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Homecoming 2018

Friday, September 14
Saturday, September 15

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2018

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Class of '68

Class of '93

Class of '08

&

5-Year Increment Classes



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- Friday, September 14, 2018 -----

8:00 a.m. 22nd 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. Macksville
9:00 p.m. Social – V.F.W. Hall, Victoria

----- Saturday, September 15, 2018 -----

4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass – Basilica of St. Fidelis
5:30 p.m. Social/Banquet – V.F.W. Hall, Hays
9:00 p.m. Dance “Jimmy Dee and The Fabulous Destinations”

VHS Homecoming 2018

by Rich Billinger '68



Look for the 2018 VHS Homecoming weekend to be an exciting one for the Victoria Alumni Association members and guests.

One of the reasons the September 14th and 15th weekend will be more exciting than ever is because the Association will also be celebrating its 25th year of existence! Numerous things to enhance the celebration will include a special float created by the Alumni Association and a toast to the alumni success at the banquet.

Also adding to the excitement this year will be the induction of Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations into the VHS Hall of Fame. Previously inducted into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame, this high-energy rock 'n' roll band originating from Victoria and alumni of VHS will also provide the music for the banquet dance, which will ensure the dance floor to be full of movers and shakers.

There will also be the traditional events that happen every year during Homecoming weekend. Friday morning will begin with a golf tournament at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course with plans to move it along a little quicker this year to allow the golfers more time to enjoy the other Friday festivities.

At 2 p.m., the VFW in Victoria will open for any of the alumni to socialize. In the past, the older alumni from reunion classes have taken this opportunity to gather and visit, but in recent years, attendance at this social has dropped somewhat. Hopefully, there will be a great turnout this year.

In the afternoon will be the parade with the exact time yet to be determined by VHS, but in recent years, it has started at 4 p.m. This year's parade will include a float that features the fifty-year class along with the 25th Anniversary of the VHS Alumni Association and another float carrying the Hall of Fame recipients, Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations.

Then it's on to support the Knights with the football game kickoff at 7 pm. The Knight's opponent this year is Macksville. After halftime of the game, the Victoria VFW will be open again for the evening alumni social. The fifty-year class is on the ball and has already made plans to attend this social.

On Saturday at 4 p.m., a Memorial Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica of St. Fidelis in honor of deceased VHS alumni and teachers. If you have never attended one of these beautiful masses, you will definitely enjoy a moving experience. Following the mass, there will be a banquet at the Hays VFW (22nd and Vine), which includes a social, dinner, program, and dance.

In addition to cost of Alumni membership dues, registrants will pay \$30 per person, which covers the banquet dinner, dance, cocktails/beer, non-alcoholic refreshments, and snacks on Saturday night as well as Friday night's social with refreshments, beer, and snacks. If alumni choose to attend only the Friday night event, the cost will be \$5 each plus yearly dues. There is no charge for the Friday afternoon social where beer, refreshments, and snacks are also provided. What a deal!

Victoria FCCLA – Atlanta Bound

The Victoria FCCLA chapter was busy once again this past school year. One of the biggest areas of involvement for the chapter is STAR Event competition. There are over 30 different categories for members to compete. This year 22 members developed projects, displays, and speeches and competed at the district level in February. Eighteen of

those members received the top score so they advanced to the state level in Wichita in April. From there twelve members received the top scores and advanced to the National FCCLA Conference and STAR Event competitions June 27 to July 3 in Atlanta, Georgia.

The members presented their projects on Friday, June 29. The following list shows the names and events for those members along with their achievement at Nationals. The teams competed against 80-100 other teams.

Junior Food Innovations

Abby Hugunin, Drayden Karlin, Lydia Sander
(All freshmen) — Silver Award (27th in nation)

Senior Food Innovations

Megan Karst, Hannah Radke, Aspen Schoenrock
(All seniors) — Gold Award (7th in nation)

Senior Interior Design

Ally Dinkel, Kali Weber, Ashlyn Windholz
(All juniors) — Gold Award (9th in nation)

Junior Chapter Showcase

Jalyn Dinkel, Valerie Dome, Kinley Windholz
(All freshmen) — Gold Award (6th in nation)

During the trip, the students, their adviser Mrs. Connie Braun, and some parents participated in the conference, attended state meetings and workshops, as well as sightseeing. Mrs. Braun and several parents also served as STAR Event judges.

In addition to these achievements, the chapter has three members who were selected to be a part of the

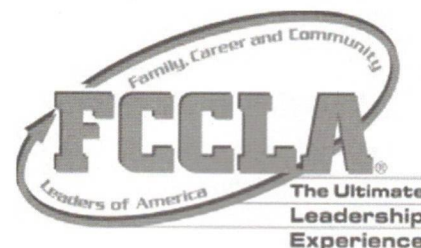
state Peer Education team called Financial Fitness. Ally Dinkel, Chantel Whisman, and Kinley Windholz assisted the state officer team, received training and planned their workshop while at Nationals.

