

HOMECOMING 2011 September 23 - 24

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Fundraiser – Great Success!! Thanks to all of you

Due to the success of the raffle, the board of directors voted to increase the four scholarships awarded to our senior participants from \$500 to \$750. You will receive 2011 raffle tickets in your August newsletter. Thank you for your generous participation.

Winners of \$100 were **Louise Braun Robben '57, Carol Geist '83, and Frank Denning '54. Allen '62 and Mary Kuhn Ruder '62** won the \$200 prize. The grand prize of \$500 was won by **Wilma Pfeifer VonLintel '51.**

Knights Addition New Housing Development to Benefit Victoria

Gone are the sand greens where alumni gathered for the annual VHS Alumni Golf Tournament. Instead one can see flag markers, piles of dirt, sewer pipe, trenching tractors, and lots of activity. The land was



On Sunday, March 27, snow filters the view of the Knights Addition where 41 single family lots will eventually replace what once was the Victoria Golf Course near Victoria High School.

transferred to the City Recreation Commission from the school district. Most recently, the school district was responsible for its upkeep but received no benefit from it. The district wanted to put it to good use and benefit the community, so the land was deeded to the city. The city then

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Homecoming Past 2010

The 14th annual golf tournament was the kick off for Homecoming 2010. Unlike previous years, the 2010 tournament was held at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course.

Many of the reunion classes took advantage of the open house at the VFW Hall which precedes the parade and is hosted annually 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 2010, **Thecla Berens Haas '33**. Thecla was born August 12, 1915, and spent her childhood on the family farm near Vincent. She and her husband, Alfred Haas, had 14 children. Her son, Fr. Julian, and her daughter, Alfreda, accompanied her to the banquet. She was thrilled to ride in the convertible during the parade and to be an honored guest at the banquet. At age 95 she was a prime example of how to grow old gracefully.

Alumni gathered on their respective floats for a fun ride down the beloved streets of Victoria. Expressions of joy, laughter, doubt, "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 50-year class of 1960.

Following the parade and pep rally, many of the alumni enjoyed the burgers and brats sponsored by the VIP Organization (Victoria's Interested Parents). The Knights Football team treated all to a victory and the game was followed by the social at the VFW. It was here we caught up with the youngest honor class, the class of 2000. 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 all alumni who have passed on throughout the year and all those who have died from the respective 5-year increment classes. 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 and be nurtured in our faith at St. Fidelis Catholic Church.

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 1960** was the 50-year honor class. They had a wonderful representation and had a weekend filled with many activities. They were especially honored to have a member of their class, **Everett Braun**, be the first to receive the Alum Award to the Hall of Fame. **Sheila Roth Leiker-Page '60** shared the many accomplishments of their class and ended the presentation with a class song of "O Lord, It's Hard to Be Humble." The **Class of 1985** was out in full force and was recognized as the 25-year honor class. **Buddy Kuhn '85** was the spokesman for his class and stressed the benefits of graduating from a small school especially Victoria High School. Last, but definitely not least, was the **Class of 2000** who was honored as the 10-year class. **Cole Dinkel '00** spoke for his class. They had a respectable representation. Their claim to fame for the evening was the fact that they had a member of their class, **Wade Schmidtberger**, and his wife, Jody, who have 2½-year-old triplets, announce that another baby is on the way.

The family of **Everett Braun '60** was present to accept his induction into the 2010 Hall of Fame. His wife, Judy, and three sons, **Doug '82**, **Scott '91**, and **Curt '92** gave an emotional thank you for the award. **Ivan Werner** accepted his induction into the Hall of Fame with great humility and appreciation. He was accompanied by his wife, **Verda '55**, his son, **Mike '91**, and his two daughters, **Rhonda '79** and **Patty '80**. He was quite a crowd pleaser, especially to many of his former students as Herman, a familiar character always present on his desk, made an appearance to help him accept the award. Finally, we heard his voice ring out to the strains of "Puppy Love," which he often sang to any couple who seemed to be smitten by the love bug. This time however, he directed his song to his lovely wife, Verda.

The banquet was climaxed by the drawing of the winners of the 1st Annual Alumni Fundraiser. Various prizes were 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 music started with the grand march and all were ready for a fun evening of dancing and visiting. The evening ended with a good old sing-along of many of the old favorites including a few of the familiar German songs. Homecoming 2010 will be remembered as a great success.

