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Homecoming 2006 Set for October

October 13 and 14, 2006, has been scheduled for homecoming weekend for Victoria High School and the Victoria Alumni Association. If your graduating class year ends with a 6 or a 1, you will be considered a reunion year class. The 50-year honor class is the **Class of '56**. The **Class of '81** will be honored as the 25-year honor class and the **Class of '96** is the 10-year honor class. We invite these three classes to share treasured memories and current news about their respective classes at the banquet on Saturday evening. The 2006 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 Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 in St. Fidelis Church and will fulfill your Sunday obligation. The banquet, program, and dance will take place at the Fanchon Ballroom in Hays following Mass. The "Country Dutchmen," a popular band in the area, will be playing a variety of music for the evening of dancing.

Remember, five-year increment reunion classes are encouraged to invite classmates from the elementary schools within USD # 432 (Pfeifer, Walker, Vincent, Emmeran, Loretta, and Victoria) to be their guests for the homecoming weekend. These would include elementary classmates who did not continue their education or attended another high schools. When extending the invitation please inform them of their reservation fees.

The cost for the weekend will remain at \$25 per person plus your updated membership of \$5. This will entitle you to attend the social Friday evening and the dinner and dance Saturday evening.

If you will only be attending the Friday evening post game social at the VFW Hall and not attending any of Saturday's events, there will be a \$5 cover charge per person plus your current membership fee. Snacks, soft drinks, and keg beer will be provided.



Policy Change

The board of directors has changed the number of board members from nine members to thirteen members. The newest board members are; **Regis VonLintel '62, Randy Leiker '70, Ken Billinger '79, Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82 and Sandy Schmidtberger McAlonan '83.**

Daren Lang '83 resigned his position effective Homecoming 2005. Daren has been an effective board member and we certainly thank him for his years of service to our organization.

The time for the annual business meeting has been changed from homecoming weekend to the first scheduled meeting after homecoming.

For those alumni attending only the Friday night post game social, and not attending Saturday's events, there will be a \$5 cover charge per person plus your current membership fee.

For Sale

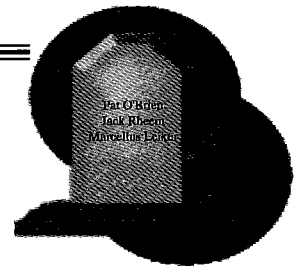
Your alumni association has comfortable stadium seats in maroon and gold with the Knights logo for sale at a cost of \$30. If you are interested in purchasing one of these seats, you can contact Jeff Hertel at (785) 735-2708 or Marge Rome at (785) 735-2352.

VHS Alumni On-line

www.victoriaalumni.com

We have had almost 4000 hits on the website at the time of this publication. Many of you have responded with very favorable comments. We would like your help in making us aware of any corrections we need to make. More and more of you have given your permission to post your personal information in the class lists. We have tried to accommodate your wishes. If you haven't visited the site, you need to check it out to get news - old and new and remember to check out the photos.

Alumni Association - HALL OF FAME 2006



Patrick O'Brien ~ Jack Rheem ~ Marcellus Leiker

The names of these three gentlemen have been added to the plaque, which hangs in the VHS gymnasium hall, honoring outstanding past and present employees of the Victoria School District. This honor was initiated in 2002 by the alumni board of directors to recognize those individuals who have left their mark on the students attending Victoria Schools. The honorees are nominated and selected by members of the Victoria Alumni Association.

Your letters of nomination are now being accepted for the 2006 recipients. Your letter should state your reasons for nominating a particular person and should reach the alumni board by June 1, 2006. The board needs to review all letters of nomination and be ready to publish the winners for 2006 in the August newsletter.

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

Submit your letter of nomination by email at www.victoriaalumni.com or mail to Victoria Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671-0382.

Homecoming Cost Analysis 2005

At a recent alumni board meeting, there was a change made that will affect the Victoria High School Homecoming weekend. The Board felt that persons paying only their five dollar dues and attending only the Friday night social were not really helping the financial status of the association. Therefore, the change is that there will be a five dollar charge for those persons attending the Friday night social, and not attending the banquet on Saturday night. In case any of you are wondering how your money is spent for Homecoming weekend, the alumni association treasurer, LeeAnn Schmidtberger, compiled figures for each activity as well as a breakdown of the cost per person for each item. Notice the overall cost per person exceeded the cost the alumni association charged for each person. Also, the more people that attend the banquet the more it helps cut down the cost per person. The breakdown of expenses can be seen in the following report.

