

# Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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Shane and I were talking about all of the identity theft that is going on right now. Lots of problems with people stealing social security numbers, filing tax returns and collecting other people's tax return checks – Yikes! I'm beginning to think we might be better off going back to using blank counter checks to pay for things and talking on party line telephones!! At least with the party line phones you could eliminate potential perpetrators down to the operator and those you shared the line with!! I know that may sound "a little old of me" but I'm not sure there isn't some truth to it! Many of us remember when you could just reach into a container at the grocery store and grab a pad of checks from a local bank we did business with, pull one off and pay for our groceries or even get cash. Later they required account numbers be written on them but the ones I first remember just had signatures. I guess the folks at the bank knew what our signatures looked like! No way could anybody steal your identity by looking at one of those checks!!!! We still had counter checks here in the 80's when I sold Real Estate for Harwood. Harold kept a can of them on the desk and people would fill one out to make down payments on a house. ☺

***Bulldog Quarterback Club Banquet*** – The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Bulldog QB Club Banquet was another great success. We served about 340 very tasty prime rib meals this year, enjoyed an excellent speaker in Alan Couch, celebrated the 1947 Bulldog Football team and finished the evening up at the Eagle's Club. Not much dancing but good music and a lots of good conversation. It was a great night! If you have not yet attended this event you should mark your calendar for the third Saturday in March, 2016 and come next year. It gets better every year! Besides you never know, you just might have your name drawn and win \$10,000! This year's winners split their ticket and split the pot – Mickey Beach and Pat Clark were the lucky dogs!

The Banquet crowd was honored to welcome six members from the 1947 team, along with several of their family members for the evening. Former players who were able to join us included Howard McGregor, Charles (Beef) Bryan, Charles Bowe, Gerald Baker, Stan Williams, Jim Nickell, and cheerleader Phyllis (Kitchen) Baxley. To see pictures of these folks, and the event in general, please go to the Linn County Leader website and pull up "photos". Click on the picture of the QB Club banquet and it will

show you several great pictures of the evening. The Facebook Bulldog Quarterback Club page will also have some pictures of this year and last year's event – click on photos.

The QB Club is still waiting on a couple of promised donation checks but with all bills now paid we can announce that our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual QB Club Banquet was another financial success for the Club. Funds will once again be used to make much needed repairs & improvements at Burlington Field. Projects for the Club are numerous and many are quite expensive. We hope to be able to create a very nice new entrance at the northeast corner of the Field and replace the north exterior fence this summer if funds hold out. The old scoreboard has been causing problems the past couple of years and has certainly moved up the priority list in the past year. If any of you have done any research on football field scoreboard clocks then you know how expensive those can be - you can spend anywhere from \$30,000 for a bare bones digital board to several hundred thousand dollars for a scoreboard with a video board. We know we will need to find ways to generate significant dollars even if we have to set our sights lower than a scoreboard/video board. The Club will be looking for help from a variety of sources, including potential gifts from QB Club members and other BHS alumni. Want your name on a new Bulldog scoreboard, please let me know! If you are interested in supporting the QB Club as we refurbish and improve Burlington Field please make your tax deductible check to "Bulldog QB Club/HLF" and mail to the same at P.O. Box 67, Brookfield, Mo 64628. The QB Club is officially affiliated with the Hometown LEGACY Foundation.

***The Brookfield/ Brady Connection*** – BHS alum Deb Myers sent me a note the other day that explains a Brookfield connection for the recently deceased Sarah (Kemp) Brady, wife of James Brady, President Reagan's Press Secretary, who was critically injured during an assassination attempt on the President. According to the 1940 census Sarah's parents lived in Kirksville, Missouri at the time but in 1935 both lived in Brookfield and were married in Linn County. Sarah was born in 1942 so they must have lived in Kirksville by that time. That and fifty cents might get you a half cup of coffee but interesting anyway!

***Brookfield Hometown LEGACY Foundation*** – Just a reminder with everyone's minds on taxes that a good place for your charitable dollars is in the HLF endowment fund. The HLF is a 501 C 3 organization and therefore donations to it are tax deductible. A good way to help you with tax issues and a great way to help preserve and improve your old Hometown. Dollars donated to our permanent endowment are preserved and only investment growth is used on behalf of the community. Please let us know if you are interested in making a gift of some type to the HLF (there are a whole variety of ways) and we will be happy to place you in contact with some local experts who can help you with the paperwork. Gifts to the HLF can be given to the permanent endowment, deposited to assist with current operations, or they can be designated for specific purposes. Create your own Hometown LEGACY – call us soon. 660-258-2267.

