

HOMECOMING 2008 September 26-27

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VHS Alumni On-line! Newsletter

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At a recent VHS Alumni board meeting, the treasurer's report showed that the association is spending over \$2,700 a year for the newsletter, **The Next Page**.

An idea was presented stating that rather than physically printing and mailing two newsletters each year, that the newsletter be sent to the alumni members via email. This would save the cost for the production and stamps of the newsletter. Also, it would be more probable to add pictures to the newsletter, and it could be a possibility that the members receive the newsletter more than twice a year.

What we want from you is your opinion on this matter, because we have no idea of your computer access or usability. To respond, please send an email to info@victoriaalumni.com. You can also visit with members of the board or send your comments to VHS Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671. There will be a quick discussion about this matter at the next VHS Homecoming Alumni Banquet.

One thing for sure is that we want to keep you informed.



Alumni Association - HALL OF FAME

Those of you who have witnessed the awarding of the plaques to the hall of fame recipients at our annual alumni banquet realize what a prestigious award this is and how much the honoree appreciates this distinction. Hopefully, you will begin thinking about a teacher or other school personnel that you think truly deserve this award.

Based on your letters of nomination, the board chooses three individuals to be inducted into the Victoria Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

We are now accepting your letters of nomination for that deserving teacher, coach, secretary, cook, custodian, principal, or superintendent. This includes anyone from the elementary school as well as the high school. Your letter should state your reasons for the nomination and should reach the alumni board by June 1, 2008.

You may submit your letter by email at www.info@victoriaalumni.com or mail to VHS Alumni Association, PO Box 382, Victoria, KS 67671-0382.

Homecoming 2007

Victoria High School Alumni from across the country gathered here in Victoria the first weekend in October for the annual homecoming festivities. Activities began Friday morning, October 5th with the Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament and ended with the banquet and dance at the Fanchon Ballroom Saturday evening, October 6th. It was another fun-filled weekend that sent, all who attended, back home with wonderful memories of days gone by and renewed friendships.

Those gathering for the golf tournament enjoyed the outing and found the competition to be quite satisfying. Capturing First Place Honors were **Bob Pfeifer '45**, **Allen Dreiling '55**, and Don Pruitt; Second Place Honors went to **Theresa Dreiling Ellis '57**, **Tom Dreiling '59** and **Pete Braun Jr. '62**; and Third Place Honors went to **Ted Crawford '54**, **Bob Stramel '56**, and **Merlin Romme '57**.

Reunion classes were placed front-and-center for special recognition. The **Class of 1957** was the 50-year honor class. They were well represented and all had a great time. The **Class of 1982** was recognized as the 25-year honor class and the **Class of 1997** was the 10-year honor class. These three classes were given the privilege of sharing treasured memories and current news about their respective class during the program following the banquet Saturday evening. All five-year increment classes were introduced. The 2007 Hall of Fame recipients were honored at this time as well.

The "Country Dutchmen," a popular band in the area, were back again and kept the dance floor hopping with familiar tunes from past and present.

Class Notes

1930's

Class of 1938, we know there are a few of you out there and we are going to make a special effort to get as many of you as possible to return for Homecoming 2008 to honor you at your 70th class reunion. Your alumni association will be contacting you.

1940's

Class of 1943, you have always been such an active part of our alumni association. We certainly hope some of you will be able to join us for our annual homecoming festivities on September 26 and 27. **Sr. Francis Rose**, we are putting you in charge.

Hubertina Weigel Herbel '46 and her husband, Leo, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary January 26, 2008. They have two sons, a daughter, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Hubertina and Leo were married January 26, 1948, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Russell.

1950's

Marvin Schmidtberger '52 and his wife Nancy are looking forward to five new great-grandbabies in 2008. Their big concern this year is for their three grandsons serving in the military as well as their concern for all of our military. They are both enjoying good health and feel fortunate to be able to travel and attend family functions.



Alice Sander Rohr '52 and her husband, Al, are still living in McAllen, Texas. They traveled about 6000 miles in July to visit their children and families. Alice sends her regards to all of her classmates and regrets not being able to get back for the 55th reunion. She would appreciate hearing from some of you about the reunion and would love pictures.

Roselyn Roth Schmidt '52 and her husband Don have had their third great-grandbaby. Roselyn had a heart attack and underwent a triple by-pass but assures us she is doing fine. She is very faithful with her exercises. They celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary in September. The nursing home continues to occupy their time with 94 residents. She is planning to retire in the near future. She sends her love to all.

