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# Homecoming 2012

Friday, September 7  
Saturday, September 8

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2012

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## HONORING

Class of '62

Class of '87

Class of '02

&

5-Year Increment Classes



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2012

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- Friday, September 7, 2012 -----

8:00 a.m. .... 16th Annual VHS Golf Classic  
Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course  
2:00 p.m. .... Open House – VFW Hall, Victoria  
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. St. John  
9:00 p.m. .... Social – VFW Hall

----- Saturday, September 8, 2012 -----

3:00 p.m. .... Memorial Mass – St. Fidelis Church  
4:30 p.m. .... Social/Banquet – Fanchon Ballroom, Hays  
8:30 p.m. .... Dance “Anthony & the Anamals”

# Homecoming 2012

Homecoming is so early this year; it almost kicks off the school year. September 7 and 8 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 two or a

banquet, and dance Saturday evening. You will find an enclosed envelope to return your dues and the 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**



seven. The 50-year honor class is the **Class of 1962**. The **Class of 1987** will be recognized as the 25-year honor class and the **Class of 2002** 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 2012 Hall of Fame recipients, **Ruby Schumacher Roth '32**, Fr. Mike Scully, O.F.M. Cap., and **Allen Dreiling '55** 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 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 3:00 in St. Fidelis Church, fulfilling the Sunday obligation. 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 Anthony & the Anamals, whose band members include many of our VHS Alumni.

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,

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.



VHS said good bye to a long time teacher this past spring—Robert Leikam. Bob has been a teacher here for over 30 years and he will be missed. He will be teaching at the new TMP Junior High School in Hays. Every graduate from VHS in the last 30 years had a least one class from Mr. Leikam. Dylan Dronberger will replace Mr. Leikam. Dylan is a recent graduate of FHSU and is enthusiastically looking forward to teaching at VHS.

Alumni who have been away from Victoria for a number of years will want to tour the Junior/Senior High School and notice the improvements that have taken place.

Starting in the fall 2012, all students in grades 7-12 were issued an iPad for their use. This is what is known as a 24/7 implementation. Teachers received their iPads and began training in the spring. Elementary students will have access through 4 iPads per classroom.

# VHS Alumni Association Welcomes

## **Victoria High School Class of 2012**

### Who are they? Where are they going?

**Amanda Braun** is the daughter of **John '84** and **Connie Braun**. Amanda plans to attend Kansas State University and pursue a career in secondary education. She is the granddaughter of **John '49** and **Josie Braun**.

**Aubree Broyles** is the daughter of Shane and Stephanie Broyles. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in graphic design and minor in leadership studies.

**Blane Brungardt** is the son of Kevin and Dawn Brungardt and the stepson of Jennifer Brungardt. He plans to attend the University of Kansas and major in vocal performance. Blane is the grandson of **Lilyota Leiker Brungardt '56**.

**Corey Dinkel** is the son of **Craig '84** and **Annie Ruder Dinkel '90**. Corey plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a degree in sports management. He is the grandson of **Rosie Braun Dinkel '60** and **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

**Tayla Geist** is the daughter of **Tom '78** and **Brenda Leiker Geist '82**. Tayla plans to attend Kansas State University and major in elementary education. She is the granddaughter of **Pete '62** and **Tina Braun Geist Braun '58** and **Sheila Roth Leiker Page '60**.

**Kaley Goetz** is the daughter of **Rod '82** and **Maria Dreiling Goetz '86**. She plans to attend the University of Kansas and pursue a career in nursing.

**John Karlin** is the son of Aaron and Dedra Karlin and Wanda Carver. John plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in business.

**Katelyn Lang** is the daughter of **Daren '83** and **Dana Dreiling Lang '84**. Katelyn is the granddaughter of **Marlene Kisner Sarver '60** and **Tom Dreiling '59** and **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60**. She plans to attend University of Kansas to pursue a career in journalism.

