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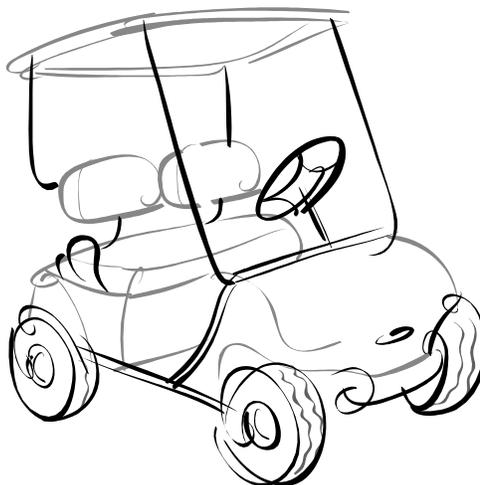
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Attention All Golfers



Are you ready for something new this year? The location for the 14th Annual VHS Scholarship Golf Classic will take place at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course on Friday morning, September 17. We will kick off Homecoming 2010 with an 18-hole, four-person scramble. For those of you that have been away from the course or have never played the course, you will be pleasantly surprised at the condition of the south course. A back nine was added about five years ago with blue grass fairways and the front nine was reseeded to blue grass last year. Yes, you can drive a golf cart to your ball in the fair way.



calendar—**Friday, September 17.** We are planning a 9:00 a.m. shotgun start with registration starting around 7:30 a.m. The cost is \$40 a person or \$160 a team. Non-VHS alumni will be invited to play so you can bring your own “A” player. We hope to have lots of sponsors to donate prizes and food items. Carts can be rented at the course. If you have questions or suggestions, you may contact Randy Leiker at 785-623-6965 or email him at RandyL@eaglecom.net. More information will be available in the August newsletter.



We know September is a ways off but be sure to mark the date on your

New Faces on the Board of Directors

Dr. Rick Rajewski '69 and **John Schulte '96** have joined the VHS Alumni Board of Directors. They have filled the positions vacated by **Ken Billinger '79** and **Sandy Schmidtberger McAlonan '83**. We would like to thank Ken and Sandy for their years of service on the board and we look forward to working with Rick and John.

Homecoming 2009

Victoria High School Alumni from across the country gathered here in Victoria on October 9 and 10 for the annual homecoming festivities. The weekend began Friday morning, with the 13th annual VHS Golf Classic, played on the local sand greens. There were 22 brave participants who showed up on a chilly, rainy day. After a delicious luncheon prepared by head chef, **Jeff Goetz '79**, with the Alumni Board as assistants, the golf honors were awarded. First place, with a score of 27–8 under par went to **Matt Berens '89, Chad Hammerschmidt '89, Kevin Kline '89, and David Younger '89**. There was a tie for second and third place and had to be determined by the flip of a coin. Second place went to **John Ruder '89, John Weber '89, and James Dreiling '89**. Third place was awarded to **Bob Pfeifer '45, Troy Weigel '99, and Don Pruitt**, who has been a regular supporter of the tournament for many years.

The golf tournament has always been a great kick-off for the weekend. In visiting with some of the participants, we heard **Kay Schulte Werth '79** say, "I had a million things to do, but I'm always so glad I took the time to do this. We never go away as winners but love the camaraderie." Kay was joined by fellow classmates, **Jane Baier Schumacher '79, Kelly Windholz Kaba '79, and Doreen Braun Koerner '79. Nathan Younger '52** has been at every homecoming weekend since its beginning and played in all 13 golf tournaments. He said, "I'm here every year. Couldn't get me to school but I always show up for the tournaments." **Bob Pfeifer '45** said, "I didn't have a golf cart today but really didn't need one." Incidentally, Bob will be celebrating his 83rd birthday this month.



Alphonse A. "Al" Pfeifer '34 served as Grand Marshall for the 2009 Homecoming Parade. He was chauffeured by Elmer Dinkel '53.

