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Homecoming in October for 2005

October 7 and 8, 2005, has been designated as homecoming weekend for Victoria High School and the Victoria Alumni Association. If your graduating class year ends with a 5 or a 0, you will be considered a reunion year class. The **50-year honor class** is the **Class of '55**. The **Class of 1980** will be honored as the **25 year honor class** and **Class of '95** is the **10 year honor class**. We invite these classes to have a short presentation about their class prepared to share with alumni and their guests at the program on Saturday evening. The 2005 Hall of Fame recipients will be honored at this time as well.

The schedule of events will remain the same as in previous years. The VFW will be the headquarters for all of Friday's events including the golf luncheon, open house before the parade, and the social after the football game. The brief annual business meeting will take place in the VFW clubroom in conjunction with the social. All members are encouraged to attend.

The Memorial Mass will be Saturday afternoon at 4:30 in St. Fidelis Church and will fulfill your Sunday obligation. The banquet, program and dance will take place at the Fanchon Ballroom in Hays. "Anthony and the Anamals" will provide music.

Remember, five-year increment reunion classes are encouraged to invite classmates from the elementary schools within USD #432 (Pfeifer, Walker, Vincent, Emmeran, and Victoria) to be their guests for the homecoming festivities. These would be classmates who did not continue their education or attended another high school. The respective reunion classes will be responsible for extending the invitation within these guidelines as well as informing them of their reservation fees.

The cost for the weekend will remain at \$25 per person for the banquet and dance plus your \$5 yearly membership dues.

Membership Drive

Hopefully, you have received your letter in the mail from your alumni association asking for your continued support. This drive was prompted by the fact that we have so few of our potential members paying their annual dues. This year our paid membership stands at 367, there are 1431 alumni who have never paid dues, and the honorary and lifetime number stands at 377. If you have already responded to this letter, we thank you, and if you have not, we ask you to please give it some serious thought. Many of you might prefer paying a lifetime membership or paying several years in advance. We also encourage you honorary members to support the association financially with a donation to the general fund or scholarship fund.

In another action taken, the board of directors voted to email the newsletter, beginning with the Aug. 2005 newsletter. If you would like this service, your request can be made on your return form. We look forward to hearing from you.

We are indebted to **Buddy Kuhn '85** and his company, Results Direct Marketing of Wichita, for their expertise in designing the letters and envelopes as well as donating the materials and valued time to make this mailing a reality

Hall of Fame Nominations

It is time once again for you to submit your letters of nomination for worthy individuals to be named to the Victoria Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Your letter should state your reasons for nominating this person and should reach the alumni board by June 30, 2005. The board needs to review all letters of nomination and be ready to publish the winners for 2005 in the August newsletter.

Remember, all persons who have ever been associated with the Victoria schools from 1922 to the present are eligible, including elementary as well as high school personnel. These include superintendents, principals, teachers, secretaries, cooks and custodians. Each year we induct three individuals, two living and one deceased.

We would like to share the nominations we have received at this point in time; Patrick O'Brien, Jack Rheem, Bruno Basgall, Sr. Annabelle Dreiling, Marcellus Leiker, Benny Schulte, and Sr. Almeda Kuhn. If you would like to see one of these individuals named to the Hall of Fame or have someone else in mind, please notify your board of directors with your letter. Submit your letter of nomination by email at www.victoriaalumni.com or by mailing it to the Victoria Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671-0382.



Knights Capture Another State Title



The Victoria Knights football team captured their first eight-man state title. They rallied past No. 1 ranked B&B-Baileyville 30-28. The Knights finished with 264 yards of total offense, and held B&B to 225 yards. The Knights had a huge send-off as fans gathered in the gym for a pep rally. The team dressed in black shirts with "Believe" printed in white, lined the bench as their coach, Chris Windholz, talked about his team. Referring to the state championship banners hanging on the east wall of the gym, Windholz said he thought it was about time to add another and he knew just the team to do it, as he pointed toward his team. The stands at the game were filled to capacity with cheering hometown supporters, including many VHS alumni from throughout the state. There were six seniors on the Victoria roster who entered high school the same year the school switched to eight-man football.

The Knights won three 11-man titles during the 1980's. The first was in 1981, when the Knights defeated Frontenac 21-15. The second title came in 1985, with Victoria beating Centralia 8-6. The third title was claimed in 1988, with a decisive win over Riley County Falcons 30-6. Bob Teeter coached the '81 team and Doug Moeckel led the '85 and '88 team to their state titles. This year's head coach, Chris Windholz, was a member of the '88 team and assistant coach, Kurt Dinkel, was a member of the '85 team.

