

# Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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What a wonderful summer we have experienced in Brookfield this year! Temps have been cool and we have had plenty of rain. Pretty rare to see green lawns in August but that is exactly what we have. Crops in this area look better than they have in years and that is sure to translate into a bountiful harvest. We rarely have a decent garden but even we had a good crop of green beans & peppers, and even reaped several nice sized, delicious tomatoes! Our neighbors Jim and Kay Williams have sent over tomatoes as well and I have nearly foundered!!

***Bulldog Football Season*** - Hard to believe but we are already getting ready to play our third high school football game Friday night. Before we get to that I will try to catch you up a little. The annual Bulldog Steak Feed took place on August 21<sup>st</sup>, the night before the South Shelby Cardinals came to town for a big Clarence Cannon Conference opener. Coach Nile Thudium opened the season with a pared down solid squad of 53 kids. The number of those who sign up in the spring and those who make it thru summer camps always changes downward. We have a team absolutely full of kids with varsity experience and a group of seniors who are particularly hungry to have a very successful run thru the Conference and an equally successful deep stretch into the playoffs. Our game against the Class 1 State ranked Cardinals couldn't have been more successful. We took a 30 -0 lead into the second quarter, ran it up to 43-8 at half and coasted to victory the second half with a running clock.

We traveled to Ewing, Mo this past Friday night to take on another CCC foe in the Highland Cougars. The Bulldogs were dominant from the beginning and took a 42-0 lead into half time before turning it over to the JV with a running clock. The

JV defense did a terrific job as well and the offense put one more TD on the board to finish up with a 48-0 victory. It was nice to hit the road for home by 9:30.

This week is **Bell Game Week!** The matchup this year is at Chester Ray Stadium in Marceline with a kick off time of 7 p.m. Friday night. Both teams arrive with identical 2-0 record. Marceline's wins are over Tri-Rivers teams, Knox County and Schuyler County and Brookfield with wins over Clarence Cannon teams, South Shelby and Highland. Both teams have scored 90 plus points with each allowing a total of 8 points from their opponents combined - so "on paper" it appears we could be well matched. The Tigers are coming off a State Championship game this past year in Class 1 and their success has created a new football buzz in Marceline. They have 42 kids out this fall which is a big increase from their numbers from the last several years. Brookfield counters with 53 players and more highly skilled position players than we have seen in several years. I like our chances but as we all know too well "you just can't ever tell about a Bell Game – weird things happen"! Hope to see a huge crowd this Friday night for another epic battle!

Bulldog JV is also 2-0 for the year so far. Their first game was against South Shelby which we won 12-0. The second was a freshmen/sophomore game against Monroe City's JV which we won 16-12.

This year is also special for us because we have a grandson, Mason Swift Thudium, who will be playing Jr. High this year as a 7<sup>th</sup> grader. I have always been good to attend the local Jr. High games but haven't been to many out of town. However that changes this Saturday when we head to Kahoka for his first game. Also we have two grandsons, Donovan Parn and Gambal Staddie, who play Little League football and aren't far behind their cousin. Donovan's younger brother Devan will be playing soon too. Kingston Thudium is only 18 months but he has the look of a solid middle linebacker already!! ☺ Just saying, we have a lot of football to watch the next several years! Also, our granddaughter Jaida Staddie is a freshman football Cheerleader this year – cute as the dickens! ☺

***Good News for our Downtown*** – If you didn't make it back for Alumni Weekend then you missed some of the many building improvements, new business startups, and general refurbishment happening on Main Street, and of course the

beautiful new Walk of Heroes project. New businesses include Miss Mary's Market Place (in the old Cisco Brown building location) and a "coming soon" Dollar Store to be located in half of the old Mart Drug/Green Hills Pharmacy. The license bureau has changed hands and has been relocated to North Main Street. Local entrepreneur Sam Correll is refurbishing the two story building on the northeast end of North Main, next to Holloway's (Babb's '66) Service Station. His crew has tuck pointed the building and is remodeling the inside from the downstairs up. The beautiful new License Bureau opened two weeks ago in the north side of the building and my understanding is the Daily News Bulletin will move their offices next door soon. Not sure what their plans will be for the old LaPiere Hotel building they will be vacating. It is such a neat old building with so much history in our community. Just for fun Sam had his workers restore some of the old advertisements on the outside north wall of the IOOF building, including repainting the old Sinclair mascot Dino – he is back, green and glorious once again! Also we have a new restaurant opening on the south side of town. The previous Cattlemen's Restaurant is being refurbished and will open soon as the Highway 36 Diner. I drove by this week and the new sign is up on the building. The business owner has several of these restaurants in North Missouri under various highway names. They put out some terrific food and the owner promises it will be the same here in Brookfield! The owner of Southside Equipment decided to retire and closed that facility. Some of his workers kept the Stihl franchise, moved across Hwy 36 and opened back up in the old Hahn Implement building. We wish them well in this new endeavor. BTW – Chad promises that Cub Cadet has a strong presence here and will almost certainly have someone back in Brookfield selling and servicing their products very soon. In the meantime he has sold the Southside Equipment building to Michael Munsterman to be used for distribution of the various products his company is marketing. More to come on that and other projects underway in the near future.

***Walk of Heroes*** – As of Wednesday the committee handling this project was down to 55 remaining available bricks. Orders have continued to come in steadily since the dedication ceremonies in June and it will not be long before the spaces are all filled. If you have put off ordering a brick for a loved one who served or is serving in the military now is the time to pick up the phone and call Marcia at the BAGP offices, 660-258-2267. Bricks are \$150 apiece. Special printed certificates

suitable for framing will be provided if you are planning to give your brick as a gift. If you have not been home to see this new addition to our Twin Parks you will be thrilled with the work that has been done to make this new memorial very special. Such a wonderful and meaningful project, and excess proceeds from the sale of the bricks will be applied toward more improvements in our Twin Parks.

