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Homecoming 2011

Friday, September 23
Saturday, September 24

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2011

HONORING

Class of '61
Class of '86
Class of '01

&

5-Year Increment Classes

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- Friday, September 23, 2011 -----

7:30 a.m. 15th Annual VHS Golf Classic
Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course
2:00 p.m. Open House – VFW Hall
4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally – VHS
5:00 p.m. VIP Barbecue & Walk Thru Halls of VHS
7:00 p.m. Football Game - Knights vs. Natoma
9:00 p.m. Social – VFW Hall

----- Saturday, September 24, 2011 -----

4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass – St. Fidelis Church
5:30 p.m. Social/Banquet – Fanchon Ballroom, Hays
9:30 p.m. Dance “Country Dutchmen”

HALL OF FAME 2011

WAYNE BILLINGER, DISTINGUISHED ALUM

NANCY PIATT, TEACHER

CARLA PRUITT, TEACHER

The letters of nomination have been read and reviewed. The vote is in and it is with great pleasure that we, the Victoria Alumni Association, present the three following candidates to be named to the Victoria Alumni Association Hall of Fame for 2011. They are Wayne Billinger, Nancy Piatt, and Carla Pruitt. Wayne becomes the second person to be selected to receive the distinguished alum award. Selected as USD #432 recipients are Nancy Piatt, English instructor at both the grade and high school level, and Carla Pruitt, K-12 physical education instructor. We are excited about our three inductees.

WAYNE BILLINGER '73 was the sixth child born to Leo and Rita Billinger. He attended elementary and high school in Victoria, graduating from VHS in 1973 and then attended Fort Hays State University. He was a co-founder, co-writer, and director of the popular variety show *Sweet & Sour Krauts* which continued for ten plus years. Because of the success of the shows, thousands of dollars were donated to various causes in Victoria and the surrounding area. He was a self-employed businessman as a designer, composer, producer, and engineer of musical works and CDs and owner of Advantage Creative LLC. He was a lifelong member of St. Fidelis Cathedral Choir and was responsible for producing three CDs of the choir. Wayne moved to Hays in 1986 and took an active role in city government, serving as Hays City Commissioner and Mayor of Hays for several terms. He formed the Northwest Kansas Mayors Association and was an advocate for communities working together to improve the entire mid-west region of the state of Kansas. At the time of his death he was spearheading the Junior Mayors Association. Wayne's love for music was evident throughout his life. He was a member of many popular bands in the area and a proud member of FOURSTAR quartet, performing at many functions in Kansas and Nebraska. Wayne is the father of two children, Michael and Kelsey. His six siblings, all Victoria graduates, are **Vernon '59**, **Marlene Billinger Brown '61**, **Earl '62**, **Mary Kay Billinger Pfeifauf '65**, **Rich '68**, and **Bill '77**.

NANCY PIATT is a native of Pueblo, Colorado, where she was a product of the Catholic school system through high school graduation. She attended college in Cincinnati for three years and then transferred and graduated from Creighton University where she did her student teaching in an all-black inner city high school. Her first two teaching years were done at a large junior high school in Pueblo. In 1972 she married her husband, Bob, and moved to Garden City and taught at Holcomb Middle School for 10 years. In 1983, the Piatts moved to Victoria and Nancy began working part time at the high school teaching English, yearbook, and newspaper classes, and the other half teaching at the middle school. Over the years, she served as pep club and cheerleading sponsor, forensics coach, and high school and middle school scholars' bowl coach. Nancy retired in 2008 joining her husband who retired as a special education teacher in Russell. They have two sons, Christopher, who lives and works in Chicago as the host of his own magazine talk show called *Paper Machete*, and Matthew, who also lives and works in Chicago as a rehearsal accompanist for the Chicago Lyric Opera. The Piatts had the good fortune to host three foreign exchange students: **Jasmin Blum '04**, from Germany; **Anita Ervinsdottir '05**, from Norway; and **Greta Kaufeld '06**, also from Germany.