Knights Join New League

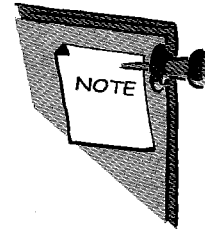
Thirty years ago, Victoria High School applied for membership and was accepted into the Mid-Continent League, MCL. Friday, August 27, 2004, Victoria athletic director, Patrick Scott, announced that the Knights would be leaving the MCL and joining the Central Prairie League, CPL. The switch will take effect in the 2005-2006 school year.

In the MCL, Victoria was the only 1A school. Although the Knights competed independently as an Eight-Man Division I football team, an enrollment drop forced the school to cut wrestling, cross-country and golf. Scott said the turning point for Victoria was when the football team dropped from 11-man football to eight-man. While the Knights have played football independently, the last four years the school has been looking at its options. In making the decision to join the CPL students would be given a better chance for success because they would be competing against schools their own size.

During the whole process, which began about five months prior to the announcement, every coach in the school district was notified and given a chance to object to the move. Members of the Victoria community were also given a one-month period to argue the move before the school board acted on the decision. In both cases, Scott said, no objections were voiced.

Members of the Central Prairie League are Ness City/Dighton, St. John, Macksville, Kinsley, Quivira Heights, Claflin, Otis-Bison, Lacrosse and Victoria. Scott says he anticipates all the schools being good rivals with all having quality programs. Stockton, Ellis and Plainville will remain on the Knights schedule.

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1945, you have something to celebrate. You graduated from Victoria Rural High School 60 years ago. We cordially invite you to take part in Homecoming 2005 coming up in October. Begin now to make plans to attend.

Mary Dinkel Younker '48 and her husband Walter celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Brookville Hotel in Abilene on August 22, 2004. Hosts for the occasion were their four children and spouses. They have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

LouElla (Lou) Dreiling Bowman '49 was married to Willie Van Bowman Oct. 24, 2003. They are living in the country near Spivey, Kansas, about 45 miles from Wichita. Her daughter, Judy, lives five miles from her.

Paul J. Baier '49 and his wife **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their family on a Royal Caribbean cruise. Their children are **Susan Baier Legleiter '74**, **Mary Baier Pfeifer '75**, **Jane Baier Schumacher '79**, **Betty Baier Merritt '83**, and the late **Amy Baier '96**. They have 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Paul and Lucy were married Nov. 6, 1954, in Victoria.

1950's

Class of '50, how about getting together to celebrate your 55th reunion from high school? We would love to have you join us for a great weekend. Give it some thought!

Sister Paul Ann Dinkel (Agnes Dinkel) '51 celebrated her 50th Golden Jubilee as a member of the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes on July 18, 2004, in Fond du Lac, WI. She was honored by family and friends at a celebration in Victoria on July 24, with a Mass at St. Fidelis Church at 11:00 a.m., presided by Fr. Harvey Dinkel. This was followed by a reception and dinner at the VFW Hall in Victoria.

Bernadette Bellendir Baier '51 and her husband Roy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 27, 2004, with an open house at St. Michael Parish Center, La Crosse, and a Mass of Thanksgiving at 4 p.m. Roy and Bernadette were married Jan. 15, 1955, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

Marvin Schmidtberger '52 and his wife, Nancy celebrated 50 years of marriage with a mass and celebration on Jan. 22, 2005. Their five children hosted the event. Marvin and Nancy have 14 grandchildren and a great granddaughter. They were married Jan. 18, 1955, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Alice Sander Rohr '52 and her husband, Al, send greetings from the Rio Grande Valley where they have been vacationing for about eight months and will be returning to their home in Texas around the end of April. They were married 50 years on Jan. 22, 2004. Their six children have planned a celebration for June 12th to celebrate their 50 years of marriage. They have been blessed with five granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Verlin Stramel '53 and his wife, Delphine, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sept. 25, 2004. The hosts for the occasion were their children. Verlin and Delphine have 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They were married Sept. 25, 1954, in Pfeifer.

Cranford Bennett '54 announces his marriage to Della on June 26, 2000. He has a 17-year-old stepson. They are living in Wichita.

Class Notes Continued

Dolores Hammerschmidt Mermis '54 and her husband, Elmer, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception Sept. 4, 2004, at St. Mary Catholic Church in Russell. Their children hosted the occasion. They have 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Dolores and Elmer were married Sept. 4, 1954, in Victoria.

