

HOMECOMING 2009

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Friday, October 9
Saturday, October 10

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Hall of Fame Inductees 2009

HONORING

Class of '59

Class of '84

Class of '99

&

5-Year Increment Classes

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2009

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

----- Friday, October 9, 2009 -----

9:00 a.m. 13th Annual VHS Golf Classic
2:00 p.m. Open House – VFW Hall
4:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally – VHS
5:15 p.m. VIP Barbecue & Walk Thru Halls of VHS
7:00 p.m. Football Game - Knights vs. Palco
9:00 p.m. Social – VFW Hall

----- Saturday, October 10, 2009 -----

4:00 p.m. Memorial Mass – St. Fidelis Church
5:30 p.m. Social/Banquet – Fanchon Ballroom, Hays
9:30 p.m. Dance “Country Dutchmen”

HALL OF FAME 2009

**SISTER ANNABEL DREILING, CSA ~ DAVID OTTLEY
WILMA PFEIFER WELLBROCK VONLINTEL**

It is with great pleasure that we, the Victoria Alumni Association, present the three following candidates to be named to the Victoria Alumni Association Hall of Fame for 2009. They are Sister Annabel Dreiling, David Ottley, and Wilma Pfeifer Wellbrock VonLintel. Sr. Annabel represents the devoted St. Agnes sisters that were such an important part of the early history of Victoria High School. David is the first elementary school principal and Wilma is the first school secretary to join the honored ranks of the Victoria High School Hall of Fame.

SISTER ANNABEL DREILING, CSA entered St. Agnes Convent in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on August 1, 1922, at age 16. She made her final profession of vows on August 15, 1931. She received her bachelor of science degree in education and after many sessions of summer school earned her masters degree in modern and medieval history from Fordham University. She began her teaching career in New London, Wisconsin, then onto the Bronx in New York, then New York City and finally in 1944, she returned to her home town of Victoria, Kansas, to teach at Victoria Rural High School. She remained in Victoria until 1951. Sr. Annabel devoted 69 years of service to Catholic schools. She retired in 1994 at age 88.

DAVID OTTLEY is a Salina native, the fifth of seven children. After graduating from Salina Central High School, David attended and earned a bachelors degree in education and a masters degree in educational administration from Fort Hays State University. It was while attending Fort Hays that he met and married his wife, Andrea. David has spent his entire teaching and administrative career in Victoria. He taught 5th grade for 12 years and then moved onto middle school teaching reading and social science. He returned to the elementary school teaching 4th grade. The past 10 years he has taught 4th grade and assumed the duties of elementary principal. David or "Mr. O" as the children refer to him, is not only admired as a teacher and principal but touched many young lives as a coach. These duties included middle school football, basketball, volleyball, and boys' high school basketball. David spent a total of 20 years coaching for USD #432 and says these duties have proven to be one of his most memorable lifetime experiences. David and Andrea have three sons **Jordan '09**, who is attending Fort Hays State University, **Brett 17**, a senior at VHS, and **Samuel 13**, an 8th grade student at Victoria Middle School.

WILMA PFEIFER WELLBROCK VONLINTEL '51, an admired and loved high school secretary, was the youngest of 10 children. She attended grade school and high school in Victoria. After graduating from Victoria Rural High School in 1951, Wilma began working at the German American Telephone Company owned by Tony Denning. Many of you remember that voice answering our ring with "Number, please." Wilma married **Milton Wellbrock '51** in November of 1955. He died January 16, 1981. She also worked for J.C. Penney Company and was the Victoria city clerk before beginning her secretarial work at Victoria High School. Wilma spent 23 years greeting the students with her smile and serving four high school principals beginning with Jim Pfanenstiel, then Richard Austin, Richard Shively and finally Michael Kreller. Wilma is married to **Regis VonLintel '62** and has three sons **Glenn Wellbrock '82**, **Leon Wellbrock '83**, and **Chris Wellbrock '85**. Regis and Wilma have seven grandchildren.

VHS Alumni Newsletter online? NO GO!

Thanks to those of you who expressed your opinion about whether or not to put the newsletter on-line. Due to your response and the pros and cons of this proposal, the alumni board has decided not to publish the newsletter online but to continue printing and mailing the two issues of the newsletter.