In order to attend Nationals, the members had to raise over

\$13,000. It cost over \$1,000 per student to attend. They made 375 dozen cinnamon rolls to raise funds for the trip.

The group is extremely appreciative of all the community support and donations to make this trip happen. They could not have succeeded without this generosity. They were excited to represent our state and community.

This trip was the 11th consecutive year for the Victoria FCCLA to qualify for Nationals. Mrs. Connie Braun has had members qualify for Nationals a total of 15 years. She is extremely proud of all their hard work and long hours but is most excited to see them grow into wonderful leaders.



HALL OF FAME 2018

JIMMY DEE AND THE FABULOUS DESTINATIONS

JIM SCHMIDTBERGER '70, ANTHONY PFEIFER '74, TIM PFEIFER '76

BILL GASPER '74, RAY SCHMIDTBERGER '70

JOE DREILING '76, POSTHUMOUS

JIM SCHMIDTBERGER '70

was born and raised in Victoria, the son of Alvin and Martina Schmidtberger. Jim grew up with music, watching and listening to his brothers, Galen and Wayne, singing, or his entire family gathering around the piano and singing their favorites. Jim commented, "We were either singing or playing cards."



Jim's class of 1970 was the largest class to graduate from

Victoria High School. Our alumni data has 61 members listed with 51 graduating. They were a very close-knit class and he remembers his senior year as being one of the best years of his life.

Jim is retired from the United States Postal Department where he worked for 30 some years. Jim is the main vocalist for the band and is instrumental in getting the crowd involved and often becomes part of the crowd. Jim's siblings are all graduates of Victoria Elementary and Victoria High School. They are; **Galen '63, Wayne '65, Brenda Yoder '67, Joe '68, Neal '72, Pam Gasper '77, Myra Meder '78, and Glenn '82.**

ANTHONY PFEIFER '74

was the oldest of four sons born to Tony and Geri Pfeifer. The boys were exposed to music their entire life. He was a member of his dad's polka



band and remembers his first gig as a 7th grader playing for his uncle's wedding. The guitar was his instrument of choice back then and still is today. No formal music training was given. He did learn to read notes in grade school and high school under the direction of Vernon Giebler and Benny Schulte.

Besides being a member of the band, Anthony has a recording studio in his home where he has recorded 48 albums and also records advertising jingles for the radio. His main occupation is remodeling jobs in the surrounding area.

Anthony attended Ft. Hays State University and Barton County Community College with an emphasis in elementary education. He taught in the elementary grades for one and a half years.

Anthony and his brother Tim started the band, The Heat, which many of us watched soar to great heights and won them a couple of

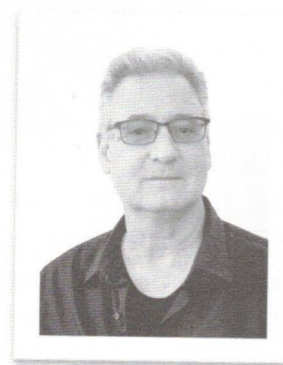
performances on the national TV show, Star Search.

Anthony is credited with coming up with the name for the band, "Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations".

Anthony's siblings are; **Tim '76, Terry '78, Danny '83 (deceased), and David '85.**

TIM PFEIFER '76

was number two son born to Tony and Geri. Like his brother, Anthony, music was part of life in the Pfeifer



home. Tim played the saxophone in his dad's polka band at the age of eleven. His musical talent was influenced

by his dad but he has great respect for Vernon Giebler, Norma Keenan, and Benny Schulte, who were the music teachers while he was a student at Victoria Elementary and Victoria High School.

Tim attended Barton County Community College where he had a full ride scholarship in track and field. Today he has his own floor covering business as an independent contractor.

Tim, Bill, Anthony, and Joe were all members of the Tony Pfeifer Polka Band. He and Joe

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were featured in playing Dueling Saxophones. They didn't need music, as it was all done by ear. Tim and his wife, Karen, have been married 35 years and have two children. Tim plays saxophone and keyboard in the band.

Tim, along with his brothers; **Anthony '74, Terry '78, Danny '83** (deceased), and **David '85** attended Victoria schools and lived in Victoria as kids.

BILL GASPER '74 came to Victoria as a fifth grader with his parents, Francis and Linda Gasper.

His father worked for Rural Telephone Company of Lenora, Kansas, and was transferred to Victoria.

Bill

received his bachelor's degree in English and journalism from Fort Hays State University. Eugene Dreiling was his favorite teacher and probably sparked his interest in pursuing his degree. He has been a member of the faculty at Hays High the past 15 years; teaching journalism.

The student newspaper has received top honors in the state as well as nationally. He directs one theater production a year and he and his students create the web design for the school.