**Brady Leiker** is the son of **Keith '84** and **Karen Leiker**. Brady plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College to pursue a career in welding. He is the grandson of **Sheila Roth Leiker Page '60**.

**Austin McAlonan** is the son of Aleck and **Sandy Schmidtberger McAlonan '83**. Austin plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College to pursue a career in welding.

**Morgan Schremmer** is the daughter of Paul and **Renee Urban Schremmer '89**. She will be attending Emporia State University and majoring in theater and art.

**Nevin Truan** is the son of Rick & Gerri Truan. Nevin plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College and major in electronic engineering.

**Courtney Unrein** is the daughter of Glen and **Michele Schumacher Unrein '81**. Courtney will be attending Fort Hays State University and double major in business and marketing. She is the granddaughter of Arlyn and **Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58**.

**Kelton Unrein** is the son of Curtis and **Diane Kuhn Unrein '83**. Kelton plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College where he will major in welding.

**Zach VonLintel** is the son of **Darin VonLintel '86** and Stacy and **Travis Dinges '99**. Zach plans to attend Kansas State University and pursue a degree in milling science. He is the grandson of **Dennis '56** and Kay **VonLintel** and **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**.

# HALL OF FAME 2012

**FR. MIKE SCULLY, O.F.M. CAP., TEACHER**  
**RUBY SCHUMACHER ROTH, DIETICIAN/COOK, POSTHUMOUS**  
**ALLEN DREILING, DISTINGUISHED ALUM**

## FR. MICHAEL SCULLY

was born to Clay and Edna Scully in Ohio where they resided for a few years. At the age of two, his family moved to West Virginia where he spent his childhood days. He has a sister, Sid, and two



nephews and one niece. Fr. Mike, as we know him best, entered the seminary at age 13. He was ordained into the Capuchin Franciscan Order in 1965. He attended St. Fidelis College in Herman, Pennsylvania, receiving a degree in philosophy. He obtained a master's degree in theology from Capuchin College in Washington, D.C. He began his studies in mathematics at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and completed his master's degree in mathematics at Fort Hays State College. The Victoria community first got to know Fr. Mike back in 1978 when he was named pastor of St. Fidelis parish. He remained in Victoria until 1982. Before his return in 2007, he filled various positions including the following: vocation director in the Kansas City area, the first Capuchin pastor in Lawrence, administrator of Thomas More Prep, provincial of the Capuchin Province of Mid-America for 6 years, and then back to Victoria once again to take over the reins as pastor of St. Fidelis Church. It was during this time that Fr. Mike consented to teach mathematics at Victoria High School. He taught calculus, advanced math, and geometry. Besides his duties as pastor, he taught Bible studies to the sixth grade religion class as well as senior religion. He has been a keynote speaker at the annual student council camp in

Emporia since 1970. His presentation, "Rock Music and Leadership," has been presented to over 30,000 young people. His radio show, "Message at the Top", is aired on KJLS-FM, Mix103.3 [www.mix103fm.com] in Hays, and can be listened to online on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. His book, The Message of Youth, is a Christian resource book for parents and youth ministers and is a must-read for all parents. Father Mike is currently serving as vocation director in the Lawrence and Kansas City area. Students at Victoria High School were privileged to have Fr. Mike as a math teacher from 2007 thru 2011. During those four years, he was an encouraging presence at VHS to both students and faculty.

## RUBY SCHUMACHER ROTH '32

was born to Henry and Pauline Schumacher in Victoria. She was the oldest of ten children. She received a



teaching certificate from Fort Hays Normal School (predecessor to Fort Hays State College). She taught school in rural Rooks County in the Zurich area and in rural Ellis County for a number of years. She also worked for a period of time at the government ASCS farm office in Hays. Ruby married Alphonse (Oscar) Roth September 18, 1944, in Pfeifer. They lived on a farm west of Pfeifer and farmed in the Pfeifer area their entire married life. Her true cooking career began with helping to cook for her brothers and sisters. Four of her surviving siblings are