CARLA PRUITT was born and raised in Council Grove, Kansas. She is the oldest of three daughters born to Calvin and Eunice Hunter. She attended elementary and high school in Council Grove and was very active in music, drama, cheerleading and dance. During the summer she was on the city swim team. She spent her free time working at the family shoe store and teaching dance. Carla is a proud Kansas State University graduate, receiving her bachelor's degree in physical education and health in 1973. She met Don Pruitt at K-State and they were married in Danforth Chapel on the campus at the university. Carla began her teaching career at Abilene High School teaching physical education and health as well as coaching cheerleaders, drill team, basketball, and track. She started her career in the Victoria school district in 1975 as a para-professional in first grade for Marge Rome. In the fall of 1976, she began teaching K-12 physical education and health. Her last 10 years, up to her retirement in 2006, were spent teaching K-8 physical education and health. She remained active in both high school and middle school coaching tennis, basketball, and track a total of 29 years. Her tennis team qualified for state all but one year giving her the honor of being named 1-2-3 A Tennis Coach of the Year for three years. In 2006 Carla had the distinct honor of being inducted into the Kansas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame. Carla and Don have two daughters, **Alycia Pruitt Straight '93** and husband, Dane, and **Amanda Pruitt Camara '98** and husband, Ousmane Camara. They are also proud grandparents of three grandchildren, Claire, Jayvon, and Nabee.

Homecoming 2011

Another homecoming weekend is fast approaching. September 23 and 24 are the dates set aside for VHS Alumni to come home to celebrate the good times. All are welcome, especially those class years ending with a one or a six. The 50-year honor class is the **Class of 1961**. The **Class of 1986** will be honored as the 25-year honor class, and the **Class of 2001** is the 10-year honor class. These three classes will be given the privilege of sharing treasured memories and current news about their respective class during the program following the banquet Saturday evening. All five-year increment classes will be recognized. The 2011 Hall of Fame recipients, Wayne Billinger, Carla Pruitt, and Nancy Piatt will be honored at this time.

The weekend kicks off with the annual Victoria Alumni Scholarship Golf Classic. The tournament will take place at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the alumni scholarship fund.

The Victoria VFW will be the headquarters for all of Friday's events including 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 Catholic Church. The banquet, dinner, and dance will take place at the Fanchon Ballroom in Hays following mass. This year you will have the privilege of dancing to one of our favorite bands, "The Country Dutchmen".

The cost for the weekend will remain at \$25 per person plus your updated membership dues of \$5. This fee will entitle you to attend the social Friday evening and the social, banquet, and dance Saturday evening. You will find an enclosed envelope to return your dues and reservation form found at the back of this newsletter or you may print a form from the website.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **August 12 & 13** – Herzogfest
- **August 28** – 100th Anniversary of St. Fidelis Catholic Church, "The Cathedral of the Plains"
- **September 14** – Homecoming Reservations Due
- **September 23 & 24** – VHS Homecoming 2011

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

- New board member – Loren VonLintel '90
- Scholarships increase from \$500 to \$750
- Prize money increases from \$1000 to \$1500
- USD 432 Offices relocate to former band rehearsal rooms
- Digital Trophy Case 1940 thru 2010 at www.432.org

ANNOUNCING THE 2011 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Jordan Bleske, son of Calvin & Sharon Kuhn Bleske '83; **Taylor Kisner**, daughter of Jeff '86 and Janine Windholz Kisner '86; **Cody Scheck**, son of Rick '79 and Sandy VonFeldt Scheck '82; and **Colin Schmidtberger**, son of Leroy '74 and LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80, were selected by the Alumni Scholarship Committee to receive the 2011 Alumni Scholarships.

Each of these graduates received a \$750 scholarship to be awarded upon verification of enrollment at their chosen institutions. Scholarship applicants must be admitted into a post secondary school. This may be a four-year college or a two-year technical school. They must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5. The scholarship committee members base their selection on criteria that includes involvement in extra-curricular activities, honors, and awards. All applicants remain anonymous throughout the selection process and are identified by number only.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1994. As of May 2011, the alumni association has awarded 60 scholarships amounting to \$29,700.

These scholarships continue to be funded by your generous donations to the scholarship fund and the annual golf classic that takes place on Friday of homecoming weekend. Due to the overwhelming success of last year's raffle, the board of directors has opted to have another raffle along with the golf tournament to support the scholarship fund. Awarding of these scholarships is one of the main objectives of the alumni association.



