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Homecoming 2017

Friday, September 29
Saturday, September 30

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2017

Parade Grand Marshal:

Marvin Dreiling '44

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Stacy Schmidtberger '94
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Class of '92

Class of '07

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- Friday, September 29, 2017 -----

8:00 a.m. 21st 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. Barbecue & Walk Thru Halls of VHS
7:00 p.m. Football Game - Knights vs. Logan/Palco
9:00 p.m. Social – V.F.W. Hall, Victoria

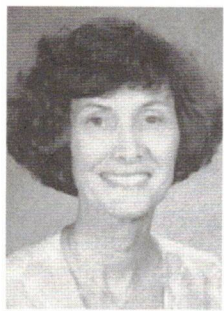
----- Saturday, September 30, 2017 -----

4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass – Basilica of St. Fidelis
5:45 p.m. Social/Banquet – V.F.W. Hall, Hays
9:00 p.m. Dance “Anthony And The Anamals”

HALL OF FAME 2017

ANITA MARKLEY, BOB LEIKAM, MICHELLE GEIST

ANITA MARKLEY was born and raised in Southern California, near Los Angeles, and graduated from the University of Redlands, Redlands, California, with a BA in English Literature and a minor in Art. Shortly after graduation she married Robert



Markley, moved to Edmonton, Alberta, where Bob earned his PhD at the University of Alberta and

she earned her Alberta teaching certificate. Anita then taught high school English and Art for two years.

After a couple of moves and a couple of children, they settled in Hays, Kansas, where Bob taught in the Psychology Department at Fort Hays State University and Anita earned her Master of Fine Arts in printmaking as well as her Kansas teaching certification.

Mrs. Markley's very first teaching position in Kansas was in Victoria, where she enjoyed teaching K-12 art for 12 years. She left Victoria to take a teaching position at Russell High School and stayed there until retirement in 2003. In 2004, her husband retired as well and the couple moved to Lawrence.

Upon retirement, Anita made a serious decision to spend her time and energy working on her art. Life in Lawrence has allowed her to be a part of many group and one-person art exhibitions, including four shows at the Strecker-Nelson Gallery in Manhattan, Kansas, the Upstage Gallery in Topeka, and the Phoenix and Cider Galleries in Lawrence. Her art work has been featured in two issues of the Lawrence Magazine and she was commissioned to do a painting for the cover of the SACNAS News, a magazine advancing Hispanic/

Chicano, and Native Americans in Science. Other commission work allowed her to do four small paintings for a Foundation for Excellence at Kansas State University College of Engineering. Last summer, Anita was commissioned to do a large painting for the new College of Business Administration building at K-State.

Due to her continued desire and love of working with children, helping them to learn from the arts, Anita volunteers at the Spencer Museum of Art on the KU campus. Bob and Anita also enjoy volunteering as drivers for the Lawrence Senior Meals Program.

Their son, Ian, lives in Idaho and is employed by Verizon. Their daughter, Lauren, and her husband, Levi, live in Raleigh, NC, where he teaches at NC State University and Lauren maintains a studio as a jewelry artist. She shows her work in galleries and craft venues around the country, including the Smithsonian and overseas galleries in Europe and the Far East.

The couple is blessed with two super grandchildren: Tyler, age 25, and Emma, age 12, both living in Manhattan, Kansas.

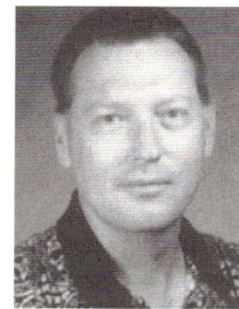
Upon receiving the news of her induction into the Hall of Fame, Anita said, "I feel very happy and honored to be included in the Victoria Hall of Fame!"

BOB LEIKAM was born in Ellis County, Kansas. He first attended school at the Buckeye School north of Hays until its closing. He continued thereafter at Jefferson East, now Holy Family Elementary, for grades 4-6. After graduation from TMP-Marian, Bob attended Fort Hays State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in History, a BS in Political Science and later finishing with a Master's Degree in History.

