

Litton BLAST

HAPPY SPRING!



Isaac Litton High School - Nashville, TN

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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 Observance May 25, 2026

All Alumni Banquet, June 27, 2026

**For more details, see included articles, our FB page,
and future emails
from Class Reps and the ILAA**

Please continue to show your support financially through donations and by paying your annual dues (\$15, due July 1, each year).

Thank you for your generosity!

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ISAAC LITTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 752

MADISON, TN 37116

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By Mickey Collier, Class of '65

The Isaac Litton Alumni Center will be hosting several events in the coming months. The class of 1966 will celebrate their 60th reunion. The class of 1961 will attend their 65th reunion.

The Isaac Litton Middle School will use our facility for their much anticipated 8th grade prom. Our annual, and well attended, Memorial Day celebration will take place on May 25th, 2026. Don Clark will provide details for publication in this Blast issue.

There is no greater blessing than having your school friends still in your life. Those bonds are truly rare & such priceless gifts. 😊😊😊

The annual All Alumni Banquet will take place on June 27th 2026. At this event, we elect new officers and present the Outstanding Alumni Award. The fellowship at this event is terrific.

We are so very fortunate to have such a cool facility for use by all alumni. **See ya there!**

MEMORIAL DAY 2026

“Remembering the Names on the Blue Bricks”

May 25, 2026, 10 AM



We are planning to get together again this year to remember our alumni whose names are on the Blue Bricks located on our Memorial Wall.

Memorial Day this year will be **Monday May 25th** and we plan to start the observance at **10am**. We will place our Wreath at the Wall after telling the stories of our 41 alumni on the Blue Bricks. This brief time will be to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

After we finish, we will have the Alumni Hall and the Lions Den open for all to take time to visit and enjoy some light snacks that your Alumni Association Board of Directors will be providing.

We look forward to seeing everyone there this year and thank you all for your support of our Isaac Litton Alumni Association.

Don Clark

Class of 1970



Isaac Litton All-Alumni Banquet
 (Reservations required.)
Saturday, June 27, 2026
Doors open @ 10:00 AM, Meal @ 11:30 AM
Lions Hall, Old Litton Gym Building
 4500 Gallatin Pike 37216



ALERT!!! Our annual All-Year Banquet needs to go on your calendar, **RIGHT NOW!**

We will visit, laugh, and relive our exploits from “back in the day.”

We’ll be celebrating our nation’s 250th birthday and our banquet, catered by Uselton’s Catering and Special Events, will include all American dishes, fried chicken, Pork BBQ, baked beans, potato salad, mixed green salad, and assorted beverages and desserts.

If you prefer a vegetarian entrée, a black bean burger will be reserved in your name. Please check the box to the right. (All sides are prepared vegetarian.)

Classes of 1956 and 1966 will be especially recognized in this, their decade anniversary year. The deadline for reservations is **June 1, 2026**, 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. Cash or check, only.

Reservation Information (Please return entire form or all information on another sheet of paper.)

Name (incl. maiden name) _____ Class of _____

Street Address and Unit # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Please list all guests attending with you and if they also graduated from ILHS and year.

Name: _____ Year: _____

Name: _____ Year: _____

Payment for	How Many?	Total
Banquet Reservation	X	\$ 35.00 = \$
July '26 – June '27 ILAA Dues	X	\$ 15.00 = \$
Tax Deductible Donation		\$ _____
Total Amount Enclosed		\$ _____

Make Check Payable to Isaac Litton Alumni Association or ILAA

Enclose your payment and the above form and mail to arrive by June 1, 2026 to:

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

We hope to see you there!

Spotlight on Alumni

“Rip” Nix

Suggested by Kaaren Frazier Andrews, class of '59



Edwin Lee "Rip" Nix (1933–2014), Litton Class of 1953, was a Madison, Tennessee native who invented the "Line-a-Bed" one of the first, if not the first, drop-in plastic truck bed liners, patented in the early 1970s. Nix worked with his dad at Nix Garage, owned Nix Construction Company, and was a former sheriff's deputy. He patented the "Pickup truck bed liner and protector" (U.S. Patent 3,881,768), filed in 1973.

