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Upcoming Events

Senior Bar-B-Q May 15
(Alumni Sponsored)
VHS Graduation May 17
Memorial Day Picnic .. May 24
(St. Fidelis Church)
Herzogfest Aug. 15
Homecoming '98 Sept 25, 26

Board Briefs

At the annual business meeting for the 1997 Homecoming, all board members reassumed their previous jobs. **Marge Rome '58** is president, and **Rich Billinger '68** is vice-president. **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73** is secretary and **Troy Schippers '85** holds the position of treasurer. Other members of the board are **Kurt Dinkel '86**, **Mike Younger '92**, **Shirley Weigel '56**, **Marvin Bellendir '55** and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

This year we are pleased to announce that the alumni association will be presenting four \$300 scholarships to members of the 1998 senior graduating class at Victoria High School. This is due to two entities; the Alumni Golf Tournament netting \$283.93 and the generosity of many of your donations totaling \$907.36, which were ear-marked for the scholarship fund.

Homecoming '98 weekend is scheduled for Sept. 25 and 26. Again this year we will begin with the golf tournament on Fri. morning and follow the same schedule as last year.

This year's special guests at Homecoming '98 will be all previous valedictorians and salutatorians. If you are among this select group, hopefully this will be an extra incentive to get you back for all the festivities. We will be contacting you at a later date with more details.

We would like to thank all of those former teachers and administrators who took the time to come back for our past homecoming weekend. Your presence helped spark a spirit of excitement for the entire weekend. Many friendships were renewed on the part of student and teacher. To those of you who could not make it but took the time to respond we want to say thank you. You are an important link in the history of VHS and you have not been forgotten. We welcome you to join us as associate members of our alumni association.

At the time of this newsletter membership stands at 450 paid members. Honorary members, including classes of 1922-1947, stands at 205. Lifetime membership stands at 33. Total paid membership is 688. Associate members stand at 8.

Newsletters have been mailed to all of the above because they are paid or honorary members of our organization. This is about half of our possible membership. If you have a friend who doesn't receive a newsletter and wonders why, you might remind them that annual dues must be paid in order to receive the two issues per year.

Alums Making a Difference

Debbie Bellendir Zachman '81 was named to "Who's Who Among American Teachers." Debbie has been teaching kindergarten for 12 years at Macksville Elementary School. Debbie's husband, Dave, is the councilor and head football and track coach at the high school in Macksville. They have three sons. Debbie is the daughter of **Marvin Bellendir '55** and his wife, Katie.

Randy Dreiling '79 was named Reno County Football Coach of the Year for 1997. Randy took over the Hutchinson Salt Hawks program who had a record of 26 straight losses. He is credited with making some giant leaps forward for the Hutch program. He moved to Hutchinson from Salina South where he was an assistant. Randy has three sons and a daughter. He is the son of **Vernie Dreiling '57** and his wife, Patty.

Julieann Sander '61 was awarded the Editor's Choice Award from the National Library of Poetry for her poem entitled, "For the Homeless." It was published in their 1997 anthology, *Tracing Shadows*. It was also one of eleven poems selected for recording by a professional reader on a cassette entitled "The Sound of Poetry". She is currently working on a book length volume of poetry entitled *Poetry From the Prairie*. When she isn't writing she is taking care of her three grandchildren. Julieann is living in Overland Park, KS.

Ken Billinger '79, who most of us in the area know as Dr. Ken Charles, the familiar voice of KJLS-FM Radio, is now the director of operations for two new FM stations, KKOY-FM and KFIX-FM along with KJLS. Ken's wife, **Patty Sander Billinger '81**, received her masters degree in political science at FHSU. She was awarded the Regional Commissioners Citation for Excellence from the Social Security Administration in May of 1997. Patty has been working for the U.S. Government for four years. Ken and Patty have a son, Blaine, and live in Hays.

Linda M. Klaus Davila '70 belongs to a singing duet called "Kindred Spirits". They wrote and recorded their first album in June of 1992. They have also sung at the Kansas State Fair at the Farm Bureau Arena. Linda is also serving on the city council in Greensburg, KS.

Paul Shippers '55 was recognized by the Ellis County Red Cross for being a continuous blood donor. He recently gave his 100th pint of blood. Paul and his wife Theresa live in Victoria. They have two children and one grandson.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Leona Befort died Aug. 7, 1997, at St. John's Rest Home in Victoria. She is survived by two sons; **Elden Stang '58** and **Wendelin "Wendy" Stang '63**, and three daughters; Velma (Stang) Herrman, **Delilah Stang Smith '60** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**, three brothers; **Bob Schamber '28**, Clarence Schamber and Leonard Schamber.

