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Board Briefs

Four new members joined the board of directors this year replacing **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73, Det Roth Younger '58, Mike Younger '92 and Marvin Bellendir '55.** The new members are **Mary Beth Leiker Fisher '76, Debbie Jacobs Hoffman '80, Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53 and Steve Schmidtberger '73.**

The VHS Alumni Association will present four \$300 scholarships again this year to members of the 1999 senior graduating class at Victoria High School. The scholarships can be used at a four-year college or a two-year technical school. This money is made available through two entities; the annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament and the generosity of many donations from alumni members.

Homecoming '99 weekend is scheduled for Sept. 17th and 18th. Once again we will begin with the golf tournament on Friday morning at 9:00. The 1999 Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament will be in honor of Joe Hammerschmidt, who helped organize and run the past tournaments. Since the golf tournament is specifically for the scholarship fund, the entry fee this year will be \$25. The parade is scheduled for the late afternoon, followed by a pep rally, a tailgate party, tours of the school, the football game, and a social at the K. of C. Hall. The special guests at Homecoming '99 will be all male and female graduates who have served or are serving in any military branch of service. Hopefully many veterans and active military personnel will be able to join us.

We would like to thank all the valedictorians and salutatorians who took the time to return for our homecoming festivities in '98. It was a pleasure for us to bestow this honor to each of you.

At this time our membership stands at 486 paid members. Honorary members, including classes of 1922 - 48, stands at 224. Lifetime membership stands at 41. We have 8 associate members.

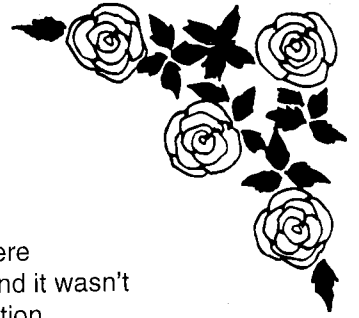
The spring newsletters has been mailed to the members mentioned above because they are paid or honorary members of our organization. If you have a friend or relative who does not receive a newsletter and wonders why, you might remind them that annual dues must be paid in order to receive the two newsletters per year. Membership forms will be sent with the August newsletter. Memberships should be paid or renewed at homecoming each year.

Upcoming Events

- Senior Bar-B-Q May 21
(Alumni Sponsored)
- VHS Graduation May 23
- Memorial Day Picnic May 31
(St. Fidelis Church)
- Homecoming '99 Sept. 17-18

Reflections of Frank

by: Rich Billinger '68



It was in June of 1993 when I called Frank Dreiling '68 and Kathy Kuhn and asked them to come over to my house. They knew what I wanted because we had discussed the topic while we were preparing for our 25 year class reunion the previous month. Eagerly, Frank and Kathy responded, and it wasn't long after, that the three of us laid the groundwork for the organization of the Victoria Alumni Association.

That wasn't the first time I called on Frank for help. About eighteen years before that, my brother Wayne and I had asked Frank if he would help organize and direct the Victoria-based community variety show, Sweet and Sour Krauts. Once again, Frank had responded enthusiastically, and thus began the close relationship between Frank Dreiling and myself. We had been friends before that, and I even remember Frank and I teaming up to make popcorn for the third grade sale; however, from that point on we shared many more fond memories. These memories included many "Kraut" practices and shows, road trips, VFW stags, parties, bowling nights, the after-work Weller & water sessions, VHS Alumni meetings and functions, and those times when my wife Jeanie and I would just get together with Frank and his wife Kathy for an evening of fun. Unfortunately, those memories stopped accumulating when Frank lost his battle with cancer last November.

To know Frank was to know his sense of humor. Frank could make you laugh with his one-line sarcastic snips, or he could make you roll out of your seat with his half hour stories about his personal experiences with "Joe Walters and that itch of his," the time the Atlantic Ocean tried sucking him in at Atlantic City, or his teeing off-golf shot in front of a gallery in Arkansas. The hardest I ever laughed at Frank was when we were videotaping the Sweet and Sour Kraut Christmas Special. Frank was supposed to introduce the song "Sleigh Ride." As Frank was introducing the song, the horse with the sleigh carrying the singers, Jon Kisner and Frank's wife Kathy, was supposed to approach Frank from fifty yards behind him. Unfortunately, the horse didn't cooperate, but, fortunately, Frank got into one of his laughing and joking modes that had the entire cast and crew in hysterics.

