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ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!

The VHS Alumni Association is now online. Check out our website at www.victoriaalumni.com. If you want your personal info (address, phone number, email address) included with the class list, please email to info@victoriaalumni.com or mail to PO Box 382 Victoria, KS 67671.

Homecoming 2003 10 Year Anniversary of Victoria Alumni Association

We will be gathering alumni from all corners of the earth to celebrate the 10th annual VHS Alumni Homecoming. The dates for this historic event will be **Friday and Saturday, September 26th and 27th**. The Honor Classes are **1953, 1978 and 1993**. Of course all five year increment classes are encouraged to plan reunions and will be recognized at the Saturday evening banquet as always. Many of those classes already have had their organizational meetings and are getting correspondence out to their classmates.

Our Board of Directors have been busy making plans for the homecoming activities. We would like to make you aware of a few changes from previous years. **The VFW Hall will be the gathering place this year instead of the K. of C. Hall**. It is a larger hall and has air conditioning which the board felt would be more accommodating. **The time of the memorial mass will be changed from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. Fidelis Church**. This mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Hopefully more alumni will want to attend this moving and inspirational liturgy.

The weekend will kick off with the alumni golf tournament scheduled for 9:00 Friday morning followed by a luncheon for all golf tournament participants at the VFW Hall. An open house is scheduled from 2:00 to 4:00 at the VFW Hall for returning alums wanting to get reacquainted and organized before the parade. Parade participants will assemble at the high school for the 4:45 parade. Alumni participation is encouraged. The VIP (Victoria's Interested Parents) will sponsor a tail gate Bar-B-Que behind the high school before the game. Your alma mater will be open during this time and you are encouraged to visit the old classrooms and take those nostalgic walks down the corridors of good old VHS. Following the football game all members and their guests are welcome to the social at the VFW Hall. Free refreshments will be furnished.

Saturday's events will begin with the Alumni Memorial Mass at the Cathedral of the Plains. A solemn roll call of all deceased alumni and teachers will be read. Music will be provided by the alumni choir under the direction of **Kathy Schulte Dreiling '76**. This will be followed by a social at the Fanchon beginning at 5:15 and the banquet at 6:30 p.m. The dance will be from 9:00 - 1:00 with music by **Sly Ridge and Joe Dreiling '76**. **You will find your homecoming reservation form in the next newsletter which you can expect sometime in early August.**

Homecoming 2002 was another great success!

Thirty-four golfers participated in the VHS Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament on Friday morning. The winners were: 1st place **Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52, Dan Schmidtberger '53, and Neon Leiker '54**; 2nd place **Tony Weigel '52, Janice Weigel, Marvin Schmidtberger '52, and Nancy Schmidtberger**; 3rd place **Ken Braun '52, Dale Pfeifer '52, Nathan Younger '52, and Ted Crawford '54**. Tom Younger cooked a delicious luncheon for the golfers at the K of C Hall. Awards were presented by **Allen Dreiling '55 and Bernie Roth '45** after the luncheon. Thank you Allen and Bernie for running such a successful tournament and raising money for the VHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. The golfers all enjoyed the golf and luncheon.

The homecoming parade is growing every year with more floats and entries. This year the VHS Alumni Hall of Fame recipients were grand marshals. They were Gene Dreiling, Tony Pfeifer, and Mrs. Lawrence Marcotte representing her deceased husband. Thank you 50, 25, and 10 year honor classes, five-year increment classes, and Victoria community organizations and businesses for joining us with your floats. The Victoria community enjoys watching the parade. The parade was followed by a pep rally in front of Victoria High School and tours throughout the building and a tailgate barbecue sponsored by VIP.

After the game the alumni gathered at K of C Hall for refreshments and socializing. Alumni board members were on hand to collect dues.

Saturday morning began with the memorial mass at St. Fidelis Church. During the reading of the names of our deceased alumni, candles were lit for each class year. After the mass a business meeting and luncheon were held at the Victoria Grade School.

The social, banquet and dance were held at the Fanchon Ballroom last year and this provided more room for our growing crowds. The recipients of "**VHS Alumni Hall of Fame**" were awarded plaques and comments were heard about the students' days with these teachers. **Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations** entertained us with their great musical abilities and provided great music for dancing.

Why You Should Join the VHS Alumni Association

Plans are underway for the "**THE BIG 10**"! Yes, 2003 marks the tenth anniversary of the VICTORIA HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. A lot of work goes into preparing for this weekend full of memories and fun and you are a part of it. If you have not joined the association, please do so because we need your help.

There are so many people we would like to know about – where you are, what you do etc. We can pass this on to your fellow schoolmates. During the course of the weekend, we all ask another fellow alum where a particular classmate is or if we know what they do. That is the information we need.