Before beginning his teaching career he owned the newspapers

in Ellis and Hoxie. Bill is the percussionist in the band. As a young child he was constantly drumming on the table or whatever he could find. His parents decided to buy him a drum set from Montgomery Ward's Catalog. He and Anthony started jamming in the garage and that was the beginning of good things to come.

Bill and his wife **Pam Schmidtberger Gasper '77** have two sons and one grandson. Bill's siblings are; Shirley, Carol, and **Sandra Jackson '70**.

RAY SCHMIDTBERGER '70 was the sixth member of the Ralph and Betty Schmidtberger family of twelve. Their home was filled with faith, love, and music. Ray's brother, Joe, taught him his first song on the guitar, "House of the Rising Sun", which he can still play to this day. He was

inspired by his cousins and uncles who were

all self-taught musicians. Music was always a part of family gatherings.

Ray plays the bass guitar in the band. He remembers his music instructors, Vernon Giebler and Benny Schulte, in grade school and high school. As a young boy he delivered newspapers and after graduating from high school he had on the job training in the heating and cooling profession. He has

been an employee of Glassman Corporation for 25 years as an insulation specialist.

Ray and his wife, Janet, have three children and three grandchildren. Ray's siblings are; **Ann Louise Graber '63, Joe '64** (deceased), **Margaret Tappan '66, Tracy Suelter '68, Mary Naillieux '72, Steve '73, John '76, Toby, Mark, and Greg.**

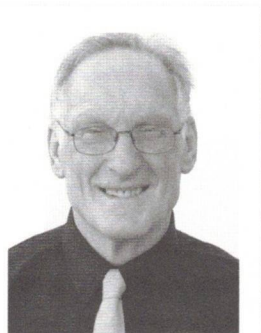
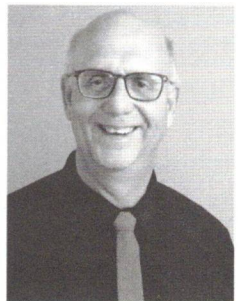
JOE DREILING '76 (deceased) was born to **Jim '47** and **Charlene Munk Dreiling '52**. Joe was called to his eternal home very suddenly and his absence in the band and to his family and friends was overwhelming. Joe was loved by everyone he met. When anyone

comments about Joe it is heard over and over, "Joe was the nicest guy you could ever want to meet."

He had music in his heart. He loved nothing more than a good jam session. He was a master musician. He loved playing the accordion and the saxophone and rattling that keyboard, which was his contribution to the band.

Joe's siblings are **Donna Miller '73** and **Linda Rogers '78**.

Gone from sight but never forgotten.





CLASS NOTES



1940's **Class of 1948** – This is a reminder to all of you from the class of '48 to join your fellow classmates for Homecoming 2018 at Victoria High School. The dates to remember are September 14 and 15. Keep us up to date. What is happening in your world?

1950's **Class of 1953**—which would include the guys from your class: Elmer Dinkel, Leroy Hoffman, Melvin Romme, Dan Schmidtberger, and Bob VonLintel, and the gals: Connie Dreiling, Gladys Pfeifer, Joan Pfeifer, Mary Jane Unrein, and Louise Windholz—you need to give some serious thought about returning for your 65th reunion on September 14th and 15th. Everyone would love to see you, especially your classmates. Be sure to get your raffle tickets in.

Class of 1958, a reminder of your 60th class reunion. Wait a minute, that's my class. Yep, it's Det with a nose for news. I know June and Rosemary will be here as I just visited with them last week. Come on home for the festivities September 14 and 15. I know we have many classmates watching over us from their eternal home but we need to carry on. Think we'll keep it simple with a parade entry and then go out to dinner for some quality time. The rest of the weekend, we'll follow the Homecoming schedule. Anxious to see you!

1960's **Class of 1963**, the time has come to celebrate your **55th Class Reunion**. Remember what a nice time you had getting together with your classmates for your 50th reunion? Well, five years have passed and we hope you will consider revisiting your alma mater. Big weekend planned. Did you know the Alumni Association will be celebrating their 25th anniversary?

Francis Karlin '64 will end his 50-year career as a teacher, school administrator, or reserve teacher in Kansas and Minnesota schools at the end of the 2018 school term. Plans include spending time with grandchildren, family, and friends, as well as traveling.

Gene Keller '66 and his wife, Dianne, send an update from their home in Denton, Texas. After graduation from high school Gene attended Fort Hays Kansas State College until he received his draft notice. He then decided to join the Navy which was his life for the next 30 years. He retired from the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander. His Navy career took him to many parts of the world. His final duty station was in San Diego as the Logistics Officer at a Navy Seal Command.

Class of 1968, we have heard that many of you have been busy organizing your 50th Class Reunion from Victoria Rural High School. It is your class that has the honor of initiating the idea of forming an alumni association. We hope you

will have record numbers coming home to celebrate with your fellow alumni members.