Class of 1953, it is time to celebrate your 55th class reunion. We hope you will join us and your fellow classmates for an enjoyable weekend. Be sure to keep the dates for September 26 and 27 open for this memorable occasion.

Paul Schippers '55 and his wife, Theresa, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary October 22, 2007. Their children are **Paula Schippers Schumacher '81** and **Troy Schippers '85**. They have five grandchildren. Paul and Theresa were married October 22, 1962, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Patricia Ruder Lang '56 and her husband, Ronald, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an Alaskan cruise with their family in the summer of 2008. They celebrated with a dinner July 7 in Wichita while their son Terry was home on leave from service in Afghanistan. They have four children, seven grandchildren, and a great-grandchild. Ronald and Patricia were married August 24, 1957, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

Class of 1957, thank you for returning for your 50th class reunion. How wonderful to see all of you after so many years. What a good looking group you are. You had such a nice representation. To those of you that couldn't make it for some reason or other, know that you were definitely missed and you were all remembered as many of the photos, scrapbooks, and yearbooks were passed among the group.

Class of 1958!! Are you ready for this? You are going to be the honored 50-year class for Homecoming 2008. Hopefully you have marked September 26 and 27 for this monumental occasion. It will be great to get all of you together again. The first organizational meeting of classmates in the area was held March 11th at the Library. You should be getting some information in the near future. Many of you haven't been back for years. What better time to reconnect?

Darlene VonFeldt Schlesinger '58 and her husband, Herman, were back for Homecoming 2007. She shared her enthusiasm about being back for all the festivities and seeing so many friends from years gone by. Seeing **Mary Ellen Dreiling Williamson '57** was a special treat. Darlene asked us to please make a plea to **Virgilene Dome Tanga '58** to join her class for reunion. Please get September 26 and 27 on your calendar, Virgie. There are many of us who would love to see you as well as many other classmates whom we haven't seen for many years.

1960's

Class of 1963, it's number 45. Give some thought to coming home for all the hoop-la on September 26 and 27. We'd love to have you. Spread the word and mark the calendar.

Gary Dinkel '63 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary August 12, 2007. They have two children and four grandchildren. Gary and Mary were married August 12, 1967, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Kay Roth Hoffman '66, in her 38th year of teaching at Kennedy Middle School in Hays, was one of two teachers in Hays USD 489 who were honored as Region I nominees for the 2008 Kansas Teacher of the Year award sponsored by the Kansas State Department of Education. Kay teaches eighth-grade language arts and reading at Kennedy. She is in charge of students working on the school yearbook and newspaper. She also serves as Quiz Bowl coach. Kay is the wife of **Alan Hoffman '67**.

Class of 1968--the class that had this great idea of an alumni association. We always like to remember the story about Rich, Frank and Kathy, sitting in Rich's backyard, getting the fantastic idea and organizing the first meeting for the alumni association. We will always be indebted to you and your class for being responsible for this wonderful idea. It is time to be part of Homecoming 2008 to celebrate your 40th class reunion. Please consider returning for this important occasion and thus showing your support for this wonderful association.

1970's

Dr. Gladys Sander Swindler '70 received her PhD from Kansas State University. She is currently Assistant Professor of Management Information Systems at Fort Hays State University.

Neal Schmidtberger '72 celebrated a 30-year anniversary with Dillons and celebrated 30 years of marriage on October 7, 2007. Neal and his wife have 3 grandchildren and have lived in Hutchinson, Kansas, nearly 31 years.

Class of 1973, we know who you are and we are excited about getting you back home for your 35th reunion. We have seen your class's personal website. Great idea and it must be a wonderful way for all of you to keep in touch. Don't let this be a substitute for you to return for homecoming weekend.

Stephen Schmidtberger '73 and his wife, Katherine, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary September 25, 2007, with a card shower. Their children are **Rebekha Schmidtberger Marshall '01** and **Toby Schmidtberger '04**. Stephen and Katherine were married September 25, 1982, at St. Paul Catholic Church, Jacksonville Beach, Florida.

Bryan VonFeldt '73 celebrated 30 years of service with Texas Instruments Incorporated in Dallas, Texas, as its worldwide procurement manager for chemicals and gases. Bryan's daughter, Sarah Holland, received her Master of Arts degree from the University of Texas, San Antonio. She is managing agent for the Fort Worth, Texas, office of the Texas Extension Service.