	Total Cost	Cost per Person*	
Overhead	\$664.33	\$2.75	liquor (used Friday & Saturday)
	\$106.00	\$0.44	Homecoming ad
	\$103.84	\$0.43	Hall of Fame plaques
	\$22.64	\$0.09	football mums
	\$896.81	\$3.71	
Friday Activities			
Golf	\$184.77	\$0.76	golf luncheon
Parade	\$20.00	\$0.08	magnetics
After Game Get-together	\$275.00	\$1.14	hall fee
	\$219.87	\$0.91	snacks
	\$699.64	\$2.89	
Saturday Activities			
Mass	\$160.00	\$0.66	candles for Memorial Mass
	\$75.00	\$0.31	Mass stipends
	\$235.00	\$0.97	
Dinner/Dance	\$2,395.37	\$9.90	meals (242)
	\$1,059.32	\$4.38	mixes/bottles beer
	\$700.00	\$2.89	band
	\$368.55	\$1.52	rental fee
	\$290.38	\$1.20	decorations
	\$121.02	\$0.50	punch/nuts/champagne fountain
	\$80.30	\$0.33	cakes
	\$72.21	\$0.30	name badges
	\$5,087.15	\$21.02	
Total	\$6,918.60	\$28.59	

*cost per person was based on the number of meals paid for at the banquet



CLASS NOTES

1920's

Josephine Windholz Robben '24, the oldest living graduate of Victoria Alumni Association, celebrated her 100th birthday on February 19, 2005, with an open house hosted by St. John's Nursing Home in Victoria where she has been a resident for a number of years. Josie was born on January 20, 1906, to Martin and Catherine Windholz. She was the fourth youngest of a family of 15. She married Francis H. Robben in 1929. They had eight children. There were 15 students in the Class of 1924 of which Josie is the last remaining member.

1940's

Class of 1941, how time flies. We were honored to have two members of your class attend the homecoming festivities last year. We were told you were just scouting things out to help you plan for your 65th class reunion from St. Fidelis High School. We look forward to seeing you. If your alumni association can assist you in any way, please let us know.

Class of 1946, we cordially invite you to celebrate with your class and fellow alumni on the occasion of your 60th class reunion. What a milestone! Homecoming festivities will be October 13 & 14.

1950's

Class of 1951, a request for a copy of all your addresses by one of your classmates has already been granted. You should be receiving a letter soon about possible activities for Homecoming 2006, on October 13 & 14. Fifty-five years ago you were the seniors at VHS.

Vera Weigel Degenhardt '51 and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 11, 2005. Hosts of the event were their children; Gary, Gail, Brian, and Bernard and eight grandchildren. Fr. Raymond Wadas, a long time friend of the Degenhardt family, officiated at the Mass with Fr. Gerard Trancone and Fr. Gervase Degenhardt as concelebrants. The Mass was held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Riverdale, MD. A reception and dance followed in the Crystal Room at the parish. Kansas family attending the celebration were Fred and Joan Weigel, **Robert '44** and Thelma Dreiling of Russell, Bernita Degenhardt Ginther, Salina, Lee Weigel, Kansas City, and Frank Degenhardt, Branson, MO.

Virgil Windholz '54 and his wife, **Louise Denning Windholz '53**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 30, 2005. They have eight children, 20 grandchildren, three step grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and three step great-grandchildren. They are the proud great-grandparents of twins, Cameron and Callie, born Nov. 16, 2005.

Class of 1955, our hats go off to you for the fantastic response you had for your 50th class reunion. Your presence was very evident throughout the entire weekend. The splash of gold sweatshirts on your class float, the memories shared at the banquet and then seeing you glide across the ballroom floor, reinforced our purpose in establishing Victoria High School Alumni Association. You showed us what it is all about. Thank You! The crowning of the homecoming queen, Chelsey Dreiling, had special significance for one of your classmates. Chelsey's grandfather, Allen Dreiling, was crowned homecoming king 50 years earlier. It was definitely a weekend to remember.

