



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 this date: Nov. 11, 2025
Veterans Day Breakfast, reservation required.
For more details, see included articles, our FB page, and
future emails from Class Reps**

Please continue to show your support financially through donations and by paying your annual dues (\$15). Thank you for your generosity!

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ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P.O. BOX 752, MADISON, TN 37116**

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INTERIM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Don Clark Class of 1970

Your Alumni Association has been busy this August and September. We welcomed back the Isaac Litton STEM Magnet School teachers and staff with a breakfast on Friday, August first, followed by hosting the Middle School football team in the Lions Den as they saw the history of our great school. Then, Tessa Berger, Band Director, brought over the 7th grade class and their teachers to visit the Lions Den, taking time to talk with several of our Board members about their time at Litton. Thanks to Sammy, Rita, Alice and Judy for helping with the students that day. We discussed making this a yearly event for the 7th grade class. Back Field in Motion (BIM) is back and bigger than ever with their Program for the new school year.

Next up will be our breakfast to honor our Veterans who served in the military over the years. See the information in this edition of the Blast. PLEASE be sure to sign up for this event on November 11th. This is open to all alumni who wish to come. **Deadline, Oct. 31, 2025.**

We want all our Alumni to know that our Alumni Association is alive and well showing our Litton Pride. Hope you all have had a great summer. Continue to keep Mickey and Pat Collier in your thoughts and prayers. We hope they will be back with us soon.



Veterans Day 2025

Tuesday November 11th

We plan to have a breakfast and time of fellowship on Veterans Day. Your Alumni Board will provide a **free Pancake breakfast** (Catered by Uselton's Catering) for those who attend. We will open the doors at 8:30AM and begin serving breakfast at 9:00AM in the Lion's Hall for this time together. We want all our Veterans to attend this year if they are able, so that we can recognize them. This year Tessa Berger, the middle school band director, is planning again to have several of the Middle School band members come and perform for us. I hope you can make it this year so we can have a good turnout for the band and to honor our Veterans.

Please sign up for this event so we can plan for enough food and nametags for everyone. **Deadline Oct. 31, 2025. This event is open to all our Alumni** and not just our Veterans. We hope you all will be able to attend. Please email me at dc925@comcast.net or text me at 615-305-8067 with the following information:

Your Name

Your Class

Branch of Service (if you served)

Name(s) of Guest that will attend with you

We look forward to seeing you on Veterans Day!!

Don Clark

Class of 1970

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Website Update

By Judy Cline Class of '70

Our IsacLitton.com website is functioning very well these days, and we are now able to keep it updated on a timelier basis, thanks to Debbi Rigdon of Virtual Goldmine, our website consultant. She has everything up and running, although she is still working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that everything is working as efficiently and effectively as possible. By the way, Debbi says she is getting to know us really well after spending so much time looking at our

pictures and reading about our school. We may need to make her an honorary alum!

There are two areas that we have been working on lately for which I would like to provide an update:

One area is the **photo gallery section**. We are working our way through the galleries to pare them down to no more than fifty pictures per reunion event, in order to optimize our available storage space (some of the galleries contained more than 400 photos each before being pared down). I want you to know that even if the modified version of the gallery is what you see on the current website, you still have access to the original galley on the old site through March, 2027. The old site in its entirety as updated through approximately January, 2024, can be found at ilarchives.com.

Important:

Please note that anyone may access the entire photo gallery collection at ilarchives.com between now and March 2027 to view and download any photos you would like to keep. Once the subscription to the website hosting platform for the old website expires (in April, 2027), we will no longer have access to these photos for personal use. I encourage you to check them out and download any photos you would like to keep.

The second area we are updating is the collection of **Littonian annuals**. As you know, Jerry Newman lovingly loaded screenshots of every page of every annual on the old website. This was an enormous effort, and unfortunately, they take up an enormous amount of storage space. For our current website, we have chosen to use a commercial website called classmates.com and are working with them as they digitize all our annuals/yearbooks for their site. Currently, all but ten have been digitized, and these remaining ten are in the process of being digitized. A real benefit to this is that the yearbooks are searchable.

