



HOMECOMING 2022 September 23-24

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Homecoming 2022

Friday, September 23
Saturday, September 24

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2022
PARADE GRAND MARSHALL:
Cora Braun Schulte '55

HONORING

Class of 1972
Class of 1997
Class of 2012

&

5-Year Increment Classes



MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- Friday, September 23, 2022 -----

8:00 a.m. 26th Annual Victoria Alumni Golf Classic
Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course
2:45 p.m. Pep-Assembly, High School Gym
4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
5:00 p.m. Walk Thru Halls of VJSHS
6:15 pm Crowning of Homecoming Royalty
7:00 p.m. Football Game – Knights vs. Central Plains Oilers
7:00-11:30 p.m.... Social – V.F.W. Hall, Victoria

----- Saturday, September 24, 2022 -----

4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass – Basilica of St. Fidelis
5:15 p.m. Social – V.F.W. Hall, Hays
6:00 p.m. Banquet – V.F.W. Hall, Hays
9:00 p.m. Dance “Anthony and the Anamals”

Schedule is tentative.

Check the alumni website or the USD 432 Facebook page for most up-to-date information.



LEFT: The Class of 1967 participated in the Homecoming parade back in 2017. They will return to celebrate their 55th reunion at this year's Homecoming.

2022 Homecoming Looking Familiar ... but with a few tweaks

The 2022 Homecoming weekend will have a familiar feel to it, with most events occurring the same as previous years. However, a few minor tweaks are in store for Homecoming 2022.

The weekend will begin with the annual golf tournament at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. Registration will begin at 8:00, with the tournament teeing off at 9:00. This event is one of the major fund-raisers for the Alumni Scholarship Fund. There are more details about the golf tournament elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now for the biggest change for 2022: the VFW Hall in Victoria will not be open Friday afternoon as it has been in the past. This social gathering has had dwindling numbers in recent years, and with the school district making a few changes to their schedule, it did not make sense to continue with this event. Please note that the VFW will not be open on Friday afternoon.

Instead of meeting at the VFW, everyone is invited to attend a pep rally at the high school gym at 2:45. The Pep Rally was moved prior to the Homecoming Parade in 2021. This helped the school kids feel less rushed between the parade and homecoming game. The Homecoming Parade will again be at 4:00, beginning and ending at the high school west parking

lot. After the parade, the school will be available for tours through the halls.

At 6:15 the Crowning of Royalty will be held at the football field. This was another change that was made in 2021 that was well-liked. At 7:00, the Knights will take on the Central Plains Oilers.

At the same time that the Knights are kicking off, the Victoria VFW Hall will be open for a social. This is a bit of an experiment, but there have been a few alums that have requested to have someplace to go other than the football game. The Alumni Board will have the VFW doors open for anyone who wants an air-conditioned option that evening.

The VFW social will continue after the game, and will be shut down around 11:30. As in previous years, the Friday social will cost \$5 per person plus your paid membership.

The schedule for Saturday is exactly the same as 2021. At 4:00, there will be a Memorial Mass at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. This Mass is one of the highlights of the weekend for many of the returning alums. After Mass, there will be a social, banquet, and dance at the Hays VFW, located at 22nd and Vine. Cost for the banquet this year will be \$45 per person. "Anthony and the Anamals" will be back this year for a dance around 9:00.

Scholarship Amounts Have Increased Due to Generous Donations

started at 1 for \$200 and now 4 for \$1,250

After the founding of the VHS Alumni Association in 1993, the first alumni scholarship was awarded in the spring of 1994. This scholarship was in the amount of \$200 and the recipient was Brandon Schmidtberger. The next year, donations for the scholarship fund were higher, and two \$200 scholarships were awarded. Donations increased again and the pair of scholarships were increased to \$300 each for 1996 and 1997. In 1998 and 1999, the scholarship fund increased to the point that four \$300 scholarships were given to graduates.

From 2000 to 2010, the scholarships were \$500 each and four were awarded every year, with the exception of 2005 when five were given. The amounts were again increased in 2011 to \$750 and to \$1,000 from 2012 until 2019. In 2020, the Alumni Board was able to increase the amount to \$1,250, which remains the scholarship level in 2022.

