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Homecoming 2013

Friday, September 20
Saturday, September 21

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2013
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Class of '63
Class of '88
Class of '03

&

5-Year Increment Classes



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- *Friday, September 20, 2013* -----

8:00 a.m. 17th Annual VHS Golf Classic
Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course
2:00 p.m. Open House – V.F.W. 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. Ness City
9:00 p.m. Social – V.F.W. Hall

----- *Saturday, September 21, 2013* -----

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 2013

September 20 and 21 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 three or an eight. The 50-year honor class is the **Class of 1963**. The **Class of 1988** will be honored as the 25-year honor class and the **Class of 2003** is the 10-year honor class. These three classes will be given the privilege of sharing treasured memories and current news about their respective classes during the program following the banquet Saturday evening. All five-year-increment classes will be recognized. The 2013 Hall of Fame recipients, **Randy Stanley**, **Kathalie Dortland Hoffman**, and **Arlene Wellbrock Pfeifer** will be honored at this time.

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

The Victoria V.F.W. 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 are 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, 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.

Please honor the deadline of September 10 for homecoming reservations, if possible.



“Tough with high standards” Thank you, Mr. Dreiling!

Gene Dreiling has officially retired after 42 years of service to Victoria Public Schools. He began teaching at Victoria in 1971. Some of his fellow teachers during his first years at VHS were Jerry Cronister, Pat O'Brien, Lawrence Marcotte, Tony "Red" Pfeifer, and Benny Schulte. Mr. Dreiling was the English department at Victoria High School. He taught English literature, grammar, logic, and speech and was a sponsor to a variety of school organizations. He remembers sitting on the back of a pick-up truck on the visitor side of the football field to give the play-by-play of the football games.

Mr. Dreiling was respected by his colleagues and his students. He was among the first three teachers to be inducted into the Victoria Alumni Hall of Fame in 2002. It is not unusual to hear graduates of Victoria High School say that Mr. Dreiling was one of their best teachers. Only time made them realize the value of hours spent in Mr. Dreiling's classroom.

News From Your Alumni Board

Randy Leiker '70 has resigned his board position. He was such an important part of our board and will be missed by all. He has been instrumental in organizing the Alumni Golf Classic at Fort Hays Golf Course. Team participation has jumped considerably, thanks to Randy's efforts. We are so thankful that he has consented to remain the chairperson for the annual tournament but we will miss his ideas and the camaraderie we have enjoyed while on the board for the past seven years. Randy joined the board in 2006. Thank you for your years of service, Randy.

Kaylene Jacobs Gabel '95 and **Kathy Schulte Dreiling Amrein '76** will be joining our alumni board of directors effective September of 2013. We are excited to have these two alumni join our ranks.

Website * Facebook * Twitter

Has it been awhile since you last visited the alumni website? If so, you will notice a bright new look. Be sure to check out the photo albums. Awesome pictures have captured previous homecoming weekends.

Your alumni association is now on Facebook and Twitter. Find your association at www.facebook.com/victoriaalumniassociation

You can tag yourself and your Facebook friends in the picture albums after you "Like" the VAA Facebook page. Get important updates about VAA by following @victoriaalumni on twitter.

A big thank you to **John Schulte '96** and **Loren VonLintel '90** for making all of this possible.

Lifetime Membership Made Simple

Would you like to become a lifetime member of the alumni association and not have to wonder if you are current with your membership? **Check the home page of the website for an easy calculation.** If you are not sure of your current membership status, you can contact John Schulte at shultz@ruraltel.net for that information.

VHS Alumni Association Welcomes Victoria High School Class of 2013 On Their Way to Living Their Dream

Dylan J. Braun '13 is the son of **Jeff '85** and **Darla Braun**. Dylan plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a career in business management or sports medicine. Dylan is the grandson of **Pete '62** and **Tina Braun Braun '58**.

Lane J. Braun '13 is the son of **Rick '82** and **Janice Braun**. He will be attending North Central Kansas Technical College in Beloit and major in agriculture equipment technology. Lane is the grandson of **LaVern Braun '58** and his wife, Darlene.