Norman Schumacher '45, Leland Schumacher '46, Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50, and Paula Schumacher Palermo '56. Her specialty was delicious pastries and wedding cakes which she made for family and friends over the years. Ruby started sharing her cooking expertise with the public in 1965 when she accepted a position as "Pie Baker" at the Vagabond Motel in Hays. She worked in this capacity for four years. Ruby began the job which she dearly loved and it was a perfect match for her in 1969 when she became the Meal Planner for the Victoria School district. This job blended her love for cooking with the love she had for kids. She spent many hours planning the menus to utilize the commodities the district received to create meals the students would truly enjoy. There was nothing quite like Ruby's bierocks. She worked in this capacity for the remainder of her career. Ruby and Oscar had three sons, Wayne '64, Allen '65, and Tom '67.

## ALLEN P. DREILING

'55 is the youngest son of Alphonse and Melosina Dreiling. He grew up in Victoria and attended Victoria Grade School and Victoria High School. He attended Fort Hays State College and Salt City Business College in Hutchison. From May 1958 to May 1972, Allen was employed by A.W. Burtscher, Public Accountant, and R.N. Burtscher, C.P.A., in public accounting in Hays. In May of 1972, Allen started his own business, Dreiling Accounting Inc., located at the corner of



4<sup>th</sup> and Main. Allen and his wife **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53** were married in Victoria and have three children, **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76**, **Cletus Dreiling '79**, and **Sandra Dreiling Budke '80**. Allen has served the city of Victoria throughout the years. He was elected to the Victoria City Council from 1985 to 1993 and then was elected mayor from May of 1993 until May of 1999. He served as a school board member and a St. Fidelis parish council member from 1972 to 1976. He was

appointed to the church finance council and served for eleven years. He was an incorporator of the Cathedral of the Plains Charitable Fund in 1989 and currently serves on the board of directors. Allen was influential in getting the alumni association started. He was one of the first members of the board of directors when the association began in 1993. The alumni golf tournament, on the sand greens in Victoria, came about because of Allen's persistence and hard work. His love for

the game and the camaraderie of his fellow alumni find him at every tournament since its inception. If he is not golfing, he is there to help in any way he can. Allen and Connie have missed one homecoming banquet in these past 15 years due to a family wedding. Allen definitely meets the criteria for being recognized as an outstanding alum of Victoria High School.

## VHS Alumni Association Annual Fundraiser

~ Raffle tickets enclosed in your newsletter ~

Sixty-nine VHS seniors have benefited from alumni scholarships since 1993. Monies awarded in scholarships have reached \$33,700.

Because of **your** generosity during the 2011 raffle returns, the board of directors voted to increase the scholarship award from \$750 to \$1,000.

The proceeds of the raffle will:

- Fund the 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. Prizes will be awarded as follows: **\$500**, 1<sup>st</sup> prize; **\$400**, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize; **\$300**, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize; **\$200**, 4<sup>th</sup> prize; and **\$100**, 5<sup>th</sup> prize.

Ticket donation: \$5.00 per ticket or 10 tickets for \$40.00.

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

## ANNOUNCING THE 2012 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Amanda Braun**, daughter of **John '84** & **Connie Braun**; **Tayla Geist**, daughter of **Tom '78** and **Brenda Leiker Geist '82**; **Katelyn Lang**, daughter of **Daren '83** and **Dana Dreiling Lang '84**; and **Courtney Unrein**, daughter of **Glen** and **Michele Schumacher Unrein '81**, were selected by the Alumni Scholarship Committee to receive the 2012 Alumni Scholarships.

Each of these graduates received a \$1,000 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.



Awarding of these scholarships is one of the main objectives of the alumni association.

Recipients of the 2012 Alumni Scholarship were (pictured from left to right) Courtney Unrein, Katelyn Lang, Amanda Braun, and Tayla Geist.