His invention was a pioneering, durable, molded plastic liner that protected truck beds from damage. While [Rhino Linings](#) and [Line-X](#) later popularized *spray-on* liners in the 1980s and 90s, Nix's work established the market for pre-formed bed protection.

His work, often co-invented with Bobby E. Davenport, included designs for integrated side walls and snap-fastened tailgate liners that didn't require separate fasteners.

Before his success in the automotive accessory industry, he played football for the **University of Tennessee**..





Comments and Poem

by Jerry Simpson, Class of '67

Isaac Litton High School is really unique. It has one of the strongest alumni of any high school, even with the main school being demolished. The Junior High, the old high school gym, the band room, and football locker areas still remain standing. One of the few, if not the only, high school where the gym is still in use long after the school was closed, has an area underneath the gym for community activities with many of class graduates' photos around the room as well as a museum showing activities from the years the school was in operation.

We, as students, were blessed to have attended Isaac Litton even though at the time as students we may not have felt that way, especially when caught doing something not allowed or having to write out long essays or whatever one had to do when punished. Still when it came to school activities everyone came together, much like our mascot the Lion, as a team supporting our school.

There were good times and bad times alike but overall when looking back, the friendships, the memories made from those days are very precious to us now that we become older.

With that said, I wrote a short poem about the times of being a student at Isaac Litton school. Hope you enjoy it and maybe it brings back some wonderful memories to all those who attended Litton High. Forgive me for the many things I may have left out to say, but wanted the poem to be short and not many pages long which it would be if all was said about how great it was to have been part of the Isaac Litton heritage, a school which should still be standing today and in use, but sadly wasn't given the opportunity to remain open and provide all the wonderful knowledge which was available to students who attended the school.

Here's my poem and everyone is welcome to share as so choose:

The Blessings of Litton

by Jerry Simpson

There is no greater blessing in all this life
Than friends who stay when years drift by,
Like those we gained at Isaac Litton
Where bonds were forged and learned to fly.

Not just classmates passing through,
But family shaped by shared young days,
By lockers, laughter, hopes, and dreams,
And long, familiar hallways.

God placed us there with loving care,
With parents strong and teachers wise,
With coaches, band, and guiding hands
Who helped our spirits rise.

Neighbors watched with quiet pride,
As we walked past those open doors,
Unknowing then how deeply still
Those moments shaped our cores.

From scholarships to fields of play,
From marching drums to soaring song,
Litton called out what lived inside
And taught us to be strong.

Each student shined in their own way,
Each gift was seen, each dream was grown,
And through those years, a legacy
Was quietly being sown.

Though time has closed those classroom doors,
Their echoes never fade

For in our hearts, and in our lives,

Litton's light still stays.

And so we stand, old friends once more,

With gratitude that never ends,

Forever blessed we walked those halls

And left as lifelong friends.



SEND IN YOUR NOMINATION FOR ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR for 2026

This award is 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 AND OCCUPATION(S) AFTER ILHS: _____

COMMUNITY SERVICES: _____

SERVICES WHILE AT LITTON AND TO THE ASSOCIATION: _____

HONORS OR ACHIEVEMENTS AT LITTON AND AFTER: _____

RECOMMENDED BY: _____ CLASS OF: _____

SEND A SCAN OF THIS FORM, OR THE AN EMAIL WITH THE INFORMATION IN IT TO:

Kitty Kincaid Woodson

Kittywoodson@gmail.com

Deadline for nominations: June 1, 2026

Student Handbook '39-'40!

By Alice Stewart Shehane, class of '65

Recently, a copy of the '39-'40 Student Handbook was found in the estate of Tom Rowland, and donated to our Lions Den Memorabilia room. We thought you might like to see what things were like "back in the day!"

I recall our having one of these in '65, and it even included student addresses and phone numbers for the senior class!

This one is 37 pages long and we won't include the entire book in this issue of the Blast, but here is the first "installment" of some excerpts from a TRUE BLAST FROM THE PAST !!!

FOREWORD

Greetings are extended to all students of Isaac Litton High School and especially to the newcomers. We hope that this handbook may help the new student become better acquainted with the customs and practices of our school. Its purpose is to inform him of the numerous activities and to introduce him to the many opportunities which await him here.

