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This is now! Gathering in a familiar spot are Leroy Schmidtberger, Dave Pfeifer, Dan Schippers, John Schippers, Coach Bob Drake, Don Riedel, Bob Dreiling, Mike Robben, and Clete Brungardt.

1973 Basketball Team Reunites, Reminiscences

By Nancy Piatt

2011 Alumni Hall of Fame inductee

For members of the Victoria Knights' basketball team of 1973, the final home game for the 2023 basketball season was a time for reconnecting as well as a trip down memory lane.

Coach Bob Drake and some of his players were recognized during halftime of the Knights' game versus St. John. Eight members of the team, **Dave Pfeifer '74, Dan Schippers '74,**

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2022 PARADE GRAND MARSHAL CORA MAE SCHULTE

The 2022 Homecoming Parade was blessed with beautiful weather as **Class of '55** graduate **Cora Mae Braun Schulte** served as the Grand Marshal on September 23, 2022. Cora was “thrilled beyond belief” to lead the parade down the streets of Victoria and return to Victoria High School. That evening, Cora enjoyed watching the Knights football team defeat the Central Plains Oilers.

Cora, born in Victoria on November 16, 1937, spent her formative years there and remains a committed member of the community. She graduated from high school in 1955, from a class of 36 students. At the age of 85, Cora is one of 15 surviving members of the Class of '55. Cora said her favorite thing about attending school in Victoria was the hometown atmosphere and the friendly teachers and administration.

Upon graduation, Cora studied music at Marymount College in Salina. After a year of college, she married 2010 VHS Hall of Fame member **Benny**

Schulte '49. They moved to Waldo, Kansas, where Benny was teaching music, and they started their family with daughter **Kathy Schulte Dreiling-Amrein '76**. After two years in Waldo, the Schulte family moved to Leoti for a year before moving back to Victoria permanently. Cora would live the next 61 years in the house they built at 703 Grant.

They added four more children to complete their family: **Kay Schulte Werth '79**, Mark Schulte, **Karen Schulte Ruder '84**, and **Bernie Schulte '88**. Benny

passed away in 2007 shortly after he and Cora celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their family has grown to include 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

After raising her five children, Cora returned to school and completed both a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from Fort Hays State University. She sold World Book Encyclopedias for several years, then worked as the western Kansas representative for the Kansas Public Employee Retirement System (KPERs) until she retired in 1998.

Like her husband, Cora also had a love for music. In the 70's, 80's, and 90's, she played saxophone and serenaded thousands, often using the stage name *Paula Lynn*, with the Jimmy Maxwell Orchestra, the All Star Band, and the Big Band Reunion.

Over the years, Cora has been very active in the Victoria community. She served on the USD 432 school board from 1980 to

1992 and was a contributing member with all the Sweet and Sour Krauts variety shows, playing in the band and as a vocalist. Cora taught religion for over a dozen years and was a lector for the Basilica of St. Fidelis for over 40 years. The parish choir was graced with her voice for almost 70 years. She most recently has been involved in volunteering for Meals on Wheels. Her latest passion has been seeing the formation of the Victoria Community Coalition.



Cora Schulte, the Grand Marshall of the 2022 Homecoming Parade, rides in a vehicle driven by her son-in-law Dick Werth.

1973 Basketball

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John Schippers '75, Don Riedel '74, Bob Dreiling '76, Mike Robben '74, Clete Brungardt '75, and manager Leroy Schmidtberger '74, reunited and were honored in the gym where they played so many games all those years ago.

Also recognized were the deceased members of the team: **Tom Schippers '73, Terry Dinkel '73, and Dan Billinger '75.** Those deceased members were represented by family members: **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68** representing her brother Dan; **Wilmer Dinkel Jr. '74** representing his cousin Terry; and **Rosann**

Rajewski Schippers '75, along with their children, Jessica, Matthew, and Lucas Schippers, representing her husband Tom. Assistant coach for the team was the late Tony "Red" Pfeifer.

