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Homecoming 2002 Friday, September 20 & Saturday, September 21

SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO

Class of '52

Class of '77

Class of '92

&

5 Year Increment Classes

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, September 20, 2002:

9:00 am	6th Annual VHS Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament Victoria Golf Course
2:00 pm	Open House at K of C Hall
4:45 pm	Homecoming Parade followed by pep assembly
5:30 pm	VIP tailgate at football field and school tours
7:00 pm	Football game - Knights vs. Sylvan Grove
9:00 pm	Social at K of C Hall

Saturday, September 21, 2002:

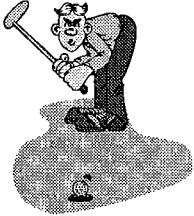
10:00 am	Memorial Mass at St. Fidelis Church
11:00 am	Luncheon/business meeting in grade school cafeteria
5:00 pm	Social/banquet at Fanchon Ballroom
9:00 pm	Dance - Jimmy Dee & the Fabulous Destinations

Homecoming 2002

The VHS Homecoming banquet has grown over the years and we are pleased to announce that we are moving to a larger facility this year. The social and banquet on Saturday evening will be at the Fanchon Ballroom in Hays. With this change we hope to be able to accommodate more alumni. Those attending will be entertained by Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations, a unique and talented band. We are especially proud of them since they are all alumni of Victoria High School. Make your reservations early. Monday, September 9, is the deadline.



Only those purchasing banquet tickets will be allowed to attend the dance. Name tags will be provided and must be worn to show that you have paid for the evening's banquet and dance.



Tee Time

The annual VHS Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament will be the opening activity again this year for the homecoming festivities. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and the longest putt. The presentation of awards will conclude the luncheon at the K of C Hall immediately following the tournament. The fee will be \$25.00 which includes the lunch and drinks. The entry form can be found in the newsletter along with your reservations for the entire weekend. The winning teams last year 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 3rd place - **Earl Billinger '62, Randy Schmidtberger '66, Wayne Billinger '73, and Bruce Goetz '73**. **Randy Schmidtberger '66** won the longest putt.

We would like to thank **Allen Dreiling '55** and **Bernie Roth '45** for taking charge of this event. These guys can always use help to ready the course, call Allen or Bernie if you are available. Entry forms are on the membership/reservation form in this newsletter. Remember, golfers do not need to be VHS Alumni to participate.

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

The VHS Alumni Board is in the process of setting up a website www.victoriaalumni.com. We hope to have it in operation by Homecoming 2002.

VHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame

The alumni association is pleased to announce the establishment of the Victoria High School Alumni Hall of Fame. Each year, three individuals will be named from those you have nominated, two of which are living and one deceased.

We ask for your serious consideration in nominating someone who has influenced your life in some way to be honored with this prestigious award.

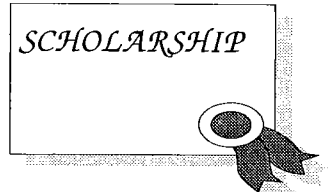
Those eligible are present and former employees of the Victoria School District since the beginning in 1922. All employees are to be considered; superintendents, principals, teachers, secretaries, cooks and custodians.

We ask that you nominate your choice in a signed letter stating your reason for consideration for this award. All nominations must be in by September 9th so we can invite them to be our grand marshals for the homecoming parade. We will present the honorees with a plaque at the banquet and start a Hall of Fame plaque at the high school. Please send your nomination along with your reservation to: Victoria Alumni Association, P O Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671.

Alumni Association Membership

VHS Alumni membership is \$5.00 per year. You may pay a life time membership by figuring your number of years to your 50th anniversary date, multiply that by \$5.00 and then subtract 5%. Membership fees are due every homecoming. Your newsletter mailing label indicates your expiration date. By being a paid member, you are helping pay for the newsletters and contributing to the cost of homecoming expenditures. Your extra donations help our scholarship and general funds. Your membership also entitles you to two newsletters a year, the post game party after the Friday evening football game, and the luncheon/business meeting on Saturday morning.

