



“Along the Gooney”

Browntown Community Center Association

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Jan. 1st Wed. Happy New Year 2025

Jan. 10th Mon. BCCA Public Meeting 7:30p.m.

Jan. 29th Deadline for February newsletter

Browntown Baptist Church

12 Browntown Road
Bentonville, VA 22610

Pastor: Sherman Kaipha Brown

Worship Service @ 11 a.m. Fellowship @ 12 p.m.

Check out Browntown Baptist Church's new website:

- Watch/listen to sermons
- Send in a prayer request
- Log on to Bible Study every Wednesday night
- Read about the history of our church
- See calendar of events

Much appreciation to church member Tracy Abbott for his hard work on our website. Stay tuned for more updates. Below is the link.

browntownbaptistva@gmail.com

Cool Spring Church of God

Pastor: Jeff Fletcher

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

Limeton Community Church

9 Limeton Main St. Bentonville, VA

Pastor Lorne Fyfe

SS at 10 and service at 11

2024 Snow Flakes Memories of Loved Ones

Part one (Parts 2 - 4 Continued Pages 4 & 5)

<u>Name</u>		<u>Sponsor</u>
Rex Allen	Andrews, Sr.	Linda Glavis
Brad	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Bruce	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Charles H.	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Georgianna	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Mary	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Mollie	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Osborne	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Stanley	Baggarly	Diane Pence
Wilfred H.	Baggarly	Jennie Baggarly
Wilfred H.	Baggarly	Jennie Baggarly
Elsie	Berry	Charlotte Partlowe
Paul	Berry	Charlotte Partlowe
Randall (Bootsie)	Berry	Charlotte Partlowe
Royce	Berry	Charlotte Partlowe
Susan E.	Britten	Sherry Thorpe
Charles H.	Buracker	Martha Buracker
Jean	Buracker	Martha Buracker
Ralph R.	Byrd, III	Sherry Thorpe
Andrew "Doodle"	Campbell	Roxanne Campbell
Charlie	Campbell	Roxanne Campbell
Stacy	Campbell	Roxanne Campbell
Campbell Family		Roxanne Campbell
James E.	Cason	Charlotte Partlowe
John A.	Catlett, Jr.	Sherry Thorpe
Betty Albermathy	Clegg	Katharine Cropper
Eddie Lynn	Clegg	Katharine Cropper
Geraldine Henry	Clegg	Katharine Cropper
William Ronnie	Clegg	Katharine Cropper
Ulysses (Junior)	Clegg, Jr.	Katharine Cropper
Ulysses (Sonny)	Clegg, Sr.	Katharine Cropper
Helen	Conner	George Hodgkiss
Donnie	Deavers	Nancy Deavers
John	Deavers	Belle Wolf
Palicia	Deavers	Belle Wolf
Randy	Deavers	Nancy Deavers
Vallie	Deavers	Belle Wolf

Obituaries

Ottmar Hubert Dengel passed at his beloved home, Four Winds, on, Dec. 2. He was born in 1933, in Kempton, Allgaeu Germany, where he grew up with his three siblings, and attended the Humanistisches Gymnasium in Kempton, graduating in 1952. During the tumultuous time at the end of WWII he worked as a local farm hand until schools opened again in late 1945. He studied Physics at the Technical Univ. of Munich where he obtained the academic degree of Diplom-Ingeniuer in 1958. He then embarked on a PhD program at the Laboratorium fuer Technische Physik and was awarded his Doctorate in Physics in 1962. He was fortunate to meet his future wife Gisela Harder, MD in Munich when she was in need of his engineering expertise to fix her scooter. They were married at Andernach, Germany in 1962. After three years working as a research fellow at the Laboratorium fuer Technische Physik, he and his wife Gisela came to the U.S. in 1965 where he served as a Research Physicist with the US Navy. He worked at the Naval Surface Warfare Center first in Indian Head, MD and then in White Oak, MD for 28 years in various research and management positions. He specialized in hydrogen generators, in regards to which he received 12 patents, as well as underwater explosives. Following his retirement in 1994 from the Navy he founded Royal Systems, a consulting company that focused on building partnerships between the US, German and other NATO naval research centers, which he operated until his final retirement in 2004. His beloved wife Gisela passed in 2002. They had moved to Front Royal in 1972 where she opened a Pediatrics Office on Browntown Road and where they raised their sons Tobias and Florian. Ottmar had a deep passion for travel, including taking his whole family around the world and to every continent except Antarctica. He had a special love of music, dancing and festivals and could regularly be found at small town Bavarian events, the Oktoberfest, acoustic bluegrass nights in Browntown, the Kennedy Center, as well as Carnivals and dances throughout the world including Rio, Buenos Aires, Cologne and Sevilla. Ottmar is survived by his two sons Tobias and Florian, their wives Lynn and Lindsey, and six grandchildren that were the delight of his later years as "Opa", Alexander, Lucas, Karolina, Willem, Max and Anna.

