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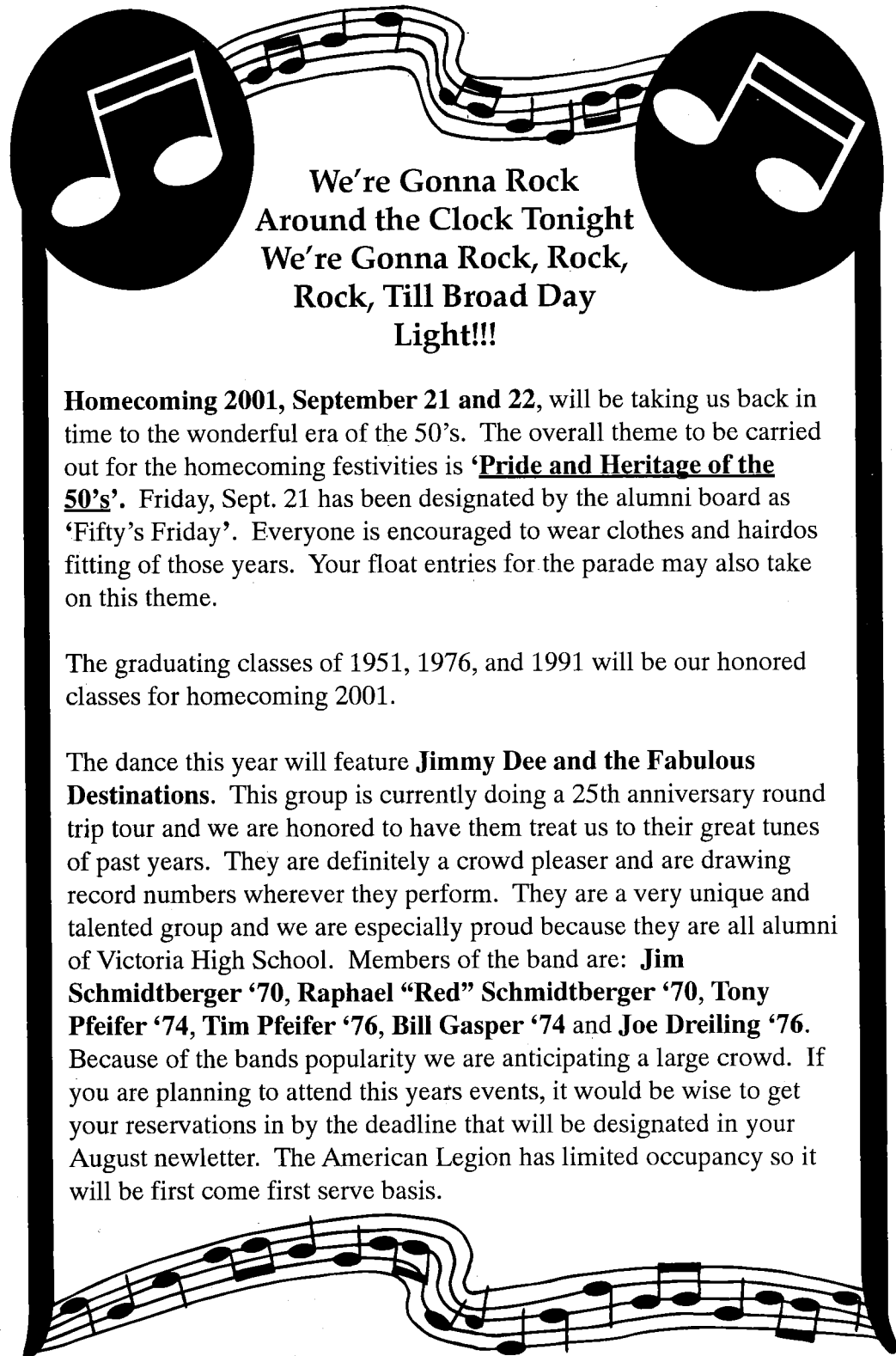
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**We're Gonna Rock  
Around the Clock Tonight  
We're Gonna Rock, Rock,  
Rock, Till Broad Day  
Light!!!**

**Homecoming 2001, September 21 and 22**, will be taking us back in time to the wonderful era of the 50's. The overall theme to be carried out for the homecoming festivities is **'Pride and Heritage of the 50's'**. Friday, Sept. 21 has been designated by the alumni board as **'Fifty's Friday'**. Everyone is encouraged to wear clothes and hairdos fitting of those years. Your float entries for the parade may also take on this theme.

The graduating classes of 1951, 1976, and 1991 will be our honored classes for homecoming 2001.

The dance this year will feature **Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations**. This group is currently doing a 25th anniversary round trip tour and we are honored to have them treat us to their great tunes of past years. They are definitely a crowd pleaser and are drawing record numbers wherever they perform. They are a very unique and talented group and we are especially proud because they are all alumni of Victoria High School. Members of the band are: **Jim Schmidtberger '70, Raphael "Red" Schmidtberger '70, Tony Pfeifer '74, Tim Pfeifer '76, Bill Gasper '74 and Joe Dreiling '76**. Because of the bands popularity we are anticipating a large crowd. If you are planning to attend this years events, it would be wise to get your reservations in by the deadline that will be designated in your August newsletter. The American Legion has limited occupancy so it will be first come first serve basis.

# Homecoming 2000 in Review

Everyone involved with the planning, and all the alums taking part in Homecoming 2000 concluded that it was a perfect weekend and probably the best homecoming celebration yet. Each year it just gets better and better. A big thank you to our alumni officers and committee people who make it all possible.

