

# Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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The pandemic has created some interesting situations for everyone's lives. One good thing concerned BHS graduating senior Olivia Montgomery who was unable to present her Senior vocal recital. BHS Vocal Director/Teacher John Wiggin contacted Brookfield First Presbyterian Church and asked if we would consider hosting her Recital. Of course our Session jumped at the chance to do so and loved that she wanted to sing in our Church. John has been our Sunday musician the past couple of years and was fully aware of the wonderful acoustics in the Sanctuary- those combined reasons contributed to how this all came about. As it turned out Olivia presented her recital to a nearly packed Sanctuary of family, friends, School teachers & Administrators and Presbyterian Congregation members. Lots of family groups and of course we did our best to arrange seating to

socially distance others as much as possible. My goodness is Olivia a talented young lady. It was her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday that day as well so that made the occasion even more special for her. Many of you will remember the Montgomery/Fay families who live south of Brookfield. Martha was our School musical director for many years Lots of musical talent in that family!.

***Senior Graduation*** – July 5<sup>th</sup> was the date for the official BHS Class of 2020 graduation. As so many of us did in past years, this class also held their graduation ceremonies at Burlington Field, but under a very different situation. Each graduate was limited to having no more than 10 family/friends in their seating “pods”. The pods were located on the field between the 30 yard lines, and socially distanced from each other. Our School Maintenance crew, School officials and numerous volunteers did a great job of preparing the facility for this historic event. The evening was July warm but a decision to wait until 8 p.m. turned out to be the best idea ever as the sun began setting behind the trees on the west and we had a nice breeze for the evening. Everything went off as planned and a huge fireworks display followed the hat tossing ceremony.

***Annual Great Pershing Balloon Derby*** - an announcement has been made indicating there will be a Balloon Derby this year. Lots of changes of course but the Committee is working feverishly to make changes that will allow folks to see the balloons in different ways. There will not be anything happening this year at the take off/balloon glow site, so that means no place to gather to watch the balloons close up and enjoy the many vendors. As plans are announced I will keep every post thru HB announcements for those planning to attend this great annual event.

Just received from the Balloon Committee –

As with everything recently, we have had to implement changes for the 44th Great Pershing Balloon Derby. It is our goal to put on a fun, successful event while keeping your health and safety at the forefront of our minds. After much thought, we felt the following changes were necessary. We will not be having our Friday Night South Main Night Flame or our Saturday Twin Parks activities. We also made the decision to close the Myron Peacher Memorial Launch Field to spectators. We will have balloon flights and our Saturday parade down Main Street and we would be grateful if you would practice social distancing while joining us. We understand the Derby will be very different than years past but we do hope you understand. We plan to fly over Brookfield every flight, weather permitting. So watch for our scheduled flight times and keep your eyes to the skies for the beautiful sight of balloons in the air over Labor Day Weekend!

***BHS Reopening*** – this has been an issue our School Board and Administration has been struggling with much of the spring and summer since the shutdown. Plans now are to reopen the School on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Sports programs are planning to proceed as usual at this point as well. There has been a football camp the past two weeks. Specifics on how exactly things will happen in school will be determined for sure once we get closer to opening. Administrators have created a variety of scenarios which will allow them to make changes on the run. A survey was sent out to residents throughout the District recently and the vast majority of responses from parents indicated they wanted to send their kids back to school. 75% were definite, a smaller percentage at that time were a little iffy and just a very small number indicated they were unwilling to allow their kids back in school based on the situation at that time. Our County has experienced an uptick in Covid numbers the past couple of months but now numbers seems to be trending back down. Hopefully that will be the positive news our hesitant parents have been looking for.

***Town is Open Again*** – Nearly everyone was ready to get Brookfield opened back up again. Thankfully we followed the State guidelines and did so about a month ago. So nice to see the Parks full of kids again! We see some folks wearing masks and most still social distancing. How much and to what extent will of course depend on how our County is doing this fall. Plans right now are to play it smart and charge ahead toward school, football and Halloween! 😊

***Birthdays*** – July 22<sup>nd</sup>, Emily Beach, Bob Clawson, Matthew Smith, Devan Lark, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, Teresa Wine, Glenn Huffman, Jenna Long, Dylan Brundage, July 24<sup>th</sup>, Rachel Zumbrunnen, Reagan Tate, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Abigale Park, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Cecilia Spath, Monica Baker, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Kelly Watson, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Liz Wilt, Jerry O’Dell, Danielle Broom, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Alex Clawson, Sue Henry, July 30<sup>th</sup>, Andy Sacarro, Chris Cash, Briana Schneiderheinze, Tressia Snyder, July 31<sup>st</sup>, Isaac Allen, Debbie Shouse, Glenn Wombwell, Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, Bill Mobley, Sharon Flynn, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Cheryl Calhoun, Lisa Hedrick, Shane Cavannah, Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Dianna Grant, Jessica Greenway, Chris King, Chaz Walgren, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, Whitley Almond, Laurie Gannon, Josh Maxwell, Cassie McKenzie, Larry Witte, Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, Cheri York, Frank Gannon, Josh Hannick, Mark