1970's **Class of 1973**, it is your reunion year. Just a few short years and you will be the 50-year reunion class. Come and join the festivities to see what will be expected of you in just five years. We are sure the Class of '68, this year's 50-year class, will be a tough act to follow. The dates are September 14 and 15.

Janet Frank '77 and her husband Leon have been recognized for donating a broadcasting tower, located 5.5 miles north of Hays, to Divine Mercy Radio, the Catholic Radio Station, of which Leon was an original board member and helped to build the station. Janet and Leon purchased the tower, which was no longer in use, from the land owner back in 1997. Donetta Robben, executive director of Divine Mercy Radio, complimented Leon and Janet for their generosity.

Keith Goetz '75 will be inducted into the Wayne State College Athletics Hall of Fame in September. Keith is a noted athletic trainer. From 1988 until 2000 he was head athletic trainer/assistant professor at Wayne State.

Class of 1978 – This year marks your **40th reunion** from high school. It seems that in years past there is not much interest in a



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reunion but I just looked over your class list and I am sure this will be a record year for the 40th reunion class. I just know we will be seeing many of you at Homecoming 2018 to help celebrate the Alumni Associations' 25th anniversary. The dates are September 14th and 15th. Get your reservations in early. Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations will be accepting their nomination into the VHS Hall of Fame. Bet there will be dancing into the wee hours.

1980's Sue Robben Karlin '82 and her daughter, Jordan Karlin Ottley '08, owners of Be Made Mercantile in Hays, have been named one of Home Accents Today's 50 Retail Stores for 2018 by editors of the premier trade magazine of the home accents industry. Be Made Mercantile was established in 2013.

Class of 1983, it is reunion time for your class. You are another tight-knit class which I am just sure will be joining us in record numbers. The Alumni Association will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of its inception. We are encouraging floats that require more than just a few hours to assemble. This is just what we will expect from this creative group. Help us make this one of the best homecoming weekends in history. No pressure on the float requirements, just want you all to join us.

Class of 1988, reunion year #30 for your class. Hope to see you at Homecoming 2018 on September 14th and 15th. The Alumni Association will be celebrating 25 years of its existence. Get your reservation in quickly because there will be limited seating. Jimmy Dee is the band this year so record numbers are expected.

1990's Class of 1993, Important Notice!!

Your 25th Class Reunion. This is a really big deal. You will be featured on the program to declare the mark you made on Victoria High School. It is going to be quite a party. The year you graduated is the year this Alumni Association was organized. Your participation will be evidence of your support for this success story. Hope to see you at the parade and the rest of the weekend activities.

Class of 1998, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th Class Reunion. Your alumni association hasn't heard from you in a while. This would be a great time to make plans to get back in touch with your fellow classmates. The dates are September 14th and 15th. This will be the 25th anniversary of the Alumni Association's beginning. Come celebrate with us. Get your reservations in early as we are expecting record attendance. Start your weekend off by participating in the golf tournament Friday morning. Rumor has it that your

president, Blaine, has a Facebook page up and running. Good way to get some chatter going.

2000's Jake Rome '01 and his wife, Jeanie Lapka Rome '03, announce the birth of a son, Carson James, born March 8, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. He has a big sister, Adelyn, 3. His grandparents are Mark '71 and Mary Jo Schulte Rome '71.

Class of 2003, how about coming home for your 15th class reunion? Lots has happened in the past five years for you to share with your classmates. We recall your class having a good time and know you will help make Homecoming 2018 a memorable celebration. We are counting on you.

Nolan Schmeidler '03 and his wife, Miranda, announce the birth of a son, Peyton Cyril, born July 6, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. He has an older brother, Dalton, 3.

Chris Dreiling '05 and Katie Keller were married January 13, 2018, in Ellis. Chris is the son of Troy Dreiling '86 and Kim Brown. Grandparents are Lucy Dinkel Brown '65 and Julius '52 and Darlene Brungardt Dreiling '57.

Paul Wasinger '05 and Stacy Winters were married April 21, 2018, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Paul's parents are John and Theresa Schuckman Wasinger '74. Paul is employed at Keithley



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Funeral Chapels/Cline's-Keithley Mortuary of Hays and Victoria as a mortician.

Class of 2008, you are the 10-year honor class this year and the youngest of our honored classes. Each year three classes have the special honor of being given bragging rights at the banquet. This year that will be the 50-year class, the 25-year class, and your class—the **Class of 2008**. Christine, since your class elected you president, maybe you can get your fellow class officers, Austin and Ethan, along with others in the area, to get together. Choose a spokesperson for your class to speak at the banquet, plan any other activities to gather the troops, and share the good times at VHS as well as catching up on the past ten years. We will have a table of honor reserved for you so get your reservations in early. Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations will make for quite a party. September 14th and 15th are the dates to mark on your calendar.

Jordan M. Ottley '09 and his wife, **Jordan R. Karlin Ottley '08** announce the birth of a daughter, Lucille Andrea "Lucy," born June 4, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. She

has a sister, Josephine "Josie," 3. Her grandparents are David and Andrea Ottley and John and **Sue Robben Karlin '82**.