Betty Dreiling Schmidt '54 and her husband, Vernon, are retired and enjoy traveling and taking it easy. Their four children and ten grandchildren keep them very busy.

Class of '55, you are soon to become honorary members of your alumni association. Yes, 50 years have passed and you will be our honor class for the 2005 homecoming festivities. Mark your calendar for Oct. 7th & 8th.

Lilyota Leiker Brungardt '56 retired in April of 2004 with 45 years of service as a registered nurse.

Patrick Ryan '57 and his wife attended Homecoming 2004 to accept the award given to his mother, Margaret Ryan, a distinguished member of the VHS Hall of Fame. Pat and his wife are living in Topeka.

Jerry VonFeldt '57 and his wife, **Harriett VonLintel VonFeldt '58**, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Oct. 16, 2004, with a family gathering. Hosts for the event were their children, **Jerry VonFeldt Jr. '79**, **Beverly VonFeldt Scheck '80**, **Sherry VonFeldt Sanders '83**, and **Dale VonFeldt '88**. Jerry and Harriett have 13 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

1960's

Class of 1960, we hope you will join us for Homecoming 2005 and catch up on the latest from your classmates at good old VHS. Yes, 45 years ago you were the mighty seniors at Victoria High School.

Nancy Leiker McCoy '60 and her husband, Larry, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary April 25, 2005. Nancy is co-owner and vice-president of Finway Inc., a power line contractor in Conroe, TX. Her husband is a warehouse manager of Calsak Corp. of Houston.

Arlene Urban Stramel '64 retired Dec. 18, 2004, after 39 years of service with the KS Dept. of Transportation & KS Highway Patrol. She and her husband **Gary '62** live in Hays.

Darrell Dinkel '64 was recently nominated to his third term on the Colorado Premium Cost Containment Board of Directors. Darrell also serves on the Board of Directors for the American Contractors Association, the Workers Compensation Coalition, ASAC Government Relation Committee and the Legislative Affairs Committee. He and his wife, **Cindy Truan Dinkel '65**, are the owners of Design Drywall Specialties, C & D Realty, and Drywall Personnel Services in Colorado. In their leisure time they enjoy their two grandchildren, golf, travel, motorcycles, and ATV's. They have recently moved into their new home in Aurora.

Class of 1965, it is time to plan another reunion. All you have to do is show up. Your alumni association does the rest for you. We would love to have you join us. If you need a class list in order to make some contacts, just let us know.

Roseann Kuhn '66 was chosen by the Metropolitan Bowling Writers to be the recipient of its biggest honor, the William Landgraf Memorial Award. The MBWA is saluting Roseann for her many contributions to the sport of women's bowling in her current role as Executive Director of the Women's International Bowling

Congress in which she has served since 1996, and for her previous years of service to WIBC as a staff member. Roseann received her award in Atlantic City, NJ, on Oct. 26, 2004. Roseann lives in Franklin, Wisconsin.

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Judy Kippes Sherlock '66 sends an update for classmates and friends. She and her husband, Steve, have been married for 32 years. They live in Lamar, CO, where Steve is the CEO of Colorado East Bank & Trust. He has been in banking for 35 years. He started Colorado East Bank & Trust in 1994 and now owns several banks in the state of Colorado. They have two daughters; Stephanie 28, who will be married June 5, 2005, in Estes Park and Alecio 21, who is attending school in Denver. They have one grandchild Rosston, who is two years old. Judy says she truly appreciates receiving the newsletter and sends a thank you to all who put forth the effort to make the rest of VHS Alumni still feel connected.

1970's

Class of 1970, this is a reminder to gather your classmates for your 35th class reunion. Yes, time flies and Oct. 7th & 8th will be here before you know it. We hope you join us for a fantastic weekend.

Bryan VonFeldt '73 sends news from his home in Lucas, TX. His older daughter, Jennifer graduated from Texas Tech University in Aug. 2004 with a B.A. in business management. Their younger daughter, Sarah, graduated in Dec. 2004 with a B.S. in food & nutrition from Texas Tech. University. Bryan says, "Two kids out of school in one year...what a raise!"

David A. Pfeifer '74 retired from the Air Force in Jan. 2004 after 25 years of service. He and his wife, Karen, are living in O'Fallon, IL.

Dan Schippers '74 and his wife **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**, are the proud grandparents of a beautiful baby girl, Aleah Rose, born on June 24, 2004. Grandma says Aleah is beautiful!