James "Allen" Santmyers Jr., 56, of Front Royal, Virginia, passed away on Nov. 26, at his home. Allen was born in Front Royal, Virginia to the late James Sr. and Sandra Seal Santmyers. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Lori Ann Santmyers. Survivors include his son, Jason Allen Santmyers (Kylie Hockman) of Strasburg, Virginia; two grandchildren, Dwayne Allen Santmyers and Kelli Brooke Santmyers both of Strasburg; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Michael Pieloch, 50, passed on Dec.22nd, in Lake Ridge, VA.

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Browntown History
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Sunday Noon to 4

Deadline for Feb. News: Jan. 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 an oncoming vehicle **across the center line!**

Watch out for Tractors Hauling Hay

Beer Cans Make Money for the BCCA

About 20 years ago we started recycling aluminum beer and soda cans at OJ's. The cans can be dropped off at the corn crib and when we have a truck load **Bruce Colton** will take them to Zuckerman's, and bring back about \$20. We don't take pet food cans, as the folks at the recycling center have to refuse any that aren't clean, thereby creating more work for our volunteer.

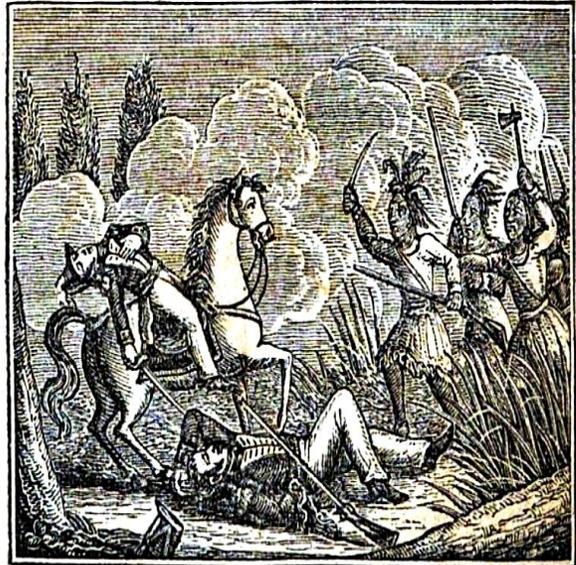
Before Bruce took over, **George Updike**, 1931 – 2019, hauled the cans to town for us.

Where the Heck is Dade's Gap?

For years, I've been trying to figure out why Jed Hotchkiss, when doing maps for Stonewall Jackson referred to Jenkin's Gap, as Dade's Gap. At the time Dade's Gap trail was a very direct route to Flint Hill. There seemed to have never been a Dade who lived on either side of the mountain, and none of our local papers ever mentioned the name Dade. Then, I started searching the "Rappahannock News"; I found an article, in the April 7, 2005 issue, "Walks in the Shenandoah", by Maureen Harris. She solved the puzzle:



Jenkin's Gap was once known as Dade's Mountain, as it was owned by the Dade family who were wealthy Virginia landowners, Francis Dade having immigrated from England in 1650. The Dade family served as politicians, lawyers, judges, soldiers and plantation owners. There is much more to be learned about the Dade's and their connection to Browntown. One map I've seen lists the old road as Dade's Factory Road. Your Gooney Valley History and Preservation Club will be working on this mystery.