VHS Alumni Golf Tournament

By Randy Leiker '70

The 15th Annual VHS Alumni Benefit Golf Tournament will be held this year on Friday September 23, 2011, at the Fort Hays Municipal Golf Course. Last year's tournament was a huge success. **Vernon Basgall** from the class of 1960 made a hole-in-one! The tournament was won by the team of **Rod Goetz '82, Mark Robben '82, Glenn Dinkel '82, and Darian Dinkel '89**. Their score was an astonishing 11 under par 60. We gave away lots of prizes and beverages, and we all enjoyed a great lunch. Everyone that participated had a great time. We even had some hot alums driving the beverage cart to make sure no one got thirsty.

This is a great way for the honor classes to kick off their homecoming festivities. Start calling your classmates and make plans now to get your teams together. For those of you who have never played at "The Fort," you will be in for a pleasant surprise. It is an 18-hole course with blue grass fairways built around historic Fort Hays.

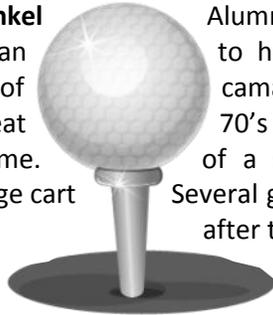
This year's format will be much the same as last years. It will be a 4-person scramble. The cost will be \$40.00 a

person/\$160.00 a team. Carts will be available to rent at the course. Your entry fee will include a lunch and free beverages during the tournament, plus lots of prizes. Mulligans will be offered for sale before the tournament. If you don't know what a mulligan is you will probably need at least two.

Last year was the first time I was involved with the Alumni Tournament and even though I expected people to have a good time, I was surprised to see all the camaraderie among the golfers. We had golfers in their 70's playing with youngsters in their 20's. It was more of a social event and a golf tournament broke out. Several golfers stayed and caught up with other alums well after the golf ended.

To those of you that played last year, help spread the word and urge others to join us this year. If you have any suggestions on how to make the tournament better, please let me know what we can do. You can contact me via email at randyl@eaglecom.net.

Remember that this is a benefit tournament and all the proceeds after expenses go to the VHS Alumni Scholarship Fund. More details to come in the August newsletter.



Knights Addition . . .

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worked with Western Plains Service Corp., a subsidiary of Golden Belt Bank. Western Plains has been developing residential lots in the area for more than 35 years. They have been looking at Victoria for some time and feel like it has some very positive potential with the close proximity to Hays, the grocery store reopening, and the new addition to the high school.

The addition has been approved for the Rural Housing Incentive Act intended to encourage housing development in rural areas. Under these guidelines, the developer pays the costs up front. Western Plains will be responsible, and not the city.

The investment is returned as the lots are sold and

houses are built. The developer will receive the taxes on the properties until it recovers costs or 15 years, whichever comes first, rather than the county, city, and school district. Property assessment remains the same. Homeowners will not be assessed for specials because the developer has put in the infrastructure.

Lots are priced from \$11,000 to \$14,000 and if a lot is purchased a home must be built within two years. The land will be developed in three phases and will have homes on 41 single family lots. Phase one has 17 lots, phase two 12 lots, and phase three 12 lots.

For a map of the development or more information log on to www.goldenbeltbank.com.

Class Notes



1940's

Class of 1941, we have checked our records and see that **Rose Mary Quint Magness, Hedwig Dreiling Matthews**, and **Armella Leiker Thompson** are members of the 70-year class. What a feat for you three ladies. It would be wonderful if you could honor us with your presence at Homecoming 2011. Give it some thought. Rose Mary is living in California, Hedwig is in Arizona, and Armella is in Russell.

Class of 1946, your 65th class reunion is fast approaching. We certainly hope you will be able to join us for our annual homecoming festivities on September 23 and 24.

Alice Kuhn DeHart '46 will be celebrating her 65th reunion this year and writes that she had an awesome experience in 2010. She did a tandem skydive from 13,500 feet. Hope you get back for homecoming, Alice. We are all anxious to meet you and hear more about your heroic endeavor.

Linus Wasinger '49 would like to thank the Alumni Association for the newsletter. He really enjoys reading it.

