

HOMECOMING 2015 September 25-26

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BROKEN PIPE FIXED

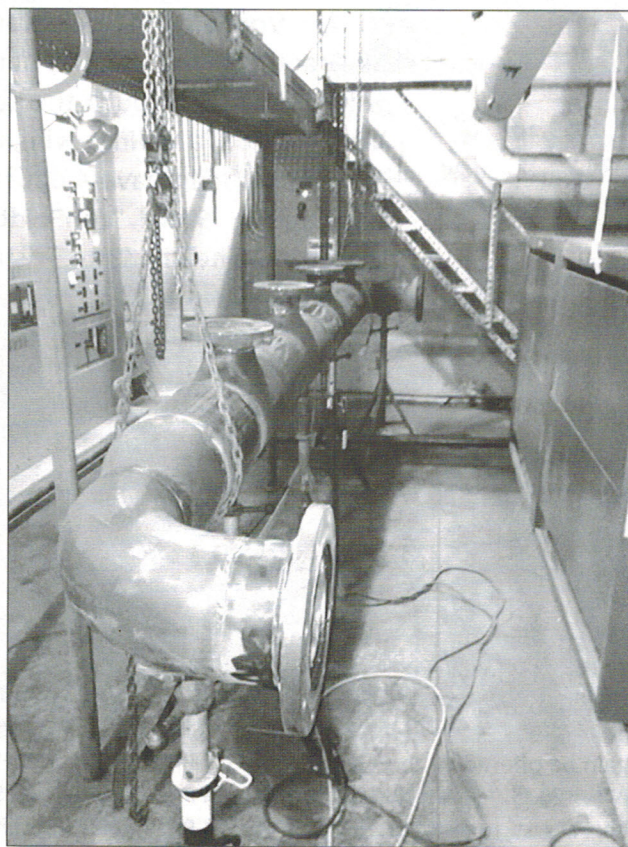
Heating System Brings a Chill to VHS

On February 5th, a leak was discovered in the heating system at VHS. The leak needed to be addressed immediately to avoid disaster. The 10-inch pipe that had deteriorated was probably installed when the building was new in 1950, and, therefore, wasn't a common item that you could just run to the store to buy. This pipe had to be custom manufactured and then welded into place. To fix this properly, the heat needed to be turned off for several days. Several factors kept this from being worse than it already was. First, the outside temperature wasn't as cold as it could have been. Second, the new addition to the High School has a separate heating system, which was unaffected by the shutdown in the old part of the building.

While the heat in the main part of VHS was off, there was one day with a high of 35, and another that topped out at 21, but they were separated by several days in the 60s. Even with the mild-for-February temperatures, it became cold in VHS. A week after the

heat had been disconnected, the temperature in the building was 65 degrees. Mr. Ottley, Superintendent, reported that the rooms on the south side of the building were warmer than those on the north side. Contingency plans to move classes into the new addition were in place, but were not needed.

A group of local craftsmen worked many hours in the cold depths of VHS getting the new pipe manufactured and installed. February 16, President's Day, the repairs were finally completed and the boiler was turned back on. VHS was back in session, and heated on Tuesday morning, much to the students' delight.



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Alumni Board News

Loren VonLintel Resigns From Board

Citing a need to spend more time with his family, **Loren VonLintel '90** has resigned from the Board of Directors. Loren joined the Board of Directors in 2011 and immediately volunteered to serve on the Scholarship Committee. During Homecoming weekends, Loren's wife, Trisha, and daughter, Autumn, have been known for their willingness to lend a hand. Though his time on the Board has been relatively brief, he has been a valuable contributor to making the Alumni Association run smoothly for the last four years. We thank Loren, Trisha, and Autumn for all that they have done and we know that they will be hard to replace.

USD 432 News

Stephanie Broyles has resigned her position as Pre-School and 4th Grade teacher. She and her husband Shane have relocated to Texas. Taking Stephanie's place at the elementary school is Kileigh Cure.

From the Record

Membership Statistics as of March 1, 2015, for the Victoria Alumni Association

Total Living Graduates:.....	2113
Live in or around Victoria:	573 (27.2%)
Live in Ellis County:	1030 (48.7%)
Live in Kansas:	1671 (79.1%)
Live in the USA:	2107 (99.7%)
Live outside the USA:	6 (0.3%)



2014 Homecoming Parade Grand Marshal, Art VonFeldt, is shown seated in the front passenger seat of the convertible they used for the parade. His wife, Joan, is seated behind him. Driving the vehicle is Jim VonFeldt, Art's god-son, while Jim's wife, Connie, occupies the back seat next to Joan.

Art VonFeldt Serves as Parade Grand Marshall

Art VonFeldt '42 celebrated Homecoming 2014 by serving as Grand Marshal for the annual parade. Escorting Art and his wife, **Joan '47**, through the parade route was Art's god-son, **Jim VonFeldt '61**, and Jim's wife, Connie.

Art and Joan have a daughter, **Linda VonFeldt Reardon '68**, and a son **Steve VonFeldt '69**; four grandchildren: **Stacy VonFeldt Sheikh '94**, Tristin Reardon Kinderknecht, **Angie VonFeldt Steinholder '99** and **Scott VonFeldt '03**; and several great-grandchildren.