Nathan Corley '13 is the son of Rob and Michelle Corley. He plans to attend Kansas State University and major in agribusiness.

Audrey Crawford '13 is the daughter of Jerry Crawford and Karen Crawford. Audrey plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a degree in nursing. She is the granddaughter of **Ted Crawford '54** and his wife, Cecelia.

Ashley Dome '13 is the daughter of **Stuart '82** and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85**. Ashley plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in elementary education. She is the granddaughter of **Leland Dinkel '58**.

Dalton Dreiling '13 is the son of **Joe '84** and **Brenda Dreiling**. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in human health and performance. Dalton is the grandson of **Norman Dreiling '55** and his wife, Joann.

Isaac Dreiling '13 is the son of **Jerry '79** and **Brenda Dreiling**. Isaac plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College and major in welding.

Dylan Gasper '13 is the son of **Troy '83** and **Amy Gasper**. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a degree in

technology studies.

Sarah Kuhn '13 is the daughter of **Joe '73** and **Diane Sanders Kuhn '83**. Sarah plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in nursing.

Michael Lang '13 is the son of **Allen '85** and **Christine Lang**. Michael plans to attend Fort Hays State University to become a software developer.

Colten Leiker '13 is the son of **Keith '84** and **Karen Leiker**. He will be attending North Central Technology College and obtain a degree as an agricultural technician. He is the grandson of **Sheila Roth Paige '60**.

Kirk Meier '13 is the son of Corey and Christy Phlieger. Kirk plans to join the Marines.

Phillip Nowak '13 is the son of P.J. and Kim Nowak. Phillip plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in agribusiness.

Breanna Robben '13 is the daughter of Chris and Brenda Robben. Breanna plans to attend Fort Hays State University where she will major in psychology.

Ashley Wellbrock '13 is the daughter of **Leon '83** and **Joan Wellbrock**. Ashley plans to attend Hays Academy of Hair Design to obtain a cosmetologist position in the area. She is the granddaughter of **Regis '62** and **Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51**.

Jublain Wohler '13 is the son of Fritz and Peggy Wohler. Jublain plans to attend Wichita State University and major in aerospace engineering with a minor in mathematics.

VHS Alumni Association Annual Fundraiser ~ Raffle tickets enclosed in your newsletter ~

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 \$1,500. Prizes will be awarded as follows: **\$500**, 1st prize; **\$400**, 2nd prize; **\$300**, 3rd

prize; **\$200**, 4th prize; and **\$100**, 5th 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.

Last year's raffle ticket winners: **Fran VonLintel '62**, \$500; **Judith Braun Evans '63**, \$400; Ernie Fisher, \$300; Kevin Brungardt, \$200; and Thyra Breder, \$100.

HALL OF FAME 2013

RANDY STANLEY, TEACHER

KATHALIE DORTLAND HOFFMAN '63, TEACHER

ARLENE WELLBROCK PFEIFER '50, TEACHER & DISTINGUISHED ALUM



RANDY STANLEY was born in Parsons, Kansas, on October 6, 1954, to Lyle and Nadine Stanley. Randy lived his first 18 years in Herington, Kansas. His father was a parts salesman for John Deere and later International Harvester in Herington, and his mother was a seamstress at Paragon Sewing Factory in Herington. Randy enjoyed his childhood with his wonderful parents and his older brother, Danny. College was a lengthy adventure for Randy beginning in 1972 at Butler County Community College and finishing with a master's degree from Fort Hays State University in 1992. There were many detours involving a long hair beach life in southern California, to a mountain ski adventure in Colorado. Both alternative life styles consumed 10 to 12 years of Randy's younger life. While in Colorado, he decided to return to Fort Hays to pursue his master's degree. During this time he was a graduate assistant track coach at the college. Randy was hired by the Victoria School District in 1993 to fill the position left by **Vernon Berens '53**. He taught science at the middle school for several years and is currently teaching physical education and coaching track and cross country at Victoria High School. Randy brought cross country back to VHS in the Fall of 2007. Since then, the cross country team has qualified for state every year but one. This past year, the Victoria High School team took 3rd at state along with several individual medalists. Randy was named Coach of the Year in Cross Country in 2012

and Coach of the Year in track in 2010. As track coach, Mr. Stanley is determined to find the best events to showcase a student's strongest athletic abilities. He is a constant support and friend to all students in all their high school activities whether sport or non-sporting events. Randy cherishes the teachers he has had the honor of working with in his beginning years as well as the friendships he has made while teaching in the Victoria school system. He says these memories will last him a lifetime.

