



Litton BLAST

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THE TIME HAS COME!

It's that time of year again, Alumni. But this time, the event will be unlike anything ever put on before! This year at our All-Alumni Banquet, you will be served a delicious sit-down luncheon.

You will be offered some unique and amazing items on Silent Auction.



You will enjoy continuous live entertainment – and a professional photographer will be capturing it all for us (and you can purchase photos of you with some of your favorite people).



And, that's just the beginning! We have two very special speakers to inspire you and really touch your heart with their stories. We will also honor the Class of 1966 on their 50th anniversary of graduating (each attendee from that Class will get a special hand-picked gift).



And, the Class with the most attendees other than the Class of 1966 will also receive a special recognition gift.



Also, we will honor the one Alumnus of the Year, picked by a committee of three, who exemplifies our traditions and honors our heritage by his/her accomplishments since graduation.



Where is this going to happen? It will be held at the one and only Bluegrass Yacht and Country Club, where most of us have at least one special memory.



When is it going to begin? Starting time will be 10:30 AM on Saturday, June 18, 2016 and we expect to be finished with the formalities by 2:00 PM. This gives us all ample opportunity to bid on the Silent Auction items, enjoy a leisurely meal and entertainment, listen to our speakers, and to honor some very special people.

Elsewhere in this issue of the BLAST, you will find your reservation form and a form on which you can nominate someone deserving for the Alumnus of the Year.

We anxiously look forward to seeing you on
June 18, 2016

Albert Hadley, High Society's Decorator, Dies at 91

By [BRUCE WEBER](#), MARCH 30, 2012

Albert Hadley, (ILHS, 1940) and brother of Betty Hadley (ILHS, 1945), a renowned interior designer whose brave and creative eye, distilling both classic and contemporary styles, made him a standard-bearing decorator for the rich and powerful in American society died in Nashville, TN in March of 2012 at the age of 91.

Adam Lewis, who wrote a biography of Mr. Hadley, confirmed the death. Mr. Hadley, who was born in Tennessee, died of cancer at the home of his sister, Elizabeth Hadley, his only survivor. He had homes in Manhattan and in Southport, Conn.

Both independently and as a partner with the prominent interior designer Sister Parish, Mr. Hadley created residences for an illustrious roster of clients with resonant family names like Astor, Grunwald, Paley, Rockefeller, Bronfman, Getty, Whitney and Mellon, not to mention Al and Tipper Gore and Mike Nichols and Diane Sawyer.

His taste was relatively spare and modernist, but he was willing to mix ideas, drawing on a deep knowledge of design history. And reflecting his own moderate temperament, he had a keen sense of how much was too much and how much was not enough



He and Mrs. Parish, whose work was more English in style, worked together as the firm Parish-Hadley for 33 years, creating interiors that were always beautiful, sometimes lush but never overstuffed.

“Never less, never more,” Mr. Hadley was fond of saying of a well-realized interior. “Glamour is part of it,” he added in a 2004 interview in [New York magazine](#). “But glamour is not the essence. Design is about discipline and reality, not about fantasy beyond reality.”

Perhaps his most celebrated work was the library at the Park Avenue home of Brooke Astor. He transformed a high-ceilinged faux-French drawing room into a strikingly elegant space with red-lacquered shelves and brass trim befitting a client who had given considerable philanthropic support to libraries, especially the [New York Public Library](#).

One early project was for the Park Avenue apartment of Edgar Bronfman, the chairman of Seagram, and his wife, Ann Loeb. They wanted more modern

quarters with a good deal of open space, so Mr. Hadley demolished a drawing room wall, replaced it with glass and installed a travertine staircase. It was a contemporary space forged from a traditional one. Mrs. Parish then filled it with 18th-century furniture.

“The chairs became like sculptures,” Mr. Hadley recalled, “and it was fantastic.”



Brooke Astor's Manhattan bedroom. Credit "Albert Hadley"/Rizzoli

Albert Livingston Hadley Jr. was born in Springfield, Tenn., north of Nashville, on Nov. 18, 1920. His father owned a farm implement business, and the family moved often, giving his mother, Elizabeth, the opportunity to decorate several houses and young Albert to develop an interest in it himself.