Lou Dreiling Bowman '49 writes: "What fun we had at our 60th last year. I won't be able to be there this time as my husband is on chemo treatments. I had a good report for my 3rd year – "All Clear" – no cancer. Will miss all the fun. My thoughts and prayers for all of you. God bless you and thanks for the newsletter."

Gilbert '49 and **Kathleen Rajewski Sander '49** announce the recent births of four great-grandsons. They now have eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. They mourn the loss of Gilbert's brother, **Don Sander '47**, who died April 5, 2010, and his sister, Techla Hammerschmidt, who died August 2, 2010.

1950's

Class of 1951, 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 23 and 24.

Betty Brungardt Basgall '51 thanks the Newsletter Committee for the newsletter. She loves reading it.

Frank Denning '54 thanks the Alumni Association for the update from the home front with the Next Page. Frank was one of our lucky raffle winners and kindly returned his winnings to the alumni general fund. Thank you, Frank.

Jane Brungardt Ruder '54 is still living in Salina where she has lived since 1963. Her husband and love of her life, **Don Ruder '54**, died in 1993 and is buried in St. Fidelis Cemetery, Victoria. Jane has five children, twelve grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Class of 1956, it is your turn to celebrate your 55th class reunion from Victoria Rural High School. Homecoming 2011 will take place on the weekend of September 23 and 24 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 or contact the alumni office for a class list.

Tom Karlin '56 writes: "Best wishes to all Victoria Kansans on 2010 Homecoming – would love to be there. Peace and Greetings."

Rita Rajewski Gibson '56 writes that she and her husband have two new great-grandsons and a great-granddaughter born within the past few years. They also had two grandsons graduate from the University of Northern Colorado.

Sr. Janis Wagner '57 writes that she has such good memories of her 50th reunion with her very special classmates of 1957. She writes, "Time changes things but not the bonds of those high school years."

Lillian Brungardt Kanzleman '57 sends a note: "You guys do such a great job! Thanks for helping us remember our past." Lilly, all the time spent on compiling this newsletter is so worth it when we receive notes such as yours.

1960's

Ken Dreiling '60 thanks the Newsletter Committee for the hard work done on the newsletter. He joined his class for their 50th reunion.

Class of 1961!! Are you ready for this? You are going to be the **honored 50-year class** for Homecoming 2011. Many of you updated your dues this past homecoming, and we thank you for that. The dates have been set for September 23 and 24 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.

Mary Kuhn Ruder '62 has retired from Western Kansas Urological Associates after 20 years of service. She is not having any trouble keeping herself busy.

Pete Braun Jr. '62 and **Tina Braun Geist '58** were married November 27, 2010, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Pete's children are **Jeff Braun '85, Craig Braun '86, Chris Braun '86,** and **Tami Braun Haberkorn '90.** Tina's children are, **Bill Geist Jr. '77, Tom Geist '78, Jane Geist Cline '80,** and **Carol Geist '83.**

Robert '63 and **Twyla Stang Gerstner '63** are both retired and have been enjoying it very much. They have done some traveling and plan to do more.

Frank Kreutzer '63 and his wife, Vivian, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary August 23, 2010. They have one son, three daughters, and eight grandchildren. Frank and Vivian Honas were married August 23, 1965, at St. Mary Catholic Church, Ellis.

Barbara VonFeldt Kisner '63 and her husband, Jon, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on a cruise through the Mediterranean Sea, visiting Spain, Rome, and Naples. Jon and Barbara have one son and two daughters. They have been blessed with five grandchildren. They were married September 4, 1970, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria.

Gay Burgardt Werth '65 has a daycare in her home. She cares for seven to eight children a day ranging in age from infant to pre-school age. Her husband, Arlen, retired from UPS where he has been employed for 36 years. They have seven children and sixteen grandchildren. She is happy to report that they all have very good jobs and are doing well. Both of her parents are deceased. Her mother died in 2008 and her father in 2010. Gay and Arlen live in Great Bend.

Class of 1966, 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 23 and 24. We'd love to have you spread the word and mark your calendar.

Roseann Kuhn '66 was named to the United States Bowling Congress Hall of Fame. The induction ceremony took place July 1, 2010, at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Grapevine, Texas. Roseann joined the staff of the Women's International Bowling Congress in 1974 as a field representative in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She worked her way up to executive director in 1996, a position she had until the formation of USBC in 2005, when she became USBC's chief tournament officer. Roseann has accumulated many awards throughout the years for her loyalty and hard work towards the enhancement of bowling.