The newsletter is getting more expensive to print and mail with each passing year, so it is more important than ever to remember to **pay your yearly dues** and **update any change of address**. You will find a return envelope enclosed in your newsletter for your convenience. Yearly dues remain at \$5 per year per member. A lifetime membership is available by calculating the number of years until your 50th class year and multiplying that number by \$5 and then deducting 5%.

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Homecoming 2009

Another homecoming weekend is fast approaching. October 9 and 10 are the dates set aside for VHS Alumni to come home to celebrate the good times. All are welcome especially those class years ending with a four or a nine. The 50-year honor class is the **Class of 1959**. The **Class of 1984** will be honored as the 25-year honor class and the **Class of 1999** is the 10-year honor class. These three classes will be 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 will be recognized. The 2009 Hall of Fame recipients will be honored at this time as well.

The weekend kicks off with the annual Victoria Alumni Golf Classic beginning with a shotgun start Friday at 9 o'clock at the Victoria Golf Course next to the high school. The entry fee for this event remains at \$25.00, which includes lunch and drinks for the participants. Your entry form is included on your homecoming reservation form found in this newsletter or on the VHS website at www.victoriaalumni.com. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the alumni scholarship fund.

The Victoria VFW will be the headquarters for all of Friday's events including the golf luncheon, open house before the parade, and the social after the football game. The Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 in St. Fidelis Church and will fulfill your Sunday obligation. The banquet, dinner, and dance will take place at the Fanchon Ballroom in Hays following Mass. The "Country Dutchmen," a popular band in the area, will be back for the fourth year to provide music for your dancing pleasure.

The cost for the weekend will remain at \$25 per person plus your updated membership dues of \$5. This fee will entitle you to attend the social Friday evening, the social, banquet, and dance Saturday evening. You will find an enclosed envelope to return your dues and reservation form found at the back of this newsletter or one may be printed from the website. Thank you to **Buddy Kuhn '85** and his company, Results Direct Marketing of Wichita, for supplying the association with the return envelopes.

If you are planning to attend only the Friday evening post game social at the VFW Hall and not attend any of the Saturday events, there will be a \$5 cover charge per person plus your current membership fee. Snacks, soft drinks, and keg beer will be provided.

ANNOUNCING THE 2009 ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Brittany Goetz, daughter of **Rod '82** and **Maria Dreiling Goetz '86**; **Brenton Hoffman**, son of **Dave '82** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83**; **Kasandra Huser**, daughter of **Kevin '84** and Kathleen Huser; and **Jordan Ottley**, son of David and Andrea Ottley, were selected by the Alumni Scholarship Committee to receive the 2009 Alumni Scholarships.

Each of these graduates received a \$500 scholarship to be awarded upon verification of enrollment at their chosen institutions. Scholarship applicants must be admitted into a post secondary school. This may be a four-year college or a two-year technical school. They must have a minimum high school GPA of 2.5. The scholarship committee members base their selection on criteria that includes involvement in extra-curricular activities, honors, and awards. All applicants remain anonymous throughout the selection process and are identified by number only.

The first scholarship was awarded in 1994. The alumni association has awarded 56 scholarships as of May 2009, amounting to \$24,700.

These scholarships continue to be funded by your generous donations to the scholarship fund and the annual golf classic that takes place on Friday of homecoming weekend. Awarding of these scholarships is one of the main objectives of the alumni association.



VHS Alumni Association Welcomes **Victoria High School Class of 2009**

Brittany Goetz is the daughter of **Rod '82** and **Maria Dreiling Goetz '86**. Brittany plans to attend the University of Kansas and pursue a career in nursing.

Abby Hammerschmidt is the daughter of **Vernon '75** and Sharon Hammerschmidt. Abby plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a career in pharmacy.

Brenton Hoffman is the son of **Dave '82** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83**. He will be pursuing a degree in agriculture at Dodge City Community College. Brenton is the grandson of **Ernest Hoffman '47** and **Fritz '56** and Anita Braun.

Kasandra Huser is the daughter of **Kevin '84** and Kathleen Huser. Kasandra plans to attend Fort Hays State University and pursue a degree in anesthesiology. She is the granddaughter of **Leon Huser '61**.