As a child, Mr. Hadley studied fashion and design magazines and was enthralled by the movies, and by the time he was 13 he had already determined that his future lay in New York. Later in life he said he continued to prefer black-and-white movies because they let him supply all the color.

After high school and two years of college in Nashville, Mr. Hadley approached A. Herbert Rogers, a prominent local decorator, for a job as a junior assistant. Hired, he gained entry to many of Nashville's finest houses and began his career as an expert on high residential style.

He was drafted into the Army in 1942 and served as a company payroll clerk in Chelmsford, England. With the help of the G.I. Bill, he was able to make the long-awaited move to New York in 1947, to attend the Parsons School of Design.

There he caught the attention of Van Day Truex, the president of the school and an avatar of the urbanity and sleek good manners of postwar design. (He was later design director at Tiffany & Company.) Recognizing his abilities, Mr. Truex offered Mr. Hadley a teaching job shortly after his graduation in 1949.

In 1956, Mr. Hadley went to work for Eleanor Brown at McMillen, then the most prestigious decorating firm in the country. As he recalled for Mr. Lewis, the author of "Albert Hadley: The Story of America's Preeminent Interior Designer" (2005), Mrs. Brown's establishment was graciously strict. Hours were 9 to 5, with no Saturday or Sunday work allowed.



Every afternoon a maid pushed a mahogany cart of tea and cookies from office to office, and Mrs. Brown would visit with her decorators, discussing their work and, by example, instilling the social finesse required to be in the business.



Albert Hadley kept the chintz in the library that Sister Parish designed for Brooke Astor's apartment on Park Avenue, but he tore out the walls and put in brass-fitted bookshelves.

This set the stage for Mr. Hadley's second act. In 1962, at Mr. Truex's suggestion, he introduced himself to the decorator Sister Parish — the familiar name of the former Dorothy May Kinnicutt and wife of Henry Parish II. Well born, well connected and well established, she was also looking for help. When Mr. Hadley knocked nervously at her door, she answered in stocking feet and a black wool dress and asked him to zip her up.

As the decorator Tom Britt said in Mr. Lewis's book, "When Albert zipped up Mrs. Parish's dress, it was the biggest explosion in 20th-century decorating."

Mr. Hadley's first assignment with Mrs. Parish was the White House breakfast room of Jacqueline and President John F. Kennedy, though he was modest about his contribution. "I only did the curtains," he said in 1999.

He became a full partner two years later, and their collaboration, playing on strong opposites, became one of the most productive and distinguished in American interior design, continuing until Mrs. Parish's death in 1994.

Their methods differed as much as their tastes. Mrs. Parish worked on instinct; Mr. Hadley, with his Parsons training and encyclopedic historical knowledge, worked with an innate sense of plan, proceeding from a project's architectural frame to its decorative surface with ordered precision.

His influence was wide, reflected in the work of Bunny Williams, Thomas Jayne, Mariette Himes Gomez and David Easton, who studied or worked with him. Mr. Hadley continued the business of Parish-Hadley until 1999, when he again became independent, continuing to work well into his 80s.

In 2005, on the occasion of his 85th birthday, The New York Times interviewed one of his clients, Diana Quasha, for whom Mr. Hadley was designing the interior of a condominium in the Bloomberg tower at Lexington Avenue and 58th Street.

"He's still the hippest thing out there," Ms. Quasha said. "I don't want it to be modern, and I don't want it to be traditional. I want it to look interesting. Who else would I ask?"

LION'S HALL AND THE LION'S DEN

by Kay Rayner Cunningham

Located on the lower level of the Isaac Litton High School gymnasium, The Lion's Den is a virtual treasure-trove of memories from the school we all love and of those who gave so much to its history and legacy. This room is the home for memorabilia and archival treasures dating back to the very construction of the school.

Under the care and tutelage of the ILAA Board of Directors and specifically the Memorabilia and Lions Den Committee, items are donated by family members of alumni who know how much the school meant to their loved ones or have been given by the former students themselves.