KATHALIE DORTLAND HOFFMAN '63

was born to Alvin and Irene Dortland. She was raised on a farm near Gorham along with her brother Bob. Her elementary years were spent attending Gorham grade school and participating in 4-H events namely, foods and nutrition, clothing construction, style revue, public speaking, and interior design. Her talent led her to participate in style revue at the state level for three years. She attended St. Mary's of the Plains High School in Dodge City her freshman year and then attended Victoria High School where she graduated with the class of 1963. Kathy went on to Fort Hays State College and received a bachelor's degree in home economics in 1967. She married her high school sweetheart, **Tom Hoffman '63**, upon graduation from college. She and Tom took teaching jobs in Sterling, Colorado, for the next three years. They returned to Kansas where Kathy taught Home Economics and junior high English at



Gorham High School and continued attending Fort Hays. Kathy began her teaching career at Victoria High School in 1973 where she taught home economics and was an active sponsor of FHA (Future Homemakers of America). Her students were regular participants at the regional and state levels. She was a member of the high school faculty for 13 years. In 1985 she received a master's degree in elementary education from Fort Hays. It was then that she began her 20-year tenure at Victoria Elementary School teaching 4th grade for 5 years and 3rd grade for 15 years. Kathy was respected by her fellow teachers and had the respect and love of her students. Her classroom was full of learning, life, and enthusiasm. She enjoyed putting on skits and plays with her students and took every opportunity to display her students' hard work on projects they had completed. Kathy retired from teaching in 2006, after devoting 38 years to education. Kathy and Tom have two sons, Tracey and Troy, and two grandsons, Grant and Gavin. In her spare time, Kathy loves to quilt and she and Tom travel extensively. Kathy says she has great memories of her students and her years teaching in Victoria.

ARLENE WELLBROCK PFEIFER '50 is the oldest of six children born to George H. and Wilhelmina "Minnie" Roth Wellbrock. Arlene attended Victoria schools from 1st thru 12th grade. Arlene is being named Outstanding Educator and Outstanding Alum as she has contributed tirelessly to the community of Victoria and to the Victoria Schools. She has been active in the Daughters of Isabella, Ladies Auxiliary V.F.W., Confraternity of Christian Mothers and is active in her parish as an extraordinary minister, lector, and a member of St. Fidelis adult choir. Music

ARLENE WELLBROCK PFEIFER '50



plays an important part in Arlene's life so when the Victoria Community Band was formed she was a faithful participant, attending

Victoria Knights football games in the frigid temperatures or sitting through four basketball games per evening. Arlene's achievements as an educator are particularly notable because of the non-traditional manner in which she obtained her teaching credentials. She attended Marymount College in Salina as a college freshman but returned to Victoria and joined the work force where she worked

for the Central Kansas Power Company. She married her fellow classmate, **Al Robert Pfeifer '50**, on October 15, 1955, and later enrolled at Fort Hays State while raising her five children. She organized neighborhood Christmas pageants presented at St. John's Rest Home and lead Cub Scout dens, all between driving her children to dance lessons, music lessons, sporting activities, and summer programs offered by Fort Hays College. Arlene began teaching in the Victoria school system in 1974. Her tenure lasted 23 years teaching 4th grade, kindergarten, and Title I students. When the junior high school was in danger of discontinuing girls' volleyball because of the lack of an available coach, Arlene stepped up. Despite limited experience in coaching volleyball, she dedicated her time to the program as an assistant coach because she could not bear to see the program