Many of the reunion classes take advantage of the open house at the V.F.W. Hall which precedes the parade, which is hosted by the board of directors. This was the case again this year. It is always a special time for alumni to gather and get reacquainted after so many years. It is here we first met our distinguished Grand Marshall for Homecoming 2009, **Alphonse A. "Al" Pfeifer '34**. We found Al to be a vibrant, fun loving, 94-year-old gentleman. He shared many memories of his years here in Victoria and as a student at St. Fidelis High School. He was proud of his long career as an implement dealer in LaCrosse. He told us he stood behind every implement he ever sold, except for one, and that was the manure spreader. Needless to say, Al was generating lots of laughs and making many new friends.

Parade time saw the sun come out and there was very little wind as alumni gathered on their respective floats for a fun ride down the beloved streets of Victoria. Expressions of joy, laughter, doubt, "now who are you?" and excitement filled the air. Our Hall of Fame dignitaries found the convertibles they would be riding in and all was set. Almost every reunion year class had a float beginning with the 60 year class of 1949.

Following the parade and pep rally many of the alumni enjoyed the burgers and brats sponsored by the VIP Organization (Victoria's Interest Parents). The Knights Football team treated all to a victory and the game was followed by the social at the V.F.W. It was here we caught up with the youngest honor class, the class of 1999. They found ten years away from one another had not diminished their friendships in the least and they were so thankful that they had decided to take part in the weekend.

The Memorial Mass on Saturday was very moving and emotional. It is that time of year when we remember our dear ones who have passed on. The surroundings of our beautiful church and the sounds of the alumni choir and ensembles were breathtaking. This makes us aware of how fortunate we are to have lived in Victoria and especially to have graduated from Victoria High School.

The banquet, program, and dance put the final touches on another perfect homecoming weekend. Honor classes were placed front-and-center for special recognition. The Class of 1959 was the 50-year honor class. They were well represented and had a weekend filled with many activities. The Class of 1984 was out in full force and was recognized as the 25-year honor class. Last, but definitely not least, was the Class of 1999 who was honored as the 10-year class. These three classes were given the privilege of sharing treasured memories and current news about their respective class during the program. All five-year increment classes were introduced.

The family of Sister Annabel Dreiling, CSA was present to accept their aunt's induction into the 2009 Hall of Fame. **Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51** and David Ottley accepted their induction into the hall of fame with great humility and appreciation.

"Let's Make A Deal", the audience participation game hosted by our own Rich Billinger, was a huge success again this year and brought in \$462.00 for the scholarship fund. An added feature was the awarding of various prizes given throughout the evening to those attending the banquet and dance. Prizes were donated by a number of sponsors who were contacted by some of the board of directors.

The "Country Dutchmen," a popular band in the area, were back again and kept the dance floor hopping with familiar tunes from the past and present. Some of the members of the classes of '49 and '79 remained until the very end to turn off the lights and end another successful VHS Homecoming Weekend.

Alumni Association - HALL OF FAME

New category added to the Alumni Hall of Fame "Outstanding Victoria High School Alum"

Beginning with Homecoming 2010, the alumni board of directors has voted to accept nominees for an **Alum At Large** award. This person will be nominated for outstanding accomplishments during his or her lifetime.

Based on your letters of nomination, the board will choose three individuals—two school personnel and one VHS graduate at large—to be inducted into the Victoria Alumni Association Hall of Fame.

We are now accepting your letters of nomination for individuals in the new "Outstanding VHS Alum" category and the "Outstanding School Personnel" category. School personnel includes elementary or high school teachers, coaches, secretaries, cooks, custodians, principals, or superintendents. Your letters should state your reasons for the nomination and should reach the alumni board by June 1, 2010.

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

Upcoming Events in Victoria

Alumni-sponsored Senior Barbeque — Friday, May 14

High School Graduation — Sunday, May 16

Fidelisfest — Monday, May 31

Herzogfest — Friday, August 13 and Saturday, August 14

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1945, your 65th class reunion is fast approaching. We certainly hope you will be able to join us for our annual homecoming festivities on September 17 and 18.

Alice M Kuhn DeHart '46 sends greetings, "To all, my best wishes for 2010 with fond memories of my childhood."

Fred Weigel '47 says, "You folks are doing a great job on the alumni newsletter". Thank you for the compliment, Fred.