The slow and steady increase from one \$200 scholarship to the current level is only possible through the continued support of the Alumni Association. The golf tournament and the annual raffle are major contributors to the scholarship fund, as are the donations that are made by the alumni

members. If you can, please donate to the scholarship fund so that future graduates will be able to benefit from your generosity.

The 2022 scholarship winners were:

Levi Huser, son of **Glenn '92** and Brandy **Huser**

Shelby Schmeidler, daughter of **Kent '95** and Carla **Schmeidler**

Grant Schoenrock, son of **Ken '92** and **Amy Scheck Schoenrock '93**

Kaitlyn Windholz, daughter of **Jared '93** and **Andrea Dinges Windholz '96**

The annual raffle will again be used for next year's scholarships. The prizes are the same as previous years—\$500, \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100. Winners will be drawn at the alumni banquet. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets cost \$5 each or you can buy 10 for \$40. If you need extra tickets, you can print an extra set or two on the alumni website, www.victoriaalumni.com. Tickets can also be purchased via the Alumni Online Store that is available on the website.

The logo for Amazon Smile, featuring the word "amazon" in its signature font with a curved arrow underneath, followed by the word "smile" in a simpler, lowercase font.

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HALL OF FAME 2022

ELDEN STANG '58

MARILYN BRAUN STOFFEL '72



MARILYN BRAUN STOFFEL '72, a Victoria native, hasn't lived many years without a direct connection to USD 432. A member of the VHS class of 1972, she began work as a cook at the elementary school in 1980 and retired from that position in 2010. During that time, she worked for four principals and six superintendents. She has fond memories of those years because she felt the teachers, support staff, and administration were all "family."

After retirement, Marilyn signed on with the Foster Grandparent Program in 2016 and continues to work in that capacity. She serves on the Advisory Committee for Senior Companions and the Foster Grandparent Program.

At the grade school she is known as "Grandma Marilyn" and wears many hats as part of that position. Beginning at 7:00 a.m. she is the greeter for the students who arrive early to take part in the

breakfast program. She is a presence in the pre-K classroom, helping little ones with their activities including coloring, puzzles, playing restaurant, and more. Later on she moves to the kindergarten classroom to help students with reading. Throughout her day, she is known for and sought after for hugs, a willing lap, and a listening ear.

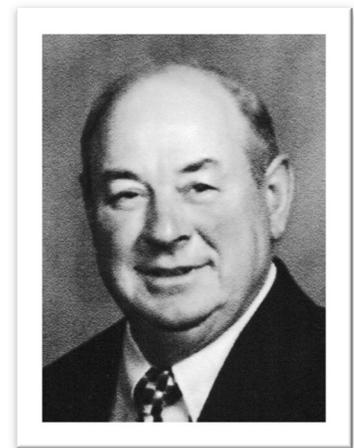
This past school year, she initiated a new program called "Lunch with Grandma" where she would invite students whom she knew needed some extra TLC to eat with her. It has evolved into a tradition that now includes a wider range of youngsters. She wanted that time to be a "no judgment" time where the kids could talk and share whatever was on their minds. It has become a buddy system where students have learned to be sympathetic to their lunch mates.

Marilyn credits a former foster grandma, the late Doris Westhusin for inspiring her to step into this role. Doris volunteered her services well into her 80s.

This spring, the Foster Grandparent program celebrated its 25th anniversary and Marilyn was one of the honorees at the luncheon. Principal Deena Clark, other staff members, and one third grade student were there to surprise her.

Marilyn and her husband Jerry have been married for 50 years and

have four sons: **Kurtis '91**, **Scott '93**, **Chad '98**, and **Jacob '14**. She is Grandma to Kelsey, Madison, Jaxan, Eleanor, and Emmit.



ELDEN STANG '58 was born on January 23, 1940, to Wendelin and Leona Stang. Their children were Velma Herrman, **Vernie '51**, **Elden '58**, **Delila Stang Brungardt '60**, and **Wendelin '63**. Elden lost his father to a blood clot in 1947 when he was only seven years old. Two years later, Leona married Herbert Brungardt. That marriage resulted in the birth of Elden's youngest sister **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**.