The fourth annual VHS Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Fri., September 29, 2000. The tournament was held at the Victoria Golf Course. One does not enter this tournament to improve their game, but instead to have a good time with friends and former classmates. The winners of this year's tournament were: 1st place; **Vernon Berens '53, Mitch Berens '87, and Matt Berens '89**; 2nd place: **Tom Karlin '83, Rick Robben '76, Steve Bahl '60, and Don Pruitt**; 3rd place: **Earl Billinger '62, Wayne Billinger '75, Randy Schmidtberger '66 and Bruce Goetz '73**. The longest putt was won by Zita Riedel. Awards were presented by **Allen Dreiling '55 and Bernie Roth '45** at the K. of C. Hall where everyone gathered for a delicious luncheon. Thirty-one golfers participated this year to help increase our scholarship fund. Thanks to the golfers and all the alums who regularly donate to this fund.

Alums and their spouses and friends gathered at the K. of C. Hall before the parade to get acquainted and renew those old friendships. A new parade route was followed this year. It started at the VFW Hall, proceeded down Main Street, and ended on the front lawn of VHS for a spirited pep rally. VHS Alumni honorees for Homecoming 2000 were our former baseball players and coaches. Returning baseball coaches; Al Riedel, Clarence "Perk" Reitemeier and Bob Drake were our grand marshals for the parade. The football players and the royalty were introduced by the cheerleaders. Rich Billinger then introduced the former coaches and alumni baseball players. We were pleased with the number of honored guests returning.

A tailgate barbecue sponsored by the VIP parent organization was ready and waiting for everyone after the pep rally. Alumni took advantage of the delicious food and enjoyed walking down the halls of Victoria High School just as they did so many years before. They then attended the football game between the Knights and the Phillipsburg Panthers.

After the game it was back to the K. of C. Hall for more socializing and renewing of old friendships. Alumni officers were on hand to collect membership dues for the upcoming year.

Saturday's activities began with a Memorial Mass at St. Fidelis Church. This celebration gets more beautiful each year. Once again every name on the roll call of deceased classmates was read and a candle was lit in their memory. A business meeting and luncheon followed at the grade school cafeteria.

The banquet and dance were held at the American Legion Hall in Hays. Approximately 350 members and guests attended the banquet. Rich Billinger was master of ceremonies for the banquet. The baseball players and coaches were introduced by the years in which they participated. Their impressive accomplishments were acknowledged. Once again the honor classes were given an opportunity to speak and share their thoughts and memories. An evening of dancing and socializing was enjoyed by all with music furnished by "Anthony and the Anamals".

## Upcoming Events

Senior Bar-B-Q (Alumni Sponsored)	May 18	Victoria Celebration	July 27
VHS Graduation	May 20	Herzogfest 2001	Aug. 9-11
German-Russian 125th Anniversry	July 23-27	Homecoming 2001	Sept. 21-22

# CLASS NOTES

## 1940's

**Class of 1941**, why not mark your calendar and honor us with your presence at Homecoming 2001? It was just 60 years ago that you graduated from St. Fidelis High School.

**Jerry Roth '41** has retired after 50 years as a car dealer in Denver. Jerry Roth Chevrolet is still in existence but his son is now carrying the reigns. Jerry will remain active as he is serving on several advisory boards in the metropolitan area. He hopes to find time to enjoy the condominium he and his wife Ann have in Mesa, AZ. Jerry is very faithful about getting back for homecoming and now he surely will be able to make it.

**Lorraine Dreiling Bird '41** sends greetings to all her classmates. She has moved to Columbus, OH, from Pittsburg, where she has lived for so many years, to be near her son and daughter-in-law. She is feeling great and is so happy she made the move. Lorraine says she enjoys reading the newsletter. She sends best wishes to all VHS graduates.

**Class of 1946**, you had such a great attendance for your 50th reunion. How about getting back together for your 55th?

## 1950's

**Frank Stremel '50** has joined the ranks of the retired. He and his wife, Helga, took part in the homecoming festivities last year. Frank enjoyed seeing all the old ball players. He pitched a perfect game in the semi-finals back in his baseball career in high school.

**Elaine Quint Sander '50** is now retired from WalMart where she worked for nine and one-half years. Her husband **Wilfred Sander '49** owns and operates a consulting firm for small businesses.

**Class of 1951**, you're an honor class this year. Fifty short years ago you left the halls of good old VHS to make your mark on society. How about coming home for all the festivities. The dates are Sept. 21 and 22. We're planning on you and a lot of your classmates are too.

**Robert Brungardt '51** sends greetings to all. He still gets back to Victoria to visit his mother and takes advantage of the high school track for his daily exercise.

**Loren Stang '51** sends his thanks to the alumni association for keeping his name on the records. He appreciates the newsletter. He says, "I've been gone so long hometown folks are familiar but yet strangers."

**Helen Toepfer McCourt '51** came back for her husband George's 50th reunion from TMP last year and said she would be back for her reunion this year even if she is the only one returning.

**Verlin J. Leiker '52** is the proud grandfather of twin girls born in January of this year. He is living in Topeka.

**Earl A. Sanders '53** sends greeting from Dallas. Earl and his wife have a brand new grandson born in June. They now have five grandchildren. Nice to hear from you, Earl.

**Ted Crawford '54** retired in 1998 after working for the same oil company for 42 1/2 years. He was a superintendent for 16 of those years. They have two sons living in Victoria, a daughter in Topeka, and one in Codell. They have eight grandchildren.

**Ruth Dreiling Stephens '55** writes to thank us for sending her the newsletter. She enjoys reading all the news.

**Darlene Urban Meis '55** sends greetings and wants us to know how much she is enjoying the newsletter. She is finding it very informative. She says it's so nice to read about old friends and their families. She and her husband Ken are both retired and have purchased a motorhome. They enjoy traveling.

**Class of 1956**, has it really been 45 years since you graduated from VHS? Wow, how time flies. We would like to extend a special invitation to you to come back home and renew some of those old friendships.

**Paula Schumacher '56** has been appointed director of the Southwestern Bell TeleCommunity Center at Maple Woods Community College in Kansas City. She will direct the overall operation of the college's telecommunity center as well as coordinate the community education and marketing programs.

**Shirley Weigel '56** retired May 1, 2000, from Eye Specialists Associated after 28 years of service. Shirley says retirement is great---where everyday feels like a holiday!