Once you have reached your 50th anniversary, you are an honorary member and are exempt from paying your yearly dues. Congratulations Class of '52!

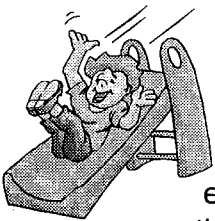


VHS Alumni Association Scholarships

VHS Alumni Association proudly awarded \$500 scholarships to four graduating seniors this year. The recipients were Suzy Hansen, daughter of Rich and Jane Hansen, Katie Kuhn, daughter of Randy and Melesia Kuhn, Alexis Schmidtberger, daughter of the late **Joe Schmidtberger '64** and her mother, Paula, and Meagan Schmidtberger, daughter of **Leroy '75** and **LeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

Victoria Alumni Association is in the process of having a large plaque made for the hallway near the gym at VHS. This plaque will display the names of all the scholarship recipients. We hope to have the plaque in place by Homecoming 2002.

Victoria Elementary School Playground Project



Victoria Elementary School will be installing new playground equipment this fall. The equipment will be child-friendly and handicap accessible. Finances in the State of Kansas these last few years have been severely limited. In order to get this equipment now, rather than wait several years, we are installing this equipment partly with district capital outlay funds and partly with donations from the community. Donations from Victoria alumni would be greatly appreciated. Donors of \$250 or greater will be recognized on a plaque that will hang in the Victoria Elementary School building. In addition, 5% of donations from alumni will be donated back to the Alumni Scholarship Fund. To receive credit to the Scholarship Fund, use the attached form. Donations can be sent to: Victoria Elementary Playground Project, 600 W 10th, Victoria, KS 67671

Name of Donor: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Donation: _____

Name to appear on the plaque if \$250 or more: _____

Victoria Alumni, please donate 5% to the Alumni Scholarship Fund _____ yes _____ no

CLASS NOTES

1940's

Al Linenberger '40, Sun Valley, California, sent a note inquiring if he is the only 1940 graduate still living. He appreciates receiving the newsletters and getting an update on activities at VHS.

Class of 1942, are you contacting your classmates for another exciting get-together? We would like to have you back for your 60th this year.

Wanting to Better Your Golf Game? Check out the new general manager of the Russell Municipal Golf Course for private lessons! Joe Roth brings 16 years of experience to his new position. He was the head pro at Canyon Gate Country Club in Las Vegas, Nevada. Joe resides in Victoria along with his wife, Christina, and three-year-old daughter, Madison. Joe is the son of **Bernie '45** and Jean Roth.

Class of 1947, are you making plans for a 55th class reunion. VHS Alumni has great plans for the weekend, why not join us?

Benny Schulte '49 and his wife, **Cora Braun Schulte '55** celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary on June 9, with a private family dinner hosted by their five children and seven grandchildren. Their children are **Kathy Schulte Dreiling '76**, Dick and **Kay Schulte Werth '79**, Mark and Kris Schulte, Chris and **Karen Schulte Ruder '84**, and **Bernie '88** and Janet Schulte.

1950's

1951 Homecoming 2001 was a memorable occasion for the class of 1951. It was their first and 50 year reunion. Attendance was almost perfect. All but one of the boys were present and only three of the girls were not present. Most of them traveled many miles to get here as the class is spread all over the United States. Members came from New Mexico, Maryland, Arizona, Texas, North Dakota, Colorado, Oklahoma and all over Kansas. Very few are from Victoria or the immediate area. The class followed all the activities outlined by a well organized Victoria Alumni Association and also had a few hours together Saturday afternoon at the American Legion. A book was printed which added much to refresh memories in the future.

Norma Goetz Huffman '51 sent a thank you to the board for the wonderful newsletters. She states, "It gives me a bracing dose of 'back home'". She also thanks the board for the honorary status since she hit the 50 year mark last year.

Ken Braun '52 and his committee are working on activities for your 50th. Be sure to mark your calendar and answer Ken's correspondence so you get included in the activities they are planning.

