



“Along the Gooney”

Browntown Community Center Association

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Browntown Calendar

- May 12th Mothers Day
- May 13th BCCA Public Meeting 7:30p.m.
- May 27th Memorial Day
- May 29th Deadline for June newsletter
- June 21 & 22 BCCA Kids Yard Sale 9-1

Browntown Baptist Church

browntownbaptistva@gmail.com

Pastor: Sherman Kaipha Brown

Worship Service @ 11 a.m. Fellowship @ 12 p.m.
 Baptist Church provides food at the Fellowship Hall.
 Every Wednesday is “Free Food” for Browntown residents who need help with feeding their families.
 Hours are: 12:30 to 2:30 (for pick up).

Cool Spring Church of God

Pastor: Jeff Fletcher

Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:30.

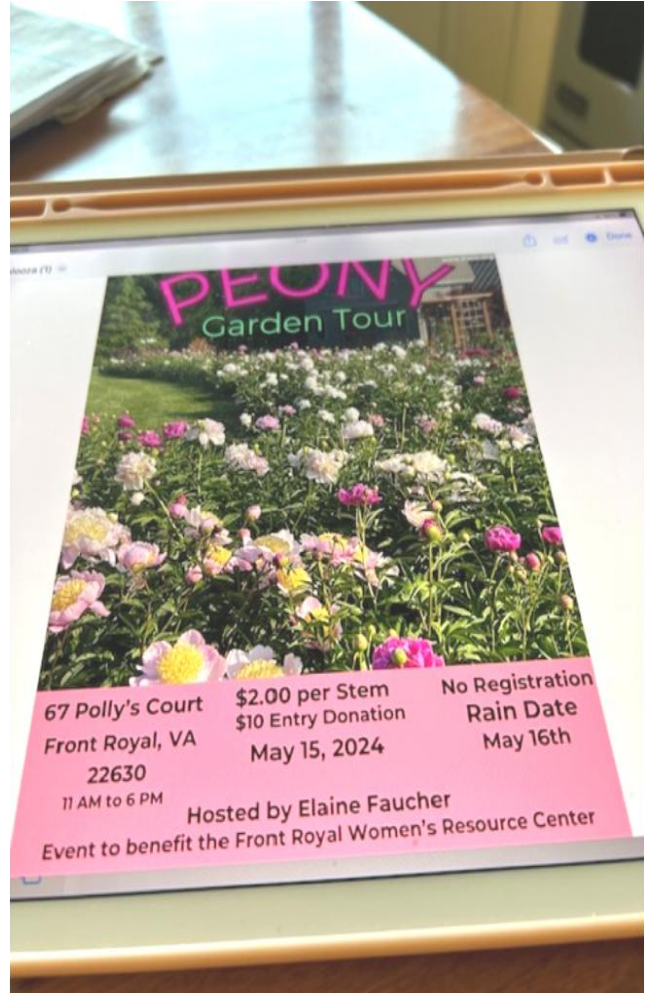
Asbury United Methodist Church

Pastor: Taeshin Kim

10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship Service
 "Limeton church is no longer within the Warren Charge".

C-CAP Needs YOU!

Just one shift – 3 Hours a month
 Please contact Joanne Koszyk 540-551-3815
 Or email ourccap@gmail.com
 Thanks so much for your help, Joanne



We saw the first monarch (it's early) today and it would be wonderful if folks everywhere didn't mow their milkweed, the only plant a monarch puts her eggs on. Margie Miller