Susan Baier Legleiter '74 writes that she and her husband have been married 14 years. Their oldest daughter, Stephanie, was married in Sept. 2000. Stephanie and her husband have no children but are foster parents. Chris is still living at home with them. Susan has been working at FHSU for 25 years and is enjoying it tremendously.

Class of 1975, please join us for your 30th class reunion coming up Oct. 7 and 8, 2005. Send the emails or get on the phone and spread the word. The class of '75 is ready for a great time.

Bill Billinger '77 and his wife Cindy celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary Feb. 11, 2005.

Randy Dreiling '79, head football coach for the Hutchinson Salthawks, led his team to capture the 6A state title defeating Olathe South in the championship game. This is Randy's 8th year as head coach at Hutchinson High School. He is the son of **Verlin Dreiling '57** and his wife Patty.

1980's

Class of 1980, we hope you realize that you will be the **25-year honor class** for Homecoming 2005. You will have a spot on the program to toot your horn about that very special class of 1980. Get all of your accomplishments in order, and find a class spokesperson to share them with the rest of us. It will be a fun weekend.

Carolyn Keenan Boxberger '80 and her husband Harvey celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sept. 10, 2004, at their home in McPherson with family and friends. Following the celebration, they flew to Cancun where they enjoyed snorkeling and saw Hurricane Ivan nearby.

Class Notes Continued

Bernadette Huser Fischer '82 and her husband, Jim, moved to Overland Park, KS, from Memphis, TN, in Oct. 2003. They have two daughters, Lauren, 4 and Anne Marie, 2. Bernadette is so glad to be closer to home and plans to attend a homecoming weekend in the near future. She looks forward to receiving the newsletter.

Rick Braun '82 was elected to Victoria USD 432 Board of Education in the April election. Rick and his wife, Janice, live in the country and have a daughter Jenna who is a sophomore at Victoria High School and a son, Lane who is in 4th grade. Rick is the son of **LaVern '58** and Darlene Braun.

Karen Schulte Ruder '84 was elected President of the National Association of State Student Council Executive Directors (NASSCED) in December. She served on the NASSCED Board of Directors two years prior to taking the helm as president. Karen works for the Kansas State High School Activities Association as the Personnel Director, Office Manager and Information Services Director. She has been the Director for Kansas Student Councils since 1996. Karen is the daughter of **Benny '49** and **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

Joe Dreiling '84 was elected to Victoria USD 432 Board of Education in the April election. Joe and his wife Brenda live in the country with their three sons; Cole, a freshman at VHS, Garrett, in seventh grade, and Dalton in 4th grade. Joe is the son of **Norman Dreiling '55** and his wife JoAnn.

Class of '85, you graduated from VHS 20 years ago. Seems like a good reason to celebrate with your former classmates. Mark Oct. 7th & 8th in your yearly planner and join us for a great weekend. The 20-year classes from Homecoming 2003 and 2004 broke all records for attendance. Hopefully you will do the same.

Terry Klaus '86 and his wife **Peggy VonFeldt Klaus '89**, have started their own guttering installation business named Top Notch Guttering. Terry and Peggy live in Victoria and have two sons, Blake in 8th grade and Trenton in 3rd grade. Terry is the son of **Theresa Weigel Klaus '61** and Peggy is the daughter of **Jim VonFeldt '61** and **Charlene Braun Unrein '63**.

Gerard Wellbrock '86 has been named one of the recipients of the 2004 FHSU Young Alumni Award. Gerard received his award during the FHSU homecoming activities Oct. 8, 2004. This award is given in recognition of individuals who have made exceptional contributions to society and to the university.

Chad Hammerschmidt '89 is now a full time truck driver for Coca-Cola in Victoria. He is the son of **Allen '68** & **Karen Sander Hammerschmidt '70**.

Peggy Vonfeldt Klaus '89 was elected to the USD 432 Board of Education in the April election. She and her husband **Terry '86** and their two sons, Blake and Trenton, live in Victoria.

1990's

Class of 1990, we are just sure you are ready to gather for your 15th reunion from VHS. Make your plans early. Join us for all the fun activities.

Chris Windholz '90, head coach of the Victoria Knights led his team to the school's first state football championship as an eight-man team. They rallied past the No. 1 ranked Baileyville 30-28. Another Victoria Alum, **Kurt Dinkel '86**, assisted Chris. Chris is the son of **Julie '67** and **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69**. Kurt is the son of **Otto '57** and **Carol Ann Rome Dinkel '59**.