Lucy Schmidtberger died Aug. 7, 1997, at St. John's Rest Home in Victoria. She is survived by her husband, Frank, two sons; **Dan J. '53** and **Richard J. '61**, and a daughter, **Mary F. Schmidtberger '57**.

Bridget Urban died Aug. 17, 1997, at the Rush County Memorial Hospital. She is survived by four sons; Alfred, Art, Gilbert and **Tom '55**, three daughters; Tillie Urban, Dorothy Schoendaller and **Jane Urban Schumacher '57**.

Frank J. Windholz died Nov. 23, 1997, at Hays Medical Center. Mr. Windholz was a teacher of English at Victoria High School from 1957 to 1970. He was one of our former teacher honorees present for the 1997 homecoming parade and banquet. Many former faculty members and students appreciated the opportunity to visit with him. He is survived by his wife, Martina, a son, **Frank '70**, and three daughters; **Mary Lou Windholz Clark '63**, **Agnes Windholz '66** and **Esther Windholz Courtney '68**.

Gilbert "Dean" McClurg died Dec. 5, 1997, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Vera Schmidtberger McClurg '49**, and a son **Tom '73**, and three daughters; **Debbie McClurg Schmidtberger '75**, **Diane McClurg Roth '78** and **Paula McClurg Dinkel '83**.

Michael Weigel '40 died January 10, 1998, at St. Joseph Hospital in Kansas City, MO. He is survived by three brothers; Donald, **Robert '49**, and **Tony '52** and six sisters; Velma (Weigel) Giebler, Mary Jane (Weigel) Miller, **Louise Weigel '46**, Leona Weigel Kuhn, **Shirley Weigel '56** and **Doris Weigel '59**.

William R. Kuhn died Friday, Feb. 27, 1998, in Haysville. Survivors include his wife, Cilerina, one son and five daughters. Also a brother, **Justin Kuhn '43**, and a halfbrother, **Charlie Kuhn '55**.

News From Home

Health Care

The city of Victoria is happy to announce that the Victoria Community Health Facility is becoming a reality. The Ellis County Commission and Hays Medical Center with the help of the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development have committed to bring these services to Victoria. On December 30, 1997, a contract was awarded to Commercial Builders, Inc. to construct the facility and work will begin as weather allows. The anticipated completion date is set for June 12, 1998. The city was fortunate to receive approval by the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing to participate in the Kansas Community Service Program for this project. This authorizes a 70% tax credit to qualifying entities and individuals for cash contributions made to this worthy cause. The Victoria Community Health Facility will bring a medical clinic and emergency medical care to Victoria and the entire eastern one-third of Ellis County. The facility will house a health clinic, 24-hour paramedic service and ultimately a full time ambulance service. Also housed in the facility will be the Victoria Police Department.

Housing Development

Victoria is getting a new housing development. **Steve Robben '67** is responsible for annexing the property to the city. It is located one block east of Jefferson St. and will be a continuation of Kansas St. The addition will include 28 lots. Street and sewer construction for Phase I began in November of 1997 and will be comprised of six lots. These lots will be available in the spring of 1998. The addition will have large lots and wide streets for added convenience and comfortable living. If some of you would like to move back to your roots, give Steve a call at (785) 735-9434.

Meat Processing Plant

Smoky Hill Meat Processing is a custom slaughter and processing plant coming to Victoria. It will be located at 108 Ball Park Rd. Customers can bring their own animals in for processing. All natural beef by the side and quarter and all natural pork by the half and whole will also be available. Owners are Terry J. Werth and Jerry Kanzanbach. The plant will employ two people to start, with a potential of adding four to five more employees.