Raffle Provides Scholarships for VHS Seniors

The Victoria Alumni Association held a fund-raising raffle for scholarships as part of last year's Homecoming weekend. Hall of Fame inductee, Hubert "Willie" Wilson, did the honors of drawing the winners at the banquet.

Four \$1,000.00 scholarships will again be offered by the Alumni Association to graduating seniors in 2015. The scholarship recipients will be announced in the August newsletter. Many thanks go out to everyone who supports the annual raffle.

Raffle winners for 2014 were:

- 1st Prize \$500: **Kurt Dinkel '86**
- 2nd Prize \$400: **Enola VonLintel Porter '57**
- 3rd Prize \$300: **Tim Hertel '70**
- 4th Prize \$200: **Paul Schippers '55**
- 5th Prize \$100: **Darlinea Dinkel, wife of Wilmer Dinkel, Jr. '73**

Homecoming 2014:

New Venue, Same Classic VHS Spirit

Homecoming 2014 saw a few changes from years past. The annual banquet location was changed from the Fanchon in the past to the Hays VFW Hall. Change brings new opportunities, and, all in all, the same Victoria spirit was ever present the evening of the banquet.



ABOVE: VHS alumni join voices in the choir loft for 2014 Homecoming Memorial Mass in the Basilica of St. Fidelis.



LEFT: Fred Tholen '64 lights a candle for a deceased alumni of Victoria High School during the 2014 Homecoming Memorial Mass.

By far, the most well represented class in numbers was the class of 1964, celebrating their 50th reunion from their glory days of maroon and gold. With nearly 30 of their graduating class of 54 in attendance, their presence in the front and center of the hall was definitely a good percentage of the overall attendance which was approximately 250 people. Alumni intermingled and enjoyed the camaraderie of classes, old and young alike.

The evening was certainly capped off by the spirit of the class of 1989. By the end of the evening, rarely was there a quiet moment on the dance floor and never anything but a smile on the faces of those, celebrating their 25th class reunion.



Seated at the Class of 1949 table during the 2014 Homecoming banquet at the V.F.W. Hall, Hays, are: W. Pat Dreiling '49, Abertine Pfeifer Rajewski '49, Theresa Lang Dreiling '48, Lucy Schippers Baier '54, Josie Braun, and John Braun '49.



Hubert "Willie" Wilson was one of the 2014 Homecoming Hall of Fame inductees. He joined the VHS faculty in 1961 as a teacher and coach. He is shown at right surrounded by some of his former players: Larry Pfeifer '64, Rich Billinger '68, Danny Dreiling '64, Rich Dreiling '64, Willie Wilson, Leon Dreiling '64, Kenny Dinkel '64, Rick Rajewski '69, and Francis Karlin '64.

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1945, we would like to congratulate you on your upcoming 70th class reunion from Victoria Rural High School. You have all been very faithful alumni members and just may surprise us with your attendance at Homecoming 2015. Homecoming is set for September 25th and 26th.

Kathleen Mae Rajewski Sander '49 writes that she and her husband, **Gilbert '49**, have been married 65½ years. They have four surviving children and five deceased. They are proud to say they have eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They are now 83 and 85 but are still able to get to Mass weekly. They joined their class at homecoming for their 65th reunion from Victoria Rural High School.

Paul '49 and **Lucy Schippers Baier '54** were married 60 years November 6, 1954. Their children are **Susan Baier Legleiter '74**, **Mary Baier Pfeifer '75**, **Jane Baier Schumacher '79**, **Betty Baier Johnson '83**, and **Amy Baier '90** (deceased).

John '49 and **Josie Riedel Braun** were married 60 years on November 20, 1954. Their children are **James Braun '75**, **Janet Braun Giersch '77**, **Joe Braun '79**, **Joan Braun Rourke '82**, **John Braun '84**, **Judy Braun Brummer '89** and **Jerry Braun '91**.

1950's

Class of 1950, hopefully we will be seeing some of you at homecoming in the fall. We know many of you are still very active members of your communities and would enjoy getting together with your classmates for your 65th class reunion. Begin making plans for September 25th and 26th. If any of you have your graduation picture please get it to Marge Rome so a copy can be added to your class list on the VHS website.

Sr. Paul Ann Dinkel '51 celebrated her 60th anniversary as a member of the Sisters of St. Agnes in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She made her religious profession in 1954. She worked in food service for the sisters in Fond du Lac and at the Leo House in New York City. She served at Via Christi assisted living nursing home in Hays for 15 years and at Thomas More Prep-Marian High School in campus ministry for five years. She retired to the mother house in Fond du Lac in January of 2014. She has two brothers, George Dinkel and Fr. Harvey Dinkel OFM, Cap; and three sisters, Irene Dinkel Scugg '45, **Mary Dinkel Younker '48**, and **Viola Dinkel Richmeier '51**.

Frank Denning '54 says he wished he could have made the trip back for the 2014 homecoming but age related problems make him realize his limitations. "All the best to all the folks back at my

hometown. Truly a great place to be called my hometown. The Best!!"