Paul J. Baier '49 and his wife, **Lucy Schippers Baier '54**, celebrated 55 years of marriage on November 7, 2009, with a Mass at St. Joseph Church, Hays, followed by a family dinner. Their children are: **Susan Baier Legleiter '74**, **Mary Baier Pfeifer '75**, **Jane Baier Schumacher '79**, and **Betty Baier Merritt '83**; 12 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and six step-great-grandchildren. Paul and Lucy were married November 6, 1954, at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria.

Class of 1949, it was so nice to see so many of you at homecoming. Your presence was definitely noticed with your parade entry and the record number of you attending the banquet. We noticed that many of you were with us well after midnight. Good for you, and we hope to see you again this year.

John Braun '49 and his wife, Josie, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary November 20, 2009, with a Mass at St. Fidelis Church, Victoria. They have four sons, **James '75**, **Joe '79**, **John '84**, and **Jerry '91**; three daughters, **Janet Braun Giersch '77**, **Joan Braun Rourke '82**, and **Judy Braun Brummer '89**; 12 grandchildren; and 3 great-grandchildren. John and Josie Riedel were married November 20, 1954.

Gilbert '49 and **Kathleen Rajewski Sander '49** would like to thank everyone for the cards they received on their 60th wedding anniversary. They have one daughter, four sons, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Gilbert and Kathleen have lived in Great Bend since 1955.

1950's

Class of 1950, we want you to begin planning for your 60th class reunion. In checking our files we see a great group of alumni who we think would certainly enjoy a weekend renewing old friendships. The homecoming date has been set for September 17 and 18.

Bernice Goetz Bushman '50 says, "Thank you for all your efforts to continue the annual homecoming celebration. I especially thank the ones that put the newsletter together. I look forward to receiving it. Makes me feel I still have contact with my roots." Bernice, your praise is certainly appreciated and we are pleased that you enjoy the newsletter. It is so nice to hear from so many of our alumni.

Wayne Knoll '51 writes, "Greetings fellow Victorians." He sends his compliments to all who are responsible for the Alumni Association Newsletter. He hopes to make it back for one of the annual homecoming celebrations to see many of his classmates such as Bob Brungardt, Wilma Pfeifer, Helen Toepfer, Norma Jean Goetz, and Charlie Dreiling, as well as many others. Wayne is a professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and shares that he and his wife, Anne, have written a book entitled, "The Priest and the Medium." The book is selling well and is in its second printing. The early chapters describe Wayne's life growing up in Victoria. Wayne is a former Jesuit priest and Anne is an internationally known medium and psychic. He closes by writing, "I love Victoria, the people of Victoria, our beautiful Cathedral of the Plains; I appreciate my roots, and I attend our family reunion each year on July 4. God bless you all."

Frank A. Denning '54 sent a message to the Alumni Association saying, "Thanks for the memories."

Jane Brungardt Ruder '54 wants the news staff to know how very much she enjoys receiving the newsletter.

Class of 1955, it is your turn to be honored as the 55th graduating class of Victoria Rural High School. Homecoming 2010 will take place on the weekend of September 17th and 18th of this year. The way time flies, it will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar and begin calling classmates. Check the website, www.victoriaalumni.com, for addresses and phone numbers.

Rita Rajewski Gibson '56 says, "Thank you all for another year of the Victoria news. Keep up the good work. God Bless."

Vernie Dreiling '57 and his wife, Patty, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception and dance for family and friends. Vernie and Patty Gross were married September 12, 1959. Their children are **Randy '79, Frank '80, Sandy Dreiling Goetz '82, Sadie Dreiling Wideman '85, Tony '89, Mike '91, and Terri Dreiling Maring '92.**

Frank Mermis '57 and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary October 3, 2009, with a Mass at St. Ann Catholic Church, Walker, followed by a social and dinner for family and friends at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Victoria. Frank and Mary Rupp were married October 3, 1959, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellis.

Gerald VonFeldt '57 and his wife, **Harriett VonLintel VonFeldt '58**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary November 27, 2009, in Victoria, with a Mass, dinner and dance. Their children are: **Jerry '79, Beverly VonFeldt Scheck '80, Sherry VonFeldt Sanders '83, and Dale '88.** They have 13 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Jerry and Harriett were married October 7, 1959, in Victoria.

Jeanette Wellbrock Harris '57 wanted her class to know that she and her husband, Art, are anxious for the next reunion for the class of '57. They sure enjoyed the 50th reunion.

