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Get Ready for Homecoming 2002

VHS Homecoming 2002 is set for Friday and Saturday, September 20th and 21st. The classes of 1952, 1977, and 1992 will be honored. The board is always trying to make the alumni weekend bigger and better, and it will definitely be bigger this year because the banquet and dance will be at the Fanchion Ballroom in Hays. Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations will again be performing, so mark your calendar and make plans to be in attendance for VHS Homecoming 2002!

Dance! Dance! Dance!

The VHS Alumni Association and Herzogfest Organization are sponsoring a fundraising dance Saturday, April 27, at the Fanchon Ballroom. Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations will furnish the music. Tickets are on sale at Sunflower Bank, Victoria and Hays locations; First National Bank, main Hays location; and Total Convenience Store in Victoria. Tickets are \$10.00 for an evening of dancing and fun!!

Upcoming Events

Alumni/Herzogfest Dance "Jimmy Dee" Senior Bar-B-Q (Alumni Sponsored) VHS Graduation St. Fidelis Parish Picnic Herzogfest 2002 Homecoming 2002

April 27 May 17 May 19 June 1

Aug. 8, 9, 10

Sept. 20-21

Homecoming 2001 in Review

The weekend began with 32 golfers at the Victoria Golf Course. The winning teams were 1st place — Mitch '87, Matt '89, Michael '82, and Vernon Berens '53; 2nd place — Gene Wellbrock '56, Nathan Younger '52, and Ted Crawford '54; and 3nd place — Earl Billinger '62, Randy Schmidtberger '66, Wayne Billinger '73, and Bruce Goetz '73. Randy Schmidtberger '66 won the longest putt.

At the K of C Hall everyone gathered for a delicious luncheon. Awards were presented by **Allen Dreiling '55** and **Bernie Roth '45**. A special "thank you" goes out to the golfers and the alumni who donated to the scholarship fund. Our fund increased by \$800 this year. We are now able to give four \$500 scholarships per year.

The parade was led by the VHS Alumni Organization Board of Directors with a float depicting a 50's soda shop, Ed's Recreation Center. The float won first prize from the judges. The class of '76 had musicians on their float and spun off some great sax duets by **Tim Pfeifer '76** and **Joe Dreiling '76**.

Following the parade, the pep rally was held in front of Victoria High School with the cheerleaders introducing the football coaches and the team. The tailgate barbecue sponsored by the VIP parent organization was then ready to serve all people. The VHS Alumni float was used by the "Nostalgics" to entertain those eating with a few songs from the 50's. Nostalgic singers are **Kathy Schulte Dreiling '76**, **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72**, and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**. The high school was also open for alumni to stroll through the halls remembering their days at VHS.

After a football victory it was back to the K of C Hall for refreshments and socializing. Alumni officers were on hand to collect the 2002 membership dues.

The memorial mass on Saturday morning at St. Fidelis Church was well attended. A business luncheon and meeting followed at the grade school. **Daren Lang '83** was voted on the board of directors replacing **Kurt Dinkel '86**.

The banquet and dance were held at the American Legion Hall in Hays. Tickets for the banquet were sold out! **Rich Billinger '68** showed a video, "If These Walls Could Talk," which portrayed the last 50 years at VHS. Rich and his crew did a super job and everyone enjoyed the video. Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations entertained the alumni and guests with their nostalgic tunes of the 50's, 60's, and 70's. A great time was had by all! **Videos are still available for \$15.00**.

CLASS NOTES

1940's

Class of 1942, make plans for Homecoming 2002. You will be marking your 60th year of graduation from Victoria Rural High School.

Virgil A. Schulte '45 is semiretired now but still goes to the office every day to help out if he can. Virgil wants all those responsible for the newsletter to know how much he appreciates it and is looking forward to the next issue.

Clete Younger '46 and his wife Rose celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on the 22nd of Sept. Their latest grandchild was one year old the 13th of Sept. She is the daughter of Gary and Mary Younger.

Class of 1947, begin thinking about your 55th reunion. It will be here in a few short months on Sept. 20 and 21.

Louis Kuhn '49 and his wife Lorene celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 29, 2001, with a Mass at St. Francis Catholic Church, Munjor, and a reception, dinner and dance at the VFW, Hays.

1950's

Robert Brungardt '51 and his wife, Kathy, became grandparents for the first time on June 19, 2001. They are the proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Rainey, born to their daughter Kim Brungardt Tilly.