Ashley Tholen Wellbrock '09 and her husband, Andy, announce the birth of their son, Colen Thomas, born June 18, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. His grandparents are **Tom '74** and **Janice Schmidtberger Tholen '77**. Ashley is a registered nurse at Hays Medical Center and Andy is a business owner of A & A Appliance & Repair.

2010's

Lindsey McAlonan '10 earned her doctorate of physical therapy from Sacred Heart University, Bridgeport, Connecticut. She will be working in acute care physical therapy at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Lindsey is the daughter of Aleck and **Sandy Schmidtberger McAlonan '83**.

Colin Schmidtberger '11 graduated with a Master's degree in liberal studies with an emphasis in art history from Fort Hays State University in May 2018. He will be teaching some classes at Fort Hays in the fall of 2018. Colin is the son

of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**.

Dylan Kuhn '11 and Heather Davis were married May 19, 2018, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Heather graduated from Sterling High School, Sterling, Kansas. She is an accounting clerk at Lang Diesel, Hays. Dylan is warehouse manager/sales representative at Crop Production Services (CPS) and works on the family farm. Dylan's parents are **Leon '74** and **Colleen Kuhn '84**.

Class of 2013, 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 reservations in early and plan to join the party. Should be a great time!

Brooke Schmidt '14 graduated from Wichita State University with a degree in nursing. Brooke is the daughter of **Robert '83** and **Melissa Weber Schmidt '86**.

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.

FORE!!!

By Randy Leiker '70

It's time to start getting your teams set up for the best darn golf tournament of the year! You know the one I'm talking about. It's the one that always has the smartest, best looking, best dressed, and best golfers ever. It's the one that everyone knows your name, and if they don't I'm sure someone will ask "Whoose yer dat?" It's the one where you are sure to hear somewhere on the golf course "nagottdammittohell" after a not so stellar golf shot. You know it's the one that has the best ever beverage cart that never ever gets empty . . . you must stay hydrated! It's the one where all the golfers have a common thread that ties everyone together, sort of like a family reunion. Yes, it's the 22nd annual VHS Alumni Golf Classic! It's only the best way to start the Homecoming activities.

I know for a fact that after the tournament is over you will hear someone at the social Friday evening at the VFW talking about how much fun they had playing with their best buds, and that carries over to the banquet Saturday evening too.

This year's festivities begin Friday morning September 14th at

Fort Hays Golf Course. Registration begins at 8:00 AM with a shot gun start at 9:00 AM! Got It?!?

Please be sure to call me as soon as you can to let me know who is on your 4-person team. Make sure that I repeat the names back to you, just in case I forget someone, not that I ever have—okay, maybe once. Hey, it's not easy getting older . . . my God, I've become my dad . . . just shoot me now!

This year's fee will be \$50 a person/\$200 a four person team. Golf carts will be available for \$20 to rent. We will have coffee and hopefully some of Jeanette Pfannenstiel's famous cinnamon rolls at registration. Lunch will be served and we will have the never empty beverage cart making the rounds during the tournament. I hope to have a special guest on the beverage cart this year. Keep your fingers crossed for me.

Just as in the past, this is a benefit golf tournament which means no cash prizes. "Who receives the benefit?" you ask—the Scholarship Fund! The Alumni Golf Classic is a huge contributor to this fund. Each year the scholarship committee gives financial

assistance to deserving seniors to help defray the cost of tuition.

We try to raise money by selling Hole Sponsorships for \$50 a hole sign. This is a great way to advertise a business or to give recognition to someone special. Our Corporate Sponsors donate at least \$100 in cash or services. Corporate Sponsors get their name on a specially designed banner that is displayed at the golf course, at the social Friday evening, and at the banquet Saturday evening.

Anyone can be a sponsor. If you don't play golf but would like to be part of something great, you can be a sponsor. And if your 401K is doing well, you can be a golfer and a sponsor, I'm just sayin . . .

In order to have a finely-tuned, well-oiled golf tournament prepared for you, I will need to know who is playing on your teams. I really need to have this so we have enough food, drink, and carts available for everyone. So call me at 785-259-1392 or email me at randyl@eaglecom.net. The earlier the better. In fact, do it today. Please make me repeat the names back to you; just don't call me Gilbert!





In Loving Memory



Mary Frances Dreiling died March 22, 2018, at Via Christi Village Care Center, Hays. She is survived by a son, **Rick '71**; four daughters, **Judy Dreiling Hoskins '65**, **Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66**, **Kathy Dreiling Johnson '69**, and **Bobbie Dreiling Schippers '75**; one brother; three sisters; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Otto VonLintel died March 22, 2018, in Hays. Survivors include his wife, Rita; two sisters, **Katie VonLintel Pfannenstiel '47** and Joan VonLintel Murta; and one grandson.