Bob married Trudy Herrman on June 9, 1979. Bob and Trudy have three daughters: **Sarah Leikam Fischer '99**, **Annie Leikam Bollig '02**, and **Chrissy Leikam Driscoll '08**, who are all graduates

of Victoria High School. As is with most people, the couple enjoy every moment of being grandparents. They have been blessed with five grandchildren: Shaylee Fischer, Carli Jo Fischer, Brecklynn Fischer, Tracyn Bollig, and Davin Bollig.

After graduation from FHSU, Bob's first job teaching was in Scott City where, in addition to that position, he was the high school cross country and junior high boys' basketball coach. Starting in 1980, Victoria became the new home for the



Leikam family. The majority of Mr.

Leikam's teaching career consisted of his many years of service to the students

of Victoria High School. In addition to being an instructor of social science classes, outside the classroom Bob coached many athletics over the years—football, basketball, track, and golf. Bob left Victoria after the 2012 school year. Thomas More Prep-Marian Jr./Sr. High School became his new home, returning to his roots, so to speak. Bob continues to serve as the HS Asst. Principal, JH Principal, and a Social Science Instructor.

MICHELLE GEIST was raised on a farm south of Gorham by her parents, Everett and Alice Schrant. She was a graduate of Gorham High School, graduating in the Class of 1979 with nine other students. After high school, Michelle attended Fort Hays State University where she earned an Associate Degree in Secretarial Administration in 1981.

Michelle married the love of her life, **Bill Geist '77**, son of William Geist, Sr. and **Tina Geist Braun '58**.

Michelle's first job using her degree

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was at Southwestern Bell from 1981-1982. Following that, she was a traffic clerk at

Ellis County District Court for two years. There she handled all the county traffic tickets, assigned court dates, took care of fines, and called jurors.

In 1984, Michelle and Bill welcomed their daughter, **Rachelle Geist Orr '02**, into the world and life simply changed. She felt there was no way she could leave her daughter and return to work outside of



the home. So in 1984, Michelle began her own licensed daycare. Soon thereafter came blessing number two in the form of their son, **Nathan Geist '04**. Michelle remained a licensed daycare provider until August of 1991, when her son was kindergarten age.

In August of 1991, with no children at home during the day, Michelle applied and was hired as a cook at the grade school in Victoria. She loved the fact she got to work when the kids were in school and yet had the summer off to enjoy the time with her children at home. In 1995, following the retirement of **Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51**, Michelle applied for the high school secretary position and continues to hold this title. She has worked for four superintendents and three principals.

Michelle proudly boasts now that her two precious granddaughters are the light of her life. She feels blessed having them close by, just four blocks away. Kennedy is a first grader and Kinsley will attend preschool at Victoria Elementary this fall.

Her daughter, Rachelle, married Matt Orr and she is the owner of Impressions Salon in Hays. Matt is an engineer for Hess Services. Nathan married Ashley Hinnergardt and they reside in Overland Park. Nathan is a financial planner and Ashley works as a regulatory compliance analyst.

Outside of working for the school district, Michelle's hobbies include anything with her granddaughters and family. She also enjoys sewing, quilting, and helping out on the family farm.

VHS Alumni Association Welcomes Victoria High School Class of 2017

Devyn Dorzweiler is the son of Harry and **Mandy Tholen Dorzweiler '98** and the grandson of **Jim** and **Janie Tholen '69**. He plans to attend Fort Hays State University and study graphic design.

Tyler Drew is the son of Tom Drew and Brandi Schulte. He intends to enter the workforce as a welder.

Will Drew is the son of Tom Drew and Brandi Schulte. He will enroll at Colby Community College and study Farm and Ranch Management.

Madisyn Gerhardt is the daughter of **Frank '79** and **Racquel Gasper Gerhardt '87**. She plans to study Clinical/Medical Laboratory Science at The University of Kansas.