# Class Notes



## 1930's

**Clarence Lang '37** graduated from St. Fidelis High School 75 years ago. Clarence has been invited to serve as grand marshal for Homecoming 2012 and has agreed to do so. He did say that at age 92 one can't plan too far ahead.

## 1940's

**Class of 1942**, hopefully some of you are going to be able to join us for homecoming on September 7 and 8. All the activities can be found in this newsletter.

**Class of 1947**, you have accomplished quite a milestone. You graduated from St. Fidelis High School just **65 short years ago**. We are looking forward to celebrating with you at homecoming 2012.

## 1950's

**Class of 1952**, we are expecting a nice representation from your class for your **60th class reunion** happening on September 7 and 8. We hope you are making plans to join us for a great weekend.

**Julius Dreiling '52** and his wife, **Darlene Brungardt Dreiling '57**, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary April 28, 2012, with a Mass at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria, followed by a dinner and dance at the VFW Hall, Victoria. Their children are **Tom '84, Troy '86, Terry '87, Debi Dreiling Cline '81, Deanna Dreiling '84, and Dori Dreiling Smalley '90**. Julius and Darlene have ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild. They were married April 28, 1962, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Emmeram.

**Norman Dreiling '55** and his wife, Joann, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with a trip to the Lake of the Ozarks accompanied by their children and grandchildren. They were married August 13, 1962, in Munjor. Norman and Joann have three sons, **John '83, Joe '84, and Jim '88**; three daughters, **Gerallynn Dreiling Kerbaugh '82, Stacey Dreiling Pfannenstiel '89, and Kristy Dreiling Windholz '92**; eight grandsons; and four granddaughters.

**Class of 1957**, 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 **55<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Otto Jr. '57** and his wife **Carol Ann Rome Dinkel '59** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary along with their daughter, **Kim Dinkel Cavanaugh '81** and her husband, Mike, and their son, **Kurt '86** and his wife, **Shanna Robben Dinkel '89**, with a trip to the Lake of the Ozarks. Otto and Carol Ann were married September 1, 1962, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. They have 10 grandchildren.

## 1960's

**Class of 1960** will be making a trip to Branson in mid-September to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays. They have chartered a bus for the twenty members from the Victoria area and will be joined in Branson by more classmates from other regions of the country.

**Class of 1962**, we have heard many of you have been busy organizing your 50<sup>th</sup> year class reunion from Victoria High School. It is always a treat to see so many of you. We are anxious to hear your comments about your accomplishments as the Class of 1962. 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 1967**, it is reunion year 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 7 and 8. Get those raffle tickets mailed back. You could be a big winner and help support your alumni association.

**Gary '69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71** will celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 2, 2012, with a small luncheon for their family. Their children are **Melissa Wagner Page '92**, **Jennifer Wagner '95**, and **Jared Wagner '00**. They have two grandchildren. Gary and Marilyn were married September 2, 1972, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

## 1970's

**Class of 1970**, your classmates, **Randy Leiker** and **Rose Dreiling Rifford**, would like to see as many of you as possible to gather for homecoming this year to celebrate your birthdays. Rumor has it that it would be number 60. That is definitely a reason to celebrate. Make plans to get back September 7 and 8 for the big party.

**Class of 1972**, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at homecoming 2012. The exact dates are Friday, September 7, and Saturday, September 8. You can find your reservation form for the weekend in this newsletter.

**Class of 1977**, as we look at your list of class members, we see **Alan Basgall**, **Bill Billinger**, **Sheri Robben Brown**, **Curtis Carlson**, and **Rich and Kerri Austin Dinkel**, just for starters. This is your 35<sup>th</sup> reunion from good ol' VHS. The years pass by so quickly. Take this opportunity to join in the homecoming festivities and get reacquainted with your classmates. While you are filling out your membership form, take advantage of the alumni raffle. You can get ten 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

**Class of 1982**, how about joining us for homecoming 2012? Hopefully, you are making plans to join us for homecoming weekend on September 7 and 8 to celebrate your 30<sup>th</sup> class reunion. Your classmate, **Sandy Dreiling Goetz**, is such an active member of the alumni board. Come party with Sandy.