fade away. She learned alongside the girls in the program, yet provided leadership and ensured them the sporting opportunity she knew to be so valuable to childhood development. Arlene continually instilled the value of education to her children and now her grandchildren and to this day encourages them to find time for formal education. Arlene and Al's children are **Dave Pfeifer '74**, **Tom Pfeifer '76**, **Annette Pfeifer Lane '77**, **Jeff Pfeifer '79**, and **Tim Pfeifer '82**. They have 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Arlene has three sisters, **Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53**, **Mary Wellbrock Mirkovich '59**, and **Rosann Wellbrock Weiser '63**; a brother, **Gene Wellbrock '56**; and a brother, **Varian Wellbrock '51**, deceased.

2013 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Seventy-three VHS seniors have benefited from alumni scholarships since its beginning in 1993. Monies awarded in scholarships have reached \$37,700.

The VHS Scholarship awarded each year at graduation has gone from one \$200 scholarship to four \$1,000 scholarships. This increase is due entirely to the generosity of all of our alumni. Awarding of these scholarships is one of the main objectives of the alumni association.

The following seniors have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships for 2013.

Lane Braun, son of **Rick '82** and **Janice Braun**; **Sarah Kuhn**, daughter of **Joe '73** and **Diane Sanders Kuhn '83**; **Michael Lang**, son of **Allen '85** and **Christine Lang**; and **Ashley Wellbrock**, daughter of **Leon '83** and **Joan Wellbrock**, were selected by the Alumni Scholarship Committee to receive the 2013 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.

Vote for Hall of Fame Recipient

Nomination letter no longer necessary.

The procedure for nominating your choice for the VHS Hall of Fame has been simplified. A letter of nomination is no longer necessary. You will find a line on your membership/reservation form to simply list a name of someone you think has influenced your life while a student in the Victoria Schools or someone you think would qualify as an outstanding alum due to their contribution to society. Check the VHS website at www.victoriaalumni.com to see all present members of the Victoria High School Hall of Fame.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **September 10** – Homecoming Reservations Due
- **September 20-21** – VHS Homecoming 2013

17TH ANNUAL VHS ALUMNI

BY RANDY LEIKER '70

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Now is the time for all VHS Alumni to start making plans to attend Homecoming Weekend September 20 and 21, 2013. Your board of directors (and me) have been working hard to make this the best homecoming weekend ever. There can be no better way to kick off the festivities than playing in the **Most Prestigious, Most Anticipated, Most Spectacular, and Coolest** golf tournament of the year. I am speaking of the tournament that all the cool kids, all the jocks, all the nerds, all the cheerleaders, all the faculty, and every able bodied VHS Alumni dreams of playing! There can be no doubt that I am referring to the (are you ready for it?) **17th Annual VHS Alumni Golf Tournament** to be played Friday, September 20, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. The City of Hays boasts that this course is one of the finest 18-hole golf courses in Western Kansas. Unlike last year we should be able to play all 18 holes to determine this year's champions. Even if you only play one round of golf a year (like Fr. Jeff Ernst), make it this year's VHS AGT. Why you ask... for fun and for funds. The VHS AGT is a major fundraiser for granting scholarships to qualifying seniors each year. Last year the scholarship committee awarded four scholarships worth \$1,000 each. So if we have plenty of golfers having fun, the funds will be there for this year's deserving seniors.

The entry fee is \$40 per player (same as last year) payable at registration. The format is a 4-Person Scramble. Carts will be available to rent for \$20 payable to the pro shop at the golf course. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams. There will be hole prizes also. No cash prizes, this is a fundraiser! Registration starts at 8:00 AM and shot gun start at 9:00 AM.

