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Have any memories of MHS? Let us know. You could be printed!

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Ed Benson, Executive Director of the Country Music Association, was presented the 2005 Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Madison High School Alumni Association at Homecoming 2005 on Saturday, the 15th of October, at the Madison School, 301 Old Hickory Blvd. in Madison.

Mr. Benson graduated from Madison High School in 1963. He then attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1967. He served three years in the Army thereafter including a tour in Vietnam.

In 1970, Mr. Benson joined Benson Publishing Company which was started by his grandfather, John T. Benson, in 1902. Benson Publishing Company was Nashville's first independent, non-denominational music publishing company.

Mr. Benson left Benson Company in 1978 and joined the Country Music Association a year later as its first Associate Executive Director. He remained in that position until he was named Executive Director in 1992.



As Executive Director, Mr. Benson serves as spokesperson for the Country Music industry. He also is integrally involved in the production of the CMA Awards and the CMA Music Festival, the organization's major annual events.

He has served the industry and the community in various capacities as a member of the Recording Academy, the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Popular Music, Copyright Society of the South, the American Society of Association Executives and Who's Who Worldwide. He is an alumnus of both Leadership Nashville and Leadership Music.

Mr. Benson is married to Jamie Parks Benson. He has one child, Edwin Benson.

Mr. Benson joins a distinguished group of alumni who have been recognized previously, to-wit:

1995: Carl Bailey (class of 1957) posthumously, **1996:** Vicki Benson Buchanan (class of 1964), **1997:** Charles R. (Chuck) Lewis (class of 1961), **1998:** Howard Henderson (class of 1963), **1999:** Katie Reed Edge (class of 1964), **2000:** Jim Squires (class of 1961) and Tom Squires (class of 1966), **2001:** J.B. Baker (class of 1965), **2002:** Daniel P. (Danny) Baker (class of 1966), **2003:** Myron Bryant (class of 1967), and **2004:** Sandra Hollingsworth (class of 1961).

The stated purpose of the Alumni Association is to preserve and promote the name, spirit, and history of Madison High School through community activities, support of neighborhood schools, and social contacts with all alumni, teachers, administrative personnel and friends of Madison High School. **Persons interested may write MHSAA, P.O. Box 836, Madison, TN 37116.**

2005 MHSAA Homecoming Reunion



MHSAA had a 2005 Homecoming Reunion in October. A spaghetti dinner was held from

5pm to 6 in the cafeteria that was catered by Fazoli's in Rivergate.

The reunion began at 6pm and was held in the gym. The school was opened to walk through. There were approximately 250 in attendance. Music was supplied by a DJ, who played an array of music from 1956-86. Memorabilia was placed in the middle of the gym floor on tables that surrounded Rinky Dink. The Ram was loaned to us by Coach Brimm and was a real attraction. Bob Smith (58) and Tim Watrous (57) picked 'RD' up from Pugh's Pharmacy, which was a massive undertaking, where he has been in the window looking out on Gallatin Road.

Tables were moved so classes could get their picture made with this majestic Madison Ram.

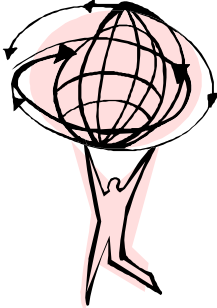
More pictures can be found on the website from the 2005 event.



In Other Alumni News and Around Madison

ToonZ, Inc. has taken over the financial books for the Alumni Association.

Tune's Accounting Services, Inc. was started in 1972 by Peggy Austin. She served Madison for 31 years. In 1981 her daughter Debbie, who graduated MHS in '73, started an Accounting Software Support/Tax Service with her mother.



Around the globe and staying local.

Mrs. Austin passed away in 2003. Debbie reopened the tax service with the name of ToonZ, Inc. She changed the spelling because her mom loved a good joke but also wanted to honor her mother's name.

Sheree Porter, class of 74, will be breaking ground this year on a spa that she will open in Palm Springs, California. The spa is intended to help young adults get back on track from nutritional issues. The spa will be built around a hot springs that will service the guests.

Class of 71 had their 35-year reunion June 10th at Old Hickory Country Club. They had approx. 150 to attend the event. Door prizes totaled over \$2,000 dollars with a top door prize of a trip for 2 to the

Bahamas. The class 'rocked' till midnight.

