



Litton Blast

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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 Celebration, May 29, 2023**
- **Alumni Luncheon, June 10, 2023**
- **Veterans Day Breakfast, November 11, 2023**

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 and STAY SAFE!
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,
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Dear Fellow Alumni,

To you who are reading this letter, a tremendous **THANK YOU!** for your interest in our organization and what we are all trying to accomplish.

We had an eventful fourth quarter celebrating our veterans in November and wrapping gifts for Backfield in Motion in December (see related articles elsewhere in this issue). Additionally, several board members attended a **Litton Live** concert in October benefitting the ILMS PTSO. These activities represent what we are all about: celebrating our wonderful alumni, community involvement, and legacy building by supporting our students.

Additionally, the Class of 1962 had their sixty-year reunion, and the Class of 1970 celebrated Christmas and seventieth birthdays in Lions Hall. We are so blessed to have this wonderful facility for meetings and parties.

Maybe it's just me, but I am sensing a growing camaraderie among all our alumni. I hope you are as well. Of course, it's easy given the quality of our alumni. The more of you I am privileged to get to know, the more I am convinced of that fact. As an organization, we benefit from having two excellent resources to facilitate our communication and camaraderie. One is our large meeting space with a kitchen, board room, and incredible memorabilia room (Lions Den). This space is inviting and provides us with a wonderful place to host all kinds of events from breakfasts, luncheons, class reunions and parties.

The other resource is our website, easily one of the best alumni websites in the area. Our webmaster, Jerry Newman, has committed himself to making our

website a treasure trove of information. On isaaclitton.com, you can find any classmate who ever graduated from Isaac Litton High School. And now, due to Jerry's hard work, we have a database of our faculty from all years. This is still a work in progress, but I invite you to check out the website for all the interesting, historical, and timely information that will help you to remain connected to the school and your friends and to contribute information which will help us "fill in the blanks."

I would also like to share with you an initiative that your board has been quietly pursuing. Most of our early graduating classes, specifically 1932 to 1946 and 1948, are all 90 years old or older and do not have an assigned class representative. We have surviving classmates in these classes beginning in 1938. The board has "adopted" each of these surviving classmates with the intention of reaching out by phone and or card. These alumni are in their 90's or older, and we want to let them know that we still remember them and want to connect with them. It is interesting to find multiple generations of alumni in the same family. If you are related to or have knowledge of a classmate from one of these earlier classes, please let me know.

For now, please put these upcoming events (all at Lions Hall) on your calendar, and be on the lookout for other gatherings to be planned and announced:

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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



SAVE THE DATE!
Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet
Saturday, June 10, 2023
Lion's Hall, Old Litton Gym Building
4500 Gallatin Pike
Nashville, TN 37218
Doors Open at 10:30 AM, Meal at 11:30 AM

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

Once again, we will have a delicious banquet catered by [Uselton's Catering and Special Events.](#)

The complete menu will be announced in the upcoming April 1, 2023, BLAST, but it will include a vegetarian option this year.

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

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

Deadline for reservations will be in late May, 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>		\$
Total Amount Enclosed		\$

Make Check Payable to Isaac Litton alumni Association or ILAA

Enclose your payment and form and mail to:

Buddy Jones 100 Windham Dr., Hendersonville, TN 37073

We hope to see you there!

Veterans Day at Isaac Litton

November 11, 2022

Contributed by Don Clark, Class of '70

On Veterans Day we held what we hope will be an annual breakfast to honor our alumni who have served in the armed services of our country. Members of our alumni board fixed breakfast items to provide a free breakfast for all who



attended this year. We had between 50-60 alumni and spouses attend with over 20 who served in our various branches of the military. John McHenry ('70) who is a Retired Commander in the United States Navy spoke concerning his service to our country. We also had small gifts that were handed out to alumni who had served in the military.

We enjoyed our time that morning as we remembered our veterans. We hope to expand this for 2023. Veterans Day will be on Saturday, November 11th in 2023. Keep this date in mind when planning your fall activities.