As each yearbook is digitized for the classmates.com site, our web consultant is linking our website to that particular yearbook. When you click on "Alumni/School Annuals," you will see a picture of the annual for each graduating class. When you click on the picture, if it has been digitized and linked, then it will take you to that annual on classmates.com. Here's an example of what happens if you click on the picture of the 1960 annual in our website: [1960 Littonian](#).

Please note that anyone is able to sign up for **Classmates access without paying any fees**. Because this is a commercial website, they will invite you to sign up for "premium" access or make other offers to purchase yearbooks; however, it is not required or necessary to spend any money to access your yearbooks.

Instructions for signing up for classmates.com:

1. Go to the website.
2. Click on Tennessee.
3. Click on N, then Nashville
4. Click on L, then Litton High School (this is how they have us listed).
5. Then fill out the short profile.
 - a. First name
 - b. Last name at graduation
 - c. Current last name if different
 - d. Email address
 - e. Grad year
 - f. Create a password.
 - g. Submit

Note, you can get a partial view even if you do not sign up, but to access the entire yearbook you will need to sign up. REMEMBER, you do not have to pay anything if you just want to look at all the annuals for our high school.

Please make note of these key website addresses:

Our current website: isaaclitton.com

Our former website updated through January 2024 and available through March 2027: ilarchives.com

To sign up for access to annuals: classmates.com

If you have any questions about accessing the Isaac Litton website, please feel free to email me at clinejb@gmail.com.

Go Lions!

Judy





Our fiscal year is from July 1 through June 30. We encourage paying dues each June for the upcoming year, but there is no penalty for paying anytime throughout the year. Your dues are very important in helping us meet our goals and enabling us to continue our

mission.

Annual dues are \$15 per alumnus. Additional donations are appreciated. The Isaac Litton Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable corporation.

Cash or check payable to ILAA should be mailed to:

ILAA

P O Box 752

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ILAA Annual Scholarship

Dear Litton Alumni,

We are grateful for the incredible educational foundation we have received and are committed to expanding that opportunity to your direct descendants. The ILAA Board has established a \$1,000 scholarship opportunity to selected descendants of our school.

The Scholarship Committee is composed of alumni with diverse backgrounds and professional experiences, including Judy Cline, Sammy Swor, Franklin Davis, Buddy Jones, Mickey Collier, and Rita Solomon. We hope this scholarship application will benefit a high school senior or undergraduate student in your family. The application is attached with specific requirements included.

The two-page application is on the following pages.

Please send your submission and/or any questions to the following email address:

isaaclittonalumni@gmail.com

Remember: All submissions must be received no later than March 31, 2026.

Litton High Forever!

Rita Solomon, Scholarship Chair, Class of '72

ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Deadline March 31, 2026

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Only students in the current graduating class of a high school or undergraduate students may apply for the one thousand dollar scholarship.. This will be awarded on the basis of Student Desire, Scholastic Ability and Financial Need. Only applicants who show an appreciation of the value of an education and who are willing to strive to achieve success will be considered for this scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

Applicant must be a direct descendant or their legal guardian must have graduated from Isaac Litton High School, with the exception of those who attended and would have graduated in 1972. Current Isaac Litton Alumni Association (ILAA) Board Members direct descendants will not be eligible.

Ancestor's Name _____

Relationship _____ year of graduation _____

Applicant's Full Name _____

Applicant's Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Date will graduate _____ Name of Current School _____

Include the following four items with the application:

Include Academic Information:

A signed copy of your grade transcripts must accompany this application, including the applicant's cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Include household income and include additional data or unusual circumstances to show financial need:

Include an approximately 500 word Essay to describe yourself, your life and career goals, choice of college, extracurricular activities, Honors and Awards, community and other activities, work activities and Dates of Service.

Include a letter of recommendation covering character, personality and scholarship of the applicant from at least one person in authority in the school.