Wilkerson, Samantha Young, Bryce Shoemaker, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, Sharon McIntyre, D'Etta Scott, Dan Smart, Buck Farrenkopf, Gavin Head, Edward Little, Sammie Gordon, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, Mark Cleveland, Page Drescher Corf, Ryan Goodson, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sharron Connors, Tasha Rogers, Bill Hoffstetter, Beverly Elson, Laura Almond, Kelsey Kennedy, Bob Wessing, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, Mike Lowther, Mary Patton, Keeden Schnetzler, Terry Brosemer, Brady Sensenich, Allison Wild, Bruce Williams, Jean Eggerman, Charlene Roe, Bernita St. Clair, Skylar Billingsly, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, Leon McIntyre, Don Brumbaugh, Jayden Emery Britton, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, Kristi Malloy, Stacey Brown, Rebecca Haley, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Mickey Beach, Brandon Sensenich, Melinda Wilbeck, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, David Hardy, Robbie Thompson, Mary Middleton, Mitchell Ayers, Carol Petree, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, Heather York, Russ Knowles, Teresa Duncan, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, Brynleigh Cordray, Lynn Hahn, Jill Luckert, Colten Futhey, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, Barry Smith, Tanya Fast, Brent Sparks, Phoebe Pyrtle, Andrea Hoffman, Stephanie Campbell, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, Breana Talton-Cordray, Donna Switzer, Anthony Cupp, Christina Judas, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, Rebekah Allen, Eric Stone, Becky Babb, Brian Elson, Austin Lindsay, William Paahlar, Luke Robison, Kalie Gordon, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, Coltin Almond, Carla Maggart,

Suzan Stephenson, Allison Helton, Susan Marriot, Doug Henry, Aug. 20<sup>th</sup>, Brenda Techau, Bob Peterson, Jacob Leverett, Aug. 21<sup>st</sup>, **our Grandson Donovan Parn**, Audra Sims Clawson, Mike Scates, Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mike Lane, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bruce McElfrelsh, Mary Nixon, Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>, Shirley Stufflebean, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>, Alicia Scott Lindsay, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, Shaun Kearnes, Mary Almond, Chretien Gillman, Katie Eggerman, Britney Beach, Garrett Roe, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, Madison Spath, Nina Bingham, Larry Ellison, Tully Reed, Kevin DeVoy, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>, Lily Ann Lindsay, JoAnne Horton, Lois Johnson, Austin Potter, Robert Greene, Leslie Helton, Sonja Gillespie, Darlene Gordon, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, Rick Standley, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, Chas Gamblin, Jake Ball, Cora Kaye, Ron Snyder, Brittany Standley, Dena Still, Martha Montgomery, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, Jack Gillespie, **our son in law RJ Staddie, our grand daughter Breckin Thudium**, Paula Hamilton, Marty Clunn.

***Anniversaries*** – July 24<sup>th</sup>, Jason & Heidi Beeler, Dan & Lis Daugherty, July 27<sup>th</sup>, Clarke & Penny Burns, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Eric & Abby McCracken, July 30<sup>th</sup>, David & Dana Harmon, Kevin & Shannon Knowles, Aug. Bill & Kathleen Mobley, Jim & Julie Wright, Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Matt & Sara Barra, Junior & Mary Sisson, Dave & Linda Shaw, Aug. 4, Matt & Vanessa Lincoln, Brent & Renatta

Skinner, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, Dorron & Jenny Campbell, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, Mark & Amy Botts, E.T. & Jenelle White Fresh, Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, Roger & Donna Hulett, Mike & Susan McBroom, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, Scott & Connie Clawson, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, Greg & Susan Wilson, Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>, Jeremiah & Amanda Bush, Phil & Barb Hamilton, Chuck & Julie Reese, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, Todd & Kim Park, Gerry & Linda Bloss, Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, Kenny & Debbie Bailey, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, Jim & Amy Elliott, Bob & Lois Johson, Jerry & Marilyn Stone, Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, Joel & Stephanie Magnuson, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, Leon & Sharon McIntyre, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup>, Derek & Katie Cordray, Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, Larry & Dee Carmical, Charles & Marilyn Martin, Stu & Gini McMains (50<sup>th</sup>), Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jim & Audra Clawson, Russ & Nelda Nickerson, Aug. 27<sup>th</sup>, Kevin & Brenda DeVoy, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>, Shawn & Jinny Moore, Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, Stan & Janet Knowes Casady.

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