"What do I get for my \$40?" you ask. I am glad you asked. To start with, we will have coffee and rolls at registration, 18 holes of golf on a really nice golf course, lunch in the club house, and free beverages provided by the finest beverage cart personnel that the alumni board can afford. We never know who will volunteer to drive the beverage cart, but you can be sure that they will have as much fun as the golfers. There will be souvenirs and prizes for everyone and fun, lots of fun. I play in several tournaments each year and not one comes close to the VHS AGT. Obviously there is a special connection among the golfers as most of us are VHS alums but it goes deeper than that alone. There are several teams that have played together for a number of years and there are honor classes that put together teams for the first time. There are a lot of lifelong friendships that are renewed each year at this tournament. For some it is a tradition, for others it's the challenge of winning, but for most its recalling memories from years gone past. It's a gathering of friends and a golf tournament happens. Whether you are a seasoned golfer or a duffer or a golfer want-to-be, don't miss out on this year's tournament.

"I don't play golf but I would like to participate in this year's tournament, what can I do?" I am so glad you asked. Most of the money raised for the scholarship fund comes from sponsors. We have two types of sponsors. Hole sponsors pay \$50 for a sign that is printed and is displayed on various tee boxes the day of the tournament. You can have your business or your name or a memorial sign honoring a loved one printed. Corporate Sponsors get their name or business printed on a banner that is displayed at the golf tournament, at the social Friday evening at the VFW hall, and at the banquet Saturday evening at the Fanchon. Corporate sponsorship requires a minimum donation of \$100. We also need prizes and give-a-ways for the golfers. All sponsors and prize donors will be acknowledged on the VHS website.

Now is the time to get your teams together and plan your strategy to take out last year's champions Mark Robben, Rod Goetz, Darren Dinkel, and Ray Bombardier. We all know they just plain got lucky. They are very unlikely to repeat! (Now that's trash talk!) Honor classes, this is a great opportunity to start your special weekend by putting a team together and join in the fun. Each year the tournament has grown, last year we had 13 teams, this year I'm looking for at least 15 teams. When you get your teams together call me ASAP to pre-register your team and also let me know if you will be needing golf carts reserved. If you are a single and don't have a team, we will find a team for you. To pre-register please call me, Randy Leiker, @ 785-623-6965 or 785-259-1392.

It is really important that you pre-register with me so we know how many lunches to plan for and how many golf carts we will need. I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at "The Fort" on Friday, September 20th.



Theresa Dreiling Ellis '57, Ron Porter (husband of **Enola VonLintel Porter '57**), and **Tom Dreiling '59** visit during the 2012 golf tournament.

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1943, hopefully you have made plans to take part in the homecoming festivities for September 20th and 21st. This homecoming marks your 70th Class Reunion. What a feat it is. You can find your reservation form at the back of this newsletter. We would love to see you.

Rita Toepfer Brungardt '43 sent a note telling us how much she enjoys the newsletter. She said it brings back many pleasant memories of her time spent at Victoria High School. She wishes she would be able to get back for all the activities and the reunion of her class of 1943. She says she will be with us in spirit. She sends best wishes to all.

Class of 1948, you have accomplished quite a milestone. You graduated from Victoria Rural High School just **65 short years ago**. We are looking forward to celebrating with you at homecoming 2013.

1950's

Class of 1953, we are expecting a nice representation from your class for your **60th class reunion** happening on September 20th and 21st. We hope you are making plans to join us for a great weekend.

Class of 1958, 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.

Det Roth Younger '58 and her husband, Tom, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Branson, Missouri, accompanied by their children and grandchildren. They were married August 19, 1963, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. Tom and Det's children are **Cathy Younger '82**; **Amy Younger Siebenmorgen '87** and husband, Matt; **David Younger '89** and wife Stacy; **Blaine Younger '98** and wife, **Suzy Hansen Younger '02**; and **Beth Younger Ricke '00** and husband, Jonathan. Tom and Det have 11 grandchildren; the most recent is a set of twin boys born to their son, Blaine and his wife Suzy.

1960's

Ronald Braun '61 and his wife, Gloria, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary

July 13, 2013, with a Mass at St. Fidelis Church, followed by a reception, dinner, and dance at the V.F.W. Hall, Victoria. Ron and Gloria have two sons, **David '89** and **Jared '97**; two daughters, **Marla Braun Wasinger '83** and **Sandee Braun Werth '85**; and six grandchildren. Ronald and Gloria Leiker Braun were married July 13, 1963, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Class of 1963, we have heard many of you have been busy organizing your 50th year class reunion from Victoria Rural 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 1963. We know there are many. Special honors go out to your classmate, Kathalie **Dortland Hoffman '63**, who will be named to the VHS Hall of Fame for 2013. You can find your reservation and membership form in this newsletter. Don't forget to get in on the alumni fundraiser.