Obituaries

Richard Wilson "Dick" Hoover Sr., 84, of Front Royal, passed on March 29. Mr. Hoover was born on November 11, 1939, in Shaker Heights, Ohio, to the late Judge Earl R. Hoover and Alice Propst Hoover, RD. He attended Washington & Lee Univ. and Indiana Univ. He retired from the U.S. Dept. of State after serving as a Foreign Service Officer in Germany, Czechoslovakia, Botswana, Washington, D.C., Cyprus, Morocco, Austria and Kenya. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Front Royal, the Warren Heritage Society, Browntown Baptist Church, and the American Society of Arms Collectors. He served as Chairman of the Lord Fairfax Soil and Water Conservation District and was a veteran of the US Army. He enjoyed reading, history, antiques, photographing old churches and cathedrals, public speaking, writing columns for the Northern Virginia Daily, fishing, and tennis. He will be remembered for his kindness and wit. Survivors include his wife, Catalina Hoover; two sons, Richard Hoover, Jr. and Alex Lopez-Duke (Daisy); two daughters, Alice Miller (Bruce) and Andrea Doehler (David); five grandchildren, Elizabeth Graham, Alice Grace Blackwell, Madison Doehler, Benjamin Doehler and Matthew Lopez-Duke; and two great grandchildren, Margo Graham and Nathaniel Graham. Mr. Hoover's family will always be grateful to the staff at Heritage Hall for providing excellent, compassionate care. Memorial donations may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Front Royal, P. O. Box 1151, Front Royal, VA 22630 or Browntown Baptist Church, 12 Browntown Rd., Bentonville, VA 22610.

Samuel Tilden Updike, 97, of Front Royal, Virginia passed away on Tuesday, April 2, 2024 at his home. Mr. Updike was born on December 2, 1926 in Browntown, Virginia to the late Fred and Pauline Matthews Updike. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Deavers Updike; brother, George Updike and two sisters, Geraldine Mountjoy and Maxine Curry. He was a foreman for Northern Counties Lumber company for many years and built many homes all around the Northern Virginia area and locally. He was a veteran of the United States Army in the Second Infantry. Survivors include his nephew, Mike Mountjoy and extended close family, Judy Hupman, Roxanne Campbell and Kellie Campbell.

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Sunday Noon till 4pm

Mon thru Sat 7:30am till 5pm

Mon thru Fri, closed 2pm till 3pm

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Gooney Manor History Club

Steve Whittington found this piece of history when he owned the Mount Echo property, off of Buck Mtn. Road, and has donated it to the club. It is a gear that drove the grinding stone at Boyd's Mill



Deadline for June News: May 29th

Make A Note: Patsy Pennington is the person to contact if you need to use the Center. Patsy's number is 540-635-5568

**Leave Home a few minutes Earlier
Please Slow Down, Enjoy the Ride**

Remember, our roads aren't designed for the amount of traffic they carry these days. I'm sure many of you have been going down the road and find a oncoming vehicle across the center line.

Here is some more of Eva Mae Compton's 1940 story about the "Old Days!"

When mother and Dad were growing up they didn't have any way to travel only by horse back or foot. That was dangrous because traveling in the night they didn't have any way to prove another horse was coming.

When they started from home and didn't think about the bad weather they didn't have any way to protect the snow and rain from falling on them; only in a case when they were traveling by horse and buggy. Traveling by horse and buggy was slow, but you didn't hear of the accidents then as you do of an automobile now; only when a horse would run off with a buggy.

Father used to put shoes on his horses, and instead of that he has to buy tires to go on the automobile now.

Traveling by automobile is more convenient now then by horse back when mother and Dad were using the horse and buggy to travel. You can see another car coming at night now because of the lights. When

Eva Mae's 1940 Story about "the Old Days" cont'd from page 3

there is going to be bad weather, and you aren't expecting it you do have a car now to protect the rain and snow from falling on you.

Now we have electric lights for reading and sewing clothes at night. In old times mother and Dad had a light by taking a piece of flannel cloth for a lamp wick and put ^{it in} the piece of flannel in a saucer of tallow and strike a match, and that gave a light. They also had a light from the fire place enough for reading and crocheting at night.

People have nice comfortable mattresses to sleep upon these days. When mother first started housekeeping she went to the barn and gathered some straw and put it in a mattress cover and sewed it together, and had a mattress out of straw. That was hard work to keep the floor clean under the bed because the straw dust would fall down on the carpet.