Tony Pfeifer Jr., associate member, and his wife, Geri, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary September 4, 2005, with family and friends. Hosting the event were their children; **Anthony '74, Tim '76, Terry '78, Danny '83 and David '85**. Tony and Geri have 12 grandchildren. They were married September 10, 1955, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Class of 1956, we are looking forward to honoring you as our 50-year class during homecoming festivities on October 13 & 14. We have been told that you have already been contacted by some of your local classmates and they are excited about the response they are receiving. Don't miss out on this memorable weekend.

Tom Karlin '56 and his wife are living at the Catholic Workers Community in Tacoma, Washington, doing ministry with the homeless. Tom, along with his daughter and husband, his son, and another friend traveled to the Zone of Peace in El Salvador as part of the Romero Memorial Tree Project delegation, planting trees and celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the martyrdom of Archbishop Romero. Ninety-eight percent of the trees are gone due to multi-national corporations' exploitation. Last April, Tom was named one of the recipients of the 2005 Ecumenical Service Award from Associated Ministries of Tacoma-Pierce County.

The Edmond Oklahoma Economic Development Authority recently honored **Bernadette "Butch" Dinkel Gottschalk '59** during their annual awards luncheon. The event is held each year to thank and recognize outstanding contributors to Edmond's economy. Butch is Office Manager for Kerr 3 Design Group, Inc. She facilitates the company's growth and implements the transition to computers from typewriters. It was noted that Butch is the spirit and personality of Kerr 3's internal organization. With her exuberant personality, she inspires her heartfelt enthusiasm for the company and the life of all employees. Kerr 3 Design Group, Inc. provides architectural services, interior design, and construction management.

1960's

Class of 1961, it has been a while since you have all been together for a class reunion. October 13 & 14 would be the perfect time to come home and reminisce with former classmates. Mark your calendars now for the fun-filled weekend. **Marlene Billinger Brown '61** is anxious to begin plans for the 45th reunion of your class and would love to hear from any of you out there via email at kmbrown@intouchmi.com.

Bill Kuhn '61 and his wife, Sheila, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary December 27, 2005, with a reception and dinner for the family at Smoky Hill Country Club, hosted by their children. Their children are **Janell Kuhn Beilman '85**, **Renee Kuhn Wasko '90**, and **Kara Kuhn Shorb '92**. They have six grandchildren. Bill and Sheila were married December 27, 1965, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Pete Braun Jr. '62 and his wife, **Vera Stramel Braun '65**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary August 20, 2005, with family and friends. They have three sons; **Jeff '85**, **Chris '86**, and **Craig '86**; and one daughter, **Tami Braun Haberkorn '90**. Pete and Vera have six grandchildren. They were married July 31, 1965, in St. Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Loretta.

Allen Ruder '62 and his wife, **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family dinner and get-together hosted by their children. Their children are **Geralyn Ruder Graver '85**, **John Ruder '89**, **Jennifer Ruder VonLintel '86**, **Anne Ruder Dinkel '90**, **Sue Ruder Murnane '95**, and **Jeff Ruder '96**. Allen and Mary have ten grandchildren. They were married November 27, 1965, in St. Fidelis Church.

Class of 1966, we hope you have the ball rolling and have been in contact with your classmates from Victoria High School to get plans made for your 40th class reunion. Your alumni association does all the planning; all you need to do is show up.

Karen Gross, daughter of **John '68** and Linda Gross, has recently completed a PhD in English literature from Stanford University. She is currently an assistant professor at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Her academic accomplishments also include BA degrees in English and Art History from the University of Southern California, as well as a Master of Philosophy from the University of Cambridge, England, through the generosity of a Fulbright grant. Karen is the granddaughter of **Denis '45** and **Rosie Brungardt Schulte '45**.

Rich Billinger '68 and his wife, Jeani, are retired from teaching and both have new jobs. Rich is a sales representative for Readers Digest Books Are Fun, and Jeani is the office manager for the Fort Hays Alumni Association. They also have a new grandson, Clark William, born in Topeka on March 3, 2006, to their son and daughter-in-law James and Ellen Billinger. Rich and Jeani have three grandsons.

CLASS NOTES continued

1970's

Class of 1971, just a little reminder to begin plans for Homecoming 2006 and your 35th class reunion, which will be happening October 13 & 14. In looking over your class list, we definitely remember all of you and the mark you made on Victoria High School. We know you would have a totally awesome time if you would just make plans to return and join in the fun. It just takes a few of you to get the ball rolling. See you in October.