I also want to remind everyone that we will once again come together to remember the names on the blue bricks on our Memorial Wall on Monday the 29th of May, Memorial Day, 2023. We will begin at 9 am and have light refreshments afterwards.

Thanks to all who have served, and I wish you all a most blessed 2023.

Don Clark

Class of 1970

2nd Lieutenant United States Marine Corps, Retired



FUNNIES FOR THE NEW YEAR



LITTON HIGH FOREVER: OUR RENOVATED MARQUEE

Contributed by Alice Stewart Shehane, Class of '65

Early in 2022 the Board of Directors noticed that the Isaac Litton High School marquee seriously needed repairs. It is believed that installation was originally completed in 1963. It was repainted and re-lettered about 20 years ago.

At that time, the majorette and lion were removed and placed in the basement storage area. These seven-foot, heavy gauge steel figures were rusted and most of the paint was gone. The western sun had dramatically faded the sign. Half of the bottom was rusted out.

Mickey Collier, class of '65, chairman of the building and maintenance committee, contacted sign companies to get bids for restoring this iconic symbol of Inglewood past. One company said that it would cost more than it was worth. Another company looked at the sign but did not follow up with a bid. Both were eager to sell us a modern, digital sign.

After several months of inaction, Mickey spoke with neighbor and longtime friend, Don Crafton, owner of Crafton signs on Trinity Lane. They had known each other since school days. Don attended East and Maplewood and was very familiar with Litton and its legacy. Don quoted a reasonable figure for the restoration. The surface was thoroughly sanded, and the lettering was removed. Proper sign paint was applied.



Majorette, Susan Gilliland, in front of new sign. 1963. Note pile of bricks to the right.

The majorette/lion parts of the sign were taken to Mickey's home shop. They were stripped, sanded, primed and the background brown paint was sprayed. At this point the project was turned over to Pat Collier with the intention of recreating the original lion and majorette paintings. After completion of the hand painting, they were sprayed with several layers of clear coat.

Pat and Mickey have many years of restoration experience. They are both big fans of anything vintage and enjoy bringing old things "back to life."

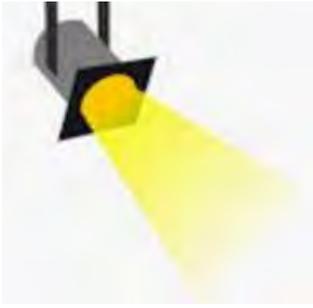
Donations were accepted at the All Alumni banquet this summer as well as several reunions that were held at our facility. One anonymous donation for the marquee totaled \$2,500.

Another anonymous donation for LED lighting was made to honor Phil Watts, class of 1968. Phil was President of the Student Body his senior year and past President of the ILAA. Nobody loved Litton more than Phil. RIP, good man.



THANK YOU, to all who contributed to this project.

LITTON HIGH FOREVER!
CAN'T HIDE THAT LITTON PRIDE



Lewis Lampley: A Life Entwined with Nashville History

Reminiscences by Lewis Lampley, Class of 1958

“My dad worked for a landscape company that worked on Cheekwood when it was being built. I also know that he then did landscape work for Newman Cheek when his estate was being built. That must be the connection of how my dad started working for Mr. Cheek. Mr. Cheek owned a farm in Sumer country on Station Camp Creek and my dad managed it for him until the summer of 1951 when we moved to 4425 Brush Hill Road to the home that was bought from Mr. Cheek and was adjacent to the Cheek estate. My dad then maintained the grounds, pool, and home of Mr. Cheek’s estate as well as anything asked of him until his death in 1967.



“The Cheeks had no children and they treated me very kindly and in many ways like a child of theirs. They hardly used the pool and I think they had my dad keep it cleaned for my use. They would let me invite high school friends over for swimming. When we were dating, my wife and I would go over and have the pool all to ourselves. I always called and asked for permission first or I would have been reminded very strongly by mom and dad of what was proper.

“Mr. Cheek did not like change and only had an air conditioner installed in later years and then only in the living room. Before that, in the summer he would have my dad get a 100 lb. block of ice daily. They had a large dining room area with a fireplace at one end. Dad would put the block of ice in a galvanized tub in the fireplace with a fan behind it blowing over the ice. That was the air conditioning.

