

Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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Still a couple of weeks to go before Summer officially begins but the summer like heat is already in “full bloom”!! Oddly enough the evenings are in the 60s and perfect for using our attic fan, but the afternoons have been blazing hot this past week. Our yard is beautiful right now and so is our garden so I hope we continue to have plenty of rain. We have 20 tomatoes planted in the garden along with a dozen green peppers, some cabbage and, with thanks to our garden fairy Kevin Golden, a couple of brussel sprout plants. Those in particular are growing like crazy. Hopefully we will have a mild summer with a perfect amount of moisture. We have five grandchildren playing baseball this summer and that means two and three nights a week at the ball park. Lots of hot dogs, Frito pies, cheeseburgers and popcorn for our supper but we wouldn't miss a game for the world. Our youngest grandson started T-Ball this week – he was a hoot to watch too! Didn't seem to have much interest in wearing a glove for some reason, and really not all that interested in the game, however he did have fun running to each base, stopping short and then jumping on top of each one!

Bulldog QB Club - The Bulldog QB Club is proud to report another successful Quarterback Banquet. This year the special guest speaker for our 5th Annual event was BHS All-State Bulldog and Mizzou Tiger Steve Haag and he did a wonderful job. Steve gave much of the credit for his successes in life to growing up in Brookfield, a school that nourished him and a great football

program. **The QB Club also honored the 1992 Bulldog team State Semi-Final team on the occasion of their 25th anniversary.** Voice of the Bulldogs Jeff Elliott created a tape for the event in which he introduced each player just like he does before each home game. Unfortunately our '92 player turnout was a disappointment this year compared to last but those who did make it appreciated the acknowledgement and had a good time.

The Banquet was held this year at the Brookfield Plaza Shopping Center in the building where Southside Equipment and the Staley Thriftway stores were once located. The building was originally built as a full service grocery store so there was ample room for seating 300 plus people. Club members spent several days ahead of the event cleaning and scrubbing the place to make it work for our banquet and everyone seemed to like the new setting. Can't tell about next year's Banquet yet since we don't know if this building will be available next spring.

As in past years there were a limited number of tickets sold and a \$10,000 drawing was held. Names were drawn throughout the evening in 25 name segments with the 9th person winning \$100. The event was the same except that instead of waiting until the end to pull the winning ticket stub we pulled the losing tickets first. Those who wanted to pay \$5 could have their names thrown in a separate pot which gave them another chance to have their name drawn from that pot at the end of evening and put back into the final drawing. As the evening progressed a final group of 10 people were left. Those names were put in a separate pot and each lost out as their names were drawn. When it got down to just the final 2 people we checked with each and they decided to divide the \$10,000 rather than taking a chance of not winning anything. This year's winners were former Coach Dave Shaw and Shane Evans. Unfortunately neither were in attendance, but of course they still won the money! The Brickhouse Restaurant catered our event this year.

New Bulldog Head Football Coach – BHS has hired a new Head Football Coach. His name is Scott Stevens and he started work at the end of May. Our son Nile Thudium has been the Bulldog Coach for the past 8 year. He decided to apply for

the High School Principal job when it became vacant and was chosen so he had to resign his beloved Coaching position. Following an extensive search, which included 24 applicants, the interview team invited 8 applicants for personal interviews. Coach Stevens has been the Defensive Coordinator at Trenton High School. He is a Trenton native and THS graduate. He was a running back on the Trenton State Semi-Final team and went on to play for 5 years at Truman University. Coach Thudium expressed his confidence that Coach Stevens will be an excellent Coach for the Bulldogs. He was in full Coaching mode this past week with his first training camp. The well won't be dry for Coach Stevens. The Bulldogs have plenty of experienced and talented players returning from last year's squad. You will remember that Coach Thudium ended up starting a number of sophomores last year from a very talented class and they are all expected back this year. The Bulldogs held their first camp this past week under Coach Stevens and 65 boys picked up equipment. That surely made Coach Stevens happy to start out his career as a Head Coach in Brookfield!