VHS Alumni Association Welcomes **Victoria High School Class of 2011**

Jordan Bleske is the son of Calvin and **Sharon Kuhn Bleske '83**. Jordan plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a career in criminal justice.

Janessa Brungardt is the daughter of **Chris '81** and Bertha **Brungardt**. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in business. Janessa is the granddaughter of **Jim '55** and **Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58**.

Kameron Dinkel is the son of **Dale '83** and **Kris Newton Dinkel '83**. He plans to attend Salina Technical College and pursue a career in diesel technology. Kameron is the grandson of **Leland '58** and Marlene **Dinkel**.

Andrea Dome is the daughter of **Stuart '83** and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85**. Andrea plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a degree in art. She is the granddaughter of **Leland '58** and Marlene **Dinkel**.

Dalton Gasper is the son of **Troy '83** and Amy **Gasper**. Dalton plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in geology.

Steven Hotaling is the son of David Hotaling and **Joe '81** and Gail **Robben**. He plans to attend Salina Technical College and pursue a career in automotive technology.

Tony Hurla is the son of James and Colleen Pain. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University.

Desirae Karlin is the daughter of Kevin and Robyn Karlin. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in radiology.

Taylor Kisner is the daughter of **Jeff '86** and **Janine Windholz Kisner '86**. Taylor plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career as a nurse practitioner specializing in pediatrics. Taylor is the granddaughter of **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65**.

Ciera Kohl is the daughter of Lance and Marnie Kohl and Michelle Herndon. Ciera plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in nursing.

Taylor Krom is the daughter of Kelly and Donine Tiede. She will be attending Fort Hays State University and obtain a bachelor degree in nursing.

Anna Kuhn is the daughter of **Joe '73** and **Diane Sanders Kuhn '83**. Anna plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in geosciences.

Dylan Kuhn is the son of **Leon '74** and **Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84**. Dylan will be attending Fort Hays State University and major in agriculture business. He is the grandson of **Leland '58** and Marlene **Dinkel**.

Cody Scheck is the son of **Rick '79** and **Sandy VonFeldt Scheck '82**. Cody plans to attend Fort Hays State University where he will major in agriculture business and minor in accounting. He is the grandson of **Marlene Dinkel Scheck '57**, **Jim '61** and Connie **VonFeldt**, and Francis and **Charlene Braun Unrein '63**.

Kyle Schmidt is the son of **Robert '83** and **Melissa Weber Schmidt '86**. Kyle plans to attend the University of Kansas and pursue a career in business. He is the grandson of **Rich '66** and Diane **Weber**.

Andy Schmidtberger is the son of Tim and Pam Schmidtberger. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a career in mechanical engineering. Andy is the grandson of **Alvin J. Schmidtberger '38**.

Tony Schmidtberger is the son of Tim and Pam Schmidtberger. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in petroleum geology. Tony is the grandson of **Alvin J. Schmidtberger '38**.

Colin Schmidtberger is the son of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a career in interior design. Colin is the grandson of **Leroy '52** and JoAnn **Braun** and Bob and **Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

Falynn Wasinger is the daughter of Coy Wasinger and Tom Wasinger. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in sonography.

Anna Yost is the daughter of Larry and **Connie Denning Yost '69**. She plans to attend Washburn University and major in psychology.

In Loving Memory

Eugene Quint '32 died November 1, 2010, at Asbury Park in Newton. Survivors include his wife, Mary; one son; one daughter; two sisters, Viola Quint Kuhn and **Norma Jean Quint Fellers '52**; and two grandsons.

Virgil Wagner '43 died January 3, 2011, at the Good Samaritan Center in Ellis. He was buried in Walker.

Leslie Ann Mason died March 12, 2011, in Tacoma, Washington. Survivors include her mother, **Cynthia Hertel Mason '68**, and one brother, David.

James R. 'Jim' Kuhn '65 died March 24, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include one sister, **Lois Kuhn Dinkel '66**.

Edward D. 'Eddie' Brungardt '55 died March 25, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Betty Dreiling Brungardt '73**; one son, **Eddie F. Brungardt '83**; two daughters, **Kaylene Brungardt Balint '81** and **Karen Brungardt Wellbrock '86**; one brother, Frank C. Brungardt; three sisters, **Almeda Brungardt Hoffman '43**, **Rosie Brungardt Schulte '45**, and **Betty Brungardt Basgall '51**; and four grandchildren.

