

Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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I officially joined the geriatric generation this past month. On Oct. 1st I dropped off of our company health insurance and started using my new Medicare card! I suppose like everyone who has had this experience before me surely thought and said, “where on earth did the time go!!” Becoming a senior citizen was never anything I thought or worried much about. This despite observing the various decade achievements as I turned 30, 40, 50 and 60!! Having ten grandchildren ranging from 2 to 15 should have been a warning sign, or perhaps having a son turning 39 this month should have been an even stronger signal!! We celebrated my 65th birthday (Oct. 13th), along with our grandson Gambal’s 11th birthday (his is one day after mine). I got to pick the meal and chose one of my favorites, old hen and dumplings! We dined on hen and dumplings during our weekly family Sunday dinner, and Gambal and I shared a delicious chocolate birthday cake and blew out our candles. Shane only put Gambal’s eleven candles on the cake or we might have started a fire, lighting up his eleven and my sixty-five!!!

Fall in Brookfield has been the best! Beautiful weather, beautiful autumn leaves, incredibly nice temperatures! I am a little tardy finishing this October HB during the first few days of November. Last night I drove home quickly to get some porch swing time in before dark. Many of the trees have nearly lost their leaves in the Twin Parks across from our house but there are still plenty of oaks just beginning to turn gold and orange. November 4th was yesterday and the evening temperatures were in the mid-60s. Can’t beat that and the forecast is for more great weather to come before winter really hits! Check out the calendar of winter events below and try to come home for Thanksgiving and Christmas if you live away.

The Campbell Clan – The weekend of Oct. 10th the Robert and Mary Campbell's daughters brought their Mother's ashes back home to be buried. Robert passed away several years ago and Mary passed away this summer at age 90 out in the State of Washington where she had gone to live her final years near family. Since the Campbell family no longer has a home to return to in Brookfield we opened up our house for them to use as a gathering place. Shane and I of course don't miss Friday night football games for anybody or anything so we opened up our house for the girls and their families to gather there while we were gone that Friday night. We didn't get home from the game at Palmyra until nearly 11: 30 and were pleased to see some of the family was still there visiting and preparing for Mary's service on Saturday. The Saturday service was truly a celebration of Mary's life and the Campbell family in general. A computerized slideshow of Mary's life from birth to her death was narrated by Beth's husband Eric. Daughters Ann and Sue and one of Beth's children spoke of their memories and Clay Swank spoke as a close friend of the family. Everyone did a wonderful job and it truly was a celebration of life. I was asked to sing a couple of songs but the Friday night football game, along with the beginning of a slight cold took away my voice. Our son Nile was asked to fill in that morning and he did a wonderful job. How he had any voice left from the game is beyond me!

It was wonderful to see the Campbell family again. Sadly they have all moved away from their hometown and established their own families elsewhere. Their folks Robert and Mary loved this community and so did their family. I might note that the family asked that any memorials for their Mother be given to the Brookfield **Hometown LEGACY Foundation** in her memory. This has been done in the past and is a wonderful way to support our local efforts in support of community and economic development. We thank the Campbell family and their friends for keeping their hometown in their hearts during this difficult period for them. Memorials can be sent to "Hometown LEGACY Foundation", P.O. Box 67, Brookfield, Mo 64628, with a notation for Mary Campbell Turner.

Bulldog Update – the Varsity Bulldogs closed out the regular season with a 9-1 regular season record, our only defeat was a one point loss to Centralia. We opened up District play against Lathrop at Burlington Field with a 31-20 win and

this past Friday we defeated Lexington in the District semi-final game. Post season games are one and out. You win and continue, lose you go home! This puts added pressure on the Coaches and players but it is great fun for all, including the fans. In our case we were assigned to play in a District from the west side of the State, while all of our fellow Clarence Cannon Conference teams play teams from the east side. We do have an opportunity to play schools that we only compete against in the post season and Lathrop & Lexington were teams we had not played in several years. The District Championship Game will be played at Lathrop against the number 1 seed East Buchanan Bulldogs this Friday night. The game was moved to Lathrop because of too much damage done to the East Buch field during their previous rain soaked game. Lathrop has field turf so we don't have to worry about playing in the mud this week! I will get a note sent out following Friday's game to let everyone know how we finished District play.