VHS News



- The official enrollment at VHS for the 1997-98 school year stands at 108 students making it the smallest 2A school in Kansas. One less student and we would become a 1A school. We are still associated with the Mid-Continent League.
- Although we are small in numbers there are many positive things happening at VHS. Our students score well above state averages in all categories of the State Report Card. Our students are well prepared for higher education at VHS. Through ITV, they can earn up to 24 hours of college credit before leaving high school. Some of these classes are English Comp. I & II, psychology, sociology, speech, and human growth and development.
- Remember the good times in study hall? Study halls have been abandoned to accommodate the added courses necessary for graduation and college prep. Some of the new courses added to the curriculum are Applied English, Accounting II and Computer Applications III.
- The grading scale has been changed from (94-100 an A) to (92-100 an A). This was a district wide adoption. This grading scale better coincides with those throughout the state and hopefully will be significant when our students apply for scholarships.
- VHS track team will be sporting new uniforms this year, maroon shorts and gold tops.
- Students can use the computerized career and post secondary education search through the counselors office to find the perfect institution to prepare them for their chosen career.
- Sixty-five to seventy percent of Victoria High School senior students attend community college or four year colleges.
- Approximately fifteen to twenty percent of VHS seniors attend Vo. Tech. Schools.
- Five to ten percent attend the work force or military.

Class Notes

The 1940's

Joe Hammerschmidt '43 and his wife, Louise, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 30, 1997. They have three sons; Don, Ron and Bob, and a daughter, Mary Beth Green. Joe and Louise were married Aug. 25, 1947, in Catherine. Joe is a retired school administrator but keeps busy with various civic and church organizations. They are living in Victoria.

Class of 1943, you're our **55 year class**. Be sure to mark the calendar for Sept. 25-26th. Join us for the weekend.

Gilbert N. Kuhn '44 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Oct. 19, 1997. Their children are Don, Keith, Connie and Marian Light. Gilbert and Mary were married Nov. 19, 1947, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellis.

George Schippers '46 and his wife, Lillian, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 7, 1998. Their eleven children were the hosts for the occasion. George and Lillian were married Feb. 9, 1948, in Hays. They are living in Hays.

Wilfred (Whitey) Geist '47 retired from 7-Up after 33 years. They moved from Denver to Morrison, CO, where Whitey keeps busy grooming his beautiful yard. He is known as the miracle man when it comes to lawns, shrubs and trees. He inspires his neighbors to do likewise and is always available to help others.

50 Year Anniversary Honor Class is the **Class of 1948**. We are honored to have you as our special guests. We know plans are in the making, and we are hoping for a great turnout.

Twila Dome Wagner '49 retired Jan. 1, 1997, after 30 years in the legal field. Twila lives in Grand Junction, CO.

The 1950's

Gilbert and **Tina Dreiling Kuhn '51** celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 6, 1997. They have a daughter **Cindy Kuhn Kisner '76** and four sons; **Mark '83, Ivan '83, John '86** and **Karl '89**. Gilbert and Tina were married Sept. 7, 1957, at St. Benedict Church in Kansas City, KS.

Elizabeth A. "Lilybeth" Brungardt Dreiling '52 and her husband, Jim, were married 43 years in August. Liz is employed by Hays Medical Center as a medical transcriptionist. Their two grandchildren, Brittany and Kaley Goetz, are the light of their lives.

Clarita M. Brungardt Koerner '52 writes that she and her husband, Pete, will be building a new home this year. Their side interests include working for the Colorado Rockies and volunteering at the Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities.

Verlin Leiker '52 is retired and living in Topeka. Verlin has been faithful in returning for homecoming each year.

Alice Sander Rohr '52 and her husband, Al live in Brush CO. They are both retired but keep very busy volunteering at the senior center and the "SHARE" program. This past year their youngest son was married and they became great-grandparents.

Anthony P. (Tony) Weigel '52 retired from the Union Pacific Railroad in Dec. of 1996 after 44 years of service. He had various management positions in Chicago; Philadelphia; Washington D.C.; Spokane, WA; Omaha, NE and finally Kansas City, MO. Tony and his wife, Janice, live in Overland Park and spend their time playing golf and traveling. Tony writes that the rest of the time he does many "honey do's".

Nathan Younger '52 and his wife, Donna, were married 44 years Oct. 10, 1997. Nathan retired in 1995 after 36 years at the trade. Nathan says his wife now has twice as much husband but only half as much money. He is second in command around the house. They live in Commerce City, CO.

Class of 1953! Forty-five years ago you graduated from good old VHS. Plan to come home for a wonderful weekend. Many of the class of '52 will be back.

Frank Denning '54 sends regards to all the folks back home. Frank and his wife, Fran, live in Citrus Heights, CA.

Neon K. Leiker '54 and his wife Sue were married 37 years in September. They have three sons and one daughter who range in age from 36 to 26. They are all college graduates and have successful careers. Their son Jeff was just recently named the head football coach at Fort Hays State University. Neon and Sue live in Independence, KS.

