

Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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Greetings to all! Hope everyone is wintering well. The weather in Brookfield this winter has been off and on. Decent for a while and then it slips into the deep freeze for a while. Very little snow so far but around here you can never count it out! This week looks like all 60s and 70s – we will all have fishing fever! I am a little late getting another Hellooooo Brookfield out – I have been blaming my laziness on the cold weather with this spring weather upon us I now my excuse has disappeared!

Stanbury Uniforms -Brookfield's most iconic industry is Stanbury Uniforms. Isn't it neat to have a local industry whose products we can all see when we watch the holiday parades on TV! This year I am told there were 6 marching bands in the Rose Bowl Parade that sported uniforms built right here in Brookfield. Not sure how many were in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade but I am certain there were several. I do plan to try to find out in advance of both parades the next time around and let everyone know so we all can watch for them. Thanks to our local employee owned industry for helping to put Brookfield "on the map"!

BHS Alumni Association – The Alumni Association is still accepting nominations for the BHS Hall of Fame right now. If you have someone you feel should be considered please **click on the attachment** and fill out the nomination form. The deadline is quickly approaching. I have also attached an events list for Alumni Weekend.

Quarterback Club Event - The 3rd Annual Bulldog Quarterback Club fundraising banquet and dance is scheduled for Saturday, March 21st, 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. The special guest speaker for this event will be 1965 BHS grad and star football player Alan Couch. In addition to being a high school all-conference and all northeast district award winner, he also was a scholarship player for Central Missouri State in Warrensburg for four years. Tickets for the event are \$100 apiece with each ticket providing for banquet meals and dance for two plus an opportunity to have your name drawn at the conclusion of the evening and win \$10,000 in cash. We limit ticket sales to 300 so the odds of having your ticket stub drawn are pretty darn good compared to most things! The QB Club strives to make the annual banquet a special evening for those who attend. Ticket holders can expect tables dressed in white linen and a first class prime rib meal served by our high school football players and cheerleaders who will be dressed in white shirts and black slacks. In addition to hearing from BHS grad Alan Couch the Club will be honoring the 1947 undefeated, un-scored upon, un-tied football team and have invited "the team" to be our guests for the evening. Sure to be a very special evening.

If you would like to purchase a ticket to this year's QB Club Banquet you can make a check to "Bulldog QB Club/HLF" and mail it to the same at P.O. Box 67, Brookfield, Mo 64628. Club members with tickets to sell locally include; Bill Thudium, Kevin DeVoy, Blake DeVoy, Nile Thudium, Jim Lane, Terrill Lane, Jarrod Black, Russ Morris, Mike McBroom, Rob Garr, Jerod Gillman and Matt Lincoln. **Tickets can now be purchased online by going to the Bulldog Quarterback Facebook page and using Pay Pal.** Hope to hear from you soon! Please remember, the Bulldog QB Club is affiliated with the Hometown LEGACY Foundation(HLF)and any donations are considered tax deductible.

QB Club Facebook – The QB Club does indeed have a Facebook presence. Just look for Bulldog Quarterback Club on Facebook and it will pop up. We use it to keep folks informed about projects the Club has underway and during the season we keep you informed while games are underway. Please check it out and don't forget to click "Like". We are hoping to hit over 1,000 likes before the

fall season starts. Also invite your friends to do the same and keep yourself informed about what is going on. Work has begun to build a website for the Club and we will keep you informed when that goes “online”. In the meantime buy your Bulldog Quarterback Club Banquet ticket thru Pay Pal on the site.

