



2013 Bristol High School Alumni Dinner

The Class of 1963 were the honored guests at the Annual Bristol Indiana High School Alumni Association Dinner held at the old school, now the Elkhart County Historical Museum on Sat. Sept. 14, 2013. James Brainard, currently Mayor of Carmel, Indiana attended with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Brainard. Jack Brainard was band director at the High School for many years, prior to its closing in 1966.

Florence Schieber-Aldrich, Class of 1932, was the oldest attendee, who came with her daughter and granddaughter. Jack Commons, Class of 1938, wore his original Bristol High School jacket. Peggy Leister-King, Class of 1949, June Vanantwerp-Applegate, Class of 1940, and Mary Jane Fisher, Class of 1940 were among the many other attendees.

Mr. Jack Brainard directed a band of his former students in several songs. Rex Gleim, a former teacher, spoke to the crowd on the fund raising efforts to preserve the old school building and asked for contributions. A number of community businesses donated prized which were awarded during the evening and helped raise preservation funds.

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Just the Facts:

The original school was built in 1903 to consolidate and house eight one-room schoolhouses in a single building, with additions over the years.

It was known over the years at the Washington Twp. School, Bristol School & Bristol High School.

The last class graduated in 1966 and the school was closed, and pupils went to Elkhart High School.