About a dozen years ago, then Board Member Jimmy Howell asked Mary Ann Baker to help with the establishment of this area. Through word-of-mouth over the years, the displays have grown to the impressive collection housed here today.

Here, in the Lions Den, one can sit and peruse yearbooks from every graduating class or binders containing a nearly perfect collection of newspaper articles from the school's history in sports, music, and even original copies of the school publication, ***the Blast*** from its inception.



Probably the most impressive facet of the collection is the framed montage throughout the lower level of every graduating class since 1932, the first class to graduate Isaac Litton High School, all the way to the last class graduating in 1971.



After a visit to the Lions Den, you will come away with new found respect for the school and those who called it and still call it Alma Mater. Graduates have gone on to great heights of nearly every field of endeavor including professional sports, professional musicians, famous composers, inventors, aviators, world business leaders, and renowned artists.



Lions Hall can comfortably seat 150 people for meetings, banquets, reunions, etc. With the adjacent kitchen area, it provides an inviting forum for graduates and the community we all love so much.



If you haven't yet taken time to visit, please do so. You will surely take away a newfound respect for your Isaac Litton roots.

To become part of the committee dedicated to this endeavor, contact any current committee board member: Mary Ann Baker (maryanngbaker@gmail.com), Kaaren Frazier Andrews (kaarena81@comcast.net), Emily Burrow (lolly843@aol.com), or Mary Virginia Ridings (maryridings@att.net).

NEWS FROM LITTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Litton Band Tradition Continues

The Litton Middle School band received high marks at a recent band competition at MTSU. Participating in the MTSBOA Concert Festival, Litton brought home 2 trophies for their efforts. The band performed two prepared pieces for the judges and one sight-reading piece. Sight reading is when a piece of music is given to a band to perform sight unseen with little to no practice or rehearsal. This test evaluates how well students can actually read and interpret musical arrangements.

In the prepared performance, the band received a grade of Excellent. In sight reading, the band received a Superior rating. These outstanding ratings do not happen by accident. Director Allison Biederman continues to provide outstanding music instruction to the over 100 students with whom she works. We congratulate Ms. Biederman and look forward to continued success.



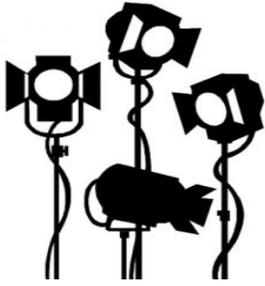
Members of the advanced band and director Allison Biederman pose with the 2 trophies won at a recent concert festival.

Athletic Tradition Continues - Wrestling Team Wins City Championship

The wrestling team from Litton MS recently won the city championship. Coached by Robert Dixon, the team went undefeated, winning both the Eastern Division Championship and the City Championship. Fourteen out of fifteen wrestlers qualified for the City Championship. Jacorey Miller was voted Best Wrestler in the city for the 132 pound class. Avion Brown won the city championship in the 100 pound class. Coach Dixon thanked everyone who participated and supported the team. Way to go boys!

Spring Calendar For Litton Middle School

- Spring Band Concert will be held on Thursday, May 12 beginning at 6:00.
- Spring Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 16 from 6:00 to 8:00.
- Field Day will be held on Tuesday, May 17. If you would like to volunteer to help, please call the school office at 615-262-6700.



COMMITTEE SPOTLIGHT

GROUNDS/FACILITY (GF):

Purpose: To insure that the building and grounds are maintained in a suitable condition for the intended purposes of the building. To assure that the building, use, maintenance, scheduling and security are thoroughly maintained and communicated to all concerned parties.

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Communication Corner

What Your Fellow Alumni Would Like to Share



The Class of 1966 will have their 50th class reunion on June 10 and 11, 2016. If you have not received your invitation please contact one of the following class mates.

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Saturday, June 25, 2016 from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm the Class of 1958 will hold their annual picnic in Lion's Hall at the gymnasium. Once again the Strouds will furnish an excellent cuisine for us. Details and a reservation form will be forthcoming in an email approximately six weeks ahead of the picnic.