Ronald J. Wasinger '63 died April 5, 2011, at University of Kansas Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Rita; four sons; two daughters; his mother, Miriam Bellendir Wasinger; a brother, **Lloyd '68**; two sisters, **Mary Wasinger Bittel '71** and **Rose Wasinger Brown '74**; and eleven grandchildren.

Jerry Knight died April 12, 2011, at his home in Corpus Christi, Texas. Survivors include his wife, **Mary Alice Brungardt Knight '52**; one son; three daughters; and eight grandchildren.

Dywane Sander '61 died April 29, 2011, at his home in Victoria. Survivors include two sisters, **Jeanette 'Speedy' Sander '57** and **Lois "Loie" Sander '64**.

Pete Karlin '58 died May 10, 2011, at Mitchell County Hospital in Beloit. Survivors include two brothers, John and **Tom '56**; two sisters, Sr. Mary Martha Karlin, CSA and Betty Karlin Pfeifer.

Wayne Ruder '65 died May 10, 2011, at Graham County Hospital, Hill City. Survivors include his wife, Clary; one son; two daughters; two step-children; two brothers, **Gerald '51** and **Allen '62**; two sisters, **Patricia Ruder Lang '56** and **Darlene Ruder Werth '58**; two grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren.

Elwyn Hammerschmidt '59, died May 11, 2011, at Clara Barton Hospital, Hoisington. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; one son; four daughters; a sister, **Roseann Hammerschmidt Schmidt '66**; and six grandchildren.

Albert A. 'Al' Riedel, 2003 VHS Alumni Hall of Fame recipient, died May 18, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by two sons; two daughters; one sister; and nine grandchildren. Mr. Riedel taught at the high school from 1947 thru 1953.

Raymond 'Joe' Berens '55 died May 23, 2011, at his home. He is survived by one son, Joey; five daughters, Jana Berens Driscoll, **Julianne Berens Wolf '90**, Jill Berens Hoisington, Joell Berens Griswold, Jacque Berens Coen; his mother, Sophie Berens; one brother, **Delmer Berens '55**; three sisters, **Sharon Berens Thompson '65**, **Joyce Berens Newell '67**, and **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**; and 13 grandchildren.

Tony Suppes died May 25, 2011, in Ft. Collins, Colorado. He is survived by his wife, Agnes; three sons, **Terry '69, Ivan '72,** and Galen; two daughters, **Carol Suppes Myers '65** and **Sheila Suppes Brackett '71**; four brothers; one sister; 17 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Mark Ernst died May 29, 2011, at his home in Hays. He is survived by one daughter; his parents, Fred and **Darlene Karlin Ernst '59**; and two brothers.

Herman J. Brungardt died June 18, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. He is survived by one son, **Jerry Brungardt '62**; one daughter, **Mary Brungardt Davis '70**; three brothers, Linus, **Valerian '47,** and **Edwin J. '50**; two sisters, Henrietta Brungardt Brubaker and Eleanor Brungardt Lang; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

LeRoy J. Stremel '53 died June 19, 2011, at his home in Grand Junction, Colorado. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; one brother, **Frank Stremel '50**; two sisters, Marilyn Stremel Niernberger and Jeanette Stremel Cannon; and five grandchildren.

Laurine M. Dreiling died June 25, 2011, at Wesley Towers, Hutchinson. She is survived by 13 sons, **Mike '66, Roy '66, Tom '69, Loren '71, Roger '71, Galen '72, Tim '75, Duane '76, Mark '78, Jerry '79, David '81, Paul '83,** and **Neil '83**; three daughters, **Elaine Dreiling Clouse '64, Mary Dreiling Koehler '73,** and **Norine Dreiling Hamby '88**; one brother; one sister; 44 grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 42 great-grandchildren; six step-great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Verlin L. 'Vernie' Dreiling '57 died July 2, 2011, at his farm home. He is survived by his wife, Patty; four sons, **Randy '79, Frank L. '80, Tony '89,** and **Mike '91**; three daughters, **Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82, Sadie Dreiling Wideman '85,** and **Terri Dreiling Maring '92**; two brothers, **Norman '55** and **Ken '65**; three sisters, **Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58, Nita Dreiling Braun '60,** and **Ruth Dreiling Weigel '63**; 16 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1941, we would be honored to have you represent your classmates at Homecoming 2011 September 23 and 24. We want you to have the honor of being our Grand Marshalls of the parade.