Alice Sander Rohr '52 thanked the board for the wonderful newsletters and stated she is looking forward to seeing her classmates and friends at her 50th class reunion this September.

Dr. Bernard J. Dreiling '54 is a member of the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He holds the titles of Professor of Medicine at UMC and Staff Hematologist at VAMC. Dr. Dreiling has received many honors over his past 31 years of academic pursuit, including "Clinical Professor of the Year" a combined 15 times. One party stated that Dr. Dreiling is "Kansas' Gift to Mississippi". Congratulations, Bernie!

Class of 1957, are you making plans for your 45th? This would you a great opportunity to start on ideas for your 50th in five years.

1960's

Mary Kuhn Ruder '62 and her committee are working on plans for your 40th. I hope you have marked your calendar and made plans to attend the weekend festivities.

Class of 1967, time to plan on your 35th reunion. Many years have passed since graduation, it's time for a⁵ get-together. And what better way than attending the VHS Alumni weekend activities.

Several classmates from the **class of '68** formed a team for the "Relay for Life" in memory of their classmate, **Frank Dreiling**. They named themselves "Frank's Helping Hands". Participants were **Mary Lou (Schumacher) Pfannenstiel, Mary Schulte, Esther Windholz Courtney, Chris Tholen Lashell, Rich Billinger and Shirley Pfeifer**. **Kathy Billinger Kuhn** and **Joe Schmidtberger** were unable to attend the event but supported the team with their contributions. Mary Lou reports a good time renewing past friendships and memories of school days as far back as first grade. Frank's wife, **Kathy Schulte Dreiling '78**, joined the group.

Rene Dreiling '68 retired from the United States Air Force and is running for Nebraska State Treasurer. Rene is currently the chief deputy treasurer for Sarpy County where he and his wife, Mimi, reside. Rene is the son of Fritz and **Edna Schulte Dreiling '42**.

1970's

Class of 1972, are you making plans for your 30th class reunion? You would enjoy the banquet and Jimmy Dee Band. You were in school with some of these band members and could have a great evening of dancing and enjoying their music.

Leon Kuhn '74 was named as a Kansas Road Team member by the Kansas Motor Carrier Association in April. While a member of the road team he will give presentations to driver's ed classes and other organizations about the importance of sharing the road with trucks, help with Big Rigs for Kansas Kids, participate in the Kansas State Fair, help with the annual safety break at a designated rest area and attend the annual KMCA convention. Leon has been in the truck driving business for 25 years. He and his wife **Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84** live on a farm north of Victoria. They have two boys Dylan, 10 and Nathan 6. Colleen is the daughter of **Leland Dinkel '58** and his wife, Marlene

Mary Beth Leiker Fisher '76 is excited to announce her new career in real estate. Mary Beth is a sales associate for Coldwell Banker Executive Reality in Hays.

Class of 1977, you were a large class. I hope you are making big plans for your 25th anniversary. Remember, VHS Alumni Homecoming activities give you a great start on your weekend. Plan to have a class float in the parade!

1980's

Class of 1982, it's time for your 20th reunion. We hope you are planning to join us. Five year increment classes will be recognized at the banquet. Plan to be there!

Dave '82 and **Brenda Braun Hoffman's '83** son, Clayton, competed at AAU Region 8 Track & Field championships on July 6th and 7th at Columbia, Missouri. He competed in four events and qualified in all events to go on to the National Junior Olympics in Knoxville, Tennessee August 3-10. He placed 1st in high jump with a jump of 6'0"; 1st in long jump with a jump of 19'2"; 1st in the triple jump with a jump of 40'11" and 3rd in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 14:68.

Stuart Dome '82 recieved a promotion from Cross Manufacturing, where he has been employed for the past 13 years. He was promoted to production assistant. Some of his duties will include being in charge of overseeing day to day operations of the shop and meeting production goals and being responsible for safety awareness training. Stuart's wife **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85** also has been employed at Cross for the past 16 year. They have three children, Andrea 9, Ashley 8, and Bryan 5. Tammy is the daughter of **Leland Dinkel '58** and his wife, Marlene.