AREA STORE CLOSINGS:

Pugh's Pharmacy closed it's doors after more than four decades. Wilton DePriest was Pugh's long time pharmacist. His wife, Gayle, was there daily to greet the customers. In the early years, Pugh's made home deliveries to the patrons that could not get out and get the medicine they needed. DePriest sold the pharmacy to CVS Pharmacy.

Kustom Cleaners (formerly Town & Country Cleaners) closed it's doors in May 2005. Current owner Ed and Fosteen Davis served the community since the early 70s. They had many long-term employees over the years. Doris Lytle was employed there from 1967 to 2005 making her the longest long-term employee. The building will be torn down for more parking space that is needed by the DD Wallace Center that is next door.

MHSAA New Website www.mhsaa-rampage.com

"BEING A PART OF SOMETHING IS WHAT IT IS ALL ABOUT"
ELAINE LEE
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Madison Alumni Association agreed to start a new website that would be maintained locally. The website was created and went online in May 2005. It has 17 pages of information and pictures that you can click on to keep you up-to-date on current events. You will

find posted the dates, time, and location the meetings are going to be held. Roll Call will get you to the graduating years where you will find your class-

mates and how to get in touch with them. Email addresses are updated and put on the website as the information comes in to the Association or to the Webmaster.

You will have access to pictures from MHS reunions that have been held over the years. Most current photos will be from the annual 1974 class dinner and pictures from the 2005 Homecoming that was held at Madison School this past October.

A list of the deceased classmates is kept by class year. There is a page dedicated to the Madison Art Center. Emails to Home; a Fly on the Internet Wall has postings from alumni that email the Association with news about themselves.

Art work and a Poet's Corner have been posted

from classmates showing the talented artists that we went to school with. If you would like your art posted send it in .jpg form to the Webmaster.

You will find links to alumnus websites. Past publications of the Ram Page II are accessible in Adobe format, as is the opportunity to JOIN the Association and information on the new Madison High Ram T-shirts. All with just the click of your mouse!

The Website was created by Elaine Lytle Lee, class of 1974. She updates the site as the information is sent to her or given to the association.

Please visit the site, check out your class on Roll Call...you just may find an old friend!

MHSAA Elections 2005-2006

Madison High School Alumni Association elections were held in November, 2005. Nominations were opened and votes taken.

Joan Zimmerle was voted in for a second term as Secretary. Joan has been with Nashville Electric Service for 29 years (6 left before retirement). Her hobbies are travel, gardening, watching sports (especially baseball), knitting, and crocheting. Joan has no children but is involved with her 3 nephews and 1 great nephew. She is involved with the Goodlettsville Chamber of Commerce and serves on several committees at Grace Baptist Church and

coaches a girls basketball team in the Goodlettsville First Baptist Church Upward League. She lives in Goodlettsville with her cat, Montana. Joan graduated in 1974.

Gail Swann was voted in as Vice President. Gail graduated in 1965. She retired from Fleming Foods in 1999 and is currently employed with SunTrust Bank in the OCF department. Gail has two daughters (34, 35) and three grandsons (12, 9, & 10 1/2 mos.) Her hobbies are walking, jogging, cooking, reading, and collecting dolls and roosters. Gail enjoys life and loves her life. She is single and currently resides in Goodlettsville.

Elaine Lytle was voted in as President. She previously held the position of Vice President for MHSAA. Elaine has been computer operator with Dialysis Clinic, Inc. for 10 years and keys for ToonZ, Inc. during quarterly tax seasons. Elaine has two boys (29, 25) and two grandchildren (5, 2). Her hobbies are traveling, writing, and being near the water, whether it be the ocean or the lake. She also enjoys getting together with her 1974 classmates for the annual summer and winter dinners. In her spare time, Elaine creates websites and is the Webmaster for MHSAA and Mark Tallent. Elaine still resides in Madison.

Amqui Station to Move Back to Madison



The nearly 100-year old Amqui Station is moving back to Madison! Before its purchase in 1979 by the late Johnny Cash, it sat unused and near demolition between the tracks of the Nashville and Louisville

railroads, across the street from where Madison Lowe's is now located. After Cash's death, the station was purchased in January by Halo Properties.

Halo Properties donated the depot to Discover Madison, Inc., a nonprofit formed by Madison Rivergate Chamber of Commerce.