**Enola VonLintel Porter '57** writes that she enjoys reading the class notes. She comments, "Having the parents names included is a great idea. I can then relate to names past the 50's." Enola is in her second year of retirement from teaching and gets back home quite often to visit her dad, Duke.

**Elden J. Stang '58** was among four individuals chosen to receive the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association's Service to Industry Award. Elden was an extension fruit crops specialist from 1978 to 1988 and a teacher and researcher from 1988 to 1994.

**Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58** sends a thank you for the newsletter. She always looks forward to getting the news. She and Frank are doing great and still very busy on the farm.

**Rosaline Sander Nash '58** writes to tell us how much she enjoys reading the newsletter, especially the section about the classes of the 50's. She is hoping to get back one of these years for homecoming.

**Darlene Karlin Ernst '59** and her husband are proud to announce the birth of a new grandson, Tyler Matthew, born June 21, 2000. The Ernsts' are living in Walker.

### 1960's

**Steve Bahl '60** has joined the ranks of the retired. He worked for Amoco for 30 years. Steve joined his class last year for their 40th reunion. He is living in Ulysses, KS.

**Nancy Leiker McCoy '60** and her husband Larry celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in April, 2000. Larry is a warehouse manager for Calsak Corporation in Houston and Nancy is vice-president and office manager for Finway Inc., Conroe, TX. They are living in Porter, TX.

**Class of '61**, we are looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2001. We know some of you, especially Marlene Billinger Brown, have been making contacts and planning for this reunion for over a year. Hope you have a big turnout!

**Jerome 'Jerry' Leiker '62** and his wife Jenni were married 20 years in July, 2000. They are living in Porter, TX.

**Howard Rome '62** and his wife Arlene have retired from Dillon Stores effective Feb. 6, 2001. They have a total of 77 years of service with Dillon's supermarkets. Howard and his wife live in Hays.

**Judith Ann Braun Evans '63** writes that she is still involved in the R. J. Evans Mortuary in Wamego as well as the chair-person for ladies golf at the Wamego Country Club. She is also a volunteer for blood drives & cancer drives. Judith has a son Corey in graduate school at Portland State University and another son Casey attending Emporia State University.

**Darrell Dinkel '64** and his wife **Cindy Truan Dinkel '65** sent their regrets at not being able to attend Homecoming 2000 as they had scheduled a week of golf in Whistler, Canada at the same time. They attended the previous year's homecoming and enjoyed it tremendously. Darrell and Cindy have been very generous donors to our scholarship fund. We thank them and all of you who have been supporting this worthwhile cause.

**Larry Knoll '65** was back for Homecoming 2000 as one of the returning baseball players. He reminds everyone that they were state champs in 1965. Larry has a grandson following in his grandfather's foot steps. He is five years old and has been named the best five year old baseball player in the state of Colorado. Larry and his wife live in Littleton, CO.

**Class of '66**, another 5 years has gone by since your last reunion. Looks like you're ready for number 35. How about gathering the troops for a great weekend Sept. 21 and 22, 2001.

**Allen Hammerschmidt '68** and his wife **Karen Sander Hammerschmidt '68** were married 30 years on June 13, 2000. They have two sons; **Chad '89**, and **Travis '98**. Allen and Karen live in the country near Walker.

**Kathleen W. Wellbock Cooper '69** sends greetings from Colorado. Kathleen says she reads the newsletter from cover to cover and plans to check out the alumni website. We thank you for the wonderful compliments on the newsletter.

### 1970's

**Patty Jacobs Way '70** has accepted a new position as a buyer of aircraft parts. This position is with her current employer, Bomandier Arrospace (Lear Jet). Patty and her husband Carry live in Wichita.

**Betty Wellbrock Woodruff '70** thanks the alumni association for keeping her so well informed. Betty lives in Broomfield, CO.

**Class of '71**, We think it's time for you all to get together again for a fun-filled weekend on Sept. 21 and 22, 2001, for your 30th class reunion. If you have never been back for one of these weekends, you absolutely don't know what you've been missing.

**Ruth Stang Brunts '72** sends greetings to all VHS alums but especially the class of '72. Ruth and her husband Richard are both working at Dillon's Food Store in Great Bend. Ruth has been employed there for 20 years. She enjoys gardening, reading and being a teacher aid for conversational adult Spanish class in Great Bend. She and her husband love to travel and their last vacation took them to Alamogordo, NM, where they hope to live some day.

**Dan Schippers '74** and his wife **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Jan. 3, 2001. Dan and Mary Kay returned for the baseball reunion at last year's homecoming. He and his teammates were 1974 State Champs. Dan and Mary Kay live in Hays.

**Class of '76**, how can we NOT forget that moment in time when at OUR Graduation Exercises, the auditorium windows shook with the thunderous cry.....WE RAISE HELL TO GET OUR KICKS..... In 25 years I know we have all been busy raising SOMETHING. CAUZ WE'RE THE CLASS OF '76, deserves a celebration of the entire class. Forty some kids in our class, and most of us together all twelve years. We've all grown, (too much around the waist), but we have a lot to share, especially memories. Let's all do our part and pull this class together for our 25th reunion. I truly look forward to it. Mary Beth Leiker Fisher.

**Kathy Schulte Dreiling '76** was awarded the Teacher Hall of Fame Award by the Ellis Alumni Association at the end of the 2000 school year. Kathy is responsible for organizing and directing our alumni choir for the annual memorial mass. This is always one of the most touching events of our homecoming weekend. If you attend homecoming, attendance at this mass should be a top priority.

## 1980's

**Deb Jacobs Hoffman '80** was promoted to vice president at Sunflower Bank, Hays. Deb has been with the bank for more than 14 years and is assistant loan review officer. Deb and her husband **Tom '76** and their two daughters live in Hays. Thanks, Deb, for giving your time to the Alumni Board and the alumni association. We appreciate it.

**Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80** is a 6th grade language arts teacher at Rice Middle School and a member of Plano Independent School District Middle School Curriculum Project. Her husband Kevin also works for the same school district as a technology specialist. They have two children and have lived in Dallas since 1986.

**Class of 81**, are you ready for a great and memorable weekend Sept 21 and 22, 2001? You have a 20 year class reunion to mark on the calendar and to attend. Sure hope you can make it.

**Kona Austin Errebo '81** recieved her Master's Degree in Elementary Education from FHSU in May, 2000. Kona is in her fifth year at Great Bend Middle School as librarian/media specialist. Kona and her husband live in Sterling, KS.

**Steve Urban '82** and his wife Brenda proudly announce the birth of twins born Feb. 4, 2001. Kade Steven weighed 3 lbs. 5 oz. and was 16 in. long. His sister Kiara Marie weighed 3 lbs. 4 ozs. and was 15 1/2 in. long. They have a brother, Skyler Paul, 4. Steve and Brenda live in Hays.

**Mike Gross '83** and his wife Virginia are proud to announce the birth of a son, William James, born Aug. 14, 2000. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. and was 20 1/2 in. long. He has a brother Sam, 4. William's grandmother is **Rita Gross '47**. Mike and Virginia live in Shawnee, KS.

**Joe F. Dreiling '84** opened his own business, Wildcat Pump & Supply, in June, 1999. His main office is located in Claflin, KS. Joe and his wife Brenda live in Victoria with their three sons.

**Craig Dinkel '84** and **Anne Ruder Dinkel '90** were united in marriage in the church at St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria July 16, 1999. Craig and Anne live in the country south of Victoria with their children Christin and Corey. Anne teaches first grade at Victoria Elementary and coaches the girls middle school volleyball and basketball teams. Craig is an electrician for Rohleder Electric of Hays. Craig is the son of **Rosie Braun Dinkel '60** and Anne is the daughter of **Allen Ruder '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

**Jacqueline Brungardt '85** and Gary Williams were united in marriage July 1, 2000, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. Jackie is employed by Adronics/Elrob in Hays and her husband, Gary, is employed by Cross Mfg. Inc. of Hays. They are living in Ellis.

**Chris Wellbrock '85** and his wife **Karen Brungardt Wellbrock '86** are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Katelyn Rose, born Aug. 26, 2000. She weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 3/4 in. long. She has a sister, Ciara 6, and a brother, Kyle, 4. Grandparents are **Wilma Pfeifer Von Lintel '51** and **Regis Von Lintel '62**, **Delila Stang Brungardt '60** and **Ed. D. Brungardt '55** and **Betty Dreiling Brungardt '73**.

**Kelly Freitag Forell '85** and her husband Guy live in Alva, OK. They have a son Cody, six years old and twins, Tyler and Bailey, age 5. Kelly obtained her CPA license in August, 1999 and is an Ag. Consultant with Kennedy and Coe. Guy is a loan officer. The children are all competing in junior rodeos.

## CLASS NOTES continued

**Class '86**, just a little reminder to think about getting together for your 15th year class reunion. Sounds like one of the best homecoming weekends ever. "Jimmy Dee" is a real crowd pleaser. You won't want to miss it.

**Terry Braun '86** and his wife Krista announce the birth of a son, Walker Joseph, born Sept. 11, 2000. Walker weighed 8 lbs., 4 1/2 oz. and was 20 in. long. He has a brother, Jacy, 2. Walker's grandparents are **LaVern Braun '58** and his wife, Darlene. Terry and Krista live in Victoria.

**Chris Braun '86** and his wife Shauna proudly announce the birth of their first child, Morgan Todd. He was born Nov. 7, 2000. Morgan weighed 7 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 19 in. long. His grandparents are **Pete Braun Jr. '62** and **Vera Stramel Braun '65**. Chris and Shauna live in Victoria.

**David Younger '89** and his wife Stacy and daughter Madalyn have moved from Atchison, KS, to Windsor, CO. David works for McKee Sports Medicine in Loveland. His duties include physical therapy and athletic training. Stacy works for Health South in Greeley and Loveland as a physical therapist. David is the son of Tom Younger and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

**John Weber '89** and his wife **Kami Wellbrock Weber '94** announce the birth of a daughter, Kali Nicole, born Oct. 31, 2000. She weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20 in. long. She has a brother, Grant 2. Kali's grandparents are Neil and **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72**, **Lavon Weber '58** and **Charlotte Braun Weber '65**. His great-grandparents are Pete and **Leona Kuhn Wellbrock '43**.

## 1990's

**Renee Kuhn Wasko '90** and her husband Myrlin are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Brooke Olivia, born Aug. 10, 2000. She weighed 6 lbs. 9 ozs. and was 19 in. long. She has a brother, Logan, 2. Brooke's grandparents are **Bill Kuhn '61** and his wife Shelia. Renee and Myrlin live in Broken Arrow, OK

**Julianne Berens Wolf '90** and her husband Preston are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Paris Bleu, born March 6, 2001. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 1/2 ozs and was 21 in. long. Paris' grandfather is **Raymond J. Berens '55**. Julianne and her husband live in Hays.

**Chris Windholz '90** and his wife **Kristy Dreiling Windholz '92** are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Cooper Allen. He was born Aug. 22, 2000 and weighed 8 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 20 in. long. Cooper's grandparents are **Norman Dreiling '55** and his wife JoAnn, **Julius Windholz '67** and his wife **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69**. Great-grandparents are **Herb Dreiling '47** and **Mary Louise VonFeldt Dreiling '47**.

**Class of '91**, you are our 10 year honor class. We certainly hope you have begun to make plans for this fun-filled weekend of Sept. 21 and 22, 2001. You have a special place on the program, so get your class accomplishments in order and be ready to toot your horn.

**Ann Wellbrock '91** and Hyle Hugunin Jr. were married Oct. 14, 2000, at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Ann graduated from FHSU with a degree in elementary education. She is a paraeducator at O'Loughlin Elementary School, Hays. Hyle is a funeral director at Hays Memorial Chapel. They are living in Hays. Ann is the daughter of **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife Joan.