Clarence Cannon Conference All Conference Selections;

CLARENCE CANNON ALL-CONFERENCE FOOTBALL 2015

(* Unanimous Selection)

Quarterback:

1st Andrew Schultz - Highland - JR
2nd Bryce Howerton - Brookfield - JR
HM Nick Romine - Centralia - SR
HM Zach Richardson - Louisiana - SR

Running Back:

1st Reed McBroom - Brookfield - SR*
1st Klayton Marty - Centralia - JR
1st Thayden Cline - Clark County - SR
2nd Logan Minter - Monroe City - JR
2nd Travis Harvey - Palmyra - SR
2nd Jake Hammond - South Shelby - SR

Receiver:

1st Seth Speichinger - Brookfield - SR*
1st Blake Hetzler - Highland - SR*
2nd Derek Garner - Highland - SR
2nd Taybren Campbell - Louisiana - SR
2nd Jace Glover - Macon - SR

Tight End:

1st Tucker Noble - Brookfield - SR
2nd Sam Hasekamp - Centralia - JR

All-Purpose:

1st Nolan Bright - Macon - JR
2nd Cale Horton - Brookfield - JR
2nd Shaw Hunziker - Clark County - SR

Offensive Lineman:

1st Kaleb Gardner - Brookfield - JR

1st Ryan Lincoln - Centralia - SR*
1st Logan Ross - Centralia - SR
1st Josh Underhill - Monroe City - JR
1st Matt Frankenbach - Palmyra - SR
2nd Drake Menconi - Brookfield - JR
2nd Trey Taft - Centralia - JR
2nd Braydon Kirchner - Clark County - SR
2nd Daniel Lehenbauer - Palmyra - JR
2nd Nick Mayes - South Shelby - SR
HM Taylor Worrell - Clark County - SR
HM Seth Goings - Highland - SO

Return Specialist:

1st Philip Bland - Palmyra - SR
2nd Seth Speichinger - Brookfield - SR
HM Jared Savage - Macon - JR

Kicker:

1st Art Huerta - Brookfield - SR*
2nd Noah Mencer - Palmyra - SO
HM Carson Hunziker - Clark County - SR

Punter:

1st Cody Roth - Macon - JR
2nd Zach Townsend - Centralia - JR
2nd Blake Hetzler - Highland - SR
2nd Will Obert - Palmyra - SR

Defensive Lineman:

1st Drake Menconi - Brookfield - JR
1st Sam Hasekamp - Centralia - JR*
1st Matt Frankenbach - Palmyra - SR*
2nd Taylor Worrell - Clark County - SR
2nd James Mitchell - Macon - SR
2nd Josh Underhill - Monroe City - JR
2nd Kenny Hudelson - Palmyra - SR
HM David Keller - Brookfield - SR

Inside Linebacker:

1st Reed McBroom - Brookfield - SR
1st Isaak Williamson - Centralia - SR
1st Brendon Timbrook - Palmyra - SR
2nd Nate Richardson - Macon - SR
2nd AJ O'Brien - Palmyra - SR
2nd Sidney Wear - South Shelby - SR
HM Brock Emanuel - Macon - JR

Outside Linebacker/Defensive End:

1st Matt Teter - Brookfield - SR
1st Seth Cooke - Centralia - SR*
1st Will Obert - Palmyra - SR
2nd Andrew Cupp - Brookfield - SR
2nd Shaw Hunziker - Clark County - SR
2nd Bryce Fifer - South Shelby - SR
HM Justin Miller - Palmyra - SR
HM Tayler Foster - South Shelby - SR

Defensive Back:

1st Tucker Noble - Brookfield - SR
1st Seth Speichinger - Brookfield - SR*
1st Carter Kinkead - Centralia - JR*
1st Philip Bland - Palmyra - SR*
2nd Nick McCoy - Centralia - SR