I can truly say that Frank was my best friend. But Frank was so unique that there are many other guys that can truly say that Frank was their best friend, such as Sam Sander, Larry Urban, Marvin Miller, Wayne Billinger, Dick Werth, and others. I'm sure each one of them could tell how they got to be Frank's best friend. Outside of his best friends, Frank had many other friends. His warm personality and easygoing style made it easy to be friends with Frank. A church packed full of people for Frank's funeral was a testimony of his friendship.

But Frank was more than a friend to people. He was a great family man. While his proposal to Kathy was slow in coming, and fatherhood came rather late in his life, his love for Kathy and his delight in his daughters ran deep. In fact, during occasional "serious" conversations we had in the last two years, he described his worst fear would be to die and leave his two young daughters without a dad. Frank was also very fond of his sisters and his parents. In addition, it was noticeable that Frank got along very well with his co-workers on the job. As a Eucharistic minister, Fourth Degree Knight, and choir member, Frank was active with church affairs. Now I'm not saying Frank was perfect, but I barely heard Frank use profanity around me; probably because he thought I was using enough for both of us.

I still find myself breaking into tears at times from the loss of Frank because I miss him so much. But I also know that the Victoria Alumni Association is going to miss him dearly. Frank, we will miss all the time and effort you donated to working for the organization. You are gone, but you will never be forgotten.

1998 Homecoming in Review

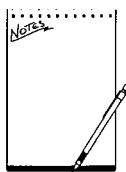


The second annual VHS Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday was deemed a great success. Thanks to many alumni and others that organized and worked it. Winners included: 1st place - **Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52, Dan Schmidtberger '53, Neon Leiker '54, Ted Crawford '54.** 2nd place - **Tom Schmidtberger '78, Rod Goetz '82, Kurt Dinkel '86, and Craig Dinkel '84;** 3rd place - **Randy Schmidtberber '66, Bruce Goetz '73, Earl Billinger '62, and Wayne Billinger '73.** The longest drive was won by **Wayne Billinger.**

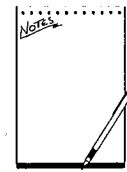
Registration was held on Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall. This gave many alumni a chance to spend time visiting with classmates and friends. A parade in which many former VHS valedictorians and salutatorians were featured, was held preceding the pep rally. The alumni then took tours through the school, enjoyed the tailgate party, and the football game. After the game many alumni gathered at the K. of C. Hall for more socializing and renewing of old friendships.

Saturday morning started with a magnificent memorial mass at the "Cathedral of the Plains." During this mass, deceased Victoria High School Alumni were named and a candle was lit for each year. A business meeting and luncheon was held in the grade school following the mass. A record setting number of alumni and friends gathered at the American Legion in Hays on Saturday evening for dinner, dancing, entertainment, and more socializing.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us this year, September 17th and 18th to help make this the best homecoming weekend ever.



Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1944, how about getting together for your 55th class reunion? Start making plans now for homecoming weekend Sept. 17th and 18th.

Donald J. Wagner '47 and Mary L. Rose were married Nov. 21, 1998 at St. John Lutheran Church, Russell. They are living in Russell.

Agnes M. Dreiling Shearer '48 and her husband David celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in June of '98. David and Agnes sold their business they've owned since 1970 and are now enjoying retirement.

Class of 1949 is our 50 year honor class for homecoming '99. Plans are being made by your class representatives. Be sure to mark it on your calendar.

Kathleen M. Rajewski Sander '49 and her husband **Gilbert F. Sander '49** will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary June 14, 1999. They are living in Great Bend.

1950's

Marvin Rajewski '51 and his wife Betty retired in June of '98. Marvin is pleased that he has reached the age of 65 and has joined the FFHG Club, (Flying, Fishing, Hunting and Golfing Club.) They are living in Great Bend.

Robert "Bob" Brungardt '51 sends a thank you for the alumni newsletter. He writes, "It brings back many memories." Reading notes like yours Bob, makes this newsletter light work. Thank you for taking the time to write. Bob lives with his family in Kansas City.

Omer Knoll '52 has been appointed Fire Chief of Palco Kansas where he and his wife have been living for several years.