Enola VonLintel Porter '57 thanks the news staff for mentioning the grandparents when writing about the younger alumni. This helps her make associations to alumni that she knows.

Gloria June Braun Clark '58 and Tom Donahue were married October 10, 2009, in St. Monica's Catholic Church, Mercer Island, Washington. The newlyweds will be living on Mercer Island.

Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58 and her husband, Frank, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary February 6, 2010, with a family dinner at Rooftops Restaurant, Hays. They are planning another celebration this summer for family and friends. Frank and Ruth have two sons and three daughters; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. They were married February 6, 1960, at Sacred Heart Church, Emmeram.

Kenneth J. Riedel '59 retired from Cessna Aircraft Company in 2007 after 35 years of continuous service. Kenneth and his wife, Annette, have one grandson. They have been married for 45 years and spend their time fishing, gardening, and golfing. They have two grown children.

Ralph Wellbrock '59 has retired from his welding business after 35 years. He is now enjoying his hobbies.

1960's

Class of 1960!! Are you ready for this? You are going to be the **honored 50-year class** for Homecoming 2010. Many of you updated your dues this past homecoming and we thank you for that. The dates have been set for September 17 and 18 and the alumni board is busy planning all the festivities for the weekend. It is not too early to be planning your float for the parade and any other special events you might have in mind. If we can help you with a class list, just let us know.

Verda Dome Graff '60 is already looking forward to Homecoming 2010 to celebrate her 50th class reunion with all of her dear classmates.

Sheila Roth Leiker-Page '60 was presented with a stewardship award, given by Bishop Paul Coakley, for 33 years of dedication as an organist at St. Boniface Church, Vincent. Sheila's children are **Linette Leiker Brungardt '81**, **Brenda Leiker Geist '82**, and **Keith Leiker '84**.

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**, Stephanie Meis, and **Galen Billinger '85**. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Earl and Mary Stecklein Meis were married April 27, 1979, in Victoria.

Judith Ann Braun Evans '63 is still living in Garden City. She is retired and enjoys golf and traveling. Her son, Casey, was married in August of 2008 in Topeka. Her granddaughter, Britney, is a student at Kansas State University.

Class of 1965, it's time for a class reunion and it's number 45. Can you believe that? Begin planning now to come home for the weekend of September 17 and 18. We'd love to have you spread the word and mark your calendar.

Betty Dinkel Schneider '65 and her husband, Don, celebrated 40 years of marriage on October 20, 2009. Betty is retired from nursing.

Patricia Sander Legleiter '65 retired in 2006 from her position at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church as co-director/coordinator of Faith Formation. She is presently working part time for her daughter at the Hays Mall Management Office as an administrative assistant to operations and marketing director. She and her husband will be celebrating 45 years of marriage in 2010. Patty says, "We have six precious daughters and wonderful sons-in-laws, and ten beautiful grandchildren. Never a dull moment! Thanks for all you do! Very much enjoy reading about alumni."

Alan R. Hoffman '67 and his wife, **Sharon Kay Roth Hoffman '66**, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary August 16, 2009. Sharon also retired from Kennedy Middle School in May of 2009 after 40 years of teaching.

Carol Kreutzer Foes '68 gives a call out to the Class of '68, "See you at #50. That would be 2018. How time flies!"

1970's

Class of 1970, hopefully you will want to be part of Homecoming 2010 to celebrate your 40th class reunion. Those years just keep passing by. Come join your Alumni Association for a fantastic weekend.

Don Hoffman '70 and his wife, Gretta, announce the birth of their first grandson, Jace Hoffman, born January 18, 2008, and the birth of their first granddaughter, Morgan Lee Huchenberg, born August 14, 2009. Don was nominated and inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in Toronto in October of 2008.

Patty Jacobs Way '70 completed a certificate at Wichita State University in July, 2009, for Project Management. This is a program from the continuing education department.

Bryan VonFeldt '73 and his wife, Nancy, are the proud grandparents of their first grandchild, Kaelyn Jennifer Holland, born July 2, 2009.