Rainbow Bread Company – I have been following a Facebook conversation online that began on the “You Might be from Brookfield if you remember....” Facebook page. If you get a chance take a look and log in to share with those of us who are reminiscing about Brookfield. Anyway, this particular conversation has been about the old Rainbow Break Company and the people who worked there over the years. I remember the place there on the corner of Brooks and Monroe and several people who worked there but have been shocked by the sheer numbers people have been coming up with . What I remember most about the Rainbow plant was the wonderful smells that came from those fresh bread products as trucks were being loaded. I can still smell it if I close my eyes! Following are some of the names people remember working in that plant in some capacity – Dick Tooley, Lee Mathys, Larry Head, Wally Collins, Dorman Ripley, Gene Swank, George Sportsman, Carl Tremain, Junior Sisson, Hoot Gibson, Charles Mosley & David Dowell. No doubt we missed some so let me know and I will add them next time. But don’t those names bring back a lot of good memories!

Pershing Memorial Hospital – Since the new Outpatient addition was completed in '09 I’m not so sure I have done a particularly good job of keeping folks informed about how the hospital is doing - so I will try to fix that for you! First of all let me tell you that Pershing’s financial position remains strong at this time. With health care stressed under government regulation and dealing with the dramatic effects of the “Affordable Care Act” our local hospital is struggling just like every other hospital in the nation. I have been on the Pershing Board of Directors since 1991 and have seen some extreme pendulum swings during the past 24 years but recent years have certainly been far more difficult for rural hospitals, physicians and patients.

Since the completion of the new Pershing outpatient/ER facility the Board of Directors has received a nearly half million dollar gift from the Applegate family – this donation was used to purchase and rehab the old Medical Arts building across the street from the hospital. This facility continues to house Dr. Copple on the second floor and he now shares that floor with Dr. Conception. On the bottom floor we have the Applegate Clinic which is covered by Pershing physicians Dr. Alex and Dr. Grace Dymek. This building is also expected to house two young physicians Pershing has been assisting with Med school. One is a year away and the other is two years away from joining the Pershing staff. We look so forward to bringing some young physicians to Brookfield. Tough to recruit to rural practices and we feel fortunate to have found two young people who were seeking this type of practice.

Brookfield Leadership Academy – This week the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership celebrated the graduation of its 9th Leadership Class. Since 2006-2007 the Leadership Task Force has seen a total of 135 people take 6 month of classes and graduate from the Academy. Over the years we have had a wide range of people take the course. Men and women from high school to seniors take the course together and learn so much from each other. We are told that our Leadership Academy is unique because we mesh our various age groups.

Birthdays – March 13th, Barbara Tschannen, Abraham Vickery, Carolyn Roberts, Paul Holtman, Kathy Woody, Barbara Cassity Morris, March, 14th, Elsie Reid, Tony Bowen, March, 15th, Jenna Booth, RJ Duff, Monica Sattman, Misty Bowen, Peggy Martin, Mar. 16th, Steve Haag, Julie Wright, Marshall Smith, Doris Dodd, Lavonee Newlin, James Taylor, Mar. 17th, Kristen Dowell, Mar. 18th, Carson Techau, Bob Johnson, Brooke Stanley, Jonathan Black, Gerald Schreiner, Brittanie Magnuson, Mar. 19th, Phillip Hamilton, Malissa O’Dell, Alyssa Malloy, Mar. 20th, Robert Allen, Burnie Hicks, Martha Wilkerson, Mar. 21st, Byron Byrd, Ally Tschannen, Zach Olinger, Terry Tarpending, Mar. 22nd, Eli Allen, Doris Dennis, Diane Wohlgemuth, Mar. 23rd, Robin Rollison Williams, Jacob Heckman, Ashley Scott, Mar. 24th, Amanda Alexander, Hans Roensch, Bill Shouse, Ian Thudium, my nephew, Becky Cleveland, Slade Emory Collier, Tammy Rhoades, Mar. 25th, Trish Collins, Emily Littrell, Savannah Neal, Matt Bara, Patricia Collins, Mar. 26th, David Harmon, **Ellie**

