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## 1997 Homecoming September 19-20



**Fourth Annual Homecoming** ..... Make plans now to attend!  
It takes your presence to make it a success.

**Honor Classes** ..... Class of '47, '72, and '87  
All classes celebrating five year increments  
(Contact alumni association for class lists)

**Special Attraction:** Former teachers and administrators.

If you have some of their addresses, please contact the alumni association.

### FRIDAY

Registration at K of C Hall ..... 2:00 - 4:00

Parade ..... 4:30 (Reunion classes, get your class in the parade)

VIP tailgate ..... 5:30 (tour school during this time)

Football game ..... 7:30

Social at K of C Hall ..... Following the game

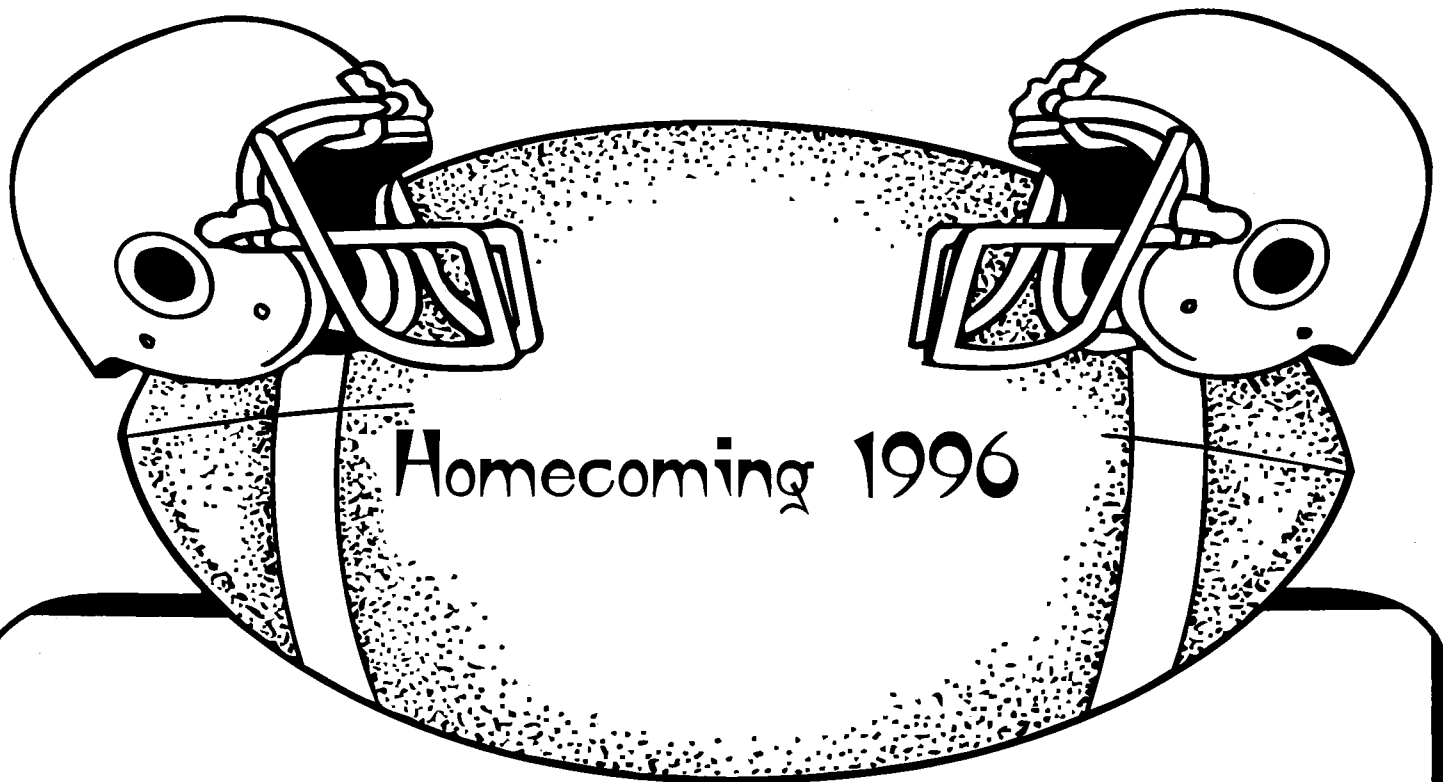
### SATURDAY

Memorial Mass ..... 10:00 St. Fidelis Church

Luncheon and business meeting ..... Following mass

Grand banquet and dance ..... Hays American Legion Hall

Cost, approximately \$15 per person. Must have good numbers to keep cost at a minimum.



