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Browntown Calendar

Dec. 4th Friday Browntown Christmas Lights lit 5:00
 Dec. 5th 12:00 – 3:00 BCCA open for Christmas Merchandise
 Dec. 7th Browntown Historic District Mtg. 7:00 BCCA
 Dec. 14th Mon. BCCA meeting 7:30
 Dec. 14th Mon. Voting for the 2021 BCCA Board of Directors.
 Dec. 25 Christmas Day
 Dec 31st New Years Eve
 2021 BCCA Board of Directors nominees

President	John Bell
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If anyone would like to be considered for any of these positions, please attend the public meeting on Mon. Dec. 14th at 7:30

The Browntown Christmas Shopping Days

Even though we had to cancelled our Christmas Bazaar, we managed to have 2 shopping days with a few crafters, silent auction and sold our Browntown merchandise. Thanks to the people who pitched in and helped.

Merchandise \$1,404
 Silent Auction \$1,034
 Quilt Raffle \$245. Winner was Jacalyn Jenkins
 Total Quilt Raffle tickets sold: \$1,465.00

Thanks to Dale Thompson for her Beautiful Homemade Quilt.

BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE:

www.browntowncommunity.com

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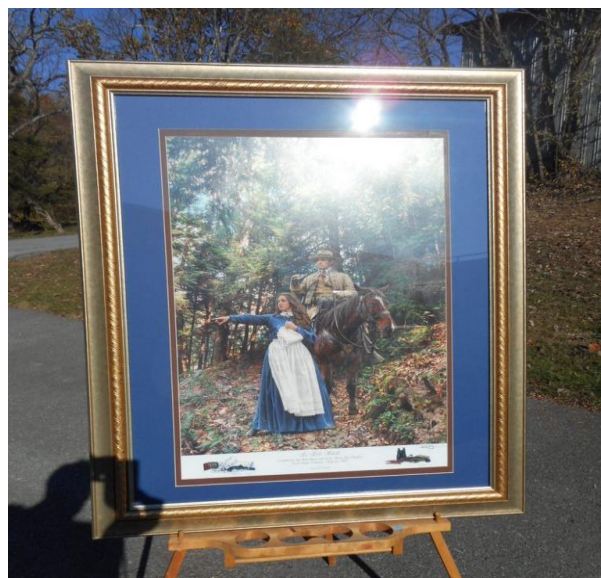
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Any information for the newsletter, please send to

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Tom: tlacombe@centurylink.net

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



La Belle Rebelle

*Confederate Spy Belle Boyd and
 1st Lt. Henry Kyd Douglas
 Front Royal, Virginia - May 23, 1862
 41 X 31*

Artist: John Paul Strain Print #75 of 100

(Donated by Bunky & Connie Woods)

Raffle tickets: \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00

Drawing will be at Spring 2021 Redbud Festival

Obituaries

Susan Marie Heston, 69, of Browntown, passed away on Friday, October 30, at her home. A memorial service was held for Susan at 11 A.M. on November 11, at Maddox Funeral Home. Sammy Campbell officiated. Susan was born on February 4, 1951 in Fairmont, West Virginia to the late Kenneth and Rosemary Lane. She was also preceded in death by three siblings, Stephen Lane, Melissa Lane and Richard Lane. Surviving Susan is her loving husband of nearly 48 years, Clyde Heston; her siblings, Sara Whitlock and Paul Lane; her brother in law, Roger Heston, her niece, Heather Whitlock; and numerous other nieces and nephews.

George William Poe, 81, of Front Royal, passed away on November 8, at Warren Memorial Hospital. He was born April 16, 1939, in Warren County son of the late William R. and Ruby D. Poe. Mr. Poe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Jean Rutherford Poe; a son Jeffrey W. Poe of Front Royal; daughter Cynthia Poe Trail (Randall) of Bentonville; four grandchildren Jeffrey Poe, Jr, James Poe, Amber Poe Morris and Tracey Pauley; eight great grandchildren; two brothers Robert D. Poe and Edgar A. Poe; and two sisters Alice Poe Grumbly and Gail Poe Miller. He was preceded in death by three sisters Rebecca Poe, Jean Poe, Patricia P. Miller; and a brother Kenneth A. Poe. George spent his entire life working in the building trade. George was always willing to help out a friend, neighbor, or a complete stranger. His work ethic and kind demeanor guided him though his life. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing George knew that they had a friend for life. He was devoted to making sure that those he loved were always taken care of. His legacy will live forever in the lives of those who knew and loved him.



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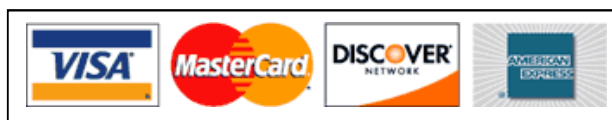
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Deadline for January News, December 28th

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

Let's all stay safe and we may be able to open the center for renting by Jan. 2021.

