



“Along the Gooney”

Browntown Community Center Association

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Browntown Calendar

- June 6th Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley
BCCA at 7:00
- June 13th BCCA meeting 7:30
- June 10th & 11th Baptist Church yard Sale and
Bake Sale 9:00 to 3:00
- June 17th & 18th BCCA Yard Sale 10:00 to 3:00
- June 29th Deadline for July Newsletter.

Browntown Baptist Church

browntownbaptistva@gmail.com

Pastor: Sherman Kaipha Brown

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

Cool Spring Church of God

Pastor: Jeff Fletcher

Beginning June 12 summer hours will be:
Sunday School at 9:30 and Worship at 10:30.
Summer hours will run until the end of September.

Limeton United Methodist Church

10 a.m. Sunday school
11:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

Browntown Baptist Church

yard and bake sale.

June 10th and 11th

Bake goods can be dropped off at the
fellowship hall Friday morning at 9:00.
Any donated items for the yard sale, please
call Jayne Guilford at 636-4231 to arrange
a time for drop off.

BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE

www.browntowncommunity.com

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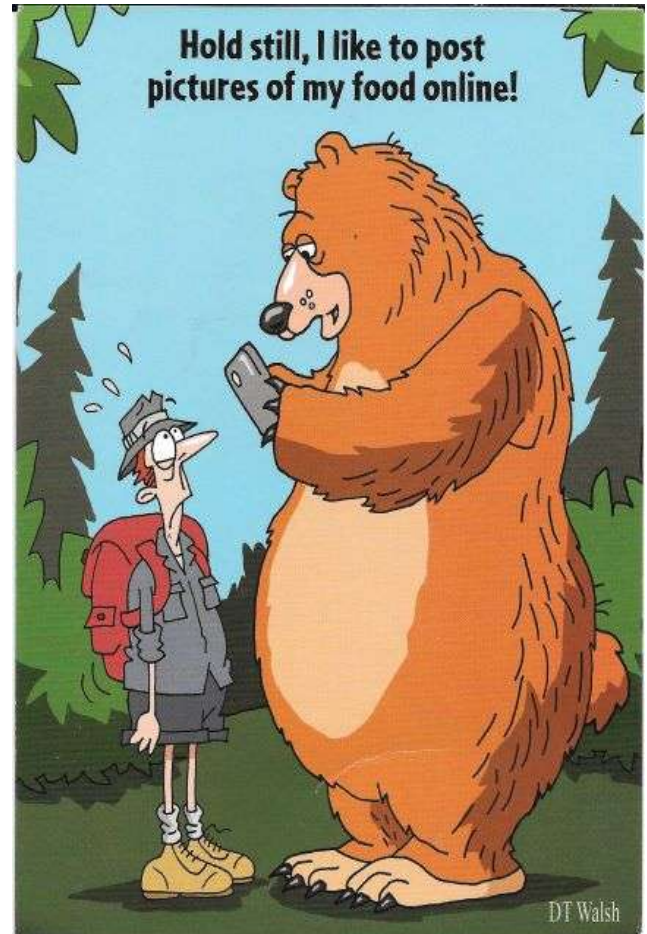
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*Watch out for those Browntown Bears!
Good picture for the 2024 Calendar photo
contest. People in Browntown.
(Just Kidding)*

Obituaries

Melissa Danielle Cook, 29, of Bentonville, passed away unexpectedly on May 15, at her home. Inurnment will be private. Melissa was born July 29, 1992, in Front Royal, Virginia, daughter of Danny and Lisa Cook. She was a Skyline High School Class of 2010 graduate, a loving wife, mother, daughter, and daughter-in-law, who felt so blessed to have married her best friend and have two amazing children. Melissa always had a smile for anyone she met. She loved and lived life to the fullest, but her smile was the biggest while watching her kids play baseball. She would be the one cheering the loudest with no apologies given. Surviving with her parents are her loving and devoted husband, Travis A. Cook, and her children, Kole Cook and Kali Cook. She was preceded in death by her great-grandmothers, Anna Lee Cook and Catherine Andrews; her grandmother, Patricia Andrews Kramer; and her dog, Remi. Memorial gifts may be made to the Humane Society of Warren County, 1245 Progress Drive, Front Royal, Virginia 22630 or the Front Royal Little League, P.O. Box 1980, Front Royal, Virginia 22630.