The 1996 Annual Alumni Homecoming weekend on October 11 and 12 was just as successful as the past two years.

By Friday afternoon some alums had already returned to either watch or take part in the parade. The Grand Marshall for the parade was Al Riedel, the first football coach at VHS. Many of the athletes who were coached by Mr. Riedel were also participants in the parade.

After getting fired up with a pep rally and tailgate party, those present saw more alumni members show up to watch the football game between the Knights and WaKeeney. Following the game many of the members went to the social at the K of C Hall to reacquaint themselves with old friends and make new ones.

Saturday morning the front section of the church was occupied with members of the class of 1946 and their spouses to help celebrate the beautiful Memorial Mass for our departed alumni. Many other alumni were present as well. The attendance is growing each year for this important part of our homecoming activities. A solemn roll call of all the departed was read while a candle was lit to represent each class year.

Immediately following the mass, the alums and their guests gathered at the grade school cafeteria for a luncheon and annual business meeting.

Saturday evening, the festive spirit was definitely felt as one entered the ballroom of the Fanchon in Hays. Those classes reserving tables for their respective reunions were the honor classes of '46, '71, and '86, plus the classes of '56, '76, and '81. It was obvious that "ole VHS pride" will never die. Many of our alums have been back for all of the three homecomings and plan to return again this year. One such alum is **Justin Kuhn '43** from Cannon Beach, Oregon. Justin never runs out of stories to tell.

Our special guests for the evening were Mr. & Mrs. Al Riedel and Mrs. Hyacinth Roth, whose husband was a former principal. Al Riedel, who began the football program in 1947 shared many of his fond memories of those years. As he spoke, one could see the heads bobbing and the smiles appearing on many faces as people remembered those wonderful years of their youth.

The evening ended with the young and the old dancing to tunes that suited the tastes of everyone, whether it was the polka or the macarena.

# Four Teachers Retire From USD #432

Four of our teachers have decided to move on to a new beginning in their lives. **Mrs. Berens, Mrs. Pfeifer, Mrs. Werner and Mr. Werner** are going to be retiring at the end of this school year. Their combined years of teaching total over 100 years experience.

We would like to salute this group of dedicated teachers who have given themselves completely to the joys of educating the children of our area. After visiting with them about their experiences in Victoria, we felt that it would be worth sharing, as many of you are those students who made their years so special.

They will be honored with a reception following the grade school graduation on May 21, 1997. We cordially invite you to join them for this very special occasion.

**Mrs. Norma Jean Kuhn Berens '54**, began teaching in 1957. She received a call from Sr. Alvera, the principal, telling her there was a third grade position available. She had the 60 hours necessary to enable her to accept the job. She completed her degree during the following summers. Her first class was made up of our association's Class of '67. They numbered 32. Some of her fellow teachers at the time were Sr. Dorthea, Sr. Ivan, Sr. Paulinus, Sr. Angelora, and Mary Eldon. She remembers "moving day" into the new school in 1964. Most of Mrs. Berens's 36 teaching years were done in Victoria except for one year in Walker and one year in Hays. Mrs. Berens is a beautiful storyteller, and she has many tales to tell of her 37 years of teaching. One of her favorites is as follows:

Student: Mrs. Berens, Johnny said a bad word!

Mrs. Berens: Oh, what did he say?

Student: Oh, I don't want to say it, but it starts with a "K".

(Mrs. Berens proceeds to call Johnny to question him of his guilt.)

Mrs. Berens: Johnny, I hear you said a bad word? (Johnny, looking very guilty). Well, what did you say?

Johnny: (Whispering into her ear.) I said, "Kot Tamit!"

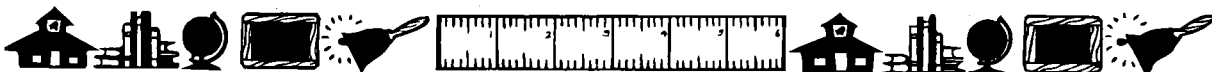
Mrs. Berens prided herself in her students excelling in phonics.

She is married to Vernon Berens '53. Their children are **Michelle '81, Mike '82, Mitch '87, Matt '89**, Melissa (deceased), and two grandchildren. Her address is 704 Grant St.; Victoria, KS 67671.