**Betty Baier Merritt '83** and Marty Johnson were married May 31, 2012, in Cancun, Mexico. Betty is the daughter of **Paul '49** and **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**.

**Gerard Wellbrock '86** has been selected as the Hod Humiston Award for Sports Broadcasting recipient for 2012. The award is given annually to a Kansas broadcaster who has made significant contributions to the field of sports broadcasting. Hod Humiston, for whom the award is named, was the first television sportscaster in Kansas doing play-by-play coverage of college games for KWCH in Wichita. Gerard has been with KAYS (Eagle Radio) since 1992 and has been the "Voice of the Fort Hays Tigers" for ten years. He has received numerous awards from the Kansas Association of Broadcasters and the Oscar Stauffer Award from the Kansas High School Activities Association. Gerard is the son of **Gene '56** and Joan **Wellbrock**.

**Class of 1987, Important Notice!!** Your 25<sup>th</sup> class reunion will be celebrated September 7 and 8 of 2012. 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 '87. Hopefully, your parade entry has been planned and contacts have been made.

## 1990's

**Michael Gatschet '90** celebrates his 12<sup>th</sup> year in business as the owner of a remodeling company, Heartland Home Improvements, in Wichita. It is a division of the company called Home for Life which offers home accessibility solutions. In 2010 Michael was selected as one of 40 young business owners under the age of 40 of Wichita. Michael is the husband of **Shana Dreiling Gatschet '91**.

**Shana Dreiling Gatschet '91** has completed her neurofit network training at Duke University. She now specializes in working with people with Parkinson's disease. She is one of three therapists in the state of Kansas with this training. Shanna is owner of Adaptive Living since 2009 in the Wichita area. Adaptive Living offers out-patient occupational and physical therapy in the home and community. Shana is married to **Mike Gatschet '90**. They have two sons, Cade, 9, and Braden, 6. Shana's parents are **Tom Dreiling '59** and **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60**.

**Class of 1992**, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20<sup>th</sup> 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!! We are anxious to see all of you.

**Doug Kuhn '92** has been serving with the military in Afghanistan for the past year. He is expected home in a few weeks. His wife, Marlaina, and his three sons anxiously await his return. Thank you for your service, Doug, and we continue to pray for your safe return. Doug is the son of Norman and **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**.

**Melissa Wagner Page '92** and her husband, Tom, recently purchased a new home in the country and are learning the joys of home ownership.

**Jared '93** and his wife, **Andrea Dinges Windholz '96**, announce the birth of a son, Jack Dawson, born May 2, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. He has two sisters, Ashlyn, 11, and Kaitlyn, 9. His grandparents are **Marvin Windholz '64** and **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65** and Tony and **Deb Braun Geschwentner '76**.

**Jason Weber '94** and his wife, Tammy, announce the birth of a son, Tagen Levi, born September 7, 2011, in Wichita. He has one brother, Tanner, 10, and two sisters, Hannah, 8, and Haleigh, 5. Tagen's grandmother is **Charlotte Braun Weber '65**.

**Chad Dague '95** and his wife, Tracy, announce the birth of twin daughters, Jenna, born January 10, 2012, and Kaylee, born January 11, 2012, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. They have two brothers, Ethan, 4, and Brandon, 3.

**Jennifer Wagner '95** has accepted a position at St. Joseph School in McPherson, Kansas. She will be a Title 1 teacher in the morning and teach third grade in the afternoon.

**Kerri Klein King '95** and her husband, Zachary, announce the birth of a son, Lincoln Eric, born June 11, 2012. He has three brothers, Logan, 11, Jackson, 6, and Jefferson, 1.

**Class of 1997**, be sure to mark the calendar for September 7 and 8. It was 15 years ago that you graduated from VHS. This would be 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.