Other members of the team were **Tony Pfeifer '74, Kevin Cline '74, Keith Goetz '75, Rueben Dinkel '75, Ron Kuhn '75, and Rick Robben '76.**

At the end of their season, their record was 14-11 and they placed second in the league. Their competition at regionals was Lincoln whom they defeated 51-47,

earning them a trip to Topeka to compete at State. This was the first time since 1954 that a Victoria team had earned that honor.

In their opening round at State, they encountered the tournament's first seed, Frankfurt, and suffered a loss 57-45.

For the occasion of their reunion, Drake prepared a booklet of memorabilia including photos and newspaper articles from the season and an autographed copy of the state tournament program. He also had handwritten statistics he had kept for each player as well as

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That was then! Suited up for their official photo for the season (front row) Keith Goetz, Clete Brungardt, Danny Billinger, Mike Robben, Rueben Dinkel, Tony Pfeifer, and Kevin Cline; (back row) Ron Kuhn, John Schippers, Dan Schippers, Dave Pfeifer, Don Riedel, Terry Dinkel, Tom Schippers, and Coach Bob Drake.



Golf Tourney Keeps Growing Supports a Great Cause

by James Brungardt '05

My fellow alumni,

Thank you to each and every one of you that helped make the 2022 VHS Alumni Golf Tournament a huge success. We had 23 teams of four, which is by far the most teams we've had in all my years of running this tournament (three years). It was wonderful to see both men and women, young and old, come together for a good time and to play a little golf. If this event keeps growing, I'm going to have to find someone really helpful to assist me. Right now, all I have is **Jared Pfeifer '07**.

I invite everyone to get your team together and join us again this year on September 15th at Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course in Hays, Kansas. If you've never played in this tournament before, I encourage you to get a team together and come out for a great time that supports a great cause. Whether you're an experienced player, or you've never played before, this tournament is a great way to catch up with old friends and classmates while enjoying the beautiful fall weather that Western Kansas has to offer. Be sure to look for more details in the upcoming fall newsletter.

Those of you who are looking to dedicate some of your time and talents to the VHS Alumni Association, boy do I have an opportunity for you. Due to my many commitments, 2023 will be the last year I run this event. No one told me that kids, a wife, and a job would take up so much of my time. Running this tournament is a great way to help a great cause, and you get a real sense of pride when you see so many golfers come together for one event that supports VHS students. My hope is that someone will step up and carry on the tradition of this great event.

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comments about their performance and memorable traits. For example: "Terry (Dinkel) is a tremendous competitor and an excellent team captain. He is short for being at the pivot but he uses his weight well. Terry is an excellent defensive man; however, height does hurt him at times. A good driver and he has a good hook shot. He leads our team in assists." Also included was a memorial page honoring Bruno Basgall, a Victoria employee and American Legion coach, who died in 1973.

In his remarks Drake stated: "Some boys who made it to the reunion did not suit up for the tournament but were instrumental in us getting there because they helped push the rest to be better every day in practice: **Bob Dreiling '76** and **Rick Robben '76**. **Leroy Schmidtberger '74** was our amazing trainer who never gets enough credit. He took care of everything so Assistant Coach Tony (Red) Pfeifer and I could just coach."

Schmidtberger offered the following response to the occasion:



"The reunion of the 1973 State Basketball team was so enjoyable. To get to visit with team members was such a great feeling. I can't thank Coach Drake enough for getting it together. The respect from spectators at the game was heartwarming. So very glad I could be there!"



1981 Football Team yearbook photo

Three VHS Football State Champs Planning Reunion in October

The three State Football Championship Teams from the 1980s will be holding a joint reunion the weekend of October 20 and 21, 2023. Details are still in the planning stages, but for now, the idea is to have all three teams gather at the October 20th Knights home football game. Then on Saturday, October 21, the teams will all gather at the Victoria VFW hall for a reception.