**Mrs. Verda Goetz Werner '55**, began teaching in 1958 in Damar with a 60 Hour Provisional Certificate. From there she went to Brewster where she taught for two years. The Werners then moved to Manhattan where Mrs. Werner attended Kansas State University, completing her degree in education. She joined the Victoria School District in Aug. of 1970. The Class of '82 was her beginning class. Mrs. Werner, Mr. Ig Schumacher, and Mrs. Evelyn Zellmer were the new teachers on board that year. More of her fellow teachers were **Marge Rome '58, Corrine Dinkel '60**, Rose Staab, and Sisters Marcella, Lorraine, Consolata and Regina. Because of her many fond memories of 30 years in the classroom, she retires with some reluctance. Mrs. Werner is married to Ivan Werner. They have two daughters, **Rhonda Werner Fionda '77** and **Patti Werner Woschitz '79**, and one son, **Mike '90**. The Werners also have three grandchildren. Their address is 620 Iron St.; Victoria, KS 67671.

**Mr. Ivan Werner** began his teaching career in Brewster in 1958 as a secondary economics and business teacher. From there he went on to K-State to teach economics and also to become Executive Secretary for the Kansas Council on Economic Education. In 1970, Mr. Werner came to Victoria and taught 8th grade, filling the vacated position of **Gilbert Dreiling '47**. The faces to greet him that year were those of the Class of '75. He has been teaching middle school math, science and computer science. Do you remember Mr. Werner singing, "Puppy Love"? Well, if you were to pass by the lunch room today, chances are you would hear him singing that golden oldie or the happy birthday song to whomever was so deserving. Some of you might remember Herman, the turkey vulture, with the Phd. in math. Well, Herman still reigns over Mr. Werner's classroom, and it is an honor to receive "The Herman Award" for effort and good behavior. The Werners were in Victoria only a short time when they realized the school system and the community were the ideal place for them to teach and raise their family. In his letter of resignation to the Board of Education he stated, "I was always proud to say, 'I live and teach in Victoria.'"

**Mrs. Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50**, joined the grade school faculty in 1974. This was the first year Victoria would have all lay teachers in the school system. Arlene took over the 4th grade which had been taught by Sr. Marcella. Her class, she remembers, had many boys and was the Class of '83. Mr. Dave Gottwald was hired the same year and took over the reigns of the other half of the class. Arlene continued in 4th grade for another five years and then taught 3rd grade for three years. From there she took over the kindergarten position where she remained until the past two years, at which time she became the Title I teacher. Mrs. Pfeifer raised her family and then returned to college to finish her degree. Her husband is **Al Pfeifer '50**. They have five children; **David '74, Tom '76, Annette '77, Jeff '79, and Tim '82**. They have ten grandchildren and one foster grandchild.



# FOCUS ON MEMBERSHIP

Going into its fourth year, the VHS Alumni Association has proven to be a great success. With membership as its major goal in the first years, the association reached a high of 1321 paid members. Since then, membership has gradually declined. Currently, there are 670 paid members of the possible 2115, which is 32 per cent. Thus, membership continues to be a focus.

In hopes of making it easier to remember when your dues expire, the membership year will run from Homecoming to Homecoming. Presently, the classes with the highest membership percentages are those who celebrated a reunion at the fall banquet. These classes need to continue their membership on a yearly basis. Hopefully, other classes will focus on getting their percentage up rather than just doing so at the time of their respective reunions.

Membership is \$5.00 per year per member. Graduating seniors have honorary membership for one year. In addition, honorary members include graduates of fifty years and beyond. Honorary members total 188 of the 670 presently paid members. Lifetime membership is also available at a 5% discount. Twenty members have paid lifetime dues.

Alumni Association members will receive a copy of *The Next Page* twice a year, in the spring and the fall. Non-members will receive only the fall issue. (All alumni however, are receiving this issue in order to encourage payment of their dues.) Members only will be able to attend the alumni association homecoming activities, including the post-game Friday night social.

**Are you a current member?** Check the label of this newsletter to find out.

**-If you see Exp. 97, or beyond-**

**-If you see Exp. Lifetime-**

**-If you see Exp. Honorary-**

**YOU ARE A CURRENT MEMBER!**

Dues received after the spring newsletter will be credited for the following membership year.