April 23, 2016 the Class of 1949 will have their reunion which is scheduled for the Lion's Hall from 9:00 am until 10:00 pm. This time frame includes some set up beginning with the 9:00 am time. Actual time that the reunion will begin is not available. Further details will be sent by Jane Steinhauer.



Sports Day Held August, 2015

By Larry Collier

Through the efforts of Hal Gibbs, class of 1971, an All Sports Day was held on August 1, 2015 for everyone who participated in athletic endeavors while a student at Isaac Litton High School. Lions Hall in the old gym was full of former athletes who gave their all for the Big Blue. Sharing the memories of legendary NIL moments involving the Lions was the order of the day.

Gibbs arranged the following speakers for the day:

Carol Draper Bourque, class of 68 and president of the alumni association

Don Filson, class of 62

Kevin Temple, class of 72

Johnny Blankenship, class of 69

Herbert Patterson, class of 66

Jimmy Clift, class of 63

Larry Collier, class of 69

Drew Maddux, class of 52

Betty Ann Sadler Santi, class of 71

Though it's impossible to list every participant in this small space, attendees included Jerry Kemp, Butch Shaw, Coach Ed Garrett, Ronnie Pettus (who not only played basketball and baseball, he was also in the Marching 100+), Carol Galloway Bevans, Joe Young, Charlie Ingram, Jack Patterson, Sandy Baggott, Bonnie Sloan, and many more.

In addition to recalling awesome athletic moments and memories, football game films from the 40's through the 60's were unveiled and put up for sale. Gibbs worked tirelessly to gather as many game films as he could so they could be digitally converted to DVDs. Additionally, he organized a fund raising event he called "30 for Litton" which raised \$3000 for the project. The project involved the simple concept of 30 alumni who would donate \$100 for the conversion of game films of historic Litton games. He easily achieved his goal.

One of the most impressive games on DVD is the 1947 game at Vanderbilt between Litton and MBA. This game proved to be a forerunner of the Clinic Bowl. It is in color and is amazing in its clarity. There are 7 DVDs available for purchase and each DVD includes several games.

In addition to Gibbs, others deserving of a shout-out for making this day a success include Lewis Lampley and Herbert Patterson for taking pictures (all pictures can be found at the alumni website, www.isaacclittonhighschool.com), Laurie Gibbs and Kathy Watson Henderson at the reception table, Joyce Wray Fogarty, Emily Burrow, students from Backfield In Motion who assisted with parking, and many others who gave their time to this wonderful activity.

It was a grand day for all participants as we remembered the athletic powerhouse that was Isaac Litton.



Beth Watkins Luttrell, Larry Lutrell, Wayne Parker, Harry Murphy, and Judy Murphy Filson



Mary Lynn Dotson Coley, Robbie Bardell Botts, Marisue Meador Stalker, Joni Smart, Beth Watkins Luttrell, Judy Murphy Filson, Beth Pylant Williams, and Sandra Duncan



Melinda Hoffman, Darlene Lawson Old, Kathy Watson Henderson, Beverly Burge, Carol Galloway Bevans, Mary Ann Rutherford Henry, and Betty Ann Sadler Santi



Coach Ed Garrett, Carol Galloway Bevans, Ms. Garrett

THE LEGENDS OF LITTON



Three BACKFIELD IN MOTION (BIM) Boys Receive Scholarships

by Mary Ann Baker

James Smith will graduate from Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School. He was presented the Resiliency Award from the TSSAA for wrestling. He received a four year scholarship from Cricket Wireless. He has been in BIM for 8 years.

Reggie Nelson will graduate from Maplewood High School and has been a member of BIM since 2010. He received a five year scholarship from Belmont, a full ride that includes housing, tuition and board.

And, lastly, **David Anderson** received a 4 year scholarship called the Building Bridges to TSU. It is a full ride which includes tuition, room and board. He will graduate from East High School and is thinking about the medical field. He has been a member of BIM since 2015.

Congratulations to each of you.