Del Rajewski '51 has retired from Continental Airlines after 48 years of service. He and his wife Donna live in Arvada, Colorado.

Marvin Rajewski '51 and his wife Betty were married 46 years in February. They live in Great Bend.

Rosie Billinger Suppes '51 and her husband were married 50 years in October. They live in Victoria.

Loren J. Stang '51 and his wife live in Houston, Texas, and are both retired. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Class of 1952, you're our fifty-year-honor class for the upcoming homecoming. The dates are Sept. 20 and 21. Start making plans now. Kenneth Braun and Dale Pfeifer are getting things organized.

Class of 1957, you have your 45th reunion to look forward to. Many of you have expressed a desire to get back for one of the homecoming celebrations. This would be the perfect year. Get reacquainted before your 50th.

Fred Karlin '61 and his wife Nadine are living in Beloit, Kansas. Fred writes a column for the Beloit Call every other Wednesday entitled. Thinking Out Loud. Fred also has an hour long presentation about his Volga German ancestors which he gives occasionally.

Geraldine (Geri) Urban Rome '61 and her husband Jim '60 have been married 40 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren. Geri and Jim live in Hutchinson.

Class of 1962, we are looking forward to seeing you at Homecoming 2002. It's been 40 years since you ventured out from the halls of VHS. Mary Ruder asks that you all make a special effort to get back for this fun weekend. She and several of your classmates have already met to make plans for the upcoming event.

Jerry Leiker '62 and his wife Jenni of Conroe, Texas, celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary July 25, 2001. They have two grandchildren, Austin 8 and Victoria 5.

Allen Ruder '62 and his wife Mary Kuhn Ruder '62 have graduated their last child from college. All six of their children have graduated from FHSU.

Bob Gerstner '63 and his wife Twyla Stang Gerstner '63 have been in the auto and tire business for the last four years in Hays. They are the owners of G & L Tire and Automotive, Inc. Bob and Twyla live in Hays.

Jim Dreiling '63 is living in Aurora, Colorado. His twins, Tarrah and Tyler, graduated from the University of Texas in May of 2001. They have both taken jobs in the Denver area.

Sylvia Basgall Gross '66 and her husband, Jerry, were married 30 years in October. They have three children and three grandchildren. Slyvia and Jerry live in Munjor.

Judy Kippes Sherlock '66 and her husband, Steve, live in Lamar, Colorado. They have two daughters. Stephanie is a graduate of the University of Wyoming and lives and works in downtown Denver. Alicia is 18 years old and a senior in high school. She is a varsity cheerleader and also very active in debate and drama. Judy's husband, Steve, is the CEO of their local bank and very active in the community. Judy says she is kept busy as a community volunteer, wife, and mother.

Class of 67, another five years has gone by since your last reunion. Looks like you're ready for number 35. If you have never been back for one of these fun-filled weekends, this would be the perfect year. Lots of activities are planned again this year. Mark Sept. 20 & 21 on your calendar.

Class of 72, we would like you to give some serious thought to coming back to Victoria for your 30th class reunion. Quite a few of you live in the area, so we are anticipating a big turn out from the class of '72.

Wilmer Dinkel Jr. '73 was recently recognized for 20 years of service on the Victoria City Fire Department. Wilmer is currently the treasurer for the city fire department, president of the Victoria Fire-fighter Relief Association, and the assistant chief of Company 4 of the Ellis County Fire Department.

James Braun '75 and his wife, Sandra, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters attending FHSU. James was recently promoted to the City of Hays Assistant Chief of Police and was also elected to USD # 489 school board in Hays.

Joe J. Dreiling '76 and his wife, Janet, have been married for one year as of June 23, 2001. They have two grandchildren, Winton and Meadow. Joe is a member of the Jimmy Dee Band, and they will again be entertaining us for the dance at Homecoming 2002.

Kathy Schulte Dreiling '76 is now teaching at TMP/Marian High School in Hays as a director of music. She is also teaching at Holy Family Elementary in Hays.

John F. Schmidtberger'76 has been married for 17 years and has three daughters (one set of identical twins). John has completed three marathons (26.2 mile run). He beat Frank Shorter (1972 Olympic Gold Medalist) in a two mile run. He is a CFO, CPA. He and his wife are living in Garland, Texas.

Wanda Linenberger Gipson '76 received her BA in Sociology from FHSU in 1997. She is currently working on a Masters Degree in counseling.