Class of 1955, we want you to begin planning for your 60th class reunion. You have always been one of the classes to have a wonderful turn out every year for this special weekend. The homecoming dates have been set for September 25th and 26th.

Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56 informs us that her family numbers 61 with two more children expected soon. She says, "I still have 13 grandchildren yet to marry."

1960's

Class of 1960, it is your turn to be honored on the occasion of your 55th class reunion. Homecoming 2015 will take place on the weekend of September 25th and 26th. You have a very close knit class and let's see if this can be a repeat performance of your 50th reunion.

Margie Dinkel Unrein '60 and her husband, Harry, celebrated their 48th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends August 30, 2014.

Marlene Billinger Brown '61 sends kind words to her alumni association. "We have always enjoyed attending the homecoming events. Our directors and committee members do a fantastic job year after year. Thank you for making our alumni association the best ANYWHERE!"

Francis Karlin '64 and his wife, Charlita, joined his class for his 50th class reunion from Victoria High School at Homecoming 2014. He retired in 2002 after 34 years in Kansas schools as a teacher and middle school and elementary school principal. He is currently a reserve teacher in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Wayne Roth '64 sums it all up, "Life is Good."

Class of 1965!! You are front and center as the **50-year honor class** for Homecoming 2015. Last years' honor class had a fantastic representation. Hopefully you will be able to match their spirit and enthusiasm with a good number in attendance for all the homecoming events. Save the date for September 25th and 26th. You should all have a class picture of your graduating class which will be posted in the newspaper and on the VHS website. If you have found it, please get it to our president, Marge Rome, so we can make a copy.

Patricia "Patty" Legleiter '65 says she and her husband, Harry, are officially retired and loving every minute of it. She plans to do everything she hasn't had time for in the past 34 years. They have

13 grandchildren ranging in age from 21 to 1 year old. She is especially looking forward to Homecoming 2015 which will be her 50th reunion year.

JoAnn Hertel Berens '66 and her husband, Ron, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary September 7, 2014. She enjoys the VHS Newsletter.

Judy Kippes Sherlock '66 sends an update. She and her husband, Steve, have been married 41 years and live in Buena Vista, Colorado. They are raising an eleven year old grandson, Rosston. They have two grown daughters, Stephanie and Alicia. Judy retired as an LPN and now spends her time being a wife, mother, grandmother, and volunteer for many nonprofit organizations. Her husband is a banker and has been for 45 years.

1970's

Class of 1970, it's time for a class reunion and its number 45. Can you believe that?

We would love to have you join in the fun on September 25th and 26th.

Class of 1975, hopefully, you will want to be part of Homecoming 2015 to celebrate your 40th class reunion. Wow! Your class roster goes on and on. We are expecting to see you out in record numbers.

Diane Schulte Gottschalk '75 and her husband, Ken, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in September of 2014. They are the current owners/operators of The Wild Rose, Inc. and Gutch's Bar & Grill. Their latest venture is manager/co-owner of Defiance Brewing Company, Hays.

Jane Baier Schumacher '79 and her husband, Brian, are excited to announce the birth of twin grandchildren, Dalton Thomas and Brynn Rose who were born May 7, 2014. Great-grandparents are **Paul '49** and **Lucy Schippers Baier '54** and LaVern and **Jane Urban Schumacher '57**.

1980's

Class of 1980, it is class reunion time; number 35 to be exact. VHS Homecoming

weekend is always a great time. Get your calendars marked for September 25th and 26th. It's not too early to get your class excited for all the events.

Michele Schumacher Unrein '81 has been named director of nursing for the Hays campus of North Central Kansas Technical College. She is the mother of **Audrey Unrein Lewis '01**, **Amber Unrein Younger '07**, **Courtney Unrein '12**, and **Cory Unrein '03**. Her parents are Arlyn and **Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58**.

Class of 1985, it is reunion time. Hope to see you back in the area to celebrate your 30th class reunion. September 25th and 26th are the dates scheduled for this event.

Bernie Schulte '88 accepted a job as an Associate Operator with Oneok Hydrocarbon, LP in Bushton, Kansas. He is the son of **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

1990's

Class of 1990, we hope you realize that you will be honored as the **25 year honor class** for homecoming 2015. Your alumni board has been busy making plans for the weekend of September 25th and 26th and we hope you are doing the same. You will have a spot on the program to boast about your years at VHS.

Jackie VonFeldt Peterson '91 and her husband, David, announce the birth of a daughter Evangeline, born October 16, 2014. Her grandparents are **John '69** and **Lita Dome VonFeldt '71**.

Tammi Kippes Sauer '91 is a full-time picture book author. Her newest books, *Ginny Louise & the School Showdown* (Disney-Hyperion), *Roar* (Simon & Schuster), and *Your Alien* (Sterling) will debut later this year. Her latest book, *Nugget & Fang*, won the 2014 Oklahoma Book Award and is a 2014/2015 Texas two time selection. It is one of the featured books at the Spring 2015 Scholastic Book Fairs. Tammi's husband is **Ron Sauer '92** and she is the daughter of Ramona Kippes, former teacher at VHS.