Leonard Staggs, Isaac Litton High Class of 1941, Inducted Posthumously



Leonard Staggs was a great football player for Isaac Litton High School. From all accounts, he was the first real football star for the Big Blue. This great Lion went on to have a stellar coaching career in mid-state high schools. He was named "NIL Player of the Year" in 1940 and later went to the University of Mississippi on a football scholarship. After his freshman year, he joined the Army and fought during World War II. After the war he played football at Middle Tennessee State University. He was a member of the first two of seven Volunteer State Athletic Conference Championship Teams under legendary coach and MNPS Hall of Fame inductee Charles M. "Bubba" Murphy.

Staggs began his coaching career at Giles County High School and then moved to Lawrence County High School in the fall of 1948. For the next 22 years, the Lawrence County High football team won 125 games, had 11 winning seasons, and Staggs was named "Coach of the Year" in 1964 and 1965. In basketball, his teams won 354 games, six district titles, four regional championships and appeared in six state tournaments - - finishing in the final four twice. Coach Staggs was the founder of the Lawrenceburg Little League Baseball program and the Lawrence County Quarterback Club. The high school football stadium bears his name.



WHAT MY DUES ARE USED FOR:

- Support for special projects for Isaac Litton Middle School
- Support for Backfield in Motion projects
- To encourage community support and involvement
- Provide space for preliminary disaster command center for the American Red Cross
- Maintenance of the Lions Hall (lower level of the gym building) and Lion's Den
- Maintain continued contact with Alumni
- Host special events for Classes and Alumni
- And, more.

**PLEASE PAY YOUR ANNUAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DUES, ONLY \$15.00.
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ILAA or ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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On Being Grateful, Not Hateful

By Larry Collier ('69)

Recently, the picture below was sent to me and it caused me to reflect on life. We all have gone through the loss of our dear friends and family members. We deal with the grieving process, including refusing to accept it, anger, perhaps some guilt, and eventually acceptance (hopefully). Once accepted, it becomes a time of reflection and thankfulness. We grieve over the loss but eventually, we become thankful for the time we had with our friend. We smile at thoughts of the humorous moments, while wishing those moments could come again. We have all been there, and we will continue to experience those losses until our time comes to exit stage left.

We experienced many of the same feelings in June, 1971 when the federal court handed down a decision which had the effect of closing our beloved high school. With no warning, it was over. Like a death of a loved one, it was a moment that we first refused to believe. There was also lots of anger. Closing Isaac Litton High School? No way. Why would such a powerhouse of knowledge, athletics, music and community support be shuttered? How could this be happening? It truly felt like someone near and dear to us had died. No more football Friday nights on Hume Marshall Field? No more Marching 100+? No more student council elections with live music and a festival-like atmosphere? No more pep rallies? No more neighborhood rivalries with Madison, East, Stratford and Maplewood? This can't be happening, but it was happening.

Litton High School had been such an important part of our life to that point. The Inglewood community supported that school like no other community in Nashville. The support of our parents, the Men's Club, the Band Boosters, and others in the community that didn't even have children who attended our school helped to make Litton great.

To many of us, Litton was an old school. However, it's important to note that McGavock High School is now older than Litton was when it was closed. The difference is that the Litton building was not built to last. The old Davidson County School system back then didn't have the money that the city schools had. Therefore, our building was not built in the same manner that schools like East and West were built.

It is said that the truly good seem to die young. That's certainly true in the case of Litton. Maybe by closing when it did, we were spared the potential deterioration of the school from what it once was. Perhaps we wouldn't have been quite as proud of old Isaac Litton today if it had remained a high school. We will never know. What we do know is that we were oh so lucky to have experienced the pride, tradition and excellence that defined the Litton Lions.

So, let us be thankful for what we had instead of being angry for losing it. Like we do when we lose a friend, let us be grateful and thankful for the time we spent there. Let us smile when remembering those humorous times which are embedded within us. Let the little child that continues to reside in each of us remember those special moments that could have only happened in that old building on Gallatin Road.

In short, forget the anger and remember the innocence, happiness and pride. Be grateful, not hateful.