Rita Rajewski Gibson '56 writes from Longmont, CO. Rita and Gary VonLintel now have six grandsons and two granddaughters and one step-granddaughter.

Class of 1958! Yes, are you out there? Frank Goetz says he doesn't need to be reminded that he graduated 40 years ago. I'm sure none of you need to be reminded, but we would like to remind you to plan now to make a special effort to get back for the homecoming weekend.

The 1960's

Kenneth F. Dreiling '60 and his wife, Pat, send greetings from their home in Deer Park, TX. Ken is in procurement with Brown & Root Services Corp., Houston, TX, a division of the Halliburton Corp. They have two sons. Christopher graduated from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and is doing his pediatric residency in Dallas. David graduated with a BA in business marketing and is in sales with Hutchinson-Hayes of Houston, TX.

Class of 1963, can you believe 35 years have gone by since you graduated from Victoria High School. Plan now to renew those old acquaintances.

Mary Lou Windholz Clark '63 and her husband, Norman, have been living in Garden City since 1969. Norman is a middle school teacher and Mary Lou finished her college degree in 1995 and is in her second year of teaching first grade. They have three married daughters, two grandchildren and two more on the way. They all live out of state, so Mary and Norman do quite a bit of traveling.

Class of 1968, it's probably time to get together after 30 years. Plan now to join us for Homecoming '98.

Michael Marcotte '69 and his wife, Holly, are the proud parents of a son, Matthew Lawrence, born June 5, 1997. Matthew weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 in. long. Welcoming Matthew home are Maria 13, Sarah 10, Andrea 7 and Jonathan 4. Matthew's paternal grandparents are Lawrence, deceased, and Ruth Marcotte of Victoria. Michael and his family live in Madras, OR.

Gary Wagner '69 and his wife **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71** celebrated 25 years of marriage Sept. 2, 1997. Gary and Marilyn have two daughters and one son. They live on a farm on the Pfeifer Road.

The 1970's

Frank Younger '70 and his wife, Joleene, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on March 3, 1998. They were married March 3, 1973, in Victoria. Frank works for Big A Auto Parts in Hays and Joleene works for Insurance Planning. They have two children and two grandchildren. They are living in Victoria.

Stephen G. Schmidtbecker '73 and his wife, Katherine, have relocated from Jackson Beach Florida to Victoria. Steve and his family are living in the house he grew up in on Grant St. They have two children, Rebekha, a freshman at VHS, and Tobias a 6th grader.

Class of 1973, Twenty-five Year Honor Class, we know you don't need any reminders. Looking forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Theresa Dreiling Brantley '74 and her husband, Dave, have moved to Selden, KS to take part in the Brantley farming business. They have a daughter, Bobbie, and a son, Ryan.

Norman L. Sander Jr. '75 and his wife, Sherry, are the proud parents of a son, Aaron Lee, born Jan. 21, 1997. He weighed 6 lbs. and 8 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Their home is at 5967 Westmere Dr.; Knoxville, TN. Aaron's paternal grandparents are Norman and **Paulette Dreiling Sander '54**.

Annette Pfeifer Lane '77 and her husband, Russ, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Abigail Renee, born Nov. 24, 1997. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 ozs. and was 20 in. long. Abigail has a brother, Tyler 12, and two sisters; Jessica 10 and Samantha 8. Annette is a 4th grade teacher at Sunflower Elementary in Gardner, KS, and Russ is an insurance agent with Franklin Insurance. Abigail's maternal grandparents are **Al Robert Pfeifer '50** and **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50**.

Class of 1978 will be celebrating their 20th class reunion. Your alumni association does all the work for you. Come join us for a great weekend.

Steven M. Gehrke '79 and his wife, Marea, live in Tempe, AZ. They have two children; Kelly Renee born Sept. 14, 1994, and Michael born July 15, 1996. Both children were delivered by their dad. Kelly and Michael's grandmother is **Vera Dome Dreiling '56**.

The 1980's

Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80 is teaching 6th grade English at Schimelpfenig Middle School in Plano, TX. This is her 10th year at SMS. Her husband is a technology support staff member at Mathew Elementary in Plano, TX. They have a son, Shea Patrick, in 7th grade and a daughter, Anastasia Rose in 2nd grade. Kelly is the daughter of former superintendent Pat O'Brien.

Scott Rome, age 11, son of **Laura Billinger Rome '81**, qualified for the AAU Junior Olympics held in Charlotte, NC in Aug. 1997. He received a 6th place medal in the 4 x 4 relay, a 3rd place bronze in the 400 meter and a 1st place gold in the 800 meter. His grandparents are **Earl Billinger '62** and **Jo Ann Stramel Billinger '61**.