” At one time, I would guess that the Cheeks were prominent in the Nashville society. I do remember a big party that my mom and dad worked where there was a big tent set up and the governor attended. I have no idea of which governor. Mrs. Cheek had Parkinson’s disease and in later years had a nurse 24 hours a day. As she walked with one side bent over before she was wheelchair bound, she had my mom hem dresses to where they would hang level on all sides as she walked. Mr. Cheek did not like change and only had an air conditioner installed in later years and then only in the living room. Before that, in the summer he would have my dad get a 100 lb. block of ice daily. They had a large dining room area with a fireplace at one end. Dad would put the block of ice in a galvanized tub in the fireplace with a fan behind it blowing over the ice. That was the air conditioning.

Newman’s father, Joel O. Cheek and cousin, Christopher T. Cheek began a wholesale grocery business and a coffee business, which eventually became Maxwell House Coffee, named after the premier hotel at the time, the Maxwell House. The phrase “Good to the Last Drop,” has been attributed to Teddy Roosevelt during a stay at that Hotel.

“Newman Cheek built his home on a bluff above the Cumberland River. The driveway entrance is between Spring Hill Cemetery and St. Joseph. The driveway is still there although access to the home is now at the end of Brush Hill Road. When he built the home, he needed a water supply and had a water filtration plant built. Neighbors began asking for access to the water. That was the beginning of what is now Madison Utility. Newman also started Jackson Park Realty which of course built a lot of homes in Jackson Park. Back to the farm for a bit of remembrance of Jackson Park. It had to be in the 40’s when Newman had his farm hands go to Jackson Park to bale hay. And the farm hands took me with them. I still have the memory of the men baling hay in the area which became Kenwood Drive which I later recognized when

visiting Dan Mills classmates that lived on Kenwood. There were also two lots that fronted on Gallatin Road where the band and athletic teams would practice. These were also owned by Newman. A Masonic Lodge and a public library now occupy those lots.

“Most memory trips are disjointed, and this trip was not different – kinda’ like having a conversation with someone over 80 years old don’t ya’ think? “

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Kaaren Frazier Andrews, '59

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2022 Christmas W"Rapping" Party

By Judy Butler Cline, Class of 1970

On Monday, December 5, 2023, Isaac Litton Alumni Association Board members and friends met at Lions Hall to wrap gifts for the students who participate in after school programs sponsored by Backfield in Motion. This has become an annual hands-on service project enjoyed by all who



participate. To quote board member, Marisue Meador Stalker: "Good company, great cause! Thoroughly enjoyed it!" That really sums it up.

BIM staff purchased gifts and all the supplies so that we could wrap approximately 350 gifts, one for each of the elementary age children in the program. After enjoying a light breakfast of coffee and breakfast pastries provided by BIM. We "w"rapped to some good Christmas music and lots of good conversation, and the time really flew by. Before we knew it, two hours had passed and we had accomplished our task, wrapping a variety of gifts from Legos to video games and other electronics, all "hot" items that the kids should greatly appreciate.

Christina Deaux was the BIM staffer onsite to organize our work. She really made it easy for us. Todd Campbell, BIM's CEO also joined us. They explained that, in addition to the 350 gifts we wrapped, they will be taking 150 middle school students shopping for their Christmas.

Not only did ILAA provide this hands-on giftwrapping assistance, but we also donated \$3,000 from ILAA funds to help purchase the gifts and support programming. Litton alumni contributed an additional \$8,250 in response to our recent solicitation to support this exemplary organization.

Judy Butler Cline, Don Clark, Marisue Meador Stalker, Pat Collier, Sammy Swor, Mike Riggins, John Halliburton, Alice Stewart Shehane, Marion and David Greenlee, participated.