Dallas Karlin is the son of Kevin and Robyn Karlin. Dallas plans to attend Fort Hays State University where he will pursue a career in radiologic technology.

Blake Klaus is the son of **Terry '86** and **Peggy VonFeldt Klaus '89**. He plans to attend Dodge City Community College and pursue a career in welding. Blake is the grandson of **Theresa Weigel Klaus '61**, **Charlene Braun Unrein '63**, and **Jim VonFeldt '61**.

Evan Koerner is the son of Tim and **Doreen Braun Koerner '79**. Evan will be attending Fort Hays State University and pursuing a degree in graphic design. He is the grandson of **Albert '52** and Stella Braun.

Jordan Ottley is the son of David and Andrea Ottley. Jordan plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in elementary education.

Gus Pfanenstiel is the son of **Curt '83** and Kim Pfanenstiel. Gus plans to attend Pratt Community College to pursue a career in electrical distribution.

Cole Robben is the son of Chris and Brenda Robben. Cole plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in physical therapy.

Jordan Robben is the son of **Rick '76** and **Marla Brungardt Robben '78**. Jordan will be attending North Central Kansas Technical College and pursue a career in residential electricity.

Nolan Schuckman is the son of Fred and Kathy Schuckman. Nolan plans to attend Fort Hays State University.

Emily Schroder is the daughter of Wayne Schroeder and Kathy McClain. Emily will be attending Johnson County Community College to pursue a career in fashion design.

Ashley Tholen is the daughter of **Tom '74** and **Janice Schmidtberger Tholen '77**. Ashley plans to attend Fort Hays State University to pursue a career in nursing.

Corey Tholen is the son of **Michelle Tholen '88**. Corey plans to attend North Central Kansas Technical College and pursue a career in automotive technology. Corey is the grandson of **Fred '64** and Edie Tholen.

USD #432 News

Retirements

Beth Schmidt retired from teaching after the 2009 school year. She has been a teacher at Victoria Middle School for the past six years. Beth's teaching career spans 29 years with positions held in Plainville, Goodland, and Grinnell before coming to Victoria.

Administrator

David Ottley will become the full time elementary school principal. He has served as part-time teacher and K-5 principal the past 10 years.

Teachers/Coaches

Bob Leikam resumed his coaching career this past year coaching the Victoria High School girl's basketball team. Bob has been teaching social studies and coaching various sports at Victoria since joining the faculty at VHS in 1981. He was assistant football coach for many years and assisted in boys' basketball as well as an assistant for track and golf. He coached girls basketball through the 80's and 90's and took up the reins again for the 2008-2009 basketball season and will continue coaching the girls team this season.

Alicia Denning Kelley '02 will be teaching 6th and 7th grade language arts and 6th grade social studies.

Keith Smith will continue coaching middle school boys' basketball and was hired as a paraprofessional at the grade school.

Board of Education

Retiring Board of Education members are Sharon Hammerschmidt Staab, **Joe Dreiling '84** and **Peggy Klaus '82**.

The newly elected Board of Education members are **Alan Schulte '85**, P.J. Nowak, and Jeff Crawford. **Kevin Huser '84** is the new Board of Education president. **Troy Schippers '85** is the Board of Education treasurer.

Web Design / Video Production

The students at Victoria High School will have the opportunity to enroll in a new class this year. Under the guidance of Mr. Stuart Moeckel, students will learn the mechanics of designing the school website and keeping it current. They will also learn about video production. During the first few months of school the students will post information about VHS in the form of a slide production. As the class progresses, they will be shooting actual footage of various activities at VHS and produce the footage to be aired on channel 17 of the local Nex-Tech Cable Company. The class is open to juniors and seniors but hopefully it will be extended to freshmen and sophomores as well.

VHS Alumni Newsletter Online...

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We would like to share with you the status of our members:

August 2009:

Current Membership	493
Lapsed membership	768
Honorary membership	402
Never Paid	540
Lifetime.....	34
Deceased	439

Thank you to the 493 members who keep this association going. Lapsed memberships are those who pay a time or two, usually in a reunion year, and then disregard it until reunion time rolls around again. There are 540 alumni who receive the newsletter once a year but have never paid dues or contributed in any way toward the association. We won't give up on them, however, because each year we do take in a few, first time, paid members. Many of you who are now honorary members, which occurred after your 50th class year, were faithful in paying your dues and now you continue to send a donation to support the association. These funds are so important and we thank you for your generosity.