Glenn Schmeidler '72 and his wife, Mary Jane, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They have three children; Jeremy, Kristin Schmeidler Kosmicki, and Kaylee; and one grandchild. Glenn and Mary Jane were married October 11, 1975, in St. Catherine Catholic Church, Catherine.

Frank Mindrup, son of **Maureen Schmidtberger Mindrup '73** and her husband Frank, received the 17th Test Squadron's award for the Outstanding Analyst of the year for 2005. To earn this recognition takes a great amount of superior performance, leadership, and management, capabilities positively impacting the United States Air Force Mission.

Class of 1976, it's time to party. And now it's your 30th reunion. We certainly enjoy your reunion years as you always bring a huge crowd and lots of enthusiasm to the weekend. Are the class officers still around? Don Hart, Mike Dreiling and Tammy Keenan - that would be you. I'm sure there are many in your class that will be eager to get plans in motion. Anxious to hear from you.

Laurie Lang Lang '76 sends greeting from her home in Illinois. Al and Laurie's daughter, Katie, graduated from Sycamore High School in May of '05 and has enlisted in the U.S. Army. She is currently attending an international military school in Monterey, CA, to study the Arabic language and its culture and upon completion of this training will be working under the U.S. Intelligence Dept. Katie's grandparents are **Vitus '50** and Anita Lang.

Annette Pfeifer Lane '77 and her husband, Russ, announce the adoption of a daughter, Kimber Rose, born June 21, 2004 in Guatemala. Annette and Russ adopted Kimber in December of 2005. She has a brother, Tyler 20; and 3 sisters, Jessica 19, Samantha 17, and Abigail 8. Her grandparents are **Al '50** and **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer '50**.

Bill Billinger '77 and his wife, Cindy, announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Christian, born October 10, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. Nicholas has two brothers; Jordan 15, and Branson 6; one sister, Caitlin 10.

Randy Dreiling '79, head football coach for the Hutchinson Salthawks, captured the 6A State Football title for the second consecutive year. This is Randy's ninth year as head coach at Hutchinson. Randy is the father of **Ashley Dreiling '03** and the son of **Vernie '57** and Patty Dreiling.

Kay Schulte Werth '79, flute and double reeds instructor at Fort Hays State University, has organized the High Plains Double Reed Consort. The group ranges in age from a couple of fifth graders in their first year on the oboe, through middle school, high school, college students, and community members. They gather from throughout the state including one senior FHSU music major from Taiwan. Kay has been giving private lessons for more than 25 years and is a highly respected member of the music faculty at Fort Hays. She is the daughter of **Benny '49** and **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

1980's

Carolyn Braun Younger '80 and her husband, Neal, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 23, 2005, with a Mass at St. Francis Catholic Church, Munjor, followed by a dinner and dance at the activity center, St. Mary Parish, Hays. Hosts for the occasion were their children, Brianna and Cody. Neal and Carolyn were married July 26, 1980, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

Class of 1981, you will be our 25-year honor class for Homecoming 2006. It is certainly not too early to get your thoughts and plans organized for the weekend of October 13 & 14. As in years past, you will be given time to share your class accomplishments while attending VHS and, of course, how you've made your mark on society in the past 25 years. It will be great to see all of you again. 7

Class of 1986, another five years has passed and we invite you to gather your classmates and let us help you celebrate your 20th reunion. Start getting reacquainted so you will be ready to return for your 20th.

Terry Riedel '86 and his wife, Gina, announce the birth of a son, Jarret John, born October 27, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. He has two brothers, Parker, 8 Layton, 5, and a sister, Kinsey, 3. Jarret's grandparents are **Francis '49** and **Mable Riedel**.

Chris Braun '86 and his wife, Shauna, announce the birth of a son, Kendall Leigh, born March 22, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. Kendall has one brother, Morgan, 5. His grandparents are **Pete Jr. '62** and his wife, **Vera Stramel Braun '65**.

Maria Younger Munro '86 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of a daughter, Sophia Alexandra, born February 8, 2006, at Shawnee Mission Hospital. Sophia's grandparents are John and **Ethel Stegman Younger '59**.