Demolition crews from American Environmental bring down the old Isaac Litton High School, closing a chapter on a part of Nashville history. Efforts to save the building built in 1928 fell short and its' deteriorating condition concerned nearby residents. It was determined that bringing the dilapidated building up to current codes would have required up to 3 million. The structure on Gallatin Rd in Inglewood, home of the "Litton Lions", served as a high school until 1971 and was a junior high school from 1971 until 1984. After the demolition the space will be used for a small community park.

Litton High Forever!

Football At Isaac Litton – Preparing for Each Season

By Larry Collier

Have we ever stopped to think about the sacrifice football players for the Big Blue made while trying to survive until the opening football game the Friday after Labor Day? What were the pre-season practices like? How did they deal with the August heat? Just how tough was it? Several former football Lions described their experiences as the Big Blue prepared for another season. Their stories are shared below.

From 1954 through the 1960 season, Bill Harris was the head coach of the Big Blue. We are not sure why he hasn't received the publicity he deserves for his efforts as coach of the mighty Lions, but we are sure of the expectations he had for his players. Don Filson describes pre-season practice as tough but fair. Coach Harris "was a disciplinarian and demanded that all the players give 100% effort", said Filson. Even though discipline and effort were demanded and expected, Coach Harris never used a profane word to get his message across. At least, Filson never heard it.

There was the annual week of two-a-day practices, and by the end of that week, Filson said they could hardly move. Every muscle was sore after the first week or so of practice. Legs felt as if they weighed 150 pounds each. Many participants wondered if they could make it without giving up. However, most all those that began fall practice stuck with it. That's because of the lure of running onto Hume Marshall Field in front of a packed house on opening night.

Filson said the August heat was unbearable, even though he had worked in the sun during the summer as an iron worker on construction sites. During those days of football practice, little to no water was made available to the players. Of course, that's unheard of these days. Filson said that it was a miracle that no one died.

For the 1961 season, Richard Hewitt followed Bill Harris as coach. At some point in time, Coach Hewitt began taking the team to football camp usually at Linden, TN. It was basically boot camp, but with teams from other schools participating as well.

Phil Taylor (67) remembers the first week at camp included two-a-days in the oppressive heat. They stayed in un-air-conditioned bunk houses. The only slight relief from the heat occurred after sundown.

Herbert Patterson (67) also remembers the early morning mile run. "Early each morning, we ran to the entrance of the park and back," said Patterson. "It was mostly up hill and a few tried to hide along the way and then jump back in when we were running back." Those that got caught were given the opportunity to run some more.

In the bunk houses, there was a string which hung from one wall to another. Players would hang their shorts, jock, and whatever else that needed to dry out. Hopefully, they were dry by morning. If not, well, players had to wear them anyway.

One positive attraction at camp was that you got to practice against teams from other schools, as opposed to hitting on your teammates. There was also a swimming pool which must have felt awesome after an oppressive day of football.

Finally, the obligatory shaving of the heads of all new players was customary. The picture below shows the results of this custom in August, 1965.

Though we all remember the excitement of Friday nights, the players remember a lot more: the aches and pain, the heat, the blood, sweat and sometimes tears, all for the Big Blue. Each one would tell you it was worth it and they would do it again. We appreciate all of you boys who made the painful but necessary sacrifice for an opportunity to wear the red and blue of the Isaac Litton Lions. Your considerable efforts created memories for us that we will cherish forever. Thanks for the memories.



Showing off their freshly shaved heads at football camp in 1965 are Ramon Navarro, Randy Boyce, Paul Perry, Larry Emery, and unidentified (notice the "L" shaved in his hair). Second row: Ronald Spurlock, John Halliburton, David Lee, Mickey Meeks, and Mike York. In back: Phil Taylor, David Eubank, Guerry Fulcher, and Pat Tatum.



Football players from Two Rivers and Litton get a well-deserved break from preseason football camp in Linden, TN. Litton players are Wilburn Bates (3rd from the left) and Bonnie Sloan (4th from left).