If you haven't been to the weekend celebration, "**THE BIG 10**" is a great time to start. Mark your calendar for VHS Homecoming 2003, September 26 & 27. **In the meantime, send us your latest news for the August 2003 newsletter.**

It is just \$5 to be a member. Dues are collected each August for the full year.

10 Top Reasons to be a Victoria Alumni Association Member

10. Great Newsletter (April & August)
9. Participate in the homecoming parade
8. Attend a great banquet & dance
7. Golf with the "pros"
6. Socialize two evenings at a very reasonable cost.
5. Keep involved with your Alma Mater
4. Help our VHS graduates further their education
3. Honor a staff member of VHS that truly influenced you
2. Worship and remember deceased alumni in the beautiful "Cathedral of the Plains"
1. See someone special you haven't seen for a long, long time (Priceless!)





Your Alumni Association would like to know who of our alumni are currently serving in the military of the United States of America. We think it is news worthy for you to know who they are and in what capacity they are serving our country. Prayers for them and letters to them is something we as fellow alumni could be doing. We are asking for your help in accomplishing this task. If you know of someone, will you please send their name

and address and any other information about their duties, families etc. to our alumni address at PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671. Hopefully we can have a completed list of names ready to be published in the August newsletter.

VHS Alumni Association Hall of Fame

The alumni association is once again requesting nominations for the **Victoria High School Alumni Hall of Fame**. Each year, three individuals are named from those you have nominated, two of which are living and one deceased. Our first honorees named to the Hall of Fame were **Lawrence D. Marcotte (Deceased) 1954-1973, Tony "Red" Pfeifer 1959-1992, and Gene Dreiling 1971- present.**

We ask for your serious consideration in nominating someone who has influenced your life in some way to be honored with the prestigious award. Those eligible are present and former employees of the Victoria School District since it's beginning in 1922. **All employees are to be considered, both elementary and secondary - superintendents, principals, teachers, secretaries, cooks and custodians.**

We ask that you nominate your choice by writing a short paragraph stating your reason for consideration of the award and your signature. All nominations must be in by **July 31, 2003**. We will invite the recipients to be our grand marshals for the homecoming parade. The announcement of the recipients will be made in the August newsletter. We will present the honorees with a plaque at the banquet and add their names to the Hall of Fame plaque at the high school. Please send your nomination to **Victoria Alumni Association, P.O. Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671.**

VHS Scholarship

The VHS Alumni Association pride themselves in offering the scholarship program to the qualifying seniors at Victoria High School. **Four \$500 scholarships will be awarded again this year and your monetary donation is greatly appreciated to achieve this goal of the association.** This program is very beneficial to our newest fellow alumni judging from the communication of thanks the association receives from the recipients. Please help fund this worth while cause so we can continue to offer scholarships to the graduating seniors.

Victoria Community Band

Suelyn Stenger was hired as the band teacher for USD 432 last summer. When school started no high school students had signed up for band. Ms. Stenger did not let this stop her once she heard Victoria had great musicians in town. They just weren't in school anymore. She advertised in the church bulletin and was successful.

Victoria Community Band has 18 to 20 musicians who enjoy coming to practice and performing. The band has played for all home football games, the homecoming parade, all home basketball games, the MCL tournament at Fort Hays State University, and the Sub-State Tournament at Felten Middle School, Hays. Sunflower Bank recently requested the band entertain their customers at their appreciation dinner. Band members range from 7th grade musicians to the 77 year old trombonist. Most musicians in the band had not played for a number of years and had to relearn the notes, fingerings, and positions on the instruments. They say all the hard work has paid off because they are having a great time.



CLASS NOTES

1940's

Class of 1943, make plans for Homecoming 2003 on September 26 and 27. You will be marking your 60th year of graduation from Victoria Rural High School. Call your classmates and get plans started.

Class of 1948, make plans to meet your classmates at Homecoming 2003. It's your 55th reunion and time to gather your classmates for a festive weekend.

1950's

Nathan Younger '52 and his wife, Donna, have a new granddaughter, Emily, born on November 30, 2002, in Hastings, England. Their son, James and wife, Nancy, taught school in England for one year. Emily is their tenth grandchild.

Omer Knoll '52 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 39th wedding anniversary in July. Omer maintains an art studio in Palco. He recently had his art on display at First National Bank in Hays.

Alice Sander Rohr '52 and her husband, Al, announce the birth of their fifth granddaughter in February. Another granddaughter is to arrive in September.

Eldon Schmidtberger '52 and his wife, Alberta, live in Victoria. He is proud to be retired from the U.S. NAVY.