Nathan Younger '52 says retirement is just wonderful and hopes everybody will be fortunate enough to enjoy the same some day. Nathan is becoming a regular at our homecoming festivities. He and his wife Donna live in Denver.

Class of '54, it has been 45 years ago that you graduated from good old VHS. Hopefully you are making plans to join in all the festivities for the weekend of Sept. 17th and 18th.

Neon K. Leiker '54 has been making many trips to Hays the past year to attend his son's football games. As we reported in a previous newsletter, his son Jeff is the head football coach of the Ft. Hays Tigers.

Leo K. Weigel '54 and his wife Twila of 29 years live in Salina. Leo has been retired since 1995 from Marshall Motor Co. due to poor health. He says he is doing okay now.

Jane Brungardt Ruder '54 has retired from Tony's Pizza after 18 years as a secretary. Jane has a son Jim living in San Diego with his family. She also has another son and family in Oklahoma City, a son and family in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a son and family in Salina. Her daughter is a teacher in Emporia and her son-in-law is the baseball coach at Emporia State University. Jane has 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Janis Wagner, CSJ '57 observed her 37th anniversary as a Sister of St. Joseph, in Concordia, Kansas on Aug. 15, 1998.

Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58 and her husband Arlyn celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sept. 13, 1998. Arlyn and Clarita live in Victoria. They have a daughter **Michelle Schumacher Unrein '81** and three grandchildren.

Class of '59, get the word out to your classmates and make them aware of the fact that you graduated 40 years ago and it's time to get together. Alumni weekend would be the perfect time to meet all those old friends.

1960's

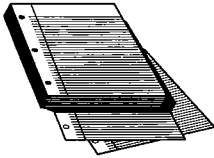
Mary Terese Munk Jones '60 and her husband Doug celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Aug. 26, 1998. Their daughter Stephanie was married in September. Mary Terese and her husband live in Sandy, Utah.

Marlene Billinger Brown '61 and her husband Ken both retired from teaching in June of '97. They recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. They have four children and five grandchildren. Marlene appreciates the newsletters and hopefully will be able to attend Homecoming '99.

Judy Braun Evans '63 is living in Wamego, Kansas and has two grandchildren, Britny and Trace.

Jim Dreiling '63 is living in Wichita, Kansas. His twins, Tarrah and Tyler, are juniors at the University of Texas in Austin.

Class of '64, this would be a great year for a class reunion. It's been 35 years since you've all been back together. Get those plans started for a great homecoming weekend in '99.



Class Notes Continued

Eileen A. Kippes Wilcox '64 is living in Littleton, Colorado. She has received a B.S. in Business Management.

Don Sander '65 has accepted a position with Harper Brush Works in Fairfield, Iowa. He will assume responsibility of daily operations over two manufacturing plants. Don's wife is **Carol VonFeldt Sander '66**.

Mary Gemma Rome Kaberlein '67 and her husband John live in Hays. Their daughter Jennifer was crowned homecoming queen at TMP-Marian Homecoming in Sept. '98.

Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68 has accepted a position with St. Fidelis parish as the Director of Religious Education for grades K-5. Shirley and her husband **Robert '68** live in the country near Walker.

Class of '69, did you realize you graduated from VHS 30 years ago? Sept. 17th and 18th would be a great time to get together. Your alumni association does all the work for you. Come and join in the fun.

Connie L. Riedel Bollig '69 is the Coordinator for Shafer Art Gallery at Barton County Community College. Her husband Wayne is the CFO for Kansas State Library. They have been married 28 years and have three children. They live in Hoisington, Kansas.

1970's

Ron Dinkel '71 and **Mary Jo Mader Dinkel '72** are proud to announce that their daughter Jen has accepted a Letter of Appointment to play basketball at the U.S. Military Academy at Westpoint, New York. Ron and Mary Jo live in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Wayne Billinger '73 took over the position as mayor of Hays. Wayne has been a member of the City Commission the past two years. He and his wife Tammy have two children. Wayne is owner of Advantage Advertising and Tammy is a nurse at Hays Medical Center.

Class of 1974, you are our 25 year honor class. A spot has been reserved for you on the program. Some of your classmates from here are getting organized and you should be hearing from them very soon. Mark Sept. 17th and 18th of 1999 on your calendar.