Jane Knoll Tenney '63 is excited to announce the birth of her first grandchild, Charlotte Tenney Maurer, born September 14, 2012.

Class of 1968, 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 will not regret it. Spread the word and mark the calendar for September 20 and 21. Get those raffle tickets mailed back. You could be a big winner and help support your alumni association.

1970's

Class of 1973, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at homecoming 2013. The exact dates are Friday, September 20, and Saturday, September 21. You can find your reservation form for the weekend in this newsletter or on the website at www.victoriaalumni.com.

Class of 1978, this is your 35th 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.

Brenda Sanders Reynolds '78 and her husband, Ray, are excited to announce the birth of their fourth grandchild, Blakely Rae Cook, born April 27, 2013, to their daughter, Kelsie, and her husband, Rob. Baby Blakely has an older sister, Riley.

1980's

Class of 1983, how about joining us for homecoming 2013? Hopefully, you are making plans to join us for homecoming weekend on September 20 and 21 to celebrate your 30th class reunion. We know you have some wonderful memories you need to be sharing. Your homecoming reservation is in this newsletter. Don't forget to get your membership updated.

Todd Brungardt '85, RN Progressive Care Unit – Hays Medical Center, completed his master's degree as a clinical nurse specialist from the University of Cincinnati. Todd has been working at Hays Medical Center for the past 14 years.

Class of 1988, Important Notice!! Your 25th class reunion will be celebrated September 20 and 21 of 2013. That is just a few short weeks away. You are our honored guests and have a special place on the program. Get your spokes-person 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

Class of 1993, 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!! We are anxious to see all of you.

Sue Ruder Murnane '95 and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of a daughter, Nella Jo, born January 30, 2013. She has a brother, Lincoln John, and a sister, Elsie Norine. Her grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Hollie Ptacek Ronan '97 and her husband, Marc, announce the birth of a son, Gavin Richard, born July 19, 2012.

Class of 1998, be sure to mark the calendar for September 20 and 21. 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.

Clint Herl '98 and **Ashley Dreiling '03** were married July 20, 2013, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Clint graduated from Fort Hays State University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in geography with an emphasis in geographic information systems. He is a regional sales manager for Trimble Navigation. His wife, Ashley, is a 2007 graduate of Kansas State University with a degree in kinesiology. She received her associate's degree from

Colby Community College in Physical Therapy in 2008. She is a physical therapist assistant at Lakeview Village, Lenexa, KS. Clint is the son of **Dan Herl '72** and his wife, Pat. Ashley is the daughter of **Cathy Younger '82** and **Randy Dreiling '79** and his wife, Stefani. Ashley is the granddaughter of Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Eric Dinges '99 and his wife, **Erica Schmidtberger Dinges '02**, announce the birth of a son, Zeek Gavin, born May 1, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. Zeek has a sister, Zoe, age 2. His grandparents are **Brad '80** and Lori **Schmidtberger** and Tony and **Deb Braun Geschwentner '76**.

2000's

James Billinger '00 and **Emily Gatchet Billinger '02** announce the birth of a son, William Gilbert, born February 16, 2013 at Hays Medical Center. William has two brothers: Leo, 4, and Henry, 2. Grandparents are **Gilbert Billinger '63** and his wife **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**.

Dale Windholz '01 and his wife, **Danielle Herl Windholz '03** announce the birth of a daughter, Alivia Danae, born May 6, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. Alivia has a sister, Avery, 6, and a brother, Riley, 3. Grandparents are **Alfred Windholz '65** and his wife, Judy, and **Dan Herl '72** and his wife, Pat.

Katie Kuhn Leikam '02 and her husband, Bill, announce the birth of a son, Dax, born May 9, 2013, at Hays Medical Center.