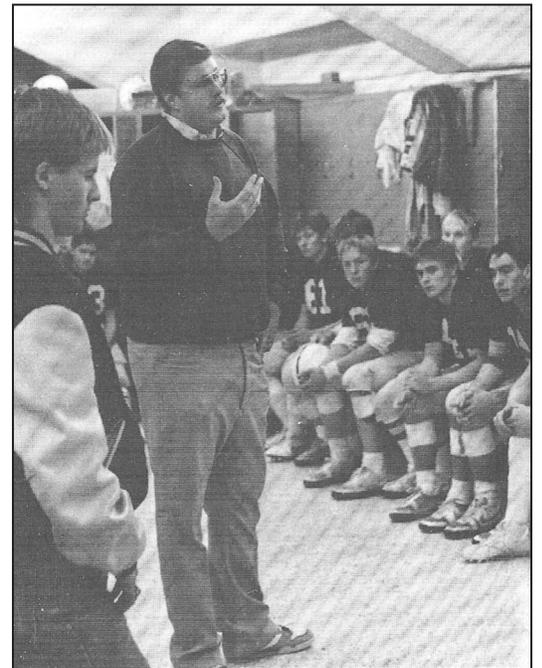
To help organize this multi-team gathering, each team has liaisons for relaying details back and forth. The 1981 team can contact Stan Dome. His phone number is 785-650-3145. The champions from 1985 can use their starting quarterback as their liaison, Kurt Dinkel, 785-735-8146. The undefeated 1988 Knights are to use Kevin Klein to set up their arrangements. Kevin's phone number is 785-623-0311.



1985 football team member Gerard Wellbrock celebrates a win.

Also helping with this reunion is the only person to be an assistant coach for all three teams, Jerry Brungardt. Jerry, Stan, Kurt, and Kevin are all in communication with each other regarding this upcoming gathering of the three 11-man championship teams, so talking to one is like talking to the entire group.

More details will follow in the fall alumni newsletter, and each team's liaisons will be reaching out to their teammates sometime this late spring or summer.



Coach Doug Moeckel addresses the 1988 football team in the locker room.



CLASS NOTES



1950's **Ted Crawford '54** is a proud great-grandfather! He has ten great-grandchildren, with two more on the way!

Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56 can now count 94 members in her family, including spouses.

Rosaline Nash '58 was proud to see that her classmate Elden Stang was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2022.

1960's **Lee Crawford '60** and his wife, Shirley, celebrated 60 years of marriage just before Homecoming 2022.

Sharon Goetz Merrick '60 really enjoys reading the newsletter and she wished that she could have made it back for Homecoming 2022.

Gary Rohr '66 and his wife, Patty, wanted to pass this along to everyone connected to the alumni association: "Thank you for all the hours donated and work involved that make homecoming such a success. We love our Victoria Family!!"

Paulette Brull Moser '67 was sad that she couldn't join her class for their 55th reunion during homecoming 2022. She hopes everyone enjoyed their time together.

Brenda Schmidtberger Yoder '67 and her husband, Rocky, celebrated 11 years of marriage by visiting Las Vegas, Nevada.

Gary '69 and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 4, 2022, with a dinner and dance. Their children are **Melissa Wagner Page '92**, **Jennifer Wagner '95**, and **Jared '00**.

1990's **Travis Hammerschmidt '98** and his wife, Alisha, announce the birth of a son, Sawyer Allen, born on September 15, 2022. Sawyer has an older brother, Bently, and an older

sister, Alivia. Sawyer's grandparents are **Allen '68** and **Karen Sander Hammerschmidt '70**.

2000's **Cole Dinkel '00** and Kaylee McGann were married on November 12, 2022, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Cole is the Chief of Police for the City of Victoria. Cole is the son of **Wilmer '73** and Darlinea **Dinkel**.



Cole Dinkel '00 and Trevor Dinkel '07, but which is which?

Trevor Dinkel '07 and his wife, Laurie, moved back to the Hays area in March 2021. Trevor works for the Ellis County Sheriff's Office and is often mistaken for his older brother **Cole Dinkel '00**. Trevor is the son of **Wilmer '73** and Darlinea **Dinkel**.

2010's **Colin Schmidtberger '11** and Stephanie Greenway were married on September 3, 2022, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Colin is the son of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80** and the grandson of **Leroy '52** and JoAnn **Braun**.