Leon Kuhn '74' was named truck driver for the month of June 1998 by the Kansas Motor Carriers Association. Leon was nominated by Golden Plains Trucking, employer. He will receive an award April 14th and will qualify for truck driver of the year for 1999. He and his wife **Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84** and their boys live on a farm north of Victoria.

Lt. Col. David A. Pfeifer '74 is currently the Squadron Commander of the 100th Operations Support Squadron at RAF Mildenhall in England. He flies the KC-135 on air refueling missions and stays very busy reacting to world events as the Squadron is usually involved in any crisis in that part of the world. He and his wife Karen and family are scheduled to return to the States in Sept. of '99. Lt. Col. Pfeifer is the son of **Al Pfeifer '50** and **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50**.

Laurie Lang '76 and her husband Al are proud to announce the birth of a son Kameron Francis born on July 14, 1998. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 in. long. He has two brothers, Kyle 14 and Keith 10, and a sister Katie 12. Kameron's maternal grandparents are **Vitus Lang '50** and his wife Anita. Laurie's husband Al is employed by Engineered Storage Products and Laurie is a stay at home mom. They live in Parsons, Kansas.

Myra A Younger Younger '78 has been married to her husband George Younger for 13 years. They have a daughter Christy 11 and a son Cole 8.

Paula S. Brungardt Zwenger '78 and her husband Pat live at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. She received the last newsletter while they were stationed in Italy. They have three children. Paula received her Associate Degree in Civil Engineering in 1980, a BS in Business Administration in 1993 from Hawaii Pacific and she is currently enrolled at Louisiana Tech., working toward a masters in counseling. Her husband Pat is in the USAF and over the past 19 years have lived in North Dakota, The Netherlands, California, Hawaii, North Carolina, Italy and now Louisiana. Pat will be retiring from the Air Force next summer and they hope to settle back in the Midwest. Paula is the daughter of **Paul Brungardt '49** and **Mildred Basgall Brungardt '49**.

Class of 1979, it's been 20 years. Can you believe it? Some of your class members are already planning for a big weekend. If you haven't received your information letter yet, you will be hearing from them soon.

Ken Billinger '79 has just completed two years of service as games director for the Kansas State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament held annually in Hays. He is also serving on the games evaluation task force for Special Olympics Kansas and is a member of the board of directors for the ARC of the Central Plains. Ken was recently named director of broadcast operations for Radio Inc., Hays. He will direct programming and services for three radio stations, KJLS-FM, KKQY-FM and KFIX-FM. Ken is married to **Patty Sander Billinger '81**. Patty has also served on the Kansas State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament Games Management team for the past two years. They have a son, Blaine.

Deb Leiker Dreiling '79 was named an assistant vice president of Retail and Lending for Sunflower Bank. Deb manages the Victoria Branch of Sunflower Bank. Deb is also an active member and officer of Victoria Elementary PTO and has been instrumental in many of the PTO's recent accomplishments. Deb is married to **Jim Dreiling '78** and they have two children, Jessica and Cory.

Melaine Brungardt Collins '80 and her husband Terry are the proud parents of a son, Daniel G. born Feb. 21, 1999. He was 21 in. long and weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. They have a daughter Morgan 3 1/2 years old. They live in Glendale Arizona.

Lee Ann Schulte '83 was recently recognized as "One of America's Best Educators" for 1998 by the American Foundation for Educational Excellence. She is currently in her 11th year of teaching and coaching at Jefferson County North Middle School. Lee Ann is the daughter of **Denis Schulte '45** and **Rosemary Brungardt Schulte '45**.

Melissa Brungardt Haley '83 and her husband Keith have moved from Tucson, Arizona to Keizer, Oregon to start a new family business, CAD Northwest. Melissa transferred with Olsten, a job placement agency, and has been promoted to branch manager at the downtown Portland branch.

Class of 1984, make plans now to be part of "Homecoming '99" to celebrate your 15th class reunion. Mark your calendars for the 17th and 18th of September.

Leann Rajewski Fortino '85 and her husband John announce the birth of a son, Daniel Joseph, born January 27, 1998. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 1/4 in. long. He has a brother Jonathan, who is four. Leann teaches math part-time at Johnson County Community College and her husband is an electrical engineer for JcAIR. They live in Olathe, Kansas. Daniel Joseph's maternal grandparents are **Howard Rajewski '46** and his wife **Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46**.

