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## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Who will be the honored guests for Homecoming 2000? This year it will be all those that brought so much pride to VHS and the community through the sport of baseball. Baseball began at Victoria High School in 1944 and ended with the 1976 season. Were you a coach or a member of any of those teams? If so, you need to mark your calendar, Sept. 29 -30, 2000, and plan to return to your alma mater for a great weekend of reminiscing. We have a research team working to gather names of members and coaches of those teams. If you have information for us, please call Marge Rome at (785) 735- 2352 or any member of the board of directors. We do know that in the 12 seasons from 1963-74, Victoria Knights won 6 state titles and finished second four times.

Baseball coaches at VHS: Hyacinth Roth, 1944-47, Al Reidel 1948-50, John (Jack) Rheem 1951-53, Norbert Schmidt 1954-55, Clarence (Perk) Reitemeier 1956-57, Art Droegemeier 1958-61, Hubert (Willie) Wilson, 1962-68, Fred Cottrell 1966-70, Burt Clemons 1971, Bob Drake 1972-73, Marvin Miller 1974, and Larry Thurlow 1975-76.

## Upcoming Events

Senior Bar-B-Q ..... May 19  
(Alumni Sponsored)  
VHS Graduation ..... May 21

St. Fidelis Parish Fund Raiser .... June 4  
Herzogfest ..... Aug. 12  
Homecoming 2000 ..... Sept. 29 - 30

# Homecoming '99 in Review

The third annual VHS Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Friday, Sept. 17, 1999. The golf tournament has been attracting some enthusiastic alumni. They might come for the game, but mostly for the camaraderie and delicious luncheon at Das Younger Haus. Winners this year were the following: 1st place; **John Ruder '89, Darrel Dortland '89, John Weber '89 and James Dreiling '89**; 2nd place: **Randy Schmidberger '66, Bruce Goetz '73, Earl Billinger '62 and Wayne Billinger '73**; 3rd place: **Gilbert Schippers '45, Bob Pfeifer '45, Vernon Berens '53 and Mitch Berens '81**. The longest putt was won by **Gene Wellbrock '56**. Forty-four golfers participated this year to help build up our scholarship fund. This activity has had a steady increase in participation each year.

The K of C Hall was open on Friday afternoon for meeting with old classmates and friends. The parade honored past and present members of the Armed Forces. Grand Marshall's for the parade was shared by four alumni. **Gilbert Leiker '38 and Jerry Roth '41** were given the honor as being the oldest veterans in attendance and **Norman (Dale) Pfeifer '52 and David Pfeifer '74** earned the highest rank and had the longest tour of duty in service for our country.

Victoria High School was open for tours after the parade, and a tailgate barbecue was held before the football game. We had a pregame program introducing all military personnel present. After the game the alumni gathered at the K of C for more socializing and renewing of old friendships.

Saturday morning began with a memorial mass at St. Fidelis Church. Candles were lit while the names of the deceased from each class were read. A business meeting and luncheon followed in the grade school cafeteria. New members elected to the board of directors were **Mary Kuhn Ruder '69, and Tom Schmidberger '78**.

Alumni, guests and friends gathered at the American Legion in Hays at 5:00 for cocktails and dinner, followed by another interesting and enjoyable program with Rich Billinger doing the honors as MC. The program featured the 50 year, 25 year, and 10 year classes as well as all 5 year increment classes who wished to be recognized.

Special recognition was given to the 38 servicemen and veterans in attendance. There were many impressive accomplishments mentioned, a few of which we would like to share with you. **A. J. Schmidberger '38** served in the ARMY-AIR-CORPS. He earned the rank of Corporal and World War II Victory Medal and South Pacific Campaign Medal. **Robert Weigel '49** earned the purple heart. **Norman (Dale) Pfeifer '52** served twenty years in the U.S. Air Force from 1955 to 1975. During his tour of duty he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Dale had 204 combat missions in Southeast Asia. While serving on an exchange program with the NAVY, he made 253 landings on the U.S.S. America, and U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt aircraft carriers. He earned the Air Force Commendation Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Bronze Star Medal, Air Medal with 9 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Air Force Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Dale retired from the Air Force in 1975. **David Pfeifer '74** is presently a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force stationed at Scott Air Force Base, Illinois. David entered the Air Force Academy after graduating from VHS and earned his commission in 1978. During his 22 years in the Air Force, he has earned the Meritorious Service Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal, and Combat Readiness medal with 4 oak leaf clusters.

The evening and weekend was concluded with dancing by young and old and the vow to "See you next year!"