CLASS NOTES continued

James Pfeifer '83 and his wife, Sharla, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Isabelle Grace, on March 31, 2002. Isabelle weighed 6 lbs. and 5 oz. and was 20 1/2 in. long. Isabelle has 4 sisters and 1 brother: Michaela 12, Jacob 11, Lauren 8, Kristine 6 and Natalie 2. Isabelle's grandparents are **Norman Dale '52** and **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53**.

Class of 1987, it's 15 years since you graduated. Time to renew old friendships and spend a weekend together. Mark your calendar for September 20 and 21 and attend the VHS Alumni Homecoming festivities.

Matt '89 and **Cheryl Billinger Berens '89** proudly announce the birth of a son, Hogan Matthew, born on July 4, 2002, in Hutchinson. Hogan has two sisters, Jenna 7 and Tia 5, and one brother Devin 3. Grandparents are **Vernon '53** and **Norma Kuhn Berens '54** and **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**.

1990's

Class of 1992, hope you have a committee making plans for your 10th year reunion. It's time to get reacquainted with your classmates and find what changes everyone has had in their lives.

Lisa Schoendaller Hoops '93 and her husband, Rick, proudly announce the birth of a daughter, Emily Marie Hoops. Emily was born on April 24, 2002, at Stormont-Vail Hospital, Topeka. She weighed 9 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 1/2 in. long. Grandparents are Wendelin Jr. and **Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70**, Walker.

Kristen Klein Gordon '93 and her husband, Kevin, announce the birth of their daughter, Abigail Elizabeth, on March 31, 2002, at Via Christi St. Joseph Hospital, Wichita. She weighed 8 lbs 6 oz. and was 20 in. long. She has a brother, Dylan, 3. Grandparents are Floyd and Susie Klein and Clark and Carolyn Gordon.

Jackie Scheck '94 and James Schmidt were married June 8, 2002, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. Jackie is the daughter of **Joe Scheck '70** and his wife, Jeanne, and **Paul '72** and **Judy Sander Dreiling '69**. Jackie is a secretary for Hays Medical Center Rehabilitation Inpatient Services and Jim is attending graduate school at Fort Hays State University.

Jay Dinkel '95 and **Janea Scheck Dinkel '96** announce the birth of their daughter, Jalyn Jo, born at Hays Medical Center on July 17, 2002. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 19 3/4 in. Grandparents are **Judy '69** and **Paul Dreiling '72**, **Joe '70** and Jeanne Scheck, **Robert '72** and **Connie Berens Dinkel '74**.

Eric Pfeifer '96 and **Jennifer Lapka '99** were married July 27, 2002, at St. Fidelis Church in Victoria. Eric works for WestLink Communications and is attending graduate school at FHSU. Jennifer is a student at FHSU majoring in Art History. They are living in Hays. Eric is the son of **Ken Pfeifer '70** and **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73** and John & Jo Lapka.

Class of 1997, five years have passed since graduation. Did you complete your schooling as planned? or find the job you wanted? Time to gather and check on your classmates to see what every one is doing after five years. The VHS Alumni activities on September 20 and 21 are a great way to get together.

Justin VonLintel '97 and Amanda Migchelbrink were married on May 25, 2002, at Church of the Nazarene, Hays. Justin is employed at Williams Communications as a technician in the network control center and his wife is employed at Horizon Business Concepts. Justin's parents are Mike and Sharon VonLintel.

Jesse Robben '97 and **Brenda Hoffman '99** were married on July 6, 2002 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Gorham. Brenda is employed by Henry Schwaller and Associates, Inc. and Jesse is farming with his father. Parents of the couple are **Mike '74** and Sandy Robben, Peggy and James Wohler and Glen Hoffman.