Marvin L. Schmidtberger '52, and his wife, Nancy, announce the birth of their first great-granddaughter and the marriage of another granddaughter last summer.

Roselyn Roth Schmidt '52 and her husband, Don, are owners of Chaucer Estates, a large retirement and assisted living center with independent living & cognitive impaired units. Roselyn and Don celebrated 48 years of marriage last September. They have 6 children and 14 grandchildren.

Dorothy Urban Schoendaller '52 and her husband, Robert, moved to Wichita upon retirement in 1987. They spend their winters in Sun City West, Arizona. Their pastimes include travel, bridge, golf, and visiting their three daughters, son-in-laws, and six grandchildren.

Anthony P. Weigel '52 and his wife, Janice, entered the world of grand-parenting. They have three granddaughters and one grandson to carry on the Weigel name. They recently traveled to Turkey, Greece and Alaska.

Class of 1953, you're our 50 year honor class for Homecoming 2003. A local '53 class committee has been organized. A letter was sent to all classmates in March. Mark your calendar for Homecoming 2003, September 26 and 27.

Neon K. Leiker '54 tells us his son, Jeff, is in his second year as head football coach of the Coffeyville Red Ravens.

Cora Braun Schulte '55 and husband, **Benny Schulte'49** appreciate the dedication of the VHS Alumni Association Board of Directors and Committee Members. They say thanks for all the work being done for VHS High School and the community.

Kathleen A. Dreiling '55 and her husband, Marvin, enjoy receiving the newsletter twice a year.

Charles Kuhn '55 thanks the VHS Alumni Board for working so hard and putting together the great newsletters.

Class of 1958, this is a good time to get together to plan for the 'Big 50' in five years. You have been an active alumni class. Hope to see some of you that haven't made it in the past.

Elden J. Stang '58 added another granddaughter in 2002 for a total of three grandchildren. His daughter also got married in 2002. Elden and his wife celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in February. He enjoys his retirement and fishing, especially for catfish.

Mary Terese Munk Jones '60 tells us her husband, Doug, has retired from Delta Airlines. He retired from flying the 757/767 and 30 years of commercial flying.

Norman Dean Mermis '60 and his wife, Dorothy, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows at a Mass at St. Joseph Church, Hays, on October 7, 2002. A family dinner and surprise reception followed at the VFW Hall. They have one son and two daughters.

Alice Wagner Hale '62 has her first granddaughter. Alice owns and operates "This 'N That Collectibles and Antiques" which has been in operation for six years. Her husband, Jerry, specializes in Winchester items and old fishing equipment. Alice collects Hull pottery, Cranberry glassware and old jewelry.

Jerry Leiker '62 and his wife, Jenni, celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary on July 25, 2002.

Jim Kuhn '62 and his wife, Lavona, announce the marriage of their daughter, Erica, to Thane VanEaton on June 15, 2002 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. The newlyweds are living in Lawrence.

Alice M. Schmidtberger Peterka '62 has begun her 37th year of teaching at USD 328. She also has coordinated and taught adult education classes for Barton County Community College for 27 years. Alice and her husband, Don, live on a small farm south of Wilson. Their son, Joe, is the head principal at Belton Intermediate School in Belton, Texas, a school of 550. The past five years he was vice-principal in Temple, Texas.

Class of 1963, 40 years since graduation, time to plan a reunion. Do you have plans started for a big weekend together? VHS Alumni Association has many homecoming activities already planned to make your job easy.

James Dinkel '63 and his wife, Shirley, announce the birth of their grandson, Justin Walter James Dinkel, born on January 25, 2003, at St. Joseph Hospital, Kansas City, Kansas. Justin's parents are James and Lisa Dinkel of Lenexa.

Kathalie Dortland Hoffman '63, and her husband, Thomas, announce the marriage of their son, Troy, to Kerstin Siley on December 31, 2002, on the beach at the Grand Lido Braco Resort in Jamaica. Troy is a pharmaceutical representative for Eli Lilly. The newlyweds live in St. Louis, Missouri.

Carrie Billinger '65 and her husband, Alan, announce the birth of their grandson, Matthew Alan Davidson, born on November 12, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. Matthew's parents are Warren and Lori Davidson.

Roseann Kuhn '66 is Executive Director of the Women's International Bowling Congress, headquartered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She has been employed by this organization for the past 28 years, and has been an executive director for six years. The Women's International Bowling Congress has 1.5 million members worldwide and is the largest sports organization in the world for women.

Agnes (Aggie) Windholz '66 sends her 'thanks' for putting out the newsletter. She loves reading it and appreciates all the work that goes into it.