After graduating high school and a year at Fort Hays State, Elden began to travel, a love that stayed with him for the rest of his life. His first stop was in the state of Washington to visit his high school classmate **Pete Karlin '58**. Elden found a job at a canning factory while he stayed with Pete's family.

HALL OF FAME 2022

In 1961, came the Peace Corps. Elden spent approximately three months in training for the Peace Corps where he quickly learned Spanish. He was sent to southern Chile, to help in the aftermath of a monumental earthquake.

In Chile, Elden taught carpentry and farm animal care to the locals. He also wired a pump so the school would have water to use. And then, he added electrical wiring for shop machines. These machines and technology were completely new to the Chileans, who were in awe of both the machines and Elden's ability to use them.

To further impress the people of Chile, a tractor was shipped to the school in multiple parts with no instructions on how to put it together. Elden figured it out, assembled it, and instructed them on its use and care.

While in Chile, Elden met another Peace Corp volunteer, Judy Grant, who would become his wife. After their days in the Peace

Corps, they moved to Manhattan where Elden enrolled at Kansas State. He received his degree in horticulture in 1967. Furthering his education at Iowa State and Ohio State, Elden earned MS and PhD degrees in Horticulture, and accepted a position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a tenured professor. During this time, Elden received a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship and was sent to Finland to study lingonberries. He traveled all over Finland, gathering different varieties of lingonberries, which he sent back to Madison. He hoped to grow them in the United States.

Elden returned to Madison and continued to delve into the proficiency of growing cranberries in Wisconsin. He became an expert in all aspects of cranberry growing. His expertise in raising cranberries led to his next adventure back in Chile. The CEO of Cran Chile tasked Elden with finding suitable land for growing cranberries in the

southern hemisphere. After three years of exhaustive and challenging work, Cran Chile was up and running. Today, Cran Chile claims to be the largest producer of cranberries in the world.

Retirement came in 1996, and he and Judy continued to travel the world, including China and Vienna, Austria. Once back home, Elden often took walks on his property. On one occasion he noticed a wild hop plant. He propagated it and learned it had characteristics unlike any variety on the market. He named it "Northern Discovery" and he and the rest of the family grew more plants. Within two years, they had enough hops to sell to a local craft brewery and Linalool beer was born in Wisconsin.

Elden and Judy have three children: Doug, Mary, and Paul. Elden passed away May 26, 2013, after an interesting and rewarding life.

Scholarship Committee

Loren VonLintel '90 has resigned from the Scholarship Committee. Loren's daughter Autumn will be a senior in 2023 and the time is right for him to step away to avoid a conflict of interest. When he first agreed to serve on the Scholarship Committee in the fall of 2011, Autumn was in first grade, and the prospect of Loren having to recuse himself seemed to be in the distant future. That seemingly distant future is now upon us, and Loren feels that the time is right for someone else to take a turn on the Scholarship Committee.

The Alumni Board would like to thank Loren for all

of his years of dedicated service on both the Scholarship Committee and for his time he spent on the Board of Directors.

Once Loren's decision to resign was made, a brief search for his replacement took place. It was a brief search because the first person contacted about the vacancy agreed to take the position. **James Dreiling '89** will join the Scholarship Committee beginning in 2023. James is the son of **Julius Dreiling '56** and he works as a claims specialist for Farm Bureau Financial Services.



VHS Class of '70 Turns 70

The members of the VHS Class of 1970 are turning 70 this year. They had a great get-together on Friday, June 3, at the Library in Victoria to celebrate this milestone. Twenty-six classmates were in attendance. They are fortunate to have a fantastic class that continue to enjoy these events. Classmates try to meet on the first Friday of each month at the Library for lunch and conversation.