Laurie Lang '76 and her husband, Al, announce the birth of their first grandchild. Their daughter Katie Middleton and her husband, Mike, gave Laurie and Al a granddaughter, Sophia Marie, born September 24, 2007. Laurie and Al's son, Keith, graduated from Sycamore High School and is now attending Illinois State University to major in music with an emphasis in musical theater.

Class of 1978 or **Class of 1983**, which class will it be to bring the most classmates back for their respective reunions? We love your excitement and enthusiasm. It is a shot in the arm for your board members to watch and know that many of you do appreciate all the effort put forth by the alumni board of directors. See you in September.



1980's

Ivan Sanders '81 and his wife, **Sherry VonFeldt Sanders '83**, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary October 8, 2007. They have four sons and four grandchildren. Ivan and Sherry were married October 8, 1982, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Sherry is the daughter of **Jerry '57** and **Harriett VonLintel VonFeldt '58**.

Kona Austin Errebo '81 and her husband are living in Concordia, Kansas. Kona is the K-6 librarian and her husband is 7-12 principal in Concordia.

Class of 1983, you are cordially invited to be our honored guests as the 25 year honor class for 2008. We know you have a special bonding and we are planning on seeing many of you.

Lee Ann Schulte Hartwick '83 and her husband, Roger, announce the birth of a daughter, Lydia Marie, born August 2, 2007. Lydia's grandparents are **Denis '45** and **Rosie Brungardt Schulte '45**.

Anita Dreiling Walters '86 has accepted a position as an instructor in the Department of Health & Human Performance at Fort Hays State University. She and her husband, Marty, have four children: Anthony, 12; Joey, 10; Nate, 9; and Katy, 7. Anita is the daughter of Verlin and **Patsy Crawford Dreiling '56**.

Richard Weber '87 and his wife, Sandra, announce the birth of a son, Bryson Albert, born November 14, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. He has two sisters, Anniston Ann, 9, and Madison Elizabeth, 5. His grandparents are **Richard '66** and his wife Diana Weber.

Class of 1988, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th class reunion.

1990's

Jerry Braun '91 received a master's degree in instruction technology from Fort Hays State University in December 2007.

Michael '92 and **Sarah Robben Younger '94** announce the birth of a daughter, Myah Lynn, born November 11, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Grandparents are John and **Ethel Stegman Younger '59** and **Steve '67** and **Fran Miller Robben '67**.

Class of 1993, be sure to mark the calendar for September 26 and 27. It was 15 years ago that you graduated from VHS. This is a perfect time for you to return and touch base with all of your classmates.

Alycia Pruitt Howard '93 and Dane Straight were married April 5, 2008, at Evangelical Covenant Church, Lindsborg. Alycia received her elementary education degree from Kansas State University. She is director in the after-school program and 4-year-old at-risk preschool for Concordia USD #333. Dane graduated from Hays High School and is a 1997 graduate of Bethany College with a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry. He is employed by Cowley Country Community College as an assistant soccer coach.



Jason Kippes '94 and Colleen Blattner were married April 19, 2008, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Jason received a business management degree from Kansas State University. He is president of Kippes Insurance Agency Inc. and a farmer. Colleen is a 2004 graduate of South Gray High School and received a certified nurse's aide license from Dodge City Community College. She is employed at Hays Good Samaritan Center in the physical therapy department. Jason is the son of Ramona Kippes.

Kent Schmeidler '95 and his wife Carla announce the birth of a daughter, Sienna Marie, born August 9, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. She has a sister, Shelby, 3½, and a brother, Eli, 2.

Jason Knipp '96 and his wife, **Amy Schoendaller Knipp '97**, announce the birth of a daughter, Alexis Nicole, born August 31, 2007. She has a brother, Dylan, 5. Alexis's grandparents are Wendelin Jr. and **Sharon Scheck Schoendaller '70**.

Melissa Wasinger '97 and John C. Mayers announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Marie, born July 18, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Grandparents are Ray and **Janice Braun Wasinger '69**.

Class of 1998, check out your personal website at www.myspace.com/258719383. You are the honored ten year class for Homecoming 2008, September 26 and 27. You had such a wonderful representation for your 5-year reunion and we are hoping for a big turnout again this year. We look to classes like yours to take the reigns of this alumni association and keep it alive and well for years to come.

Brett Dreiling '98 and his wife, Heidi, announce the birth of a son, Wes Michael, born August 22, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. He has a brother, Connor, 2 ½. His grandparents are **Ken '65** and **Patty Dreiling Dreiling '66**.