Everyone enjoys receiving the newsletter and we will put forth every effort to keep it coming to you. We cannot do it without your constant support.

Class Notes



1930's

Class of 1934, we would be so honored to have you join us for homecoming this year. You will be celebrating your 75th class reunion. What a wonderful achievement. We will be contacting you for more information.

1940's

Class of 1944, hopefully you have marked October 9 and 10 on your calendar. It is time to celebrate your 65th reunion of your graduation from Victoria Rural High School. It will be great to see all of you again.

Class of 1949, we are looking forward to having you join us for Homecoming 2009. This will mark your 60th reunion. Our records show that there are 25 of you that could possibly return out of a class of 40 members. Make your travel plans now for October 9 and 10.

Linus F. Wasinger '49 sent a donation and told us he appreciates receiving his newsletter. Linus and his wife, Donna, live in Loveland, Colorado. It would be great if you and your wife could make it back for homecoming.

Gilbert Sander '49 and his wife, **Kathleen Rajewski '49**, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2009, in Great Bend with a reception hosted by their children. Gilbert and Kathleen were married June 14, 1949, at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Vincent.

1950's

Vera Weigel Degenhardt '51 sent a note thanking the newsletter staff for the work put into writing and publishing the newsletter. She assured us she reads every page as soon as she receives it. Vera lives in College Park, Maryland, with her husband Jim.

Class of 1954, it is time to celebrate your 55th class reunion. Some of you are such faithful alumni members and have attended every homecoming weekend since the alumni association was formed. Hopefully you will encourage your classmates to return for this important event. We would be happy to get a class list out to you with addresses and phone numbers if you need it. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in October.

Jane Brungardt Ruder '54 sends greetings from her home in Salina. She shared that she enjoyed a visit to San Diego in the summer of 2008 with her five children, many of her grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Alfred "Fritz" Braun '56 and Anita Braun celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 18, 2009, with a Mass at St. Fidelis Catholic Church followed by a dinner and dance at the VFW Hall in Victoria. Children of the couple are **Diana Braun Schmidtberger '78**, **Pamela Braun Scheck '80**, **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83**, and **Connie Braun Schaben '85**. Fritz Braun and Anita Leiker were married April 4, 1959, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

Jane Urban Schumacher '57 and her husband, Laverne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 16, 2009, with a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, followed by a reception, dinner, and dance. They have nine grandchildren. Jane and Laverne were married May 9, 1959, at St. Mary Church, Loretto.

Charlotte Windholz Blake '58 and her husband, Donald, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 18, 2009, in Augusta, Kansas. Charlotte and Don have two sons, one daughter, and seven grandchildren. They were married April 18, 1959, at St. Ann's Church in Walker.

Class of 1959!! We have heard that a number of your classmates from the area have met and have made preliminary plans for a memorable class reunion. You are going to be the honored 50-year class for Homecoming 2009. You will find the reservation form in this newsletter. Get it filled out and mailed today. We are hoping you and many of your classmates are making plans to join us October 9 and 10.

1960's

Earl Billinger '62 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary July 18, 2009, with a family gathering and supper at their home. Their children are **Cindy Billinger Boor '80**, **Laura Billinger Rome '81**, **Lisa Billinger Scott '81**, and **Galen Billinger '85**. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Earl and Mary Stecklein Meis were married April 27, 1979, in Victoria.

Class of 1964, it's number 45 for your class. Give some thought to coming home and getting reacquainted with classmates from those treasured years of high school. Your alumni association looks forward to seeing you and hosting a wonderful weekend for you. We are sure you won't regret it. Spread the word and mark the calendar.

Carol Kreutzer Foos '68 sent her 2010 dues along with a message saying, "The newsletters are great. I look forward to hearing about everyone! Thank you!" We appreciate the compliment, Carol, and thank you for getting those dues updated.

Class of 1969, it is time to be part of Homecoming 2009 to celebrate your 40th class reunion. Please consider returning for this important occasion. Your presence will make the weekend perfect.