Annual Chamber Banquet - Shane and I attended the Brookfield Chamber of Commerce Banquet recently. It was well held once again at the Brickhouse Restaurant and was well attended. Following the meal the Chamber presented special awards to the Linn County Leader for 150 continuous years in business and to Stanbury Uniforms for its 100th year in business. The newspaper has published under different names over the years and Stanbury has actually been in Brookfield for 59 years.

The Brookfield Area Growth Partnership presented its annual community awards; The award for "Leadership" went to Richard Techau for his many years on the City Council and for his dedicated service to the Balloon Derby since its inception. "Philanthropy" went to Stanbury Uniforms for its unrivaled support of the community and the School. "Reconnecting Brookfield" went to Prenger

Foods for bringing a terrific full service grocery store back to the community. Following the presentation there was a live auction of a whole variety of donated items. All in all a really nice evening! It is becoming an annual thing for me to list the Chamber Presidents over the years so here goes:

1938 Rollins Brownlee

1944 L.G. Kelley

1946 P.W. Markham

1949 W.W. Rutherford

1950 Rev. W. Icenogle

1952 H.K. West

1954 H.L. Carroll

1955 O.J. Cleveland

1956 Henry Williams

1957 James Price

1958 Darrell Rodd

1959 Paul Meyer

1960 Don Schooler, Sr.

1961 Phil Fosse

1962 Walter Allen

1963 Ray Brown

1964 Manford Easley

1965 Leon Robinson

1966 Wayne Black
1967 Dale Smart
1968 Raymond Baker
1969 Ross Kennedy
1970 Dean Mosley
1971 Bill Kennedy
1972 Mike Baker
1973 Bob Burkholder
1974 Allen Fisher
1975 Howard Graff
1976 Jack Liebhart
1977 Don Olinger
1978 Harry Wolfe
1979 Dr. W.B. Copple
1980 Junior Kearns
1981 Rick Austin
1982 Bill Dorsey
1983 Gary Redmon
1984 Jack Jett
1985 Gary Ball
1986 Bob Thudium
1987 Jeff Elliott

1988 Dennis Fletcher

1989 Jewell Phillips

1990 Jim Elliott

1991 Jim Elliott

1992 Pam Thomas-David

1993 Jerry Lindsay

1994 Jerry Lindsay

1995 Doug Ayers

1996 Mary Ann Reed

1997 Scott Davis

1998 Noel Clark

1999 Bob Walgren

2000 Carol Hedrick

2001 Mary Enyeart

2002 Mary Ann Sensenich

2003 Mary Ann Sensenich

2004 Rod Billingsly

2005 Brenda DeVoy

2006 Amy Huffmon

2007 Jarrod Black

2008 Marcia Cunningham

2009 Dave Hane

2010 Kathy McCurry

2011 Becky Fitzgerald

2012 Renelda Billingsley

2013 Vanessa Lincoln

2014 Monica Baker

2015 Jennifer Norman

2016 Blake DeVoy

Fun Brookfield Memories – I just drove past my Grandmother Ethel Harwood’s old house on Meade Street. She bought the Carl & Eva Seitz house after they retired and moved to a vacation home. When Grandmother Ethel first lived there Harley & Rose Tripp lived across the street, and behind their house was the round top style barn where they ran Harley’s Music Company. Harley supplied records and juke boxes for every business that had juke boxes, and in the 50’s and 60’s they were everywhere. Their son Steve graduated a few years ahead of me. I remember him as a pretty good QB on the football field and a pretty talented basketball player.

New Brookfield Retail Business – A new retail business called “The Dollar Tree” will be opening very soon in Brookfield. It has been under construction in the old Esry Grocery Store building on West Lockling, next door to the Chinese Restaurant. Workers have been busy constructing a store within the previous grocery store building and have constructed a very attractive new front to their own entrance. We have very good reports from Dollar Tree Stores in other communities and look forward to shopping this brand new retailer in our community!!