Class of 1946, you have accomplished quite a milestone. You graduated from St. Fidelis High School just **65 short years ago.** In checking our records we see that there are 21 of you who could possibly get together for a class reunion on September 23 and 24. We would love to see your class represented in the parade and possibly join us for the banquet on Saturday evening. Reservations should be in by Wednesday, September 14. Your reservation form can be found in this newsletter. Be sure to take advantage of the alumni fundraiser. Proceeds will help fund scholarships and general expenses. Winners will be announced at the banquet.

Kenneth Dinkel '49 celebrated his 80th birthday at the American Legion Post 178, Lakewood, Colorado. The celebration was hosted by his five children. Joining in the party were his wife, Peggy, and Kenneth's sisters from Kansas—**Lily Dinkel Meier '47, Mary Ann Dinkel Doerfler '48,** Joanne Dinkel Steinert, and Darlene Dinkel Pfannenstiel. Kenneth sent us a big thank you for the newsletter.

1950's

Class of 1951, we know you have been contacted by some of your classmates about your upcoming **60th class reunion** happening on September 23 and 24. Your class was instrumental in so many firsts for Victoria High School. Hope you are making plans to join us for a great weekend.

Roselyn Roth Schmidt '52 sent us an update on the Schmidt family. Roselyn and Don retired three years ago after 50 years of nursing. They retired to Sun City West, Arizona, in December of 2010. They have six children, twelve grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Three of the grandchildren have been in movies and live in Studio City, California. One grandson is in the "Young and the Restless" and the other two are with "Big Time Rush" and can be seen on the Nickelodeon channel.

Leroy Braun '52 and his wife JoAnn received a blessing for their 50th wedding anniversary on June 4, 2011, at the 5:00 mass at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. Their children are **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80, Terry Braun '81,** and **Tim Braun '87.** They have eight grandchildren. Leroy and JoAnn were married June 5, 1961, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Class of 1956, can you believe five years has already passed since you last gathered for a VHS Homecoming weekend? Now the time has come to celebrate your **55th class reunion**. Hopefully you can rally your classmates and join us for a special celebration. Reservation forms can be found in this newsletter. Be sure to take advantage of the raffle tickets—ten tickets for \$40 or \$5 a ticket. All monies go toward the scholarship and general fund.

1960's

Class of 1961, we have heard many of you have been busy organizing your 50th year class reunion from Victoria High School. It is always a treat to see so many of you. Your class is especially faithful about returning for those 5-year reunions. We are anxious to hear your comments about your accomplishments as the Class of 1961. We know there are many. You can find your reservation and membership form in this newsletter. Don't forget to get in on the alumni fundraiser.

Class of 1966, it's number 45 for your class. Give some thought to coming home and getting reacquainted with classmates from those treasured years of high school. Your alumni association looks forward to seeing you and hosting a wonderful weekend for you. We are sure you won't regret it. Spread the word and mark the calendar for September 23 and 24. Get those raffle tickets mailed back. You could be a big winner and help support your alumni association.

Roseann Kuhn '66 was named to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place July 1, 2011, at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. Roseann joined the staff of the Women's International Bowling Congress in 1974 as a field representative in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She worked her way up to executive director in 1996, a position she had until the formation of USBC in 2005, when she became USBC's chief tournament officer. Roseann has accumulated many awards throughout the years for her loyalty and hard work towards the enhancement of bowling.

Wayne Wellbrock '67 and his wife, Diane, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a Mass and a blessing on May 21, 2011, at the 5:00 mass at St. Fidelis Catholic Church. They have four sons, **John '90, Chris '93, Curtis '96, and Scott '99**, and nine grandchildren. Wayne and Diane Leiker were married in Munjor May 8, 1971.

1970's

Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70 and her husband, Wendelin Jr., received a blessing at mass at St. Ann Catholic Church in Walker for their 40th wedding anniversary April 24, 2011. Their children are **David '91, Lisa Schoendaller Hoopes '93, Amy Schoendaller Knipp '97, and Jill Schoendaller '03**.