Joe Leiker '94 and Jenny Dixon were married August 9, 2014, at St. Petersburg, Florida. Joe has worked in the sign industry for over 20 years and is the manager of Commercial Sign in Hays. Jenny is a graduate of the University of Kansas and is a senior marketing analyst for Nex-Tech.

Jason Kippes '94 and his wife, Bridget, announce the birth of their son, Pierce Jason, born September 30, 2014, at Hays Medical Center. He has a sister, Adalie 5. His grandmother is Ramona Kippes.

Class of 1995, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th class reunion. We always have a great turnout for the 20 year class. Don't let your fellow classmates and alumni board down. Let us know if we can get you a class list. Be sure to check www.victoriaalumni.com for the names and addresses of many of your classmates.

Jeff Ruder '96 and his wife, Summer Ruder, announce the birth of son, Kade Allen, born April 22, 2014, at Olathe Medical Center. He was welcomed home by a sister, Kinley, 6, and a brother, Karston, 5. His grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Cindy North Zadina '97 and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of a son, Ben Christopher Zadina, born October 20, 2014. He has a sister, Julia, 9, and a brother, Chase, 6.

Clint Herl '98 and his wife, **Ashley Dreiling Herl '03**, announce the birth of a daughter, Scarlett Anne, born January 9, 2015, at Shawnee Mission Hospital. Her grandparents are **Dan '72** and **Pat Herl**, **Cathy Younger '82**, **Randy '79** and Stephanie **Dreiling**. Great-grandparents are Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

2000's

Class of 2000, be sure to mark the calendar for September 25th and 26th. It was 15 years ago that you graduated from VHS. Come and join in the fun-filled weekend and get caught up on families and careers.

Rebakha Schmidtberger Marshall '01 and her husband, Ryan, welcomed their first child, Ethan James, born July 16, 2014. Grandparents are **Steve '73** and Kathy **Schmidtberger**.

Brent Hansen '01 and his wife, Stephanie, announce the birth of their son, Dax Ryder, born August 2, 2014, at North Kansas City Hospital. His grandmother is **Betty Rome Hansen '76**.

Tyler Dreiling '03 and his wife, Tricia, announce the birth of their daughter, Hayden Ellen, born August 9, 2014, at Shawnee Mission Hospital. His grandparents are **Cletus '79** and **Rose Ann Kuhn Dreiling '77**. Hayden's great-grandparents are **Allen '55** and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53** and **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**.

Jessica Dreiling Klusener '03 and her husband, Caleb, announce the birth of a daughter, Kyriana Janai, born January 21, 2015. She has a sister, Kaidyn, and a brother, Cavan. Her grandparents are **Jim '78** and **Deb Leiker Dreiling '79**. Her great-grandmother is **Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56**.

Jill Schoendaller Miller '03 and her husband, Critter, announce the birth of a daughter, Addison Makenna, born February 5, 2015, at St. Francis Health Care Center, Topeka. She has a sister, Brooklyn. Her grandparents are Wendelin Jr. and **Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70**.

Kimberly Knipp Feldt '04 and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of a son, Liam John, born June 10, 2014.

Erin Dinkel Pfeifer '04 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of a son, Gavin Neal, born July 23, 2014. His grandparents are **Glenn '82** and **Paula McClurg Dinkel '83**. Gavin's great-grandmother is **Rosie Braun Dinkel '60**.

Class of 2005, begin making plans for your 10-year reunion from Victoria High School. You are our youngest honor class and the future of Victoria Alumni Association. You need to be thinking of a spokesperson to tell us about the mighty Class of 2005. You have bragging rights as the 10-year reunion class. We hope to see many of you for homecoming festivities on September 25th and 26th. Hopefully your class officers, Jessica Kuhn, Brittney Hertel Lorson, and Angie Garner Scott can get the ball rolling for a fun weekend.

Angie Garner '05 and Nicholas Scott were married June 28, 2014, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Lyle Hammerschmidt '05 and Abbey Quick were married August 16, 2014, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Lyle is the son of **Vernon Hammerschmidt '75**.

Chad Schmidtberger '06 and Andrea Carver were married October 25, 2014, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays. Chad graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural business. He is employed at Flatlander Dirtworks, Hays. Andrea is a 2005 graduate of Thomas More Prep-Marian High and attended Fort Hays State University

2014 Homecoming Alumni Parade Entries



CLASS OF 1974. Front standing: Brenda Wellbrock Gross, Sandy Hoffman McRae, Mary Lou Gross Rupp, Gail Lodovici Flax, Tom Tholen. 2nd row seated: Connie Windholz, Mary Kay Berens Schippers, Leroy Schmidtberger. 3rd row standing: Darrell Rohr, Tony Karlin, Leon Kuhn, Mike Robben, Bill Schmidtberger, Dave Pfeifer, Danny Schippers, and Bill Gasper.