## Alums Making a Difference

**Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50** was nominated for the Outstanding Reading Educator Award for 1997 by the High Plains Reading Association. She is the Title I teacher at Victoria Elementary and has taught for 23 years in the Victoria School District.

**Verda Goetz Werner '55** was included in "Who's Who In American Education" for 1996. Verda teaches first grade at Victoria. She has been teaching for 30 years and has been a teacher in the Victoria School District since 1970.

**Darrell '64 and Cindy Truan Dinkel '65** were the 1996 co-chairpersons for the Third Annual Capuchin Friars' Benefit Gala. The black-tie affair took place at the Downtown Denver Hyatt Regency. Hundreds of guests turned out for the evening where they enjoyed a formal dinner followed by a lively auction. Darrell and Cindy are owners of C & D Realty Construction.

**Don Sander '65** has been named Vice-President of Operations for Hastings Manufacturing in Hastings, MI. The plant manufactures piston rings for the auto industry and employs 300 people. Don is married to **Carol VonFelt Sander '66**.

**Vernon Berens '53** was elected to the Ellis County Commission for the 3rd District in the November 1997 general election. Vernon will be serving a four year term as a commissioner. He represents various townships in eastern Ellis County plus three wards in Hays. Vernon is a retired school teacher and the husband of **Norma Kuhn Berens '54**.

**Wayne Billinger '73 and Howard Rome '62** were elected to the Hays City Commission on April 1, 1997. Wayne will serve a four year term and was sworn in as Vice-Mayor. He is an account executive with Cable Network Advertising of Weatherford, OK, and the owner of Advantage Advertising. Howard will be serving a two year term. He is produce manager at Dillions, Inc.

**Jerry Brungardt '62 and Julie Windholz '70** were elected to the Victoria City Council on April 1, 1997. Jerry is serving his second term. He is a counselor at Victoria High School, and Julie is the owner of Windholz Construction, Inc. Julie is married to **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69**.

**Rich Billinger '68** was named to "Who's Who in American Education" for 1996. Rich teaches English, drama, radio and television, and he coaches baseball at Hays High School. He has been teaching for 23 years.

**Gerard Wellbrock '86** has again been named Sportscaster of the Year. Gerard received the award in 1996 as well. This award is given annually by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. He is employed by KAYS Radio in Hays. Gerard is the son of **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife Joan.

**Brandon Schmidtberger '94** has been named a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. He is a Junior at K-State majoring in accounting. Brandon was the 1994 VHS Alumni Association Scholarship recipient. His parents are Jerry and **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72**.

# CLASS NOTES

*One of the main goals of the alumni association and especially the newsletter is to keep you updated on news of your fellow alums, such as marriages, births, retirements, etc. We believe you would also be interested in deaths of our alumni as well as their spouses and families. We have tried to give this column a beginning in this May newsletter. We realize the following class notes and deaths are by no means complete, but with your help, we hope this column will grow by your contacts with us. Please note on your membership form the section for such information.*

## The 1940s

Rich and **Verna Roth Robben '43** celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary May 3, 1997. They were married in Victoria, April 21, 1947. Rich and Verna are retired and live at their country home south of Walker. Their children are **Steve Robben '67**, **Carrie Robben Schwerdtfeger '69**, **Bill Robben**, **Rick Robben '76**, and **Annie Robben Schmidtberger '80**.

## The 1970s

**Susie Brungardt Groth '78** was married to Jim Groth on June 15th, 1996. Susie teaches at Lynn Elementary School and her husband is employed by EMS of Dodge City. They are living in Dodge City. Susie's parents are **Eddie** and **Theresa Dreiling Brungardt '49**.

## The 1980s

**Steve Urban '82** and wife Brenda are the proud parents of a son Skyler Paul, born Feb. 28, 1996. He weighed 6 lbs. 1oz., and was 19 inches long. Steve is service manager of Lewis Paint & Collision Center and Brenda is office manager of Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at FHSU. They live in Hays.

**Steve Pfeifer '82** was married to Carol Polcyn July 6, 1996, in Victoria. Steve and his wife operate Rich's Flying Service and Aircraft Maintenance. They provide charter services for the Hays area and live in Victoria. Steve is the son of **Dale Pfeifer '52** and **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53**.