## Happy New Year

VHS Alumni Association sponsored a New Year's Eve party at the V.F.W. Hall in Victoria on Dec. 31, 1999. Alumni and guests danced to the music of DJ Ken Charles (**Kenny Billinger '79**). Tom Younger, with the assistance of **Dale Pfeifer '52**, cooked the breakfast. The Board of Directors decorated the hall to give a festive party atmosphere. The 120 people attending the celebration called it a great success and suggested it be repeated.

### High School Alumni Website

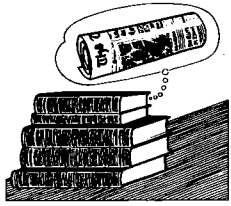
**Attention VHS Alumni!!!** Someone has put together a listing of every high school in America. You find your state, find your city, and then find your school and graduating year. Then add your name and contact point. Get yourself registered and soon you can contact anyone from your school that is already registered. Whoever did this was very thorough.  
<http://www.highschoolalumni.com>

Be sure to forward this to everyone you know...the more people you reach, the faster this web site grows and the quicker you find your friends. Many of you are already registered. Give it a try and pass on the address.

### Address Change

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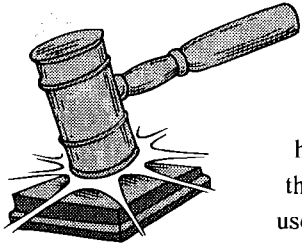
After more than forty years, the post office in Victoria has moved from Main St. to a brand new building at 1003 4th St. This was the location of Farmer's Store years ago. The new post office was opened for business on Tues., Feb. 22, with the ceremony on March 2. This very attractive brick building is about three times the size of the old one. The lobby is open 24 hours a day so stamps can be purchased and letters mailed. **Ken Brungardt '64** has been postmaster in Victoria since 1988. Ken says they have six employees. If you have a sentimental attachment to that old box number, you will be able to purchase your old box front in a few weeks.

## Former Teachers

**Bob Drake**, a former teacher and coach at VHS from 1971-74 joined former students and friends for Homecoming '99. He is living in Overland Park and gives private basketball lessons to young people. He also sponsors tours to Europe for kids to play basketball, volleyball, track and softball. The summer of '99 took him and his groups to England, Ireland and Australia. This summer he hopes to add France, Italy and possibly Germany.

**Elaine Rossi**, who taught Home Economics at VHS during the 52-53 school year, stopped by with her husband to visit the church and take a sentimental ride past the school and down Main Street. She stopped by the elementary school to see Det Roth Younger. Miss Rossi lived with the Roth's while teaching in Victoria. She has wonderful memories of Victoria and asked about many of you. She is living in York, NE with her husband.

## Message From the President



The Victoria High School Association has been in existence since the fall of 1993. I would like to share a few thoughts about our progress and accomplishments.

Initially, our dues were set at \$5.00 per year and we have not changed that figure assessment. The only change has been to offer a discount for paying lifetime dues. Dues are mainly used to fund the "printing and mailing" of the two yearly newsletters. Donations to the general fund also help offset that expense. In addition, we have also used these funds to make contributions to several VHS organizations for specific projects, namely: STUCO - for the erection of a VHS Knights 3' x 9' granite sign on the school's front lawn and to FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) which is a national organization. One goal of the local chapter is to develop competent and aggressive business leadership.

To entice and inform our newest members of their alumni association, we also host a barbecue for the graduating seniors each year. They are given a certificate which entitles them to a one-year free membership. This has been beneficial because in the past few years, we have had more and more of these young adults joining us in the homecoming weekend's activities.

Another prime goal of our organization is to award scholarships to students planning to further their education. Two scholarships were awarded in '94-'97. Four scholarships were awarded in '98 and '99. Proceeds from raffle tickets to a Denver Broncos game, golf tournament proceeds, and your donations have made these scholarships possible.

The format of the Homecoming weekend schedule has basically changed very little and that is because of positive responses we have received each year.

In reality and judging from feedback, the VHS Alumni Association has grown into one of the best organizations you could be a member of for a mere five dollar annual fee. If you have not yet attended any of the six homecoming festivities, start making your plans now to attend Homecoming 2000. I am already getting excited and looking forward to receiving your reservation forms which you will be receiving in the August newsletter. It has been such a gratifying and overwhelming experience for me to partake in and witness the success of our past Homecoming weekends. We may be a small community, but we have proven that we can put on "Quite a Show" and have a great time renewing friendships and sharing those treasured memories of the VHS school days. I truly feel a great sense of pride and ownership in being a VHS alum. Hopefully, all of you alums and associate members can appreciate and share my sentiments.

In closing, I would like to thank all "current members" for your support and all the members who have made contributions to the scholarship and general funds. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thanks for all the hard work, time, and effort many of you have given to this organization to make it as successful as it is today.

# Class Notes

## 1940's

**Nick F. Kreutzer '40** and his wife, Alice, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 19, 1999, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays. Nick and Alice (Herl) were married June 22, 1949, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. They have one son and three grandchildren.