CLASS OF 1989. Front seated: Adam Brown, Dave Braun, Shanna Robben Dinkel, Joyce Robben Schmidtberger, James Dreiling, Matt Berens, Chad Hammerschmidt, and David Younger. Standing: Alan Pfeifer, John Weber, and Kevin Klein.

and Barton County Community College. She is the owner of Little Footsteps Daycare, Hays. Chad is the son of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**. Andrea is the daughter of **Pat '85** and May **Schumacher**.

Josselyn McLaren '06 and Colby Dunegan announce the birth of a daughter, Owen Sage, born January 2, 2015, at Hays Medical Center. She has a sister, Elliot, 3. Her grandparents are Randall and **Geralyn Ruder Graver '85** and great-grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Jared Pfeifer '07 and Morgan Lampe were married August 23, 2014, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Jared is the son of **Steve '75** and **Mary Baier Pfeifer '75** and the grandson of **Paul '49** and **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**.

Ross Hammerschmidt '08 and Heather Brown announce the birth of a daughter, Amy Lee, born June 14, 2014. Her grandfather is **Vernon Hammerschmidt '75**.

Cole Younger '08 and Heather Dechant, announce the birth of a daughter, Lexi Ann, born July 31, 2014. Her grandparents are George and **Myra Younger Younger '78**.

Cade Scott '08 and his wife, Tiffany, announce the birth of a son, Graham Michael, born August 1, 2014, at Hays Medical Center. Pat and Gia Scott are Graham's grandparents.

Evan Koerner '09 and his wife, Kathryn, announce the birth of a son, Dorance James, born August 21, 2014. His grandparents are Tim and **Doreen Braun Koerner '79**.

Ashley Tholen '09 and Andrew Wellbrock were married October 4, 2014, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria. Ashley is the daughter of **Tom '74** and **Janice Schmidtberger Tholen '77**.

Class of 2010, you have made it to the first milestone as members of the Victoria Alumni Association—that being the 5-year reunion class. We have been hearing that the Class of '09 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for September 25th and 26th.

Caitlyn Schmidtberger '10 and Tanner Simms, announce the birth a daughter, Taygan Raye, born August 24, 2014. Her grandparents are **Wayne '65** and Marie **Schmidtberger**.

Andrea Haerich '10 and Mason Gentry were married September 13, 2014, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis.

Anna Yost '11 and Jerimiah Kerr Lewis announce the birth of a daughter, Kylie Evelyn, born November 7, 2014. Kylie's grandparents are Larry and **Connie Denning Yost '69**.

Gene Dreiling, associate member, former teacher, and Hall of Fame inductee commented. "I found not a single 'ain't' in your newsletter. I'm so proud of you!" I bet that comment triggers some memories to many of you out there.

Hall of Fame Nominations

Now is the time to be thinking about who you would like to see in the Hall of Fame class of 2015. Many outstanding people are already inducted into the Hall of Fame, and your nominee could join them this fall.

In order to see your choice go into the Hall this Homecoming, you need to start by making a nomination. There is a form included with your newsletter to assist you with this task.

Who can be nominated, you might be wondering? Basically anyone who has ever worked at USD 432 is eligible for the VAA Hall of Fame School Personnel Award.

There is also a possibility that a graduate from your class could be inducted via the Distinguished Alum Award. The Distinguished Alum Award can be given to any Alum who has made a significant contribution of their time and talent to their fellow man. This award was last granted to Allen Dreiling '55 during Homecoming 2012, so perhaps it is time for you to nominate someone that you feel is worthy of this recognition.

Whoever you decide to nominate, please do so before June 1. The Alumni Board spends a great deal of time working to make the Hall of Fame experience enjoyable for everyone, but it all has to start with your letter of nomination.

2015 Upcoming Events

— ALUMNI-SPONSORED
SENIOR BARBEQUE —
Friday, May 15

— HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION —
Sunday, May 17

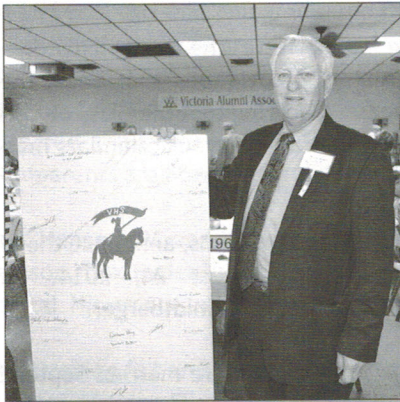
— FIDELISFEST —
Sunday, May 24

— HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS —
Due Monday, June 1

— HERZOGFEST —
Friday-Saturday, August 14-15

— VHS HOMECOMING 2015 —
Friday-Saturday, September 25-26

'Door' Prize Created by Class of 1964



Kenny Brungardt poses with the "door prize" signed by members of the Class of 1964.



CLASS OF 1964. Seated front: Elaine Dreiling Clouse, Pam Anderson Nowak, Lois Sander, Arlene Urban Stramel, Cheryl Schmidtberger Hammerschmidt, Kathy Kuhn Schmidtberger, and Donnie Lang. 2nd row: Fred Tholen, Darrell Dinkel, Leon Dreiling, Clara Schmidtberger Walters, Janie Brungardt Dinges, Diane Dinkel Porter, Doris Romme, Carol Louise Wittman Gregg, Iris Rome Miller, and Willie Leiker. 3rd row: Allen Windholz, Kenny Brungardt, Allen Roth, Marvin Kuhn, Larry Braun, Rich Dreiling, Francis Karlin, Danny Dreiling, Ray Pfeifer, and Larry Pfeifer.