**Stuart Dome '82** and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85** announce the birth of a son Bryan, born March 1, 1997. He weighed 7 lbs. 9 ozs. He has two sisters, Andrea 4 and Ashley 2. Stuart and Tammy are both employed at Cross Manufacturing Inc. and live in Victoria. **Leland Dinkel '58** and his wife Marlene are the maternal grandparents.

**Mike Gross '83** and his wife Virginia announce the birth of a son Samuel Joseph, born June 8, 1996. He weighed 6 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 19 1/4 inches long. Mike is an attorney with Shook, Hardy & Bacon law firm and his wife Virginia is an attorney with Polsinelli, White, Vardeman & Shalton. They live in Shawnee, KS. Samuel's paternal grandparents are Don (deceased) and **Rita Rome Gross '47**.

**Tom Karlin '83** and **Sandra Meder '84** are the proud parents of a daughter, Maegan Marie, born Nov. 11, 1996. She weighed 6 1/2 lbs. and was 19 inches long. Maegan has a brother Andrew, 5. Tom is the owner of Automated Phone Systems and Sandra has a day care in her home. They live in Victoria. Maegan's maternal grandparents are Ed and **Lena Scheck '56**.

**Janell Kuhn Beilman '85** and her husband Chris are the proud parents of a son Kayden, born June 28, 1996. He weighed 9 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. His sister Kaycee is 2 1/2 years old. Janelle is a first grade teacher at Washington Elementary School in Hays and her husband is employed at PWS Inc. His maternal grandparents are **Bill Kuhn '61** and his wife Sheila.

**Connie Braun Hindman '85** and her husband Chuck are the proud parents of a daughter Alana, born Jan. 1, 1997. Alana weighed 8 lbs. and 2 ozs. She has two sisters, Amber 6 and Autumn 4. Connie works at St. John's Rest Home in Victoria and her husband is employed by F & A Food Services. They are living in Hays. **Alfred "Fritz" Braun '56** and his wife Anita are the maternal grandparents.

**Jeff Braun '85** and his wife Darla announce the birth of their son, Logan Joseph, who was born Feb. 25, 1997. He weighed 9 lbs. 6 ozs. Logan has an older brother Dylan. Jeff works for Pete Braun Construction and Darla is employed by Emprise Bank of Hays. They are at home in Victoria. **Pete Braun Jr. '62** and **Vera Stramel Braun '65** are the baby's paternal grandparents.

**Terry Braun '86** was married to Krista Rathbun on July 13, 1996. Terry is employed as a diesel mechanic with Lang Diesel and Krista is a physical therapy assistant at the Russell Hospital. They reside in Victoria. Terry is the son of **Lavern Braun '58** and his wife Darlene.

Marty and **Anita Dreiling Walters '86** are the proud parents of a son, Joseph Martin, born March 10, 1997. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. He has a 2 year old brother Anthony. Anita is at home being a full time mother and Marty is an electrician with Shelly Electric. They live in Hays. Joseph's maternal grandparents are LaVern Dreiling and **Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56**.

**Chris Braun '86** was married to Shauna Lane on May 18, 1996 in Victoria. Chris works for Pete Braun Construction and Shauna is doing her student teaching in 4th grade at Victoria Elementary. They are living in Victoria. Chris is the son of **Pete Braun Jr. '62** and **Vera StramelBraun '65**.

**Darin VonLintel '86** and Stacy Snow exchanged wedding vows April 12, 1997. Darin works for Intec of Victoria and Stacy is a dental assistant for Dr. Less Ward DDS. They are living in rural Victoria. Darin is the son of **Dennis VonLintel '56** and his wife Kay.

**Terry Riedel '86** exchanged marriage vows with Gina Littrell on April 27, 1996. Terry is an employee of the City of Victoria and his wife Gina works for the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce. They are at home in Walker. Terry is the son of **Frank Riedel '49** and his wife Mabel.

**Michael Rome '86** exchanged wedding vows with Desiree Hall April 19, 1997 in Hays. They are the proud parents of a son, Taylor Michael, who weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Mike works for Apparel Masters and Desiree is employed by Family Healthcare Center. They are living in Victoria. Mike is the son of **Gary Rome '58** and **Janice Bell Rome '65**.

**Tim and Kris Wagner Braun '87** are proud to announce the birth of a son, Brandon Lee. He weighed 6 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20 1/2 in. long. He has a 3 year old sister, Ashley. Tim is employed by the American Heart Association and Kris is the assistant director and teacher for Christ the King Early Education Center. They are living in Topeka. Brandon's grandparents are **Leroy C. Braun '52** and his wife JoAnn, and **Ron Wagner '65** and his wife Jane.