Attending the June 3rd event as pictured were: (seated from left) Jeanette Wagner Pfannenstiel, Wanda Schmeidler Tabor, Rose Dreiling Rifford, Jane

Schulte Goodheart, (standing from left) Tim Hertel, Van Froelich, Randy Leiker, Joe Scheck, Jerry Schmidtberger, Cindy Hoffman Compagnone, Bob Riedel, Sharon Herl Jantz, Jim Schmidtberger, Judy Urban Link, Betty Wellbrock Woodruff, Mary Brungardt Davis, Sandy Gasper Jackson, Dan Prockish, Frank Younger, Ken Pfeifer, Linda Klaus, and Don Hoffman.

Attending but not pictured: Sharon Scheck Schoendaller, Julie Windholz, Paul Gross, and Paul Schmidtberger.

Class Motto

“WE HAVE CROSSED THE BAY; THE OCEAN LIES BEFORE US.”

Cathedral Street Gets an Upgrade

Over the last few years, the Basilica of St. Fidelis has undergone several major renovations: the entire interior was repainted, the pews were repaired and given a darker stain, many of the upper windows were repaired, and the floor under the pews was tiled while the aisles received new carpet.

Beginning in March of 2022, there has been another needed renovation occurring to a Cathedral in Victoria, and not the Basilica. This time, Cathedral Street has been targeted for an

upgrade, and, hopefully, the street from 6th street to the Coke plant will be replaced in time for Homecoming 2022.

The street project was delayed for several years, because the town had a water project that would replace many of the pipes beneath Cathedral Street. There was no reason to replace the street's surface before digging it back up to do the water project, so the street surface became the last part completed.

Planning for the street project began in March of 2020, and early

estimates pegged the cost at around 2.5 million dollars. Luckily, a grant was obtained from the Kansas Department of Transportation for \$750,000.

This project is a joint venture between the City of Victoria and Ellis County, with Ellis County paying for approximately 60% and the City of Victoria picking up the balance.

Ellis County plans to complete the south side of Cathedral from 6th Street to Old 40 in either 2023 or 2024.



This picture shows the progress on the Cathedral Street project as of Wednesday, July 27.

Alumni Welcomes Class of 2022

Isaiah Aguilar-Serna is the son of Cecilia Aguiler and Jimmy Alvarez. Isaiah plans to study electrical technologies at North Central Technical College in Hays.

Eric Braun is the son of **Terry '81** and **Deb Brungardt Braun '87** and the grandson of **Leroy '52** and JoAnn **Braun** and **Larry '62** and Jeannie **Brungardt**. Eric plans to study carpentry and cabinetmaking at North Central Technical College in Hays.

Cadence Dickey is the daughter of Bill and Chelsea Werth. Cadence will attend Colby Community College and major in veterinary nursing.

Tate Dorzweiler is the son of Heath and Cheri Dorzweiler. He plans to study heavy equipment operation at North Central Technical College in Beloit.

Grant Hammerschmidt is the son of **Mike '89** and Teresa **Hammerschmidt** and the grandson of **Verlin Hammerschmidt '63**. Grant will attend Pratt Community College and study electrical power technologies.

Benjamin Housley is the son of James and Shandra Housley. He plans to attend North Central Technical College in Hays and study plumbing, heating, and air conditioning.

Levi Huser is the son of **Glenn '92** and Brandy **Huser** and the grandson of **Leon Huser '61**. Levi will attend Fort Hays State University and will major in medical diagnostic imaging.

Melany Huser is the daughter of **Galen Huser '86** and Shelly Huser and the granddaughter of **Leon Huser '61**. She plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in social work.

Sam Leavitt is the son of Gari Herdt and Bart Tarbell. Sam plans to join the Marines.

Dylan Robben is the son of **David '99** and **Melissa Crathorne Robben '98** and the grandson of **Mike '74** and Sandy **Robben**. Dylan plans to attend Southeast Community College in Nebraska to study to become a John Deere technician.

Shelby Schmeidler is the daughter of **Kent '95** and Carla **Schmeidler**. She plans to enroll at the University of Kansas and major in psychology.

Richard Schmidtberger is the son of Larry and Rachel Schmidtberger. Richard plans to join the workforce.