Class of 1971, 40 years? Surely not. Can't be! But we've checked the records and it's true. You will be celebrating your 40th class reunion in September. September 23 and 24 to be exact. We have missed many of you at past homecomings. Just wish you would give it a try. You would love it. We guarantee a fantastic weekend.

Class of 1976, we know who you are and we are excited about getting you back home for your 35th reunion. The years pass by so quickly so why not take this opportunity to get back and get reacquainted with your classmates from VHS. While you're filling out your membership form, take advantage of the alumni fund raffle. You can get 10 tickets for just \$40 or \$5 for one ticket. Winners will be announced at the banquet. You do not need to be present to win.

1980's

LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80 was the winner of the "Name the History Book" contest for the book being prepared in honor of the 100th anniversary of the building of "The Cathedral of the Plains". LeeAnn's winning entry is entitled, "Faith and Courage...100 Year Legacy".

Class of 1981, what a partying crew you were. Wonder if you have a little of that spirit and spunk left? Hopefully you are making plans to join us for homecoming weekend on September 23 and 24 to celebrate your 30th class reunion. **Kona Austin Errebo '81** is planning to be back and is very anxious to see all of you again.

Class of 1986, Important Notice!! Your 25th class reunion will be celebrated September 23 and 24 of 2011. That is just a few short weeks away. You are our honored guests and have a special place on the program. Get your spokesperson ready to clue us in on the interesting facts about the Class of '86. Hopefully your parade entry has been planned and contacts have been made.

1990's

Class of 1991, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th class reunion. We are sure all of you have some news to share with your classmates. Some of you have never been back for a reunion. We encourage you to get your class back for a fun weekend. It's not too early to be planning that float entry and various other activities for the weekend. Your alumni association is planning another great weekend and your participation is a must!! Anxious to see all of you.

Glenn Huser '92 and his wife, Brandy, announce the birth of a daughter, Chelsie Elizabeth, born January 14, 2011. She has a big brother, Levi, 7. Her grandfather is **Leon Huser '61**.

Doug Kuhn '92 and his wife, Marlaina, announce the birth of a son, Benjamin John, born May 10, 2011. Benjamin has two brothers, Taiten, 11, and Caylen, 9. His grandparents are Norman and **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**.

Class of 1996, be sure to mark the calendar for September 23 and 24. It was 15 years ago that you graduated from VHS. A perfect time for you to gather and share those great memories of life at Victoria High School. We would be more than happy to reserve about three or four or more tables for you at the banquet Saturday night. Give it some thought. Support your alma mater. Take advantage of the raffle tickets enclosed in your newsletter. You need not be present to win.

Curtis Wellbrock '96 and his wife, Joanna, announce the birth of a son, Lucas Wayne, born April 20, 2011. Lucas has two brothers, Christian, 7, and Levi, 4. His grandparents are **Wayne '67** and Diane **Wellbrock**.

James Seitz '98 and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, born May 30, 2011. Katherine has two brothers, Jack, 3, and Max, 22 months. Grandparents are Steve & **Deb Braun Seitz '72**.

David '99 and **Melissa Crathorne Robben '98**, announce the birth of a daughter, Madelyn Sophia, born March 31, 2011. Madelyn has two brothers, Dylan, 8, and Dalton, 5. Grandparents are **Mike '74** and Sandy **Robben**. Great-grandfather is Norbert Robben and great-great-grandmother is **Josephine Windholz Robben '24**.

Kory Pfeifer '99 and Jessica Riedel were married June 11, 2011, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Kory is employed at Western Well Service. Jessica is a 2003 graduate of Ellis High School and a 2009 graduate of Fort Hays State University. She is a registered nurse in the cardiac progressive care unit at Hays Medical Center. Kory is the son of **Ken '70** and **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73**. His grandmother is **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**.

2000's

Jim '00 and **Emily Gatschet Billinger '02** announce the birth of a son, Henry David, born March 28, 2011. He has a brother, Leo 2. His grandparents are **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel '65**.

Wade Schmidtberger '00 and his wife, Jody, announce the birth of a son, Tucker Michael, born April 14, 2011. He has two brothers, Wyatt, 3, and Cody, 3, and a sister, Emma, 3. His grandparents are **Bill '74** and **Diana Braun Schmidtberger '78**.