DEATH OF MAJOR DADE.

The image above shows Francis Langhorne Dade a Virginian being killed by a Seminole Chief, during the Second Seminole War in 1835. The battle was known as Dade's Massacre.

Names **part 2**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Sponsor</u>
Harry	Deavers, III	Belle Wolf
Harry	Deavers, Jr.	Belle Wolf
Harry	Deavers, Sr.	Belle Wolf
Joy Smelser	Fairfax	Linda Glavis
Beatrice M.	Frame	Sandra Frame
Milton W.	Frame	Sandra Frame
Ronnie	Frame	Daris & Ricky Mathews
Wilford G.	Frame	Sandra Frame
Stella	Frew	Jackie Hodgkiss
Margot	Glavis	Linda Glavis
Edwin	Graves	Jackie Hodgkiss
Jerry A.	Gray, Sr.	Sherry Thorpe
Vernon	Grumbly	Linda Glavis
Vernon	Grumbly	Lorraine Smelser
Vernon K.	Grumbly	Alice Grumbly
Albert	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Daniel (Buck)	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Ireta	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Michael	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Odessa	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Roy	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Sam H.	Hallman	Charlotte Partlowe
Carrie Darr	Henry	Katharine Cropper
Clemie	Henry	Daris & Ricky Mathews
Richard	Henry	Katharine Cropper
Wayne	Henry	Daris & Ricky Mathews
Wilson	Henry	Daris & Ricky Mathews
Sandra	Hillyer	Charlotte Partlowe
Oliver	Hodgkiss	George Hodgkiss
Bettie	Hughes	Nancy Deavers
Connie E.	Jenkins	Lorraine Smelser
Debbie	Johnson	Belle Wolf
Ashby T.	Jones	Sandra Frame
Jason Wade	Jones	Sandra Frame
George	Kiliany	Jackie Hodgkiss
Mary	Klinedinst	Belle Wolf
Big Max	McIntyre, Sr.	Katharine Cropper
Don	Miller	Linda Glavis
Don	Miller	Lorraine Smelser
Gail	Miller	Alice Grumbly
Gail Poe	Miller	Linda Glavis
Pat Poe	Miller	Linda Glavis
Patricia	Miller	Lorraine Smelser
Thom	Miller	Alice Grumbly
Tom	Miller	Linda Glavis
Tom	Miller	Lorraine Smelser

Names **part 3**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Sponsor</u>
Betty Robinson	Morris	Sandra Frame
Lebert E.	Morris	Sandra Frame
Dorothy	Nicholson	Charlotte Partlowe
Edward	Nicholson, Sr.	Charlotte Partlowe
Emma	Partlowe	Charlotte Partlowe
Giles B.	Partlowe	Charlotte Partlowe
Giles Milton	Partlowe	Charlotte Partlowe
Anita	Payne	Sherry Thorpe
Inge	Pence	Diane Pence
Marvin	Pence	Diane Pence
W. J.	Pence	Diane Pence
Barbara	Poe	Linda Glavis
Barbara	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Bill	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Elizabeth	Poe	Linda Glavis
Elizabeth	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
George W.	Poe	Linda Glavis
George W.	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
George W.	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Jean	Poe	Linda Glavis
Jean	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Jean	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Jesse W.	Poe	Linda Glavis
Jessie	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Kenneth	Poe	Linda Glavis
Kenneth	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Kenneth	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Rebecca	Poe	Linda Glavis
Rebecca	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Rebecca	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Ruby	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Sam	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Sam	Poe	Alice Grumbly
Samuel A.	Poe	Linda Glavis
Tara	Poe	Lorraine Smelser
Everett	Powell	Charlotte Partlowe
Gladys	Powell	Charlotte Partlowe
Glen	Pruitt	Nancy Deavers
Ginger	Reardon	Nancy Deavers
Ginger Clegg	Reardon	Katharine Cropper
Michael	Reardon, Jr.	Nancy Deavers
Michael	Reardon, Sr.	Nancy Deavers