Class of '77, you are one of our honor classes. Mark Sept. 20 and 21 on you calendar because it is going to be a big weekend back home. You are going to be front and center as our 25-year-honor class. Another great homecoming is being planned. We sure would like you to be part of it all.

Jeff Hertel '79 and his wife, Shari, live here in Victoria. Jeff is busy with his used car business and is also very active in community affairs. He is presently the chairman of St. Fidelis Parish Council as well as serving on the VHS Alumni Board of Directors.

CLASS NOTES continued

Jerry Dreiling '79 and his wife, Brenda, are the proud parents of a son, Wyatt Joseph, born Aug. 21, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 10 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. He has two brothers, Isaac 7 and Noah 4. Jerry and Brenda and their boys live in Pfeifer.

Kay Schulte Werth '79 is staying very busy as a wife and mother. She just took a new teaching position at FHSU in the Music Dept. She continues teaching at KS Wesleyan University (part-time) and plays oboe with the Salina Symphony. She is also director of the church choir at St. Nicholas of Myra in Hays.

Ken Billinger '79 was named Copy Financial Groups "Newcomer of the Year" last spring. He is employed by New England Financial. His wife, **Patty Sander Billinger '81**, is now an operations supervisor in the Wichita Social Security Office. Their son, Blaine, works at KSN-TV Wichita and attends Friends University. Ken and Patty live in Wichita.

Jeff Pfeifer '79 and his wife, Amy, proudly announce the birth of a son, Robert Samuel, born Sept 16, 2001. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 in. long. Robert has two sisters, Bailey Nell 8 and Blair Nora 3. **Albert R.** and **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50** are Robert's paternal grandparents.

1980's

Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80 has been named Teacher of the Year at Rice Middle School in Plano, Texas, (Plano Independent School District). She teaches 6th grade language arts and is also English Department Chairperson. She is in her 14th year at PISD. She feels certain that her dad keeps a close eye on her and feels her years in the Victoria schools has influenced her tremendously. She thanks God for them.

Class of 1982, are you ready for a great and memorable weekend Sept. 21 and 22, 2002? You have a 20 year class reunion to mark on your calendar and to attend. Sure hope you can make it.

Brian Haberman '82 is living in Ellis and has two children, a daughter 8 and a son 6. He is a KDOT employee.

Maj. Timothy Pfeifer '82 and his wife, Karen, of Landstuhl, Germany, announce the birth of a son, Lucas Walker, born Oct. 17, 2001. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20 3/4 in. long. He has a sister, Allison 8. His paternal grandparents are Albert R. and Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50.

Diane Kuhn Unrein '83 and her husband, Curtis, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Logan James, born Oct. 5, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and was 21 in. long. He has a brother, Kelton Curtis 8.

Ivan Kuhn '83 and his wife Kelly Wittman Kuhn '84 are happy to announce the birth of a son, Isaac Joseph, born Oct. 22, 2001, in Colwich, KS. He weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 in long. He was welcomed home by a sister, Haley 7 and a brother, Gabriel 3. Isaac's grandparents are Tina Dreiling Kuhn '51 and Warren Wittman and his wife Arlene Huser Wittman '64.

Joe Dreiling '84 and his wife, Brenda, attended the AAU National Jr. Olympics in July in Norfolk, Virginia, with their son, Cole. Cole qualified in the sub-midget discus and shot put. He placed 5th in the discus and 7th in the shot put. Joe and Brenda have two other sons, Garrett in 4th grade and Dalton in 1st grade. They will be moving into their new country home soon, south of Victoria.

Kevin Huser '84 and his wife, Kathaleen, are proud to announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Kirk Francis. He was born March 29, 2002. He weight 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. He has a sister, Kasandra 11. His grandfather is **Leon Huser 61'.** Kevin and his family live on a farm north of Victoria.

Galen Billinger '85 and his wife, Kay, are the proud parents of a son, Luke Anthony, born July 23, 2001. The grandparents are **Earl Billinger '62** and Mary, and **JoAnn Stramel Billinger '61**. Galen and his family live in Haysville, Kansas.

Alan Schulte '85 and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of their first child, Joshua Alan, born Sept. 20, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long. Grandparents are Ray Schulte '47 and his wife Leona.

Sadie Dreiling Wideman '85 and her husband, Mark, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Jacey Jean, born Oct. 26, 2001 at Dodge City Memorial Hospital. She weighed 7 lbs. 1 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. She has a brother, Lawson Lee 7. Jacey's grandparents are **Vernie Dreiling '57** and his wife Patty.