Correct information leads to understanding, and understanding leads to loyalty and cooperation.

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ADMINISTRATION

G. C. CARNEY	Principal
Mrs. Katherine Clark	Dean of Girls
J. D. Crocker	Dean of Boys
Miss Genevieve Acuff	Librarian
Mrs. Richard Spotswood	Secretary

FACULTY

Miss Ruby Bateman	Physical Education
Miss Helen Bramwell	Mathematics, Foreign Languages
H. L. Braswell	Mathematics, Social Science
Miss Eleanor Brown	Commercial Subjects
Mrs. Katherine Clark	Social Science
J. D. Crocker	Physical Education
Mrs. Julian Crocker	Home Economics
J. B. Dodge	Music
Miss Verna Mai Ellis	Science
Mrs. Burt Francis	Science
Mrs. Harvey Gee	English
J. C. Hamblen	Social Science
Miss Donel Kelley	Home Economics
D. I. Knox	English
Gordon Lovell	Industrial Arts
Miss Jennie Mai McQuiddy	English, Speech Art
Otto Prater	Mathematics
Miss Lillian Paul	English
Miss Josephine Pitcock	Commercial Subjects
Miss Mary Walker	Latin

totalled fifty-five. In this short time Litton had made a name for herself throughout the South as a school advancing in every phase of scholastic life. Her teams on the hardwood and gridiron had made excellent names for themselves. Litton's scholastic standing was reaching higher peaks with each new school term.

In the fall of 1932 our present principal, G. C. Carney, replaced Mr. Brandon. Each new year brought an increased enrollment thus necessitating additional teachers, new departments and curriculum changes.

Litton now has a student body of about 600 boys and girls with a faculty of twenty-two. Due to the large number of students the County Board of Education is erecting an additional building containing a gymnasium, stage, auditorium, band room, radio studio, and manual arts rooms. The old gymnasium and balcony have been converted into a commercial room, library, and home economics department. The cafeteria has also been enlarged to provide adequately for the students.

We, the 1939 student government officers, are proud to have served Litton, her students, and patrons. Litton is a GREAT school. It has forged ahead with the best, yet has a far way to go. You, the underclassmen, have the chance to forward the history of Litton, to improve it, and advance the purpose of Litton. **MAY LITTON LONG LIVE!! ONWARD THE RED AND THE BLUE!!!**
COLORS: Red and Blue

POLICIES OF SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Schedule

First period	8:20- 9:20
Second period	9:20-10:20
Activity period	10:20-10:50

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History of Isaac Litton

For several years the students graduating from the two year high school connected with Jere Baxter Elementary School had to attend school at Central High School. The distance together with unsatisfactory means of transportation made it difficult for these students to finish their high school education. Then, too, Central High School was not equipped to take care of the increasing enrollment. These conditions were presented before the Board of Education with the plea for another county high school.

The Inglewood section was investigated along with other communities in the hope of finding a proper locality for the new school. Realizing the needs of this growing community, the Board of Education decided that Inglewood should be the location for the school.

In the late summer of 1930, construction was begun on the building. This building is located on a thirteen acre tract of land purchased from Mr. Alvan E. Spotswood. Later the building was dedicated and the school was named ISAAC LITTON after the illustrious grandfather of our County Judge, Litton Hickman.

During the construction of the school the regular school term was begun, and, for the first time in history, Jere Baxter had a junior class. These additional classes were held in the Inglewood Methodist Church. In October an eager group of high school students entered the new building. This first enrollment was 271, with J. D. Brandon as principal and a faculty of six composed of Mrs. Katherine Clark, Otto Prater, Mary Virginia King, now Mrs. Harvey Gee, Flora Glover, Elmer Malone, and Charlotte Caldwell.

This new adventure grew by leaps and bounds, and in 1932 the first graduating class

Thrd period	10:50-11:50
Fourth period	11:50-12:50
Lunch	12:50- 1:10
Fifth period	1:10- 2:10
Sixth period	2:10- 3:10

Required Work for Graduation

A student has the choice of one of two programs leading to graduation. These programs are as follows:

1. English, 4 units; Mathematics, 2 units; Science, 1 unit; American History, 1 unit; Home Economics, (Girls) 1 unit; electives, 8 units.