Class of 1968, this is your 35th year since graduation from VHS. Do you have plans for Homecoming 2003? Get a committee started to get ideas rolling for a great get-together.

Karen Herl Bland '69 and her husband, Boyd, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary on September 14, 2002 with a dinner and dance for 250 family members and friends in Gove, Kansas.

1970's

Class of 1971 - Everyone is approaching the Big 5-0! Anyone who wants to help Andy Gerhardt celebrate his special day is invited to attend a reception and dance in honor of Andy's 50th birthday on Saturday, August 30, 2003, from 3:30 pm until whenever at Auction City Limits in Plainville. Notice of your intention to attend would be appreci-

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ated, but not necessary. Please call (785) 737-3247 or email andyis50@mindless.com. If you are unable to attend and wish to send birthday greetings or old age advice to Andy, he will receive mail at 715 North Jefferson, Plainville, Kansas 67663. (Tammy Gerhardt sent this notice to the newsletter committee.)

Class of 1973, it's time to get-together for a big VHS Homecoming 2003 weekend, September 26 & 27. Thirty years has passed since your graduation. Is a committee working on homecoming ideas for your class? Don't forget the float for the parade!

Tim Urban '73 writes that his daughter, Alicia, married Aaron Stephens on August 9, 2002, in Jenks, Oklahoma.

Michael Robben '74 and his wife, Sandy, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on November 2, 2002, with a Mass at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. Their children are **Jesse '97** and Brenda Robben, **David '99** and Melissa Robben, and **Jennifer '02**. They are awaiting the birth of their first grandchild in March 2003.

David A. Pfeifer '75 is still in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Scott AFB, Illinois. He is currently working in the Tanker Airlift Control Center at Headquarters, Air Mobility Command. He is overseeing airlift operations, moving troops and equipment to Afghanistan, and supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

James Braun '75 was appointed to the position of interim chief of police in Hays on January 28, 2002. On April 25, 2002, he was appointed Chief of Police. His daughter, Jessica, married Zachary Butte on May 11, 2002.

Rosie Dinkel Klaus '77 and her husband, Dan, tell us their daughter, Lindsay, is attending Kansas University, and their son, Dylan, is at the Colorado School of Mines.

Class of 1978 is one of the honored classes at the Alumni Homecoming weekend celebration this year. At a meeting held by local classmates, it was unanimously decided to celebrate our 25 year reunion in conjunction with the alumni's homecoming festivities. If you have any suggestion or ideas for the weekend, please contact **Brenda Kuhn Dreiling @ 785-735-2332** or **Diana Braun Schmidtberger @ 785-735-2453**. If you have not attended an alumni homecoming gathering including the banquet and dance, you are in for a treat. Please encourage all classmates to join us. Let's set a record for the highest percentage of attendance at a VHS 25 year reunion.

Paula S. Brungardt Zwenger '78 and her husband, Patrick celebrated their 22nd wedding anniversary this past year. In August, 2002 Paula completed the requirements for her certificate in Youth Ministry at the Center for Ministry Development through the Omaha Archdiocese. Their daughter, Alexandra, graduated from high school in May 2002 and attends University of Nebraska in Omaha, pursuing a nursing degree.

Ken Billinger '79 and wife, **Patty Sander Billinger '81** have been busy with their careers. Ken achieved the New England Financials "Leaders Association" award in 2002. He and Patty spent a week in Maui, Hawaii, attending the Leaders Conference and events with NEF. Ken is a financial representative with the Colby Financial Firm in Wichita. Patty is now on the Operations Management team for the federal government at the Kansas City Social Security Administration.

1980's

Michele Schumacher Unrein '81 completed her Masters of Science Degree in Nursing in December 2001. She was awarded the Master's of Nursing Leora B. Stroup Award.

Terry Braun '81 and his wife, **Deb Brungardt Braun '87**, announce the birth of their son, Justin Lee, born on October 6, 2002. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounce and was 20 inches long. The proud grandparents are **Leroy Braun '52** and his wife, Joann, and **Larry Brungardt '62** and his wife, Jeanne, all of Victoria.

Diana Dreiling Clay '82 and her husband, Bob, moved to Hewitt, Texas. Bob is a regional manager for Fleetwood Homes.

Class of 1983, twenty years has passed since graduation from Victoria High School. We would like to encourage all

of the class of 1983 to mark their calendars for our 20 year reunion. We would like to get as many of us together as possible. Some of the things we are working on are golfing with the alumni on Friday morning, float for the parade, meeting at the VFW Friday night with the Alumni and gathering before the Alumni mass on Saturday. 7

Robert '83 and Melissa Weber Schmidt '86 announce the birth of their son, Chase Daniel, on November 1, 2002. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 19 inches long. He has a brother, Kyle 9 and a sister, Brooke 6. Grandparents are **Richard Weber '66** and his wife, Diana.

