

Gallatin



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Filming of historic basketball game begins

Published: Thursday, 03/01/07 Scenes were shot last week for an upcoming documentary about a historic basketball game played between Union and Gallatin high schools on Feb. 28, 1970. The episodes were shot by Nashville-based ACT 2 Communications, led by videographer and documentary editor Steve Shearsby. The documentary tells the story of hometown basketball players Eddie Sherlin and Bill Ligon, childhood friends of different races who faced off when their teams played each other for the only time in history. The following year, Union High — an all-black school — was closed permanently as desegregation became a reality in Gallatin.

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Scenes from Ligon and Sherlin's youth were recreated with H.B. Williams elementary student Jacob Sherlin, 10, from White House, and Benny Bills student Jordan Scott, 10, who will portray Bill Ligon.

Sherlin is playing the role of his real-life father.

Sumner County citizens can help create the movie, as well. ACT 2 is looking for pictures and home movies that may have been shot by the public of Union or Gallatin basketball games.

In addition, they are searching for footage of Gallatin places or events from the 1960s or very early '70s.

If anyone has a story or personal pictures or other memorabilia relating to the project or the basketball game played by Union and Gallatin in Springfield, contact ACT 2 Communications at (615) 370-2852 or visit www.act2inc.com to share your story.

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