Terry Braun '81 and **Deb Brungardt '87** were united in marriage Oct. 13, 2001, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Terry is employed by Cross Manufacturing and is also farming. Deb is a paraprofessional at Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas. They are living in Victoria. Terry is the son of **Leroy Braun '52** and his wife JoAnn and Deb is the daughter of **Larry Brungardt '62** and his wife Jeanie.

Class of 1987, 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.

Amy Younger Siebenmorgen '87 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of a son, Abe Nolan, born Sept. 10, 2001, at St. Luke North Hospital, Kansas City, MO. He weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Abe has an older brother, Cole 5. Abe's grandparents are Tom Younger and **Det Roth Younger** '58.

Annette Younger Zeigler '88 and her husband, Tracy, proudly announce the birth of their second child, Alyvia Anna, born March 14, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 in. long. Alyvia has a brother, Taitem Lee 2. Grandparents are John Younger and Ethel Stegman Younger '59.

Alan Pfeifer '89 and his wife, Melissa, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Zachary Thomas, born Nov. 28, 2001, at Via Christ-St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Wichita. He weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. He has a sister, Caitlyn Marie 2. Zachary's grandparents are Norman Dale Pfeifer '52 and Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53.

David Younger '89 and his wife, Stacy, announce the birth of a daughter, Emma Louise, born March 18, 2002, at McKee Medical Center in Loveland, Colorado. She weighed 6 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 in. long. Emma has a sister, Madalyn 2. Her grandparents are Tom Younger and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

1990's

Anne Ruder Dinkel '90 has stepped into Miss Rome's shoes after her retirement and is teaching Kindergarten at Victoria Elementary. Anne's husband, Craig Dinkel '84, is employed by Rohleder Electric in Hays. Their children, Christen and Corey, attend Victoria Elementary. Anne is the daughter of Allen Ruder '62 and Mary Kuhn Ruder '62.

Jason Robben '90 and his wife Tami are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Isabel Grace, born Oct. 13, 2001, at Swedish Medical Center, Englewood, Colorado. She weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 in. long. Her grandparents are **Steve Robben '67** and **Fran Miller Robben '67** and **Charlie Dreiling '51**.

Shane Dreiling '90 and his wife, Mona, proudly announce the birth of a son, Colby James, born Oct. 16, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 1/2 lbs and was 20 in. long. His grandparents are **Ken Dreiling '65** and his wife **Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66**.

Scott Braun '91 and his wife **Terri Courtney Braun '91** announce the birth of a son, Coby James, born Jan. 24, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. and was 20 in. long. He has a brother, Bryce James 2. Coby's grandparents are **Everett Braun '60** and his wife, Judy.

Class of 1992, you are our 10 year honor class. We hope you are beginning to make plans for this fun-filled weekend of Sept. 20 and 21, 2002. Be thinking about designating your class spokesperson to reveal all great and good things about this class of '92.

Terri Dreiling Maring '92 and her husband, Bryan, announce the birth of a daughter, Kassidy Lynn, born Oct. 9, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 4 lbs. 13 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. She has a sister, Madison 6. Kassidy's grandparents are **Vernie Dreiling '57** and his wife, Patty.

Kathy Kippes Ricke '92 and her husband, Mike, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Linden, born Oct. 19, 2001, at South Shore Hospital in Weymouth, Mass. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Grandparents are **Norman Kippes '59** and his wife, Ramona.

Doug Kuhn '92 and his wife, Marlaina, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Caylen Douglas, born Dec. 21, 2001, at Overland Park Memorial Hospital, in Overland Park, KS. He weighed 7 lbs. 1 oz. and was 20 in. long. He has a brother, Taiten Joseph 2. Caylen's grandparents are Norman Kuhn and his wife **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**.

John Windholz '93 and Danielle Tholen '93 were married April 5, 2002, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. John graduated from FHSU and is employed by Champion Technologies, Hays, and Danielle also graduated from FHSU and is employed by Hays Social and Rehabilitation Services. They are living in Victoria. Parents of the couple are Jim Tholen '69 and his wife, Janie, and Julius Windholz '67 and his wife, Susie Dreiling Windholz '69.

Tiffany Dague Weber '93 and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of a son, Sheldon Joseph, born Feb. 6, 2001. He weighed 8 lbs. and was 20 in. long. He was welcomed home by a sister, Morgan 3.

Danny Kuhn '94 and his wife, Deann, are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Noelle Nicole, born July 10, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long. Noelle has two sisters, Hailey 6 and Danielle 2 1/2. Her grandparents are Norman and **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**.