Joe Dreiling '84 recently opened a business in Victoria. He previously owned Wildcat Pump & Supply and now has opened another branch office in Victoria located on Ballpark Road.

Keith Leiker '84 and his wife, Karen, announce the birth of their son, Payden Glenn born on July 24, 2002. He weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 inches long. He has 2 brothers, Brady 8 and Colten 7, and a sister, Samantha 2. Grandparents are **Sheila Leiker Page '60**.

Rosanne Schulte Kreller '84 enjoys the VHS Alumni Newsletters and thanks the committee for their fine job.

Gerard Wellbrock '86 has been promoted as the "Voice of the Fort Hays State Tigers" starting with the football season. Gerard is the son of **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife, Joan.

Class of 1988, this is your 15 year class reunion. Do you have plans in the making? Get ready for a big time by joining the VHS Alumni Association in their planned activities.

Dan Brungardt '88 married Janet Klingele on February 22, 2003, at Church of the Resurrection in Bel Aire. Dan is a senior engineer at Raytheon Aircraft Company, Wichita. Janet is a family practice physician at Holy Family Medical Associates and a medical consultant at A Better Choice crisis pregnancy center, Wichita.

Bernie Schulte '88 and his wife, Janet, proudly announce the birth of their son, Braden Bernard, born on December 23, 2002, at Salina Regional Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces. Braden was welcomed home by his big sister, Janae 4, and brother, Bransen 2. Bernie is the son of **Benny '49** and **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

Kevin Klein '89 was united in marriage to Kay Rupp on August 31, 2002, at Holy Cross Church, Pfeifer. Kevin is employed at Western Supply Company, Hutchinson. Kay is employed at A-1 Plank and Scaffolding Manufacturing, Inc., Hays. The newlyweds are at home in Victoria.

John Ruder '89 and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their son, Jonah Ross. He weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and 19 _ inches long. He has an older sister, Johnneye Renee 7 and a brother, Jace Hunter 3. Proud grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary A. Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Kathy A Braun '89 and Myron J. Stenzel were united in marriage August 17, 2002, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Kathy is vice president of operations for Golden Belt Bank, Hays. Myron is a drafting assistant for Schult Homes, Plainville. **Albert J. Braun '52** is Kathy's father.

1990's

Chris Windholz '90 and his wife, **Kristy Dreiling Windholz '92**, announce the birth of their daughter, Kinley Jo, born November 15, 2002. She weighed 8 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a brother, Cooper 2. Grandparents are **Norman Dreiling '55** and his wife, JoAnn, and **Julius '67**, and **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69**. Great-grandparents are **Mary Louise VonFeldt Dreiling '47** and Ralph and Millie Windholz, all of Victoria.

Karl Staab '90 and his wife, Debbie, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Nicole, on August 27, 2002. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. She has a sister, Audrey 3. Grandparents are Don and Gertie Staab of Victoria.

Michael Gatschet '90 and **Shana Dreiling Gatschet '91** are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cade Michael, born on March 28, 2003, at Wesley Birth Care Center, Wichita. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Grandparents are **Thomas Dreiling '59** and **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60**.

CLASS NOTES continued

Renee Kuhn Wasko '90 says she enjoys the newsletters and tells the staff to keep up the GREAT work.

Colleen Billinger Carlson '91 and her husband, Rick, announce the birth of their daughter, Jaden Danae, on September 4, 2002. She weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces and was 21 inches long. She has a sister, Regan. Grandparents are **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**.

Ann Wellbrock Hugunin '91 and her husband, Hyle, Jr., announce the birth of their daughter, Abby Diane, born December 19, 2002. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long. Ann's parents are **Gene Wellbrock '56** and his wife, Joan.

Curt Braun '92 and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of their daughter, Addie Laverne, born on November 3, 2002. She weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 inches long. She has a brother, Alec 14 and a sister, Isabelle 2. Grandparents are **Everett Braun '60** and his wife, Judy.

Kathy Kippes Ricke '92 received her Masters Degree in Educational Technology in May 2002. Kathy lives in Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Kara Kuhn Shorb '92 and her husband, Anthony, announce the birth of their son, Seth William, born in November 2000. Kara and Anthony were married July 25, 1997.

Nicole Braun Harrah '92 and her husband, Lance, announce the birth of their second son, Jonathan Wesley. He was born on June 24, 2002, in Evansville, Indiana. Proud grandparents are **Sam '67** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**.