Otto Windholz '69 and his wife, Jackie, of Houston, Texas, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2008, with the renewal of their vows at Prince of Peace Catholic Community, Houston, Texas. The ceremony was followed by a reception, dinner, and dance with family and friends. Otto and Jackie's two children, Lyndsie, 25, and Travis, 30, along with Travis's wife, Jennifer, attended the renewal celebration. Otto and Jackie are planning to be back for homecoming.

Rick Rajewski MD '69 was recognized this year for three decades of family practice at Hays Family Medicine, a Hays Medical Center clinic. Dr. Rajewski is a graduate of the University of Kansas. He completed his residency in Wichita and returned to Hays to open his own private practice clinic. Today, the clinic houses five physicians, two nurse practitioners and a physician assistant. Rick is the son of **Howard '46** and **Aquina Leiker Rajewski '46**.

1970's

Class of 1974, we know who you are and we are excited about getting you back home for your 35th reunion. The years pass by so quickly so why not take this opportunity to get back and get reacquainted with your classmates from VHS.

Class of 1979, another reunion year is fast approaching. Number 30 to be exact. Hope you have your calendars marked for October 9 and 10.

1980's

Lee Ann Schulte Hartwick '83 and her husband, Roger, announce the birth of a daughter, Lora Rose, born July 20, 2009. Lora Rose was welcomed home by big sister, Lydia, 23 months. Her grandparents are **Denis Schulte '45** and **Rosemary Brungardt Schulte '45**.

Class of 1984, Important Notice!! Your 25th class reunion will be celebrated October 9 and 10 of 2009. That is just a few short weeks away. You are our honored guests. Get your spokesperson ready to clue us in on the interesting facts about the Class of '84. Karen Schulte Ruder has called for a class list so evidently plans are in progress.

Class of 1989, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th class reunion. We're sure all of you have some news to share with your classmates. Some of you have never been back for a reunion. We encourage you to get your class back for a fun weekend. We have heard that Dave, Matt, and Jim have been on the phone and the trailer has already been reserved for your float. There will be plenty of room for all of you.

1990's

Tracy Patterson Reed '91 and her husband, Kirk, announce the birth of a daughter Isabella Laura, born June 18, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

Jennifer Wagner '95 received her masters degree in reading from Fort Hays State University. She is an assistant to the principal at St. Andrews Elementary School in Abilene, Kansas. Jennifer is the daughter of **Gary '69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**.

Class of 1994, be sure to mark the calendar for October 9 and 10. 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.

Jason Kippes '94, and his wife, Bridget, announce the birth of a daughter, Adalie Jewel, born April 29, 2009, at Hays Medical center. Adalie's grandmother is Ramona Kippes.

Terry Dinkel '97 and his wife Naomi announce the birth of a daughter, Leah Hope, born December 17, 2008, at Hays Medical Center. Grandparents are **Robert '74** and **Connie Berens Dinkel '74**.

Blaine Younger '98 and **Suzy Hansen '02** were married July 3, 2009, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Lawrence. Blaine is a 2002 graduate of Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in marketing. He is owner of Younger Entertainment and a full-time singer, songwriter, and musician with the Blaine Younger Band. Suzy is a 2006 graduate of the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in marketing and a 2009 graduate of the University of Kansas with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is employed with RSM McGladrey Accounting, Kansas City, Missouri. Blaine is the son of Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Jeff Brungardt '98 and his wife, Cassity, announce the birth of a daughter, Jackie Dianne, born July 14, 2009. Jackie has a big brother, Ethan, 21 months old. Grandparents are **Gene '69** and Jan Brungardt.

Class of 1999, you are the 10 year class and another of our honored classes. Hopefully someone has taken the responsibility to get your class back for a fun weekend. You will have the opportunity to share some tales, true or false, about the wonderful class of '99 at the banquet on Saturday evening. Last year's class had a fantastic showing. Check the website for photos from last year.

Sarah Leikam Fischer '99 is a registered nurse working as Dr. January Fields personal nurse in the oncology unit at Hays Medical Center. Sarah and her husband, Shaun, have two daughters, Shaylee, 9 years old, and Carli Jo, 3 years old. Sarah and Shaun live in Ellis. Sarah is the daughter of Bob and Trudy Leikam.