Please Slow Down on our Beautiful Browntown Roads. Remember the Speed limit in Browntown is 25 mph, and please stay on YOUR side of the yellow double line!

Browntown Historic District Update

On December 7th @ 7 pm, we will have an informational meeting at the community center. We have sent out letters to all property owners within the district, and also to adjacent property owners. Due to covid regulations, we can only have 25 people at the meeting, so we have asked the recipients of the letter to rsvp Tom Lacombe @ 636-2149. If we need to, we may start one meeting at 7 pm, clear the building and have a second meeting at 8 pm. Below is a condensed version of the letter we have sent out. Also we would suggest anyone interested to check out this Virginia Dept. of Historic Resources link:<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/historic-register/>

Members of the Browntown Community Center Association enthusiastically support the application for designating Browntown as a Historic District. This District will provide valuable recognition and advantages for our unique community in Gooney Manor where our Post-Civil War crossroads village has remained very much intact for 150 years. It will place no restrictions whatsoever on property owners. Our two churches, schoolhouse, the Dr. Uptide Office and museum, barns, store, and many homes built by craftsmen like Jake Masemer remain touchstones for our community. They reflect histories of factories that produced the highest quality leather, which later was adapted as a stave factory, and cooperage manufacturing top-notch barrels. Surrounded by the Shenandoah National Park, we find ourselves in one of the most beautiful places on earth. In addition to being a living community of individuals, the Browntown Historic District is a walkable museum of working class and middle class house types from the late 19th and early 20th centuries, as well as being home to remaining commercial structures from the same period. The area is attractive to tourists and other visitors, drawing families to enjoy the many mountain trails leading to the Shenandoah National Park, as well as the nearby Andy Guest State Park, which offers so many opportunities afforded by the Shenandoah River.

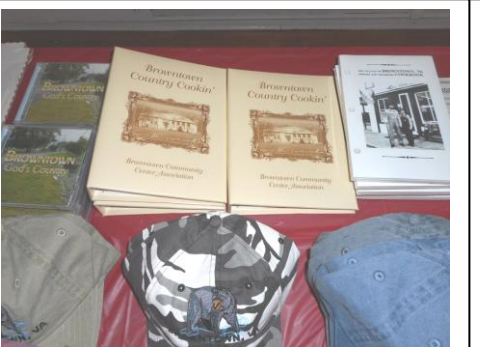
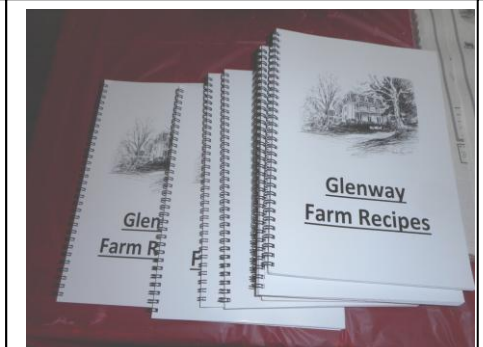
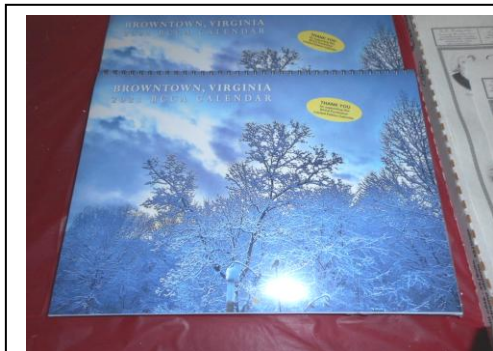
All of these elements combine in a unique combination of a viable historic rural neighborhood with some of the deepest roots in Warren County. We hope that the people of Browntown will soon approve the application for this important recognition. Our next step in regards to achieving our Historic district designation will be to hire a consultant. The consultant will complete a survey, research, and prepare the National Register forms required for the historic designation. We will need to raise money to pay for the necessary work the consultant will perform on our behalf. We are currently selling a cookbook, which gives us a start, and we will be exploring other ways to raise money over the coming months. All ideas are welcome! Any person wishing to help fund this effort is encouraged to make a donation to the Browntown Community Center Association earmarked for the Browntown Historic District.

December 5th Saturday 12:00 TO 3:00**The community Center will be open for additional Christmas gifts.**

BCCA Merchandise: New Browntown 2021 Calendars & Note cards, Browntwon Hats, Browntown Cookbooks, New Browntown Cups available in Red or Blue. The **Glenway Farm Recipes** Cookbook contains 111 pages that include recipes dating back to the late 1700's, when Glenway Farm was established. We will also have front zip hooded sweatshirts and Camo pullover sweatshirts with matching hats. Along the Gooney Maps and CD'S

PLEASE, MASK ARE REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE'S PROTECTION.**We will have masks and bottles of liquid hand sanitizer for your safety****For additional information: Call Jackie: 540-636-3588**

Here are a few items that we still have from the silent auction. If you are interested in any of the items, please call Jackie or they will be available that Saturday Dec. 5th at the center.