Jerry '66 and **Lois Kuhn Dinkel '66** are proud to announce the birth of a granddaughter, Lilly Grace Bell, born March 23, 2010. Lilly and her parents live in Liberty, Missouri. They also announce the birth of a grandson, Jack Caleb Bigham, born August 4, 2010. Jack and his parents live in Newton.

Margaret Schmidtberger Tappan '66 thanks the Newsletter Committee for a job well done. Margaret is living in Lawrence.

Geraldine Dreiling Riedel '67 has become a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. She thanks us for the newsletter and says it is much appreciated.

Samuel Berens '68 retired from the U.S. Postal Service October 31, 2009, with over 40 years combined federal service. He also writes that his daughter, Hannah, married Graham Predeger on August 14, 2010. Hannah is a special education teacher in Gypsum, Colorado, and her husband works for the U.S. Forest Service in Vail, Colorado.

Stan Stramel '69 and his wife, Patty, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary March 5, 2011. Children of the couple are **Stan Jr. '89**, **Stephen '95**, **Stephanie Stramel Budig '92**, and **Sarah Stramel '00**. Stan and Patty Hertel were married March 6, 1971, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Hays.

1970's

Class of 1971, hopefully you will want to be part of Homecoming 2011 to celebrate your 40th class reunion. Those years just keep passing by. Come join your alumni association for a fantastic weekend.

Mary C. Dreiling Williams '73 announces the birth of her third grandchild, Riley Ann, born March 23, 2010, to her son and his wife.

Sandy Hoffman McRae '74 and her husband announce the birth of their first grandchildren. Their daughter and son-in-law had twins. A son, Wyatt, and a daughter, Avery. Their son was also married in December of 2009. She says it was a big year for their family.

Class of 1976, it's class reunion time, number 35 to be exact. Mark your calendars for September 23 and 24 and plan on a fun weekend renewing old friendships.

Kathy Schulte Dreiling-Amrein '76 has been voted in as Northwest Kansas Music Educators Association (KMEA) district president for the years 2011-2013. Kathy is the daughter of **Cora Braun Schulte '55**. Congratulations, Kathy.

Beth Fionda, daughter of **Rhonda Werner Fionda '79**, is spending her spring break from New York University working in the Mission of Hope Orphanage in Titanyen, Haiti. Beth managed this orphanage last summer and was very excited to return during her break. Beth's grandparents are **Verda Goetz Werner '55** and her husband, Ivan.

1980's

Kelly O'Brien Koerner '80 is working for the Collin College ACCESS office helping students with disabilities and continues to work her Texkan Tutoring business.

Class of 1981, 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 23 and 24 are the dates scheduled for this event.

Cathy Younger '82 is definitely a football mom. The road between Victoria and Pittsburg, Kansas, is almost a weekly venture. Her son, Nate, a redshirt freshman linebacker, is part of the Pittsburg State Gorrilas football team. Nate earned first-team All-America honors on the 2010 Don Hansen NCAA Division II All-America Team. He also led Division II in tackles with 160 (13.3 per game), and garnered co-National Freshman of the Year. Nate is the son of **Randy Dreiling '79** and the grandson of **Vernie '57** and Patty Dreiling and Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Kelly Freitag Forell '85 tells us that she is still very active in basketball, track, and rodeo. Kelly married her husband, Guy, in 1991. They live in Alva, Oklahoma. She has been serving the public as a CPA for nine years. She established the K. Forell & Associates, PLLC Certified Public Accountants in the fall of 2007 with offices in Alva and Cherokee, Oklahoma, and a branch in Anthony, Kansas. She has a team of nine professionals now serving over 900 clients. Guy and Kelly have three children, Cody, a sophomore at Alva High School, and twins, Tyler and Bailey, who are in the 8th grade at Alva Middle School.

Class of 1986, do you realize you have been alumni of VHS for 25 years? We hope you will take time to come back for Homecoming 2011 on September 23 and 24. This will be the best homecoming ever.

Maria Younger Munro '86 was featured in the December issue of *In Style* magazine modeling apparel for the NFL. Maria and her husband, Jeff, have a daughter, Sophie, and a son, Jack. Maria is the daughter of John and **Ethel Stegman Younger '59**.

1990's

Class of 1991, 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.

