

Hellooooo Brookfield !!!!!

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I must admit my time for writing this column has been very limited recently with so much going on in our lives and in this community. Should be back on pace again beginning with this column as we head toward Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mid-September has been a reminder to us in Brookfield of what July and August could have been. After a mild summer with plenty of wonderful rain we are now seeing the mid to upper 90's and humidity most of us thought was gone for this year.

Annual Piccadilly – This event, a fundraiser for redevelopment plans in the Twin Parks, was another great success. The final fundraising tally is being completed right now and organizers think the total will exceed \$20,000. Money raised from this event will go toward the total that the Twin Parks group needs to match a community development grant we have applied for. All indications are that we will likely be awarded the \$150,000 grant so this plus a fall/winter fundraising campaign is planned. As you will recall the East Twin Park redevelopment has been nearly fully funded due to previous fundraising efforts and a generous \$300,000 donation from the Walsworth Family. New curbing was just completed and excavation for the new performance pavilion and sidewalks will begin soon. Work will also include new lighting, park benches and waste receptacles. The West Twin Park will see all new playground equipment, lighting, new sidewalks and park benches. Both Parks will see major upgrading in power sources as well. A fund has been established to receive donations to help match the \$150,000 grant we have applied for. Those wishing to help out can contact the BAGP office at 660-258-7278 and talk with Marcia or Becky. There are a variety of ways to support this project, including donations to pay for some of the improvements, i.e. buying benches, light standards, etc. The Twin Parks redevelopment project began with refurbishment of the Civil War Statue, followed by the Walk of Heroes project – both highly successful community supported projects.

Bulldog football season – At this time the Bulldog football season is already mid-year. This year is somewhat of a rebuilding year with a small Junior class group squad and limited varsity offensive experience. Our toughest loss came in the Bell Game, 7-0. Marceline scored on a mistaken pass coverage which left a receiver wide open for a TD. Otherwise neither team could generate much offense and it is likely the game might still be going on!! We faced an always tough Centralia squad the following week and once again could not get it going on offense. Final score was Centralia 20 Brookfield 0. We have had success so far against other Conference teams but look for an important win tonight against a solid Monroe City team this week at our Homecoming. Our Clarence Cannon Conference record is 3-1 heading into the Homecoming game against Monroe City.

Junior High Bulldogs – One of our grandsons is on the 8th grade team so I will report on their team this fall as well. Our 7th grade team is 3-1 with two games remaining. Their only loss was a 12-16 loss to Macon. They made many more mistakes than normal and couldn't pull this one off. Both teams scored two touchdowns but Macon was successful with their two point conversions and we missed both of our attempts. Our wins have come against Clark County, Palmyra and Chillicothe. The 8th grade team is undefeated with wins over Clark County, Palmyra, Macon and Chillicothe. Only a total of 12 points have been scored against the 8th graders!

Ed Pendleton Grandson – Kevin Pendleton, the grandson of BHS grad Ed Pendleton is the starting left guard on the University of Missouri football team this fall. You may remember that Ed was the guest speaker at the Bulldog Quarterback Club's very first Banquet. At the time his grandson Kevin was in high school and being recruited by major schools all over the country. He and most of the family were here for the event. I remember visiting with Ed and his grandson and he was really pushing Kevin to go to Mizzou. Ed passed away just a few months after delivering the QB Club Banquet speech and never got a chance to watch his grandson play at Mizzou, however you can see he is smiling down on him right now!

Fall Sports – The Brookfield women’s volleyball, softball and golf teams are in full swing right now too. The golf team is doing well but so far the softball and volleyball teams are struggling a bit. Boys wrestling and men and women’s basketball is right around the corner!

Fall Harvest Fest & More! – This Chamber event will be held Saturday, October 8th in the West Twin Park. All kinds of food and games for all ages are expected for this event. Following is a list of things to take in;

- Vendors in the park
- Mini train rides
- Bounce house
- Mechanical bull rides
- Baby and Toddler Pageant
- Pumpkin seed spitting contest
- Pumpkin rolling contest
- Chain saw carver
- Carmel apples and apple cider sales
- Childrens games
- Hay rides
- Pumpkin painting
- Softball tournament
- Pumpkin bake contest
- Cow chip bingo
- Scavenger hunt
- Pub Crawl Hay Ride

Additional Holiday fun in Brookfield!

Holiday Mart Craft Show - November 19, 2016

Come and enjoy a full day of holiday shopping at the Chamber sponsored, **Holiday Mart**. It will feature local merchants and vendors from around the area. Located at the Brookfield High School gym, come and enjoy the sights, sounds, and goodies from 9:00-3:00 p.m. Enjoy lunch at the food court and win a door prize that day offered by the participating vendors. Mark your calendar!