Jason Weber'94 and his wife, Tammy, announce the birth of a son, Tanner Paul, born Aug. 22, 2001, in Wichita. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 21 in. long. Tanner's grandparents are **Lavon Weber '58** and his wife **Charlotte Braun Weber '65**.

Jason Scheck '94 and his wife, Mindy, are proud to announce the birth of a son, Lakin James, born Jan. 30, 2002, in Hutchinson. He weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 20 in. long. Lakin's grandparents are **Jim Scheck '73** and **Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73**.

Kelly VonLintel '95 and Jonathan Robbins announce the birth of a son, Mason William, born Feb. 9, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Jason Knipp '96 and his wife **Amy Schoendaller Knipp '97** proudly announce the birth of a son, Dylan Jacob, born Jan. 4, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 1/2 in. long. Dylan's grandparents are Junior Schoendaller and **Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70**.

CLASS NOTES continued

Jeff Ruder '96 graduated from FHSU in Dec. of 2000 with a degree in Industrial Technology / Computer Drafting. He has accepted a position with A -1 Plank in Hays. Jeff is the son of **Allen Ruder '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Class of 1997, mark your calendar for Sept. 20 and 21 for your 5 year reunion from good old VHS. You are guaranteed a great weekend.

Mark Sander '97 and Corinna Brookhouser were married on Oct. 6, 2001, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Mark is a student at FHSU majoring in business. He is employed by Utility Contractors. Corinna is a student at FHSU majoring,in geography with an emphasis on GIS: She is employed by the USDA and Sykes. Mark is the son of **Dave Sander** '72 and Michelle Sander.

Michelle Gilliam Bryant '97 and her husband, Aaron, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Sierra Jayme, born Feb. 3, 2002 at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. and was 20 in. long. She has twin sisters, Angeline and Alyssa 2 1/2.

Chad Stoffel '98 and Maegan Goetz '98 were married Sept. 15, 2001, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church in Victoria. Chad is employed by Williams Communications as a technician and Meagan is employed by Oasis Adult Day Service as the activity coordinator. They are living in Oklahoma. Parents of the couple are Jerry Stoffel and Marilyn Braun Stoffel '72 and Ray Reynolds and Brenda Sanders Reynolds '78.

Tyson Gottwald '95 and his wife, Wendy, are the parents of a new baby boy. Tyson Alexander was born Dec. 21, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 6 1/2 lbs and was 19 1/2 in. long. He has a sister, Paige 3.

Andrea Dinges Windholz '96 is executive secretary in the city manager's office for the city of Hays. Her husband, **Jared Windholz '93,** is employed by Sysco Food Service.

VHS News

Online

Victoria High School news can be found online! Check it out for all the latest events and activities. The address is http://kansas.ihigh.com/victoriahigh.

It's All Good for FCCLA

Family and Career and Community Leaders of America is an organization available to students at VHS. Forty-four students are members of this very active organization.

Following are some of the highlights that have made this a very good year for FCCLA.

- Muffin Monday was started to promote healthier breakfasts for the high school student body.
- Over \$10,000 was earned in their fundraiser of selling Lemonade Stand products.
- Four boxes of canned goods were delivered to the Mary Elizabeth Home in Hays; the canned goods were collected at the annual Powder Puff game.
- \(\) In February nine members traveled to Phillipsburg to compete in District STAR Events.
- ♦ Congratulations to Brandon Befort and Toby Schmidtberger who qualified for state in their Illustrated Talk event.

Basketball Fever

Being crowned Regional Champs was equally enjoyed by the boys' and girls' teams this year. Both won exciting games that earned them the opportunity to play in the Sub-State Tournament at Felten Middle School in Hays.

The Lady Knights fought tough, but could not come up with a win in their first-round game to Sharon Springs. The Knights began action with a win over Lucas-Luray. They then advanced to the championship game in which they faced Weskan. In a come-from-behind, nail-biting game, the Knights fell short to their opponent.

Both teams should feel proud of their successful season! The community support was evident in all games, especially the substate battles in Hays. A special tribute should be given to the senior leadership of both teams.