**Sister Valeria Brungardt '45** celebrated her 50th Jubilee as a Sister of St. Agnes on July 25, 1999, at Fond du Lac, WS. Sr. Valeria is living at St. Agnes Convent in Fond du Lac.

**Gilbert Schippers '45** was honored by the Hays Chamber of Commerce at their annual chamber banquet with the Harley L. Rhoads Business Achievement Award. Gilbert is owner of Gib's Auto Supply in Hays.

**Class of 1945** will be celebrating their 55th class reunion in September. Be sure to mark your calendars.

**Cletus Younger '46** and his wife, Rose, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a mass and reception for family and friends, including many VHS Alumni, in Great Bend on Sept. 29, 1999.

**Class of 1949** was last years 50 year honor class. In addition to the planned activities the jubilarians gathered at Vera Schmidtberger McClurg's home for dinner on Friday evening and had lunch at the Hays Country Club on Saturday. Over 80 percent of the class participated in the weekend celebrations. They have only one deceased classmate.

**John Braun '49** and his wife Josie were married 45 years Nov. 20, 1999. They were married in Walker in 1954. They have seven children: **James '75, Joe '79, John '84, Jerry '91**; three daughters: **Janet Braun Giersch '77, Joan Braun Rourk '82, Judy Braun Brummer '89**. They have 10 grandchildren.

**Lou Dreiling Redd '49** is living in El Dorado and keeping busy enjoying her family. Lou is proud to say that she already has three great-grandchildren.

**Kathleen Mae Rajewski Sander '49** and her husband Gilbert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12, 1999, in Great Bend. They were joined by many relatives and friends for a mass at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church followed by a reception at St. Rose Auditorium. They want to thank all who were able to attend and all of those sending cards.

## 1950's

**Class of 1950** is our 50-year class for this years homecoming on Sept. 29 -30, 2000. You will be receiving a letter very soon informing you of the upcoming reunion. A committee has been formed by local classmates to plan a great weekend.

**Rose Pfeifer Windholz '50** and Charles Guercio were married Aug. 16, 1999 in the Friars Chapel at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Rose has retired from Klines Dept. Store of Hays and Charles is the former owner of Guercio Studio's of Hays and is now retired as well. They are living in Victoria. Rose is the mother of **Rhoda Windholz Wittman '76, Carl Windholz '81, and Jane Windholz '82**.

**Robert Brungardt '51** retired as a stockbroker from EVEREN Securities in March of 1999.

**Norma J. Huffman '51** sends her thanks to all who volunteer for the job of putting together the newsletter. She enjoys being kept informed about her fellow Knights.

**Omer Knoll '52** was given a plaque by the Palco Fire Dept. for his efforts in rebuilding their volunteer fire department. The plaque was presented by the Mayor of Palco, **Leo VonFeldt '53**.

**Gladys V. Pfeifer '53** retired from her position as secretary and teacher aid for USD 489, Hays. During her 16 years of employment she worked at Schoenchen, Catherine, and Munjor Elementary Schools. Gladys and her husband, **Norman Dale Pfeifer '52**, have lived in Victoria since 1975 when Dale retired from serving 20 years in the United States Air Force. They have five children and 13 grandchildren. Gladys says retirement is awesome.

**Leo K. Weigel '54** and his wife, Twila Mae, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on Aug. 16, 1999. They live in Salina.

**Class of 1955**, it's been 45 years. We know you will be out in full force. You've been a very active class with your alumni association. Looking forward to seeing all of you.

**Laurian Leiker '55** and his wife, Janice, are now fully retired and enjoying it tremendously.

### 1960's

**Class of 1960**, make plans now for the big 40th reunion. It will be great to get everyone together. If you need a class list be sure to contact your alumni office.

**Jim Dreiling '63**, and his wife, Lynda, will be relocating to Colorado Springs where Lynda has accepted a position as chief financial officer with Team Share Inc.

**Judith Ann Braun Evans '63** and her husband, Randy, own the R. J. Evans Mortuary in Wamego.

**Eileen Kippes Wilcox '64** sends greetings and reports that her son Travis has graduated from Colorado University in Boulder with a BS in Business Management.

**Class of 1965**, how about coming out for homecoming weekend and celebrating your 35th reunion? It will be great to see everyone again.

**Mary Kay Billinger Pfeifauf '65** writes, "You all do such a great job! I enjoy the newsletters. I wish I lived closer so I could get more involved. Thanks for all your good work." (We certainly appreciate the positive comments. It is comments like this that make our job so rewarding.)

**Don Sander '65**, and his wife **Carol Vonfeldt Sander '66**, are living in Fairfield, Iowa where Don accepted a position with Harper Brush Works. He is vice-president of manufacturing.