Dan '74 and Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74 write, "2009 has been quite memorable for us! We moved to our farm in Victoria where we are just starting construction on a new home. Our youngest son, Jared, graduated from the University of Kansas and was married in June. Our oldest son, Brent, watched his wife graduate from KU Medical Center two weeks before she gave birth to their second daughter. Oh – and we had a new foal this spring too!"

Susan Baier Legleiter '74 had her 29th anniversary at Fort Hays State University August 18, 2009. Susan is enjoying her grandchildren, Preston and Myranda. She wishes they lived closer.

Class of 1975, it's class reunion time, number 35 to be exact. Mark your calendars for September 17 and 18, 2010, and plan on a fun weekend renewing old friendships.

Paula Windholz Thomas '75 says she enjoys the newsletter and getting caught up on all the news. She is hoping enthusiasm builds for their upcoming 35th class reunion.

Mark Linenberger '78 and his wife, Brenda, announce the birth of a son, Kobe Scott, born July 7, 2009, at Hays Medical Center.

1980's

Class of 1980, it's reunion time. Hope to see you back in the area to celebrate your 30th class reunion. Get the ball rolling for a great time. September 17 and 18 are the dates scheduled for this event.

Theresa Dreiling '80, a former minute clerk for the Oklahoma Court of Appeals, a position she had held since 1991, has been named Special District Court Judge, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Her duties include guardianship and child support dockets for families and children in need. Theresa is a 1987 University of Tulsa College of Law graduate. She earned her undergraduate degree from Washburn University. She is the daughter of **Alfred "Fritz" Dreiling '49**.

Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80 informs us that she is the owner of Kelly O'Brien Koerner TexKan Tutoring. Her services include tutoring English, reading, writing, study skills, and homework support. She has 23 years of tutoring/teaching experience. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and a Masters degree in secondary education/reading. She will be back for homecoming and looks forward to seeing everyone.

Robin Brown Schmidt '82 is celebrating 25 years of nursing this year. She has been promoted to a teaching position in trauma hospital as a staff educator, nursing assistant educator, and physician educator. She is also working on a Masters in nursing and a Masters in public health. Robin is married to Daniel Schmidt. She has a daughter Kendra 23 and a son Cody 21. Kendra is pursuing a career in nursing and Cody is pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Class of 1985, do you realize you have been alumni of VHS for 25 years? We hope you will take time to come back for Homecoming 2010, September 17th and 18th. This will be the best homecoming ever. Join your classmates on Facebook Group/Victoria High School – Class of 85. More details on the weekend's activities will be coming soon!!!!!!

Darian Dinkel '89 and his wife, Tori, announce the birth of a son, Isaac William, born January 5, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. He has a brother Aiden, 20 months old. Isaac's grandmother is **Rose Mary Braun Dinkel '60**.

1990's

Class of 1990, it is time to be thinking about coming home for your 20th class reunion. We always have a great turnout for the 20 year class. Don't let your fellow classmates and alumni board down. Let us know if we can get you a class list. Be sure to check www.victoriaalumni.com for the names and addresses of many of your classmates.

Bart Dreiling '90 is president and half owner of Structureflex, specializing in canopies and roof coverings. Structureflex's Kansas City office serves as the New Zealand-based company's headquarters for North and South America. Founded in 2005, the office's first job was providing the canopy in the Kansas City Power & Light District.

Mike Younger '92 and his wife, **Sarah Robben Younger '94**, were presented with the Rush County Farm Bureau Natural Resources Award at the annual Farm Bureau Association meeting for 2009. Conservation is a priority on their farm. All terraces and waterways are kept in proper working order. Several waterway projects were completed in 2006 and they are starting three new waterways that will include new terraces. They completed a livestock windbreak in 2004 consisting of 900 red cedars and planted another 300-tree windbreak last spring. Mike and Sarah also announce the birth of a daughter, Grace Anna, born March 10, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. Grace has a big sister, Myah, 2½ years old. Grace's grandparents are John and **Ethel Stegman Younger '59** and **Steve '67** and **Fran Miller Robben '67**.

Tina Brungardt Herrman '93 and her husband, Troy, announce the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Ella, born September 14, 2009. She has two sisters, Alexandra, 8, and Jessica, 5, and a brother, Nicholas, 5. Kathryn's grandparents are **Bob '68** and **Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68**.

