



# “Along the Gooney”

## April 2021

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### Browntown Calendar

Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday - Good Friday  
 Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Easter Sunday  
 April 12<sup>th</sup> Monday - BCCA Public Meeting 7:30  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> Tues. - SWVFD meeting 7:30  
 April 29<sup>th</sup> Thurs Deadline for May newsletter

### BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE:

[www.browntowncommunity.com](http://www.browntowncommunity.com)

Check out the following links at our new Home page:

*Along the Gooney* Newsletter (current 3 months)  
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### Browntown Baptist Church

[browntownbaptistva@gmail.com](mailto:browntownbaptistva@gmail.com)

Pastor: Sherman Kaipha Brown

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Good Friday Service at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. The service will feature 7 short sermonettes on each of the last sayings of Jesus on the cross, with special music in between.

We will have a Passover meal (dinner) immediately after the service at 7pm.

**April 4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday we will have our Easter service at 11am in the sanctuary.

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

### Cool Spring Church of God

Pastor: Jeff Fletcher

Sunday school @ 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service @ 11a.m.

### Limeton United Methodist Church

Pastor: Sherry Waddell

10 AM Sunday School

11:15 AM Sunday Worship

Rev Sherry Waddell

[SherryWaddell@vaumc.org](mailto:SherryWaddell@vaumc.org)

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### YOGA Classes

#### **Browntown Baptist Church:**

6 April - Flex and Flow (formerly Power Yoga) - This Yoga class incorporates resistance from the use of bands or medicine balls (provided).

Resistance is optional.

13 April - Vinyasa Yoga - Flowing yoga concentrating on lengthening the muscles and building strength and balance

20 April - Flex and Flow

27 April - Vinyasa Yoga

All classes begin at 6:00pm, the cost is \$10.

Loyalty card gives 2 free lessons after 8 lessons taken.

Thank you! Marti

### **BROWNTOWN ROAD LITTER PICKUP**

The Warren County Izaak Walton League is conducting a litter pickup on Browntown Road April 18 at 1:00pm. We meet in the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the Highway 340, end of the road. I have orange bags, reflective vests and pickup tools. We put out two VDOT "Litter Pickup Crew Working" signs to alert drivers to our presence. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent. You do not need to be a member of the IWL to participate.

## BROWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT

*We are moving right along! We might finish up in June! Dan Pezzoni has working hard on the Browntown Survey, and below is the description of our village, which is included in the 47 page draft. Dan has spent time in the village, talking to old-timers, and current residents, as well as spending time at the Warren Heritage Society. What he has uncovered is fascinating.*

The Browntown Historic District encompasses most of the village of Browntown, located in southern Warren County, Virginia. The village occupies an area of the county known since the eighteenth century as Gooney Manor, through which flows Gooney Run, a tributary of the South Fork of the Shenandoah River. The Gooney Manor valley is surrounded on the east and south by the Blue Ridge Mountains, which locally rise to over 3,000 feet in elevation, and on the west by several smaller mountains. Browntown itself lies mostly at elevations of between 900 and 1,000 feet above sea level. The village, in its present form developed in the 1870s, centered on the intersection of the east-west Bentonville Road (SR 613) and the north-south Browntown Road (SR 649) and its continuation, Gooney Manor Loop (SR 631). The district contains 37 primary and 95 secondary resources for a total of 132 resources. Most of the resources are houses but there are also a number of stores, barns, churches, and secondary buildings like sheds, privies, and garages. Development is densest at the aforementioned intersection at the north end of the village, with farm fields predominating at the district's midsection and a smaller concentration of houses at the south end. The south end is where a small creek known as Broad Run flows into Gooney Run. A second small creek, Morgan's Spring Branch, flows through the district's eastern tip.