**Mitch Berens '87** and his wife Stacy are the proud parents of a daughter Shelbie Elizabeth born Jan. 11, 1997. Shelbie weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mitch is a policeman with the Hays City Police Department. They are living in Hays. Shelbie's paternal grandparents are **Vernon Berens '53** and his wife **Norma Kuhn Berens '54**.

**Amy Younger Siebenmorgen '87** and husband Matt are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Cole Joseph. Cole weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 in. long. Amy will receive her Masters in Early Childhood Education from FHSU this spring, and is teaching special education in the Atchison school district. Matt is a salesman for Blish Mize, Inc. They are living in Atchison. The maternal grandparents are Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

**John Weber '89** and **Kami Wellbrock '95** were married on Oct. 5, 1996. John operates Weber Body Shop and Kami graduated from FHSU in Dec. with an associate degree in business. She is employed by ArensWear of Hays. They are at home in Victoria. Parents are **Lavon Weber '58** and **Charlotte Braun Weber '65**, and **Neil Wellbrock '68** and his wife **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72**. Great-grandparents are Pete and **Leona Kuhn Wellbrock '43**.

**David Younger '89** married Stacy Grazier June 15, 1996 in Victoria. David is a physical therapy assistant and athletic trainer for Professional Rehab in Paola. His wife Stacy will graduate in May from Rockhurst College as a physical therapist. They live in Olathe. David's parents are Tom Younger and his wife **Det Roth Younger '58**.

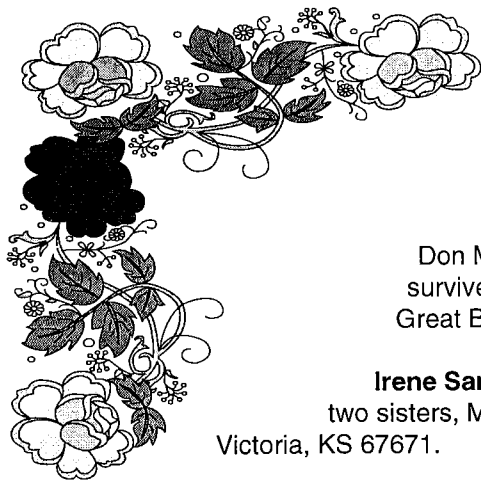
**Mike Hammerschmidt '89** and Teresa Young were married April 11, 1997, in Victoria. Mike is manager of FHSU Dairy Farm and Teresa works for DBS. They are living in rural Victoria. **Verlin Hammerschmidt '63** and his wife Glenda are Mike's parents.

### The 1990s

**Karl Staab '90** was married to Debbie Pendergast Aug. 31, 1996, in Victoria. Karl is an employee of Wal-Mart Inc. and his wife Debbie is employed at the FHSU Admissions Office. They are living in Hays.

**Tina Brungardt Herrman '93** was married to Troy Herrman May 24, 1996. Tina is a math major in secondary ed. at FHSU. She will graduate in May and do her student teaching in the fall. Troy has been accepted to K. U. Medical Center in physical therapy, so they will be moving to the Kansas City area. Tina's parents are **Robert Brungardt** and **Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68**.

# IN LOVING MEMORY



Don Maher, husband of **Esther Pfeifer Maher '43**, died Feb. 4, 1997, in Tuscon, AZ. He is survived by his wife, one son and three daughters. Esther's address is 5524 Apache Rd.; Great Bend, KS 67530.

**Irene Sander Holopirek '44** died at her home in Victoria on Oct. 13, 1997. She is survived by two sisters, Marcella Sander Juneau and **Benita Sander Goetz '49**. Benita's address is 606 Iron St.; Victoria, KS 67671.

Rose Pfeifer, wife of **Bob Pfeifer '46**, died at her home in Hays on July 10, 1996. She is survived by her husband, three sons and three daughters. Bob's address is 210 E. 28th St.; Hays, KS 67601.

**Hubert Dreiling '47** died on April 15, 1997, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Clementine, two sons and one daughter as well as five brothers; **Marvin '44, Alfred '49, Charles '51, Tom '59, and Jim '63**. He is survived by four sisters; **Lorraine Dreiling Bird '43, Lucy Dreiling Roth '46, Ruth Stephens Dreiling '55, and Theresa Dreiling Ellis '57**. His wife's address is 503 Canterbury Dr.; Hays, KS 67601.