Ken Windholz '90 received a master's degree in education administration in the summer of 2004. Ken teaches at Ellsworth High School. Ken is the son of **Julie '67** and **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69**.

Tami Braun Haberkorn '90 has become the purchasing manager for Red Robin Gourmet Burgers, a casual dining chain, in Littleton, CO. Her husband, C.J., has been promoted to Captain of the Denver Fire Department. Tami and C.J. live in Littleton, CO. Tami is the daughter of **Pete '62** and **Vera Stramel Braun '65**.

John Wellbrock '90 and his wife, Melissa, announce the birth of a daughter, MaKenna Lynn, born Dec. 28, 2004. MaKenna has three brothers, Michael, 9, Jacob, 4, and Jordan, 3. Her grandparents are **Wayne '67 Wellbrock** and his wife Diane.

Colleen Billinger Carlson '91 and her husband Rick announce the birth of a daughter, Alec Ray, born Dec. 27, 2004, at Hays Medical Center. Colleen and Rick have two other daughters, Regan, 4, and Jaden, 2. **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel Billinger '65** are the proud grandparents.

Ann Wellbrock Hugunin '91 and her husband, Hyle Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Janet Marie, born Dec. 27, 2004, at Hays Medical Center. Janet has a sister Abby, 2. Grandparents are **Eugene Wellbrock '56** and his wife, Joan.

Curt Schmidtberger '91 and Mary Jo Rupp were married Oct. 2, 2004 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Curt graduated from FHSU and is an insurance agent for Brooke Insurance. His wife is employed by Wal-Mart. Curt and Mary Jo also announce the birth of their son, Davin Francis born Jan. 21, 2005 at Hays Medical Center. Curt is the son of **Rich Schmidtberger '61** and **Kathy Kuhn Schmidtberger '64**.

Mike Dreiling '91 and his wife, Traci, announce the birth of their daughter, Alyson Patricia, born Nov. 5, 2004. Alyson has a sister Darian, 9. Her grandparents are **Verlin Dreiling '57** and his wife, Patty. Mike and his family live in Eudora, KS.

Marthann Schulte '91 has taken a job with Park University, Kansas City, MO, as an administrator/instructor in the on-line learning department. Marthann is the daughter of **Ray Schulte '47** and his wife Leona.

Melissa Wagner '92 and Thomas Page were married Oct. 4, 2003, in McPherson. Melissa has been employed by Farmers Alliance Insurance Co. of McPherson for the past seven years. She is the daughter of **Gary '69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**.

Kathy Kippes Ricke '92 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a son, Bryant Michael, born Jan. 4, 2005, at St John Hospital, Tulsa, OK. Bryant has a sister, Madison, 3. Kathy is the daughter of the late **Norman Kippes '59** and his wife, Ramona.

Jared Windholz '93 and his wife, **Andrea Dinges Windholz '96**, announce the birth of a daughter, Kaitlyn born Sept. 11, 2003. She has a sister, Ashlyn, 4. Kaitlyn's grandparents are **Marvin Windholz '64** and **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65** and Tony and **Debbie Braun Geschwentner '76**.

Mark VonFeldt '93 is an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Kansas State University football program and the men and women's basketball programs. He is the son of **John '69** and **Lita Dome VonFeldt '71**.

Chris Wellbrock '93 and Laura Rupp announce the birth of a daughter, Savanna Rose, born July 14, 2004. Her grandparents are **Wayne Wellbrock '67** and his wife, Diane.

Class Notes Continued

Jacque Scheck Schmidt '94 and her husband, Jim, announce the birth of a son, Jarron Taylor, born Feb. 25, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. Jarron's grandparents are **Judy Sander Dreiling '69** and **Paul Dreiling '70** and **Joe Scheck '72** and his wife, Jeanne.

Tammy Wittman '94 and Tate Cook announce the birth of a daughter, Skylar Diane, born May 5, 2004. Tammy is living in Victoria and working at Ampride and attending FHSU. Skylar's grandparents are **Jerry '71** and **Rhoda Windholz Urban '76**.

Class of 1995, we cordially invite you to be our honored guests as the 10-year honor class for Homecoming 2005. There is so much to talk about and share with your former classmates. You will be part of the program, so spread the word and get that old gang back for a big weekend.

Joe Billinger '95 was married to Jill Beems Sept. 29, 2003, at Holy Cross Church in Pfeifer. Joe works for Jay Dinkel Construction and Jill is a physical therapist with The Center for Health Improvement in Hays. Joe is the son of **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**.