Jessica Schroeder is the daughter of Mark and Danita Schroeder. Jessica will attend Fort Hays State University and major in agriculture business.

Grant Schoenrock is the son of **Ken '92** and **Amy Scheck Schoenrock '93** and the grandson of **Jim '73** and **Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73**. Grant plans to study sports medicine at Hutchinson Community College.

Kenzie Sweat is the daughter of John Sweat and Valari Cappellucci. She plans to attend the University of Kansas and pursue a career in the medical field.

Kassi Weber is the daughter of **John '89** and **Kami Wellbrock Weber '94** and the granddaughter of **Charlotte Weber '65** and Neal and **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72**. Kassi plans to attend Fort Hays State University and major in health and human performance.

Christian Wellbrock is the son of **Curtis '96** and Jeanna **Wellbrock** and the grandson of **Wayne '67** and Diane **Wellbrock**. Christian plans to attend North Central Technical College in Beloit and study heavy equipment operation.



Class of 2022 (continued)

Kaitlyn Windholz is the daughter of **Jared '93** and **Andrea Dinges Windholz '96** and the granddaughter of **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65** and Tony and **Debra Braun Geschwentner '76**. Kaitlyn will enroll at the University of Kansas and major in graphic design and minor in marketing.

Nate Windholz is the son of **John '93** and **Danielle Tholen Windholz '93** and the grandson of **Julius '70** and **Susie Dreiling Windholz '69** and **James '69** and Jane **Tholen**. Nate will study electrical power technology at Dodge City Community College.



Greenhouse

The school district has a new structure to the east of the Victoria Junior/Senior High School bus barn. The Victoria FFA chapter is building a greenhouse so that the students can grow plants year-round. As of the printing of this newsletter, the glass panels have not been installed, but that should be completed soon. The greenhouse is approximately 20 feet by 40 feet and will allow the FFA students to hold a spring plant sale — and possibly additional sales. This addition will give the students more hands-on experience and they hope the grade school students will be able to help with some of the planting. Any income from the plant sales will be used for FFA projects.



1970's **Agnes Dinkel Dreher '71** and her husband, Dean, renewed their marriage vows on April 9, 2022, their 50th wedding anniversary. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Marilyn Braun Stoffel '72 was honored for her 25 years of service in the Foster Grandparent Program on April 22, 2022, at the Robbins Center in Hays, Kansas. Marilyn is also being honored as an Alumni Hall of Fame inductee at this year's Homecoming.

Leroy Schmidtberger '74 retired in July 2022, after many years in the field of accounting, working for a CPA firm, a school, and a print shop. He is looking forward to spending his time on things of his choosing and doting on his grandchildren. Leroy is married to **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80** and they have three children: **Meagan Schmidtberger Wellbrock '02**, **Chad '05**, and **Colin '11**.

Tim Dreiling '75 was inducted in the USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association) slow-pitch softball hall of fame on February 19, 2022.

Ron '75 and **Carol Gross Kuhn '76** announce the birth of their first granddaughter, Hadley Isabella Hallen, on December 21, 2021.

Mary Baier Pfeifer '75 retired as Victoria City Clerk after 23 years working for the City. Mary is married to **Steve '75**, and they have four children: **Jason '94**, **Jill Pfeifer Pfannenstiel '96**, **Jennifer Pfeifer '01**, and **Jared '07**.

Kay Schulte Werth '79, along with other area bicycle enthusiasts, organized a successful bike ride, Tour Die Kapellen. The ride spotlighted area churches and concluded with a German meal provided by St. Francis Church of Munjor. Kay is the daughter of **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

1980's The 1981 Knights State Championship Football team gathered for a 30-year reunion in August of 2021. Coach Larry Thurlow and Coach **Jerry Brungardt '62** were in attendance along with many players.

Aleck and **Sandy Schmidtberger McAlonan '83** have become proprietors of a new business in Victoria. Mac's Liquor Shack opened recently at 1101 Highway 40 in Victoria. This liquor store was previously known as Victoria City Liquor and was owned and operated by **Jeff Hertel '79**.