This application and four supporting documents listed must be submitted by email: isaaclittonalumni@gmail.com

In addition to submitting the required Information, we require the following:

1) Upon being selected as a candidate you must be able to attend a personal interview before the scholarship committee or be available for a phone or ZOOM interview.

2) All scholarships are conditional upon the enrollment of the applicant in an undergraduate course in an accredited American College or University. Upon receipt of notice by the recipient, an ILAA Scholarship check will be forwarded to the College or University to establish a credit for the student. Students who become eligible for full scholarship funds will be withdrawn from consideration for the ILAA Alumni Scholarship.

3) An Acceptance letter from the College or University must be forwarded to the email: isaaclittonalumni@gmail.com prior to any monies being sent:

The Committee reserves the right to publish recipients' names and awards on the ILAA website and in the Litton Blast.

Date _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signature of Principal or Academic Advisor _____

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FUNNIES

The official sports drink
when I was a kid..



IF YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS



YOU ARE AS OLD AS DIRT!

**My kids and grandkids
keep laughing about
me losing my memory.**

**They won't be laughing at
Christmas when there's no
eggs under the tree!**

The fitness trainer
asked me, "What kind
of a squat are you
accustomed to doing?"
I said, "Diddly."

A Message from Backfield in Motion

Dear Backfield in Motion Family,

I am always overjoyed with the love and support that is given to our students from the Nashville Community. I want to share with you and say thank you to the Nashville Predators and Tennessee Titans organizations for their continued engagement with our kids.

Also, a big shoutout to Hattie B's for their commitment to BIM for donating over 100 backpacks, filled with school supplies, to our kids. In partnership with Titan rookie Femi Oladejo, Hattie B's sponsored a meet and greet for our students to ask Femi questions and hang out with a professional football player.

The Nashville Predators Foundation has been very generous to donate tickets to our kids to see various hockey games and other events at Bridgestone Arena that they probably would not have had the opportunity to attend.

Big thanks to Titans running back Tyjae Spears and Titans D-lineman T'Vondre Sweat, and the Titans Organization for inviting our kids to the Nashville Zoo for a great day filled with animals, food, photos, and fun! Trust me, there is nothing like seeing a 6'4, 366lb man not wanting to be around a large snake LOL.

Our students are blessed to be able to have these lived experiences, and I hope that all our supporters like you continue to generate ideas and events for our kids!!

Todd E. Campbell, Ed. D.



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Kaaren Frazier Andrews '59

Judy Butler Cine '70

Larry Collier '69

Mickey Collier '65

Marisue Meador Stalker '70

A TRAILBLAZER, FOR SURE

Contributed by Kay Rayner Cunningham, Class of 1964

Not everyone gets a Scholarship named in their honor, but one illustrious 1955 Litton graduate has done just that.

Carolyn Virginia Whitaker was a popular and very active member of her high school, being a band member for four years, a color guard for one of those years, and a varsity basketball player for three years.



Although she passed away last year, her legacy is living on for every nursing class and every nursing graduate at Tennessee Tech through the Carolyn V. Whitaker Scholarship for Advanced Practice Nursing. She is often described in one word: trailblazer.

When Tech hired Patricia Sommer as the school's first dean in 1980, she then hired the first two nursing faculty members: Rebecca Tolbert and Carolyn Whitaker. The three spent the Spring of 1980 designing the curriculum, writing course objectives, collaborating with faculty, outlining admission criteria and establishing graduation requirements. They even purchased classroom furniture, office furniture and supplies.

Two years later, in 1982, they awarded Bachelor of Science in nursing degrees to 28 students.



Additionally, she was one of the first to graduate from Vanderbilt's new master's program for nurse practitioners and was one of the first nurse practitioners in Tennessee. In 1972, she opened the first practitioner-run medical clinic in Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee. She ran this clinic with one assistant and one volunteer. When ambulances weren't available, Whitaker worked with local funeral homes to carry patients in hearses instead. She also made many home visits, sometimes on horseback if roads weren't passable. It's estimated that she served more than 6,000 patients in the region.