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**Thanks again, Tom**

### Deadline for May News, April 29<sup>th</sup>

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

**Please Slow Down on our Beautiful Browntown Roads. Remember the Speed limit in Browntown is 25 mph**

## Obituary

**Carlisle Conway Crank** passed on March 5. Dr Crank was born, June 29, 1930, the youngest son of Henry Franklin and Nancy Ashley Pleasants Crank, in Richmond, VA. Carlisle is survived by his "bride" of 63 years, Bonnie Lee Jungbert Crank, two children, Hope Lee Bett and her husband, Jack of Glen Allen, VA, Carlton Conway Crank and his wife, Jeannie of Penn Laird, VA, two granddaughters, Melody Lee Bett and Danielle Jeanette Crank, two great-grandchildren, Liam and Kori Anne, one nephew, and three nieces. Carlisle earned a B.A. from Lynchburg College, M.A. from the Univ. of Richmond, Th.M from Colgate Rochester/Crozer Theological Seminary, M.Ed. University of VA and Th.D from American Divinity School. He also studied at Southern Bapt. Theological Seminary, The College of William and Mary, V.P.I., American Univ. and Madison Univ.. He was a graduate of the U.S. Army Chaplain School. Dr Crank was licensed to preach by his home church, Northside Baptist Church, Richmond, VA in 1956 and ordained to the Gospel Ministry at Seventh Bapt. Church in Baltimore, MD in 1959. His pastorates include, Main St. Bapt. Emporia, VA Fluvanna Bapt., Fort Howard Community Church, MD Bentonville Bapt. Church, Browntown Bapt., where he was pastor emeritus and served on three separate occasions. He also pastored Boyce Baptist Church, Boyce, VA. Recent interim pastorates include, Main St. Bapt., Luray, VA and Stanley Bapt., Stanly, VA. During the Korean War Dr Crank served in the Army as an infantryman. In addition to active duty, he served for ten years in the Army Reserves and held every non-commission rank before receiving a commission as chaplain. Military honors include: United Nations Ribbon, Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Ribbon, Korean War Veteran, Marksman Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Commendable Overseas Service Ribbon. The unit in which he served was awarded several Presidential Citations and the Korean Presidential Citation. The unit of which Carlisle was a member took part in two major battles, "Sandbag Castle", The "Iron Triangle" composed of Kumhwa Valley, Chorwon and P'yonggang. His unit also took fire from the Neutral Zone at Panmunjam. Chaplain Crank was honorably discharged in 1965. He graduated from the Army Combat Leadership School and while attending seminary was endorsed by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board to attend the Army Chaplain School from which he graduated among the top in the class. Dr Crank served as chaplain of the Twenty-Fifth Infantry Division Association for fourteen years.

During his years in education, Dr Crank taught at Oldham County High School, LaGrange, KY, Luray High School, Luray, VA, Fork Union Military Academy, a VA Baptist School where he taught Bible and Government, Isle of Wight Academy, principal of Zion Elementary School, and Greensville County High School, Emporia, VA. He also served as Administrative Assistant, Director of Pupil Personnel, and Supervisor of Special Education, Greensville County, VA. In Warren County, Dr Crank served as Visiting Teacher/School Social Worker for 13 years. He was also an adjunct professor for the University of Richmond teaching biblical courses. He was a past member of VA Association of Guidance Personnel, on the Board of Directors of Warren County Shelter Workshop, past member of Blue Ridge Food Bank Board and past member of VA Education Association. Dr Crank assisted in organizing the Local Council of Churches in Warren County, for whom he served as president, and the Council of Domestic Violence in Front Royal and was active in CCAP. He was a member of the VA Emergency Foster Care Board.

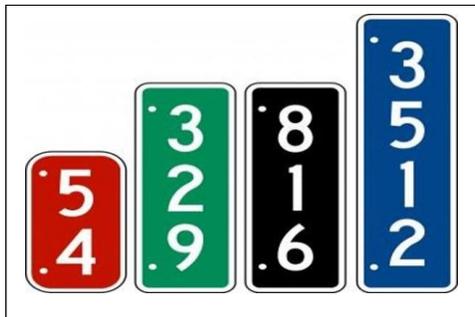
Memorial Gifts may be made to VA Baptist Historical Society, P.O. 34, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 23173 or First Baptist Church, 14 W. First St., Front Royal, VA 22610

## “BEARR” GROUP UPDATE

Our BCCA-sponsored group of seven continues to focus on its three key goals (Saving our lives, our property, and our environment). We met at the Bentonville Fire House on March 16 with the staff and volunteers of South Warren Fire Station 3 and six members of the BEARR group have subsequently applied to become volunteer members of Fire Station 3. One of our top priorities is to bring together the Browntown and Bentonville communities to ensure that the whole of South Warren has access to reliable, effective, and sustainable emergency response services.

We are also working on a number of “SELF HELP” activities to help reduce risks to our lives, property, and environment. For instance, the emergency services often experience difficulties “finding” a property because they cannot find or see a house number clearly. Vital time is then lost that could make the difference between life or death or whether or not a property suffers major damage. Displaying a 911 reflective address sign make it easy to get to your house in case of an emergency. We are currently exploring ways to encourage and support the increased use of such signs in our area.

### EXAMPLES OF 911 REFLECTIVE DISPLAY SIGNS



**WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS PICTURE?**

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**Answer to: “What’s Wrong With This Picture?”**

Owing to the unexpected sale of the Fire pumper/tanker by the South Warren Volunteer Fire Dept, Browntown has been left with only one firefighting truck. This 1988 Brush Truck is of doubtful reliability and has very limited ability to fight fires. It carries 250 gallons of water whereas it is estimated that fighting a fire in an average-size single-family dwelling takes about 250 to 300 gallons of water per minute and around 2,500 gallons total. If your property catches fire this is the only piece of equipment that would be able to get to you quickly. Other equipment based outside of Browntown would eventually arrive but whether that would be soon enough is, to say the least, debatable.