Troy Pfeifer '02 and his wife, **Wendy Hoffman Pfeifer '03**, announce the birth of a son, Kane David, born June 24, 2013, in Manhattan. Kane has a brother Jack, 3. His grandparents are **Ken '70** and **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73** and **Dave '82** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83**. His great-grandparents are **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**, **Ernie Hoffman '47**, and **Fritz '56** and **Anita Braun**.

Class of 2003, 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 for homecoming. Please honor us with your presence at the banquet Saturday evening. You have bragging rights that night and we are anxious to hear about that special class of 2003. 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 September 10th.

Tyler Dreiling '03 and Tricia Geistkemper were married July 6, 2013, at St. Francis Xavier Basilica, Dyersville, Iowa. Tyler is a graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College and is currently working for Wachter, Inc., Lenexa, Kansas, as an industrial electrician. Tricia received a degree in physical education and health from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and is working on her master's degree. She is a physical education and health teacher at Patton Junior High School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Parents of the groom are **Clete '79** and **Rose Ann Kuhn Dreiling '77**. Grandparents are **Allen '55** and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53** and **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**.

Heather Dreiling Pfaff '03 and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of a son, Brogan Ryder, born December 31, 2012.

Jenna Braun '07 and Andrew Dempewolf were married June 8, 2013, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. Jenna is a graduate of Fort Hays State University with a degree in financial management. She is employed with Bankwest, Pierre, South Dakota. Andrew graduated from Fort Hays State University with a degree in elementary education and will be teaching 3rd grade in the Pierre school system. Jenna is the daughter of **Rick '82** and Janice **Braun** and the granddaughter of **LaVern '58** and Darlene **Braun**.

Class of 2008, 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 20 and 21. There are lots of activities planned and we don't want you to miss out. It is time to touch base with one another. Get your \$5 membership paid and update your current address on the membership/homecoming reservation form found at the back of this newsletter or on the website at www.victoriaalumni.com

Christine Leikam '08 and Anthony Driscoll were married April 20, 2013, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. Christine is the daughter of Bob and Trudy Leikam.

Jaelyn McLaren '08 graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. He is the son of Randy and **Geralyn Ruder Graver '85** and the grandson of **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Taylor Lang '08 graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor of business administration degree in business management. He is employed at the Kansas State University Agricultural Research Center in Hays. He is the son of **Daren '83** and **Dana Dreiling Lang '84** and the grandson of **Thomas Dreiling '59** and **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60** and **Marlene Kisner Sarver '60**.

Jordan Ottley '09 graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. He will be teaching 4th grade at Roosevelt School in Hays. Jordan is the husband of **Jordan Karlin Ottley '08**.

Cara Braun '10 has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Johnson Cancer Research Center in honor of George Bascom. She is a student at Kansas State University majoring in clinical laboratory science. Cara will begin her clinical in June at the North Kansas City Hospital in the general hospital laboratory. She is the daughter of **John Braun '84** and his wife, Connie, and the granddaughter of **John Braun '49** and his wife, Josie.

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.

From the Record

We would like to share our current membership standings as of July 12, 2013.

- Deceased Alumni – 531
- Honorary Alumni – 471
- Lifetime Membership – 43
- Current Paid Memberships – 315
- Lapsed Membership – 705
- Never Paid – 694
- Associate Members – 15
- August Newsletters Mailed – 1,932

As you can see, 705 alumni that have paid their membership dues in the past failed to do so this year. We also see that 694 alumni have never bothered to pay the \$5 yearly dues. We are very thankful for you 315 alumni and you honorary members for continuing to support your association.

A membership form comes with your August newsletter.

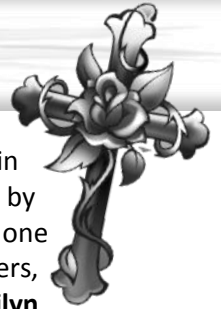
Simply fill it out and mail it along with your \$5 membership. We also remind you that a lifetime membership is an option. To determine a lifetime membership, calculate \$5 multiplied by the number of years to your 50th reunion year and then deduct 5%. Check the alumni website at www.victoriaalumni.com for an easy lifetime membership calculation.