Her Tech career allowed her to come full circle. She had actually studied pre-nursing at Tech – then Tennessee Polytechnic Institute – before going on to study at St. Thomas School of Nursing and ultimately earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Vanderbilt University.

After more than 20 years at Tech, she retired in 2005 and was granted associate professor emerita status, but her impact was far from over.

Her lovely farm in Red Boiling Springs housed her passions. She raised and showed five gaited horses as well as Vizsla hunting dogs. She loved animals and her home was always filled with a variety of cherished pure-bred dogs as well as mixed bred strays. She was a talented organist, bridge player and a champion of women in the medical field and spent her life teaching nursing and increasing medical services for underserved communities across Tennessee.

Heaven is blessed to have her, and so were we.

What are the classes doing?

Class of 1970 – 55th Reunion

By Judy Butler Cline, Class of 1970

About seventy alumni and spouses/friends gathered in the Lions Hall on September 20, 2025, to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the graduation of the class of 1970. Although most of the attendees reside in Middle Tennessee, we did have some coming in from Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, and South Carolina. Coach Wayne Forehand and Coach Mack Hargis (along with his wife Ann) also attended. Marisue Meador Stalker served as our emcee, and Robb Carpenter led is in a sweet prayer, focusing on those of us who are experiencing health issues. We enjoyed some class “trivia” and reminisced while watching some videos of our class and of the band. And of course we sang the Fight Song. But mostly we enjoyed fellowship, laughter, and a good meal with our beloved classmates. If you were not able to attend, we missed you!!!



Murphy's Lunch Bunch

by Alice Stewart Shehane, class of '65

Harry Murphy, **class of '65** hosts a lunch monthly at Scoreboard near Opryland Hotel. Most attendees are members of the class of '65, but other alumni and even East and Stratford folks sometimes attend. This summer, we were proud to include Coach Ed Garrett and Coach John Younger in our group. We had a great day, remembering our GLORY DAYS! Or, at least, the fun ones!



Class of '64 Annual Lunch

On Sept 10, 2025, a group of Class of '64 alumni met at the Scoreboard Bar & Grill for their 61st graduation year. They had had a 60th reunion, but figured at their ages, they shouldn't wait another five or ten years to get together again. What a great time they all had! Informal and relaxed and just FUN. They hope to repeat this next year. "What a blessed group we are part of and proud to be."





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MIDDLE SCHOOL

MORE ILMS Activities

On August, 1, 2025, the ILAA Board hosted a breakfast for the ILMS faculty and staff. It was very well received and was a good way to help them all kick off the new year. Best quote of the day was Terry Bumpus saying, when they came in "I thought we were serving the teachers, not the students" making us all feel our age!! AND to be honest, some of the teachers looks like middle schoolers. Chara, her staff and teachers, have done a great job getting our Middle School a STEM Magnet Middle School. We can all be proud of that.



CLAP IN WELCOME

Isaac Litton Middle School had a welcome back celebration for the students on Tuesday, August 5th and Dr. Chara Rand invited the Alumni Board to participate. The students were greeted with a "Clap In" which involved approximately twenty teachers, MNPS Board attendees, the local fire department and parents. Rita Solomon attended as an alumnus, and wore her Litton shirt! The atmosphere was festive with music, pompoms and plenty of high fives and hugs as we lined the entryway.

Some of the students were embarrassed (standard Middle School behavior), others were pleased to see the great welcome, and still others were a bit overwhelmed! Dr. Rand has a caring staff with so much encouragement for the students as they begin the new year.

Middle School Football Team Pays a Visit to the Lions Den

By Don Clark ('70)



On August 11th the middle school football team from Isaac Litton STEM Magnet School paid a visit to the Memorabilia Room (aka The Lions Den). Coach Randall Bowens thought it would be good for this year's team to visit to see some of the history of the High School. Helping to host were Judy Cline('70), Mike Riggins('69), Terry Bumpus('70), Bill Stalker('70) and myself. Bill took time to tell stories of several of our outstanding football players from the past. We had time to visit and answer questions with several players as they looked thru our items located in the Lions Den. It was a great opportunity to tell the students and players about the High School that we are so proud of. We are looking forward to a big year for our middle school team and wish them the best.