Katelyn Lang '12 and Skyler Criswell were married on October 1, 2022, in Kansas City. Katelyn is a Fire Protection Engineer at FSC Consulting Engineers in Kansas City. Katelyn is the daughter of **Daren '83** and **Dana Dreiling Lang '84** and the



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granddaughter of **Jeanette Kippes Dreiling '60** and **Marlene Kisner Lang Sarver '60**.

Anna Schmidtberger '15 and Tyson Patterson were married on September 24, 2022, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Anna is the daughter of **Wayne '76** and Marie **Schmidtberger**.

Wheaton Hockersmith '16 and **Aspen Schoenrock '18** were married on November 12, 2022, in Hays. Aspen is the daughter of **Ken '92** and **Amy Scheck Schoenrock '93** and the granddaughter of **Jim '73** and **Becky Schmidtberger Scheck '73**.

Grant Weber '16 and Sara Schippers were married on October 8, 2022, at the Basilica of St. Fidelis. Grant is the son of **John '89** and **Kami Wellbrock Weber '94** and the grandson of **Charlotte Braun Weber '65** and Neil and **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72**. Sara is the

daughter of **Troy '85** and **Geralyn Huser Schippers '88** and the granddaughter of **Paul Schippers '55** and **Leon Huser '61**.

Noah and **Julia Nowak Gfeller '17** announce the birth of a son, Clement Blake, born July 27, 2022.

Morgan Leiker '18 and Easton Slipke were married on June 4, 2022 in Hays. They are making their home in Hoxie. Morgan is working at the Hoxie grade school as a 3rd grade teacher and Easton is the head girls' basketball coach.

2020's **Lexi Truan '20** and Taylor Riedel announce the birth of a daughter, Brecklyn, born on November 13, 2022. Brecklyn's grandparents are **Kevin '98** and **Amanda Truan**.

Editors 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

Board of Directors News

After a one year hiatus, **Rick Rajewski '69** has rejoined the alumni board of directors. Rick's first stint on the alumni board spanned from 2010 to 2021. His reasons for leaving the board were completely noble, in that he felt he needed to provide care for his wife, Vicki. Unfortunately, Vicki passed away in May of 2022.

In the fall of 2022, **Rich Billinger '68** reached out to Rick to see if he was ready to come back to serve the association. Rick did not hesitate and was welcomed back by his fellow board members at the January meeting. Rick was given a little hint that he was likely going to be elected secretary, a role in

which he previously served for the 2021 alumni year.

Rick was elected secretary, and **Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66**, who previously held that office, was the happiest person in the world. Patty did a fine job as secretary, much better than she gave herself credit for, but she was ready to give that job back to Rick. Patty is still serving on the alumni board, just no longer as secretary. Now the alumni board has 14 members, which seems like a lot at first. But once homecoming weekend rolls around, 14 will seem like not nearly enough help considering everything that the alumni association tries to accomplish in a two-day span.



In Loving Memory



Leon Brungardt '72, passed away on May 20, 2022. Survivors include two sons, **Aaron '03** and **Jared '05**; four sisters, **Carol Brungardt Couger '71**, **Lois Brungardt Yunker '72**, **Wanda Brungardt Staab '74**, and **Paula Brungardt Zwenger '78**; and five grandchildren.

Leroy (Lee) Munk '55 passed away on August 6, 2022. Survivors include his wife, Norma Jean; one sister, **Mary Terese Munk Jones '60**; one daughter; one son; and two grandsons.

Mary Kreutzer Walter '76 passed away on August 14, 2022, at her home. She is survived by two sons; three daughters; two sisters, Rosie Kreutzer and **Carol Kreutzer Foes '68**; and 12 grandchildren.

Marian Schulte passed away August 24, 2022. She is survived by her husband, **Clyde Schulte '67**; two daughters; one son; two brothers; two sisters; and two grandchildren.