Isaac Litton Alumni Association

Isaac Litton Alma Mater. Tender, fair and true. Faithful sons and loyal daughters vow of love renew.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND - SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2016, 10:30 AM

Dear Fellow Alumni,

We are excited to present you with the information for the upcoming Annual All Class Reunion Banquet, June 18, 2016. We know it is little early to be planning, but we wanted to allow you plenty of time to make arrangements to bring friends and family. This year we are doing our best to take things up a notch to make this event a most memorable one. As you will see below, we have some amazing things planned for you.

Starting with the banquet being held at the Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club, undoubtedly a place where many of you made fond memories while as a student or later life events. This year, we will be served at a sit-down Banquet where we will be treated like the VIPs we all are! The menu will consist of an entrée, vegetable selection(s), bread, beverage choices and a scrumptious dessert. For longer than most of us can remember, this venue has been revered as one of the premier sites for special events, and we believe our banquet will be just that.

We have two guest speakers this year that you will not want to miss. One is a young man with an amazing story of his life to share. Once you hear him you will understand why what he has to say is so important to us and the ILAA. Our second speaker is an educator and executive in her own right and brings her hope and encouragement for the children we serve.

We are have revitalized the Alumnus of the Year Award. After much discussion and a formation of a new committee, the decision was made to have only ONE winner this year. While this is hard choice to make, the committee felt this would serve the criteria for this award best. This winner will be honored during our Banquet by the presentation of a framed gilt-edged certificate, as well as his/her name having been added to our wooden plaque which will be displayed in the Lions Hall Board Room for all posterity.

Also being recognized this year is the Class of 1966 for their 50th Anniversary. They will each receive a special gift that we know will bring back memories of that awesome class. And, if that wasn't enough, the class with the most graduates in attendance will also receive a special door prize for their participation.

In order to ensure the success of this very important fundraiser this year, we have also added a Silent Auction which will help us with our various missions and goals directed toward honoring our heritage in and promoting the future of our beloved community here in Nashville.

OUR MISSION GOALS INCLUDE:

- Maintenance and operation of our revitalized gymnasium building which serves as a meeting place for our alumni, for the community, and home to the "Lion's Den", a fully viewable area filled with memorabilia from the proud 40+ year history of ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL.
- Supporting special programs for the Isaac Litton Middle School such as the Reception of incoming new students, music program, agriculture, and other special needs throughout the year.

- Providing a facility space for Backfield in Motion (BIM) which is a nonprofit organization that combines academics and athletics to inspire inner-city boys to reach their maximum potential in order to become significant contributors to society. Funds provided by the ILAA are used to support tutorial programs offering academic remediation and homework assistance for these, Nashville's most vulnerable youth.
- Additionally, the Alumni Association is very proud of the recent designation by the American Red Cross to be a "mustering" location in the event of a community disaster. When the situation requires our neighborhood residents to evacuate their homes for any reason, the American Red Cross will set up a "command center" in our Lions Hall to serve the purpose of assigning these displaced community members to the appropriate facility to best assist them. While they will not be housed or fed at our facility, the Red Cross has deemed this as a vital step in their ability to quickly help those in need.

If you (or anyone you know) would be willing to donate item(s) for our Silent Auction, please contact Kay Rayner Cunningham, Class of 1964, (phone 615-712-8238 or email kayc1107@comcast.net) as soon as possible. All donors will be recognized in our event program, as well as on our website and FB page, unless otherwise directed by the donor. All donations to the ILAA are fully tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)3 organization. We sincerely appreciate your support in our goals. We are seeking new items only, with a value of \$20 or more. Lamborghinis and Italian villas will be welcomed!

Deadline for reservations, Alumnus of the Year nominations and receipt of Silent Auction donations is May 14, 2016. We thank you in advance for your prompt response and support.

In keeping with the mission of the association, our aim is to be a positive influence in the lives of ALL the children of our community by continuously reaching out to bring the alumni and community together. We look forward to seeing each of you this year, not only as we work together to support these worthy causes, but also to share our cherished memories.