Kirk Klein '87 and his wife, Janie, announce the birth of twin daughters, Hailey Susan and Hannah Grace, born December 15, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. They have a brother, Brenden, 8, and three sisters, Katie, 12, Alex, 8, and Brianna, 8.

Dan Brungardt '88 and his wife, Janet, announce the birth of twins, Anne Clare and Dominic Joseph, born August 2, 2005, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center St. Joseph Campus, Wichita. They have a sister, Catherine.

John Ruder '89 and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of their daughter, Jenessa Anne, born March 18, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. She is welcomed home by a sister Johnnye 10 and two brothers, Jace 6 and Jonah 3. Her grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

1990's

Class of 1991, do you realize you have been alumni of Victoria High School for 15 years? We hope you will take the time to come back for Homecoming 2006, October 13 & 14. This will be one of the best homecomings ever. We've been hearing about many of the classes coming for the festivities.

Tammi Kippes Sauer '91 has published a picture book COWBOY CAMP (Sterling Publishing). The book debuted November, 2005. It was named a Barnes & Noble "Holiday Pick" and has since gone into a second printing. In addition, Tammi was recently offered a two-book deal with Dutton Children's Books. Tammi is the wife of **Ron Sauer '92**.

Doug Kuhn '92 has been promoted to 2nd Lieutenant on December 19, 2005. He is a member of the 388th Med BN Log 4 Fwd Army Reserve Unit. He is the unit administrator in Hays. Doug and his wife, Marlaina, have two sons, Taiten 5 and Caylen 4. Doug is the son of Norman and **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**.

Lisa Schoendaler Hoopes '93 and her husband Rick, announce the birth of a daughter, Rebecca Lynn, born September 14, 2005. She has a sister, Emily, 3 1/2 years old. Rebecca's grandparents are **Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70** and **Wendelin Jr.**

Lisa Marie Kreutzer '93 and Travis John Lay were married November 26, 2005, at St. Fidelis Church. Lisa graduated from FHSU and is currently attending the University of Colorado pursuing a master's degree in public administration. She is employed as a caseworker for Jefferson County Division of children, youth and families in Golden, CO. Her husband graduated from Smoky Hill High School, Metropolitan State College, Denver and DeVry University. He is employed as an IT support manager at Teletech, Centennial, CO.

CLASS NOTES continued

Scott Dreiling '93 and his wife, Jennifer, announce the birth of a son, Nathaniel Scott, born December 12, 2005, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center, Shawnee Mission. His grandparents are **Thomas Dreiling '59** and **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60**.

Chris Wellbrock '93 and Laura Rupp were married January 28, 2006, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Chris is employed at Hays Ford Toyota and his wife is a graduate of Hays High School and is employed at High Plains Mental Health Center. Chris is the son of **Wayne '67** and Diane Wellbrock.

Brandon Schmidtberger '94 and Angela Palmer were married October 22, 2005, at Ascension Catholic Church, Overland Park. Brandon graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in accountancy. He is a financial reporting manager for U.S. Central. Angela graduated from the University of Missouri-Columbia with a master's degree in accountancy. She is employed by KPMG, LLP. Brandon is the son of Jerry and **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72** and the grandson of Robert and **Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

Kent Schmeidler '95 and his wife, Carla, announce the birth of a son, Eli James, born August 25, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. He has a sister, Shelby, 20 months old.

Chad Dague '95 and Tracy Gottschalk were married October 1, 2005, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Chad graduated from FHSU with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems and a master's degree in business administration. He is an applications programmer analyst for the computing and telecommunications center at FHSU. Tracy graduated from Trego Community High School and FHSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is an accounting specialist at FHSU Student Fiscal Service.

Christine Wellbrock Weber '95 and her husband, Michael, announce the birth of a daughter, Allison Marie, born January 3, 2006. Allison's grandparents are **Eugene '56** and Joan Wellbrock.

Sue Ruder '95 and Jason Murnane were married February 3, 2006, in a double ring ceremony in Lawrence, Kansas. Sue is the Permanency Supervisor at KVC Behavioral Health Care for Douglas County working with children and families in the child welfare system. Jason is employed with Kalmar Industries in Ottawa, Kansas as the marketing/advertising co-ordinator. After a honeymoon to Cancun, they are residing in Baldwin City, Kansas. Sue is the daughter of **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Class of 1996, you are cordially invited to be our guests at Homecoming 2006 as our honored 10-year class. We hope you are making plans to attend. You will find your reservation form in the August newsletter and on the VHS website. Appoint a spokesperson to tell us all about the great class of '96. You have a spot on the program.