Gina Dreiling '95 was married to Armando Navaro on Sept. 4, 2004, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Gina graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in sociology. She is employed by Farm Bureau Financial Services in Manhattan. Her husband is a U.S. Army veteran and is presently pursuing a bachelor's degree in justice studies. He is employed at The Ramada Plaza Hotel, Manhattan. Gina is the daughter of **Julius Dreiling '52** and the late Rosemary Dreiling.

Tyson Gottwald '95 and his wife, Wendy, announce the birth of a son, Dawson Kenneth, born Sept. 22, 2004, at Memorial Hospital, McPherson. He has a sister, Paige, 6 and a brother, Tyson, 2. Dawson's grandparents are Dave and Cindy Gottwald, Victoria.

Troy Dinges '95 and Cathryn Williams were married Oct. 16, 2004 in Wichita. Troy and Cathryn received their law degrees from Kansas University. Troy is an attorney for a bank in Wichita and Cathryn is practicing law with a firm in Wichita. Troy is the son of Robert and **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**.

Amber Truan '95 and Steve Washburn were married Oct. 16, 2004, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Gorham. Amber graduated from the Kansas School of Floral Design and is a department manager for Wal-Mart. Her husband graduated from Hoxie High School and Northwest Kansas Technical College with a degree in telecommunications. He is a department manager for Wal-Mart.

Sue Ruder '95 graduated from the University of Kansas with a master's degree in social work. She is employed as a therapeutic case manager at Kaw Valley Center. Sue is living in Lawrence and is the daughter of **Allen** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Jennifer Wagner '95 is teaching Kindergarten at St. Andrew's School in Abilene. This is her second year of teaching in Abilene. Jennifer is the daughter of **Gary 69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**.

Chris Younger '95 and his wife, Katina, announce the birth of a daughter, Cyera Kristine, born March 13, 2005, at Salina Regional Hospital. She has a stepbrother, Denzel Rogan 13. Grandparents are **Frank '59** and Jolene Younger. Katina's great-grandmother is **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**.

Curt Wellbrock '96 and his wife, Jeanna, announce the birth of a son, Christian Derald, born June 6, 2004. His grandparents are **Wayne Wellbrock '67** and his wife, Diane.

Christine Gottwald Tremble '97 and her husband, Shawn, are serving in the US Army and stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Shawn is currently serving in Afghanistan. The Trembles are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Isabel Payton, born April 13, 2004. Isabel's grandparents are Dave and Cindy Gottwald.

Wendy Klaus '97 graduated from the University of Kansas School of Pharmacy in May 2004. She is currently employed by Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, as a pharmacist. Wendy is the daughter of Jerry & **Wanda Windholz Klaus '71**.

Travis Hammerschmidt '98 is the owner and operator of Hammerschmidt Hay Grinding and is actively involved in Hammerschmidt Farms along with his parents, **Allen '69** and **Karen Sander Hammerschmidt '70**.

James Wittman '98 and Jennifer Frank were married Oct. 30, 2004 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. James is employed by Pfeifer's Inc. of Victoria and his wife graduated from Hays High School and FHSU with a degree in biology. She is employed by Heartland Lions Eye Bank and Frank Communications. James and Jennifer also announce the birth of a daughter, Chase Victoria, born Jan. 16, 2005. James is the son of **Jerry '71** and **Rhoda Windholz Urban '76** and Jennifer is the daughter of Leon and **Janet Lang Frank '77**.

Brett Dreiling '98 and his wife, Heidi, announce the birth of a son, Connor Joseph, born Dec. 13, 2004 at Hays Medical Center. Connor's grandparents are **Kenny '65** and **Patty Dreiling '66**.

Jason Garner '99 and his wife, Crystal, announce the birth of their son, Jeremy Paul. Jeremy was born July 16, 2004. He has a brother, Jonathon. Jeremy's great-grandparents are Steve and **Wilma Wellbrock Hoffman '50**.

Daniel Quakenbush '99 and Julie Pfannenstiel were married Oct. 9, 2004 in Catherine. Dan is the city manager of Gorham and Julie works for the Russell school district. They are living in Gorham.

Shaun Karlin '99 graduated from Kansas State University with a B.S. and M.S. in architectural engineering. He is currently working in Wichita at MKEC Engineering Consultants. Shaun is engaged to Jodi Dorland and plans to be married in the fall of 2005. Shaun is the son of **Tony '74** and **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76**. He is the grandson of **Allen '55** and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53**.