2. English, 4 units; one major, 3 units; three minors. (one of which must be either Social Science or History—the latter including American History) 6 units; electives, 3 units.

Following either program the student must make a satisfactory record in department.

The normal pupil-load is four subjects a year. Any variation requires the approval of the principal.

No student is permitted to drop a subject without the permission of the principal.

System of Grading

Grades on all report cards are indicated by numbers rather than letters. Daily grades count two-thirds of the month's grade and the test one-third. At the end of the term the monthly average counts two-thirds and the examination one-third.

Promotion requires an average grade of 75. Grades falling between 65 and 75 are condition grades. Such deficiencies may be made up or removed by supervised review and re-examination. Condition grades made during the first semester may be removed by making a final yearly average of 75.

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Report Cards

Report cards showing the scholastic ranking and conduct of students are sent out monthly to the home. Parents are urged to study these cards carefully before signing and returning them to the school. The best results can come only when there is close cooperation between the home and the school. An occasional word of praise or kindly advice from the father or mother is a vital factor in the success of a boy or girl in high school.

Textbooks

Every student is required to provide himself with the proper textbooks. Ten days are allowed at the beginning of each term for the purchase of these books. After this time the student is excluded from class until he makes the necessary purchase.

Attendance

The attendance is taken every morning by all teachers. A list of absentees is sent to the office. If a pupil is absent he must bring to the office a written excuse from his parents for his absence. There he is given an excuse which he must present to each of his teachers. After being absent, it is the student's responsibility to make up the deficiency in his work caused by his absence.

Tardiness

A period of five minutes is allowed between classes. Any student arriving in class or study hall after this period is considered tardy. Unless he is excused by the office, he receives a penalty of one-half hour after school. A student is permitted to enter his first period class at any time during the first twenty minutes provided he has an excuse from the office. A penalty is imposed by the office for excessive tardiness.

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also urged not to stop to talk to other students except in the "safety zones," which are in the ends of each hall beyond the door of the last classroom opening on that corridor.

Telephone

A telephone for the student's use has been placed in the entrance hall of the main building. Students are not permitted to use this telephone during class periods. It is accessible only between classes, at lunch period, and before and after school.

A student will not be called to the telephone except in the case of an emergency. However, his name with the number to be called will be placed on the bulletin board, and he may call at his convenience. Students are not permitted to make long distance calls.

Fire Drills

In the interest of safety, fire drills are regularly conducted under the direction of the monitor-in-chief. At the fire signal, students according to directions previously given vacate the building and at another signal return promptly to their classrooms.

Book Store

A book store is maintained for the convenience of the students. All school supplies such as pencils, paper, notebooks, etc. are available. The book store is open before and after school and between classes.

Cafeteria

A cafeteria is maintained under the management of Mrs. Irick. Hot lunches, sandwiches, and drinks are served at minimum prices.

Every student is required to remain at school during the lunch period, unless he has a permit from the principal permitting him to go home for lunch. This permit will be given only by request of the student's par-

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Transportation

School buses are provided by the county for those students living within a certain zone who are unable to secure other means of transportation. Students are expected to conform to the conventional rules of conduct while riding to and from school on these buses.

Assemblies

Chapel is held each day in the week at 10:20, except on Tuesday. The president of the Student Government presides. On Friday a motion picture is shown and the admission is five cents to all students. The proceeds are to benefit the library.

Home Room

Each Tuesday there is a period for home rooms. A chairman is elected by the students at the beginning of the year. The programs, devoted to the needs of the students, are under the supervision of the home room teacher. All school campaigns are conducted through the home room.

Session Room

At the beginning of the school year, each student is assigned to a session room. The only purpose of the session room is to provide the student with a desk where he may keep his books while not in use.

Study Hall

All students, with the exception of seniors who are passing in every subject, are required to report to the study hall at their vacant periods. The study hall is held in the auditorium and is under the supervision of a member of the faculty assisted by a monitor.

Traffic

Students are requested to keep to the right in passing through the halls and in ascending or descending the stairways. They are

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ents. The lunch period is from 12:50 to 1:10. Those students having the fourth period vacant are allowed to go to the cafeteria at 12:30.