Stephanie Stramel '92 and Michael Argo were united in marriage September 7, 2002, on the Fort Hays State University campus. Stephanie graduated from Hays Academy of Hair Design as a cosmetologist. Stephanie's parents are **Stanley Stramel '69** and his wife, Patty, of Pfeifer.

Class of 1993, your 10th year anniversary is right around the corner. Time to make plans for Homecoming 2003 and your "BIG TEN" get-together. Remember to have a class float in the parade. The Victoria community enjoys the homecoming parade.

Brandon Schmidtberger '94 received his CPA early this year. Brandon is the son of Jerry and **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72**.

Craig Patterson '94 is currently living in Midland, Texas. He is Director of Aviation, Commercial Pilot, and Certified Flight Instructor and teaches Aviation Technology at Midland College since August, 2002. Craig is the son of Ted and Ilona Patterson.

Chris Sander '95 and Christie Hindman announce the birth of their daughter, Lydia Louise Sander, on October 4, 2002. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Chris's parents are **Steve Sander '68** and his wife, **Bonnie Schmidtberger Sander '71**.

Shawn Weigel '95 and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of their daughter, Lacy Elizabeth, on January 30, 2003, at Hays Medical Center. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Miranda Lynn Schmidt '95 and David R. Ashbaugh were united in marriage June 1, 2002 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Miranda graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Computer Information Systems. Miranda and David are employed by Sykes. Miranda's parents are Connie and **Melvin Schmidt '68**.

Kelly VonLintel '95 and Jonathan Robbins had a baby boy, Mason Robbins, on February 9, 2002. He weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Stephen Stramel '95 and his wife, **Nichole Schmidtberger Stramel '98** proudly announce the birth of their son, Lucas Matthew, born on December 17, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. He has a brother, Taylor Stephen 5. Grandparents are **Bill '74** and **Diana Braun Schmidtberger '78**, **Stan Stramel '69** and his wife, Patty.

Jenny Klaus '96 and Danny Montgomery were united in marriage October 19, 2002 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Jenny graduated from Fort Hays State University and is a Tech Support Analyst at Sprint in Kansas City. Jenny's parents are Jerry and **Wanda Windholz Klaus '71**. 9

Cindy North '97 and Christopher Zadina were united in marriage August 17, 2002, at Estes Park, Colorado. Cindy is a registered nurse at Hays Medical Center and employed part-time by Craig Home Care, based in Ness City. The newlyweds live in Hays.

Cory Wellbrock '97 married Sherry Miller on September 6, 2002, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Cory is the son of **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72** and her husband, Neil. He is a welder for Salina Vortex and teaches welding night classes at Salina Vo-Tech.

Class of 1998, we hear plans are in the making for your five year class reunion. You should be hearing from your planning committee soon. VHS Alumni Association has many activities planned to make your weekend planning easy. A float in the parade is a must.

Renee Meder '98 and Jeremy Hawks announce the birth of their son, Christien Thomas Hawks. He weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are **Thomas '78** and **Myra Schmidtberger Meder '78**. Great-grandparents are Edward and **Lena Scheck Meder '56**.

Brenda Hoffman '99 and **Jesse Robben '97** were married July 6, 2002, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Gorham. Brenda's parents are **Glen Hoffman '74** and Peggy Wohler. Jesse's parents are **Michael '74** and Sandra Robben.. Brenda is office assistant at Henry Schwaller and Associates. Jesse farms with his father on the family farm. The newlyweds are at home in Victoria.

Troy Dinges '99 graduated from Kansas University in May 2002 with a degree in law. He has joined a law firm in Wichita. Troy is the son of Robert L. and **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**.

Jason Garner '99 and Crystal Waters were united in marriage October 5, 2002, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Jason graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, as a computer support technician.

Joni Biernat '99 and Chris Nicks were married July 6, 2002, at Celebration Community Church, Hays. Joni is attending Fort Hays State University majoring in business management. Joni's parents are Neil and Susan Unrein, Victoria.

Brandon M. Dinkel '99 is working for the Russell County Highway Department and is living in Russell.

Jason Garner '99 and his wife, Crystal, announce the birth of their son, Jonathon Joe, on December 20, 2002. He weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Steve and **Wilma Wellbrock Hoffman '50** are Jonathon's great-grandparents.

2000

Melanie R. Spiess '02 graduated from boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and has been sent to Naval Aviation Technical Training Center in Pensacola, Florida for further training. After completing this training course, Naval Airman Apprentice Spiess will be stationed in Yokasuka, Japan. Melanie is the daughter of **Ivan '64** and **Kathy Braun Edsall '69**.