Backfield in Motion Awarded \$100K to Develop and Scale High-Impact Tutoring Models to Boost Academic Achievement for All Students

Following Competitive Process, Backfield in Motion has been Selected to Join National Community of Practice, Build Evidence Base for Cost-Effective, Sustainable Learning Solutions

Nashville, TN (October 27, 2022) Backfield in Motion, today, announced it has been awarded \$100,000 in competitive grant funding to study the correlation between high impact tutoring and attendance in the afterschool program, and how consistent participation improves academic success.

The award, presented by nonprofit organization [Accelerate](#), is part of a broader national effort to develop and scale sustainable, cost-effective models for high-impact tutoring that boosts academic achievement for all students.

“As the CEO of this program, I am super excited to partner with Accelerate to research how we can improve the academic success of our students in the classroom, in addition to studying how their level of attendance in our program affects their level of academic success.”, said Dr. Todd Campbell, CEO of Backfield in Motion.

Backfield in Motion is one of 31 research and education partners selected to receive the award, as well as to join a community to share best practices and resources and ultimately help inform Accelerate's national research and policy agenda.

“We know that good tutoring programs work — partly because well-off families have used them to boost student success for generations. And we know that those same programs can be a powerful tool to close racial and economic opportunity gaps when we give less privileged students the same access. What we haven’t figured out yet is how to make high-impact tutoring available for everyone,” said Accelerate CEO Kevin Huffman. “With districts deciding how to spend one-time federal funds to combat the effects of the pandemic, solving that challenge has never been more urgent.”

Accelerate’s announcement of the inaugural cohort of grantees follows a competitive national selection process. In spring 2022, Accelerate, [as part of its launch](#), released a [Call to Effective Action](#) to recruit partners to help it design, launch, and scale high-impact tutoring efforts and to build a community committed to impact and to shaping the evidence base for tutoring. Partners interested in the initiative were asked to first submit a letter of intent outlining their high-level vision. Following review of more than 200 letters by a panel of diverse experts, finalists were selected and invited to submit a full-length proposal. Beyond the inaugural cohort of grantees, Accelerate will continue to make additional investments in tutoring innovation over time.

About Accelerate:

Accelerate is a nonprofit organization that seeks to embed high-impact tutoring programs into public schools now and for the long term. Launched in April 2022 with an initial fund of \$65 million, Accelerate funds and supports innovation in schools, launches high-quality research, and advances a federal and state policy agenda to support this work.

Accelerate is supported by Kenneth C. Griffin, chief executive officer of Citadel; Arnold Ventures; the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; and The Overdeck Family Foundation.



November 20, 2022

Isaac Litton Alumni Association
P.O. Box 752
Madison, TN 37116

Dear the Isaac Litton Alumni Association,

Thank you for the donation of \$3,000 in support of at-risk students in Nashville, Tennessee. Your donation to Backfield in Motion will support our Extended Learning Program to Educate, Engage, and Empower students attending low performing Metro Nashville Public Schools. Your donation will be of great assistance in supporting our program to improve the academic achievement, school attendance, and behavior of economically disadvantaged students attending Title I, Metro Nashville Public Schools.

The donation you gave is important due to Backfield in Motion operating solely on grants, donations, and fundraising events. Our program and transportation are absolutely free to all who participate. By supporting our efforts, you help Nashville's youth by *Educating, Engaging, and Empowering* them to become the best students they can be, regardless of their current social or financial situation.

Again, thank you for supporting the Backfield in Motion programs by providing us with a donation in the amount of \$3,000. It is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Todd E. Campbell, Ed. D.
Chief Executive Officer
Backfield in Motion, Inc.
920 Woodland Street
Nashville, TN 37206

Tax-ID: 62-1826603. 100% of your contribution is tax-deductible. No goods or services were exchanged for this donation.

Educate, Engage, and Empower

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BIM Christmas

Nashville Predators Holiday Celebration: Wow! Our students were able to attend a hockey game and met the players. Our students were given Preds shirts. The Nashville Predators players and staff purchased gifts for 80 students. We had food, games, and fun. Thank you Preds for your amazing generosity.



Our Youth got a chance to visit the Tennessee Titans Training Camp. Watch Out World, One of ours could someday join their team.