James Wittman '98 and his wife, Jenny, announce the birth of a son, Lane Joseph, born November 9, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. He has a sister, Chase, 2. Grandparents are Leon and **Janet Lang Frank '77** and **Jerry '71** and **Rhoda Windholz Urban '76**. Great-grandparents are Charley and **Rose Pfeifer Guercio '50** and **Vitus '50** and Anita Lang.

Kendra Klein Kelso '98 and her husband, Scott, announce the birth of twin sons, Grayson Maurice and Gavin Ford, born December 11, 2007. The twins were born in Overland Park.

Troy Weigel '99 and Denise Augustine were married August 18, 2007, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Hays. Troy graduated from North Central Kansas Technical School, Beloit. He is employed at Fort Hays State University as a plumber. Denise is a graduate of Ellis High School and Fort Hays State University. She is a radiology/mammography technologist at Hays Medical Center.

Scott Michael Wellbrock '99 and **Meagan Marie Schmidtberger '02** were married September 29, 2007, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Scott is a graduate of Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, with a tele-communications degree. He is employed at Rural Telephone, Victoria. Meagan graduated from Fort Hays State University with an accounting degree. She is employed at Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, Hays. Scott is the son of **Wayne '67** and Diane Wellbrock. Meagan is the daughter of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**. Grandparents are **Leroy '52** and JoAnn Braun, and Robert and **Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

Brandon Dinkel '99 and Lisa Janne were married October 20, 2007, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Parents are **Wilmer Dinkel Jr. '73** and his wife, Darlinea.

2000's

Wade Schmidtberger '00 and his wife, Jody, announce the birth of triplets, Wyatt Joseph, Cody Wayne, and Emma Rose, born November 5, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Grandparents are **Bill '74** and **Diana Braun Schmidtberger '78**. Great-grandparents are **Fritz '56** and Anita Braun.

Leslie Ann Brown '02 and Byron James Goodspeed were married November 4, 2006, at the Victoria VFW Hall. They are pleased to announce the birth of a son, LeRoy James, born July 30, 2007.

Rachelle Geist '02 and Matthew Orr were married August 18, 2007, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Rachelle completed cosmetology school in Manhattan, Kansas, and is currently a hair designer and color specialist at Kenneth L's Salon & Spa in Poulsbo, Washington. Matt is a graduate of Kansas State University and is a nuclear engineer at the Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard in Bremerton, Washington. Rachelle is the daughter of **Bill '77** and Michelle Geist and the granddaughter of **Tina Braun Geist '58**.

Sheena Billinger '02 and Jonathan Salinas were married September 22, 2007, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Sheena graduated from North Central Kansas Technical College. She is a nurse at Hays Medical Center. Jonathan is a student at Ft. Hays State University.

Class of 2003, you have made it to the first milestone as members of the Victoria Alumni Association, that being the 5-year reunion class. We have been hearing that the Class of '03 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for September 26 and 27.

Ken Wagner '03 and Michelle Vosters were married December 28, 2007, at Church of the Ascension, Overland Park. Ken is a 2006 graduate of Pittsburg State University with a bachelor's degree in communication. He is employed as a debit services project coordinator for TIB. Michelle is a 2007 graduate of Pittsburg State University with a bachelor's degree in communication. She is employed as director of marketing and communications for Communities in Schools of Greater Tarrant County, Fort Worth, Texas. Ken is the son of **Ron '65** and Jane Wagner.

In Loving Memory



Herman J. Schippers '45 died August 19, 2007, at St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria. Survivors include his wife, Edna; four sons; three daughters; three step-daughters; five brothers, **George '46**, **John F. '48**, **Lawrence '49**, **Paul '55**, and **Norman '61**; four sisters, Sister Mary Ann Schippers, **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**, **Estella Schippers Kuhn '56**, and **Lillian Schippers Leiker '58**; 12 grandchildren; five step-grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren..

Elsie Hoffman died August 20, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, Joseph; four sons; a daughter; a brother, John Sander; two sisters, Agnes Sander Brungardt and **Bernadette Sander Arnold '58**; 11 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert J. Schamber '28 died August 21, 2007, at St. John's Rest Home, Hays. Survivors include two half-sisters, and nieces and nephews of the Schamber-Rome family.

Martha Karlin Biegler '60 died August 23, 2007. Survivors include a son and four daughters; two adopted children; four brothers, John, Felix, **Tom '56** and **Pete '58**; three sisters, Betty Karlin Pfeifer, Sister Leonissa, and Sister Mary Martha; 12 grandchildren; and three adopted grandchildren.