Aaron Rome '97 and **Shana Schmidtberger Rome '96** proudly announce the birth of a baby boy. Trenton John was born April 29, 2002. He weighed 7 lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Trenton has a sister, Bailey. Trenton's grandparents are **Mark '71** and **Mary Jo Schulte Rome '71** and **Rich '61** and **Kathy Kuhn Schmidtberger '64**.

Jody Lapka Wagner '97 and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of their daughter, Jade, born on November 9, 2001. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz and was 21 in. She has a sister, Julia. Jody is the daughter of John and Jo Lapka and Mike is the son of **Ron Wagner '65** and his wife, Jane.

Jennifer Kreller '97 and Jeff Leiker were married July 12, 2002, at Holy Name Catholic Church, Coffeyville, Kansas. Jennifer is the daughter of Mike and Ruth Kreller and Jeff is the son of Mary Sue and **Neon Leiker '54**.

Chris Kreller '98 graduated from Kansas State University in May with a degree in marketing. Chris is working in the Kansas City area. Chris is the son of Mike and Ruth Kreller.

Blaine Younger '98 graduated from Kansas State University in May with a degree in marketing. Blaine is locating in Nashville to pursue his interest in music. Blaine is the son of Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Clint Herl '98 graduated magna cum lauda from Fort Hays State University in May. Clint is the son of **Danny Herl '72** and his wife, Pat.

Jared Scheck '99 and Sumar Rhea Phillips were married on April 27, 2002, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Jared is employed by V&C Xpress, Goodland. His parents are **Jim '73** and **Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73**.

2000's

Rebakha Schmidtberger '01 was inducted into the Silver Key honorary society at Kansas State University. Students are awarded this honor for their high academic performance and showing a commitment to community service. Members assist with KSU's All-University Open House and the Kansas Academic Decathlon. They also host Manhattan's Big Brothers and Big Sisters program, assist with food drives for the Flint Hills Breadbasket, take part in Adopt-A-Highway program., and are active in raising funds for the homeless. Rebakha is the daughter of **Steve Schmidtberger '73** and his wife, Kathy.

Class of 2002, hope you all plan to come to the VHS Alumni Homecoming activities because you are our newest members. Your dues are free this year! Friday's activities and Saturday's luncheon/business meeting are free. The Saturday social, banquet and dance are \$20.00 each. You will need to make a reservation in advance.

Class of 2002



Victoria High School Alumni Association is happy to welcome you as our new members. Congratulations to our 35 graduates of 2002! Nineteen graduates plan to attend a four year college, twelve plan to attend a two year college or an area technical school, two plan to attend a cosmetology school and two plan to join the work force.

Brian Romme is the son of **Rick Romme '74** and Mary Hedder. Brian's plans are to attend Salina Area Technical School and pursue a career in diesel mechanics.

Arron Thomas is the son of John and Tina Thomas. He is undecided as to his career.

Joshua North is the son of Paul North and Cinda Cole. He plans to attend Colby Community College and pursue a career in farm and ranch management.

Vaughn Straub is the son of **Rick '78** and **Marjorie Schrant Straub '81**. He plans to attend Salina Area Vocational School and pursue a career in auto body and refinishing.

Jesse Lewis is the son of **Pam Braun Scheck '80** and Mike Lewis. He plans to attend Colby Community College and pursue a career in criminal justice.

Class of 2002 continued

Seth Schulte is the son of **Thomas Schulte '70** and Vicki Shuttleworth. Seth plans to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College and pursue a career in diesel mechanics.

Dusty Karlin is the son of Kevin and Robyn Karlin. He plans to attend Kansas State School of Technology in Salina and major in computer technology.

Jason Robben is the son of **Jim '70** and Crystal Robben. He plans to attend Hutchinson Community College and major in fire science.

Albert Carter is the son of Dwight and Rosella Carter. Albert's plans are to attend Kansas State University and major in computer engineering.

Chad Brown is the son of **Roger '79** and Karen Brown. He plans to attend Salina Area Technical School

Steve Motta is the son of Lional Motta and Karen Motta. Steve plans to attend Kansas State University and pursue a career in golf course management.