2nd Camron Mack - Clark County - SR
2nd Tanner Nix - Palmyra - SR
2nd Chase Morrow - South Shelby - SR
HM Taylon Garner - Monroe City - SR

Offensive Player of the Year:

Seth Speichinger - Brookfield - SR

Defensive Player of the Year:

Reed McBroom - Brookfield - SR

Coach of the Year:

Erle Bennett - Centralia

Downtown Building Improvement – We have all enjoyed the huge building Pepsi mural Mike Baker had painted on the side of the old Thompson and Cook building several years ago. Over the past few years however the paint began to peel and it really looked rough. I let Mike know and he fairly quickly made arrangements to have it repainted. Looks really nice again and we thank Mike and Pepsi for the attractive building mural!

The Winter Fun in Brookfield;

2015 HOLIDAY EVENTS

“Let It Snow”

6th Annual holiday mart

Saturday – November 21 – 9:00-3:00

Brookfield High School Gym and Cafeteria

124 Pershing Road, Brookfield, MO

Holiday shopping made easy – purchase gifts from a variety of merchants and vendors. Enjoy the sights, sounds, and excitement of the Christmas season.

Food court concessions by BHS Coquettes.

Christmas Lighting celebration and arrival of santa claus

Saturday - November 21 – North Main Street and
Twin Parks

4:30 – 5:00	Christmas Celebration – Twin Parks	
	Choirs – Carolers – BHS Band	
5:00	Santa’s Arrival and Tree Lighting Ceremony	
5:30-7:30	Santa Sleigh Rides	Face Painting
	Hot dogs/chips	Free hot chocolate
	Snow Princess	Christmas cookies
	Live Nativity	
	(All are Free of Charge)	

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Saturday – December 5 – 10:00-2:00

Free of Charge

105 S. Main Street

Sponsored by Lions Club and Quinn Lumber

SANTA HOUSE AND CANDYLAND

Saturday - December 12 – 9:00 – 11:00

Free of Charge

Trinity United Methodist Fellowship Hall – 224 S.
Main

Sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi and Parks & Rec

Bring a canned good or toy for those less fortunate

REEL TIME CINEMA

Saturday – December 12 – 12:00 Noon

Free Christmas movie for the kids

Bring a canned good or toy for those less fortunate

Birthdays – Nov. 1st, Jim Glidewell, Vanessa Lincoln, Mary Sisson, Chris Zumbrunnen, Ron Carter, Jeremy Martin, Nov. 2nd, Clarke Burns, Cindy Buckallew, Kellie Kimble, Naomi Paris, Darren Potter, Andrea Severa, Timi Haag,