Jacque Kenne '99 graduated from the University of Kansas in May 2004 with a B.A. in Design and received her B.A. in Art History in 2005.

Jenny Kenne '99 received her B.A. in Architectural Studies in 2003 and is presently working on a three-year masters program in architecture.

2000's

Class of 2000, your reunion year is finally here. Five years have passed since you graduated from VHS. Join us for a fun weekend on Oct. 7th & 8th.

Scott Koerner '00 and Miki Draper were married Sept. 5, 2004. Scott graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, with a degree in telecommunications and is employed by Nex-Tech in Hays. His wife is a graduate of Hays High and is employed by High Plains Mental Health Center, Hays.

Class Notes Continued

Michael Brungardt '00 was married to Monica Moots, Oct. 2, 2004, at St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker. He graduated from Kansas State University and is a bio-med technician at Hays Medical Center. His wife graduated from North Central Kansas Technical College and is a certified medication aide at Alterra Sterling House in Hays. Michael is the son of **Robert '68** and **Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68**.

Gabriel Flaska '00 and Kelly Heffel were married Oct. 9, 2004, at First Presbyterian Church, Hays. Gabriel graduated from Northwest Kansas Technical College with a degree in diesel mechanics. He is employed by Lang Diesel Inc. Kelly is majoring in physical education at FHSU. She is employed by the Center for Health Improvement.

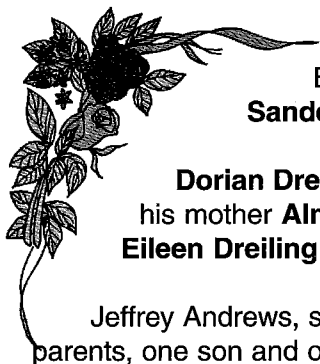
Jennifer Pfeifer '01 and Clint Amrein were married Sept. 11, 2004, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Jennifer is a student at FHSU majoring in organizational leadership. She is employed by Zinszer Oil of Hays. Her husband attended FHSU and is employed by the city of Victoria. Jennifer is the daughter of **Steve '75** and **Mary Baier Pfeifer '75**.

Thank You

We would like to thank **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62** for her many years of service as treasurer for the alumni association. Mary spent countless hours tending to the financial matters of the association and keeping the membership data updated. Homecoming weekend found her present at every function making sure all was going as planned and seeing to every last detail. She will be missed. A very capable replacement, **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**, has stepped forward to fill the treasurer position.

In addition, **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53** has resigned her position on the newsletter committee. Gladys took on the responsibility of collecting and typing the class notes. She also worked into the night and the day of the banquet getting the nametags of alumni and their guests typed. Needless to say, she will be greatly missed. Thank you, Gladys, for your service on the board of directors and the newsletter committee.

In Loving Memory



Barbara Sander died July 26, 2004, in Salina. Survivors include her husband **Lawrence Sander '57** and a son Kevin.

Dorian Dreiling '65 died Aug. 9, 2004, at his home in San Diego, CA. Survivors include his wife Maria; his mother **Alma Robben Dreiling '41**; one brother, Tom; four sisters, **Marilyn Dreiling Clemente '69**, **Eileen Dreiling '71**, Ruth Dreiling Dellett, and **Gloria Dreiling Lambert '78**.

Jeffrey Andrews, son of **Judy Ann Riedel Van Bebbler '56**, died Aug. 12, 2004, at Hays Medical Center. His parents, one son and one daughter survive him.

Leslie L. Stramel '70 died Aug. 19, 2004, at his home in Hays. Survivors include his wife Catherine; two daughters, his mother Hubertine Stramel; a brother, **Gary '62**; five sisters, **Bernie Stramel Strong '59**, **JoAnn Stramel Billinger '61**, **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**, **Kathy Stramel Pryor '66**, and **Janice Stramel Seib '73**; and two grandchildren.

John E. Schulte died Sept. 25, 2004, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by two sons, **Damian '59** and **Regis '66**; two daughters, **Claudia Schulte Hertel '63** and Carey Schulte; two brothers, **Denis '45** and **Benny '49**; two sisters, Caroline Schulte Pfeifer and **Edna Schulte Dreiling '42**.