10th Annual Brookfield Leadership Academy Graduation – This year the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership Leadership Academy graduated 11 students. In total the Academy has graduated 159 local people with an astonishing

number of them having assumed leadership roles throughout the Community, both in elected offices and volunteer Boards and Commissions. Our Graduates for this year include; Ashton Brockman, Stacey Brown, Drew Elliott, Shelby Gardner, Kim Goosey, Aerin Hall, Jordan Hasty, Lisa Hoskins, Joy Munsterman, Maggie Munsterman and Jill Wikle. Congrats to our grads and we wish them well as they seek leadership roles within our community!

Alumni Weekend is Upon Us! Our community hopes for a huge crowd this year. Attached is Alumni Weekend information and where to pre-register. I think everyone will be pleased with the “new” East Twin Park and performance pavilion. Much work and generous donations made this possible. We hope to finish up fundraising for the West Twin Park by fall and begin restoration of this iconic Park as well.

New Brookfield Aquatic Center – Our new Aquatic Center opened its gates Memorial Day weekend as promised! The turnout over the weekend was terrific as expected and all reports have been very positive. The new Center is located next to the old brick Shelter House in the South City Park. Our old pool was built in 1959 and had become more and more expensive to maintain. We are pleased that the taxpayers were agreeable to funding a new facility! Those considering living in and around our community will be pleased to see this wonderful new facility.

Birthdays – June 1st, TJ Hall, Teresa Lark, Teresa Williams, Hurschell Lane, June 2nd, Teague Cantrall, Abby McCracken, Randy Rasmussen, Alyson Wade, June 3rd, Kacey Collier, Elizabeth Scates, Shannon Scott, June 4th, Carl Bunten, Mark Smith, **Donnie Steven (our cousin!)**, June 5th, Timber Estes, June 6th, Zane Still, Butch Mosley, June 7th, Sherry Ellison, Mary Stufflebean, June 8th, June 9th, **Matt Parn (our son in law)**, Pat Gooch, Lauren Bush, June 10th, Cheri Pope Hunt, Jone Stufflebean Soloman, Mike Morris, Carolee Hall, Graham Smith, Cathy Wombwell, June 11th, Sarah Holtz, Wilma Helms Jobson, June 13th, Kim Molloy, Jim Bennett,

James Cowan, Jennifer Darby, June. 14th, Abby Sattman, Terry Tschannen, Dennis Calhoun, Lottie Phillips, June 15th, Jerry Wine, Caleb Buckallew, Scott Wholgemuth, June 16th, Cheryl Hayen Bradley, Kathy Gall, Julie Reese, June 17th, George Johnson, Vickie Roberts, Dee Williams, June 18th, Jocelyn Lincoln, Eugene Seiboldt, Melissa Sportsman, **June 19th, Jaida Staddie, our granddaughter**, Peggy Price, Vanessa O'Dell, June 21st, Ryan Collins, Lela Groes, Shannon Moser, Karen Ewing Bradley, Kathleen Burris, Michael Libby, Addison Rodriguez, June 22nd, Ben Keller, Megan Scott, June 23rd, Jennifer Shoemaker, Kylin King, June 24th, Nickolas Mason, Tristian Hamilton, Sue Kimble, Hayden Harms, June 25th, JoAnn Bunten, Ashley Grant, June 26th, Frances Smith, June 27th, Jo Hunt, Daniel Alexander, Samantha Gonzalez, Brandon McKenzie, June 28th, Jack Varnedoe, June 29th, Kaler Still, June 30th, **Mason Swift Thudium (our grandson)**, Jack Ogden, Debbie Lain, Pat Sportsman, Ann Wombwell, July 1st, Blake DeVoy, Roman DeVoy, July 4th, Kyan Sutch, July 5th, Pat Clawson, Mary Lee Moore, July 6th, Hannah Thudium, July 7th, Rob King, July 8th, Butch Dyer, Tiffany Dyer, Marshallyn Smith Shah, Mallory Gonzalez, Morgan McCormick, Bonnie Seiboldt, July 9th, Kathy Libby, July 10th, Karen Evans, Sue Lambert, Jordan Hulett Lichtenberg, July 11th, Garry Logan, Sharron (Hahn '59) McCollum, July 12th, Chris Maher, Michael Robinson, July 15th, Nathan Roberts, Donna Vickery, Helen Fay, July 16th, David Hedrick, Sarah Hedrick, Charlie Reid, Ted Thudium, July 18th, Mike Lindsay, Loren Holloway, Dave Renshaw, Cole Renshaw, Linda Mundell Falconer, Sean Hedrick, July 19th, Linda Bloss, July 20th, Abby Bara, Mike Quigley, July 21st, Kim Jenkins Park, Raylee King, July 22nd, Emily Beach, Bob Clawson, Matthew Smith, Davon Lark, July 23rd, Teresa Wine, Glenn Huffman, Jenna Long, Dillon Brundage, July 24th, Rachel Zumbunnen, July 25th, Abigale Park, July 26th, Cecilia Spath, Monica Baker, July 27th, Kelly Watson, July 28th, Liz Wilt, Sue Head, Jerry O'Dell, Danielle Broom, July 29th, Alex Clawson, Susan Henry, July 30th, Andy Saccaro, Chris Cash, Brianna Schneiderheinze, July 31st, Isaac Allen, Vivian Graff, Debbie Shouse, Glenn Wombwell.