Part 4 on next page:

Part 4	<u>Name</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>
	John F. Shirley	Sherry Thorpe
	Charles H. Shirley, Jr.	Sherry Thorpe
	Charles H. Shirley, Sr.	Sherry Thorpe
	Walter Thomas	Nancy Deavers
	Maria Thorpe	Sherry Thorpe
	Thomas F. Thorpe, Sr.	Sherry Thorpe
	Wanda Shatzer	Charlotte Partlowe
	Billy Smelser	Lorraine Smelser
	Lizzie Smelser	Lorraine Smelser
	Louie Smelser	Lorraine Smelser
	Don Tillemans	Martha Buracker
	Miriam Tillemans	Martha Buracker
	Nancy Updike	Roxanne Campbell
	Samuel "Sambo" Updike	Roxanne Campbell
	Alice Williams	Louise Mathews
	Bobby Williams	Louise Mathews
	Herman Williams	Louise Mathews
	Marie Williams	Louise Mathews
	Timmy Williams	Louise Mathews
	Roger Wolf	Belle Wolf

The **Spring Yard Sale** is set for **Friday, March 14 & Saturday March 15**. If you have donations please schedule with Patsy Pennington at 540-635-5568. She's our Yard Sale Coordinator. Now that the Bazaar is finished we have the back room open and can take donations from Dec 1 through March 10.

Martha Buracker, President BCCA

BCCA Winter Paint Party

Join us at the Browntown Community Center, 96 Browntown Road, on Sunday afternoon, January 26th from 1 - 3:30 pm to paint "Browntown Winter" for a fundraiser to benefit the Browntown Community Center Association. This is a beautiful winter scene. Come paint it with us and invite some friends to join in the fun. Go to the Browntown Community Center Facebook Page and sign up from the link! Tickets are \$45 per person. Snacks and drinks will be available for sale as well.

**“Browntown Winter”
Paint Party
Fundraiser**

**Sunday, January 26th
@ 1 - 3:30 pm**

This event wil be held at the
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96 Browntown Road





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DRIVING? Keep these basic items in your car: windshield scraper and brush, booster/jumper cables, a tow chain or rope, bag of sand or salt, blankets, flashlight, first aid kit and road map.
And drive slowly, especially on the Browntown Road! Driving at even posted speeds is extremely dangerous when snow and ice are on the road.

Now would be a good time to complete your "My Emergency Plan"

Discuss with family members and neighbors about what you would do in the event of a winter storm or power outage. Ensure everyone knows how to stay warm and connected. Use this template to complete your plan:

<https://www.vaemergency.gov/media-assets/publication-my-emergency-plan-english>

And print a copy and keep it where you and others can easily find it. This will be your ultimate guide during a disaster, and can also help family, friends, and first responders.

For your local Browntown Forecast check out

Weather.gov:<https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=38.8401&lon=->

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Happy New Year!

The Moon gave me an idea for a photo a few years ago. This cross sits atop the steeple of the Queen Anne-influenced Gothic Revival “Browntown Baptist Church”. The original cross most likely had been on the Ebenezer Evangelical Lutheran Church since construction in 1897. The Baptists who had earlier worshipped at the Union Church, bought the Lutheran Church in 1943, and have worshipped there ever since. Giles Nossett made this cross out of stainless steel, about 70 years ago. It was fashioned after the original budded cross, aka trefoil, botonee or cathedral cross. The original cross most likely had been gracing the church since 1897 when the Lutherans built it. They didn't have stainless steel back then, and the old cross was in bad shape. Giles crafted this beautiful cross as a community service.