Lost and Found Department

The Lost and Found Department, which is under the direction of the Honor Society, is located on the landing between the first and second floors at the north end of the building. Any student who has lost or found an article should report this fact to the teacher sponsoring the Honor Society. Additional attention may be called to the loss of an article by posting a notice on the bulletin board.

All misplaced articles which are found will be placed in the Lost and Found Department.

Hospital Room

The hospital room with a monitor in charge is open each period of the day. Entrance to the hospital room is granted upon a written permit signed by a teacher and is limited to girls. Boys requiring medical attention must report to the office.

Parent Teacher Association

The Isaac Litton Parent Teacher Association meets on the third Tuesday of each month. All parents and teachers are eligible for membership. Interesting programs are presented concerning school activities and those problems confronting the parents and teachers. Annual dues are fifty cents.

The Library

The library at Isaac Litton High School, located on the first floor of the building opposite the front entrance, has a seating capacity of 80 students, with a book collection of 2,100 volumes, classified according to the Dewey Decimal Classification.

The library is open to all students in the school for supplementary and recreational

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reading, and is kept open before and after school for the convenience of the students and teachers. Students wishing to study in the library at their vacant periods must receive permission from the teacher in charge of the study hall.

The library has, aside from the book collection, subscriptions to about forty magazines, The New York Times, and the daily newspaper to meet the varied reading interests of all students.

Displays of all types of books are kept on the bulletin board and changed frequently to encourage reading, and to familiarize the students with the different types of books in the library.

To every freshman instruction in the use of the library is given in connection with the English classes, which meet in the library once a week for twelve weeks. Through these lessons the students learn the Dewey Classification and how to use the card catalog, Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, the encyclopedias, and the different reference books.

For all users of the library, there are certain rules to be observed. All books, with the exception of the reference books, circulate for a period of a week and may be renewed for a second week. For all books not returned the day they are due there is a fine of two cents per day.

THE STUDENT CODE

I realize that, as a student, I owe an obligation to parents or relatives whose sacrifices have given me the foundations upon which I am building, to the school which offers me an opportunity to develop my natural powers, to the community which makes possible my educational advantages, to my country which gives me liberty under law, and to my own future as an individual and a citizen.

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RULES AND PENALTIES

Being late to class or study hall	½ hour
Loitering in and disturbing halls	1 hour
Disturbing study hall	1 hour
Disturbing chapel	1 hour
Disturbing library	1 hour
Smoking on the pike between the Sugar Bowl and Maplewood Blvd.	1 hour
Sitting in cars on school property	1 hour
Cutting chapel	1 week
Cutting class	1 week
Leaving school without permission	1 week
Catching rides between the Sugar Bowl and Maplewood Lane	1 week
Smoking on school property	suspension
Destroying or defacing school property	suspension

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In keeping with my determination honorably to discharge this obligation, I promise:

That I will use the facilities offered by the classroom to enlarge and broaden my interests, to increase my knowledge, to bring me closer to Truth, and to cultivate habits of industry and sound thinking.

That I will broaden my sympathies and practice the arts of sociability, true friendliness, and helpfulness in my home, in the school, and in all my associations, avoiding snobbishness in my own conduct and condemning it in others.

That I will develop habits of reading and conversing which will broaden my culture and enable me better to understand the problems of community, state, and nation.

That I will carry on discussion in and out of the classroom, not overcome opponents and gratify my pride, but that I may grow in knowledge and wisdom.

That I will avoid every form of cheating or dishonesty and will undertake to discourage all dishonorable practices.

That I will obey every rule or law of school, city, state, and nation, reserving the right to criticize rules and laws constructively, but respecting them so long as they prevail.

That I will use my powers and influence for the common good.

That I will pursue happiness myself and strive to establish conditions under which happiness and opportunity may be hopefully pursued by everyone in my home, my school, my community, my country, and the world.

Isaac Litton by Professor Carney in 1932. The purpose of the student government of Isaac

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Classes

The Physical Education Department helps the student to find the sport in which he is most proficient and aids him to become more skilled in it.

Physical education is required by state law of every student enrolled in a public school. Exemption from this rule is granted only on the advice of a physician. An annual fee of one dollar is assessed for the cost of towel service, first aid supplies, and other incidents connected with this department.