Jamie Miller Stout-Dinkel '85 announces the birth of her first grandson, Boston James Stout. Boston was born on July 18, 2022.

Bernie Schulte '88 was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year at ONEOK where he is a business systems analyst. ONEOK is an energy company based in Oklahoma. Bernie is the son of **Cora Braun Schulte '55**.

1990's **Shana Dreiling Gatschet '91**, co-owner of Parkinson's Connect outpatient therapy and co-founder of Club Parkinson's, a not-for-profit 501(c)(3), will be celebrating her one-year club opening anniversary on September 8, 2022. Located at Wichita State University Heskett Center, the club offers wellness, fitness, aquatics, and empowerment classes, internships, and research in collaboration with WSU. Shana is the daughter of **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60**.

2000's **Allen Wasinger '01** was named the Man of the Year for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Wichita for 2022. Allen is the son of John and **Theresa Schuckman Wasinger '74**.



CLASS NOTES



Christen Dinkel '07 married Ryan Rodie on October 24, 2020, in Victoria. Christen is the daughter of **Craig '84** and **Anne Ruder Dinkel '90** and the granddaughter of **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62** and **Rosemary Braun Dinkel '60**.

Cody VonLintel '07 and his wife, Chelsea, welcomed a daughter, Adalynn Joy VonLintel, on March 22, 2022. Cody is the son of **Chris '83** and Phyllis **VonLintel** and the grandson of **Dennis VonLintel '56**.

Janae Brungardt Tidwell '08 and her husband, Alexander, announce the birth of a daughter, Jovi Ann, born on March 20, 2022. Her grandparents are **Chris '81** and Bertha **Brungardt** and her great-grandmother is **Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58**.

Brenton '09 and **Andrea Dome Hoffman '11** welcomed a son, Gunner Fritz, on April 1, 2022. Brenton is the son of **Dave '82** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83** and the grandson of **Alfred "Fritz" '56** and Anita **Braun**. Andrea is the daughter of **Stuart '82** and **Tammy Dinkel Dome '85**.

2010's **Dylan Kuhn '11** and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of a daughter, Sylvia Grace, born on May 25, 2022. Her grandparents are **Leon '74** and **Colleen Dinkel Kuhn '84**.

Janessa Brungardt Schuetz '11 and her husband, Tommy, announce the birth of a son, Lathan Joseph,

born on March 22, 2022. His grandparents are **Chris '81** and Bertha **Brungardt** and his great-grandmother is **Gladys Kippes Brungardt '58**.

Anna Kuhn Thiede '11 and her husband, Cody, announce the birth of a daughter, Scarlett Mae, born on June 17, 2022. Scarlett's grandparents are **Joe '73** and **Diane Sanders Kuhn '83**.

Aubree Broyles Karlin '12 has been promoted to Senior Digital Marketing Specialist at Nex-Tech in Hays. She has been employed by Nex-Tech since 2010.

Brooke Schmidt '14 and Brandon Ruckle were married on April 23, 2022, along Miramar Beach in Destin, Florida. Brooke is employed as a registered nurse at Via Christi St. Francis Hospital in Wichita. The couple and their son, Beckham, reside in Goddard. Brooke is the daughter of **Robert '83** and **Melissa Weber Schmidt '86**.

Karly Oberle '17 graduated in 2021 from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in Medical Diagnostic Imaging and an associate's degree in Radiologic Technology. Karly is now employed by the Kansas City Orthopaedic Institute.

Abby Schremmer '17 married Logan Zahn on April 30, 2022, in Wichita. Abby is the daughter of Paul and **Renee Urban Schremmer '89**.

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



It's Golf Time Again at the Annual Alumni Tournament

by James Brungardt '05

My fellow alumni,

Those 2022 shirtless calendars of the 1981 VHS football team just aren't selling like we thought they would, so we're going to have to have our annual golf tournament to make up for the lack of revenue. Please plan to join us **Friday, September 23, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course**. Registration will begin at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start around 9:00.

My good friend, **Jared Pfeifer '07**, will once again be my right-hand man on the day of the tournament. He's never said this, but I feel like Jared's really become a better person due to the fact that he gets to spend more time with me organizing and running this event.