**David Schoendaller '91** and his wife Kristie are the proud parents of twin sons born Jan. 9, 2001. Colton David weighed 7 lbs. 3 ozs. and was 18 1/2 in. long. His brother Kelby David weighed 8 lbs. and was 19 1/4 in. long. They have two sisters, Chelsie, 5 and Kaylie, 4. The paternal grandparents are Junior and **Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70**.

**Michael "Mike" Werner '91** graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree from Kansas University School of Law on May 21, 2000. Mike accepted a position with the National Labor Relations Board in Kansas City. Mike is living in Mission, KS. He is the son of Ivan Werner and **Verda Goetz Werner '55**.

**Kristy Jacobs Schlaefli '92** and her husband Dustin are proud to announce the birth of a son, Keaton George, born Nov. 2, 2000. He weighed 6 lbs. 13 ozs. and was 19 in. long. He has a sister, Mattison, 3. Kristy and Dustin are living in Norton, KS.

**Glenn Huser '92** and Brandy Nieman were united in marriage Aug. 26, 2000 at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Glenn works on the family farm and is employed by T & J Construction. Brandy is a graduate of FHSU and is employed by Hays Medical Center Mobile Department. Glenn is the son of **Leon Huser '64**.

**Curt Braun '92** and his wife Jessica announce the birth of a daughter, Isabelle Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 2000. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 ozs. and was 19 1/4 in. long. She has a brother, Alec Waelchli, 12. Isabelle's grandparents are **Everett Braun '60** and his wife Judy.

**Catina Carrasco '92** and D'Andre Edward were married May 15, 1999 in Topeka. They have four children. Catina is a computer programmer for Western Resources and is attending Washburn University for a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Associate Degree in Criminal Justice. She is planning to take LSAT for Law School next year. Her husband D'Andre, currently works at Payless Distribution and will begin barber school next spring. They are living in Topeka.

**Jared Windholz '93** and his wife, **Andrea Dinges Windholz '96**, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Ashlyn Paige, born Feb. 5, 2001. She weighed 8 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 in. long. Her grandparents are Tony Geschwentner and his wife **Deb Braun Geschwentner '76** and **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65** and **Marvin Windholz '64**.

**Chris Staggs '93** and his wife, Jenny, proudly announce the birth of a son, Elijah Thorne, born July 26, 2000. He weighed 7 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Chris and his wife are living in Lawrence.

**Class of '96**, we strongly recommend that you make plans now for your 5 year reunion from VHS. Check the schedule of events. You are guaranteed a great weekend.

**Dustin Urban '96** was the recipient of a cancer research award from KSU in Manhattan. Dustin is a sophomore in biology and premedicine. He is the son of **Darrel Urban '69** and **Dianne Schmidtberger Carter '73**.

**Jennifer Kreller '97** graduated from FHSU in December with a Bachelor Degree in Elementary Education and Health and Human Performance. Jennifer has accepted a position with the Haysville School District for the 2001-02 school year. Jennifer is the daughter of **Mike Kreller, VHS principal** and his wife Ruth.

**Travis Hammerschmidt '98** graduated from Beloit Vo-Technical School in Agricultural Technology II in May, 2000. He is employed by Lang Diesel, Hays, KS, as a mechanic. Travis is the son of **Allen** and **Karen Sander Hammerschmidt '68**.

**Eric Dinges '99** has completed a course in air conditioning and refrigeration at Salina Vo-Technical School. He is employed with Glassman Corporation of Hays as a technician. Eric is the son of Tony and **Debra Braun Geschwentner '76**.

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## Saying Goodbye

The Victoria community was saddened with the passing of one of its most dedicated leaders and prominent citizens. On Thursday, November 16, the community along with family and friends said goodbye to Peter P. (Pat) O'Brien. He passed away Saturday, November 11, after three years of battling cancer.

Victoria High School remembers Mr. O'Brien as a science teacher (1960), counselor, principal (1966), and superintendent (1969). His superintendence was the longest and most productive in the district's history. Mr. O'Brien served the community as an educational leader for 33 years.

Although it was difficult to say goodbye, Mr. O'Brien will be remembered for his strong work ethic, commitment to family and community, love of school activities, and educational leadership.

There is a scholarship fund set up in Mr. O'Brien's name. It is through Fort Hays State University and is to be awarded to a Victoria High School graduate.

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## A Caring and Giving Community

A sophomore at Victoria High School is battling cancer, but he is not doing it alone. The members of Victoria's community have given of themselves to help the Justin Denning family. A number of fundraisers have occurred over the course of this school year. Justin is the son of Dennis L. and **Betty Weigel Denning '65**.

National Honor Society organized a "Shoot for Justin" fundraiser sponsored by Gambino's Pizza. Tickets were sold for an opportunity to shoot baskets from various spots on the court. The event was deemed a success with a profit made of over two hundred dollars. The sophomore class raffled off picnic tables donated by **Norman Scheck '78**. Over fourteen hundred dollars was given to the family to help defray costs. In addition, Mrs. Mary Befort engineered a very successful raffle that took place at all home basketball games. Items were donated by the community and raffled off during half time of the boys' game.

Along with the monetary aid given to Justin there has been love and friendship. Mr. Kreller and seven students recently traveled to the University of Kansas Medical Center to spend a day with Justin.



# Board Briefs



Two new members joined the board of directors this year replacing **Deb Jacobs Hoffman '80** and **Tom Schmidtberger '78**. The new members are **Diane Braun Schmidtberger '78** and **Jeff Hertel '79**. We welcome Diane and Jeff, and we thank Deb and Tom for their hard work and dedicated service.

The VHS Alumni Association will again present four \$500 scholarships to members of the 2001 graduating class at Victoria High School. The scholarship 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 association members.