Jennifer Meder Lehmann '94 and her husband, Vincent, announce the birth of a son, Colten John, born December 8, 2009. His grandparents are Gilbert and **Lena Scheck Meder '56**.

Class of 1995, be sure to mark the calendar for September 17 and 18. 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.

Chris Sander '95 and his wife, Christie, announce the birth of a son, Nicholas Lowell, born November 18, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Nicholas has a sister, Lydia, 7, and a brother, Wesley, 2. His grandparents are **Steve '68** and **Bonnie Schmidtberger Sander '71**.

Stephen Stramel '95 and **Nichole Schmidtberger Stramel '98** announce the birth of a daughter, Cydnee Nichole, born December 1, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. She has two brothers, Taylor, 12, and Lucas, 7. Grandparents are **Bill '74** and **Diana Braun Schmidtberger '78** and **Stan '69** and Patty Stramel. Great-grandparents are **Alfred "Fritz" '56** and Anita Braun and Bob and Patty Schmidtberger.

Jeff Ruder '96 and his wife, Summer, announce the birth of son, Karston Joseph, born July 24, 2009, at Olathe Medical Center. Karston has a sister, Kinley, 1 year old. Grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Melissa Wasinger '97 and John Mayers were married August 29, 2009, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Melissa graduated from Fort Hays State University and is employed at High Plains Mental Health Center. John graduated from Otis-Bison High School and Kansas State University. He is employed at WW Drilling , Wakeeney. Melissa is the daughter of Ray and **Janice Braun Wasinger '69**.

James Seitz '98 and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of a son, Maxwell, born October 17, 2009. Max has a big brother, Jack. His grandparents are Steve and **Deb Braun Seitz '72**.

Blaine Younger '98 has released his third CD, "Red Line". The Blaine Younger band offer their own brand of "Kansas Country" music, with lyric references to small town Kansas life including memories of days at good ol' VHS. Blaine is married to **Suzy Hansen Younger '02**. His parents are Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Brett Wellbrock '99 and **Kelly Spiess Wellbrock '00** announce the birth of a daughter, Julia Paige, born June 8, 2009, in Salina. She has a brother, Carson, 3 years old. Julia's grandparents are Neil and **Pam Brown Wellbrock '72** and **Ivan '64** and **Kathy Braun Edsall '69**.

Troy Weigel '99 and his wife, Denise, have opened two businesses in Hays: Weigel's Plumbing / D & T Sewer Cleaning and Paradise Tanning & Cuts.

Travis Dinges '99 and Stacy VonLintel were married September 26, 2009. Travis works for Midwest Energy, Hays. He is the son of **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**.

2000's

Class of 2000, begin making plans for your 10-year reunion from Victoria High School. You are our youngest honor class and the future of Victoria Alumni Association. We hope to see many of you for homecoming festivities on September 17 and 18. Help make this the best homecoming ever.

James Billinger '00 and his wife, **Emily Gatchet Billinger '02**, announce the birth of a son, Leo James, born July 30, 2009. His grandparents are Carol Gatschet and **Gilbert '63** and **Carol Stramel Billinger '65**.

Sarah Green '01 and John Doerfler were married September 26, 2009, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Sarah received an associate's degree in business management in 2003. She is attending Fort Hays State University pursuing a degree in elementary education with a minor in special education. John is a 1999 graduate of Hays High School and a 2006 graduate of Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in geography and a minor in history. Sarah is the daughter of Merle Fager and **Delilah Sander Green '73**. John is the son of Dr. Dan and **Deanne Brown Schmidt '77**.

Seth Schulte '02 and his wife, Abby, announce the birth of a son, Ethan Michael, born December 8, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Ethan's grandfather is **Tom Schulte '70**.

Heather Dreiling '03 and Cody Pfaff were married September 5, 2009, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Heather is a 2005 graduate of North Central Kansas Technical School. She is a financial service representative at Hays Medical Center. Cody is a 2002 graduate of Plainville High School and a 2004 graduate of Wyoming Technical School. He is a sergeant in the United States Army Reserve and is employed at RANS in Hays.

Scott Vonfeldt '03 and his wife, Rachel, announce the birth of a son, Kaden Scott, born September 29, 2009. He has a sister, Camri, 2 years old. Grandparents are **Steve '69** and Teri VonFeldt. Great-grandparents are **Arthur '42** and **Joan Mermis VonFeldt '47**.