Nov. 3rd, Sherry Baker, Matt Teter, Nov. 4th, Ella Caldwell, Jeanie Allen, Nov. 5th, Shane Moser, Brad Parn, Amber Kuene, Nov. 6th, Darlene Craig, Erma Rulon, Tonia Montgomery, Caro Robbins, Lonnie Trentham, David Moss, Elizabeth Quigley, Nov. 7th, Kirk Jessen, Debbie Bennett, Ross Ehrich, Don Hoover, Logan Riddle, Derek Dixon, Nov. 8th, Justin Long, Lory Bredehoft, Ashley Rogers, Nov. 9th, Harold Mace, Bailey Morton, Susan Jessen, Nov. 10th, **Nile Thudium (our son)**, Sarah Bara, Joseph Carr, Nov. 11th, Shelby Lane, Sharon Logan, Jackie (Hunt) Tomlinson, David Keller, Danny Phillips, Brent Copple, Nov. 12th, **Shane Thudium (my lovely wife)**, Tyson Start, Douglas Palmer, Benjamin Bloss, Nov. 13th, Claire Batson, Sarah Johnson, Sarah Paahlar, Nov. 14th, Gene Buckallew, Daniel Hedrick, Mike Holtz, Rogene Smith, Brad Wright, Alvin Smith, Charles Wright, Billy Barton, Aaron Sprouse, Stella Kulseth, Nov. 15th, Caleb Farrenkopf, Jeremy Williams, **Betsy (Demarest) Rosetti (my cousin)**, Nov. 16th, James Myers, Madilyn Lumsden, Connie Quigley, Tyson McPherson, Lindsay Hudson, Maddie Lumsden, Nov. 17th, Jeremiah Bush, Roy Hunt, Jennifer Waugh, Nov. 18th, Hermenta Pendleton, Mary Mace, Ellen Craig, Lincoln Cantrall, Megan McCormick, Rachel Skinner, Marilyn Stone, Nov. 19th, Rita Moore, Connie Evans, Shane Evans, Nov. 20th, Tyler Lane, Kenneth Almond, Sharon Huffmon, Nov. 21st, Melanie Selmon, Porter Robinson, Brian Sportsman, Riley Dyer, Christina Fristoe, Mandy Morton, Xander Waugh, Nov. 22nd, Amanda Bush, Kammy Dixon, Susan McBroom, Nov. 23rd, Cecilia Spath, Hannah Matheney, Ethan Malloy, Nov. 24th, Laura Craig, Charles Brockman, Janet Brockman, Ina Finney, Jeff Harper, Jason Sherwood, Nov. 25th, **Piper Jean Thudium (our granddaughter)**, Brooke Holland, Duane Thompson, Morgan Speichinger, Melvin Roberts, Nov. 26th, Amanda Gibson, Nov. 27th, Kayla Davis, Libby Smith, Lynda Sprague, Nov. 28th, Sarah Wessing, Roxie Parker, Rachel Sackrey, Beverly Lewis, David Hayes, Nov. 29th, Cindy Rhodes, Ryan Williams, Cassie Conard, Wesley Enyeart, Hannah Singleton, Joann St. Clair, Nov. 30th, Kolbie Gall, Jerry Richardson, Dec. 1st, Justin Wynn, Amy Gentry Hoehne, Bill Ehrich, Ann Smith, Taylor Clark, Kenny Bailey, Abbie Greenway, Dec. 2nd, Drew DeVoy, Paul Rogers, Sean O'Toole, Mindy Britton, Arthur Hook, George Kimbrough, Kenny McKenzie, Bob Sanders, Dec. 3rd, Amy Hughes, Dec. 4th, Madison McCormick, Judy Stark, Nora Wombwell, Dec. 5th, Bobbie Hughes, Dec. 6th, Hank Walsh,

Randy Head, Steve Heaton, Landen Hook, Dec. 7th, Lauren DeMarco, Danielle Fuhrhop, Rochelle Hook, James Zumbrunnen, Heath Harms, Dec. 8th, Eric Jessen, Tom Smith, Dec. 9th, Joel Magnuson, Gabe Henry, Dec. 10th, Stephanie Magnuson, Connie Clawson, Dec. 11th, Ashton Brockman, Reanna Reid, Dec. 12th, Mabel Corbin, Dorothy Greene, Jerry Dale, Tom Parks, Dec. 13th, Olivia Vickery, Dec. 15th, Paige McCollum, Brittany Fischer.

Anniversaries – Nov. 6th, Steve and Janie Nelson, Nov. 8th, Aaron and Monica Baker, Nov. 9th, Zach & Monica Britton, Nov. 12th, Garry & Sharon Logan, Todd & Jamie Matheney, Nov. 13th, Jerry & Elaine Myers, Nov. 14th, Eric & Kaye Mallory, Stuart & Melinda Hughes, Nov. 16th, Paul & Donna Barger, Nov. 17th, Dale & Barbara Beach, Joe & Marlene Watkins, Nov. 27th, Jerry ('81) & Darlene ('81) Craig (Linn R-1), Nov. 29th, Jason & Christy Sherwood, Nov. 30th, Jerod & Chrietien Gillman. Dec. 2nd, Scott & Jennifer Allen, Dec. 9th, Charles and Christina Fristoe, David & Donna Keller, Ron & Tressia Snyder, Dec. 10th, Kenny & Renee McKenzie, Dec. 15th, Jerry & Christine O'Dell.

Thanks as always for readying **Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!** Please remember to shop our Linn County businesses first and don't forget to let me know when you have Good News or Interesting Stories (memories).