Kona Austin Errebo '81 and her husband, Gregg, are now living in Sterling, KS. Gregg is assistant principal at Sterling Jr./Sr. High School. Kona is the librarian at Great Bend Middle School.

James A. Rohleder '81 has opened a new veterinary clinic in Hays called "Hillside Veterinary Clinic." James' wife, Elaine, is the principal at Lincoln Elementary in Hays. They have 2 children. Samuel is 6 years old and Thomas is 5.

Pete Klaus '82 and Karen Kreutzer were married April 20, 1996. Pete and Karen live in Victoria.

Class of 1983, you've been out of school for 15 years. Hopefully you are all aware of this and are spreading the word to classmates to plan on getting back for Homecoming '98

Doug Schulte '84 has accepted a full time position with Hays City Fire Dept. Doug and his wife, Stacy, have three children; Brent 9, Breanna 7 and Lauren 4. They are living in Hays. Doug is the son of **Ray Schulte '47** and his wife, Leona.

Jamie Miller Stout '85 and her husband, Douglas, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Dalton Douglas, born Dec. 22, 1997. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 in. long. Jamie is employed at Hays Medical Center. Douglas is employed by the SRS of Kansas and works in the Hays office. They are living in Victoria. Dalton's maternal grandparents are **Marvin Miller '63** and **Iris Rome Miller '64**.

Craig Braun '86 and his wife, Marcia, are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Taylor, born Dec. 23, 1997. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 18 in. long. Madison has a brother, Hunter, 19 months. Craig is the manager of the meat market at Super K-Mart in Denver. Madison's paternal grandparents are **Pete Braun Jr. '62** and **Vera Stramel Braun '65**.

Kurt Dinkel '86 and his wife, **Shanna Robben Dinkel '89**, are the proud parents of a son, Brady John, born Jan. 19, 1998. He weighed 8 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 21 in. long. Kurt and Shanna live in Hays. Kurt is a loan officer for Nations Bank and Shanna teaches 7th grade English at Felten Middle School. Brady's paternal grandparents are **Otto Dinkel Jr. '57** and **Carol Ann Rome Dinkel '59**. His maternal grandparents are **Steve Robben '67** and **Fran Miller Robben '67**. Brady's great-grandparents are **Rich** and **Verna Roth Robben '43**.

Terry Riedel '86 and his wife, Gina, are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Parker Terrence, born Jan. 29, 1998. He weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 20 in. long. Terry is employed by the city of Victoria and Gina works for the Hays Chamber of Commerce. They are living in Walker. Parker's paternal grandparents are **Frank Riedel '49** and his wife, Mabel.

Pamela Berens Clark '87 and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of their daughter, Ashten Leigh, born June 1, 1997. Ashten has a 2 year old brother, Ty. Pam and her family live in Dodge City, KS.

Class of 1988, Ten Year Anniversary Honor Class. We certainly extend a warm invitation to come back for Homecoming '98 and represent your class at the banquet. We've reserved a spot for you on the program. Your class officers are making plans and you will be hearing from them.

Paul Brungardt '89 and Christina Maldonado were married Sept. 20, 1997, in St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Paul received a marketing degree from FHSU and is employed by Hays Medical Center. His wife is employed by St. John's of Hays. They are living in Hays. He is the son of **Robert Brungardt '68** and **Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68**.

The 1990's

Shannon Brungardt '90 and Mark Karst were married Nov. 22, 1997, in St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Shannon graduated from FHSU with a bachelor's degree in nursing and is a registered nurse in the pediatric unit at Hays Medical Center. Mark is a lease operator for C & R Oil. They are living in Hays. Shannon is the daughter of **Jerry Brungardt '62** and his wife, Mary.

Marthann Schulte '91 graduated from FHSU in '95 with a degree in history and political science. She received her masters in the spring of '97 and is teaching history at Ft. Scott Community College. She is living in Ft. Scott. Marthann is the daughter of **Ray Schulte '47** and his wife, Leona.

Nicole Braun Harrah '92 and her husband, Lance, announce the birth of their first child, Ryan Samuel, born Dec. 11, 1997. He weighed 5 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 19 in. long. Nicole works at McDonalds at Russell and is a senior at FHSU majoring in accounting. Lance is the manager of Pamida in Russell. Ryan's maternal grandparents are **Sam Braun '67** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**.