They are hoping to place the old station at 301 Madison Street, where the Chamber of Commerce has its office. The cost of moving this massive depot is approximately \$35,000.



You could be a winner!

The MHSAA will put all names 'in a hat' that **join** the association and draw out two lucky winners for the new MHS T-shirt that is being made. One name will be drawn from new memberships and one will be drawn from those who are already a member. The drawing will be held 60 days after the newsletter goes out.

The winner will be announced in the next Ram Page II and will be posted on the www.mhsaa-rampage.com website.

So hurry and send in your membership today. YOU could be wearing MHS!

NEW! MHS Alumni Outerwear

MHSAA will be selling MHS Alumni outerwear T-shirts this year. The Madison Ram will be orange laid on the front of a shirt that is gray. Sizes will range from adult small to adult 4X. All Star Screen Designs of Goodlettsville will be doing the silk-screening. We are also in the process of looking at other items with the MHS logo on them, such as caps, pins, and mugs. Proceeds will go toward the MHSAA scholarship fund.

"I have met alumnus when wearing mine." said Elaine Lytle (74) "I wore the colors when I played ball in school and have good memories. I wanted to do something to keep MHS alive," says Bill Wasill (74).

Ram pins are created and made by Tommy Osborne. (Jeanne (59)).



Small	\$15.00	\$ _____
Med	\$15.00	\$ _____
Lrg	\$15.00	\$ _____
X-Lrg	\$15.00	\$ _____
1 X	\$18.00	\$ _____
2 X	\$20.00	\$ _____
3 X	\$23.00	\$ _____
4 X	\$27.00	\$ _____
Shipping & handling		\$ 6.00
Each item after 1 add \$ 2.50 S & H		\$ _____
Total		\$ _____
MHS Ram Pins		
_____ count x \$ 5.00 each		\$ _____
Pins S & H		\$ 1.50
Total		\$ _____

SHIPPING LABEL — PLEASE PRINT

NAME: _____

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Send check to: MHSAA—Outerwear
P.O. Box 836
Madison, TN 37116

MHSAA Financial Report

Statement Of Income & Expense		Awards	
Fiscal Year 01/01/2005 to 12/31/2005		Awards	211.46
Operating Revenue & Expense		Bank Charges	27.75
Ending Balance 2004	3,748.24	Donations	500.00
Memberships	5,094.00	Dues & Subscriptions	200.00
Alumni Dinner	489.57	Office Supplies	30.89
Alumni Flowers	105.00	Printing & Postage	861.41
Reunion DJ, Décor & Drinks	1,212.89	Promotional (Madison School)	191.54
MHSAA Website	274.70	Security for 2005 Reunion	400.00
		Ending Balance 2005	4,337.03

Madison High School Alumni Association

YES! I WANT TO BECOME AN ALUMNI MEMBER!

Name: _____

First

Maiden

Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Year Graduated: _____

This is a new membership _____ renewal _____

Please complete this form and send with your payment of \$10.00

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Things for Thought

- Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.
- A day without sunshine is like, night.
- How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?
- When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.
- Diplomacy is saying "nice doggy" until you find a rock.

***"WE SADLY
REPORT THE
DEATHS OF THE
FOLLOWING
ALUMNI OF
MADISON HIGH
SCHOOL"***
MHSAA

In Memoriam

Ronnie Clark (75) died 12-2005, Maurice Wayne Smithson (73) died 11-2005, Martha Anderson (60) died 11-2005, Jeannie Sanders (74) died 1-23-06, George Luster (67) died in 3-2004, Jerry Powers (72) died 2-15-06, Charlie Fox (73) 3-19-06, April Rippy (83) died in 2005, Chris Leslie (76) died 6-20-01, Paulette Williams (65) died in winter of 1995, Barbara Buchanan (68) 3-31-06, Ray Buchanan (61), Billy West (73) died 6-4-06, Debbie Rochelle (75) died 6-21-06.

This will bring the total to 254 known student deaths. For a full list contact MHSAA or check the website.

Class Reps Needed

Class Representatives are still needed. We meet on every second Tuesday of the month.

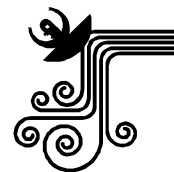
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1986-Kelly Basore Milam milamkelly@hotmail.com

If you are interest in becoming your class rep; please contact the MHSAA.



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