***2015 Tiger Caravan*** – I took two of our grandsons with me to the Tiger Caravan in Mendon this past week. I have been attending the Caravan for over 20 years now and always thoroughly enjoy it. Caravans provide an opportunity for MU supporters to meet Mizzou coaches, athletic department staff and several special athletes. Generally we get to hear from Coach Pinkel and Kim Anderson but both were off on recruiting trips this year and couldn't make it. I think that is the first time Coach Pinkel has

missed the Mendon event. Mizzou's women's basketball head coach Robin Pingeton and our wrestling head coach Brian Smith shared the podium for this event and both did a terrific job. Coach Smith was the featured speaker and deservedly so considering he had a regular season undefeated team, #1 nationally ranked, and a national champion! It was a good night in Mendon!

***Chamber of Commerce Concert*** - Just a short time now until the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce sponsored downtown concert, set for June 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 p.m., on North Main Street. The featured talent will be **Brother's Osborne, and Samantha Fish** will be opening for them. Make plans now to come and enjoy this first ever downtown Brookfield event! Tickets are just \$10/person in advance but will increase to \$25/person the day of the concert. If you want to sit with a group tables are also available. Tickets are available from the Chamber office, City Hall, and numerous Chamber member businesses.

***Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Auction*** - My daughter Kjersten and I attended the annual Brookfield Chamber of Commerce Banquet and Auction recently which was held at the Brickhouse. Nice place to hold the event and it was a really good evening overall. BAGP Citizen of the Year Award winners were Carey Smith for Leadership, Nathan Stufflebean for Entrepreneurship, Apex Plastics for Reconnecting Brookfield, Taylor Ewing for Youth and Andrea Severa Switzer for Philanthropy – all very deserving recipients this year! I was most pleased to see the new 2015-1016 Chamber officers and Board members – they were nearly all young people! Good to see so many former Leadership Academy grads too. Isn't that Good News for our community!

***Alumni Weekend*** - BHS Alumni Weekend is very nearly upon us once again. This event is scheduled for July 10 & 11. Alumni weekend has quickly become one of the most fun gatherings for alumni of all ages. Friday night in the Twin Parks is a must attend event – countless graduation classes have begun setting class tents up for the evening and many have begun using this special weekend for their class reunions. Plenty of great music, food and drink! No need to make plans for a class reunion banquet because on Saturday night the Alumni Association BHS Hall of Fame banquet is open to everyone and encourages classes to come and sit as a group and receive special recognition. For more information please contact the BAGP office at 258-7278 and talk with Marsha or Becky – they will be glad to give you the “scoop” on the many activities planned for Alumni Weekend. It is indeed a unique time for BHS alumni of all ages to get together and reminisce about the good times they enjoyed in school and growing up in this community.

I have attached the Alumni Weekend brochure. Please make plans to take in the Twin Parks on Friday night and then support the Alumni Association by buying tickets and attending the

BHS Hall of Fame Banquet on Saturday night. This year the just announced Hall of Fame inductees will be Doris (Ross,Banning) Dodd, O.H. Williams and myself. I must say, I was surprised and honored to have been nominated and shocked to be chosen.

***BHS Dreamer*** (reprint from Brookfield Good News – Linn County Leader) - Carey Smith, the Linn County Area Career & Technical Center Director sent me some information recently about a former Career Center student who has taken his training to an all new level. Hunter Marriott is a 2010 BHS grad and a former Welding Student under the tutelage of Donald Russell. Hunter went on to acquire his Master Welding degree from the Tulsa Welding School, later returning to complete the Quality Assurance and Quality Control program and receive his Associates Degree. After completing school, he decided to go into the Disaster Relief with his family, cleaning up after natural disasters across the United States. To this date, Hunter owns his own truck and will take off to work if called to do so.

Hunter has been interested in racing cars since he started racing street stock cars when he was just 12 years old. When he turned 16 he moved up to A Modified racing in the IMCA division. Today Hunter owns two racing cars, drives his own car and has put together his own racing team. He owns a “Big Toter” home with a double stack trailer that includes a workshop. The trailer is also his home away from home, very similar to a NASCAR setup. Hunter is following his dream of full time dirt track racing, traveling to places such as Arizona, Nevada, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Wisconsin, North Dakota and even Canada. Hunter is ranked 18<sup>th</sup> in IMCA National Points of his division. You can keep up with him on his Facebook page; Hunter Marriott Racing. Most races can be viewed on speedshifttv.com, racefeedx.com, or imca.com/live. You can also view his past races and interviews on YouTube or his Facebook page. We wish this former BHS grad the very best in his professional pursuit and of course “Gods Speed”!