Irene Vonfeldt died March 25, 2018, at Parkview Care Center, Fairfield, Iowa. Survivors include one daughter, **Carol VonFeldt Sander '66**; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Allen P. Dreiling '55 died March 28, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53**; a son, **Cletus '79**; two daughters, **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76** and **Sandra Dreiling '80**; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Allen was a member of the first board of directors of the Alumni Association. He helped write the constitution and by-laws of the organization and was instrumental in organizing the first golf tournament in 1997. He was

named to the Victoria Alumni Association Hall of Fame in 2012.

Vernon Basgall '60 died April 1, 2018, at his home. Survivors include two daughters; a brother, **Dan Basgall '69**; a sister, **Shirley Basgall Gottschalk '63**; and one grandson.

Mary Lou Rome '65 died April 3, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include two sisters, **Rita Rome Gross '47** and **Marge Rome '58**; a niece, **Janet Gross Trombley '73**; two nephews, **Bob Gross '79** and **Mike Gross '83**; four great-nephews; and a great-niece. Mary served on the Alumni Newsletter Committee and did many jobs behind the scenes during the homecoming weekends.

Bill Delka died April 4, 2018, at his home. He is survived by his wife, **Arlene Schmidtberger Delka '66**; two sons; three daughters; seven brothers; three sisters; and 15 grandchildren.

Bob Gross '79, died April 28, 2018, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by a son; a daughter; his mother, **Rita Rome Gross '47**; one sister, **Janet Gross Trombley '73**; one brother, **Mike Gross '83**; an aunt, **Marge Rome '58**; and two grandchildren.

Alfred Jacobs died May 3, 2018, at his home in Kansas City. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; two

sons, Fred and **Tim '77**; a daughter, **Stacy Jacobs Miller '85**; four step-daughters; two step-sons; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Edwin J. "Eddie" Brungardt '50 died May 14, 2018, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by two sons, **Cletus '75** and **Ed '80**; two daughters, **Sue Brungardt Groth '78** and **Jeanne Brungardt '86**; two brothers, Linus and **Valerian '47**; two sisters, Henrietta Brungardt and Eleanor Brungardt Lang; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Ig Schumacher died May 16, 2018, at Via Christi Village Care Center, Hays. He is survived by two sons, two daughters, and six grandchildren. Mr. Schumacher, as he will be remembered, was a long time teacher and coach at the middle school at USD #432 retiring in 1991.

Betty Brungardt Basgall '51 died May 17, 2018, at Via Christi Village Care Center, Hays. She is survived by three sons, **Alan '77**, **John '83**, and **Rob '87**; two daughters, **Ann Basgall Weber '78**, and **Jane Basgall Conell '79**; a sister, **Rosie Brungardt Gross Schulte '45**; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Paul Brungardt '49 died May 25, 2018, at his farm home. He is survived by one son, **Leon '72**; four



In Loving Memory continued



daughters, **Carol Brungardt Cowger '71**, **Lois Brungardt Yunker '72**, **Wanda Brungardt '74**, and **Paula Brungardt Zwenger '78**; one sister; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 8 step-grandchildren.

Eldon Schmidtberger '52 died June 2, 2018, at his home in Victoria. He is survived by his wife, Alberta; two sons, **Doyle York '82**, and **Bradley Goscha '92**; a daughter, **Shawnda Goscha Rumbaugh '90**; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Gene Jacobs died June 9, 2018, at Good Samaritan Society, Hays. He is survived by two daughters, **Patty Jacobs Way '70**, and **Debbie Jacobs Hoffman '80**; two sisters; two granddaughters; a step-granddaughter; a great-grandson; and three step-great-grandchildren. Gene served on the board of education for Victoria School District from 1967 thru 1975.

Ramona Kippes died June 26, 2018, at her home in Victoria. She is survived by two daughters; **Tammi Kippes Sauer '91** and **Kathy Kippes**

Ricke '92; a son, **Jason '94**; seven grandchildren; four sisters; and three brothers. Ramona was a member of the faculty at Victoria High School from 1971 thru 1974.

Sister Vivian Schmidtberger '47 died July 5, 2018, at St. Agnes Hospital, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She is survived by two brothers, Robert and **Marvin Schmidtberger '52**; three sisters, Albertine Schmidtberger Foos, **Edna Schmidtberger Ptacek '50**, and **Rosalyn Schmidtberger Leiker '54**; and the Sisters of St. Agnes.



Father John Schmeidler celebrates the Victoria Alumni Memorial Mass for VHS Homecoming 2017 in the Basilica of St. Fidelis.



U.S.D. 432 NEWS



David Ottley retired after 34 years of service to USD 432 as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. His replacement is Kent Michel, administrator from Atchison, Kansas. Mr. Michel will be the new Superintendent and Grade School Principal.