VHS Alumni Association will again host a barbecue for the VHS graduating seniors. At this time, the graduates will be welcomed by our president, Marge Rome, as the association's newest members and will be briefed about the alumni association. They will be given a certificate entitling them to one year free membership.

The spring newsletter will continue to be mailed only to paid up members, honorary members, and to associate members. **Membership is due and renewed at homecoming each year.** Your membership/renewal form will be found in the August newsletter. If you have any news you would like included in the August newsletter, please send it no later than July 1, 2001. Send to: VHS Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671.

The date for Homecoming 2001 was set for Sept. 21 and 22. The banquet and dance will be at the American Legion in Hays. This years band will be **Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations**. Banquet tickets will be increased to \$20 per person to help defray increased costs. The golf tournament fee will remain at \$25 per person. The same schedule of events will be followed as previous years.

After much discussion about who to consider as special honorees for this years homecoming, it was decided to feature the years of the "50's". Victoria High School is now 50 years old and our 50 year honor class, **Class of 51**, is the first class to attend high school one full year before graduating.

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## Knight News

What does VHS have to offer? Something for everyone! Students participate in a variety of activities throughout the school year. Below are just a few of the "happenings" at VHS!

**BAND** – Annually the band performs a Christmas concert, takes a trip to Worlds of Fun in Kansas City, and competes at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson as well as numerous other contests. They are also appreciated for their entertainment at home football and basketball games.

**TUTORING PROGRAM** – This is a new program in which high school students tutor middle school and upper elementary students. The tutoring sessions will last an hour after school on Tuesdays.

**FCCLA** (Future Career and Community Leaders of America) – This group celebrated national FCCLA week with planned activities for each day. Four of the five members who competed at the district level will advance to state competition.

**GOLF & TRACK** – Practice began March 5 for both sports. There are close to thirty students participating in track; golf is in its second year at the high school. Coaches of both sports are looking forward to successful seasons.

**BASKETBALL** – Both the Knights (8-12) and the Lady Knights (17-4) ended their seasons with improved records; however, neither team advanced as far in regional play this year as compared to last year. Fortunately, both teams are young; the Knights will have all but two returning next season, and the Lady Knights will be 100 percent strong.

**DANCE TEAM** – The dance team at VHS consists of eleven girls. They entertained the basketball crowd with their talent during half time of the boys' action.

**FORENSICS** – This performance competition is held in the spring of the year. The team consists of eleven students, with six veterans from last year. Six competitions are on their schedule, including both regional and state.

**Look for more of what VHS has to offer in future newsletters!**



- 2000-2001 enrollment = 304, an increase for the first time in 10 years
- Preschool is available for 3, 4, and even some 5 year old; it is offered every day of the week with transportation at noon.
- After-school CARE is held on a daily basis; a grant has been written to fund a similar program targeted for middle school students.
- A new Knights bus will be purchased; there is a possibility for new tennis courts.
- Technology is updated yearly to stay current.
- **Bill Kuhn '61** will retire at the end of the 2000-2001 school year.
- Mr. Lee Smith was named football coach for the upcoming school year.
- There will be new landscaping at the grade school.
- New roofs were put on many of the buildings in the district.
- The Little Theatre in the south end of the tin gym is being refurbished, funded by the PTO.



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## City of Victoria Up-date

Victoria is in the process of building a new wastewater plant. Engineers project the cost of the three lagoon system to be 1.8 million dollars. The city has received a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$400,000 for this project. Work is planned to begin in April, 2001.

Residential lots are available throughout the city. The newest area is the Robben Addition located on the east side of town. There is room for more expansion.

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## Events Worth Noting

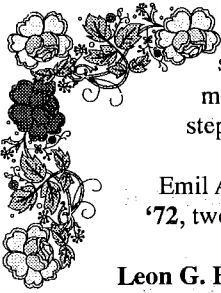
### Herzogfest 2001

The 19th annual Herzogfest is scheduled for August 9, 10, and 11 in W.J. 'Honey' Braun Park. The activities and events planned will be on the evenings of the 9th and 10th and all day on the 11th. 'Family Night' will be on Thursday. Friday night there will be a concert featuring the popular country artists Daryle Singletary, Rhett Akins and Jeff Carson. **Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations** will be featured Saturday night. All activities and events of the past years will also be featured. This includes food booths, games, bingo, entertainment, etc.

### Quasquicentennial

**125th anniversary of German-Russian settlement in Victoria and the surrounding area in 1876.** We thought some of you might enjoy coming home for this week of celebrations in Ellis County. Each town will have a designated day for their activities. Celebrations will be as follows: Saturday, July 21, at Liebenthal; Sunday July 22, at Schoenchen; Monday, July 23, at Catherine; Wednesday, July 25, at Munjor; and Friday, July 27, at Victoria. The celebration here in Victoria will begin with a mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by a visit to the cemetery. A German dinner will be served at noon. Food booths will be open all day. Activities and entertainment are being planned throughout the day. A money raffle will be held and there will be a dance at 9:00 p.m.

# IN LOVING MEMORY



**Charlene "Char" A. Munk Dreiling '52** died Aug. 20, 2000 at Mercy Health Center in Manhattan, KS. She is survived by a son, **Joe '76**; and two daughters, **Donna Dreiling Miller '73** and **Linda Dreiling Rogers '78**, her mother, Alexia Munk, a brother **Lee Munk '55** and a sister **Terese Munk Jones '60**, six grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, and five step great-grandchildren.

Emil A. Kuhn died Sept. 5, 2000 at his home in Victoria. He is survived by his wife Luella, three sons, Neil, Jim and **Dave '72**, two daughters, **Helene Kuhn Staton '74**, and **Carol Kuhn Weber '77**.

**Leon G. Hammerschmidt '57** died Sept. 7, 2000 at his home in Lawrence. He is survived by his wife, a son and two daughters, two brothers, **Lloyd '63** and **Allen '68**, two sisters, **Dianna Hammerschmidt Neville '59** and **Geri Hammerschmidt Glick '72**, and seven grandchildren.