Francis J. "Frank" Kuhn died Oct. 10, 2004, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. He is survived by his wife, **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**; two sons, **Francis J. "Buddy" Jr. '85** and **Curtis '94**; two daughters, **Rose Ann Kuhn Dreiling**

'77 and **Brenda Kuhn Dreiling '78**; three brothers, **Louis '49, Jim '60, and Cliff '61**; four sisters, **Leona Kuhn Wellbrock '43, Merlene Kuhn Wellbrock '51, Ellen Kuhn Dickerson '56, and Norma Kuhn Wellbrock '58**; seven grand-children, and a great-grandson. 11

Helen L. Urban died Oct. 11, 2004, at Hospice House in Hutchinson. Survivors include a son, **Jerry '71**; two daughters, Darlene Urban Schumacher and **Gerri Urban Rome '61**; six grandchildren; three step grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two-step great-grandchildren.

Gilbert N. Kuhn '44 died Oct. 26, 2004, at St. John's of Hays Nursing Home. Survivors include his wife, Mary; two sons and a daughter; a sister; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Theresa Rajewski Robben '52 died Oct. 31, 2004, in Topeka. Survivors include her husband, Norbert F. Robben; five sons, **Michael '74, James '77, Joseph '81, Daniel '78, and John '80**; two daughters, **Marijo Robben Isbell '76 and Susan Robben Karlin '82**; two brothers, Gilbert Rajewski and **James Rajewski '42**; three sisters, **Doris Rajewski Wellbrock '43, Mary Catherine Rajewski Nowak '48, and Rita Rajewski Gibson '56**; mother-in-law, **Josie Windholz Robben '24**; 17 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Theresa and her husband, Norbert, hosted eight foreign exchange students for Victoria High School.

Sister Viola Sander died Dec. 2, 2004, at her home in Fond du Lac, WI. Survivors include three brothers, Dan Sander, Louis Sander and **Lawrence '57**; five sisters, Mary Sander Dinges, Lillian Sander Nowak, Vera Sander Hoffman, **Rosaline Sander Nash '58**, and Sister Helen Sander.

Stella M. Roth died Dec. 3, 2004, at the Hays Good Samaritan Center. Survivors include a son, Marcian; a brother; and two grandchildren. Stella was the wife of Hyacinth Roth who was a former principal at Victoria High School.

Harold F. Cline died Jan. 6, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Carol; a daughter, **Cindy Cline Ubert '69**; five sons, **Craig '71, Chris '73, Kevin '74, Kirk "Cookie", and Carl**; two brothers; and 19 grandchildren.

Wilfred "Whitey" Geist '47 died Jan. 27, 2005, in Lakewood, CO. Survivors include his wife, Nora; a son and a daughter; two sisters; and a grandson.

Roseline Leiker Wiesner '49 died March 5, 2005, in Punta Gorda, FL. Survivors include her husband Tom; three sons; a daughter; and three brothers, Bob, **Neon '54 and Laurian '55**; six sisters, **Luella Leiker Dreiling '38, Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47, Ethel Leiker Gatschet '57, Armella Leiker Thompson '41, Acquina Leiker Rajewski '46, and Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52**.

Aloysius F. "Al" Basgall '49 died March 6, 2005, at his home in Victoria. Survivors include his wife, **Betty Brungardt Basgall '51**; three sons, **Alan '77, John '83, and Robert '87**; two daughters, **Ann Basgall Weber '78 and Jane Basgall Conell '79**; and 10 grandchildren.

Angela Brungardt-Jacobs died March 6, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include five sons, **Joseph M. '64, Kenneth F. '64, Richard '66, Robert '68, and Edward '72**; two daughters, **Arlene Brungardt Jones '59 and Theresa Brungardt Christian '69**.

Vera Mae Stang VonLintel '49 died March 26, 2005, at her home in Hays. Survivors include her husband, **Gilbert VonLintel '47**; a son, Glenn; a daughter, **Gail VonLintel Brack '78**; two brothers, **Loren Stang '51 and LeRoy Stang '55**; one sister, **Twyla Stang Gerstner '63**; and five grandchildren.

Larry Berens '58 died March 27, 2005, in Gorham. Survivors include two daughters, Crystal Berens Robben and Jody Berens Wilson; his mother, Sophie Berens; three brothers, **Vernon '53, Delmar '55, and Joe '55**; three sisters, **Sherrie Berens Thompson '65, Joyce Berens Newell '67, and Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**; and five grandchildren.

Alma VonFeldt Sherlock '43 died March 31, 2005, in Phoenix, AZ. Survivors include a son Bob Sherlock, and a daughter, Elizabeth Harmening; three brothers, **Arthur '42, Leo '53, and Karlos '55**; three sisters, **Winnie VonFeldt Beckwith '42, Mary Louise VonFeldt Dreiling '47, and Charlotte VonFeldt Sanders '49**; and three granddaughters.

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