**Mike Brown '97** and his wife, Blythe, announce the birth of a daughter, Emersyn Kay, born May 25, 2012. Her grandparents are Bob and **Lucy Dinkel Brown '65**.

**Kevin Truan '98** and his wife, Amanda, announce the birth of a daughter, Harper Agedia, born April 27, 2012. She has a sister, Alexis, 10.

**Andra Rome Cunningham '99** and her husband, Preston, announce the birth of a daughter, Abby Jo, born April 4, 2012, at Minneola District Hospital. She has a sister, Kate, 4. Grandparents are **Mark '71** and **Mary Jo Schulte Rome '71**.

**Shaun Karlin '99** and his wife, Jodi, announce the birth of a daughter, Avery Louise, born June 5, 2012, in Wichita. She has a brother, Mason, 3 years old. Her grandparents are **Tony '74** and **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76** and her great-grandparents are **Allen '55** and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53**.

**Kory Pfeifer '99** and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of a son, Walker Allen, born July 3, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Walker's grandparents are **Ken '70** and **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73**. His great-grandmother is **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**.

## 2000's

**Jared '00** and **Rachel Carter Wagner '00** announce the birth of a son, Colton Stephen, born May 31, 2012. He has a brother, Gavin. His grandparents are **Gary '69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**.

**Class of 2002** you are the 10-year honor class this year and the youngest of our honored classes. Rumor has it that many of you will be coming back. Please honor us with your presence at the banquet Saturday evening. You have bragging rites that night and we are anxious to hear about that special class of 2002. Check the website for photos from last year's activities. Your alumni association provides a weekend filled with good food and drink. Get your reservation in by August 29.

**Brett Karlin '02** and his wife, Hannah, announce the birth of a daughter, Brooklyn Marie, born July 10, 2012, in Kansas City. Her grandparents are **Tony '74** and **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76**. Her great-grandparents are **Allen '55** and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53**.



**Erin Dinkel '04** and Jeff Pfeifer were married April 28, 2012, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Erin is a 2007 graduate of North Central Kansas Technical College with a business management degree. She is employed at O'Reilly Auto Parts. Jeff is a 2000 graduate of Hays High School and is employed at LK Wireline. Erin is the daughter of **Glenn '82** and **Paula McClurg Dinkel '83**.

**James Brungardt '05** and his wife, Erin, announce the birth of a daughter, Kendall Presley, born May 21, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Her grandparents are **Chris '81** and Bertha **Brungardt** and **Jeff '78** and **Myrna Kisner Hoffman '80**. Kendall's great-grandparents are **Jim '55** and **Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58** and **Ernie Hoffman '47**.

**Class of 2007**, 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 7 and 8. 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](mailto:info@victoriaalumni.com)



# ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS

BY RANDY LEIKER '70

**What:** 16<sup>th</sup> Annual VHS Alumni Golf Tournament  
**When:** Friday, September 7, 2012  
**Where:** Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course

**Why:** For fun! To kick off a great homecoming weekend! To get together with other classmates and fellow alums! To do a little trash talking to your classmates and alums on other teams! (Seasoned golfers are really good at this.) To get lunch in the club house and beverages served on the course by only the best looking, albeit a little older, beverage cart personnel VHS Alumni Association could find. (Actually the beverage cart volunteers don't know what end of a golf club to use to hit the ball, but they are still good looking and want to be with their fellow alums.) And for the excitement of winning the hole prizes and bragging rights of winning at the most prestigious VHS alumni golf tournaments.

Okay, I had my fun. Seriously now, this golf tournament is one of the major fundraisers for the alumni scholarship fund. Over the past three years, we have been able to increase the amount of scholarship money awarded to our deserving graduating seniors who qualify for this award. If we happen to have a lot of fun raising money for a great cause then so be it.