Ashlyn Hammerschmidt is the daughter of **Mike '89** and Teresa **Hammerschmidt** and the granddaughter of **Verlin** and Glenda **Hammerschmidt '63**. Ashlyn plans to pursue a career as a Cardiothoracic Surgeon and will enroll at Fort Hays State University.

Sienna Hockersmith is the daughter of Jesse and Primrose Hockersmith. Sienna plans to enroll at Fort Hays State University and major in Chemistry.

Isaac Housley is the son of James and Shandra Housley. Isaac plans to enroll at either the Air Force Academy or Kansas State University.

Cheyenne Jones is the daughter of Cheryl Hemken. Cheyenne plans to become a Certified Personal Trainer.

Bryant Karlin is the son of **Tom '83** and **Sandra Meder Karlin '84**. Bryant plans to study Pre-Veterinary Medicine at Fort Hays State University.

Olivia Knoles is the daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Brungardt. Olivia is undecided on her future plans.

Julia Nowak is the daughter of PJ and Kim Nowak. Julia plans to study Nursing at Pittsburg State University.

Karly Oberle is the daughter of Doug and Gina Oberle. Karly plans to enroll at Fort Hays State University and study Ultrasound Technology.

Hollie Reinhardt is the daughter of Dilene Reinhardt. Hollie will enroll at NCK-Technical College and study Nursing.

Tanner Rome is the son of **Mike '86** and Desiree **Rome** and the grandson of **Gary '58** and **Janice Bell Rome '65**. Tanner will study business at North Central Technical College.

Konnryr Sweat is the son of John Sweat and Valary Cappellucie. Konnryr plans to become a Commercial Pilot.

Hanna VonLintel is the daughter of **Darin '86** and Jennifer **VonLintel** and **Travis '99** and Stacy **Dinges** and the granddaughter of **Dennis** and Kay **VonLintel '56** and **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**. Hanna plans to study Elementary Education at Fort Hays State University.

Victoria Music Teacher Is Grammy Award Quarterfinalist

Luke Johnson teaches music to all grade levels in the Victoria USD 432 School District

In only his second year of teaching at Victoria, Luke Johnson has been nominated for the 2018 Music Educator Award. This award will be handed out at the 60th annual Grammy Awards in New York. If selected, Mr. Johnson will receive a \$10,000 honorarium. While he admits that his odds of winning aren't that great—he is one of 197 quarterfinalists, it still might happen.

Being the music teacher in Victoria in 2017 is nothing like what most of us will remember. Today there is only one music teacher in the entire district for both vocal and band classes. Mr. Johnson teaches everyone from the Kindergarteners all the way up to the high school band. In fact, the high school band now includes the 7th and 8th graders, in an attempt to get enough numbers to develop a decent sound. He hopes in 2017-2018 to have a band with more than 40 members, a feat that Victoria hasn't seen in many years.

Luke isn't even sure who nominated him for this

award. All he knows is that someone had to make the nomination for him to reach this level of the competition. After being nominated, Mr. Johnson was sent an email requesting some additional information. He claims he barely remembered filling out the form until he received a notice that he was selected as a quarterfinalist. Then he was required to do a few things. First, he had to keep all of this a secret for a month or so, and he needed some help from his students.



A few student testimonials were required along with a video of Mr. Johnson working with his students. He chose to capture himself working with the 2nd graders, because they were neither at the beginning stages of understanding music, nor were they at an advanced level; they were just right in the middle

of both extremes.

All of his required submissions have been sent in. All that can be done now is wait and hope to see if our little town can brag about our music teacher being a 2018 Grammy winner. Better yet, let's brag about him anyway since being chosen as a quarterfinalist is no small accomplishment!

Graduates Receive Scholarships

The Victoria Alumni Association, through the generosity of its members, was able to award four graduates with \$1,000 scholarships. The winners for 2017 were Madisyn Gerhardt, Ashlyn Hammerschmidt, Bryant Karlin, and Julia Nowak.