Classes in physical education are held twice a week for both boys and girls. The boys' classes meet on Monday and Wednesday; the girls, on Tuesday and Thursday.

T. S. S. A. A.

Isaac Litton is a member of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association which has a membership of some four hundred high schools in Tennessee. This association makes all the rules that govern our athletic program, the most important of which is the scholastic requirement that a student must pass in at least three subjects each term to be eligible to play the following term and must also be passing in three subjects during the term in which he is participating in any sport.

Football

Football practice begins the 1st week in August. Any boy enrolled in school and who has passed three subjects the preceding term is eligible. First year students are eligible if they have completed the eighth grade and have their diploma or report card as proof.

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The school is not liable for any injury received during practice or a game, although first aid and medical care are given all players.

All athletic equipment is furnished by the school with the exception of shoes and socks. Care is taken to see that every boy is protected with good equipment.

Two squads of approximately twenty-five boys each are allowed to practice, forming a varsity and "B" team. Each team plays a complete schedule of games during the season.

Basketball

Basketball practice for both boys and girls begins officially about the first of December. The game is taught and played by all boys and girls in the physical education classes.

There are three boys' teams as follows: a freshman team, playing junior high schools; a "B" team, playing the "B" teams of other schools; and, the varsity. Each of these teams consists of ten boys and plays a complete schedule.

There is only one girls' team which is composed of twelve players. It also plays a complete schedule of games.

An intramural class basketball tournament for both boys and girls is held each year for those not on any regular team.

Baseball

The baseball season begins about the first of April with a schedule of approximately twelve games. About fifteen boys make up the team.

An intramural softball tournament is held for the boys and girls not on the regular teams.

Minor Sports

Minor sports include boxing, wrestling, tennis, and track. The boxing and wrestling

teams frequently meet the teams of other high schools, and there are regularly scheduled games and meets for tennis and track.

FORENSIC ACTIVITIES

National Forensic League

Litton was the first Davidson County High School to become a member of the National Forensic League, having joined in 1936. Membership in this national organization is based upon the acquiring of a requisite number of points through participation in interscholastic contests.

A district tournament is held each year and first or second place winners in each event are eligible to compete in the national tournament.

The National Forensic League offers opportunity for participation in debate, dramatic and humorous reading, original oration, declamation and extemporaneous speaking.

Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League

Litton is also a member of the Tennessee Interscholastic Literary League. A tournament is held each spring at Clarksville. Finalists in each event go to Knoxville to compete in the state contest.

Davidson County Literary League

Litton is a member of the Davidson County Literary League. The nine county high schools compete in the six events and at the end of the year the school having the most

The Delta Tau Phi Chapter of the National Honor Society was established in 1932, with

More excerpts will be included in upcoming editions of your
LITTON BLAST.

My goal weight
is 1 chin.

aunty acid

NEW LITTON MERCHANDISE



Our merchandise committee has purchased a new design of short sleeve t-shirts, which we will sell for \$15. They will be available at the annual banquet on June 27, 2026. We do not take credit cards or cash apps, only checks or cash, so be prepared to shop the new merchandise at this event with your wallet or checkbook in hand!



We will also have many other alumni items that we have sold in the past.

THE FABULOUS WEIRD CHECKLIST

Give yourself 1 point for each thing you've NEVER done.

1. Operated a rotary phone 
2. Slid a floppy disk into a PC 
3. Typed on an actual typewriter 
4. Snapped photos with a film camera 
5. Played music on a CD 
6. Rewound a cassette tape with a pencil 
7. Dropped the needle on a vinyl record 
8. Rocked a Walkman like a rebel 
9. Blasted tunes from a boombox on your shoulder 
10. Watched a movie on VHS and prayed it doesn't jam
11. Sent or received a fax like a business wizard 
12. Recorded songs from the radio like a mixtape hero 
13. Rented a VHS at Blockbuster on a Friday night 
14. Heard the screech of dial-up internet 
15. Looked up someone in a phone book 
16. Sent a postcard with actual handwriting 
17. Used a paper map and didn't get lost 
18. Owned a proper dusty dictionary 
20. Had a whole encyclopedia collection 

There's no prize for whoever gets the most points. It's just for fun!!!