The cost will again be \$50 per player which includes lunch prepared by **Matt Sander '03** and **Brenton Hoffman '09** along with delicious homemade cinnamon rolls made by **Jeanette Wagner Pfannenstiel '70**. Also, one of the many things that makes this tournament better than all the others is we offer all day access to the drink cart driven by two beautiful ladies, **Pat Sander Legleiter '65** and **Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66**. Pat, Patty, Matt, and Jared were all a huge help last year; we wouldn't be able to have this tournament without the help of people like them. **Nolan Schmeidler '03** offers to help me every year, but then he spends the whole morning stuffing his

face with cinnamon rolls and showing people his golf swing, so thank you to the people who actually help.

For those that don't want to golf, but still want to be cool, we offer corporate

sponsorships for \$100 and hole sponsorships for \$50. **Cole Dreiling '08** will once again be sponsoring shirts for the winners. Cole's such a great guy; I can't believe some of the stuff Jared says about him. You don't have to attend the event to be a sponsor. Last year **Eric '96**, **Kory '99**, and **Troy Pfeifer '02** donated even though they were not able to make it to the tournament. That was disappointing because I really like seeing Eric and Kory.

If you plan to join us this year, please RSVP to me via **785-735-4279 prior to September 12**. The last few years we've had people show up without an RSVP and we've come really close to not having enough carts, so please be sure you RSVP before September 12th!

Whether you're a seasoned pro or if you've never played before, get a team together and come on out for a great time and support a great cause. Remember you do not have to be a VHS alumnus to play.

I hope to see everyone there on September 23!



LEFT: Pat Sander Legleiter '65 (left) and Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66 work at the registration table while . . .

TOP: Nolan Schmeidler '03 (left) relaxes in a golf cart with a teammate.



In Loving Memory



Earl Klaus '72 passed away on September 23, 2021. He is survived by two daughters; two sisters, **Linda Klaus '70** and **Diane Klaus Fakir '76**; two brothers, **Ralph '74** and **Pete '82**; and five grandchildren.

Lee Allen Leiker passed away April 7, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; one son, **Alan '81**; three daughters, **Deb Leiker Dreiling '79**, **DeAnn Leiker Meyer's '84**, and **Dana Leiker Beery '92**; a sister; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren.

Vernon Riedel passed away April 8, 2022, at Salina Regional Health Center. Survivors include his wife, **Jeanne Billinger Riedel '71**; one son; one daughter; two brothers; five sisters; and two grandchildren.

Alice Meis Sander passed away April 11, 2022, at her home. She is survived by her husband, **Brad '71**; two daughters, Shannon Sander and **Mandi Sander Stephenson '94**; and two grandchildren.

Wendy Neace passed away April 12, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, Michael; two sons; her parents, Harry and **Pat Sander Legleiter '65**; and five sisters.

Norma Kuhn Berens '54 passed away April 14, 2022, at Good Samaritan Society of Hays. Many of our alumni remember Mrs. Berens as their teacher as she spent 34 years teaching at Victoria Elementary. Norma is survived by two sons, **Mike '82** and **Matt '89**; a daughter, **Michelle Berens '81**; a brother, **Bill Kuhn '61**; two sisters, **Myra Kuhn Pinard '61** and Doraleen Laprade; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Warren Wittman passed away April 20, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Arlene Huser Wittman '64**; a son, **Curtis '88**; two daughters, **Kelly Wittman Kuhn '84** and **Lori Wittman Lane '86**; a

brother, **Wayne Wittman '60**; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Phillip Gottschalk passed away April 29, 2022, in Edmond, Oklahoma. Survivors include his wife, **Bernadette Dinkel Gottschalk '59**; two sons; one daughter; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Steve Kisner passed away May 6, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Jane; three sons, **Tom '76**, **David '83**, and **Jeff '86**; five daughters, **Gloria Kisner Dinkel '68**, **Wanda Kisner Pfannenstiel '71**, **Linda Kisner Goetz '73**, **Brenda Kisner Erbert '79**, and **Myrna Kisner Hoffman '80**; three sisters, Lucille Huser-Knoll, Florine Kisner, and **Marlene Kisner Lang-Sarver '60**; 21 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren.