Anniversaries –June 1st, Bruce & Sharron Connor, Joel & Sarah Dixon, Matt & Amy Lewis, June 4th, Mickey & Martha Beach, Bob & Teresa Miller, June 5th, Jack & Bridget Gillespie, June 6th, Jerry & Beverly Staley, June 7th, David & Pam Hardy, Chris & Ann Zumbrunnen, June 9th, Ernie & Kathy Libby, June 10th, Glenn & Stacey Bragg, Eric & Paula Jessen, June 12th, Mike & Elizabeth Quigley, June 13th, Chris & Jean Ham, June 17th, George & Pat Kimbrough, Bob & Mary Ann Roe, June 18th, Wade & Dorothy Watts, Daniel & Emily Littrell, June 19th, Ray & Joyce Epperly, Rex & Renee Moore, June 20th, Ed & Linda McDowell, John & Julie Sheerman, Terrill & Dana Lane, James & Kerri Cowan, June 21st, **Matt & Kjersten Parn (our daughter & son in law)**, Larry & Sherry Ellison, June 24th, Heath & Shelly Harms, June 26th, Ron & Bev Liebhart, June 28th, Jimmy & Kacey Collier, Jim & Martha McIntyre, Dennis & Suzanne Stephenson, **Nile & Jenny Thudium (our son and daughter in law)**, June 29th, Bill & Rhonda Cople, Terry & Carla Watts, June 30th, Gary & Jo Ann Horton, July 1st, Charles & Beverly Bowe, July 2nd, Josh & Tasha Rodriguez, July 3rd, Chuck & Jackie Tomlinson, Ed & Debbie Smith, July 5th, Rusy & Savannah Phillips, July 6th, Gene & Wanda Buckallew, Larry & Sharron (Hahn '59) McCollum, July 7th, Tim & Melissa Sportsman, July 11th, Chris & Jennifer Waugh, July 12th, Richard & Jo Ellen Boley, Dameon & Melissa Knowles, July 15th, Jon & Melinda Renshaw, July 18th, Mark & Betty Woodring, July 19th, Mike & Holly Lindsay, **RJ & Noel Thudium (our daughter & son in law)**, July 21st, Greg & Karen Mosley, Rick & Tammy Standley, July 24th, Jason & Heidi Beeler, Dan & Lisa Daugherty, July 27th, Clarke & Penny Burns, July 28th, Eric & Abby McCracken, July 30th, David & Dana Harmon, Kevin & Shannon Knowles.

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