Annual Holiday Celebration - November 22, 2016

Santa's arrive and Mayor's Tree Lighting - 5:30 p.m. at the West Twin Parks/Statue Island. Enjoy special children's face painting, Carolers, choirs, hot chocolate and hot dogs, visit with the Snow Princess, and welcome Santa's arrival. Free sleigh rides for all after the tree lighting. Come celebrate the season!

Brookfield Hometown LEGACY Foundation (HLF) - As we approach the calendar year end please keep in mind the HLF as you consider tax consequences. Remember the HLF was set up to foster redevelopment and growth of the community. We maintain a permanent endowment from which only investment revenues will be utilized, plus a fund that is used for current activities of the Brookfield Area Growth Partnership. Gift can be directed for specific projects as well. Funds donated to the HLF, a 501 C 3 charitable organization under IRS guidelines, are tax deductible (check with your accountant for more information). Please remember your hometown when you choose to make charitable donations. You can receive additional information by contacting the BAGP Office at 660-258-7278 and talk with Becky or Marcia.

It is So Beautiful to me, It is so Beautiful to me! After such a mild and wet summer the fall trees are sure to more beautiful than ever in Brookfield and on the surrounding hillsides. Hope you can be home soon to enjoy the wonderful scenery we are certain to experience this year. We live right across the street from the West Twin Park and can't wait for the colors to arrive each fall, especially this year!

First Presbyterian Church Sesquicentennial – this local historic church will be celebrating its 150th anniversaries very soon. First Presbyterian Church is beginning seven straight Sundays of special music with the first in the series starting on Sunday, Sept. 25, at the regular 11 a.m. service and culminating on November 6th. A special service will be held that day with a celebration carry in dinner to follow. Each Sunday service will include stories about growing up in the church and sharing of special memories. We welcome all to join us!

P.S – the Park Baptist Church will also be celebrating their 150th anniversary on Sunday, September 25th. Please make plans to help Park Baptist celebration this amazing number of years serving God and the community.

New Main Street retail business – A discount clothing and assorted item store has just opened in the 100 block of North Main Street on the east side. This is an expansion of a similar store in Chillicothe – please visit and support it when you can.

Prenger's Grocery Store – Prenger Grocery has purchased the old Sav-A Lot store on South Main and opened a full line grocery store in its place. The new store is being well received by the community and is a welcome addition to our town. This store actually has people bag your groceries and offer to carry them to your car! What a delight! Please support this new store whenever you get a chance to do so!

Special Birthday - October 14th is Bert Summy's 98th birthday. Bert remains in good health and still lives in his home. A card shower would be terrific for this WWII veteran. Cards can be sent to Bert Summy, 557 South Main St., Brookfield, Mo 64628.

Birthdays – Sept. 23rd, Zach Watts, Ginny McMains, Allison Riepe, Amanda Hueffmeier, Sept. 24th, **Caroln (Mrs. John) Remol (our sister in law)**, Dawson Baker, Jerry Linebaugh, Sept., 25th, Betsy Alexander, Jeff Roe, Dennis Elliott, Debbie Gentry, Diane Lambert, Kelsey Richardson, Sept. 26th, Jon Buten, Melanie Rogers, Sept. 27th, Jon Mendenhall, Louise Ludington, Aarica Billingsley, Sept. 28th, Carol Klingsmith, Julie Davis, Larry Hedrick, Sept. 29th, Avery Gillman, Barrett Jones, Gabriel Mura, Robin Black, Katherine Libby, Chase Jackson, Karen Stufflebean Bishop, Dennis Stephenson, Sept. 30th, Gage Linsay, **Dylan Blu Parn (our granddaughter)**, Karen Bush, Parker Jessen, Tiffany Baum, Wendy O'Toole, Oct. 1st, Nancy Jackson, Kacie King, Todd McDowell, Oct. 2nd, Richard Boley, Bill Cook, Tawnya Hardy, Beth Thompson, Oct. 3rd, Linda McDowell, Chase Bruce, Fred Clapham, Micaela Hart, Austin Lewis, Kyle Wilkerson, Ann Chrisman, Oct. 4th, John Routledge, Bill Montgomery, Scott Troutman, Oct. 5th, Phyllis Flynn, Janet Keller, Oct. 6th, Brooke Neimeier, Ott Coulson, Shirley Guilford, Brock Wright, Peggy Hane, Jean Ham, Oct. 7th, Brandi Ball, Ed McDowell, Fran McAdams, Chelsey Cash, Vera Kaye, Kathy Dorsey, Oct. 8th, Janet Williams Smith, Chase Baker, Joyce Coulson, Emily Bergman Clark, Nathan Gordon, Teresa Rogers, Christopher Robinson, Oct. 9th, Kaylee Smith, Seth Mendenhall, Michelle Dickson, Katie Falconer, Bob Baker, Jone Hoover, Oct. 10th, Tess McElfresh, Amy McPherson, Ronnie Liebhart, Oct. 11th, Ann Banks, Ross McKenzie, Brandon Sportsman, Mary St Clair, Stephanie Berger, Roger Ehrich, Oct. 12th, Aaron Baker, David Cassity, Abby York, Oct. 13th, Bill Thudium, **Beverly Serfass (my cousin)**, Joe Watkins, Lavonne Mendenhall, Tim Thomason, Tatum Thomason, Tania Sharp, Logan Lisby,