Shaun Karlin '99 and his wife, Jodi, announce the birth of a son, Mason Allen, born March 8, 2009, in Wichita. Grandparents are **Tony '74** and **Wanda Dreiling Karlin '76**. Great-grandparents are **Allen '55** and **Connie Brungardt Dreiling '53**.

Eric Dinges '99 and **Erica Schmidtberger '02** were married April 25, 2009, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Eric is a 2000 graduate of Salina Area Vo-Tech. He is a HVAC Technician at Glassman Corporation, Hays. He is the son of Tony and **Debra Braun Geschwentner '76**. Erica is a 2007 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. She is an accountant at Fort Hays State University Foundation. Erica is the daughter of **Brad '80** and Lori Schmidtberger.

2000's

Kristin Sander Mauch '00 and her husband, Ryan, announce the birth of a son, Mason David, born September 29, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Mason's grandfather is **Dave Sander '72**.

Cameron Gottwald '00 and April Duncan were married June 13, 2009, at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Hays. Cameron is employed with Pfeifer's Inc. of Victoria. Cameron is the son of Dave and Cindy Gottwald.

Jared Wagner '00 and his wife, **Rachel Carter Wagner '00**, announce the birth of a son, Gavin Thomas, born July 2, 2009, in Shawnee, Kansas. Gavin's grandparents are **Gary '69** and **Marilyn Karlin Wagner '71**.

Allen Wasinger '01 and Tara Linenberger were married July 31, 2009, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Allen is a 2006 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Tara is a 2003 graduate of Hays High School and received a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology in 2007 and a master's degree in speech-language pathology in 2009, both from Fort Hays State University. Allen is the son of John and **Theresa Schuckman Wasinger '74**.

Brent Hansen '01 and Stephanie Schuler were married August 1, 2009, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Kansas City, MO. Brent graduated from Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in architecture. He is employed at Populous, Kansas City, Missouri. Stephanie graduated from Ness City High School and Kansas State University with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance. She is a tax analyst for Black and Veatch, Overland Park, Kansas. Brent is the son of **Betty Hansen '76**.

Anne Leikam Bollig '02 and her husband, Preston, have a son, Tracyn Michael, 1 1/2 years old. Anne works as a billing agent for Sizewise Inc. of Ellis. She is the daughter of Bob & Trudy Leikam.

Amy Folkerts '02 and Matthew Sellers were married July 3, 2009, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Manhattan. Amy is a 2007 graduate of Kansas State University. She is a dance coach at Coffeyville Community College. Matthew is a 2001 graduate of Salina South High School and a 2006 graduate of Kansas State University. He is an assistant football coach at Coffeyville Community College. Amy is the daughter of Pat and Gia Scott.

Tracy Rohr Helget '03 and her husband, Jake, announce the birth of a daughter, Molly Ann, born March 23, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Molly's grandparents are **Roger '79** and **Patty Dreiling Rohr '82**. Her great-grandmother is **Mary Louise VonFeldt Dreiling '47**.

Kristen Robben '03 and Ryan Heffel were married May 30, 2009, in Estes Park, Colorado. Kristin is a 2006 graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is pursuing a doctorate of physical therapy at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Ryan is a 2000 graduate of Hays High School and attended Fort Hays State University. He is a pre-pharmacy student at the University of Kansas majoring in chemistry. Kristen is the daughter of **Jim '70** and Crystal Robben. She is the granddaughter of **JoAnn Brown Berens '59** and the great-granddaughter of **Josephine Windholz Robben '24**.

Class of 2004, 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 '04 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for October 9 and 10.

Jake Karlin '05 and Emily Baker were married July 18, 2009, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Marienthal. Jake is attending Fort Hays State University and pursuing a degree in agriculture. Emily is a 2006 graduate of Wichita County High School, Leoti, and is attending Fort Hays State University pursuing a degree in elementary education. Jake is the son of John and **Susan Robben Karlin '82**. He is the great-grandson of **Josephine Windholz Robben '24**.

Christine Leikam '08 is a sophomore at Fort Hays State University. She also works at Goodwin's Sporting Goods in Hays. She is the daughter of Bob and Trudy Leikam.