**Dr. Rick Rajewski '69** continues his vocation as a family physician in Hays. His wife Vicki remains at home keeping the family together. His son Josh has started his own business, Justin is a sophomore at KU, and Jeremiah just started high school at TMP-Marian.

### 1970's

**Class of 1970**, time has passed us by so quickly. Get your class together for your 30th class reunion. Get your updated class list from the alumni office.

**David Brull '70** has moved to Hutchinson but is still farming in Moundridge.

## *Class Notes Continued*

**Paul Dreiling '72** and **Judy Sander Scheck '69** were married Dec. 24, 1999 in the Friars Chapel at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Paul is the father of Patrick, Katie, Justin and Michael, and Judy is the mother of **Jacqueline Scheck '94** and **Janea Scheck '96**. Paul is a data service technician for Rural Telephone and Judy is in charge of social services at St. John's Rest Home in Victoria.

**Class of 74** was our 25 year honor class for last years homecoming. They rode on a float in the parade, met at the K of C Hall after the football game, and attended the planned Saturday activities with about 30 percent of the class in attendance. Their comments at the banquet were very entertaining due in part to that recitation of the Gettysburg Address.

**Class of 1975**, this is a big year for you. Your class will be honored as the 25-year class at homecoming ceremonies this year. Get your speeches ready and your plans made.

**Tim Jacobs '77** accepted a position as director of operations for a nationwide pharmacy chain network "STATSCRIPT Pharmacy". Tim and his wife, **Joyce Weigel '76**, live in Olathe and have 3 sons: Justin 17, Tyler 12, and Austin 6.

**Greg Keenan '78** and Sonia Lutig were married June 19, 1999, in McPherson.

**Jerry Von Feldt Jr '79**, and his wife, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Nicholas John, born Aug. 5, 1999. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. Nicholas has two brothers, Kiel and Hunter. **Jerry Von Feldt '57** and **Harriett Von Lintel Von Feldt '58** are Nicholas's paternal grandparents.

**Jeff Hertel '79** recently opened Victoria City Motor Co. just west of Victoria in the vacant Linenberger Phillips 66 building.

### 1980

**Class of 1980**, it's been 20 years. Get in touch with your alumni office and get your class list. Homecoming is always a fun time to get together and remember the good old days.

**Karla Dinkel Rohleder '81** has become state licensed to operate Karla's House of Sweets & Treast out of her home. She bakes and sells cookies, kuchen, cinnamon rolls, and bierocks. She recently supplied an order for Sunflower Bank for 44,000 cookies. Karla is married to **Gerald Rohleder '81**. They have two children Sara: a freshman at VHS and Steven a 4th grader at VGS. Anyone interested in placing an order may contact her at 785-735-2667. Karla is the daughter of **Leland Dinkel '58** and Marlene Dinkel.

**Debbie Bellendir Zachman '81** is now living in Russell where her husband Dave is the school counselor at Russell High School. Debbie has been keeping busy as a substitute teacher in the Russell and Victoria schools. They have three sons: Tyler 11, Bryce 9, and Ryan 6. Debbie is the daughter of **Marvin Bellendir '55** and his wife Katie.

**Michael Windholz '81** has accepted a position with Peoples Bank of Overland Park. He is president of their Louisburg branch. Mike and his wife, **Geralyn Pfeifer Windholz '81**, live in Louisburg, Kansas, with their two children: Lance 13 and Rachael 12. GERALYN is the daughter of **Dale Pfeifer '52** and his wife, **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53**.

**Tim Pfeifer '82** has completed 12 years of service in the U.S. Airforce. He is currently stationed at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. He is a staff officer at a NATO European regional headquarters and was recently promoted to the rank of Major. He and his wife, Karen, live in Germany and have a daughter, Allison. Tim is the son of **Al** and **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50**. Tim says, "Thanks for putting out another great newsletter." ( We are glad you're enjoying it , Tim.)

**Stephen Pfeifer '82** and his wife, Carol, are pleased to announce the adoption of two children: Nicola 11 and David 8. Steven is a charter pilot and mechanic for Rich's Air Service in Hays. Stephen is the son of **Dale Pfeifer '52** and his wife, **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53**.

**Galen Dinkel '83** and his wife, Jane, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Luke Francis. Luke was born Nov. 11, 1998. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 ozs. Galen works for Lee Electric and Jane is an employee of the U.S. Government. They live in Hurst, Texas. Luke's paternal grandmoher is **Rosie Braun Dinkel '60**.