The class of 1964 has literally created a "door" prize. By some means, this class acquired a door that used to hang in VHS. At a previous reunion, all the members of the class signed the front of this door. At their 50th reunion, which was last year, the members of the class of 1964 signed the back of the door. Someone noticed that there weren't as many names on the back of the door as on the front, which

made them realize that eventually their class will have only one surviving member. They have agreed that the last member of their class will be the final owner of this door. As of this past homecoming, 11 of their classmates have passed away, and 42 still have a chance at winning the door. Let's hope it is a long time until the winner is decided.

6th State Championship

The 2014 Victoria Football Team secured the Eight-Man Division II State Championship by defeating previously undefeated Attica-Argonia by a score of 52-8. This is the third Eight-Man title for the school, matching the three won in 11-Man during the 1980s.

The Knights started the season with a 42-24 loss to Clafin-Central Plains, but never lost again, rattling off 12 straight victories to end the year.

An interesting side note is that Clafin-Central Plains went undefeated and won the Eight-Man Division I State Championship. Victoria and Clafin-Central Plains begin their 2015 seasons by playing each other on September 4, in Victoria at 7:00 pm.

Lost: Class of 1999 and Float

People were stunned at the finish of the 2014 Homecoming Parade. Everyone looked around, but nobody could find the members of the Class of 1999, nor their float. Everybody remembered seeing them at the start of the parade, people along the parade route reported seeing that ornery group from 1999, but when the rest of the parade returned to VHS, the class of 1999 had vanished. No one has seen any of them since.

Whole story: The Class of 1999 became thirsty during the parade, so they excused themselves from the parade route, and went to find refreshments.

Class of 1999
(l-r): Jarrett Schmeidler, Scott Wellbrock, Troy Weigel, Andra Rome Cunningham, Travis Dinges, Shaun Karlin, Lindsey Koerner Lisenby (partially hidden), and Brandon Dinkel.



“PSST . . . Have You Heard . . .”

by Randy Leiker '70

I got my first ever Hole-in-One December 4, 2014, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course, better known as the home of the VHS Alumni Benefit Golf Tournament. It happened on #11, a 156-yard par 3, and it was witnessed by three of my best golfing buddies: Don Pruitt, Bob Goodin, and Ron Trilck. Fortunately for me, it was December 4th and not July 4th, as there would have been a lot more golfers at the course. As it was, it only cost me something like \$12.00 for beer. After 35 years of coming close oh so many times it finally happened...but I digress.

It's not all about me, it's about our best ever Alumni Golf Tournament to date. The 18th Annual Alumni Golf Classic was just plain crazy good. We had 18 teams, which comes to 72 golfers—12 more than last year. The weather was ideal, and the meal and free beverages were great. Everyone had a wonderful time. Well, some more wonderful than others.

The winning team consisted of four classmates from 1989—**Matt Berens, Dave Younger, Alan Pfeifer, and Darrell Dortland**—all flat bellies that really hit the ball a long ways. They shot an 11 under par 60. The second place team, more flat bellies, shot a 10 under par 61. That team consisted of **Ray Bombardier '84, Mark Robben '82, Glenn Dinkel '82, and Dale Windholz '01**. The third place team wasn't all flat bellies; there were even a few old guys—**Jim Dinkel '63, Ralph Dinkel '60, Jim Krob, and Glen Gabel**. They shot a 62, 9 under par. The longest putt winners were **Randy Schmidtberger '66**, on #1 with a putt of 19' 10". **John Ruder '89** won the longest putt on #10 with a putt of 8' 10". Closest to the pin on #9 was Glen Gabel, coming within 26 inches of the hole. **Terry Klaus '86** was four feet from the hole on #18.

Now is the time to start making plans for the 19th Annual Alumni Golf Classic to be held at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course on Friday, September 25. Last year's tournament was such a huge success mainly due to the honor classes starting their weekend Friday morning at the golf course. I know you won't want to miss out on the fun, the trash talk, the prizes, the meal, and free beverages on the course. Who knows, maybe we will be talking about

your hole-in-one in next year's newsletter. More details will come in the August newsletter. Have a great summer. Hit it long and straight and not too many times!



Classmates from 1989 gather for a reunion picture during the golf tournament. Front row: Darrell Dortland, Kevin Klein, Peggy VonFeldt Klaus, Shanna Robben Dinkel, and Judy Braun Brummer. Back row: John Weber, Tyler Gasper, Dave Younger, Alan Pfeifer, Darian Dinkel, and Matt Berens .