Judy Windholz passed away on August 29, 2022. She is survived by her husband, **Ernie Windholz '58**; three sons; one sister; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Jeff Hertel '79 passed away at his home in Victoria on August 30, 2022. He is survived by his daughter, **Brittney Hertel Lorson '05**; three brothers, **Tim '70**, **Stanley '74**, and **Patrick '78**; two sisters, **Cindy Hertel Mason '68** and **Maxine Hertel Moser '76**; and three grandchildren.

Jim Robben '77 passed away on September 4, 2022, at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. Survivors include his wife, Crystal; one son **Jason '02**; two daughters, **Kristen Robben Heffel '03** and **Andrea Robben Felder '04**; three brothers, **Mike '74**, **Daniel '78**, and **Joe '81**; two sisters, **MaryJo Robben Isbel '76**, and **Sue Robben Karlin '82**; and seven grandchildren.

Jack Dinkel '55 passed away September 8, 2022, in Lenexa, Kansas. Jack is survived by two sisters, **Bernadette Dinkel Gottschalk '59** and **Margie Dinkel Unrein '60**, and two grandchildren.

Verlin Schmidtberger '60 passed away on September 24, 2022. He is survived by three daughters; eight sisters, **Connie Schmidtberger England '61**, **Alice Schmidtberger Peterka '62**, **Clara Schmidtberger Walters '64**, **Joanne Schmidtberger Detwiler '65**, **Arlene Schmidtberger Delka '66**, **Mary Ann Schmidtberger '67**, **Dianne Schmidtberger Blumenthal '74**, and **Cathy Schmidtberger '78**; three brothers, **Ike '70**, **Dick '71**, and **Larry '73**; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Theresa Kuhn passed away September 30, 2022, at Via Christi Village Care Center in Hays. She is survived by one son, **Bob Kuhn '76**; one daughter **Sharon Kuhn Bleske '83**; one brother, **John Braun '49**; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Ruth Marcotte passed away October 24, 2022, at Kingman Health Center. Her survivors include four sons, **Michael '69**, **Steve '73**, **Stan '75**, and **Walter '82**; two daughters, **Marilyn Marcotte Traffas '71** and **Michelle Marcotte '78**; 19 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

Tom Schippers '73 passed away October 28, 2022, at his home in Wichita. He is survived by his wife, **Roseann Rajewski Schippers '75**; one daughter; two sons; his mother **Armella Baier Schippers '49**; one sister, **Kay Schippers Spikes '72**; two brothers, **Dan '74** and **John '75**; and two grandchildren.

Josepha Dome passed away November 17, 2022, at Via Christi Care Center, Hays. She is survived by three daughters, **Laura Dome Lang '66**, **Lita Dome VonFeldt '71**, and **Lisa Dome Weisner '81**; 11 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.



In Loving Memory continued



Don Sander '65 passed away on November 19, 2022. He is survived by his wife, **Carol VonFeldt Sander '66**; one son; one daughter; one sister, **Doris Sander Hertel '63**; three grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

Betty Pfeifer passed away November 21, 2022, at Via Christi Village Care Center in Hays. She is survived by two brothers, John Karlin and **Tom Karlin '56**.

Tom Donahue passed away November 21, 2022. He is survived by his wife, **Gloria (June) Braun Donahue '58**; two sons; one daughter; and one step-daughter.

Troy Dreiling '86 passed away November 25, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. Troy is survived by two sons; his parents, **Julius '52** and **Darlene Brungardt Dreiling '57**; one brother, **Terry '87**; three sisters, **Debbie Dreiling Cline '81**, **Deanna Dreiling '82**, and **Dori Dreiling Smalley '90**; and one granddaughter.

Mary Ann Dinkel Doerfler '48 passed away November 28, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by three daughters, two sisters, one grandson, six step-grandchildren, and 20 step-great-grandchildren.

Ivan Edsall '64 passed away December 15, 2022, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Salina. Survivors include one step-son, Jason Spiess; two step-daughters, **Kelly Spiess Wellbrock '00** and **Melanie Spiess Pearson '02**; and seven step-grandchildren.

Donald Wellbrock '55 passed away December 23, 2022, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Norma Lee Kuhn Wellbrock '58**; two sons; one daughter; five grandchildren; one brother, **Ralph Wellbrock '59**; and two sisters, **Doris Wellbrock Schmidt '62** and **Melene Wellbrock Rohr '65**.