Michelle Braun Strick '93 and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of a son, Augustine Joseph, born October 25, 2010, at Overland Park Regional Medical Center. He has a half-sister, Lauren, and a half-brother, Gabriel. His grandparents are **Sam '67** and **Marilyn Brungardt Braun '68**.

Brandon Schmidtberger '94 and his wife, Angie, announce the birth of a son, Brody Logan, born November 13, 2009. He has a sister, Paige Delaney, three years old. Brody's grandparents are Jerry and **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72**. Great-grandparents are Bob and **Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

Jennifer Seitz Evans '95 and her husband, Jared, announce the birth of a son, Jake Lewis, born October 11, 2010, in Wichita. He has a sister, Jasmyn, three years old. Jake's grandparents are Steve and **Deb Braun Seitz '72**.

Sue Ruder Murnane '95 and her husband, Jason, announce the birth of a daughter, Elsie Norine, born November 29, 2010, in Lawrence. She has a brother, Lincoln, two years old. Her grandparents are **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

Kerri Klein King '95 and her husband, Zachary, announce the birth of a son, Jefferson Floyd, born February 9, 2011, in Hoyt. He has two brothers, Logan, 10, and Jackson, 5.

Class of 1996, be sure to mark the calendar for September 23 and 24. 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.

Sarah Wasinger '99 and Dustin Shubert were married October 8, 2010, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Sarah served six years in the Kansas Army National Guard. She is a bookkeeper and secretary. Her husband is a 1993 graduate of Plainville High School. He is a lieutenant paramedic for Ellis County EMS. Sarah is the daughter of John and **Theresa Schuckman Wasinger '74**.

Corey Schmidtberger '99 and his wife, Kim, announce the birth of twin sons, Jacob William and Jonah Robert, born November 16, 2010, at KU Medical Center. Their grandparents are Jerry and **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72**. Great-grandparents are Bob and **Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

2000's

Preston Dreiling '00 and his wife, Tiana, announce the birth of a daughter, Preslyn Denee', born November 8, 2010. She is the granddaughter of **Frank '80** and **Brenda Kuhn Dreiling '78** and the great-granddaughter of **Estelle Schippers Kuhn '56** and **Vernie Dreiling '57** and his wife, Patty .

Beth Younger Ricke '00 and her husband, Jon, announce the birth of a son, Henry Kingston, born January 4, 2011, at Menorah Medical Center, Overland Park. He is the grandson of Tom and **Det Roth Younger '58**.

Class of 2001, 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 23 and 24. Help make this the best homecoming ever.

Michael '01 and **Alicia Denning Kelley '02** are living in St. John, Kansas. Alicia is teaching middle school reading/language arts and coaching basketball for the Macksville school district. Michael graduated from North Central Kansas Technical School in 2007 and has been working for Glassman Corporation as an electrician since 2008. Mike is the son of **Darrell '74** and Alice Rohr. Alicia is the daughter of Dennis and **Betty Weigel Denning '65**.

Rachelle Geist Orr '02 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of a daughter, Kennedy Renee, born November 22, 2010, in Manhattan. Her grandparents are **Bill '77** and Michelle **Geist** and the great-granddaughter of **Pete '62** and **Tina Braun Geist Braun '58**.

Troy Pfeifer '02 and his wife, **Wendy Hoffman Pfeifer '03**, announce the birth of a son, Jack Ryder, born December 12, 2010, in Manhattan. Grandparents are **Ken '70** and **Diane Younger Pfeifer '73** and **Dave '82** and **Brenda Braun Hoffman '83**. Great-grandparents are **Jeanette Schumacher Younger '50**, **Ernest Hoffman '47**, and **Alfred 'Fritz' Braun '56** and his wife, Anita .

Tyson Dinges '03 and Heather Knatack were married September 18, 2010, at Church of the Magdalen, Wichita. Tyson is the son of **Jane Brungardt Dinges '64**.

Tyson Dreiling '05 and Molly Staab were married August 28, 2010. Tyson is employed at GY Electric in Hays. Molly graduated from Hays High School. She is a retail sales representative for Verizon Wireless, Hays. Tyson is the son of **Frank '80** and **Brenda Kuhn Dreiling '78** and the grandson of **Estelle Schippers Kuhn '56** and **Vernie Dreiling '57** and his wife, Patty .