Alois M. Pfeifer died September 6, 2007, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include a son, Al; a daughter, **Betty Pfeifer Befort '60**; three granddaughters; two step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Donald N. Braun '59 died September 8, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Linda; a son; a daughter; a brother, Gerald; a twin sister, **Dolores Braun McMillin '59**; and three grandsons.

Virgil A. Schulte '45 died September 9, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Laverna; a son; seven daughters; a sister, **Bernice Rohleder '33**; 17 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Cecil J. Roth '43 died September 14, 2007, at Life Care Center, Wichita. Survivors include his wife, Minnie; three sons, **Cecil C. '65, Harold F. '67, and Terry J. '76**; one daughter, **Donna Roth Gartin '71**; a sister, **Roselyn Roth Schmidt '52**; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Earl J. Roth died September 25, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Donna; four sons, **Mike '78, Greg '81, Pat '82, and Jeff '88**; a step-son; two step-daughters; a brother, Ralph; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a step-great-grandchild.

Georgine 'Jean' Schmidtberger Schumacher '35 died September 29, 2007. Survivors include two sons; three brothers, Virgil, Loren, and **Alvin '38**; three sisters, **Alvina Schmidtberger Clapperton '37**, Armella Schmidtberger Ricci, and Janice Schmidtberger Elliott; and five grandchildren.

Bernard E. 'Benny' Schulte '49 died October 9, 2007 at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Cora Braun Schulte '55**; two sons, Mark and **Bernie '88**; three daughters, **Kathy Schulte Dreiling-Amrein '76, Kay Schulte Werth '79, and Karen Schulte Ruder '84**; eleven grandchildren; one brother, **Denis '45**; two sisters, Caroline Pfeifer and **Edna Schulte Dreiling '42**;

Janelda O'Brien died October 17, 2007, at her home in Collierville, Tennessee. Survivors include a son, **Greg '81**; two daughters, **Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80** and **Jan O'Brien Ripplinger '84**; four grandchildren; three sisters; and one brother.

Mary Ann Geist Hoffman '52 died October 19, 2007, at her home. Survivors include her husband, Frank; two sons, **Gary '75** and **Ken '83**; and one grandson.

Virgil Quint '42 died October 20, 2007, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Marietta; two sons; two daughters; four grandchildren; a brother, **Eugene '32**; two sisters, Viola Kuhn and **Norma Jean Quint Fellers '52**.

Joseph B. Brungardt Jr. died December 1, 2007. Survivors include his wife, **Rita Toepfer Brungardt '43**; one son; one daughter; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; four brothers, Herman, Linus, Valerian, and **Edwin '50**; and three sisters.

Joseph Michael Brungardt '64 died December 28, 2007, at his home. Survivors include a son, Vincent; two daughters, Michelle Brungardt Noel and Pamela Brungardt Mather; a step-son; four brothers; **Kenneth '64, Richard '66, Robert '68, and Edward '72**; two sisters, **Arlene Brungardt Jones '59** and **Theresa Brungardt Christian '69**; and six grandchildren.

Annette Lang died January 15, 2008, at Lyons Good Samaritan Center. Survivors include a son, **Raymond '66**; a daughter, **Wanda Lang Brungardt '61**; two brothers; two sisters; seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Amelia Hammerschmidt died February 2, 2008, at her home. Survivors include three sons; two daughters; four brothers, Herman Brungardt, Linus Brungardt, Valerian Brungardt, and **Eddie Brungardt '50**; two sisters, Henrietta and Eleanor; nine grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

Clarita Braun died February 4, 2008, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include one son, **LaVern '58**; three daughters, **Doris Braun Robben '55, Louise Braun Robben '57, and Rosie Braun Dinkel '60**; four brothers; 17 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

Wilmer W. Dinkel Sr. died February 18, 2008, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include his wife, Irene; a son, **Wilmer Jr. '73**; two daughters, **Agnes Dinkel Dreher '71** and **Mary Ann Dinkel Windholz '74**; a brother; a sister; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Robert Dinges died March 3, 2008, as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors include his wife, **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**; three sons, **Troy '95, Travis '99, and Tyson '03**; his parents; one brother; three sisters; and one grandson.

Tom Clark died March 15 at his home in Cocoa, Florida. He is survived by his wife **Gloria June Braun Clark '58**.

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