Hats Off to the Scholars

After a very rewarding season, the scholar's bowl team traveled to Pawnee Heights for their regional competition. The team walked away with third place; unfortunately; that wasn't enough to qualify for state. The team missed advancing to state by one and a half questions, fifteen points. Members were Kenny Wagner, Alexis Schmidtberger, Troy Pfeifer, Chris Dinkel, Brandon Befort, and Matt Sander.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Thomas Urban '55 died Jan 8, 2001, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by three brothers, Alfred, Art, and Gilbert and three sisters: Tillie Urban, Dorothy Urban Schoendaller '52, and Jane Urban Schumacher '57.

Martina Kreutzer Windholz died Aug. 5, 2001, at Russell Regional Hospital, Russell. Survivors include three daughters: **Carol Jean Kreutzer Foos '68**, Rose Kreutzer, and Mary Walter.

Ralph E. Kuhn '43 died Aug. 12, 2001, at the St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center, Topeka. He is survived by a son, "Ray" Raymond E. Kuhn '64; a daughter, Eileen Kuhn Schmidt '79; five brothers: Elmer, Louis '49, Frank, James '60, and Clifford '61; five sisters: Leona Kuhn Wellbrock '43, Alice Wellbrock Haselhorst, Merline Kuhn Wellbrock '51, Ellen Kuhn Dickerson '56, and Norma Kuhn Wellbrock '58, and five grandchildren.

Edmond "Eddie" Roth died Aug. 29, 2001, at St. John Rest Home, Victoria. He is survived by his children: **Sheila Roth Leiker-Page '60**, **Glenda Roth Betzen '62**, **Edmund Roth Jr. '65**, **Sharon Kay Roth Hoffman '66**, **Neal Roth '71**; a sister, Irene Werth; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Edgar J. "Eddie" Basgall '47 died Oct. 8, 2001. He is survived by his wife Lillian; three sons, Stan, Neal and Chad; a daughter, Christine; a brother, Marvin '51; two sisters, Vera Basgall Bellendir '50 and Arbutus "Boots" Basgall Maltby '59; and five grandchildren.

Elmer A. Berens died Nov. 13, 2001, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by three sons: Samuel '68, Roy '71, and Karl '76; three daughters: Connie Berens Dinkel '74, Vickie Berens Dreiling '81, and Pamela Berens Clark '87; two brothers: Ben and Victor; two sisters: Theckla Berens Haas '33 and Irene Berens Dinkel; 14 grandchildren; a step great-grandchild.

Irene Vonfeldt died Dec. 9, 2001, at Hays Medical Center, Hays. Survivors include three sons: **Gerald J. '57, Jim '61, John '69**; two daughters: **Darlene VonFeldt Schlesinger '58** and **Diane VonFeldt Ruder '65**; five sisters: Regina Leiker, Armella Wittman, Alice Kreutzer, Leona Geist, Marietta Herl; 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Harry Romme died Jan. 1, 2002, at Hays Medical Center, Hays. Survivors include one son, **Rick Romme '75;** six grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

Jerry Lee Wellbrock '54 died Feb. 8, 2002, in Wichita. Survivors include two sons: Brian and Bradley; two daughters: Barbara and Brenda; two brothers: **Ralph '59**, and **Donald '55**; two sisters: **Melene Wellbrock Rohr'65**, **Doris Wellbrock Schmidt '62**; 11 grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

Clara VonFeldt died Jan. 31, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by a daughter **Barbara VonFeldt Kisner '63**; a brother Alfred Windholz; one grandson, two granddaughters, and two great grandchildren.

Amelia A. "Molly" Schulte died Feb. 27, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, John, of the home; two sons: **Damian Schulte '59**, and **Regis Schulte '66**; two daughters: **Claudia Schulte Hertel '63** and Carey Schulte.

Cora Mae Wellbrock '67 died March 10, 2002, in Denver. Survivors include four brothers: Floyd, Lee '56, Dennis '65, Jim '63; five sisters: Jeanette Wellbrock Harris '57, Betty Wellbrock Woodruff '70, Diann Wellbrock Vigil '60, Kathy Wellbrock Cooper '69, and Brenda Wellbrock Gross '74.

Betty VonFeldt Moore '64 died March 18, 2002, in Colorado Springs. She is survived by her mother, Irene VonFeldt, and a sister, Carol VonFeldt Sander '66.

Mildred K. 'Millie' Kuhn Goetz '48 died March 29, 2002, at her home in Victoria. She is survived by her husband, Marvin D. Goetz; three sisters: Lenora Kuhn Lang '43, Alice Lang DeHart '46, and Cora Lou Kuhn Ryan '55. Many of you will remember Millie as the secretary at the high school or the board office. She was employed by the school district for 16 years.

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