Jessica Kuhn '05 received a B.B.A. in accounting and a B.B.A. in finance from Fort Hays State University in the fall 2010 semester. She is the daughter of **Marvin Kuhn '64**.

Class of 2006, 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 '06 will be back for homecoming in full force. Get your calendars marked for September 23 and 24.

Chad Schmidtberger '06 received a B.S. degree in agri-business from Fort Hays State University in the spring of 2010. Chad is the son of **Leroy '74** and **LeeAnn Braun Schmidtberger '80**.

Skylor Flaska '06 and Amy Carpenter were married September 18, 2010, in Brewster Community Church, Brewster. Skylor graduated from the engineering technology department at Northwest Kansas Technical College, Goodland, in 2008. He works at CH2Mhill Engineering, Denver. Amy graduated from Brewster High School and Colby Community College vet tech program. They are at home in Denver.

Jared VonFeldt '06 and Danielle LeClair were married October 23, 2010, at the United Methodist Church, Hays. Jared is attending North Central Technical College, pursuing a degree in welding. He is employed at VonFeldt Farms. Danielle is a 2006 graduate of Norton Community High School and a 2007 graduate of Hays Academy of Hair Design. She is enrolled at North Central Technical College and is pursuing a degree in nursing. She is employed at St. John's Nursing Home, Victoria. Jared is the son of **John '69** and **Lita Dome VonFeldt '71**.

Frederick Schuckman '06 received a B.S. in physics from Fort Hays State University in the fall 2010 semester.

Jenna Braun '07, a student of Fort Hays State University, was nominated to the college homecoming royalty for 2010. She was among 15 students to be nominated by various organizations based on character, student involvement and student activities. Jenna was among the final five candidates and participated in the parade and the half time activities. Sunflower Bank of Kansas named Jenna the 2010 Volunteer of the Year. She devoted more than 260 hours to various causes and efforts in the Hays community. Jenna is employed at Sunflower Bank while attending the university. She is currently involved with student government, accounting club, and is a VIP ambassador for the president's office at Fort Hays. She volunteers with United Way, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ellis County, and 4-H of Ellis County. She is a mentor for students at various Hays schools. Jenna is the daughter of **Rick Braun '82** and his wife, Janice, and the granddaughter of **LaVern Braun '58** and his wife, Darlene .

Parker Wilson '08 and **Josselyn McLaren '06** were married October 9, 2010, at St. Fidelis Catholic Church, Victoria. Parker is a 2009 graduate of North Central Kansas Technical College and is an electrician with RDH Electric, Hays. Josselyn is a 2007 graduate of Hays Academy of Hair Design. She is a licensed cosmetologist employed by Hairware & Co., Hays. Parker is the son of **Norman '78** and **Pam Braun Scheck '80**. Josselyn is the daughter of the late Joel McLaren and Randall and **Gerilyn Ruder Graver '85**. Grandparents are **Alfred "Fritz" Braun '56** and his wife, Anita, and **Allen '62** and **Mary Kuhn Ruder '62**.

2011 Upcoming Events

Alumni-sponsored Senior Barbeque — Friday, May 13

High School Graduation — Sunday, May 15

Fidelisfest & "First Ringing of the Bells" Celebration — Monday, May 30

Herzogfest — Friday-Saturday, August 12-13

"Cathedral of the Plains" Centennial Celebration — Sunday, August 28

VHS Homecoming 2011 — Friday-Saturday, September 23-24

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, 2011.

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

Changes to Alumni Board of Directors and Scholarship Committee

Jeff Hertel '79 has resigned from the Victoria Alumni Association Board of Directors due to personal commitments. He has been a board member since September of 2000. Thank you, Jeff, for your many years of service. Your time and dedication to the Alumni Association is certainly appreciated and you will be missed. The board will be appointing a new board member in the near future. They would like to have another male replace Jeff in order to keep the ratio of males to females balanced. If there is someone out there interested in becoming a board member, please contact any of the present board members.

Alan Schulte '85 has resigned from the Scholarship Committee. **Deb Leiker Dreiling '79** will fill Alan's position. Thank you, Alan, for your service on this committee.

VHS Official Website

Thanks to **Rose Dreiling Rifford '70** and **John Schulte '96** for taking charge of getting the photo albums updated and keeping news on the Victoria Alumni Association website current. If you haven't checked the website in awhile, you will be in for a pleasant surprise. We think you will enjoy the pictures that have been posted as well as checking some of the other updates. Click on Photos. They are categorized by homecoming years. Your class lists can be found by clicking on Class Lists.