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS HOMECOMING 2015

----- Friday, September 25, 2015 -----

- 8:00 a.m. 19th 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, Victoria

----- Saturday, September 26, 2015 -----

- 4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass – Basilica of St. Fidelis
- 5:15 p.m. Social/Banquet – V.F.W. Hall, Hays
- 9:00 p.m. Dance “Anthony & the Anamals”

In Loving Memory

Steve Dinkel '70 died April 9, 2014. He is survived by his wife, Linda; two sons; two daughters; his mother, Irene Dinkel; three brothers, **Ronald '66, Robert '73, and Larry '80**; two sisters, **Carol Dinkel '68 and Mari Dinkel Rauch '83**; and two grandchildren.

Sharon Schmidtberger Urban '69 died August 1, 2014, at her farm home near Loretto. Survivors include her husband, Don; two sons; four brothers, **Verlin '60, Ike '70, Richard '71, and Larry '73**; eight sisters, **Connie Schmidtberger Jimenez '61, Alice Schmidtberger Peterka '62, Clara Schmidtberger Walters '64, Joanne Schmidtberger Detwiler '65, Arlene Schmidtberger Delka '66, Mary Ann Schmidtberger '67, Dianne Schmidtberger Blumenthal '66, and Cathy Schmidtberger '78.**

Leland Schumacher '46 died August 2, 2014, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by his wife Lillian; two sisters, **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50 and Paula Schumacher Pelermo '56.**

Laurina Kuhn died August 8, 2014, at Via Christi Village, Hays. Survivors include one son, **Richard '67**; three daughters, **Elizabeth Kuhn Marcotte '63, Margaret Kuhn Mader '71, and Barbara Kuhn '75**; one brother; one sister; 11 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Dennis Denning died August 9, 2014, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Betty Weigel Denning '65**; one daughter, **Alicia Denning Kelley '02**; and one granddaughter.

Irma Kreutzer Dreiling '55 died August 11, 2014, in Ocala, Florida. Survivors include her husband, Neil; two sons; two daughters; two brothers, **Virgil Kreutzer, and Frank Kreutzer '63**; three sisters, **Melva Kreutzer Marmion, Rosie Kreutzer Staab, and Philomena Kreutzer Berens '56**; and 4 grandchildren.

Cecil C. Roth '65 died August 14, 2014, at his home. Survivors include his wife, Linda; one son; one daughter; two brothers, **Harold '67 and Terry '76**; one sister, **Donna Roth Gartin '71**; and 5 grandchildren.

Delores Dinkel Tremblay '50 died August 26, 2014, at Kearny County Hospital, Lakin. Survivors include two daughters; four sisters, **Lily Dinkel Meier '47, Mary Ann Dinkel Doerfler '48, Joanne Dinkel Steinert, and Darlene Dinkel Pfannenstiel**; and seven grandchildren.

Gilbert Dinkel died August 31, 2014, at Rooks County Health Center, Plainville. Survivors include his wife, Cleota; four sons; three daughters; two brothers, **Leroy '52 and Leland '58**; 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Lillian "Lil" Jacobs died September 3, 2014, at her home. Survivors include her husband, Gene; two daughters, **Patty Jacobs Way '70 and Debbie Jacobs Hoffman '80**; two granddaughters; one step-granddaughter; and three step-great grandchildren.

Merle "Pat" Jacobs '73 died September 10, 2014, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include two brothers, **Chesley '60 and Bill '67**; and one sister, **Jane Jacobs Silvia '55.**

Rose Phannenstiel died October 17, 2014. She is survived by a brother, **Robert A. Pfeifer '45**; three sisters, **Esther Pfeifer Maher '43, Albertine Pfeifer Rajewski '49, and Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51.**

Bill Roth died October 24, 2014, at Lane County Hospital, Dighton. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, five sons; one brother, **Bernie '45**; a sister, **Det Roth Younger '58**; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Betty Quint Crawford '44 died November 25, 2014, at Presbyterian Manor in Salina. Survivors include her sister, **Rosemarie Quint Magness '41**; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Velma Robben Leiker '44 died November 28, 2014, at Country Place Senior Living, Kansas City, Kansas. She is survived by one son, **Steve Leiker '79**; one sister, **Vera Robben Rohr '44**; three grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Maxiline "Max" Kisner died December 10, 2014, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, Lloyd; three daughters; two brothers, **Julian Huser '53 and Leon Huser '61**; four sisters, **Armella Huser Riedel-Schmidt '46, Stella Huser Braun, Henrietta Huser Herl, and Arlene Huser Wittman '64**; four grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Rosie Billinger Suppes '51 died December 14, 2014, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include two sons, Michael and Joseph; one daughter, Marilyn Leiker-Pfannenstiel; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Brungardt Melton '62 died December 21, 2014, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She is survived by her husband, Joe; two sons; two brothers; and a sister.

Valerian "Tiny" Hammerschmidt '58 died December 28, 2014, at Wheatland Nursing Center, Russell. He is survived by four brothers, **Verlin '63, Vinard '66, Valery '70, and Vernon '75**; two sisters, **Vivian Hammerschmidt Appelhans '59 and Virginia Hammerschmidt Dinkel '61.**

Jeanette Dinkel Klaus '50 died December 28, 2014, at the Via Christi Villages, Hays. She is survived by three sons; one daughter; a brother, **Otto Jr. Dinkel '57**; and five grandchildren.