Vicki Rajewski passed away on May 11, 2022, in Hays. She is survived by her husband, **Rick Rajewski M.D. '69**; three sons; four brothers; and three grandchildren.

Daniel Schmidtberger passed away on May 11, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Heather; his father, **Daniel Schmidtberger Sr. '53**, and his wife, Donna; two daughters; one son; two step-sisters, and one step-brother.

Hilary Dreiling '48 passed away on May 20, 2022. He is survived by a brother, **Julius Dreiling '56**, and two sisters, Tina Kuhn and **Leona Dreiling Hatfield '52**.

Mary Kay Younger Carpenter '67 passed away May 21, 2022, at Tiffany Square Care Center in Grand Island, Nebraska. She is survived by her partner Elwyne Meyers; one son; three daughters; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one brother, **Marlin Younger '70**; and two sisters, **Maggie Younger Pechanec '73** and **Myra Younger Younger '78**.





In Loving Memory continued



Kenneth Degenhardt passed away May 31, 2022, at St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita. He is survived by his wife, Jill; eight children; a sister, **Sylvia Degenhardt Kruse '61**; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Georgia Austin passed away June 2, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Dick Austin, a former principal at Victoria High School from the fall of 1974 to the spring of 1981; one son, Kyle; three daughters, Kim Keller, **Kerri Austin Dinkel '77**, and **Kona Austin Errebo '81**; a brother; two sisters; 13 grandchildren, and 19 great-grandchildren.

Mary Lou Schumacher Pfannenstiel '68 passed away on June 3, 2022. She is survived by one son; two daughters; two brothers, **Marion Schumacher '57** and **Ronald Schumacher '60**; and four grandchildren.

Darlene Dreiling Heronema '59 passed away on June 4, 2022, at Ellis Good Samaritan Society. She is

survived by one son; two daughters; one brother, **Norman Dreiling '58**; one sister, **Kathleen Dreiling Dreiling '55**; five grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Lisa Marie VonFeldt passed away on June 6, 2022, at her home. Survivors include her mother, **Dorothy Goetz VonFeldt '56**; one brother; and three sisters.

John Guffey passed away on June 13, 2022, at Hillsboro Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, **Kay Basgall Guffey '66**; one son; one daughter; one brother; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Agnes Mae Sander Schrant '50 passed away on June 17, 2022, at Brandon Woods at Alvamar Senior Center in Lawrence. Survivors include a daughter, two granddaughters, and seven great-grandchildren.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.*



2022 Reunion Classes

Reunion classes were plentiful during the 2021 Homecoming. There were double the reunions due to the cancellation of most of the activities from 2020.

For 2022, there will be a return

to the more common practice of celebrating every 5th reunion.

Our most senior reunion class for 2022 will be the class of 1947, who will be celebrating their 75th high school reunion.

The following is a listing of the classes who could be gathering on September 23 for their reunion (class years ending in "2" or "7").

Class of	Celebrating	Class of	Celebrating	Class of	Celebrating
1947	75 years	1972	50 years	1997	25 years
1952	70 years	1977	45 years	2002	20 years
1957	65 years	1982	40 years	2007	15 years
1962	60 years	1987	35 years	2012	10 years
1967	55 years	1992	30 years	2017	5 years

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Graduating Class

Name _____ (Year) _____

Maiden Name _____

Spouse / Guest _____ (Year) _____

Non-graduate _____
(Year)

Associate Member

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ E-mail Address _____

IMPORTANT: Permission to enter personal information on web site:
(Please disregard if you have already addressed this issue.)

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

Annual Membership Fee per Alum \$5.00	\$	_____
Number attending the banquet and dance _____ (\$45.00 per person)	\$	_____
Donation to Scholarship Fund	\$	_____
Donation to Association General Fund	\$	_____
Raffle Tickets	\$	_____
Amount Enclosed	\$	_____

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