Troy Schippers '85 and his wife **Gerilyn Huser Schippers '88** are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth born Oct. 30, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 in. long. Grandparents are **Paul Schippers '55** and his wife Theresa, **Leon Huser '64** and the late **Elsie Windholz Huser '64**.

Darin VonLintel '86 and his wife Stacy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Hanna Marie. Hanna was born December 20, 1998 at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 19 in. long. She has a brother Zachary. Hanna's paternal grandparents are **Dennis VonLintel '56** and his wife Kay. **Amelia Wasinger VonLintel '28** is the great-grandmother.

Anita Dreiling Walters '86 and her husband Marty, announce the birth of their third child, Nathaniel Lee. He was born July 30, 1998 at the Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz.. and was 20 1/2 in. long. He has two brothers, Anthony three and Joseph one. They live in Hays. Nathaniel's maternal grandparents are LaVern Dreiling and **Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56**.

Kurt Dinkel '86 was promoted to assistant vice president at NationsBank, Hays. Kurt joined Nations Bank in 1994. He is married to **Shanna Robben Dinkel '89**. Shanna teaches at Felten Middle School in Hays. They have a son Brady. Kurt is the son of **Otto Jr. Dinkel '57** and **Carol Ann Rome Dinkel '59**. Shanna is the daughter of **Steve Robben '67** and **Fran Miller Robben '67**.

Gerard Wellbrock '86 has been promoted to sports director at KAYS Radio in Hays. He was named Sportscaster of the Year by the Kansas Interscholastic Athletic Association. He and his wife Tammy live in Hays. Gerard is the son of **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife Joan.

Mitch Berens '87 and his wife Stacy are proud to announce the birth of a son, Shane Christopher, born Oct. 14, 1998. Shane weighed 9 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 21 in. long. He has a sister Shelbie who is two. Shane's paternal grandparents are **Vernon Berens '53** and **Norma Jean Kuhn Berens '54**. Mitch is a police officer with the Hays Police Department. They live in Hays.

Shon Robben '87 and his wife Michelle announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Ann, born Nov. 17, 1998. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 19 in. long. Shon is a partner with Arthur-Green Law Firm of Manhattan and Michelle is a representative with Master Teacher Inc. They are living in Manhattan. Lauren's paternal grandparents are **Steve Robben '67** and **Fran Miller Robben '67**.

Norine Dreiling Hamby '88 and her husband Todd are happy to announce the birth of a son, Clayton John born August 25, 1997. He weighed 7 lbs. 8 3/4 oz.. Clayton has a sister Allison Nicole in second grade. Norine is employed with First Chola Mortgage as a mortgage processor. Todd is employed with PMS Foods, makers of "Curley's" Barbecue Sauce.

Suzanne VonLintel Hobbs '88 and her husband Terry announce the birth of a daughter, Bailey Grace, born June 26, 1998 at the Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 in. long. She has a brother Tanner, two. Bailey's maternal grandparents are **Dennis VonLintel '56** and his wife Kay. **Amelia Wasinger VonLintel '28** is the great-grandmother.

Annette Younger Ziegler '88 and her husband Tracy announce the birth of their first child, Taitem Lee, born Oct. 7, 1998. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 19 in. long. Annette teaches kindergarten at Natoma and Tracy is a farmer/stockman in rural Natoma. They live in the country near Natoma. Taitem's maternal grandparents are John Younger and **Ethel Stegman Younger '59**.

Bernie Schulte '88 and his wife Janet announce the birth of their first child, Janae RaGene, born Feb. 18, 1999. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 in. long. Bernie teaches math at Osawatomie and Janet is the elementary school counselor in Osawatomie. Janae's paternal grandparents are **Benny Schulte '49** and **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

Class of '89, make plans now for homecoming weekend Sept. 17th and 18th. You're our 10 year honor class. Hopefully you will be represented well. You've got a spot on the program. Be sure to mark your calendar.

Judy Braun Brummer '89 is teaching math at Hays High. Judy and her husband Stephen live in Hays. Judy is the daughter of **John Braun '49** and his wife Josie.

Class Notes Continued

1990's

Renee Kuhn Wasko '90 and her husband Myrlin are happy to announce the birth of their first child, Logan Tyler, born June 21, 1998 (Father's Day). He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Logan's maternal grandparents are **Bill Kuhn '61** and his wife Sheila. Renee is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Myrlin is a claims representative with the Social Security Administration in Tulsa.