Stuart Moeckel, former Principal, is the new Superintendent/HS Principal at Madison, Kansas. Dylan Dronberger, Social Science teacher at Victoria High School, will take over as Jr./Sr. High School Principal. Kirsten James, from Hays, will be the new Social Science teacher and will also be the High School Girls Assistant Basketball coach. She just completed her student teaching at Ness City Jr./Sr. High School.

Chris Janzen retired after 32 years of teaching foreign languages and English. Foreign language classes will now be taught over I.T.V.

Rhoda Windholz Urban '76 has retired from teaching MS Science, Social Science, a Leadership class, and coaching tennis. **Kaylene Jacobs Gabel '95** will take over Rhoda's position as the new Head Girls' Tennis Coach.

Gary Brooks, High School custodian, has retired from USD 432.

Allison Somers, HS Math teacher, moved to Englewood, Colorado, where her husband recently took a position. Samantha Voorhees, who taught at Salina Central High School, will be the new math teacher. Samantha will also be the High School Assistant Volleyball Coach and the High School Assistant Track Coach.

Melanie Moeder, Middle School English and Language Arts teacher and business teacher, took a new teaching position at Phillipsburg. Carolyn Nelson, from Park, Kansas, will now be teaching MS English and Language Arts.

Summer Moeckel, who taught 3rd grade, will now be teaching 4th grade at Madison Elementary school. Brittney Dannels, from Hays, will be the new 3rd grade teacher.

Jacy Littrell taught one Ag class last year. This year she will be teaching Ag classes for a half day and will be the HS Cheerleading Coach and FFA Sponsor.

Colin Schmidtberger '11 has accepted the position of HS Boys Head Basketball Coach, replacing Mr. Dronberger.

Kaylene Gabel Resigns from Alumni Board

Stressing that she didn't come to this decision lightly, **Kaylene Jacobs Gabel '95** has resigned from the Alumni Board of Directors. Kaylene has recently been hired as the head tennis coach for Victoria, and since the tennis season coincides with Homecoming, she could foresee not being able to fulfill her Alumni Association duties as she has done in the past.

The Alumni Board thanks Kaylene for all that she has done, and wishes great success to her as she leads Victoria's tennis team.

SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP HONORS CLASSMATE

The Class of 1979 lost one of their classmates this spring when **Bob Gross** passed away. At the wake, Bob's classmates decided to fund a scholarship for a graduating senior. \$500 was memorialized for their fallen friend. Cooper Pfanenstiel was the recipient of this "extra" scholarship.

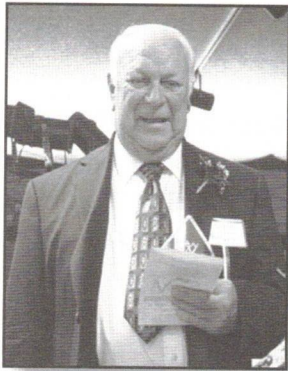
The four \$1000 scholarships that are given by the Alumni Association were awarded to Collin Kisner, Morgan Leiker, Hannah Radke, and Aspen Schoenrock. These scholarships are funded largely by the annual golf tournament, the cash raffle, and by the generous donations made by our alums.

Once again this year the cash raffle will be for \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100. Winners will be drawn at the alumni banquet, but you don't have to be in attendance to win. You can find raffle tickets included with this newsletter. If you need a few extras, you can download them from the alumni website:

www.victoriaalumni.com

Special Thanks to Alums on 25th Anniversary of Association

In honor of the 25th anniversary of the Victoria Alumni Association, the current Alumni Board would like to recognize all of the alums who have donated their time to serve on either a committee or the Alumni Board. An extra special thanks goes out to all of the spouses, children, and grand-children of these people who have also helped in various ways.



Allen Dreiling '55

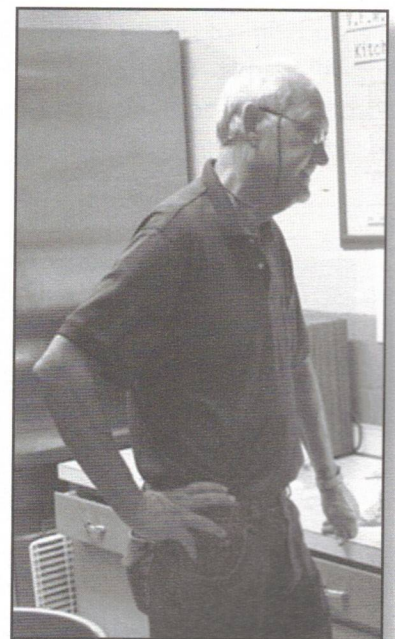


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Marge Rome '58**

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Gladys Wellbrock Pfeifer '53
Marvin Bellendir '55
Allen Dreiling '55
Verda Goetz Werner '55
Shirley Weigel '56
Eugene Wellbrock '56
Marge Rome '58
Det Roth Younger '58
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Mary Kuhn Ruder '62
Regis VonLintel '62
Kathy Dortland Hoffman '63
Patty Sander Legleiter '65
Mary Rome '65
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Frank Dreiling '68
Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68
Shirley Pfeifer '68
Rick Rajewski '69
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Randy Leiker '70
Rose Dreiling Rifford '70
Diane Younger Pfeifer '73