Justin Scheck '96 and his wife, Tessa, announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Ann, born Jan. 17, 2006. She has a sister, Heather, 4. Lindsey's grandparents are **Jim '73** and **Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73** and Rick and **Marilyn Braun Giebler '80**.

Terry Dinkel '97 and Naomi McHugh were married May 28, 2005, in Victoria. Terry is shop foreman for Bob's Custom Cabinets. Naomi graduated from Wichita South High School and is majoring in elementary education with a minor in special education at FHSU. She is a paraprofessional for Hays USD 489 and spends half of her day at Victoria Elementary School. Terry is the son of **Robert '73** and **Connie Berens Dinkel '74**.

Blaine Younger '98 and band, "The Blaine Younger Band", have been invited to perform at the Country Stampede Main Stage Line-up in Manhattan, Kansas, on June 23, 2006. Details can be found at blaineyounger.com or countrystampede.com. Blaine is the son of Tom & **Det Roth Younger, '58**.

Brett Wellbrock '99 and **Kelly Spiess '00** were married April 9, 2005 at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Brett is a carpenter/cabinet maker for the Planing Mill in Hays. Kelly is a salesperson for Eagle Communications and attending FHSU majoring in marketing. Brett is the son of Neil and **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72**. Kelly is the daughter of **Ivan '64** and **Kathy Braun Edsall '69**.

Sarah Leikam Fischer '99 and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of a baby girl, Carli Jo, born September 1, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. She has a sister, Shaylee, 5.

David Robben '99 and his wife, **Melissa Crathorn Robben '98**, announce the birth of a son, Dalton James, born October 31, 2005. Dalton's grandparents are **Mike '74** and **Sandy Robben** and great-great-grandmother, **Josephine Quint Robben '24**.

Sara Biernat Riley '99 and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of a daughter, Lana Renee, born December 12, 2005.

Amadee Befort Staab '99 and her husband, Jayme, announce the birth of a son, Brantlee Dale, born February 10, 2006, at Hays Medical Center.

Jared Wagner '00 graduated from Kansas State University on December 9, 2005, with a master's degree in architectural engineering and on December 10, 2005, with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering. He is employed by Henderson Engineers Inc., Lenexa. He and his wife, **Rachel Carter Wagner '00**, live in Overland Park, KS. Jared is the son of **Gary '69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**.

Gabe Flaska '00 and his wife, Kelly, announce the birth of their son, Gavin Richard, born March 25, 2006 at Hays Medical Center.

Class of 2001, reunion weekend will be here before you know it. Five quick years have passed and we hope you will get your class together and join your fellow alumni for Homecoming 2006, October. 13 & 14.

Jennifer Pfeifer Amrein '01 and her husband, Clint, announce the birth of a daughter, Kennidy Elizabeth, born November 28, 2005. Her grandparents are **Steve** and **Mary Baier Pfeifer '75**. Great-grandparents are **Paul '49** and **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**.



In Loving Memory

Severine Suppes died August 8, 2005, in Wichita. He is survived by his wife, **Rosaline "Rosie" Billinger Suppes '51**; two sons; one daughter, **Marilyn Suppes Pfannenstiel '78**; a foster child, **Paula Braun Younker '78**; two brothers; and two sisters; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Everett J. Braun '60 died September 6, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Judy; three sons; **Doug '82**, **Scott '91**, and **Curt '92**; one brother, **Kenneth Braun '52**; one sister, **Cora Braun Schulte '55**; and seven grandchildren.

Elmer Goetz '44 died September 24, 2005, in Bartlesville, OK. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; one sister **Leona Goetz Friedrich**; and eight grandchildren.