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Dolores Froelich died July 13, 2010, at Hays Medical Center, Hays. Survivors include a son, **Van '70**; a daughter, **Margie Froelich Hawk '66**; a sister, **LuVerna Stromel Schmeidler '48**; two step-grandchildren; and five step-great-grandchildren.

Francis Polifka Jr. died July 13, 2010, at his home. Survivors include his parents, Frank and **Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58**; one daughter; two sons; a brother; three sisters; and one granddaughter.

Roland Paige died July 14, 2010, at his home. Survivors include his wife, **Sheila Roth Leiker-Page '60**; two daughters; a stepson, **Keith Leiker '84**; two stepdaughters, **Linette Leiker Brungardt '81** and **Brenda Leiker Geist '82**; a sister; six grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandson.

Vernon L. Berens '53 died July 21, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Norma Jean Kuhn Berens '54**; three sons, **Michael '82**, **Mitchell '87**, and **Matt '89**; one daughter, **Michelle Berens '81**; his mother, Sophie Berens; two brothers, **Delmar '55** and **Joe '55**; three sisters, **Sharon Berens Thompson '65**, **Joyce Berens Newell '67**, and **Mary Kay Berens Schippers '74**; and six grandchildren.

Nadene Rheem died August 1, 2010. Survivors include her husband, **John "Jack" Rheem**, a teacher at VHS from 1950–1953; three sons; three daughters; and fourteen grandchildren.

Bonnie I. Sander died August 20, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include three sons, **Brad '71**, **Darrell '74**, and **Marty '77**; two daughters, **Gladys Sander Swindler '70** and **Patty Sander Billinger '81**; one brother; two sisters; eleven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Hermina 'Minnie' Roth died September 2, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include three sons, **Cecil C. '65**, **Harold F. '67**, and **Terry J. '76**; a daughter, **Donna Roth Gartin '71**; two brothers, Robert Schmidtberger and **Marvin Schmidtberger '52**; six sisters, Mary Schmidtberger, Hubertine Schmidtberger Schultz, Tina Schmidtberger Foos, **Sr. Vivian Schmidtberger '47**, **Edna Schmidtberger Ptacek '50**, and **Rosalyn Schmidtberger Leiker '54**; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Thelma Weigel Dreiling '47 died September 28, 2010, at her home. Survivors include one son; a brother, **Fred Weigel Jr. '47**; and two sisters, **Hubertina Weigel Herbel '46** and **Vera Weigel Degenhardt '51**.

John A. Pfannenstiel died September 29, 2010, as a result of an automobile accident. Survivors include his wife, **Rose Ann Rome Pfannenstiel '65**; two sons; a daughter; and a grandson.

Elmer R. Dortland died October 12, 2010, at his home in Gorham. Survivors include his wife, Melva; a son, **Darrell '89**; one daughter, **JoAnn Dortland Killian '84**; one stepson; two stepdaughters; one brother; two sisters; thirteen grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Mary Weigel died October 20, 2010, at St. John's Health Center, Victoria. Survivors include one son, **Francis '66**; two daughters, **Mary Jane Weigel Thorpe '69** and **Joyce Weigel Jacobs '76**; three brothers, Edwin Scheck, **Melvin Scheck '49**, and Linus Scheck; three sisters, Rubina Scheck Dinkel, Katie Scheck, and **Lena Scheck Meder '56**; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Marvin Bellendir '55 died October 29, 2010, at Via Christi-St. Francis Medical Center, Wichita. Survivors include his wife, Katie; one daughter, **Debbie Bellendir Zachman '81**; three sisters, Miriam Bellendir Wasinger, **Rita Bellendir Scheck '46**, and **Bernadette Bellendir Baier '51**; and three grandsons.

Alfred "Berdal" Linenberger died October 29, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include one son, **Mark '78**; two brothers, Howard and Harold; and three grandchildren.

Jonah Robert Schmidtberger died November 17, 2011, at K. U. Medical Center. Survivors include his parents, **Corey '99** and Kim **Schmidtberger**; a twin brother, Jacob; grandparents, Jerry and **Louise Windholz Schmidtberger '72**; and great-grandparents, Bob and **Marie Bollig Schmidtberger '47**.