We are able to borrow a reserve Fire truck from Warren County Fire and Rescue, when it is not needed elsewhere in the county, but that is an unreliable solution at best.

If you don’t find that scary, consider that we currently only have one person to drive and operate that truck. If he is out of town or should he become physically incapacitated for any reason then we will be totally dependent on support from the Bentonville Fire Station and other local Fire Stations.

**GET INVOLVED**

If you would like to contribute to or simply know more about the work of the BEARR group please send an email to Brian Wilkinson at [bwilkinson57@verizon.net](mailto:bwilkinson57@verizon.net) or call him at 703-389-7288. We especially need to hear from people in Browntown (both young and old, men and women) who are interested in becoming a volunteer member of Warren County’s Fire & Rescue Services. Here is a brief description of the kind of volunteer roles that may be available:



**Housing for Shenandoah National Park Seasonal Employees**

Every year Shenandoah National Park hires numerous Seasonal Employees to work the busy summer and fall seasons. Since there are only limited opportunities for housing within the park, housing outside the park in the surrounding communities is in high demand.

Do you have a room, apartment, or house to rent? Typically for 6 months but sometimes can be extended for longer. These folks have already been vetted and background checked.

Contact:

District Ranger Kevin Moses [kevin-moses@NPS.gov](mailto:kevin-moses@NPS.gov)

Ranger Kelly Good- [Kelly-good@nps.gov](mailto:Kelly-good@nps.gov)

Ranger Miranda Brown- [miranda-brown@nps.gov](mailto:miranda-brown@nps.gov)

Or you can email [bcca96events@gmail.com](mailto:bcca96events@gmail.com) and I can forward the information to the park.

**BCCA spring Yard sale...**Wow, what a great success. We made a total of \$3,300. Thanks to everyone who donated items for sale to help with this fund raising event for the community Center.

After the sale, we even had a “free day” for anyone needing clothes or anything else that we had left over.

After the sale we took items to the Blue Ridge Hospice center, Goodwill and books to the library.

Our next yard sale will be some time in October. Please keep us in mind for any donations when we start collecting in July.

A special thanks to Jayne Guilford and Patsy Pennington... for all the many days and long hours they put in to the yard sale.

### COVID Shots at Browntown Community Center

We are currently working with Lord Fairfax Health Department to set up a schedule for COVID Vaccine shots.

As soon as we get confirmation, and a schedule, we will send out a notification via the BCCA email list.

We will post all the information that is needed and what group is next to receive the vaccine.

They did tell me that anyone that is on a waiting list and is pre-registered and has a Browntown address, will be contacted first for shots here at the community center.

As soon as we get the information, I will send it out to everyone.

Thank You

BCCA Jackie

### Updated information on the Redbud Festival

Due to the COVID Virus we are planning to do the Redbud Festival on June 19<sup>th</sup> and call it the “Browntown Summer Days” This date follows the last day of school so I am sure the kids will be anxious to come out and have a fun day at the community center.

We are planning to have Crafters at the community center and at the Baptist church .

There will be *outside* crafters and demonstrators. Also, the Duck Race take place, and the ducks will be ready to swim down the Gooney creek. We will have the famous Browntown Bake table, the Merchandise and the Silent Auction in the back room at the center. Redbud and Dogwood seedlings will also be for sale. The kitchen will be open for carry-out and we will have plenty of Hot Dogs, Pork BBQ sandwiches, beans and slaw.

We will also have live entertainment, (to be announced at a later date).

As always, volunteers are needed to help; so please call Martha 671-6349, Patsy 635-5568, or Jackie 6363588.

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**2022 Browntown Calendars**

**The theme for the 2022 Browntown Calendar will be Browntown pets, wild life and animals. Get your cameras ready for that perfect photo shot!**

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### **Browntown Historic District Kick-Off Meeting... The Survey Has Begun!**

Consultant Dan Pezzoni, is flanked by co-chairs, Linda Glavis and Tom Lacombe. The contract was signed, and the first payment made. Dan has been busy photographing all the properties within the district. He has also been busy with research, in regards to the history of said properties. If you would like to make a donation you can send a check, made out to BCCA, with a notation that the check is for the *historic district*, and mail it to BCCA, 96 Browntown Rd., Browntown, VA 22610. Call 636-2149 for more info.

**The photo to the right is from our 1982 July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration.**