- ILMS held their Homecoming Football Game on October 2.
- The Fall Band Concert was on October 6.
- The Color Run will be on October 9, 1:30-3:30. (Students get covered in chalk!
- Starting in mid-November, there will be an Angel Tree in the front office of the Middle School. If you wish to participate in providing a better Christmas for a family, you can shop or donate.

- At the June 2025 All—Year Reunion Banquet, the Isaac Litton Middle School principal, Chara Rand, an award winning principal herself, shared these videos with us about our award winning middle school. As alumni of Litton, we have reason to be proud of the LEGACY of our school and how it is being carried forward.

Here is the link to one of the videos:

https://youtu.be/TqdkXV_pgg0?si=nM39Q_q_q-YD0YNU

Here is another video that will be released:

<https://youtu.be/UjvosFXD1nc?si=Q8v0Tl9f8OcHfclH>



GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Reported July 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025

CLASS	FULL NAME	DEATH REPORTED - AGE
47	MARY ELIZABETH CHAFFIN RAMSEY	2025-07-21 Age 95
51	HARRY SHARP HASSALL	2025-08-21 Age 92
53	DONNA RHEA HAND SMITH	2025-05-07 Age 89
53	LOIS ANNE McNUTT PHELPS	2025-08-27 Age 90
54	MARGARET ANN ANDERSON WOODSON	2025-06-30 Age 89
54	ROBERT DEAN POOLE	2024-07-04 Age 89
54	WENDLE ENGLERT SMITH	2025-08-30 Age 89
55	BETTY THORNTON REASONER	2025-06-22 Age 87
55	CAROLYN VIRGINIA WHITAKER	2024-02-09 Age 86
55	BEVERLY A STARTUP WEST	2025-07-19 Age Unknown
56	ROBERT (BOB) WILLIAMS	2025-07-14 Age 87
57	ELVIS T MARTIN	2025-07-02 Age 91
57	PAULA COLLETTE RAY SMITH	2025-09-12 Age 86
57	HARRY A SUDEKUM	2025-09-19 Age 86
58	JANICE LANELL DOUGLAS CRAIGHEAD	2025-06-25 Age 84
58	RITA SWEENEY STINSON	2025-07-24 Age 84
60	NANCY MILTON ALLEN	2019-03-16 Age Unknown
60	ODIS WAYNE HOLLIS	2024-04-18 Age 82
60	DOUGLAS E REYNOLDS	2025-08 Age Unknown
61	JAMES ARTHUR ELMORE	2024-02-20 Age 81
62	BRENDA FAYE SMITH BROWN	2025-08-27 Age 81
62	WENDELL VINSON STEPHENS	2025-09-19 Age 80
63	MARGARET ELAINE WALDEN LEGGE	2025-07-07 Age 80
63	BETTY MALONE FARLEY HARPER	2025-07-29 Age 80
64	ELBIE TAYLOR (BUDDY) SWINDLE	2025-07-18 Age 79
64	CAROLYN SUE CONLEE HARVEY	2023-08-08 Age 76
64	PHILIP CURTIS ANDERSON	2025-08-21 Age 79
65	SANDRA LAW WISHARD	2025-09-13 Age 78
65	JAY THOMAS DAWSON	2025-09-19 Age 77
66	JOAN PEYTON SIMMONS	2025-01-18 Age 76
67	HELEN LOUISE DRUMWRIGHT BARNARD	2025-08-13 Age 76
69	KENNETH WAYNE MITCHELL	2025-07-23 Age 75

Before our January 1, 2026 edition of the Blast, we will all celebrate multiple holidays. Since we won't be here to give you good wishes for all, here you go!...