***Bulldog Football Fall Schedule*** - Just received the BHS high school fall football schedule and thought it would be good to get it out for some of the classes planning reunions this fall;

Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, South Shelby at Shelbina,

**Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, Highland at Brookfield,**

**Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, Marceline at Brookfield (Bell Game),**

Sept. 11, Centralia at Centralia,

**Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, Louisiana at Brookfield (Homecoming),**

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Monroe City at Monroe City,

**Oct. 2, Macon at Brookfield,**

Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, Palmyra at Palmyra,

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>, Clark County at Brookfield (Senior Night).**

**Birthdays** – May 1<sup>st</sup>, Ryan Burns, James Burns, Alexander Smith, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Murphy, David Sprouse, Taylor Almond, Whitley Almond, Laurie Gannon, Josh Maxwell, Gary Ball, Cassie McKenzie, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Debbie Bailey, Luke Burns, Joan Byrd, Ron Scott, Michelle Pyle, Luke Baum, Troy Hunt, Drake Walgren, Charles Fristoe, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Bob Miller, May 6<sup>th</sup>, Roberta Shoengood, Josh Molloy, Christi Davalt, Rhonda Copple, May 7<sup>th</sup>, Michael Hedrick, Wanda Rasmussen, Bernie Roberts, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Carolyn (Bloss) Logue, Dana Ball, Randy Fay, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Joyce (Hunt) Jenkins, Kirsten Bratrude, Amanda Cleveland, Gilbert Jones, Carla Watts, May 11<sup>th</sup>, Kenny Stark, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Bev Liebhart, Mace Lambert, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Gene Thudium, Rose Anthony, Derek Hardy, May 16<sup>th</sup>, Rita Wolfe, May 17<sup>th</sup>, Heidi Beeler, Matthew Botts, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Jack Dean, Carol Smith, May 19<sup>th</sup>, Scotty Stevens, Claribel Yagel, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Carl Spath, Jr, Sarah Dixon, Jason Beeler, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Rita Brumbaugh, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Joyce Stobaugh, Roger Quigley, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mike Scott, Zach Scott, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Anna Jobson, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Betty Tharp, Kacee George, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Brett Carmical, Jordon Park, Jennifer Hicks, Lexi Littrell, May 27<sup>th</sup>, Chuck York, Ed Heckman, Kyle Clawson, May 28<sup>th</sup>, David Libby, Janice Hunt, Sam Enyeart, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Nina Elliott, Tracy Grafton, Bruce Helms, Ida Mae Wombwell, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Glenn Bragg, Glen Horton, June 1<sup>st</sup>, TJ Hall, Teresa Lark, Teresa Williams, Huschell Lane, Jun 2<sup>nd</sup>, Teague Cantrall, Abby McCracken, Randy Rasmussen, Alyson Wade, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kacey Collier, Elizabeth Scates, Shannon Scott, June, 4<sup>th</sup>, Carl Bunten, Mark Smith, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Timber Estes, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Zane Still, Butch Mosley, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Sherry Elliott, Mary Stufflebean, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Matt Parn (our son in law), Lauren Bush, Pat Gooch, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Cheri (Pope) Hunt, Jone Stufflebean Soloman, Mike Morris, Carolee Hall, Gramh Smith, Cathy Wombwell, June 11<sup>th</sup>, Sarah Holtz, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Mary Shaul, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Kim Molloy, Jim Bennett, James Cowan, Jennifer Darby, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Abby Sattman, Terry Tschannen, Dennis Calhoun, Lottie Phillips, June 15<sup>th</sup>, Jerry Wine, Caleb Buckallew, Scott Wohlgemuth.

**Anniversaries** – May 1<sup>st</sup>, Paul & Jennifer Kulseth, May 4<sup>th</sup>, Jerry & Teresa Wine, May 8<sup>th</sup>, James & Bonnie Alexander, May 10<sup>th</sup>, Will & Nicci St Clair, May 12<sup>th</sup>, Butch & Tiffany Dyer, John & Frances North, Russ & Laurie Knowles, May 13<sup>th</sup>, Kenny & Marty Stark, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Chuck & Cheri York, May 15<sup>th</sup>, Ron & Waverly Dixon, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Dick & Joann King, Kenneth & Mary Almond, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Mike & Carolyn Logue, Jerry & Stacie Wild, May 21<sup>st</sup>, Jeff & Lori Elliott, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Larry & Georgia Smith, Kyle & Abby Wilkerson, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, Dan & Melinda McCormick, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Terry & Barb Tschannen, May 25<sup>th</sup>, Chuck & Kelli Gonzalez, May 26<sup>th</sup>, Brian & Deana Grant, May 28<sup>th</sup>, Ros & Whitley McKenzie, May 29<sup>th</sup>, Randy & Sue Head, Charlie & Nicole Reid, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Dave & Amy (Gentry) Hoehne, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Bruce & Sharron

Connor, Joel & Sarah Dixon, Matt & Amy Lewis, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Mickey and Martha Beach, Bob & Teresa Miller, June 5<sup>th</sup>, Jack & Bridget Gillespie, June 6<sup>th</sup>, Jerry & Beverly Staley, June 7<sup>th</sup>, David & Pamela Hardy, Chris & Ann Zumbrunnen, June 9<sup>th</sup>, Ernie & Kathy Libby, June 10<sup>th</sup>, Glenn & Stacey Bragg, Eric & Paula Jessen, June 12<sup>th</sup>, Mike & Elizabeth Quigley, June 13<sup>th</sup>, Chris & Jean Ham, June 14<sup>th</sup>, Greg & Debbie Gentry.

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