The Homecoming festivities for 2017 will once again include a cash raffle to help fund these highly sought after scholarships. The payout will be the same as it has been in the past, with winners being drawn for \$100, \$200, \$300, \$400, and \$500 prizes. A sheet of raffle tickets has been included with your newsletter, but you are not limited to those 10 tickets. You can download extra tickets by going to www.victoriaalumni.com and clicking the link for this year's raffle tickets.

Lots of Festivities Set for Homecoming

The 2017 homecoming weekend festivities will begin on Friday, September 29, with the 21st annual golf tournament at the Fort Hays Municipal golf course. For those who will not be participating in the joy of the golf tournament, the Victoria VFW Hall will be open for a social beginning at 2:00 p.m.

At around 3:30 p.m., the VFW will be temporarily closed so that everyone can make it to the homecoming parade that begins at 4:00. The parade will begin and end at Victoria Junior/Senior High School, and immediately following the parade, a pep rally will be held at VJSHS.

A barbecue will be held behind the school and is sponsored by the VIP Club.

The crowning of Homecoming King and Queen will take place at 6:30 p.m. The Knights will take the field for the football game against Logan/Palco at 7:00.

After the game, everyone is encouraged to return to the Victoria VFW to enjoy the postgame festivities.

On Saturday, the celebration begins with the memorial Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis at 4:00 p.m.

Following the Mass, the annual homecoming banquet and dance will be held at the Hays VFW at 22nd and Vine. *Please take special note of the location, as every year a few alums end up at the wrong hall and then have to call a classmate or an alumni board member to find out where the Victoria alumni banquet is.*

Once everyone has found their way to the proper banquet hall, a delicious meal prepared by the Hays VFW staff will be served.

After supper, a short Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place. A few reunion classes will be recognized as well.

This year we will be entertained by Anthony and the Anamals at the dance.

So make your plans now, and we hope to see you at this year's homecoming.

Victoria FCCLA National Report

On July 1st, 13 Victoria FCCLA members headed to Nashville, Tennessee, for the National FCCLA Conference and STAR Event competitions. Eleven members were competing. **Ashlyn Hammerschmidt '17**, **Sienna Hockersmith '17**, and Junior Aspen Schoenrock competed in Sr. Food Innovations. This is a competition where the team creates new food items based on the requirements. They also create a box nutrition label and calculate the cost to produce. After receiving the top gold at state they advanced to nationals where they received gold there as well.

Freshmen Ryleigh Wagner and Haylee Winter advanced to nationals in the Junior Food Innovations category. They also received a gold medal. **Madisyn Gerhardt '17**, **Julia Nowak '17**, and Junior Hannah Radke competed in the Interior Design category. In this event students must create a floor plan and sample boards. They also received gold at nationals. Sophomores Ally Dinkel, Kali Weber, and Ashlyn

Windholz advanced to nationals in the Focus on Children event. They received a perfect score gold at nationals.

Other members attended nationals due to their new leadership roles. Megan Karst, Junior, was elected as the state Vice President of Membership. At nationals she and her fellow state officers put on state meetings and attended leadership workshops. Sophomores Chantel Whisman and Ally Dinkel were selected to serve as state peer education members on the STOP the Violence team for the 2017-2018 school year. At nationals they attended workshops and Chantel served as a Kansas voting delegate for the selection of the new national officers.

Connie Braun, chapter advisor and 2014 VAA Hall of Fame Inductee, was given another special award. She was awarded the Spirit of Advising Award for the state of Kansas. It was a very successful trip full of music, awards, leadership, and fun.

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1947 – We would like to recognize you as the remaining members of your class to reach your 70th class reunion from Victoria Rural High School. Our records show that you were 35 members strong when you graduated and now nine of you remain. You are: Valarian Brungardt, Rita Rome Gross, Theresa Leiker Haselhorst, Catherine VonLintel Pfannenstiel, Alice Schulte Schmidt, Marie Bollig Schmidtberger, Sr. Vivian Schmidtberger, C.S.A., Joan Mermis VonFeldt and Fred Weigel. Make your plans now for September 29 and 30, 2017, and join your Alumni Association for this year's homecoming celebration.