Jordan Ottley '09 was chosen to play in the annual Shrine Bowl of Kansas football game in Wichita in July. He will continue his football career at Fort Hays State University in the fall. Jordan is the fourth Knight in history to be chosen for this honor. Fellow Knights were **Mitchell Berens** in 1987 and **John Ruder** and **Chad Hammerschmidt** in 1989. Jordan is the son of David and Andrea Ottley.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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.

—In Loving Memory

Florence Fern “Flossie” Dreiling died February 1, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include her husband, **Hilary Dreiling ‘48**, and a number of nieces and nephews.

Alvina Schmidtberger Clapperton ‘37 died March 14, 2009, at her home in Beaverton, Oregon. Survivors include her husband, Edward; a son, Edward C.; a daughter, Anne; three brothers, **Alvin ‘38**, Virgil, and Loren; two sisters, Amelia Ricci and Janice Elliott; and two grandsons.

Donald Stephens died April 7, 2009, at Highland Ranch, Colorado. Survivors include his wife, **Ruth Dreiling Stephens ‘55**; one son; and one brother.

Iris Knoll ‘60 died April 12, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include five brothers, **Wayne ‘51**, **Omer ‘52**, **Lester ‘54**, **Carroll ‘55**, and **Larry ‘65**; one sister, **Jane Knoll Tenney ‘63**; 16 nephews and nieces; 27 great-nephews and nieces; and a great-great-niece.

Alice Brungardt died April 24, 2009, at St. John’s Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include one son, **Robert ‘51**; three daughters, **Mary Alice Brungardt Knight ‘52**, **Theresa Brungardt McDade ‘55**, and **Venita Brungardt O’Conor ‘59**; a daughter-in-law; two brothers; four sisters; 16 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Robert W. Dreiling ‘44 died April 26, 2009, at Russell Regional Hospital. Survivors include his wife, **Thelma Weigel ‘47**; a son, Ronald; a brother, **Allen ‘55**; two sisters, Heraldine Dreiling Kreutzer and **Agnes May Dreiling Karlin ‘48**.

Francis Schippers ‘58 died May 2, 2009, at his home in Victoria. Survivors include a brother, **Gilbert ‘45**; a sister, **Eleanor ‘44**; two nephews; a niece; a niece-in-law; 11 great-nephews and nieces; and eight great-great nephews and nieces.

Alvin R. Schmidtberger died May 7, 2009, at his home in Victoria. Survivors include six sons, **Galen ‘63**, **Joe ‘64**, **Wayne ‘65**, **Jim ‘70**, **Neal ‘72**, and **Glenn ‘82**; three daughters, **Brenda Schmidtberger ‘67**, **Pam Schmidtberger Gasper ‘77**, and **Myra Schmidtberger Meder ‘78**; 25 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Lillian M. Urban died May 29, 2009. Survivors include one son; three daughters; two brothers, **Wilfred Sander ‘48** and **Don Sander ‘65**; a sister, **Doris Sander Hertel ‘63**; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth F. Schmidtberger ‘66 died June 4, 2009, at his home in Russell. Survivors include his wife, Tess; two sons; three daughters; two brothers, **Karl ‘69** and **Paul ‘70**; three sisters, **Dianne Schmidtberger Carter ‘73**, **Janice Schmidtberger Tholen ‘77**, and **Carol Schmidtberger Dreiling ‘84**; and three grandchildren.

John Wayne Dinkel died June 9, 2009, at his home. Survivors include his father, **Jack Dinkel ‘55**; one brother; one nephew; and one niece.

Patricia Brungardt Kreutzer ‘54 died June 27, 2009, at St. John’s of Hays. Survivors include her husband, Wilfred; one son; two daughters; a brother, **Leroy Brungardt ‘51**; five sisters, Henrietta Brungardt Rohr, Amelia Brungardt Jacobs, **Rita Brungardt Wolf ‘48**, Bettie Brungardt Hutchens, and Lillian Brungardt Herrman; and three grandchildren.

Norman F. Schrant died July 1, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Bernita; three sons, **Larry ‘76**, **Rick ‘77**, and **Jim ‘80**; two brothers; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Marjorie Griese Bechard ‘56 died June 9, 2009, in Springfield, Missouri. Survivors include her husband, Wayne; two sons; one sister; and two grandchildren.

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