Litton High Forever,
 Carol Draper Bourque, President
 ILAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

P.S. – Remember to pay your annual dues of just \$15.00 per person, even if you are unable to attend this event, your annual dues are so important in achieving our goals every year and perpetuating our legacy and heritage. All dues go towards those things listed above and so much more in the upcoming year. And, donations will be gratefully accepted and acknowledged in our program.

Remember! All profits from our Annual All-Alumni Banquet are used towards our various Goals and Missions in the name of Isaac Litton High School Alumni Association. We thank you for your generous support.



NO CREDIT or DEBIT CARDS ACCEPTED



BID ON SILENT AUCTION ITEMS, BUY OUR MERCHANDISE, SUPPORT ISAAC LITTON
 (as you always have).
 Thank you.

Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet

Saturday, June 18, 2016

Bluegrass Yacht & Country Club

550 Johnny Cash Parkway

Hendersonville, TN 37075

10:30 AM

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 1966 on their 50th anniversary, and they will be seated together.

ALUMNUS INFORMATION

NAME: _____ CLASS OF: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE (home): _____ (mobile): _____

EMAIL: _____

Please list here all guests attending with you and if they are also graduates of ILHS, please indicate graduation year:

PAYMENT FOR:	How Many				Total
Banquet Reservation		X	\$35.00	=	
Annual Alumni Dues		X	\$15.00	=	
Tax Deductible Donation					
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED					\$

Please make checks payable to: ISSAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION or I.L.A.A.

Enclose your check along with this form (and your Alumnus of the Year form, if so desired) to:

c/o Melinda Hoffman, Treasurer

859 Sugar Flat Road

Lebanon, TN 37087

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 Banquet. 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 May 14th, 2016.

NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Each year, this award will be 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:

Melinda Hoffman
859 Sugar Flat Road
Lebanon, TN 37087

Deadline for nominations: May 14th, 2016

Gone But Not Forgotten

Alumni Who Have Passed.....January 1, 2016 – March 31, 2016

Please notify us of any alumni that you know who has passed.

jerry@isaaclittonhighschool.com

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Age</u>
1942	Kirby O Foster	01/31/16	92
1948	Wilma Jean Martin Seifert	01/11/16	85
1949	Thomas Hemmerly	02/15/16	83
1951	Peggy Ann Stolfe Howard	03/03/16	82
1953	Katherine Jane Hall England	02/18/16	80
1953	Nila Jo Garmon Sherrill	01/07/16	80
1954	Peggy Ann Apple Huff	02/21/16	80
1954	James Franklin Ray	01/13/16	81
1954	Joe Wendell Ray	02/19/16	80
1958	Jo Ann Lowery	01/20/16	76
1961	Robbie Mobley Hemmerly	02/08/16	73
1961	Harry Lynn Towns	03/06/16	72
1961	Julie White Hobbs	02/27/16	73
1964	James Riley Edgar	02/08/16	69
1969	Bobby Lee McCollum	01/27/16	64

The next BLAST issue will list April thru June 2016 deceased alumni.

From Our President

My fellow Alumni,

I want to pay a special tribute to our Board of Directors in this issue. This is your board and they have been working hard on your behalf. I really want to lift this group of people up for all they do to make our organization an outstanding one! Each of them brings their thoughts and expertise to the table, and I am so proud to serve with each of them. If you are not familiar with who these people are, please see a complete list below. Please take a moment if you know them, or even if you don't to thank them for what they do. Each person volunteers their time and energy to preserve our great heritage and we should let them know how much they are appreciated. I know personally that without the dedicated people who serve on this board, we could not have accomplished the wonderful things for the children in our community. Please take a moment to tell them how special each of them are.



As we look forward to the coming events for our alumni, I am encouraged and excited about the coming months. We have accomplished so many things this past year, but still have lots to do. With your help and support we will fulfill the tasks before us while sharing our many wonderful memories.

I want to also ask that you make every effort to be at our banquet on June 18th. This is going to be something very special, but without each of you it will not be complete. I look forward to seeing your smiling faces and enjoying our time together, as we once again honor our Alma Mater.

Litton High Forever,
Carol Draper Bourque
President, Isaac Litton Alumni Association

ISAAC LITTON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBERS

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