Troy Pfeifer is the son of **Ken '70** and **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73**. Troy's plans are to attend Kansas State University and major in business.

Brett Karlin is the son of **Tony '74** and **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76**. His plans are to attend Kansas State University and pursue a career in golf course management.

Amy Folkerts is the daughter of Byron Folkerts and Gia Scott. Amy plans to attend Kansas State University and is undecided as to her major area of study. Amy will also be a member of the KSU Classy Cats Dance Squad.

Suzu Hansen is the daughter of Rich and Jane Hansen. Her plans are to attend the University of Kansas and pursue a career in business management and/or psychology.

Erica Schmidtberger is the daughter of **Brad '80** and Lori Schmidtberger. Erica plans to begin her post secondary education at Fort Hays State University and complete her education at Creighton University with a major in business management.

Meagan Schmidtberger is the daughter of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue her career in accounting.

Alexis Schmidtberger is the daughter of Paula Donley and the late **Joseph Schmidtberger '64**. Her plans are to attend the University of Kansas and major in medicine.

Leslie Brown is the daughter of Jeanette Brown and the late Leroy Brown. Leslie's plans are to attend Fort Hays State University then transfer to Wichita State University and pursue a career in dental hygienist.

Kacie Flaska is the daughter of Steve and Gail Flaska. Her plans are to attend Fort Hays State University and major in elementary education.

JoLeen Hoffman is the daughter of Glen Hoffman and Peggy Wohler. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University where she will major in accounting. JoLeen also will compete as a member of FHSU's track team.

Alicia Denning is the daughter of Dennis and **Betty Weigel Denning '65**. Alicia's plans are to attend Kansas State University and pursue a career in elementary education and theatre.

Sheena Billinger is the daughter of Keith and Gladys Billinger. Her plans are to attend Fort Hays State University for one year then transfer to the Northwest Technical College in Hays and pursue a career in nursing.

Rachelle Geist is the daughter of **Bill '77** and Michelle Geist. She plans to attend Crum's School of Cosmetology in Manhattan.

Krista Meder is the daughter of **Tom '77** and **Myra Schmidtberger Meder '78**. Krista plans to attend Colby Community College and major in veterinarian technology.

Molly Quint is the daughter of Ron and Connie Quint. Her plans are to attend Fort Hays State University. She is undecided as to her major study.

Katie Kuhn is the daughter of Randall and Melesia Kuhn. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in nursing.

Annie Leikam is the daughter of Bob and Trudy Leikam. Annie's plans are to attend Fort Hays State University and major in office technology.

Amorette Windholz is the daughter of **Leland '67** and **Mary Ann Dinkel Windholz '74**. Her plans are to attend Fort Hays State University and Kansas State University to pursue a career in veterinary medicine.

Jennifer Robben is the daughter of **Mike '74** and Sandy Robben. She plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College and major in business and computer technology.

Shanna Schumacher is the daughter of Tim and Tammy Schumacher. Shanna plans to attend Hays Academy of Hair Design and pursue a career in fashion set design.

Melanie Spiess is the daughter of Jerry Spiess and **Kathy Braun Edsall '69**. Melanie plans to enter the workforce.

Stephanie Zeiler is the daughter of Tammy Warshaw. Her plans are to attend Fort Hays State University and major as a legal aid assistant.

Emily Gatschet is the daughter of Tim and Carol Gatschet. She plans to attend Barton County Community College and pursue a career in medical technology.

Lynette Kuhn is the daughter of Larry and Joyce Kuhn. Lynette's plans are to attend Hays Technical College and study secretarial business administration.