Clara Albina Miller died September 27, 2005, at the Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, Edgar; four daughters, **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65**, **Fran Miller Robben '67**, **Nadine Miller Engel '67** and **Janet Miller Nosekabel '69**; one brother, John Sander; three sisters, **Elsie Sander Hoffman**, **Aggie Sander Brungardt**, and **Bernie Sander Arnhold '58**; 14 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Rose Marie "Rosie" Billinger Leiker '64 died October 23, 2005, at Via Christi Regional Medical Center-St. Francis Hospital, Wichita. She is survived by her husband, Donald "Pappy" Leiker; one son, **Joe '94**; a daughter, **Melisa Billinger Hutchens '91**; two brothers, **Leroy '61** and **Don '68**; three sisters, **Joyce Billinger Dinkel '71**, **Jeanette Billinger Schmidt '71** and **Linda Billinger Stochl '75**; and one granddaughter.

Peggy Wagner died October 25, 2005, at her home in Hays. She is survived by a daughter, **Betty Wagner Schmidtberger '73**; two brothers; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

Lillian Marie Schippers died November 8, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, **George W. Schippers '46**; four sons; six daughters; 38 grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

Francis C. Gasper died November 28, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Linda; one son, **Bill '74**; three daughters, Shirley Gasper Richard, Carol Gasper Koel, and **Sandra Gasper Jackson '70**; one sister; and five grandsons.

Ellen Gerhardt died December 8, 2005, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, August; three sons, **Paul '66**, **Andy '71**, and **Frank '79**; two daughters, **Mary Gerhardt Ruder '69** and **Theresa Gerhardt Hodnett '76**; two brothers; 10 grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Mary Mae Pfeifer died December 9, 2005, at St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria. She is survived by her husband, Alois; one son, Al; one daughter, **Betty Ann Pfeifer Befort '60**; three granddaughters; six great grandchildren; and nine step great-grandchildren.

Travis J. Dreiling died December 18, 2005, at St. Francis, Select Specialty Hospital, Wichita. He is survived by his parents, **Tim '75** and his wife, Kim, and friend Shellie L. Hughes; and a sister, Amber Dreiling.

Larry J. Urban '64 died December 26, 2005. He is survived by two daughters, **Renee Lynn Urban Schremmer '89** and **Rachel Ann Urban Richards '93**; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

Patricia Ann "Patt" Brungardt Schmidt '60 died December 30, 2005, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Howard; four sons; one daughter; two brothers, **Dr. Gilbert A. Brungardt '45**, and **Paul Brungardt '49**; four sisters, **Sister Valeria Brungardt '45**, **Cecelia Brungardt '52**, **Yvonne Brungardt Rohleder Braun '56**, and **Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58**; 11 grandchildren; four step grandchildren and two step great-grandchildren.

Clementine Braun died January 1, 2006. She is survived by two sons, **Alfred "Fritz" '56**, and **Robert '67**; four daughters, Rubina Braun Ziegler, Juliana Braun Urban, **Albertina "Tina" Braun Geist '58**, and **Charlene Braun Unrein '63**; four brothers; and one sister; 27 grandchildren; 67 great-grandchildren; 19 great-great-grandchildren; eight step great-grandchildren; and eight step great-great-grandchildren.

Nicholas Fidelis Kreutzer '40 died January 7, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Alice; one son; two brothers, Virgil and Francis '63; six sisters, Georgine Kreutzer Jacobs, Melva Kreutzer Marmion, Lillian Kreutzer Kenway, Irma Kreutzer Dreiling, and **Philomena Kreutzer Berens '56**; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Sophia Jacobs died January 26, 2006, at St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria. She is survived by her husband, William; three sons, **Chesley '60**, **William '67** and Merle; one daughter, **Jane Jacobs Silvia '55**; a sister; a stepsister; and five grandchildren.

Charles Goetz '54 died February 22, 2006, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Donna; two sons and three daughters; a sister, **Clarita Goetz Weigel-Mahoney '52**; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Sara Schmidtberger Brungardt '30 died February 23, 2006, at St John's of Victoria. She is survived by three sons, **Lavern '55**, **Leon '59** and Dennis; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Martina Schmidtberger died February 25, 2006, at her home in Victoria. She is survived by her husband, Alvin; six sons, **Galen '63**, **Wayne '65**, **Joe '64**, **Jim '70**, **Neal '72**, and **Glenn '82**, three daughters, **Brenda '67**, **Pam Schmidtberger Gasper '77**, and **Myra Schmidtberger Meder '78**; one brother; two stepbrothers; 25 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Dolores Hoffman died March 2, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, **Ernest '47**; three sons, **Tom '76**, **Jeff '78** and **David '82**; one daughter, **Kara Hoffman Bagby '85**; one brother; two sisters; and 10 grandchildren.