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Connie Windholz '74
Kathy Schulte Dreiling-Amrein '76
Mary Beth Leiker Fisher '76
Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76
Diana Braun Schmidtberger '78
Tom Schmidtberger '78
Ken Billinger '79
Deb Leiker Dreiling '79
Jeff Hertel '79
Jane Baier Schumacher '79
Debbie Jacobs Hoffman '80
LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80
Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82
Pat Schmidtberger '82
Daren Lang '83
Sandy Schmidtberger McAlonan '83
Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84
DeAnn Leiker Meyers '84
Francis "Buddy" Kuhn '85
Troy Schippers '85
Alan Schulte '85
Kurt Dinkel '86

Gerard Wellbrock '86
Shanna Robben Dinkel '89
Peggy VonFeldt Klaus '89
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Mike Younger '92
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Stacy Schmidtberger '94
Mandy Sander Stephenson '94
Sarah Robben Younger '94
Kaylene Jacobs Gabel '95
John Schulte '96



Rich Billinger '68

VHS Alumni Association Welcomes Victoria High School Class of 2018

Heather Braun is the daughter of **Doug '80** and **Machell Braun**. Heather plans to enter the workforce.

Wyatt Engel is the son of **Darin and Jackie Lang Engel '86** and the grandson of **Donald** and **Donetta Lang '64**. Wyatt will major in chemistry at Fort Hays State University.

Aryan Karlin is the daughter of **Aaron and Dedra Karlin**. She plans to study massage therapy at the Myo Therapy Institute.

Megan Karst is the daughter of **Mark and Shannon Brungardt Karst '90** and the granddaughter of **Jerry '62** and **Mary Brungardt**. Megan plans to receive her certification in cosmetology at the Hays Academy of Hair Design.

Collin Kisner is the son of **Jeff '86** and **Janine Windholz Kisner '86** and the grandson of **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65**. He will enroll at Pittsburg State University and major in business.

Taiten Kuhn is the son of **Doug '92** and **Marlaina Kuhn** and the grandson of **Norman and Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68**. Taiten is joining the United States Army.

Morgan Leiker is the daughter of **Amy Leiker** and the late **Farron Leiker**. Morgan will study Elementary Education at Fort Hays State University.

Alexander Leroux is the son of **Brandy Alexander** and **Joe Leroux**. He is joining the United States Marine Corps.

Christian Meuli is the son of **Todd** and **Amy Meuli**. Christian is joining the United States Army.

Christian Oxenford is the son of **Jason Oxenford** and **Amanda Brungardt '96**. Christian will study chemistry at Fort Hays State University.

Cooper Pfanenstiel is the son of **Curt '83** and **Kim Pfanenstiel**. He will enroll at Barton County Community College and study respiratory therapy.

Hannah Radke is the daughter of **Blaine Radke** and **Shannon Radke**. Hannah will study biology at Washburn University.

Cole Schmidtberger is the son of **Mike '90** and **Marcey Schmidtberger** and the grandson of **Larry Schmidtberger '73**. Cole will major in business at Colby Community College.

Aspen Schoenrock is the daughter of **Ken '92** and **Amy Scheck Schoenrock '93** and the granddaughter of **Jim '73** and **Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73**. Aspen will study biosystems engineering and pre-veterinary medicine at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Lucas Taylor is the son of **Fred** and **Kim Taylor**. He will study criminal justice at Colby Community College.



The Class of 2018 participates in the 2017 VHS Homecoming Parade.

VHS Alumni

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2018-2019 MEMBERSHIP / HOMECOMING RESERVATION FORM

Due: Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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(Year)

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Spouse / Guest _____

(Year)

Non-graduate _____
(Year)

Associate Member

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Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

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

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 Phone: ___ Yes ___ No
 E-mail: ___ Yes ___ No

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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 Music Department Fund	\$	_____
Donation to Gym Floor Fund.....	\$	_____
Raffle Tickets	\$	_____
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School Asks Alums For Assistance

A few years ago, the Alumni Association began collecting money to replace the floor in the gym at Victoria Junior/Senior High School. Thanks to the generosity of donations collected, that fund now stands at just over \$24,000. While this is about half of what is needed, we are well on our way.

This year, Jimmy Dee and the Fabulous Destinations has offered to play the homecoming dance free of charge. At the band's request, the alumni will accept donations for the Victoria school music program this year. On the membership/reservation form on the back of your newsletter, there is a place to add your donation. Please be as generous as you can. The band will be selling a DVD biography at the dance with all proceeds going to the music department. The DVD details the 43-year history of the band, which culminated in its induction into the Kansas Music Hall of Fame. If properly funded, the music program could continually cultivate talent, just look at this year's hall of fame inductees.