Denine Windholz Larson '91 and her husband Eric announce the birth of a daughter, Kyra Alyse, born Jan. 29, 1999. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 20 1/2 in. long. She has a sister Katelyn. Denine is a teacher at O'Laughlin Elementary in Hays.

Drew Stewart '93 graduated from Kansas State University in December of '97. He is employed as a milling supervisor by Archer Daniel Midland Milling Co. in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania. Drew lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Kristen Klein Gordon '93 and her husband Kevin are proud to announce the birth of a son, Dylan Scott, born Feb. 19, 1999 at St. Francis Medical Center, Wichita. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 19 1/2 in. long.

Class of '94, why not take part in 1999 homecoming and celebrate your 5 year reunion from VHS? Sept. 17th and 18th is the date to remember.

Chris Sander '94 is attending Johnson County Community College in Kansas City, Kansas working toward an undergraduate degree in Business Management and Marketing. She also works part-time at Golds Gym. Chris is the daughter of **Sam Sander '60** and **Joyce Braun '65**.

Honor Classes

The class of '49 is very much alive and well. They have had several organizational meetings and are anticipating a wonderful homecoming weekend. Letters have been mailed out and they are anxiously waiting to hear from all of you out there. Please make plans now to return and take part in this fun-filled weekend.

The Class of '74 - Plans are underway for the 25th reunion of the Class of 1974. A booklet is being compiled with information about what classmates have been doing during the past 25 years. If you haven't received a form concerning this booklet, call Leroy Schmidtberger at (785) 735-9486 or Connie Windholz at (785) 735-2890 and they will make sure you get one. Tentative plans are for the group to gather on Friday, September 17th for the parade, school tours, and game, with everyone meeting after the game at a place to be announced. They hope to start Saturday off with classmates attending the memorial mass in the morning and a family get-together at the park in the afternoon before the annual alumni banquet. If there are any questions, just give Leroy or Connie a call.

The class of '89 hopes to have many classmates returning for homecoming weekend. It has been ten years and there is so much catching up to do. You will be getting a letter from your class organizers very soon to fill you in on the reunion plans.

District #432 News

New Superintendent for USD #432

Linda Kenne has accepted the position of superintendent of schools for the Victoria school district. She will assume the duties of superintendent and elementary school principal. She will be replacing Bruce Ward who will be retiring effective June 30th. Mrs. Kenne has been the K-8 principal at Victoria for the past four years and is excited about moving into this new administrative position. David Ottley, elementary teacher in Victoria for the past 15 years has been named her assistant principal.

Band Uniforms

After 35 years, band members at Victoria High School are hoping for new band uniforms. Some hard work on the part of high school and middle school band members has raised \$2700 on a raffle and other donations. The school district has been approached and is anticipating purchasing the uniforms.



School Classification Drops

Victoria High School has been classified as a 1A school for the 1998-1999 school year. The official enrollment of Victoria High School stands at 111 students. The 1999 graduating class has 38 members and the incoming freshmen class is approximately 32.

New Track

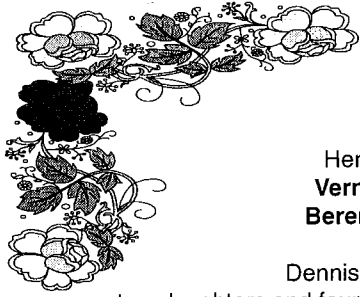
Victoria High School has a new rubberized track ready for the 1999 track season. They also have put in a long jump pit and a triple jump pit. Enthusiasm is up with 41 students participating this year. Eleven of those are seniors. The Victoria middle school meet is April 15th and the high school meet is May 6th.

Quiz Bowl

This is the first year Victoria High School has participated competitively in quiz bowl. The gifted teacher at VHS, Mrs. Kenda Leiker, is the sponsor. The team did very well for their first year.

IN LOVING MEMORY

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Herman W. Berens died Aug. 12, 1998, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Sophie; four sons, **Vernon '53, Delmer '55, Raymond '55, Larry '58**; and three daughters; **Sharon Berens Kindle '65, Joyce Berens Newell '67, and Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**.