2020 Browntown Christmas Lights

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the lighting of the Christmas Lights on the community center grounds. The tree lights, this year, will go on the new Blue Spruce tree located on the front grounds of the community center. The lights will be initially lit sometime during the first week in December and will be automatically lit every evening at dusk until January 1, 2021.

This year's remembrance list of names and sponsors will be posted on a snowflake that will be placed on the inside Christmas Tree at the community center and on the hall bulletin board. The list will also be published in the January newsletter issue. You may send in the names of loved ones and friends through the end of December.

This year we will be accepting donations of \$5.00 per name (snowflake).

If you would like to make a donation for a snowflake, please make your check payable to BCCA, and include the name of the person(s) you wish to have posted. Send checks and names to Jackie Hodgkiss, 224 Holiday Court, Browntown, VA. 22610, or to BCCA, 96 Browntown Road, Browntown, VA 22610.

Last year's donations of \$1,200 went towards the Browntown Building fund. We accomplished replacing the railroad ties in the 2 front flower gardens and painting the outside of the community center. Next year we plan to sand and refinish the hardwood floors to preserve them for many years to come. We would also like to update the bathrooms, as they are still the old fixtures from the original schoolhouse days. The Community Center roof is also scheduled to be painted in the Spring of 2021.

The lighting of the tree will be Friday Dec. 4th. Due to the pandemic, we will have neither the reading of the names inside nor the music inside. Names will also be posted on the outside bulletin board.

Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



Heating Equipment Smarts

Install wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

Install and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.



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Interested in becoming a beekeeper? Already have bees but want to learn more about caring for them? BONS (Beekeepers of the Northern Shenandoah) offers beginning beekeeper classes (on-line for this year) this winter. Two additional "hands-on" classes will be conducted in person in March and April, covering how to build and use beekeeping equipment and working with experienced beekeepers to inspect bees and hives. Classes include several handbooks on beekeeping. Cost is \$120, which includes one year of dues for BONS. BONS also sells hardware and bees at a discount to new beekeepers. Interested? Please contact John Lewis at johnlewis702@comcast.net. Browntown has a group of active BONS beekeepers who will be happy to help you get started and share information.

Denise Vowell

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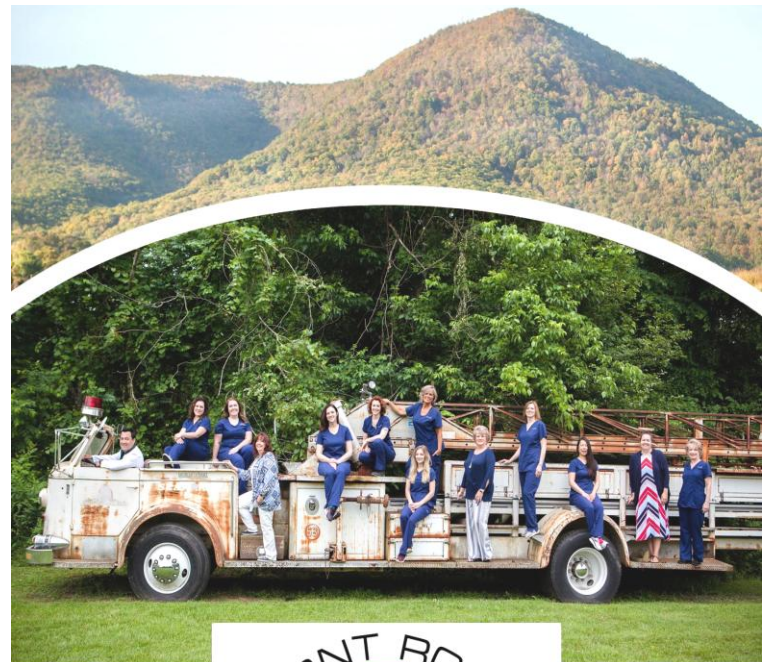
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Houses are selling and new homes are popping up in Browntown. Need help? Contact Margie or Martha.

"Along the Gooney"

Jackie and Tom, the editors of the newsletter, are always looking for stories and information that could be interesting and of importance to our fellow "Browntowners". They rely on George Hodgkiss as their "proof" reader; many times he has offered suggestions and/or corrections. Thanks George, for having our backs.

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Browntown Community Center Gift Ideas!

We have tote bags, hats, sweatshirts, long sleeve tees, sill-sitters mugs, maps, and two cookbooks for sale. Give Tom a call @ 636-2149, and we'll make special arrangements for picking out that perfect Browntown gift.