Felix A. Werth died Sept. 11, 2000 at Alterra Sterling House in Hays. He is survived by a son **Donald L. Werth '54**, a brother and three sisters, two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Edna Quint Goetz '38** died Sept 12, 2000 at St. John's of Victoria. She is survived by a daughter, two brothers, **Eugene Quint '32** and **Virgil Quint '42**, three sisters, Viola Quint Kuhn, **Elaine Quint Sander '50** and **Norma Quint Fellers '52**; and two grandsons.

Leroy E. Simoneau died Sept. 28, 2000 at the Phillips County Hospital in Phillipsburg. He is survived by his wife, **Donna Pfeifer Simoneau '54**, a son and two daughters, four brothers and two sisters, and six grandchildren.

LuVerna M. Schulte died Nov. 19, 2000 at Hays Medical Center. Her survivors include two sons, **Clair '66** and **Clyde '67**, two daughters, **Cynthia Schulte '71** and **Carla Schulte Meier '73**, two brothers, **Gilbert Brungardt '45** and **Paul Brungardt '49**, five sisters, **Sister Valeria Brungardt '45**, **Cecelia Brungardt '52**, **Yvonne Brungardt Braun '56**, **Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58** and **Patti Brungardt Schmidt '60**.

**Peter Patrick 'Pat' O'Brien** died Nov. 11, 2000 at St. John's Rest Home in Victoria. He is survived by his wife, Janelda, a son, **Greg '81**, and two daughters, **Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80** and **Jan O'Brien '84**, three brothers and a sister, and four grandchildren.

**Geraldine L. Kuhn '62** died Nov. 28, 2000 at Via Christi Regional Medical Center, Wichita. She is survived by her father, **Ralph E. Kuhn '43**, a brother, **Raymond E. '64**, a sister **Eileen Kuhn Schmidt '79**.

Loretta Schippers died Feb. 27, 2001 at the Logan County Hospital, Oakley. She is survived by her husband **Herman J. Schippers '45**, four sons and three daughters, a sister, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Anna Stegman died Feb. 27, 2001 at her daughters home in Victoria. Her survivors include one son Arthur and two daughters, Mary Ann Stegman Adams and **Ethel Stegman Younger '59**, eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

**Irene Dreiling Schumacher '43** died Feb. 26, 2001 at Villa St. Joseph Nursing Center, Overland Park. She is survived by her husband **Melvin Schumacher '43**, two sons and three daughters, three sisters and nine grandchildren.

Evelyn Dreher died Feb. 22, 2001 at Gove County Medical Center in Quinter. She is survived by a daughter, one brother, Alvin Schmidtberger and a sister, **Sara Schmidtberger Brungardt '30**, and four grandchildren.

Robert W. Bell died Feb. 8, 2001 at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife Adelaide, two sons, **Robert L. '64** and **Keith '74**, two daughters, **Janice Bell Rome '65** and **Roberta Bell Roberts '66**, a brother and two sisters, nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Melosena D. "Sena" Dreiling died Feb. 2, 2001 at St. John's Rest home, Victoria. She is survived by two sons, **Bob '44** and **Allen '55**; two daughters, Heraldine Dreiling Kreutzer and **Agnes Dreiling Karlin '48**, eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Donald F. Brungardt died March 2, 2001 at Via Christi regional Medical Center, Wichita. He is survived by his wife, **Lilyota Leiker Brungardt '56**, two sons and two daughters, his mother, one brother and three sisters and four grandsons.

**Robert L. "Bob" Weigel '49** died March 9, 2001 at Central Kansas Medical Center, Great Bend. He is survived by his wife, **Flora Braun Weigel '50**, two sons and two daughters, one brother, **Tony '52**, five sisters, Velma Weigel Giebler, Mary Jane Weigel Miller, Leona Weigel Kuhn, **Shirley Weigel '56** and **Doris Weigel '59**, three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Bernard "Ben" Windholz died Jan. 23, 2001 at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife Olivia, one son, **Leland '67**, one brother and two sisters, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Norine Kuhn died March 17, 2001 at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by five daughters, **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**, **Roseann Kuhn '66**, **Kathy Kuhn Schmidtberger '64**, **Arlene Kuhn Berens, '73**, and **Theresa Kuhn Urban '75**, three sisters, Florence Gerstner, Helen Pfeifer and **Juanita Arnhold Hoffman '52**, a brother, John Arnhold, 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

# Website: For Alumni

Some of you have taken advantage of the alumni website we mentioned in our last newsletter. Several of our alums have written asking that we print this information again so that possibly more of you will respond. They are anxious to hear from you and this is such a quick and easy way for this to happen. You can communicate with your classmates by logging on to High School Alumni Website at; <http://www.highschoolalumni.com>. The website has a listing of every high school in America. You find your state, city, school, and graduating year. Then simply add your name and contact point. Get yourself registered and soon you can contact anyone from your school that has registered. There is absolutely no cost. Here is a list of VHS Alumni who have already registered.