Remol, my mother in law, Mar. 27th, Linda Collins, Chad Shiflett, Mar. 28th, Mildred Bailey, Carrie Henry, Derrick Potter, Rex Tounzen, David Forst, Carrie Ratliff, Mar. 29th, Erin Hannick, Renee McKenzie, Matthew Reid, Michelle Sutch, Deborah Bowen, Flynn Hayden, Mar. 30th, Brooks Baker, Rick Darby, Jerry Enyeart, Mar. 31st, Joe Smith, Kimberly Greinke, Kenny Mayberry, Dee White, Apr. 1st, Frances Black, Elizabeth Bloss, Cheyenne Cash, Geneva Boley, Margie Pitts, Jamie Hartman, Corey Herington, Oscar Windsor, Isabel Phillips, Kendra Foster, Matt Guilford, Ervin Windsor, Shayne Lumsden, Apr. 2nd, Margaret Smith, Jennifer Thompson, Brent Kunkel, Bob Walgren, Andrew Walters, Kaitlyn Garr, Jordon Bailey, Larry Stauffer, Apr. 3rd, Mary Ann (Bussard) Potter, Emily Botts, Bryan Cople, Reeva DeMarco, Marguerite Johnson, Zach Buckallew, Kristi Varner, Lori Kennedy, Melissa Cole, Jeff Purcell, April 4th, Avery Phillips, Ty Golden, Charlotte Jones, Danielle Gann, Marcia Cunningham, Daniel Muck, Matthew Hebert, Marty Foreman, Blynda Carter, Apr. 5th, Don Almond, Willow Watson, Rhett Wilkerson, Julie Walker, Stephanie Epperson, Ryan Woody, Apr. 6th, Gerry Bloss, Tammy Kaufman, Drenda Neptune, Dennis Paalhar, David Paalhar, Chance Mosbacher, Ciera Epperson, Polly Arnold, Derek Scates, Apr. 7th, Kerri Cowan, Brenda George, Bill Morris, Sherry (Witte) Enyeart, Roger Hulett, Sue Ewing, Robert Smith, Matthew Hoyt, Steve Roberts, Rodney Butterfield, Apr. 8th, Caren Stahl, Keith Newman, Tracy Douglas, Debbie Morris, Jessica Deih, Sarah Heller, Joshua Newman, Matthew Newman, Teresa Woody, Apr. 9th, Larry Carmical, Russ Falconer, Stacie Wild, Beth Greene, Kevin Martin, Pat Johnson, Larry McCollum, Apr. 10th, Geneva Butler, John-Allen Moore, Darin Bodine, Tim Speichinger, Judy Redmon, Dillon Devoy, Dennis Huffmon, Vickie Stanley, Apr. 11th, **Leslie Thudium Hane, my neice**, Miranda Maddox, Mike Hueffmeier, Angeli Carter, Jason Epperson, Ethan Hayes, Apr. 12th, Tricia Kauzlarich, Neal Roberts, Aiden Smith, Kevin Witte, Sherry Hartman, Patricia Holtman, Apr. 13th, Kaecen Brown, Mikal Heckman, Lindsay Potter, Lester Lewis, Nichole Liebhart, Susan Elson, Kirk Palmer, Emma Heller, Shaylee Jenkins, Jennifer Huffman, Apr. 14th, Lisa Daugherity, Dave Shaw, Jamie Ayers, Frank Clark, Stu McMains, Lanny Kirtley, Velma Windsor, Rob Stufflebean, Apr. 15th, Ashley Burkholder, Rick German, Lisa Hofstetter, Garrett Mauzey, Walt Anthony.

Anniversaries – Mar. 13th, Waldo and Evelyn Roberts, March 20th, Willie & Wanda Brost, Mar. 25th, Jim & Debbie Bennett, Mar. 28th, Butch & Sarah Mosley, Apr. 4th, Craig & Pat Smith, Apr. 5th, Bill & Sandi Morris, Apr. 10th, Richard & Jeannie Davis, Apr. 13th, Howard & Shirley Moore, Apr. 14th, Bob & Pat Clawson, Carl & Jean Weaver.

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