Lucy Ann Schulte Brull '45 died December 9, 2010, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include two sons; four daughters; one brother, **Raymond Schulte '47**; ten grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Bernadine "Bernie" Dreiling Schumacher '62 died December 18, 2010, at her country home south of Victoria. Survivors include her husband, Robert; two sons; one daughter; two brothers, **Ken Dreiling '60** and **Rich Dreiling '64**; three sisters, **Norma Jean Dreiling Huckaby '59**, **Margaret Dreiling '71**, and **Mary Dreiling Williams '73**; and four grandchildren.

Lydia Sander died December 28, 2010, at Good Samaritan Center, Hays. Survivors include her son, **Steve '68**; one daughter, **Pat Sander Legleiter '65**; one brother; one sister; ten grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Dr. Gilbert Ambrose Brungardt died December 29, 2010, at Stella Maris Hospice in Timonium, Maryland. Survivors include two daughters; one brother, **Paul '49**; four sisters, **Sister Valeria Brungardt CSA '45**, **Cecelia Brungardt '52**, **Yvonne Brungardt Rohleder Braun '56**, and **Ruth Brungardt Polifka '58**; and four grandchildren.

Clarita Goetz Weigel Mahoney '52 died January 13, 2011, at her home in Hays. She is survived by her husband, Francis Mahoney; one son, Troy Weigel; and three daughters, Luann Brungardt, Ramona Weigel, and Sue Wagner.

Landry Michael Robben, died January 21, 2011, at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, MO. Survivors include his parents, **Jason '96** and Nicole Robben; a sister, Haley; his grandparents **Norman '72** and Linda Robben.

Lenora F. Thomas died January 23, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include three sons, Bob, John and James; three daughters, Barbara Poris, Connie Thomas, and **Gloria Thomas VonFeldt '86**; two brothers, **Julian Huser '53** and **Leon Huser '61**; five sisters, **Armella Huser Schmidt '46**, Maxilene Huser Kisner, Stella Huser Braun, Henrietta Huser Herl, and **Arlene Huser Wittman '64**; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren..

Craig Allen Gasper '07 died January 29, 2011, as a result of an automobile accident. He is survived by his mother, Tammy Dreiling and husband, John; his father, **Terry '86** and companion, Jody Mendenhall; and a brother, **Curtis '10**.

Matthew James Pfannenstiel died February 3, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. He is survived by his parents, Melvin and **Cora Lee Schmidt Pfannenstiel '55**; one brother; and one sister.

Edward Francis Meder died February 22, 2011, at Hays Medical Center. Survivors include his wife, **Lena Scheck Meder '56**; one son, **Thomas '72**; four daughters, **Cindy Meder Robben '77**, **Saundra Meder Karlin '84**, **Jody Meder Dinkel '87**, and **Jennifer Meder Lehmann '94**; thirteen grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Yvonne M Schumacher died February 8, 2011, at her daughter's home in Val Verde, California. She is survived by her husband, **Norman J. Schumacher '45**; one son, **Valery '75**; one daughter **Vicki Schumacher Schmidtberger '80**; two brothers; one sister; and four grandchildren.

Peter J. Braun died March 13, 2011, at his farm home near Victoria. He is survived by three sons, **Ronnie '61**, **Pete Jr. '62**, and **Sam '67**; five daughters, **Judy Braun Evans '63**, **Charlotte Braun Weber '65**, **Deb Braun Geschwentner '76**, **Marilyn Braun Giebler '80**, and **Carolyn Braun Younger '80**; twenty-two grandchildren; and thirty-two great-grandchildren.

Edgar "Eddie" Miller died March 16, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. He is survived by four daughters, **Mary Catherine Miller Windholz '65**, **Fran Miller Robben '67**, **Nadine Miller Engel '67**, and **Janet Miller Nosekabel '69**; one brother; four sisters; fourteen grandchildren; and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

Leona Kuhn Wellbrock '43 died March 21, 2011, at St. John's Health Care Center, Victoria. She is survived by three sons, **Stan '63**, Neil, and Rick; three brothers, **Louis Kuhn '49**, **Jim Kuhn '60**, and **Cliff Kuhn '61**; three sisters, **Merline Kuhn Wellbrock '51**, **Ellie Kuhn Dickerson '56**, and **Norma Kuhn Wellbrock '58**; seven grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren.



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