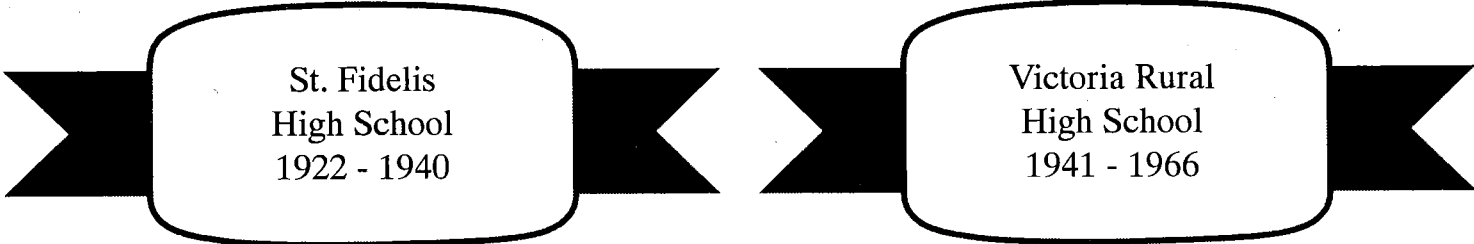
Those who have registered with the Alumni website are as follows **Class of '47**; Rita Rome Gross, **Class of '51**; Robert Brungardt, **Class of '53**; Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer and Louise Denning Windholz, **Class of '54**; Virgil Windholz, **Class of '55**; Theresa Brungardt McDade, **Class of '56**; Ida Montgomery Romey, **Class of '58**; Marge Rome, Det Roth Younger and Elden Stang, **Class of '59**; Vernon Billinger, Tom Dreiling, Jeanie Huckaby Dreiling and Ethel Stegman Younger, **Class of '60**; Stephen Bahl, Kenneth Dreiling, Iris Knoll and Nancy Leiker McCoy, **Class of '61**; Marlene Billinger and Chetty Brown Peckham, **Class of '62**; Earl Billinger, Jerry Brungardt and Mary Kuhn Ruder, **Class of '63**; Jane Knoll Tenney and Rosann Wellbrock Welser, **Class of '64**; Darrell Dinkel, **Class of '65**; Cindy Truan Dinkel and Mary Billinger Pfeifauf, **Class of '66**; Dennis Dinkel, **Class of '68**; Shirley Riedel Brungardt, Allen Dinkel, Kathy Kuhn Billinger and Herb Riedel, **Class of '69**; Kathy Braun Edsall and Otto Windholz Jr., **Class of '70**; Cindy Hoffman Compagnone, Sandy Gasper Jackson and Gladys Sander Swindler, **Class of '71**; Craig Cline and Marilyn Karlin Wagner, **Class of '72**; Pam Brown Wellbrock, **Class of '73**; Arlene Kuhn Berens, **Class of '74**; David Beckwith, Wanda Brungardt and Brenda Wellbrock Gross, **Class of '75**; Mark Beckwith, Paula Windholz Bollier and Ruben Dinkel, **Class of '76**; Karl Berens, Mike Dreiling, Kathy Schulte Dreiling, Mary Beth Leiker Fisher, Wanda Linenberger Gipson, Diane Klaus Groff, Rosie Braun Hammerschmidt, Wanda Dreiling Karlin, Rod Krug and Jacque Stookey Scheck, **Class of '77**; Bill Billinger and John Goetz, **Class of '78**; Cathy Schmidtberger and Ricky Straub, **Class of '79**; Ken Billinger, John Dreiling, Doreen Braun Koerner and Jim Ryan, **Class of '80**; Carolyn Keenan Boxberger, Jane Geist Cline, Deb Jacobs Hoffman, Melinda Weber Rogers, Bev VonFeldt Scheck, Tim Scheck and Annie Robben Schmidtberger, **Class of '81**; Patricia Sander Billinger, Pat Dinkel, Mary Dreiling, Faye Panzer Ellenz, Connie Carlson Lance, Alan Leiker, James Rohleder and Marjorie Schrant Straub, **Class of '82**; Bernadette Huser Fisher, Brenda Leiker Geist and Robin Brown Schmidt, **Class of '83**; Jeanette Rohleder Supernaw, **Class of '84**; Rosanne Schulte Kreller, Karen Schulte Ruder and Mark Windholz, **Class of '85**; Kelly Freitag Farell, GERALYN Ruder Graver, Francis Kuhn Jr., Allen Lang, Mary Butler Lisenby and Troy Schippers, **Class of '86**; Chuck Beery, Jackie Gerstner Leiker and Mike Rome, **Class of '87**; Robert Basgall and Brian Brungardt, **Class of '88**; Sue VonLintel Hobbs, GERALYN Huser Schippers and Bernie Schulte, **Class of '89**; Stacey Dreiling Dreiling, Michael Jensen, Peggy Von Feldt Klaus, Alan Pfeifer, Renee Urban Schremmer and John Weber, **Class of '90**; Russell Brungardt, Jennifer Dinkel, Anne Ruder Dinkel, Bart Dreiling, Jason Robben, Karl Staab, Evan Straub, Loren VonLintel, Renee Kuhn Rosko, Jaqueline Weigel, Ken Werth, Julianne Berens Wolf and Deena Quakenbush Woods, **Class of '91**; Jerald Braun, Tracy Patterson Dreiling, Kim Freitag Dreiling, Tanya Barger Hepworth and Tammi Kippes Sauer, **Class of '92**; Nancy Dreiling, Dana Leiker Younger and Mike Younger, **Class of '93**; Matt Dew, Aaron Dew, Scott Dreiling, Gabby Petzold Reyes, Rachel Urban Richard, Chris Staggs, Joshua Stegman and Danielle Tholen, **Class of '94**; Jessica Brungardt Dale, **Class of '95**; Krista Freitag, Kaylene Jacobs, Kerrie Klein Sander, Miranda Schmidt, Amber Truan and Jennifer Wagner, **Class of '96**; Eric Pfeifer and John Schulte, **Class of '97**; Michelle Gilliam Bryant, Amy Schoendaller Knipp, Hollie Ptacek, Jesse Robben and Jackie Schmidt, **Class of '98**; Jeff Brungardt and Blaine Younger, **Class of '99**; Joe Crathrone, Dan Quakenbush and Margo Straub.



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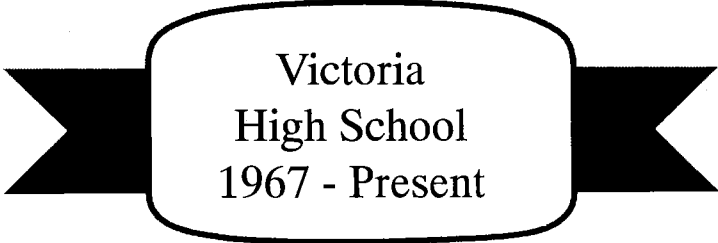
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