Your Association Supports Our Middle School Namesake!

By Mickey Collier, class of '65



We were privileged to attend the semi-annual Partner Meeting with the Middle School. We heard about their accomplishments this school year. We also met the student body president, vice president and treasurer of this year's 8th grade class. An impressive group of youngsters.

The check for the board approved donation for the end of year celebration, \$2,600 and teacher appreciation luncheon, \$200, were presented.

Pictured are Christine Pulle, PTSO, Chara Rand, Principal and Tiffany West, Community Schools Coordinator Family and Children Services.

Isaac Litton Middle School Band Concert and Other News

By Tessa Berger, ILMS Band Director

YOU ARE INVITED!!!



And here are several photos from students that participated in the district wide honor band recently. Students were selected via blind

audition to perform in an ensemble made up of students from every middle school in MNPS! They rehearsed and put together a concert in a day! We are so proud of them





From Elaine Boyer Stroud, class of '67: Ms Tom (Mae B. Thompson) was one of those teachers that had that “she’s hard” reputation! And she had a way of teaching that helped you to easily remember the facts. She was also my track coach and wow what a difference she made in all of our lives. Did not appreciate her until years later but reached out to tell her!



From Mike Pulley, class of '67, (recently deceased): Mrs Tom could get you motivated without embarrassing you. If the class did a good job, she would buy everyone a bottle of Coke and sneak it into the room. She was stern but fair.



From Kay Graves Algood, class of '60: Mr Robert Maxwell, a Navy man, had been all over the Hispanic world. He was my Spanish teacher and made the language come alive in our class.

From Larry E. Parrish, class of '61: Coach Thompson, Coach Harris, Coach Moore, Mr. Foster, Mrs. Combs. This looking back. Maybe, different if choosing then. Coach Harris cut me into my junior season after I missed (skipped) a practice and gave him a flimsy excuse. He knew I was lying. He said not one word except get your stuff, go home and don't come back. Lasting lesson. Have taken it with all the rest of my life. I was doing good and loving football since the 7th grade. Missed terribly. I lied. He knew it. End of discussion!!! Thank you coach.



Do you have a favorite teacher you'd like us to spotlight? Send to shehane64@gmail.com.

GONE, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN



Reported January 1, 2026 - March 31, 2026

CLASS	FULL_NAME	DATE OF DEATH - AGE
46	GEORGIA MARIE HALL WELCH	2026-01-12 Age 97
48	DOROTHY JEAN MARKS WOMACK	2026-01-13 Age 95
53	MARY SUE BROWN ROMAINE	2026-02-12 Age 90
55	CYNTHA JEAN JOHNSON ATKINSON	2026-01-09 Age 88
55	BOBBY RAY YOUNGBLOOD	2026-03-14 Age 89
57	JOSEPH MURRAY BROWN	2026-03-07 Age 87
58	JAMES AARON BROWN	2026-03-14 Age 85
58	JUDITH LUCINDA VAUGHN INGRAM	2025-10-15 Age Unknown
59	HELEN ROSE BOHNENSTEIL OTTO	2026-02-07 Age 84
59	PATRICIA (PATSY) THORNTON BRADY	2026-01-10 Age 84
60	JAMES W (JIM) CREECH	2026-03-16 Age 84
60	ROBERT EDWARD (BOBBY) SMITH	2026-01-05 Age 83
60	LINDA BENTLEY JOLLY	2026-03-23 Age 83
61	BETTY J BEECHAM BUSSEY	2026-01-01 Age Unknown
61	NANCY MOORE BAILEY	2026-02-18 Age 82
63	CONSTANCE LORRAINE DICKENS MAUNSELL	2025-10-14 Age 80
65	CYNTHIA DIANE WAIR BOWERS	2026-02-03 Age 78
67	WILLIAM MICHAEL (MIKE) PULLEY	2026-03-24 Age 76
70	WILLIAM WENDLIN (BILL) BENZ III	2026-03-26 Age 74

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 be included in the next issue.

Please send your class representative, as listed on the ILAA website, any notices, as soon as possible. Thank you.

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