1950's

Class of 1952 it seems like yesterday that you were celebrating your 60th reunion from Victoria Rural High School and now five years have passed and it is time for number 65. We know you are up to another gathering of classmates. This year's dates for homecoming are September 29th and 30th. Your reservation can be found in this newsletter. It is always heart-warming to see all of you.

Allen '55 and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary May 6th with a family party in Victoria hosted by their children. Their children are **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76**, **Clete**

Dreiling '79, and **Sandra Dreiling '80**. Allen and Connie were married June 1, 1957, in Victoria. They have five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Norman Dreiling '55 and his wife, JoAnn, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary July 23, 2017, with a dinner and dance in Victoria at the VFW Hall. The family participated in the 5:00 Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis and we're given the nuptial blessing by Fr. John Schmeidler OFM, Cap. Their children are, **Gerilyn Dreiling Kerbaugh '82**, **John Dreiling '83**, **Joe Dreiling '84**, **Jim Dreiling '88**, **Stacy Dreiling Pfannenstiel '88**, **Kristy Dreiling Windholz '92**. They have 12 grandchildren. Norman and JoAnn were married August 13, 1962, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Munjor.

Class of 1957, we are expecting a nice representation from your class for your 60th class reunion happening on September 29th and 30th. We hope you are making plans to join us for a great weekend. Don't forget to send in your raffle tickets along with your registration form.

John and **Dolores Braun McMillin '59** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 13, 2017 in Denver with their children. John and Dolores were married May 13, 1967, at St. Boniface Church, Vincent. Their children are Holly Hoopes and Jill Haney.

1960's

Celeste Windholz Sander '60 retired from the Hays Area Chamber of Commerce. She worked for HACC for 14 years in various roles leading up to membership coordinator.

Class of 1962, 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. Save the dates for September 29th and 30th.

Gilbert '63 and **Carol Stramel Billinger '63** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 23, 2017, with a 10:00 a.m. Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis, Victoria, followed by a luncheon hosted by their children. Gib and Carol were married April 22, 1967, at Holy Cross Church, Pfeifer. Their children include **Beth Billinger Brungardt '86** and husband, **Dale '86**; **Cheryl Billinger Berens '89**; **Colleen Billinger Carlson '91**; **Joe Billinger '95**; **Jim Billinger '00** and wife **Emily Gatschet Billinger '02**.

Class of 1967 we have heard that some of you have been busy organizing your 50th 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 1967. We know there are many. You can find your reservation and membership form in this newsletter.

1970's

Class of 1972, 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 29th and 30th. Get those raffle tickets mailed back. You could be a winner and support your Alumni Association.

Diane Younger Pfeifer '73 retired from her position as Health and Nutrition Coordinator for the Hays USD 489 School District for the past 26 years. She worked for Early Childhood Connections, formally Hays Head Start.

Bill Gasper '74, Indian Call yearbook and Guidon Newspaper adviser at Hays High School, is the 2017 recipient of the Jackie Engel Award, sponsored by Kansas Collegiate Media.

Class of 1977, we are looking forward to seeing many of you at homecoming 2017. The exact dates are Friday, September 29th, and Saturday, September 30th. You can find your reservation form for the weekend in this newsletter.

1980's

Class of 1982, it is reunion time for your class. Homecoming is scheduled for September 29th and 30th this year. Hopefully, you will mark your calendar and join us for the weekend.

Class of 1987, your Alumni Association invites you to join us for homecoming 2017. Hopefully, you are making plans to join us for homecoming weekend on September 29th and 30th 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 and send in your raffle tickets.

1990's

Class of 1992, Important Notice!!

Your **25th Class Reunion** will be celebrated September 29th and 30th of 2017. 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 '92**. Hopefully we can get some of you to participate in the golf tournament Friday morning. Remember your class motto: "As We Stand Together For The Final Time, It Is With Confidence That We Face The Realities Of Tomorrow". Your class officers are Tammy Tholen, John Gerstner, and Kara Kuhn. We anticipate an exciting weekend ahead.