Marvin J. Stroemel, husband of **Mary Brungardt Stroemel '48**, died Tuesday, April 15, 1997, at the Prestige Rehab and Nursing Center, Haysville. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter as well as a sister **LuVerna Stroemel Schmeidler '48**. Mary's address is 407 E. 20th; Hays, KS 67601.

**Delores Goetz Windholz '50**, died Oct. 21, 1997. She is survived by her husband Ray and one son and two daughters, as well as two sisters, Evelyn Goetz Pike and **Clarita Goetz Weigel '51**, and a brother **Charlie Goetz '53**. Her husband's address is 204 N. 28th St.; Duncan, OK 73533.

James F. "Jack" Younger, the husband of **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**, died at Hays Medical Center, Sept. 3, 1996. He is survived by his wife and two sons, **Frank '70 and Stan '77** and two daughters, **Debbie Younger Gallagher '71 and Diane Younger Pfeifer '73**. Jeanette's address is 502 W. 7th St.; Victoria, KS 67671.

Don Pfeifer died at his home in Victoria on Jan. 11, 1997. He is survived by his wife Betty and two sisters, **Rosie Pfeifer Windholz '50 and Donna Pfeifer Simoneau '54**. His wife's address is 606 Cathedral; Victoria, KS 67671.

Mary Braun, the wife of **Ken Braun '52**, died at Hays Medical Center, November 8, 1996. She is survived by her husband Ken and four sons. Ken's address is 504 W. 36th St.; Hays, KS 67601.

**Jan Sander Smith '57** died at Hays Medical Center March 24, 1996. She is survived by her husband Don, two daughters, her parents Alvin and Ventura, and two sisters, **Jeanette '57 and Lois '59** and a brother, **Dywane '61**. Her parents address is 1006 Cedar St.; Victoria, KS 67671.

**Pattie Breit Haas '57** died January 13, 1997, at Colorado Plains Medical Center in Ft. Morgan, CO. She is survived by her husband Vernon, one son and three daughters. Her husband's address is 815 Karen St.; Ft. Morgan, CO 80701.

Olinto "Shine" Lodovici died at his home Sept. 9, 1997. He is survived by his wife Viola and one son **Dennis '66**, and five daughters; **Lamanda Lodivici Bennegfiela '63, Sharon Lodivici '65, Anita Lodivici Englert '68, Vicky Lodivici Martin '71 and Gail Lodivici Flax '74**. His wife's address is 1207 Ash; Victoria, KS 67671.

Kenneth Robben, husband of **Louise Braun Robben '57**, died April 21, 1997 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He is survived by his wife, two sons, **Tom '75 and Larry '84**, and three daughters, **Linda Robben Jacobs '76, Sheri Robben '77 and Joyce Robben '89**.



At the annual business meeting for the 1996 Homecoming, **Marvin Bellendir '55, Troy Schippers '85, and Shirley Weigel '56** were elected to the board of directors. The following officers were elected: President, **Pat Schmidtberger '82**; Vice-President, **Marge Rome '58**; Secretary, **Diane Pfeifer '73**; and Treasurer, **Troy Schippers '85**.

The board of directors has done some restructuring in the past month. Pat Schmidtberger has resigned as president. The directors voted to fill his position in order to abide with the by-laws which state that the board of directors be comprised of nine members. **Rich Billinger '68** was elected to fill the vacated position and will serve as the vice-president. Marge Rome will take over the duties of president. We welcome Rich to the board and Marge to her new position. Pat's hard work and efforts have been greatly appreciated.

We would also like to express our thanks and appreciation to all former board of directors and committee members for their many hours of service in getting our Alumni Association started and making it the success that it is today. These members include: Board of Directors; **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68, Gene Wellbrock '56, Allen Dreiling '55, Tom Schmidtberger '78, Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82, Susie Dreiling Windholz '69, Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84 and Carl Dinkel '86**.