Aside from the golfers, we are also looking for sponsorships for the golf tournament. Hole sponsors get a printed sign made with their name or business posted and these are placed on the tee boxes. The donation for hole sponsors is \$50. Corporate sponsorship gets your name or business on a banner that is displayed at the golf course, at the social at the VFW Hall Friday evening, and at the banquet Saturday evening at the Fanchon. Corporate sponsorship requires a minimum donation of \$100. All sponsors are listed on the alumni website at [www.victoriaalumni.com](http://www.victoriaalumni.com).

The cost for this year's tournament remains the same as last year: \$40.00 per person, \$160.00 per team. Entry fee includes coffee and pastries during registration beginning at 8:00 a.m., lunch after the tournament, and prizes to the top three teams. (Sorry, no cash prizes, it is a fundraiser.)

Please, get your teams together as soon as possible and let me know who is on your team so we can plan the number for lunch. I will also need to know how many golf carts will be needed. Carts can be rented at the pro shop for \$20.00. So much to do in so little time.

Singles are always welcome. We can find a team for you. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.

You can call me at either 785-623-6965 or 785-2590-1392. Email [randyl@eaglecom.net](mailto:randyl@eaglecom.net).



# In Loving Memory



Annette Riedel died December 28, 2011. Survivors include her husband, **Kenneth Riedel '59**.

Helen Brungardt died March 7, 2012, at Russell Regional Hospital. Survivors include a son, **Larry A. '62**; a daughter, **Rose Marie Brungardt Unrein '60**; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**Jane Brungardt Ruder '54** died March 15, 2012, in Salina. Survivors include four sons; a daughter; a brother, Dennis Brungardt; and two sisters, **Clarita Brungardt Koerner '52** and **Lily Brungardt Kanzlemer '57**.

**Thecla Haas '33** died April 1, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include seven sons, five daughters, one sister, 59 grandchildren, and 51 great-grandchildren. Thecla was honored as our distinguished Grand Marshall at Homecoming 2010. She was a very proud Victoria alumnus.

**Albert Rohleder '38** died April 20, 2012, at the Catholic Care Center, Wichita. Survivors include two sons; a sister, **Clara Rohleder '45**; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Mary Theresa Dreiling Kinison '45** died April 20, 2012, at her daughter's home in Milliken, Colorado. Survivors include two sons; a daughter; a sister, **Agnes Dreiling Shearer '48**; 13 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

**Ethel Leiker Gatschet '57** died April 25, 2012, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, George; four daughters; two brothers, Robert Leiker and **Laurian Leiker '55**; four sisters, **Armella Leiker Thompson '41**, **Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46**, **Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47**, and **Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52**; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Hilaria "Larry" Windholz died May 13, 2012, at Prairie Haven Nursing Home, Kensington. Survivors include a daughter, **Gladys Windholz Wickham '59**; a brother, **Francis Kuhn '45**; two sisters, Leona Rohleder and **Martina Bieker '43**; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Brian Traffas died June 4, 2012, in Sharon, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, **Marilyn Marcotte Traffas '71**; one son; two daughters; his mother; two brothers; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

Theresa Schippers died June 15, 2012, at Stormont-Vail Hospital, Topeka. She is survived by her husband, **Paul '55**; one son, **Troy '85**; one daughter, **Paula Schippers Schumacher '81**; two brothers; one sister; and six grandchildren.

**Delmer Berens '55** died June 24, 2012, at Lakewood Regional Medical Center, Lakewood, California. He is survived by three sons; two daughters; three sisters, **Sharon Berens Thompson '65**, **Joyce Berens Newell '67**, and **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**; and five grandchildren.

Bernice McMillin died June 30, 2012, at Good Samaritan Society, Minneapolis. She is survived by one son; one daughter; two brothers, **Nathan Younger '52** and **Francis Younger '59**; three sisters, Irene Linenberger, Geraldine Ruder and Marilyn Prew; and one granddaughter.



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## 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP / HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM

Due: Wednesday, August 29, 2012

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" 2013.

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1922—1940

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VICTORIA RURAL HIGH SCHOOL  
1941—1966

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