Upcoming Events

Senior Bar-B-Q (Alumni Sponsored)	May 16
VHS Graduation	May 18
St. Fidelis Parish Picnic	May 31
Herzogfest 2003	Aug. 8 & 9
Homecoming 2003	Sept. 26-27

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Leo R. Billinger died on November 27, 2002, at St. John's Rest Home, Victoria. His survivors include his wife, Rita; five sons, **Vernon '59, Earl '62, Rich '68, Wayne '73, Bill '77**; two daughters, **Marlene Billinger Brown '61, Mary Billinger Pfeifauf '65**; his sister, **Rosie Billinger Suppes '51**; 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Leo K. Weigel '54 died on November 8, 2002, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He is survived by his wife, Twila, and three brothers; **Edwin '47, Irvin John '50 and Leroy '50**.

Arthur J. Dreiling '33 died on December 23, 2002, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Francis in Wichita. His survivors include his wife, Claire; two daughters, Madeline Musick, Cindy Villarreal; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wilfred Robben died on August 23, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Viola; four sons, **Leroy '66, Melvin '68, James '77, and Norman '72**; seven grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Elmer J. Leiker '44 died on August 19, 2002, at his home in Great Bend. He is survived by his wife, Ada; two daughters, Dorothy Quade, and Connie Downing; four brothers, **Gilbert '38, Robert, Neon '54, Laurian '55**; seven sisters, **Luella Leiker Dreiling '38, Armella Leiker Thompson '41, Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46, Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47, Rosalie Leiker Wiesner '49, Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52, Ethel Leiker Gatchet '57**; and nine grandchildren.

Delores 'Dody' Dreiling Stang '57 died on February 17, 2003, at Lutheran Hospital in Wheatridge, Colorado. She is survived by her husband, **Leroy '55**; a son, Mark Lee; a daughter, Marna Laughlin; her father, Killian "Whitey" Dreiling; a brother, **Charles '56**; and two sisters, Carol and Mary Ann, seven grand-children and a great-grandson.

Earl A. Sander '53 died on November 26, 2002, in Dallas, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Marie; two sons, Peter and Paul; a daughter, Pam; two brothers, **Don '46, and Norman**; five sisters, **Lil Sander Dreiling '50, Alice Sander Rohr '52, Lorene Kuhn, Julie Sander '61, Rosemary Sander Harrell '58**; and five grandchildren.

Leo J. Kuhn '24 died on December 7, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. Leo was a teacher in Ellis County for 42 years. He is survived by his son, **Bill '61**; and three daughters, **Norma Jean Kuhn Berens '54, Doraleen Laprade, and Myra Kuhn Pinard '61**; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann (Brungardt) Cushing '58 died on February 18, 2003, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen, Indiana. Her survivors include her husband, David S.; two sons, Joseph B and Michael J.; a daughter, Sandra Glaze; and her mother, Angela Brungardt-Jacobs; five brothers, **Joseph '64, Kenneth '64, Richard '66, Robert '68, Edward '72**; and two sisters, **Arlene Brungardt Jones '59, Theresa Brungardt Christian '69**; and a grandson.

Edwin L. Hoffman '51 died December 2, 2002, at his home in Westminster, Colorado. He is survived by his wife, **Juanita Arnold Hoffman '52**; three sons, Edwin J., Russell, and John; two daughters, Kerri Waldner, and Lisa Tausan; two brothers, **Ernest '47, Leroy '53**; four sisters, Leona Manor, Angeline Burk, **Henrietta Hoffman Windholz '44, Verna Befort**; 16 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Henry J. Ruder died on December 4, 2002, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by three sons, **Gerald '51, Allen '62, Wayne '65**; two daughters, **Patricia Ruder Lang '56, Darlene Ruder Werth '58**; 26 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and 4 step great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three sons, **Virgil '57, Robert '50, and Don '54**.

Albert G. 'Al' Amrein '40 died on October 24, 2003, at Ellis Good Samaritan Center. His survivors include his wife, Aurelia; a son, Allan; a daughter, Annette Baker; and six grandchildren.

Anthony J. "Tony" Basgall died on February 1, 2003, in Loretta. Survivors include his brother, **Al '49**; and four sisters, Sister Agnes Claire Basgall, Esther Smith, Mildred M. Brungardt, and Alvina Ann Engel.

Clarence James 'C.J.' Kuhn '60 died October 31, 2002, at St. Luke's Hospital, Kansas City, Missouri. He is 11
survived by his wife, Ellen; three daughters, Colleen Green, Paige Greg, and Stephanie Kuhn; a stepson, Jeff Stanley;
a stepdaughter, Cheryl Francy; his mother, Laurina, of Victoria; four grandchildren and five step-grandchildren.