Class of 1997, 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. Your participation is a must!! We are anxious to see all of you.

Clinton Herl '98 and his wife, **Ashley Dreiling Herl '03** announce the birth of a son, Emmitt Clinton, born April 6, 2017, at Shawnee Mission Medical Center. He has a sister, Scarlet, 2. Grandparents are **Dan '72** and **Pat Herl, Randy '79** and **Steph Dreiling**, and Don and **Cathy Younger Boos '82**. Great-grandmother is **Det Roth Younger '58**.

2000's

Preston Dreiling '00 and his wife, Tianna announce the birth of a daughter, Susie Alyn, born March 27, 2017, at Hays Medical Center. She was welcomed home by three siblings, Preslyn, 6; Verlin, 5; and Emalyann, 3. Grandparents are **Frank '80** and **Brenda Kuhn Dreiling '78**. Great-grandmother is **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**.

Michael Brungardt '00 and his wife, Jeanette, announce the birth of a daughter, Maggie Jean, born June 22, 2017, at Hays Medical Center. She has a brother, Luke, 14 months. Grandparents are **Bob '68** and **Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68**.

Class of 2002, be sure to mark the calendar for September 29th and 30th. 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. 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.

Troy Pfeifer '02 and his wife **Wendy Hoffman Pfeifer '03** announce the birth of a son, Colt Aaron, born March 20th at Via Christi Hospital in Manhattan. Colt has two brothers, Jack, 6 years old, and Kane, 4 years old. 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** and **Fritz '56** and **Anita Braun**.

Jolene Hoffman Haas '02 and her husband, Ty, announce the birth of twins. Mila Izabelle and Beckett Gunnar were born June 13, 2017, at Hays Medical Center. The twins have a big brother, Declan, 2 years old.

Meagan Schmidtberger Wellbrock '02 was selected as one of 38 CPAs nationally who will participate in the 9th annual AICPA Leadership Academy. Currently, only 270 CPAs have attended. Meagan will attend the Academy October 1-5, 2017, in Durham, North Carolina. The AICPA Leadership Academy is designed to strengthen and expand the leadership skills of promising young professionals while they network with a peer group of talented and motivated CPAs. Participants are selected from public accounting firms of all sizes, business and industry, education and government. Meagan works for Adams Brown Beran & Ball, Chtd., in Hays.

Jake Karlin '05 and wife, Emily announce the birth of a daughter, Lily Grace, born July 7, 2017, at Hays Medical Center. Lily has two sisters, Liberty, 4, and Bella, 3. Grandparents are John and **Sue Robben Karlin '82**.

Chad Schmidtberger '06 and his wife, Andrea, announce the birth of a daughter, Hudson Dee, born May 18, 2017, at Hays Medical Center. Hudson has three sisters, Keira, 10; Kamryn, 7; and Dawson, 2. Grandparents are **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80** and **Pat '85** and **May Schumacher**. Great-grandparents are **Leroy '52** and **JoAnn Braun** and **Robert and Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

Class of 2007, you are the 10-year honor class this year and the youngest of our honored classes. Hopefully, 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 2007. Check the website for photos from last year's activities. Your Alumni Association provides a weekend filled with memorable activities.

Amber Unrein Younger '07 and her husband, Joel, announce the birth of a daughter, Emery Michele, born June 20, 2017. Emery is welcomed home by a sister, Kimber, 2 years old. Grandparents are Glen and **Michele Schumacher Unrein '81**. Great-grandparents are Arlyn and **Clarita Dreiling Schumacher '58** and Frank and **Charlene Braun Unrein '63**.

Jenna Braun Dempewolf '07 and her husband, Andrew, announce the birth of a son, Braxton Andrew, born November 18, 2016, in Ft. Pierre, South Dakota. He has a big brother, Gentry, who is 3 years old. His grandparents are **Rick '82** and **Janice Braun**. Jenna and Andrew have relocated back to Kansas and are living in rural Gorham. Jenna is employed by Werth Wealth Management in Hays and Andrew will be teaching 5th grade in the Russell school district.