Tennessee Titans Cornerback Kristian Fulton hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for BIM. Kristian Fulton held his second annual Thanksgiving dinner for kids of BIM. One of Kristian's missions is to continue to be a voice for the youth. Thank you, Kristian for your example of leadership in our community.





Our students were invited to participate in the Tennessee Titans and Convoy of Hope event. Our students and their families were treated to dinner, free haircuts/styles, shoes, clothing, backpacks, and more. The students had an amazing time. They were able to meet the players, cheerleaders, and Titan's staff. Thank you, Tennessee Titans and Convoy of Hope. Our students and

families were so blessed by your generosity.

Thank you to our partners at HCA and Caterpillar for helping us serve Dupont Hadley Middle School. We were able to take our students to Target for Our Annual Christmas shopping event.



GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Reported Oct. 1, 2022- December 31, 2022

CLASS	NAME	DATE/AGE
33	NILMAH JANE TROWBRIDGE COOK	2022-10-04 Age 108
44	DOROTHY ELAINE LESTER JACKSON	2022-10-21 Age 95
46	KATHRYNE COOPER KEELING	2021-06-57 Age 93
46	VIRGINIA WRIGHT KARL	2017-05-20 Age 88
46	JEAN GREENE BARKSDALE	2021-01-21 Age 93
47	PATRICIA JEAN McILVAIN CORLEY	2022-11-27 Age 93
48	CHARLES ELMER SHATES	2022-12-28 Age 93
48	JAMES E SHOEMAKE	2022-10-05 Age 93
48	BETTY GENE YOW HOOPER	2022-10-13 Age 93
49	JOANN HUFF WILLIAMS	2022-10-07 Age 01
50	FRANKIE McCLANAHAN PATTERSON	2022-11-05 Age 91
51	BOBBYE ANN HARLAN TOMLINSON	2022-10-01 Age 89
52	GEORGE TRIBBLE BURRUS	2022-12-06 Age 89
52	SUE JEANETTE KENNING SANDERS	2022-10-02 Age 87
53	ROBERT BEASLEY BLEDSOE	2022-09-30 Age 87
53	ROBERT BOB BREWINGTON	2022-08-25 Age 93
53	CHARLES EDWARD OLDHAM	2022-10-25 Age 86
55	NORMA JUNE CLARK RYCHEN	2022-10-25 Age 85
55	WILTON CLAXTON DEPRIEST	2022-10-30 Age 85
56	BARBARA ANN HAMLETT WILSON	2022-11-04 Age 84
56	BARBARA AILEEN MORRIS HUNGATE	2000-09-03 Age62
56	PAULA SOFGE PELHAM	1994-03-02 Age 56
56	CALYSTA THOMAS HAGLAGE	2022-11-17 Age 74
57	RANDALL WILLIAM PACK	2022-12-02 Age 82
57	GEORGIA ANN WOOD FRANCISCO PEDEN	2022-10-22 Age 83
59	DON R HASSALL	2022-12-02 Age 81
61	JUDY GRAVES GENTRY	2022-12-15 Age 79
62	JAMES EDWARD ADAIR	2022-11-30 Age 78
62	JAMES THOMAS GREENE	2022-12-28 Age 78
62	BARBARA HOOPER KEENS	2021-08-02 Age 77
63	STEPHEN FRANCIS STEWART	2022-10-11 Age 77
64	HARRY FRANCIS NAHAY	2022-11-10 Age 76

64	LINDA KAY WARREN	2022-11-08 Age 76
65	ORVILLE LEE (BUDDY) REED	2022-10-31 Age 75
66	GEORGE McCORMAC CARNEY	2022-12-06 Age 74
66	TERRY LEE DENNING	2022-12-15 Age 75
66	JUDITH ELAINE JONES LADEAU	2022-12-01 Age 74
67	FRANKLIN ELBERT MORRISON	2022-12-24 Age 73
72	MICHAEL GWIN EDGAR	2022-11-26 Age 68

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 generally be included in the next issue. Please send us any notices as soon as possible. Thank you.