**James Pfeifer '83** and his wife, Sharla, announce the birth of their fifth child, Natalie Therese. Natalie was born on Sept. 7, 1999 in Ponca City, OK. She has three sisters: Michaela 9, Lauren 5, and Kristine 4, and 1 brother, Jacob 8. James has been an employee of Conoco in Ponca City since 1987. Natalie is the granddaughter of **Norman Dale Pfeifer '52** and **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53**.

**Rosanne Schulte Kreller '84** has received her master's degree in nursing with family nurse practitioner certification from Wichita State University. She has worked at Medical Associates of Manhattan for nine years and will continue her employment there as a nurse practitioner. Rosanne and her husband live in Manhattan. Rosanne is the daughter of **Denis and Rosie Brungardt Schulte '45**.

**Class of 1985**, it's reunion time. Fifteen years have already passed since graduation from good old VHS. Get on the band wagon and come to the party. We'd love to have you.

**Sandee Braun Werth '85** and her husband Tim, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Collin Lee, born June 30, 1999. He weighed 9 lbs, 4 ozs., and was 23 inches long. Collin's maternal grandparents are **Ronald Braun '61** and his wife, Gloria.

**Geralyn Ruder Graver '85**, and her husband, Randy, have relocated to Winner, South Dakota in January, 2000. Randy is president at Norwest Bank in Winner. Geralyn does accounting and financial management for Triple F Supply in Wagner, South Dakota, via e-mail. They have three children: Josselyn 12, Jaelyn 10, and Rhian 6. Geralyn is the daughter of **Allen and Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

**Jacqueline Lang '86** and Darin Engel were married May 8, 1999, at the St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Jacqueline is employed by Hays Pathology Laboratories. Her husband is employed by Hays Mack. They are living in Hays. Jacqueline is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. **Donald Lang '64**.

**Craig Braun '86** and his wife, Marcia, have moved to Scott City where Craig is the meat manager for Caspar Foods. They have two children: Hunter and Madison. Craig is the son of **Pete Braun Jr. '62** and **Vera Stramel Braun '65**.

**Gerard Wellbrock '86** was awarded the "Oscar Stauffer Award" for high school sports broadcasting by the Kansas State High School Activities Association for 2000. Gerard also received this award in 1996 and 1997. Gerard is the son of **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife, Joan.

**Shon Robben '87** and his wife, Michelle, are happy to announce the birth of a son, Benjamine Christopher, born March 23, 2000. He weighed 8 lbs. 12 ozs. and was 21 and 3/4 in. long. Benajmine has a sister, Louren, 1. 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. Benjamine's paternal grandparents are **Steve and Fran Miller Robben '67**.

**Adair D. Hemel '88** married Cokey Steinmack of Lebanon, Missouri. They are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Angaline Rose, born Sept 8, 1999, in Salina. Adair and his family live in Assaria, KS.

## *Class Notes Continued*

**Class of '89** was well represented as our 10 year honor class. They had at least 50 percent of their class on hand for the homecoming festivities. Some of them started off Friday morning with the golf tournament. It was a foursome from this group that took home the 1st place honors. After the football game, they all gathered at Darren Dinkel's home. They met at the American Legion Hall early in the afternoon on Saturday for their class social and then enjoyed the banquet and dance with their fellow alumni.

**Matt and Cheryl Berens '89** proudly announce the birth of a son Devan, born Aug. 30, 1999. He weighed 7 lbs, and 13 ozs., and was 20 inches long. Devin has two sisters, Jenna 4, and Tia 2. Devin's grandparents are **Vernon '53** and **Norma Kuhn Berens '54** and **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**.

**James V. Dreiling '89** is a district claims representative with Farm Bureau Mutual and was recently transferred to Hays from Great Bend.

**John Ruder '89** and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their second child, Jace Hunter. He was born June 12, 1999. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 21 1/2 in. long. He has a sister, Johnnye, who is 4 years old. Jace's paternal grandparents are **Allen** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**

### 1990's

**Class of 1990**, it's your turn. You are our "10 year honor class". We know you will be getting organized very soon for a great get-together during Homecoming 2000.

**Karl Staab '90** and his wife, Debbie, announce the birth of their first child, Audrey Renee. She was born Sept. 17, 1999, at the Hays Medical Center. She weighed 6 lbs. and was 20 inches long. Karl completed requirements for a B.S. in Justice Studies from FHSU during the summer semester. He is owner of "Baseball Fever" a baseball card shop in Hays.

**Shannon Brungardt Karst '90** and her husband, Mark, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Elizabeth, born Dec. 9, 1999. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 20 inches long. Shannon is a nurse for Dr. Katrina Hess at Hays Family Practice Center and Mark is employed by Braxico Oil. They have recently purchased a home in Victoria. Megan's maternal grandparents are **Jerry Brungardt '62** and his wife, Mary.