Comparing some of the line items in our financial statements from 1994 versus 2012 will help you realize the importance of the support of all members through your membership dues and donations.

<u>1994 Expenses</u>	<u>2012 Expenses</u>
Banquet..... \$3,369.10	Banquet..... \$10,902.99
Newsletter \$675.02	Newsletter \$1,606.68
Postage \$244.14	Postage..... \$512.14
Scholarship..... \$200.00	Scholarship \$4,000.00

Your membership dues and your donations are vital to the continued existence of this alumni association.

In Loving Memory



Mary Jane Miller died March 29, 2013. Survivors include one son, **Marion '67**; one daughter, Patti Grabbe; one brother, **Tony Weigel '52**; four sisters, Velma Weigel Giebler, Leona Weigel Kuhn, **Shirley Weigel '56**, and **Doris Weigel '59**; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Justin Kuhn '43 died March 21, 2013, in Seaside, Oregon. Survivors include one son; four daughters; a brother, **Charles Kuhn '55**; 12 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

George McCourt died March 29, 2013, in Bartlesville, OK. Survivors include his wife, **Helen Toepfer McCourt '51**, and one son.

LeRoy Brungardt '54 died April 10, 2013. Survivors include his wife, Janet; three sons; two daughters; two brothers; 17 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Armella Leiker Thompson '41 died April 23, 2013, in Roswell, Georgia. Survivors include three daughters; one brother, Robert Leiker; three sisters, **Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46**, **Theresa Leiker Haselhorst '47**, and **Mary Ellen Leiker Schmidtberger '52**; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Armella was a very gracious grand marshal for our 2011 homecoming parade.

Oliva Lang Pfannenstiel '34 died April 28, 2013, at Via Christi Village, Hays. She is survived by two sons; six daughters; two brothers, **Clarence Lang '37** and **George Lang '42**; a sister, Leona Walters; 27 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; eight step-great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a step-great-great-grandchild.

Ralph Lang '46 died May 21, 2013, at Golden Living Center, Wilson. He is survived by his wife, Bertha; four sons; two brothers, **Clarence Lang '37** and **George Lang '42**; a sister, Leona Walters; 12 grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Elden Stang '58 died May 26, 2013, in Cottage Grove, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Judy; two sons; one daughter; one brother, **Wendelin Stang '63**; two sisters, **Delila Stang Brungardt '60** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**; and three grandchildren.

Raymond J. "Ray" Wasinger died May 28, 2013, at his farm home. He is survived by his wife, **Janice Braun Wasinger '69**; two sons, **Steven '90** and **David '93**; one daughter, **Melissa Wasinger Mayers '97**; one brother; four sisters; and four grandchildren.

Norman Schumacher '45 died June 7, 2013, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by his son, **Val '75**; one daughter, **Vicki Schumacher Schmidtberger '80**; a brother, **Leland Schumacher '46**; two sisters, **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50** and **Paula Schumacher Palermo '56**; and four grandchildren.

Marlene Dinkel died June 10, 2013, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, **Leland '58**; one son, **Dale '83**; three daughters, **Karla Dinkel Rohleder '81**, **Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84**, and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85**; one brother, Floyd Dinkel; one sister, Darlene Braun; and nine grandchildren.

Eugene E. Miller died July 3, 2013, at Phelps Memorial Health Center, Holdrege, Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Mary; one son, **Eugene '67**; two daughters, **Dorothy Miller Brooks '68** and Karen Miller Werkmeister; three sisters; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Lynda Dreiling died July 7, 2013. She is survived by her husband, **Jim '63**; one son; one daughter; one brother; and four grandchildren.

LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80 reads the names of deceased alumni at the 2012 Alumni Memorial Mass.



VHS Alumni

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2013-2014 MEMBERSHIP / HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM

Due: Tuesday, September 10, 2013

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

***Please write your
Hall of Fame Nomination here:***

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, or change of address.

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