Curtis VonLintel '03 and Traci Younger were married October 24, 2009. Curtis is employed at Stewart Tank Service and Traci is a 2001 graduate of Hays High School. She is self-employed. Curtis is the son of **Chris '83** and Phyllis VonLintel and the grandson of **Dennis '56** and Kay VonLintel.

Class of 2005, 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 '05 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for September 17 and 18.

Brittney Hertel '05 and Chad Lorson were married April 10, 2010, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Brittney is attending Manhattan Area Technical College and Barton County Community College, pursuing certification in basic emergency medical services and a degree in nursing. She is a certified nursing assistant in the emergency room at Memorial Health System, Abilene. Chad is a 2000 graduate of Hope High School and a 2002 graduate of Barton County Community College with a degree in agricultural business. He is employed as a car man with Union Pacific, Herington, and is co-owner of Lorson Electric and Circle L Farms, Hope. Brittney is the daughter of **Jeff '79** and Shari Hertel.

Anthony Smith '06 and **Niki Jones '06** were married August 22, 2009, at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Catharine. Anthony is in the National Guard and Niki is pursuing a degree in nursing. Anthony is employed at St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria, and Niki is working at Hays Orthopedic Clinic.

Danielle Dinkel '06 and Cole Gottschalk were married September 19, 2009, at Frontier Park in Hays. Danielle is the daughter of **Dale '83** and **Kris Newton Dinkel '86**.

Kelsey Robben '07 is currently a junior at the University of Kansas. Kelsey is the daughter of **Joe '81** and Gail Robben.

In Loving Memory

Irene E. Brown died August 17, 2009, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include a son, **Bob '70**; a daughter, **Mary Jo Brown Caudill '74**; a brother; a sister; and three grandchildren.

Ralph Schulte died August 20, 2009, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, Helen; one son; two daughters; a brother, **Raymond '47**; a sister, **Lucy Ann Schulte Brull '45**; and 10 grandchildren.

Cody Joseph Younger died September 11, 2009. Survivors include his parents, Neal and **Carolyn Braun Younger '80**; a sister, Brianna; many aunts; uncles; and cousins.

Anita Weber died September 14, 2009, at her home. Survivors include three sons, **Lavon '58**, **Rich '66**, and **Mitchell '75**; a daughter, **Robenette Weber '71**; two brothers; a sister; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

Bernice M. Riedel Hillman '48 died October 8, 2009, at Russell Regional Hospital. Survivors include two sons, Lloyd and Mike; three daughters, **Shirley Riedel Brungardt '68**, **Connie Riedel Bollig '70**, and Wanda Riedel Schmidtberger; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Gloriann Berens Goodman '47 died October 20, 2009, at Ness County Hospital, Ness City, Kansas. Survivors include three sons, three daughters, one brother, four sisters, 14 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Derek Dreiling died October 10, 2009, at Baylor Hospital, Plano, Texas. Survivors include his mother, Nancy Mowery; his father, **Charles Dreiling '51**; one brother; and two sisters.

Colette Pfannenstiel Dreiling '36 died October 19, 2009, in Salina. Survivors include two sons, a daughter, two brothers, two sisters, 19 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Robert (Bob) Brull died October 27, 2009, at Hays Good Samaritan Center. Survivors include his wife, **Lucy Ann Schulte Brull '45**; two sons; four daughters; two brothers; two sisters; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Wayne Billinger '73 died November 15, 2009, at his home. Survivors include his son, Michael; his daughter, Kelsey; his mother, Rita Billinger; four brothers, **Vernon '59**, **Earl '62**, **Rich '68**, and **Bill '77**; and two sisters, **Marlene Billinger Brown '61** and **Mary Billinger Pfeifuaf '65**. The Alumni Association is indebted to Wayne for designing our alumni logo, which can be found on the front cover of the newsletter and which is used on all official correspondence of the Alumni Association.