**Ken Windholz '90** and his wife **Jill Dreiling Windholz '92** proudly announce the birth of a son, Jaxson Julius, born Feb. 12, 2000, at Salina Regional Health Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs., and was 19 inches long. Jaxson's grandparents are **Julius Windholz '70** and his wife, **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69**, and **Ken '65** and **Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66**. Ken and Jill live in Ellsworth where Ken teaches at Ellsworth High School and will take over the head football coach position in the fall of 2000 and Jill heads the Ellsworth Rec. Commission.

**Russell Brungardt '90** and his wife, Jennifer, are proud to announce the birth of a son, John Lee. He was born Feb. 6, 2000, at the Presbyterian Hospital, Dallas. He weighed 9 lbs. 8 ozs. and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are **John Brungardt '57** and his wife, Eileen.

**Brenda Hudson Stecklein '90** announces the birth of a daughter, Hannah, born April 17, 1998. Brenda lives in Kansas City, MO.

**Doug Kuhn '92** and his wife, announce the birth of a son, Taiten Joseph, born March 31, 2000 at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Taiten's paternal grandparents are Norman and **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**. Doug and Marlaina have moved to Overland Park where Doug has taken a position with Black & Beatch Architects. Marlaina is a Mary Kay Beauty Consultant.



**Kristen Klein Gordon '93** announces the birth of a son, Dylan Scott, born Feb. 18, 1999. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 ozs. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Dylan's maternal grandparents are Floyd and Susan Klein. **9**

**Mandi Sander '94** and Jimmy Stephenson were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1999 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Mandi is a student at FHSU pursuing a master's degree in business administration and also working at Sykes. Jimmy graduated from FHSU and is employed by Sykes. Mandi is the daughter of **Brad Sander '71** and his wife, Alice.

**Curtis J. Kuhn '94** has been employed with Sprint PCS since June 3, 1996, after graduating from NW Kansas Technical School in Goodland. Curtis will be getting married May 6, 2000, to Rochelle Yarmer. Curtis is the son of Frank Kuhn and his wife **Estelle Schippers Kuhn '56**.

**Class of 1995**, you are our youngest reunion class. Five years has already gone by. Time to get together for a great time. Remember, you are a very important part of this alumni association.

**Christine Wellbrock Weber '95** and her husband Mike have moved to Garden City where Mike has taken a job with Trade Home Shoes. Christine is a Mary Kay consultant and is a substitute teacher in the Garden City school system. Christine is the daughter of **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife, Joan.

**Sue Ruder '95** graduated from FHSU in May of 1999 with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and received her license to practice social work in Kansas in September of 1999. She is employed by Clarence M. Kelley Detention Services Inc., working with children in need of care and juvenile offenders as the regional programs coordinator. Sue works at facilities in both WaKeeney and Oberlin. Sue is the daughter of **Allen and Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

**Danny Kuhn '96** and his wife, Deann, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Danielle, born Aug. 16, 1999 at the Great Bend hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 19 inches long. Danielle has a sister Hailey, 4. Danny works for Fuller Brush in Great Bend and Deann works in the home as a care giver. They are living in Otis. Danielle's paternal grandparents are Norman and **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**.

**Jill Pfeifer '96** and Clint Pfannenstiel were united in marriage Nov. 13, 1999, at St. Fidelis Church. Jill is employed by Hays Family Practice as a clinic office assistant and Clint is employed by Midland Marketing. They are living in rural Hays. Jill is the daughter of **Steve and Mary Baier Pfeifer '75**.

**Justin Scheck '96** and Tessa Giebler were married at St. Catherine Church in Catherine on Sept. 11, 1999. Justin is employed by Lewis Chrysler and Tessa is employed by the City of Hays Water Division as a secretary. Justin is the son of **Jim and Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73**.

**Michelle Gilliam '97** and Aaron Bryant are happy to announce the birth of twin daughters. Angeline Jane weighing 5 lbs. 11 ozs. and 19 1/2 in. long was born at 12:36 PM and Alyssa Carlene weighing 5 lbs. 13 ozs. and 19 in. long was born at 12:37 PM.

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## Current Events at VHS

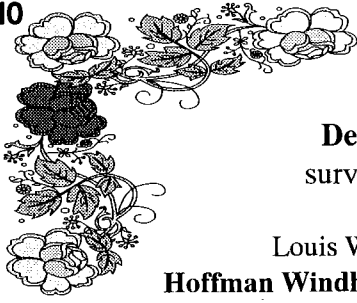
**Girls Basketball:** The Lady Knights finished with a 13-12 record this year placing 1st at regionals and runner-up at sub-state. The team is very young and consisted of 1 senior, 8 sophomores and 3 freshman.