Brenton Hoffman '09 and his wife, **Andrea Dome Hoffman '11**, announce the birth of a daughter, Hunter Marlene, born April 12, 2017, at Hays Medical Center. She has a brother, Rhett, 2 years old. Her grandparents are **Dave '82** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83** and **Stuart '82** and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85**. Great-grandparents are **Fritz '56** and **Anita Braun** and **Leland Dinkel '58**.

2010's **Joslyn Lang Hanna '10** received a Master's Degree of Professional Studies in Publishing from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Joslyn is the daughter of **Daren '83** and **Dana Dreiling Lang '84** and the granddaughter of **Marlene Kisner Lang Sarver '60** and **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60**.

Class of 2012, you have made it to the first milestone as members of the Victoria Alumni Association. It is time to celebrate your 5-year reunion. We don't want you to miss out.

Golf Tournament: Tee-Off at the Fort

By Randy Leiker '70

OK everyone, time to clean your balls, polish your putter, wipe down your shafts, get the dirt out of your grooves, and pull off those head covers. It's time to kick off the Homecoming weekend with the 21st Annual Alumni Golf Tournament!! This year's tournament is Friday, September 29, at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course in Hays, KS. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and a shot-gun start will be at 9:00. The fee this year will be \$45.00 a person. Carts will be available to rent at the course for \$20.00.

Remember that this golf tournament is one of the major fund raisers for the alumni's scholarship fund. Over the years this fund has helped many deserving students lessen the financial burden of higher education. Also remember that it takes a village to raise our youth, and we don't want any village idiots running around Victoria. I must digress, to help raise money for the scholarship fund, we ask individuals and businesses to sponsor our golf tournament. In the past several years we have raised thousands of dollars from this type of sponsorship. This year we are going to continue to have hole sponsors who will pay \$50.00 to have a sign printed and displayed on a tee box during the tournament. In addition to having their signs displayed at the golf course, these sponsors will also be acknowledged on the VHS Alumni web page. A couple of years ago I purchased a sign for my late brother **Tommy Leiker '66** when his class had their 50th anniversary. Maybe one year someone will purchase a sign proposing marriage to a golfer in the tournament, or maybe not?!

Another way to sponsor the tournament is a corporate spon-

sorship. A corporate sponsorship cost is \$100.00 or more in cash or services. Corporate Sponsors are listed on a banner that is displayed at the golf course the day of the tournament and at the social at the VFW in Victoria and also at the banquet on Saturday evening as well as on the Alumni web page.

Here is the strategy for Friday, September 29. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. at the Fort Hays golf course. Come early and enjoy coffee and rolls before the 9:00 a.m. shotgun start. When you register you will pay your \$45.00 entry fee and also pay \$20.00 for a rental golf cart (if you need one). There are no cash prizes; this is a fundraiser, but there will be prizes for the top 3 teams and hole prizes. Lunch will be included in the entry fee and

will be provided by Rich Guffy at the club house after the tournament. The Alumni Board will provide a free beverage cart for the continued hydration of golfers during the golf round. This beverage cart has become the most revered part of the whole tournament and for three very good reasons: Hydration, Hydration, and Hydration.

Now for your homework strategy: Get your team together and call, text, or email me with each player's name and how many carts your team will need. I cannot stress enough how important it is to have this information ASAP. This way we

can plan the meal and know how many carts to have available at the golf course. My name is Randy Leiker and you can call or text me at 785-259-1392 or you can email me at randyl@eaglecom.net. Yes, non-alumni golfers can be on your team; not everyone was fortunate enough to be a VHS Alumni. I hope to hear from you soon and plan on seeing you at the Fort, Friday, September 29.



NEWS FROM ALUMNI IS ALWAYS WELCOMED

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

Tennis Coach Position Created

Kaylene Jacobs Gabel '95 has been hired to the newly created position of assistant tennis coach. The tennis program has blossomed in recent years, and an extra coach has become a necessity. There have been times that the Varsity and Junior



Varsity squads have had meets on the same day in different towns, and the lack of an assistant coach meant that the JV squad was "on their own." The district employee who had driven the girls to the meet was not allowed to interact with them because they were not an official coach. Now, the girls will be able to receive the advice that they have been lacking in prior years.