Otto Windholz '69 passed away December 24, 2022, in Houston, TX. He is survived by his wife, Jackie; one son; one daughter; one brother, **Virgil '54**; one sister, **Charlotte Windholz Blake '58**; and three grandchildren.

Ralph Wellbrock '59 passed away January 4, 2023, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Patty; one daughter; two sisters, **Doris Wellbrock Schmidt '62** and **Melene Wellbrock Rohr '65**; and one grandson.

Jerry VonFeldt '57 passed away on January 24, 2023, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, **Harriett VonLintel VonFeldt '58**; two sons, **Jerry '79** and **Dale '88**; two daughters, **Beverly VonFeldt Scheck '80** and **Sherry VonFeldt Sanders '83**; two brothers, **Jim '61** and **John '69**; two sisters, **Darlene VonFeldt Weigel '58** and **Diane VonFeldt Ruder '65**; 13 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Theresa Weigel Klaus '61 passed away January 28, 2023, at Via Christi Care Center in Hays. Survivors include two sons, **Jan '81** and **Terry '86**; three sisters, Twila Weigel, **Agnes Weigel '73**, and **Stella Weigel '74**; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marion Schumacher '57 passed away on January 29, 2023, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his wife, Valerie; two sons; one daughter; one brother, **Ron '60**; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Lucy Dreiling Roth '46 passed away on February 2, 2023. She is survived by two sons; one daughter; two brothers, **Charlie Dreiling '51** and **Jim Dreiling '63**; one sister, **Theresa Dreiling Ellis '57**; seven grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.





In Loving Memory continued



Gilbert Riedel '77 passed away on March 3, 2023 in Cushing, OK. He is survived by his wife, Lindsay; one son; three daughters; one brother, Robert; four sisters, Darlinea Dinkel, Judy Brunhoeber, **Tina Riedel Thomas '80**, and **Robin Riedel Sheldon '80**; 13 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Allen Windholz '60 passed away on March 11, 2023, at the Hays Good Samaritan Center. Allen was a custodian in the Victoria School District for 24 years and also drove the school bus. He is survived by his wife, Eileen;

two sons, **Mark '84** and **Matthew '90**; one daughter **Theresa Windholz Meis '85**; one sister, **Altarena Windholz Basgall '63**; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Denis Dreiling Sr. '57 passed away on March 11, 2023, at Mountain Home, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Janice; two sons, **Denis Jr. '85** and Brian; one daughter, **Victoria Dreiling Stanton '86**; two brothers, **Robert '60** and **Michael '65**; one sister, **Annabell Dreiling Suppes '63**; and five grandchildren.

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



Alumni Online Store Is Quick, Easy Way to Pay Notify Alumni Board if you notice any glitches

The online store is a quick, convenient way to conduct business with the alumni association. You can find the store on the alumni website (www.victoriaalumni.com) where there is a link on the left hand side of the screen. Sometimes, the online store is quirky, and alerting the alumni board of such quirks can help others utilize the store.

The online store has been around a few years now, and after alums receive their newsletters, there is typically a small rush of people using the store for payments. Last fall, Alumni President **John Schulte '96**, tested the online store a few weeks before the fall newsletter was mailed. When he tested the store, everything worked as it should, and he thought that the store was ready for use.

Glenn Wellbrock '82 tried to use online store to purchase a banquet ticket, along with a few other items. All of the other items loaded into Glenn's online cart correctly, but he could not get his banquet ticket to load. Glenn sent an email to the alumni email account (info@victoriaalumni.com) to alert someone that the online store wasn't working.

John received the email, and just as he did a few weeks earlier, he tested the store. Sure enough, everything was working except the link for banquet tickets. John dug into the programming code of the online store and found what he refers to as a "gremlin" that was preventing the banquet ticket link from functioning properly. He fixed the link and re-tested the store. Everything was back to normal. However, without Glenn notifying the alumni association that the store wasn't working, that gremlin would not have been found.