**Golf:** Beginning with the spring 2000 school year, VHS has added golf to their curriculum. Twelve boys have enrolled in the class. They are being coached by Bob Leikam and assisted by Chris Butler. They practice on the Victoria golf course and at the Hays Municipal course. They will be competing with teams in the MCL as well as other teams in the area. Their uniforms consist of khaki pants and white polo shirts.

**Track:** Over 40 students are out for track this spring. They are being coached by Karla Pruitt and Randy Stanley. New to the coaching staff this year is **Kaylene Jacobs '95**, as throwing coach.

**NHS:** The National Honor Society at VHS consists of 9 members with a potential of 16 new members for the 2000-01 school year. This year's group will be traveling to Denver for a weekend trip. They are currently reading textbooks on tape to be used by students in the resource room. Again this year NHS will be sponsoring the inner school quiz bowl competition.

# IN LOVING MEMORY



**Derald Montgomery '50** of Colonia Heights, Virginia, died March 28, 1998. Derald is survived by his wife and a sister, **Ida Montgomery Romme '56**.

Louis Windholz died January 24, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Henrietta Hoffman Windholz '44**; two daughters; two sons; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Luella F. "Dolly" Kuhn died Aug. 12, 1999, at St. John's Rest Home, Victoria. She is survived by her husband, **Ralph '43**; one son, **Raymond '64**; two daughters: **Geraldine Kuhn '62** and **Eileen Kuhn Schmidt '79**, and five grandchildren.

**Appolonia "Lonie" Von Lintel Huser '26** died Aug. 22, 1999, at Salina Regional Health Center. Survivors include two daughters; a brother, Linus VonLintel; two half-brothers: **Gilbert '47** and **Otto VonLintel**; two sisters: **Regina Von Lintel Brungardt '33** and **Sophie Von Lintel Stecklein '36**; three half-sisters: Vanita VonLintel Wolf, **Catherine Von Lintel Pfannenstiel '47**, and **Joan Von Lintel Murta '51**, and three grandchildren.

Pauline V. Braun died Aug. 26, 1999, at St. John's Rest Home. Her survivors include four sons: **Leroy '52**, **Clarence Jr. '59**, **Wayne '64**, and **Allen '72**; three daughters: **Mary Jane Braun Unrein '53**, **Jeanette Braun Leiker '59**, and **Lorita Braun Berens '61**; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three step great-grandchildren.

**Sister Annabel Dreiling CSA** died Sept. 12, 1999. She is survived by a brother Killian, "Whity", and one sister, Bertha Bollig and many nieces and nephews. Sr. Annabel taught at Victoria High School back in the 40's.

Victor G. Scheck died Sept. 18, 1999. Survivors include his wife, **Marlene "Toots" Dinkel Scheck '57**; two sons: **Rick '79** and **Frank '81**; five brothers: Peter, Edwin, Melvin, Linus and Gilbert; five sisters: Bertha Scheck Denning, Rubina Scheck Dinkel, Mary Scheck Weigel, Katie Scheck and **Lena Scheck Meder '56**, and one grandson.

Edward F. "Ed" Schulte died Sept. 27, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife Martha; two daughters: **Mary E. Schulte '68** and **Margaret Schulte '74**; three brothers: John, **Denis '45**, and **Benny '49**; two sisters: Caroline Schulte Pfeifer and **Edna Schulte Dreiling '42**.

**Louise J. Weigel '46** died Oct. 3, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by three brothers: Donald, **Robert J. '49**, and **Tony '52**; five sisters: Velma Weigel Giebler, Mary Jane Weigel Miller, Leona Weigel Kuhn, **Shirley Weigel '56**, and **Doris Weigel '59**.

Theresa Ann Kuhn died Oct. 5, 1999, in rural Saline County as a result of an automobile crash. She is survived by her husband **John '86**; two sons: Clayton and Garrett; two daughters: Marisa and Shala, all of the home.

**Louis Brungardt '31** died Oct. 9, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife **Sarah Schmidtberger Brungardt '30**; three sons: **LaVern '54**, **Leon '59**, and Dennis; eight grand-children and four great-grandchildren.

**Amelia Wasinger VonLintel '28** died Oct. 7, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by five sons: **Robert '53**, **Gary '54**, **Dennis '56**, **Regis '62**, **Roger '62**; one daughter, **Judy VonLintel Murphy '60**; a brother, Alvin; two sisters: **Sophia Wasinger Windholz '29** and **Pauline Wasinger Brungardt '30**; 20 grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and six step great-grandchildren.

Irenaeus A. "I.A." Stramel died Oct. 25, 1999. His survivors include three sons: **Julian J. '54**, **Robert F. '56**, and **Stan '69**; two daughters: **Mary Ann Stramel Hagen '59** and **Vera Stramel Braun '65**; 25 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

**Gilbert F. Kippes '46** died Nov. 9, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Irene, two sons and two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

**Gladys M. Braun** died Nov. 13, 1999, at Stormont Vail Regional Medical Center in Topeka. She is survived by her husband, **Lelyn J. Braun '49**; three sons: Glenn R., Lelyn J. Jr., and Gregg F. and three grandchildren.