Class of 2001 you are the 10-year honor class and the youngest of our honored classes. Hopefully, someone has taken the responsibility to get your class back for a fun weekend. You will have the opportunity to share some tales, true or false, about the wonderful class of '01 at the banquet on Saturday evening. Last year's class had a fantastic showing. Check the website for photos from last year.

James Brungardt '05 and Erin Hoffman were married May 7, 2011, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. James is a graduate of Fort Hays State University. He is employed at Midwest Energy. Erin is a graduate of Fort Hays State University and the University of Kansas. She is a sonographer at Hays Medical Center. James is the son of **Chris '81** and Bertha **Brungardt**. Erin is the daughter of **Jeff '78** and **Myrna Kisner Hoffman '80**. Grandparents are **Jim '55** and **Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58** and **Ernie Hoffman '47**.

Class of 2006, you have made it to the first milestone as members of the Victoria Alumni Association. It is time to celebrate your 5-year reunion. Get your calendars marked for September 23 and 24. There are lots of activities planned and we don't want you to miss out. It is time to touch base with one another.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please help your newsletter committee. If you wish to see your family information—a death, birth, marriage, anniversary, or other news—appear in the newsletter, please submit it to
VHS Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, Kansas 67671
or email to info@victoriaalumni.com.

15TH ANNUAL VHS ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

BY RANDY LEIKER '70

The time has come to start making plans to get a team ready for the 15th Annual VHS Alumni Benefit Golf Tournament to be held Friday, September 23. Last year's tournament was a huge success. We raised enough money that we were able to increase the amount of scholarships we offer to deserving graduates from VHS.

We will be playing a 4-person scramble at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course in Hays. This is a first-class 18-hole golf course with blue grass fairways that is built around historic old Fort Hays.

The entry fee will be the same as last year at \$40 a person/\$160 a team. This price includes lunch at the club house, beverages on the course, hole prizes, and give-a-ways. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. with a shot gun start at 9:00 a.m. Based on the number of teams we have, noncash prizes will be awarded to the top three places in each flight. Carts will be available to rent at the course for \$20. Non-alums are also welcome to play, so this is your chance to bring your favorite "A" player or regular golfing group to enjoy a great tournament. We will accommodate groups of less than four or single golfers. Every one that wants to play should plan on coming.

Last year's tournament was a huge success based not only on the number of golfers that participated but also on the large number of sponsors that made donations to fund the tournament and our scholarship fund.

Even if you have never picked up a golf club or know who Tiger Woods is, you can still be a part of supporting the VHS Alumni Scholarship Fund by becoming a Corporate Sponsor for \$100 or a Hole Sponsor for \$50. Corporate Sponsors will be recognized at the golf course and at the banquet Saturday night. Hole Sponsors will be recognized with a sign placed on tee boxes at the golf course. This is a great way to advertise your business or show pride in your class or honor a deceased alum. We incorporated business logos on last year's Corporate Sponsors banner which we proudly displayed at the golf course and at the banquet.

In order to plan for the lunch and carts, we need to know how many teams to expect. So please try to get your teams together as soon as possible and email the information to Randy Leiker at randyl@eaglecom.net or call Randy at 785-623-6965. You can even use the good ol' postal service and mail your information to 3703 Willow St. Hays, KS 67601.

We hope to see you there, so plan now and send your information to Randy ASAP.



BY LINDA KENNE, USD 432 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Faculty

Eric Austin has officially retired after 27 years of service to Victoria Public Schools. Eric not only taught science, but also coached volleyball, basketball, and track. Other teachers leaving this year are Lance Sharp, who taught math; Fr. Mike Scully, who also taught math; and Katie Grube, who taught band. JoLeen Cunningham, who taught vocal music for 17 years, is also leaving to teach in Hays.

New teachers who will begin in the fall are Travis Olive, math; Allison Somers, physics/math; and Adam Schlitz, K-12 music.

Students

Our high school boys' basketball team made an incredible run for the state title this winter and finished fourth in the state in 1A basketball. Our girls' track team, behind the effort of Taylor Kisner, followed up last year's state title by placing second at state this year. Our Victoria High School was given a Governor's Academic Achievement Award for the second time in four years. This designates our high school as one of the best in the state of Kansas. Nine FCCLA students qualified for the National FCCLA Conference and Competition in California in July.