Roy P. Wagner '49 died on November 21, 2002, in Grand Junction, Colorado. He is survived by two sons, David,
Kevin; two daughters, Stephanie Posa, Beth Culberson; two sisters, **Joan Wagner Pfeifer '53, Sister Janis Wagner**
'57; and three grandchildren.

Jenna Jo Brungardt, infant daughter of **Robert 'Bobby' '94** and his wife, Christie Sue, died on March 3, 2003, at Hays
Medical Center. She is survived by her parents; one sister, Riley; and her grandparents, **Gene Brungardt '69** and his
wife, Jan.

Dan F. Dreiling died on March 17, 2003 at St. John Nursing Home Victoria. He is survived by four sons: **Lloyd '51,**
Roy '62, Dan '64 and **Frank '68**; three daughters: **Lou Dreiling Reed '49, Paulette Dreiling Sander '54, Cathy**
Dreiling Roth '70; 21 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and three great-great grandchildren.

Linus "Duke" VonLintel died on March 19, 2003. He is survived by two sons Henry "Hank" and Mike; three daughters
Enola VonLintel Porter '57, Francis "Fritz" VonLintel Durrall '59, Paulette VonLintel Karlin '61; two sisters **Regina**
Brungardt '33 and **Sophie Stecklein '36**; a half-brother **Gilbert VonLintel '47**; three half sisters, Venitta Wolf,
Catherine Pfannenstiel '47, and Joanna Murta; 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

VHS News

More Choices, Greater Opportunities

Beginning in the fall of '03, high school students will have a greater opportunity for college
classes from college instructors due to a new networking system at the high school. The old ITV
classrooms will now be linked to the North Central Distance Learning Network, made possible
through grant money. This network will provide more for the community also. Night classes and early
morning classes will be offered to community members; all classes are through Barton County Community College. A
high school student can earn up to 18 hours of college credit while attending high school.



Under Surveillance

Thanks to a federal grant, video surveillance cameras have been installed at the high school and have been in opera-
tion since the fall of '02. Cameras are located at each of the major entrances. Both students and staff benefit from
this security measure.

Teachers and Technology

All teachers in the district are keeping up with the latest in technology through the use of their palm pilots. All teachers
were given a pilot and were provided inservice and training in the use and application of this tool. Teachers are in-
volved in researching ways for student application; the ultimate goal is for students to have and use the pilots also.

8-Man Football

According to Mr. Mike Kreller, the members of the board of education recently voted to continue playing
8-man football. This is a two-year commitment that will run through the 2004-05 school year. The
decision by the board was made after being presented with research done by Pat Scott, the athletic directc
and results of a survey given to community members and students.



Local Alums Help Spread the Knight Spirit

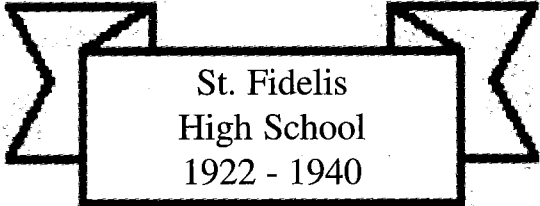
The light poles by the football field have been marked with spirit signs. Thanks goes out to Jeff Hertel '79 and Keith
Billinger for their donations and work. In addition, spirit flags will be hung along major streets in the community during
special school events – homecoming, graduation, etc. A total of 34 flags will adorn the streets. Key players in the
project were VHS site council members **Deb Leiker Dreiling '79** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83**. Thanks also is
given to the city council for allowing their employee, **Terry Riedel '86**, to help with the effort.

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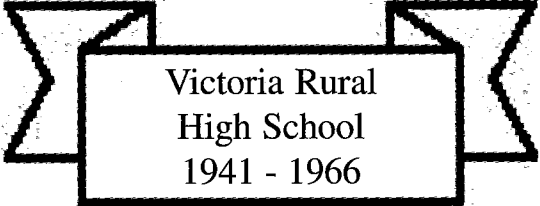
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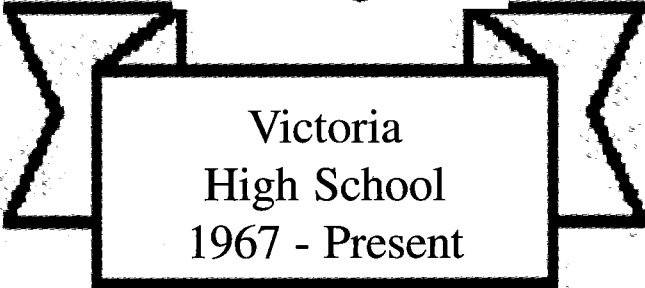
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