**Verna A. Roth Robben '43** died Dec. 19, 1999 at her country home near Walker. She is survived by her husband Richard; three sons: **Steve '67**, Bill, and **Rick '76**; two daughters: **Carrie Robben Schwerdtfeger '69** and **Annie Robben Schmidtberger '80**; three brothers: **Jerry Roth '41**, **Bernie Roth '45** and Bill Roth; one sister, **Det Roth Younger '58**; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Lillian M. Romme died Dec. 19, 1999, at Hays Medical Center. Her survivors include her husband, Harry; a son, **Rick '75**; two brothers: Vernon Wittman and **Olmer Wittman '45**; five grandchildren and a stepgrandchild.

Raymond F. Pfeifer died Jan 6, 2000, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by two sons: **Kenneth '54** and **Raymond Jr. '64**; two brothers; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

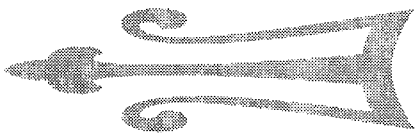
Laurinda M. "Laura" Rome died Jan. 11, 2000, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, Richard J. ; two sons: **James '60**, and **Bill '75**; two daughters: **Verma Rome Sommer '58** and **Rose Ann Rome Pfannenstiel '65**; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Herbert J. Riedel died Jan. 15, 2000, at the Hays Medical Center. Survivors include three sons and two daughters; three brothers: **Frank '49**, Celly , and **John '58**; five sisters: Maggie Riedel Johnston, Marie Riedel Leider, Aggie Riedel Leiker, Katie Riedel Windholz, and Josie Riedel Braun.

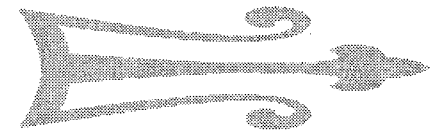
Anselm "Scotty" Windholz died Jan. 22, 2000, at the Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Hilaria; a daughter, **Gladys Windholz Wickham '59** and a sister, **Josie Windholz Robben '24**; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Marvin L. Miller '63** died Feb. 27, 2000, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Iris Rome Miller '64**; a son, **Jeff '83**; a daughter , **Jamie Miller Stout '85**; his parents, Eddie and Albina; four sisters: **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65**, **Fran Miller Robben '67**, **Nadine Miller Engel '67**, and **Janet Miller Steen '69**; and three grandchildren.

**Richard J. "Dick" Hammerschmidt '43** died March 12, 2000, at Liberal Good Samaritan Center. Survivors include three sons, a daughter, a sister, seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons.



## Board Briefs



Two new members joined the board of directors this year replacing **Shirley Weigel '56** and **Troy Schippers '85**. The new members are **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62** and **Tom Schmidtberger '78**. We welcome Mary and Tom and thank Shirley and Troy for their dedicated service.

The VHS Alumni Association will present **four \$500 scholarships** to members of the 2000 graduating class at Victoria High School. The scholarships can be used at a four-year college or a two-year technical school. The money is funded by two entities: the annual golf tournament and donations from the association members.

**Homecoming 2000** is scheduled for the weekend of **Sept. 29th and 30th**. Weekend activities will begin with the golf tournament on Friday morning. The K of C hall will again be available from 2:00 - 4:00 PM as a meeting place for alums to gather before the parade which will begin around 4:30. Following the parade there will be a tailgate party on the school grounds and the high school will be open for alums to stroll through. Following the football game there will be a social at the K of C hall for all VHS Alumni members. Saturday will begin with the Memorial Mass for all deceased alums and teachers at 10:00 AM, followed by a business luncheon. The banquet and dance will be at the American Legion Hall in Hays. The band will be "Anthony and the Animals" made up of alums, **Tim Pfeifer '76**, **Tony Pfeifer '74**, and **Raphael "Red" Schmidtberger '70**. They come highly recommended and guarantee to please young and old alike.

The board of directors would like to thank all of the alumni veterans and active military personnel who participated in the 1999 homecoming festivities. It was indeed a great pleasure to bestow this honor to each and everyone of you.

This spring newsletter has been mailed to the alums who are paid or honorary members and to the associate members. If you have classmates who did not receive this newsletter, remind them that they must be paid-up members to receive both newsletters. Membership should be paid or renewed at homecoming each year. Look for the membership form in the next newsletter. **If you have any news or information you would like included in the August newsletter, please get it to us by August 1st.**

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High School  
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