**Hometown LEGACY Foundation** – Don't forget to keep our community foundation in your thoughts as you make decisions regarding charitable donations and beneficiaries in your life insurance, trust or will. The HLF is working every day to improve your old hometown. Our plan is that a dedicated endowment fund using only revenues produced from investments will one day support all community and economic activities in our town. You can help us reach this goal by pledging your support now. For more information about a variety of ways you can help please respond to this column or call our Brookfield Area Growth Partnership office at 660-258-2267.

***Birthdays*** – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Gayle (Wilson '67) Johnson, Nic Matheny, Art Rhodes, Larry McCurry, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jeri White, Susan Hicks, Troy Dunkin, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Evan Fay, Pam Harper, Tiffany Samm, Caleb Galloway, Tyler Gordon, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, Mary Stuver, Scotty Clawson, John Peyton Hamilton, Marlene Watkins, Drew Hane, Gerrit Hane, Zach McMains, Thomas Coons, Ashley McCann, Johnie McGraw, Ryan Palmer, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, Beau Harrington, Almira Stevens, Gage Ham, Jane Walgren, Jeremy McCann, Nanci Saccaro, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, John Murphy, Rhonda McKenzie, Charlee Reese, Abby Trentham, Olivia McCurry, Brendam Ham, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, Will Lincoln, Alex Moore, Gina Smith, Rachael Stauffer, Ed Dobrzanski, Janine Crist, Amanda Parker, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Dave Hane, Ed Walsworth, Kyle Stahl, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, Elijah Beach, Stacey Bragg, Brittany Harrington, Linda Shaw, Natalie Bennett, Jim Stewart, Mike Stufflebean, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Jeannette Packham, Toni Fay, Melinda McCormick, Debbie Smith, Chris Waugh, Matthew Anderson, Jake Edgar, Carson Wilkerson, David Minich, Kelli Alexander, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Kathi Falconer, Grant Rodriguez, Amy Montgomery Stark, Kodi Kauzlarich, Evangelina Gonzalez, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Jerod Gillman, Shawn Moore, Bob Roe, Chris Ham, Andrew

Reed, Galen Hicks, Justin White, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Alberta Gibson, Pam Spath, Jody Graff, Susie Overton, Joy Munsterman, Blaine Wilkerson, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Luke Carmical, Katelin Dixon, Jerry Gall, Pam Kimbrough, Dana Melton, Trey Cunningham, Mel Greene, **John Remol (my father in law)**, Andrew Hoyt, Alyssa Elson, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, Ruth Holtel, Sherri Elliott, Jordon Hamilton, Laurie Knowles, Rhonda Palmer, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Chris Clark, Tricia Cleveland, Greg Wilson, Suzanne Rhodes, Matt Cunningham, Samuel Robinson, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, Rick Butterfield, Janet Guyer, Jim Lumsden, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, Jinny Moore, Adam Walter, Kyle Smith, Kyle Sprague, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, Don Fosse, Judy Kirkpatrick, Kailee Cowan, Greg Crafton, Blayke Ellison, Robert Robinson, Greg Buckallew, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Samantha Kirkpatrick, Victoria Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Almond, Amy Botts, Jared Shouse, Gracie Dickson, Shalena Bradley, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, Alice Kirtley, Dale Lewis, Tess Sheerman, Nolan Stark, Pat Hamann, Natasha Douglas, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Sturgess, Chris Beach, Tiffany Fischer, Emree Littrell, Logen Mendenhall, Julie Sensenich, Sherry Copple, Traci Douglas, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Zach Watts, Gini McMains, Allison Reipe, Amanda Hueffmeier, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, **Carolyn Remol, my sister in law**, Dawson Baker, Jerry Linebaugh, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Nikayla Gibson, Betsy Alexander, Dennis Elliott, Jeff Roe, Debbie Gentry, Diane Lambert, Kelsey Richardson, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, Jon Buten, Melanie Rogers, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, Jon Mendenhall, Louise Ludington, Aarica Billingsley, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, Carol Klingsmith, Julie Davis, Larry Hedrick, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Avery Gillman, Barrett Jones, Gabriel Mura, Robin Black, Katherine Libby, Chase Jackson, Karen Stufflebean Bishop, Dennis Stephenson, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, Gage Lindsay, **Dylan Blue Parn, our granddaughter**, Karen Bush, Parker Jenson, Tiffany White, Wendy O'Toole.

*Anniversaries* – Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, Rick & Cheryl Butterfield, Donald & Nina Bingham, Pat & Freda Clark, Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ronnie & Carolee Hall, Burnie & Jennifer Hicks, Tom & Trudy Smith, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, Eugene & Bonnie Seaboldt, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, Herb & Julie Sensenich, Bob & Jane Walgren, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, Randy & Toni Fay, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, Jon & Shirley Guilford, Gary & Wendy O'Toole, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, Danny & Jewell Phillips, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, Terry & Michelle Brosmer, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, Jack & Marsha Ogden, Caley & Megan Woods, Jim & Nanci Saccaro, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Chad & Rebecca Cantrall, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, Byron and Joan Byrd, Terry & Linda Collins, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, Curtis & Sharon

Phillips, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bill & Liz Wilt, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, Rob & Connie King, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>,  
Justin and Jenna Long.

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