Bernard "Bernie" Rome '57 died January 4, 2015, at Trinity Nursing and Rehab. He is survived by his wife, Ann; a daughter; two brothers, Emery Rome and **Elmer "Buddy" Rome '43**; and a sister, **Edna Rome Stecklein '50**.

Wendelin "Wendy" Stang '63 died January 5, 2015, at Via Christi Village, Hays. He is survived by a son; two sisters, **Delila Stang Brungardt '60** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**; and two grandsons.

Terry Dinkel '73 died January 5, 2015, in Ft. Meyers, Florida. He had just returned from an anniversary cruise and suffered a fatal heart attack at the home of a friend. He was working in New York at the time of his death. Terry is survived by his wife, Karla; two sons; one daughter; his father, Alvin F. Dinkel; one sister, **Dorothy "D" Dinkel Bates '70**; seven brothers, **Darrell '64, Allen '68, Ron '71, Reuben '75, Richard '77, Jeff '79, and Pat '81**.

Robert L. "Bob" Hammerschmidt died January 15, 2015, at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, Kansas. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; one son, Ryan; his mother, Louise; one brother; and one sister. He was employed as a custodian at Victoria High School from April of 1991 until his death.

Theresa Dreiling Brungardt '50 died January 23, 2015, at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital, Wichita. She is survived by her husband, **Edwin J. Brungardt '50**; two sons, **Cletus '75** and **Ed '80**; two daughters, **Susan Brungardt Groth '78** and **Jeanne Brungardt '86**; two brothers, Vincent Dreiling and Francis Dreiling; one sister, **Betty Dreiling Schmidt '54**; 7 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Karen Jacobs Baczkowski '71 died January 31, 2015. She is survived by two sons; her father and step-mother; two brothers, **Fred '67** and **Tim '77**; a sister, **Stacy Jacobs Miller '85**; two step-brothers; four step-sisters; and two grandsons.

C.G. "Perk" Reitemeier died February 1, 2015, at Labette Health Care in Parsons, Kansas. Mr. Reitemeier was a teacher and coach at Victoria High School in 1955 thru 1957. He was an avid baseball player and was part of the successful Victoria Eagles town team. He is survived by his wife, Norene; five daughters; two sons; 17 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Sybilla Schmidt died February 2, 2015, at Good Samaritan Society of Hays Care Center. She is survived by her daughter, **Cora Lee Schmidt Pfannenstiel '55**, and two grandchildren.

Martina A Kuhn Bieker '43 died February 3, 2015, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by four sons; two daughters; a brother, **Francis Kuhn '45**; 19 grandchildren; and 32 great-grandchildren.



Alma Goetz Meyers '56 died February 5, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Bill; two sons; one daughter; two brothers, **Ron Goetz '54** and **Frank Goetz '58**; four sisters, **Bernice Goetz Bushman '50, Norma Goetz Huffman '51, Verda Goetz Werner '55, and Sharon Goetz Merick '60**; and seven grandchildren.

Viola Kuhn died February 16, 2015, at Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence. She is survived by two daughters; one son; one sister, **Norma Quint Fellers '52**; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Alvin F. Dinkel died February 17, 2015, at the VA Medical Center, Denver. He is survived by one daughter, **Dorothy "D" Dinkel Bates '70**; seven sons, **Darrell '64, Allen '68, Ron '71, Reuben '75, Richard '77, Jeff '79, and Pat '81**; 22 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Viola Lodovici died February 17, 2015, at Kelly House of Meriden South Care Center, Meriden. She is survived by one son, **Dennis '66**; five daughters, **Lamanda Lodovici Bennefield '63, Sharon Lodovici '65, Anita Lodovici Englert '68, Vickie Lodovici Martin '71, and Gail Lodovici Flax '74**; one brother, **Eldon Schmidtberger '52**; 24 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Frank Denning '54 died February 18, 2015. He is survived by his wife. You will notice in Class Notes that there is a message from Frank that we received around homecoming. He was so thankful for this newsletter to keep him current with his roots here in Victoria.

Kyle Lichter died February 24, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Lynn; three children; her parents, Rueben and **Jeanie Engel Urban '60**; one brother; and two sisters.

Marlene "Toots" Dinkel Scheck '57 died February 25, 2015, at Good Samaritan Center, Hays. She is survived by two sons, **Rick '79** and **Frank '81**; a brother, **Jack Dinkel '55**; two sisters, **Bernadette Dinkel Gottschalk '59** and **Margie Dinkel Unrein '60**; and one grandson, **Cody Scheck '11**.

Loren Stang '51 died February 25, 2015, in Katy, Texas. He is survived by one son; two daughters; one brother, **Leroy '55**; and one sister, **Twyla Stang Gerstner '63**.

Rita Denning Dreiling '48 died February 27, 2015, at St. Francis Health Center, Topeka. She is survived by three daughters and four grandchildren.

Lillian Brungardt Herman died March 2, 2015. She is survived by two sons and four sisters **Henrietta Brungardt Rohr, Amelia Brungardt Jacobs, Rita Brungardt Wolf '48, and Betty Brungardt Hutchens**.

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