In Loving Memory

Leo Sander '44 died December 10, 2016, at his home in Wichita. He is survived by two sons and two daughters.

John Brungardt '57 died March 22, 2017, at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Center at Via Christi Hospital-St Francis, Wichita. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; a son, **Russell '90**; two daughters, **Becky Brungardt Robben '84** and **Tammy Brungardt '85**; a brother, **Gene '69**; two sisters, **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53** and **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**; and four grandchildren.

Norman Schippers '61 died March 26, 2017, at his home in Tomball, Texas. He is survived by a son; one brother, **Paul '55**; four sisters, Sr. Mary Ann Schippers C.S.A., **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**, **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**, and **Lillian Schippers Leiker '58**; and two grandchildren.

Marvin Rajewski '51 died April 1, 2017, at Brookdale Senior Living, Great Bend. Survivors include a son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren.

Vernon Schmidt died April 8, 2017, at his home in Hays. Survivors include his wife, **Betty Dreiling Schmidt '54**; one son; three daughters; a brother; 11 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Katie Scheck died May 4, 2017, at Good Samaritan Society, Hays. Survivors include two brothers, Edwin Scheck and Linus Scheck; two sisters, Rubina Dinkel and **Lena Scheck Meder '56**; and many nieces and nephews. Katie was the sacristan at the Basilica of St. Fidelis for 30 years. She took great pride in getting the church ready for the annual alumni Memorial Mass.

Philomena Kreutzer Berens '56 died June 3, 2017, at her home in Hickory Creek, Texas. She is survived by her husband, **Leroy '56**; five daughters; a brother, **Francis '63**; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Carroll Knoll '55 died June 17, 2017. He is survived by a son; two daughters; three brothers, **Omer**

'52, Les '54, and Larry '65; one sister, **Janie Knoll Tenney '63**; 10 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

LeRoy Sander died June 19, 2017, at Good Samaritan Society, Hays. He is survived by his extended family, **DeLoyd Sander '65, David Sander '72, Dale Sander '77**; and **Delilah Sander Green '73**; and numerous cousins.

John C. Younger died July 16, 2017, at his home. He is survived by his wife, **Ethel Stegman Younger '59**; one son, **Michael '92**; three daughters, JoAnn Younger Seaman, **Maria Younger Munro '86**, and **Annette Younger Zeigler '88**; eight grandchildren; and one sister, Nadine Pederson.



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Due: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

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(Year)

Maiden Name _____

Spouse / Guest _____

(Year)

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(Year)

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| Number attending the banquet and dance _____ (\$30.00 per person)..... | \$ | _____ |
| Donation to Scholarship Fund | \$ | _____ |
| Donation to Association General Fund | \$ | _____ |
| Donation to Gym Floor Fund | \$ | _____ |
| Raffle Tickets..... | \$ | _____ |
| Amount Enclosed | \$ | _____ |

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Gym Floor at Jr/Sr High School Needs Some Fixin'

Your Support Can Help Speed Things Up

The drive to replace the gym floor at Victoria Junior/Senior High School has come to a virtual standstill. The total amount collected stands at just over \$18,000.00, well short of the estimated \$53,000.00 that needs to be donated before the floor can be replaced. The floor is still in usable shape, and the annual summer re-finishing has been done to hopefully extend its life through the upcoming school year. But that patchwork approach will not work forever.

Eventually the floor will be at a point where it will

need to be replaced, and the school will be forced to move funds that could be used for other projects to pay for the gym floor. Let's prevent the school district from having to deal with this scenario and come together to complete this project for them.

On the Membership/Reservation form on the inside back cover of your newsletter, there is a place for you to donate to the gym floor. Please remember that all donations to your Alumni Association and the gym floor fund may be tax deductible.