Facilities

Victoria Schools are now consolidated into two buildings—Victoria Elementary School is pre-kindergarten through 6th grade and Victoria Junior/Senior High School is 7th – 12th grades. The district offices will be located in the high school in a remodeled area that used to house the band office, practice rooms, instrument room, and uniform room. The former middle school building is in the process of being sold.

Upgrades to the two school buildings are nearly complete. Visitors to our buildings will notice many changes that enhance the educational environment for our students. Alumni wishing to return to Victoria will find readily available plots for sale on the old golf course. New roads, curbs, and all utilities are now available for 20+ home sites in the new Knights Addition.



VHS Alumni Association 2nd Annual Fundraiser



Support your Alumni Association general fund and scholarship fund by purchasing raffle tickets. The winners will be chosen at the homecoming banquet September 24, 2011. You need not be present to win.

The proceeds of the raffle will:

- Fund the four \$750 scholarships awarded each year.
- Defray the rising cost of the newsletter.
- Allow our membership fee to remain at \$5 per year.
- Keep the cost of homecoming weekend at \$25 per person.

Total prize money has been set at \$1500.

- \$500 — 1st prize
- \$400 — 2nd prize
- \$300 — 3rd prize
- \$200 — 4th prize
- \$100 — 5th prize

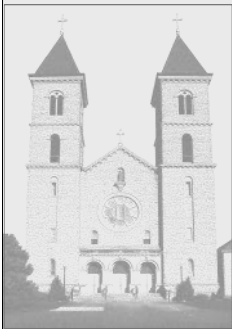
COST OF TICKETS: \$5⁰⁰ per ticket OR ten tickets for \$40⁰⁰

Please fill out your tickets along with your payment and membership/reservation form and return in the envelope provided in your newsletter.

Last year's winners were **Louise Braun Robben '57**, **Carol Geist '83**, **Frank Denning '54**, **Allen & Mary Ruder '62**, and **Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51**.

“Cathedral of the Plains” Dedication - August 28

Be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 28th, for the centennial celebration of St. Fidelis Catholic Church. The day begins at 9:30 a.m. with the dedication of the Centennial Monument followed by Mass at 10:00. Dinner will begin at 11:30 and will feature many of your favorite German dishes. Games and entertainment follow throughout the day. Get all the details of the 100th anniversary celebration of St. Fidelis Church at www.stfidelischurch.com. A full day of activities has been planned for your enjoyment. We encourage you to come with your families and celebrate the faith of our ancestors.



Welcome to Our Newest Board Member

Loren VonLintel '90 has consented to become a member of the board of directors. He is a Fort Hays State graduate with a bachelor's degree in physical science education. Loren was a member of the Hays High Faculty for ten years teaching science and then became the technology coordinator for the Hays school district. In 2007 he went to work for Nex-Tech as an education account specialist. His wife, Trisha, is a geologist with John O. Farmer in Russell. They have a daughter, Autumn, who will be in first grade at Victoria Elementary. Loren replaces **Jeff Hertel '79** who was a member of the board since September of 2000. We thank Jeff for his years of service.

Virtual Trophy Case

The Victoria High School website at www.432.org is worth checking out. They have posted a digital trophy case of all the trophies earned from the 1940s through 2010. Simply click on the decade to view the featured slide show. It will surely trigger many memories.

VHS Alumni

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2011-2012 MEMBERSHIP / HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM

Due: Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Graduating Class

Name _____

Year

Maiden Name _____

Spouse / Guest _____

Year

Non-graduate _____

Year

Associate Member

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

IMPORTANT: Permission to enter personal information on web site:

(Please disregard if you have already addressed this issue.)

Address: _____ Yes _____ No

Phone: _____ Yes _____ No

E-mail: _____ Yes _____ No

Annual Membership Fee per Alum \$5.00.....\$ _____

Number attending the banquet and dance _____ (\$25.00 per person)\$ _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund\$ _____

Donation to Association General Fund\$ _____

Raffle Tickets.....\$ _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Please note any news concerning marriages, births, promotions, accomplishments, retirements, anniversaries, change of address, your letter of nomination for VHS Alumni "Hall of Fame" 2011.

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1941—1966

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1967—PRESENT