After the online store was fixed, Glenn's classmate **Walter Marcotte '82** just happened to be the next person to purchase a banquet ticket. Glenn, Walter, and John shared a good laugh with each other at the 2022 alumni banquet regarding this little ordeal.

MORAL OF THE STORY: If you notice a problem with the alumni online store, please feel free to alert the alumni association of the error. The next person to utilize the store could be a friend, relative, or a classmate.

Hall of Fame

Time to Nominate 2023 Honorees

It is once again time to start thinking about whom you wish to see inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame this year. **Nominations are due by June 1, 2023.**

The potential nominee would qualify for this honor in one of two categories: "School Personnel" or "Alum-at-Large."

To be included in the school personnel category, the potential nominee needs to have worked in the Victoria School System in any capacity dating back to the founding of St. Fidelis School. Anyone who has been a teacher, administrator, secretary, janitor, cook, school board member, or any other job that the school has had to offer, is eligible to be inducted.

The Alum-at-Large is a much more open category,

as the only qualifications include being a graduate from Victoria High School and having made a significant contribution of their time and talent to their fellow man.

To assist you in making your nomination, head over to the alumni website — www.victoriaalumni.com — and scroll down to the Hall of Fame section. There you will find a link to a form that will help you in making your nomination. A letter of nomination is also required to explain why you think your nominee should be inducted in 2023. The form and the letter can be emailed to info@victoriaalumni.com or you can mail your nomination to PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671.

Raffle Proves to Be Popular Benefits Graduating Seniors

The annual raffle was once again a popular part of Homecoming 2022. Over 1,250 tickets were purchased, with more than 150 alums trying their luck to make some quick cash. In the end, only five people walked away winners in the raffle.

However, the real winners of the annual raffle are the graduating seniors who end up with the coveted alumni scholarships.

The \$100 raffle winners were **Darrell '64** and **Cindy Truan Dinkel '65**. Darrell and Cindy did not attend 2022 homecoming, and when they were told they received one of the raffle prizes, they didn't

even ask which amount, they just said that they wanted to donate it back to the alumni association. Likewise, Cindy's classmate, **Pat Sander Legleiter '65** and her husband Harry took their \$300 raffle prize, used half of it for a charity of their choice, and gave the other half to the alumni association. Thank you to Darrell, Cindy, Harry, and Pat for your generosity to not only the alumni association, but to other charities as well.

The \$200 raffle winner was Jerry Schmidtberger, an associate member of the alumni association. Jerry is among a group of people

who did not graduate from VHS, but did attend school in the Victoria school system for a number of years. To include people like Jerry, the alumni board classifies them as associate members. Jerry graduated from the St. Fidelis Seminary in 1970.

Amber Younger '07 won the \$400 prize and **Greg Keenan '78** received the \$500 grand prize.

Congratulations to all of the winners, and thank you to all who participated in the 2022 raffle. We are all looking forward to the 2023 raffle; details will be included in your fall newsletter.

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ALUMNI BOARD MAKES CHANGES TO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The alumni association will once again be offering scholarships to this year's graduating seniors. There are some changes for 2023.

For many years, the alumni board of directors has offered four scholarships to graduating seniors. Since 2020, those scholarships were worth \$1,250 each. For 2023, the dollar amount of each scholarship will increase to \$1,750, but there will only be three scholarships offered.

The main reason for this change was the size of the recent graduating classes.

In the past 10 years, the largest graduating class was the class of

2016 with 23 members. The smallest class during that time was the class of 2015, and they had 13 members. As of this January, the class of 2023 has 19 members, and the alumni board decided that giving three scholarships at a higher dollar amount would be a good way to reward the graduates.

The alumni scholarships are available to all graduating seniors. The applicant must be attending a post-secondary school. This may include four year universities and colleges, two year colleges, or

trade schools. The student must have a GPA of at least 2.5.

All applications are reviewed by the scholarship committee, and the applications are made anonymously. The only key to connect each application to the proper student is kept at the high school. After the scholarship committee makes their selections, they still don't know the actual winners until they are announced at awards night.