Ron Sauer '92 and his wife, **Tammi Kippes Sauer '91**, are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Julia Terese, born Oct. 13, 1997. She weighed 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 19 3/4 in. long. Julia's maternal grandparents are **Norman Kippes '59** and his wife, Ramona. Her paternal grandmother is **Donna Windholz Sauer '70**.

Kathy Kippes Ricke '92 and her husband, Mike, are living in Merrillville IN. Kathy is teaching 7th grade English.

Class of 1993, it's been 5 years. Mark your calendar and join us for Homecoming '98.

Sabrina Waldschmidt '93 and Kevin McAdoo were married Aug. 16, 1997, in Victoria. Sabrina is a teacher aid for Head Start in Geneceo, and Kevin works for Survey Inc. out of Ellsworth. They are living in Ellsworth.

Jason Kippes '94 is a senior at K-State majoring in business. He plans to join his father with Kippes Insurance Agency when he graduates.

Homecoming '97

Added activities helped spark a successful homecoming weekend September 19-20, 1997.

On Friday, the 1st Annual VHS Scholarship Golf Tournament was deemed a success thanks to many alumni and others that organized and worked it. Winners included: 1st place; Janice and **Tony Weigel '52** and Nancy and **Marvin Schmidtberger '52**, 2nd place; **Tom Karlin '83**, **Gene Wellbrock '56**, **Chris Windholz '90**, and **Randy Schmidtberger '66**, 3rd place; **Bob Pfeifer '45**, **Gilbert Schippers '45**, **Rick Robben '76**, and **Dale Pfeifer '52**. **Earl Billinger '62** won The Longest Drive Award while Jack Rheem won the Most Persistence Golfer Award.

A registration at 2:00 p.m. was also added to the Friday schedule. Many alumni spent this time at the K of C Hall reacquainting themselves with old friends and classmates. A parade that included former teachers preceded the pep rally. Alumni then took tours through the school and enjoyed the tailgate party before the football game. The night concluded with a social at the K of C Hall.

Saturday morning started with a beautiful memorial mass at the Cathedral of the Plains, followed by a business meeting and luncheon in the grade school. As always, the weekend was topped off with a record-setting number of alumni at the banquet and dance that honored former VHS teachers.

Attention - - - Honor Classes

Class of 1948,

In May, 1998 it will be fifty years since we graduated from VHS. We will be an "honored class" when the Alumni Association celebrates VHS Homecoming September 25 and 26, 1998. Please make plans to attend this Homecoming. The parade will be Friday afternoon and we'll plan a float (meaning a hay trailer) for the Class of '48 to ride on. When the Alumni Officers have made final plans we will get a letter to you personally with more of the details. If you have any question call me at (785) 735-2595.

Mildred Goetz, Secretary, Class of '48

Class of 1973,

Some members of the class of '73 have already met to get our 25th reunion going. A flyer has gone out to all of you with a tentative agenda. We will be celebrating our special reunion as one of the honor classes with the Alumni Association at the VHS Homecoming Sept. 25 and 26, 1998. It is really hard to believe that it already is our 25th. Hopefully, we will be able to get together for a float in the parade on Friday and sit together at the game. Saturday, we will try to plan a time for just our class to gather for reminiscing. We've had a really good time at the alumni banquets and hope all of you attending for the first time will agree. Can't wait until then. We will be getting a letter out to all of you again this summer with more information.

Diane Pfeifer, Class of '73

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Thank You!

The board of directors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you out there who worked so hard to make Homecoming '97 the success that it was. We hesitate to mention names for fear of forgetting someone, so we will simply mention the various activities that could not have happened without your help.

Thanks to.....

- All of you that planned the golf tournament, readied the golf course and carried it through,
- Those of you who supplied trailers for floats and provided sheds in which to construct the floats.
- Those of you who so willingly offer the use of convertibles each year.
- Hostesses at the K of C hall to register alums as they arrived.
- The commercial-type banners which helped the alumni float take 1st place and then graced our banquet hall.
- The donated Broncos Tickets for the raffle.
- St. Fidelis Adult Choir and the recorded background music for the roll call of deceased alumni and teachers and the careful placing of those 52 candles representing our deceased members and faculty.
- The name tags waiting for us at the banquet to help us recognize those sometimes unfamiliar faces.
- Those of you that donated time and goods and helped transform the American Legion Hall into a lovely dining room.
- And of course all of you who stuck around to the bitter end and helped to clean it all up.