Kelsy Sackrey, Matza Huerta, Stanley Casady, Oct. 14th, **Gambal Staddie (our grandson), Bert Summy (98th birthday!!)**, Lon Luckert, Jake Campbell, Oct. 15th, Jennifer Kulseth, Oct. 16th, Nick Sprague, Oct. 17th, **John Remol (my brother in law)**, Whitney Burns, Page Clawson, Leonard Nixon, Thomas Duncan, Oct. 18th, Rich Rhodes, Shelly Martin, Roylynn Rowe, Jo Ellen Boley, Andy Martin, Gale Hunt, Oct. 19th, Susie O'Hara, Linda Packham, Carey Smith, Nelson Fay, Elsie McCollum, Susie Staples, Oct. 20th, John Holten, Michelle Morris Scates, Oct. 21st, Melissa Kearns, Leanna Cash, Kaylee Dowell, Reed McBroom, Oct. 22nd, Fran Graff, Brian Hedrick, Michela Mura, John Perry, Dalton Palmer, Dedra Clark Schulte, Bryce Hustead, Oct. 23rd, Barbara Beach, Dan Daugherty, Virginia Fite, John McKenzie, Bob Middleton, Sandi Morris, **Jovie Noel Staddie (our granddaughter)**, Oct. 24th, Paula White Jessen, Paulette Holtz, Anitra Walgren, Sue Frances (Knowles) Lambert, Oct. 25th, Samantha Bulechek, Ronnie Hall, Josh Jacobi, Jason Sportsman, Jim Wright, Heather Hamann, Mary Ann Reed, Stewart McCollum, Mary Coram, Oct. 26th, Chandler Gall, Penny Williams, Paul Barger, Vanessa Bradley, Oct. 27th, Rick Austin, Kody Bulechek, Cody King, Emily Luckert, Lois Bailey, Dane Phillips, Caleb Calhoun, Oct. 28th, Barbara Hamilton, Cassie Frock, Kirra Richardson, Oct. 29th, Rhoda Anderson, Jase Cowan, Bonnie Davis, Mike White, Bonnie White, Lee Anthony, Garry McCracken, Oct. 30th, Doug Cleveland, Cheryl Stuver, Shonta Adair, Kayla Kaye, Sara Mosely, Terry Watts, Tracey Calhoun, Oct. 31st, Derek Jones, Nicholas Rhodes, Michael Hamilton.

Anniversaries – Sept. 25th, Rob & Connie King, Sept. 27th, Justin & Jenna Long, Oct. 1st, Jason & Courtney Sportsman, Tony & Shanna Matheny, Greg & Gayle (Wilson) Johnson, Oct. 2nd, Roy & Cheri Hunt, Oct. 3rd, Elliott & Frances Cook Smith, Oct. 4th, Bob & Sherry Baker, Curtis & Dena Still, Oct. 6th, Ed & Lisa Heckman, Gary & Barb Routledge, Greg & Barb Buckallew, Oct. 7th, Jared & Stacey Brown, Robert & Jeanne Allen, Oct. 8th, **John & Ellie Remol (my father and mother in law)**, Oct. 10th, Dennis & Lynda Sprague, Oct. 11th, Jerry & Linda Falconer, Christian & Tanya Mura, Mr & Mrs. Kevin Helton, Oct. 14th, William & Annie Devoy, Oct. 17th, Benn & Jenessa Keller, Oct. 19th, Tommy & Cindy Sportsman, Oct. 22nd, Jerry & Sherry Enyeart, Oct. 30th, Mr & Mrs Andrew Spidle, Mr & Mrs Larry Howard, Oct. 31st, Dustin & Kelly Watson.

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