Dennis A. Linenberger died Aug. 16, 1998, at Salina Regional Health Center. He is survived by his wife, Carol, seven sons, two daughters and four brothers: Verlin, John, Leo, and **Pat '59**; and four sisters: Doris Linenberger Pfeifer, Henrietta Linenberger Giebler, Virginita Linenberger and **Bonita Linenberger Schulte '61**; and 17 grandchildren.

Marcella Kuhn died Aug 16, 1998, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include a daughter, **Norma Jean Kuhn Linenberger '56**, and four grandchildren.

Jerry Cronister died Aug. 22, 1998, at Mount Carmel Medical Center, Pittsburg. He is survived by one brother and seven sisters. Mr. Cronister taught woodworking at Victoria High School for 26 years, retiring in 1982.

Hubert A Sander died Sept. 14, 1998, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jo, a son, **Dan Prockish '70**, and three daughters: **Brenda Sander Reynolds '78, Gwen Sander Hoffman '81 and Diane Sander Kuhn '83**.

Merlin F. Haselhorst died Sept. 27, 1998, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47**, three sons and three daughters and 12 grandchildren.

Donna Belle Knoll died Oct. 22, 1998, at St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City. She is survived by her husband, **Carroll A. Knoll '55**, one son, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.

Eleanor Toepfer died Oct. 24, 1998, at Manor Care Health Services in Wichita. She is survived by a son, Victor Toepfer Jr., **six daughters, Rita Toepfer Brungardt '43, Valeria Toepfer Pelzel '44, Laverne Toepfer Wiesner '46, Helen Toepfer McCourt '51, and Joan Toepfer Collins '56**; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Maria Leoba Karlin died Oct. 24, 1998 at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by five sons: Darrell, **Francis '64, Larry '67, Tony '74, Tom '83**, and three daughters: **Darlene Karlin Ernst '59, Carol Karlin Klaus '62, and Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**; 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Mildred M. Stramel died Nov.10, 1998, at her home in Victoria. She is survived by her husband Irenaeus, three sons: **Robert '56, Julian '54, Stan '69**, two daughters: **Mary Ann Stramel Hagen '59 and Vera Stramel Braun '65**; 25 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, **Arthur '57**, and a daughter, **Sandra Stramel Samenus '60**.

Barbara Knoll '22 died Nov. 13, 1998, at her home in Victoria. She was in the first graduating class of St. Fidelis High School. She is survived by six sons; **Wayne '51, Omer '52, Lester '54, Carroll '55, Devon '57 and Larry '65**; two daughters: **Iris Knoll '60 and Jane Knoll Tenney '63**; 16 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Her son **Terry '64** followed her in death on Dec. 20, 1998.

Frank H. Dreiling '68 died Nov. 20, 1998, at his home in Hays. Frank played an important part in forming our VHS Alumni Association. He spent many hours helping plan and organize the successful homecomings we have had. He is survived by his wife, **Kathy Schulte Dreiling '76**, and two daughters, Holly and Hannah both of the home; his parents, Herb and **Mary Louise VonFeldt Dreiling '47**; four sisters: **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69, Betty Dreiling Brungardt '73, Theresa Dreiling Brantley '74, and Patty Dreiling Rohr '82**.

Seraphine Scheck died at his home in Victoria on Nov. 25, 1998. Survivors include his wife, Arnitia, and three daughters: **Margie Scheck Dinkel '65, Judy Scheck Brooks '67, Jeanie Scheck Goetz '68**; and six sons: **Joe '70, Denis '71, Jim '73, Dan '75, Norman '78 and Tim '80**.

Joseph F. 'Joe' Hammerschmidt '43 died Dec.1,1998 at the Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Louise, three sons, a daughter, nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Joe helped organize the alumni golf tournament and made the plaques which were awarded the winners of the tournament each year.

Terrence James 'Terry' Knoll '64 died Dec. 20, 1998, in an automobile accident on Interstate 70 in Russell County. He is survived by a son and a daughter and six brothers: **Wayne '51, Omer '52, Lester '54, Carroll '55, Devon '57, and Larry '65**; and two sisters: **Iris Knoll '60 and Jane Knoll Tenney '63**.

Virgil J. Klaus died Feb. 15, 1999, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He survived by his wife, **Carol Karlin Klaus '62**, of El Dorado, two sons and a grandson.

Anna M. Rome died Feb. 28, 1999, at the Hays Medical Center. Survivors include a son, **Gary '58** and a daughter, **Judy Rome Lacock '61**, two grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

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