Committee Members: **Shirley Pfeifer '68, Kathalie Dortmund Hoffman '63, Pat Schmidtberger '82, Connie Windholz '74 and Ann Wellbrock '91**.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### May 18

- High School Graduation

### May 21

- Eighth Grade Graduation
- Retirement Reception

### May 24

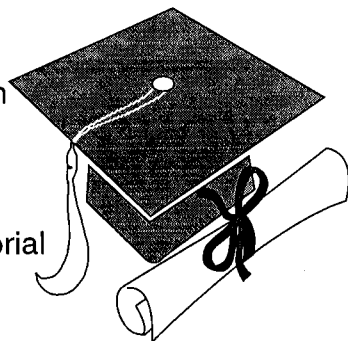
- St. Fidelis Church Memorial Weekend Picnic

### August 16

- Herzogfest

### September 19-20

- Homecoming Weekend



## Our Alums Write

**Karen Herl Bland '69** is a field editor, contributing editor, and a free-lance writer for about 15 major newspapers and magazines.

She is interested in finding photos of past school days which she feels would add interest to her stories, not to mention the memories they might generate. Some of these include: the old grade school which was the two-story limestone building that stood where the present elementary school now stands, children playing on playground equipment, indoor photos of classrooms, cloakrooms, and teachers. She is also looking for pictures of those wonderful end-of-the-year school picnics which were actually more like carnivals, and those Friday bake sales held in each classroom to raise money for the "pagan babies" in the mission fields.

If you can help Karen with some of these photos, she would certainly appreciate it. If you don't have any to send her, I'll bet you will want to write her a note and thank her for stirring up the thoughts of those wonderful days of our childhood.

Her address is: Karen Herl Bland - Box 155 - Gove, KS 67736

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## Thanks Class of '77

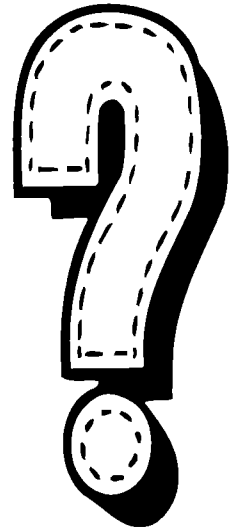
The class of 1977 continued a trend started by the class of 1969 as they donated the remaining funds from their 15 year class reunion. The money, which amounted to over \$100, was added to the scholarship fund. The '77 class reunion also included guests from the classes '75-'79. We would like to thank them for their generosity.

*Thanks*

# Where Can They Be?

Your membership committee is still searching for some of your classmates. Check the following list and if you know of their whereabouts, please forward the information to the VHS Alumni Association at PO Box 386,; Victoria, KS 67671 or call (913) 735-2352. Thanks for your help!

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|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| '55 Darlene Urban Meis         | '76 Rod Krug           |
| '58 Norma Anthony              | '76 Cathy Magalhaes    |
| '59 Bonnie Barton              | '78 Hugo Cheinquer     |
| '61 Norma Basgall              | '78 Kathy Kuhn Thomas  |
| '68 Carol Dinkel               | '80 Kay Wieck Riley    |
| '69 Donna Sander               | '82 Lisa Shively       |
| '71 Kay Kisner                 | '90 Kristy Stogsdill   |
| '72 Pamela Pfannenstiel Gideon | '91 Jennifer Hart      |
| '73 Mary Windholz              | '93 Michael Asebedo    |
| '74 Marty Meder                | '93 Christina Berger   |
| '75 Donald Riedel              | '93 Aaron Dew          |
| '75 Christine Engel Haberman   | '93 Matthew Dew        |
| '76 Vern Ehrlich               | '93 Christopher Staggs |




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## OLD FASHIONED CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday: May 24, 1997

St. Fidelis Church Grounds

4:00 pm to 12:00 Midnight



### Events Include

- \*Games
- \*Bingo
- \*Country Store
- \*Dance
- \*Auction - New Valuable Items

- \*Food Booths - Homemade Brauts
- Hamburgers
- Taco Salad

- \*Beer Garden

# VHS Alumni

VICTORIA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

P.O. BOX 386  
VICTORIA, KS 67671



PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM FOR THE RECORDS.

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

(PLEASE PRINT)

GRADUATES: YEAR GRADUATED \_\_\_\_\_

NONGRADUATE-CLASS \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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\$5.00 Annual Membership Fee per Alum \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Scholarship Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Association General Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please note any news concerning marriages, births, promotions, accomplishments, retirements, anniversaries, change of address, etc.

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PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR ASSOCIATION OF ANY ADDRESS CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED!  
RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED!**

**St. Fidelis  
High School  
1922 - 1940**

**Victoria Rural  
High School  
1941 - 1966**



**Victoria  
High School  
1967 - Present**