Delmas K. Windholz '52 died December 1, 2009, at Brandon Woods Retirement Center, Lawrence. Survivors include one son, two daughters, three sisters, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Mary Ann Windholz Karlin '67 died December 12, 2009, at her home. Survivors include her husband, **Larry '67**; three sons; her father, Jerome Windholz; two brothers, **Marvin Windholz '64** and **Alfred Windholz '65**; and five grandchildren.

Louise Brown Dreiling '54 died January 14, 2010, at her son's home in Halstead. Survivors include one son, Steven; two daughters, **Janene Dreiling Schrant '79** and **Janell Dreiling '81**; four sisters, Isabelle Dreiling, Matilda Brooks, Catherine Stumbaugh, and **JoAnn Brown Berens '59**; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Angela C. Basgall died January 17, 2010, in McPherson. Survivors include two sons, **Melvin '60** and **Kenneth '63**; two daughters, **Norma Basgall '61** and **Kay Basgall Guffey '66**; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Her husband, Bruno, a member of the Victoria Alumni Hall of Fame, preceded her in death.

Thomas J. "Tom" Yunker died January 17, 2010, in Milan, Italy. Survivors include his wife, **Lois M. Brungardt Yunker '62**; three sons; five brothers; and two sisters.

Bertha Pfeifer died January 20, 2010, at St John's Health Care Center, Victoria. Survivors include her husband, Wilfred A. "Willie" Pfeifer; two sons, **Kenneth '70** and **Steve '75**; two daughters, **Janice Pfeifer Pfannenstiel '65** and **Shirley Pfeifer '68**; two brothers; one sister; ten grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Virgil Hammerschmidt '63 died February 3, 2010, at his home in Philipsburg, Montana. Survivors include five brothers, **Valerian '58**, **Verlin '63**, **Vernard '66**, **Valery '70**, and **Vernon '75**; two sisters, **Vivian Hammerschmidt Appelhans '59** and **Virginia Hammerschmidt Hume '61**.

Ana Hertel died February 11, 2010, at her home. Survivors include her parents, **Stan '74** and Lori Hertel, and one brother, Daniel.

Arthur Mirkovich died February 17, 2010. He is survived by his wife, **Mary Wellbrock Mirkovich '59**; two sons; one daughter; one sister; one brother; and three grandchildren.

Richard Leighton '62 died February 22, 2010, in Tucson, Arizona. He is survived by a brother, Lawrence, and a sister, Karen Belden.

Andrew G. Klaus died March 17, 2010, at Pratt Regional Medical Center. He is survived by three sons, **Earl '72**, **Ralph '74**, and **Pete '82**; two daughters, **Linda Klaus Covey '70** and **Diane Klaus Fakir '76**; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Angelita Billinger died March 27, 2010 at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by three sons, **Robert '67**, **Dan '75**, and **Ken '79**; two daughters, **Kathy Billinger Kuhn '68** and **Jeanne Kuhn Riedel '71**; 11 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Magdalen Geist Pfannenstiel '35 died March 30, 2010, in Halstead, Kansas. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Cambry Nicole Dinkel, infant daughter of **Cole '00** and Niki Dinkel, died April 1, 2010, at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita. Survivors include her parents; a sister, Caidyn; her grandparents, **Wilmer Jr. '73** and Darlinea Dinkel; her great-grandparents, **Frank '50** and Helga Stremel; and **Gilbert Riedel '53** and Doris Riedel.

Ernest Meis '56 died April 3, 2010, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Pauline; two sons; one daughter; two brothers, **Paul '60** and Harold; a sister, Sr. Ronald Meis; and two grandchildren.

Don Sander '47 died April 6, 2010, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. He is survived by two brothers, **Leo '44** and **Gilbert '49**; two sisters, Theckla Sander Hammerschmidt and **Agnes Sander Schrant '50**; and many nieces and nephews.

Catherine Dreiling Harkness '46 died April 6, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. She is survived by three sons; one daughter; a brother, **Raymond J. '46**; three sisters, Jeannete Dreiling Pfortmiller, Eileen Dreiling, and Patricia Dreiling Boswell; and two grandchildren.

Gerald "Jerry" Roth '41 died April 10, 2010, at Lutheran Hospice House in Denver. He is survived by his wife, Ann; one son; two daughters; two brothers, **Bernie '45** and Bill; one sister, **Det Roth Younger '58**; one grandson; and one granddaughter.



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