Irene Windholz died June 11, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. Her survivors include her husband, Jerome, two sons **Marvin '64** and **Alfred '65**, and a daughter **Mary Ann Windholz Karlin '67**, 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

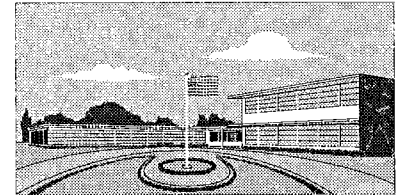
Laurine Truan died April 8, 2002, in Abilene. She is survived by two daughters, Iris Truan Schmitt and **Cindy Truan Dinkel '65**, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Albina Dreiling died on April 29, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include three sons, **Norman '55**, **Verlin '57**, **Kenneth '60** and three daughters, **Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58**, Benita Dreiling Braun, and **Ruth Dreiling Weigel '63**, and 27 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, a great-great-grandchild, and 3 step great-great-grandchildren.

Donald J. Wagner '47 died on July 12, 2002, at Salina Regional Health Center. He was postmaster at the Victoria Post Office for 25 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and daughter, **Betty Wagner Schmidtberger '73** and two grandchildren. His son, **Bradley '73**, preceded him in death.

Kathy Jensen died June 26, 2002. Kathy taught in the Victoria School District for the past ten years. She was a devoted teacher and will be sadly missed. She is survived by two sons, A.J. and Nicholas and her fiance' Steve Riedel.

USD 432 News



by: Linda Kenne, Superintendent of Schools

Several new teachers are working in the district this year. Melissa Rector is a recent graduate of K-State and will teach high school math. She will also coach high school track. John Linn is the new business/computer studies teacher. John taught and coached in Bonner Springs and Bucklin. He will coach high school football and basketball. Suellyn Stenger replaces Mark Compaan, who will be teaching in Korea. Suellyn taught at McLouth, McPherson, and Garnet, and will teach instrumental music. Suellyn has a Masters in music and counseling and she will also develop and implement an elementary counseling program for K-8 students.

Several Capital Improvement projects will be completed this summer. New boilers were installed last year at the high school. The high school roof is being replaced. Major roof work was done 20 years ago, so the new roof will include removal of the old roof entirely and some extensive refurbishing and waterproofing of elements on the roof. The tennis courts at the high school were in serious need of major repairs. The BOE decided to build new courts at the grade school. Two new post-tension concrete courts were built this summer. The grade school playground is getting a new face-lift with ADA compliant elements. The playground project is being funded partially with district funds and partially through a fund-raising campaign. Those alumni who currently live in Kansas may be wondering how Victoria is doing in view of the State budget crisis. The projects detailed above are paid for with Capital Outlay funds. These are funds that, by law, must be spent on Capital Improvements. Money for general operating expenses is severely threatened with our current crisis. The BOE has been able to maintain all current educational and extra curricular activities by reducing staff through attrition and raising local taxes through the Local Option Budget.

Victoria USD #432 is a vibrant learning community that appreciates the strong support we continuously receive from its patrons.

Forensics Take Six to State

Under new leadership, this year's forensics team competed in ten meets and took six students to state. All six state competitors received II ratings at the state festival held at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. Students competing at state were Alicia Denning, Nolan Schmeidler, Kenny Wagner, Brittney Hertel, Angela Gatshet, and Jenna Schumacher. Mrs. Rhoda Urban, first year coach, was pleased with the effort and performances of the team. She compliments the students on their hard work.



A Season-Long Star Performance for Track Team

Track is unique in that it is both an individual and team sport. The Knights shined in both areas. Thirty plus athletes began their track season early in March. The boys' team competed well at a number of events. The girls had the advantage with numbers. The VHS squad was lucky enough to compete twice at their home track this season. They hosted their annual invitational and the Mid-Continent League Meet. As a finale to the season, the girls' team was crowned Regional Champs and brought home the third place title from the state meet held annually at Cessna Stadium in Wichita, KS. Without a doubt, the VHS track team shined brightly this season.



GOLF at VHS

Golf anyone? Twelve students at VHS spent the spring season practicing and playing just that. Both boy and girl athletes are able to compete in the spring sport. The Knight team had only one female competitor, senior Alexis Schmidtberger. Brett Karlin, senior golfer, competed in the state tournament for the second year in a row. Congratulations to him and all members of the team!