Albert J. Braun died March 3, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by one son, **John '91**; a daughter, **Kathy Braun Stenzel '89**; one sister; and one granddaughter.

Clara M. dinkel died March 28, 2006, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include a son, **Gary '63**; one daughter **Phyllis Dinkel Stramel '56**; a sister; three granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Dinkel should be remembered by many of you, as she spent 16 years preparing school lunches at Victoria Grade School.

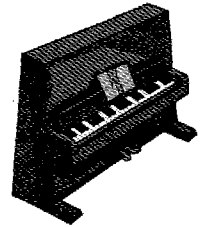
Marcellus Leiker, a 2005 Victoria Alumni Hall of Fame recipient, died March 31, 2006 at St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria. Survivors include four sons; one daughter; four sisters; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He taught at Victoria for 12 years, where he also coached eighth grade basketball.

Foreign Exchange Students

Victoria High School is hosting five foreign exchange students this school year. The countries represented are Ecuador, Saudi Arabia, Denmark, Brazil and Germany. **Joe Robben '81** and his wife, Gail, are the host family for David Velasquez from Ecuador. Moayad Lamfoun from Saudi Arabia and Rafael Cintra from Brazil are living with Ken Herman. Simon Altschuler from Denmark is living with Terry & Deb Bottorf, and Bob & Nancy Piatt are hosting Greta Kaufeld from Germany. Deb Bottorf and Nancy Piatt are both teachers at Victoria Middle School.

Music

Simon Altschuler and Greta Kaufeld, students from Victoria High School, earned the privilege of attending the state piano music festival in Wichita where they received number I superior ratings. Both are students of Leona Schulte.



Jenna Braun, junior at Victoria High School, received a number I superior rating on her flute solo at the CPL (Central Prairie League) music contest. This is the first year USD #432 has participated in CPL activities. Jenna is the daughter of **Rick '82** and Janice Braun and the granddaughter of **LaVern '58** and Darlene Braun.

The high school girls vocal ensemble earned a I superior rating at regional contest and had the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at the 1A state basketball tournament at Gross Memorial Coliseum. Greta Kaufeld received a I superior rating and Christen Dinkel earned a II on their vocal solos. Christen is the daughter of **Craig '84** and **Anne Ruder Dinkel '90** and the granddaughter of **Allen, '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**. JoLeen Cunningham is the vocal director and also teaches vocal music in the elementary and middle school. Her 8th grade girls ensemble received a I superior rating at the LaCrosse music festival.

Victoria Middle School Band attended the music festival at LaCrosse and received three number I superior ratings. The band is 58 members strong and includes 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Ms. Suellyn Stenger directs the band. She is also the elementary and middle school counselor. Ms. Stenger's father, Paul Stenger, coached football at Victoria High School in 1946. Some of you may remember him.

Students and area members making up the Victoria Knights Community Band have been putting their musical talents to work by providing the musical spirit for the high school football and basketball games, as well as participating in school concerts and community parades. They are also under the direction of Ms. Stenger. The members of the band are in the process of establishing a band scholarship fund through various fundraisers and appearances. It is their hope to award a scholarship to a senior band member each year and thus encourage the growth of the high school band program, which has been suffering the past few years.

Scholars Bowl

Students at Victoria High School qualified for their first-ever, state-scholars bowl meet. The team went seven and one at regional where they finished second to Lincoln. Members of the team are Bobby Rohr, Greta Kaufeld, Rachel Brunner, Jacob Dechant and Sheena Herl. Jacob is the son of James and **Brenda Schumacher Dechant '78** and Sheena is the daughter of **Dan '72** and Pat Herl.

Congratulations

Carla Pruitt has been named to the Kansas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame. This award reflects 29 years of coaching, all but one in the Victoria Schools. Among her accomplishments are; 15 MCL titles, six regional titles, 5 regional runner-up, and third place at State in 1990. She took over 75 girls to state with several of them placing in the top 10. She was named Coach of the Year in 1990 and again in 1996. Carla coached track for 28 years, coached basketball, and has been cheerleader sponsor and dance team coach. She served on the state tennis committee for eight years.



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