gymnasium. Please contact Jerry Robinson at (615) 824-2238 for details.

The Litton Class of 1958 is celebrating their 75th Birthdays together at the gymnasium on Saturday, June 27, 2015. Hope we will see you there, fellow classmates. Please contact Jerry Newman for details (eMail address is jerrynewman58@gmail.com). Details will be going out around May 15, 2015.

Jack Benz asked that we remind everyone of an upcoming event in the fall. On September 26, 2015 at 4:00pm the all Alumni Reunion Picnic at the Winnigham Farms (Drew Maddux), St Blaise Rd, Gallatin, TN. Bring a covered dish, Lawn Chairs, and all your old stories. Mark Your Calendar for this event.

Our next function is our Annual Alumni Luncheon, which will be held at Old Hickory Country Club on June 13, 2015. More information follows on the Invitation / Registration Form included in this issue of the BLAST. We look forward to seeing you there and encourage you to bring a classmate with you! (See page 10 for Alumni Luncheon Reservation Form)

From Our President

Jimmy Clift, Term 2014-2015

Isaac Litton Alumni Association



Dear Alumni, I want you all to know how honored I am to be the current President of the Isaac Litton High School Alumni Association. We have a great Board of Directors that represents our Alumni very proudly! This year we have made significant progress in reconnecting with our alumni through working with the Class Representatives to help organize and update our contact information for each class. We have also worked to build stronger ties to the community, through the Inglewood Neighborhood Association and Isaac Litton Middle School. One of our goals is to keep the Alumni informed about Board and Alumni activities. We also want to get more Alumni involved, as a Board Member, on Board committees and as volunteers on various projects. If you have interest in being active in our Association, please contact me, any other Board member, or your Class Representative. Also, please let us know about any news or announcements concerning our proud and loyal Alumni.

As the editors of the BLAST, we encourage you to consider sending us a Litton related story that we can share with the alumni. It can be a personal story as you have read here or something that happened years ago when you were at Litton that you think might be of interest. This is your newsletter. Please help make it successful by contributing news to us.

The more news we receive, the more often we can "go to press"

Carol Bourque, Larry Collier, Kay Cunningham, Jerry Newman



Coach Earlene Gibson

TEACHER TRIBUTE

Lillian Earlene Gibson was born June 9, 1927 in Hermitage, TN to Earl and Pearl Gibson. She graduated from East High School and received her Master's Degree from George Peabody College for Teachers.

She was formerly basketball coach at Joelton High School and taught Physical Education at Isaac Litton High School until her retirement. From 1964 through 1969 she was Head of Water Skiing at Camp Mudjekeewis.

She first taught girls Physical Education at Litton Junior High when it first opened in 1954 and later moved to the Senior High School. Many of the Litton alumni likely will remember Coach Gibson. She retired from Litton in 1986 and opened a small antique store in Greenbrier, TN which she operated until shortly before her death. She died at age 85 in Greenbrier, TN on February 9, 2013.

ILAA OFFICERS

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