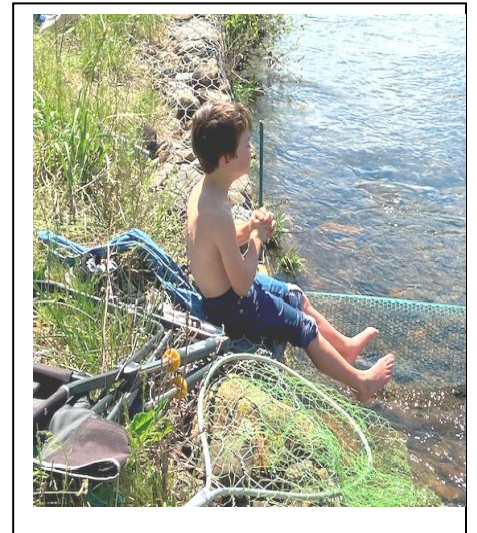
Some people don't realize the advantage of a cake of soap or a box of washing powders comparing them with old times. Mother

Redbud Festival

We were blessed with the most perfect day for our Redbud Festival. Thanks to everyone who Volunteered, Donated to our Silent Auction and Bake Sale, Sponsored, Sold Crafts, and Attended our Festival. I hope you had a great time. Duck Race Winners were as follows: 1st Place - Brian Wilkinson \$100, 2nd Place - Elijah Milburn \$50 and 3rd Place Diana Wright \$25. Elijah and Diana are in the following pictures but Brian had already headed home and missed the pictures. Antique Car Show Winners were as follows: Peoples Choice - David Blauvelt and his 1930 Model A Ford Coupe; Participants Choice - Thomas Thorpe and his 1967 Pontiac GTO; Ronald Mahoney of Bentonville took both Best Paint and Best Interior with his 1966 Ford. Also thanks to the Warren County Sheriff's Department for bringing their Canine Teams and putting on a Demo. Musical Entertainment by Passage Creek Rising in the morning followed by Katie Ridge was also great. Here are a few photos of the day!



Silent auction cake, Angela





MAY, 2024 UPDATE - THE BEARR GROUP "KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE"

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VIRGINIA'S 4 P.M. BURNING LAW NO LONGER IN EFFECT



A NEW COUNTYWIDE OUTDOOR BURN BAN MAY BE ISSUED AT ANY TIME IF CONDITIONS WARRANT IT

RECOMMENDED: Call Warren County Communications Center at **540-635-4128** to let them know before you start burning brush.

For updates on local fire conditions visit: <https://www.facebook.com/ForestryVA>

**OUR NEW SIGN IN THE CENTER OF BROWNTOWN
WILL INFORM YOU OF THE DAILY RISK OF
WILDFIRES**

Never burn on dry or windy days because it is easy for fire to spread out of control.

1. Burn only yard debris. Open burning of any material that creates dense smoke or noxious odors is prohibited.
2. Keep burn pile small or use burn barrel. Clear a 15' radius around a barrel and at least a 25' radius around a burn pile, Ensure no tree branches or power lines above. Wet down surrounding area before, during & after the burn.
3. Always have water and fire tools nearby: a water-charged hose, bucket of water, shovel, and dirt or sand nearby.
4. Stay with the fire. VA law requires that you monitor a debris burn continually until the fire is completely out.
5. Extinguish the fire. Drown the burn pile with water, stir the coals & drown again. Repeat until fire completely out.
6. **Call 911 immediately if fire escapes** or gets beyond your control; even a slight delay may be disastrous. Do NOT try to fight the fire unless it is small and you can do so safely and easily. Leave this up to the trained firefighters.

Our community needs to take steps to increase our preparedness for wildfires ASAP. If you would like to be involved in this work or would like to share your ideas on what needs to be done, please email Chris Lewis at chris@BEARRGroup.com or Brian Wilkinson at bwilkinson57@verizon.net.



**SUMMER IS APPROACHING,
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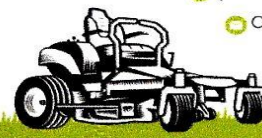
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Thank you!

To the **BEARR Group** and to the **Virginia Department of Forestry**.

With the Spring Burning Laws no longer in effect, our community has a new aid in determining whether it is safe to burn that brush pile in the backyard.

Also, a special thanks to Allan Brockway, (2nd from left), our one and only Browntown firefighter. He needs your help!

Volunteer Today!