A Summer Committed to Excellence

Where could you find many VHS athletes at 6:00 am this summer? No, not in bed. Four mornings a week, an average of 35 male and female athletes committed themselves to the summer weight program ran by coaches Lee Smith and **Chris Windholz '90**. The athletes are to be complimented for their dedication and effort. Close to 30 lifters earned membership into what is known as the Iron Club.

This elite group attended weights 34 of the 40 mornings! In addition to the Iron Club, a Strong Man/Woman competition was held. According to Coach Windholz, the race came down to the last competition. The title of Strong Man went to Tyler Dreiling, senior, and Tyler's sister Chelsea Dreiling, freshman, won the title of Strong Woman. Tyler and Chelsea are the children of **Clete '79** and **RoseAnn Kuhn Dreiling '77**. Coach Smith also opened the program up to the middle school students. They spent two mornings a week strengthening and conditioning. All athletes involved should feel proud of the example and standard of excellence they've set!!

Victoria Still Prospering

Although we are temporarily without a grocery store in town, we do have two convenience stores which carry a few groceries. We have Gambino's for pizzas, and The Library for hamburgers, so we can still go out for lunch.

Gorham State Bank will open a full-service branch in Victoria with a completion date in early fall of 2002. Gorham State Bank is a locally-owned community bank established in 1905. Branch staff will be: Crystal Robben, **Bonnie Schmidtberger Sander '71**, and **Troy Schippers '85**. They state: "We are very proud to be part of bringing a local, full-service community bank to our hometown."

Sister Act & Patio Shop, Jan Piesker, owner and manager, offers unique items for the home and garden at her shops. Sister Act is north of the church and the Patio Shop is in the rear of that building. Jan has antique furniture to offer, along with many interesting items for decorating your home, patio or garden.

Construction is underway at 201 E. Main... "Route 40 Sports Bar and Grill". **Rick Robben '76** and **Marla Brungardt Robben '78** plan an opening sometime in October. The all new restaurant will feature everything from soup and salad to steaks along with a game room, television and more. The concept is to offer a nice facility for the whole family to enjoy.

Upcoming Events

Homecoming 2002
School Begins

September 20 & 21
August 20

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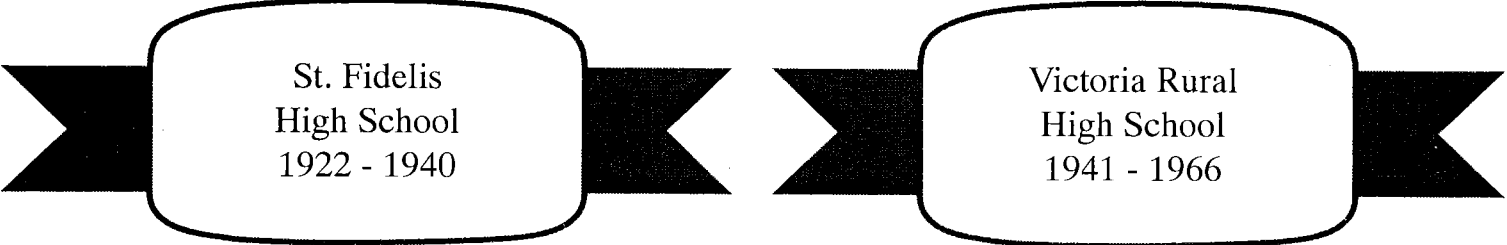
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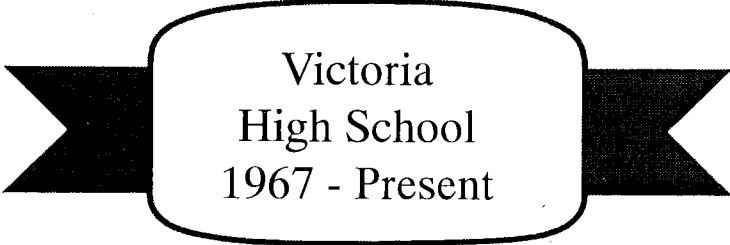
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