Robert Floyd Tuthill Sr., passed away at his home in Woodstock, May 6. Bob was the son of the late Gertrude Dulaney and Floyd G. Tuthill of Arlington and Falls Church. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Patricia Ann Franklin of Vienna. Bob is survived by his wife, Marjorie Elaine Tuthill; his son, Robert Floyd Tuthill Jr. and wife Pam; step-grandson, Travis Allen Cook and wife, Melissa; and step great-grandchildren, Kole and Kali Cook. He also leaves behind some special cousins Billy Lee Tuthill, Janice Atkinson and George Tyler, whom he thought a lot of, and his very special friend and buddy, his dog, Shadow who never left his side. Bob and his family spent most of their spare time in Front Royal, Virginia, where they enjoyed the beauty of the Shenandoah River and what their family vacation home had to offer. It was for this reason he decided to retire there as well building a home there himself. In Bob's professional life, he retired from the Falls Church Police Department, worked for a short time for the U.S. Marshal Service, and the Visually Handicapped for the Blind as a business counselor. Bob coached Babe Ruth baseball in Falls Church, spent a lot of time on the golf course over the years and the mountains. He was a very special person, never meeting a stranger and had a gift for conversation. He belonged to several organizations. He was a member of the I.O.O.F. Lodge #83, Edinburg, Virginia, past member of the Front Royal Moose, where he called bingo for many years, the Loyal Order of Moose, Woodstock, Virginia, Fraternal Order of Police, NOVA #35, past president of the Shenandoah Shores Volunteer Fire Department and retired longtime board member of Oakwood Cemetery.

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Deadline for July News: June 29th

Make A Note: Patsy Pennington is the person to contact if you need to use the Center.

Patsy's number is 635-5568

Please Slow Down on our Beautiful Browntown Roads.

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.

Slow Down, Enjoy the Ride!

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THE GOONEY VALLEY HISTORY CLUB..... June 2022

“Remembering Yesterday, Preserving Our Tomorrow”

LATEST NEWS

Our group continues to have great fun sharing ideas and learning from one another. If you would like to join our group or learn more please contact Tom Lacombe by phone (540 636 2149) or email (tomlacombe@comcast.net). We are currently working on designing a “Our Valley in the 18th Century” car tour and walking guide for visitors. The first step will be to produce a map of how our area looked around 200 years ago.

“DON’T THROW IT OUT!”

If you have any old local newspapers (especially The Warren Times) or old copies of Along The Gooney, or have a story about the past that you would like to share, please let Tom know or simply bring them along to his shop – We will treasure these, make sure they are preserved, and draw on them to share knowledge and experience that otherwise might be lost forever.

THIS MONTH’S RECIPE – From Village of Browntown Friends & Neighbors Cookbook, 1988

PRESERVED CHILDREN (recipe contributed by The Browntown Friendship Club)

1 lg. field

½ doz. Children

2 or 3 dogs

A bit of brook

A few pebbles

Mix children and dogs together. Put on a field, stirring constantly. Pour brook over pebbles.

Sprinkle field with flowers, Spread over all a blue sky. Bake in the sun. When brown sit away to cool in a bath tub.

DID YOU KNOW? REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETERANS USED TO GATHER IN BROWNTOWN EVERY FOURTH OF JULY

At these gatherings these elderly veterans would sing “The Star Spangled Banner’ and reminisce about the battles in which they fought. In 1897 Lloyd Jennings, a Warren County octogenarian, in a letter to the Warren Sentinel described these Independence Day celebrations. They would “talk over their trials,.” he said, “and share tears of joy for the great victories they achieved and bequeathed for all coming generations and make an exhibition of the wounds they received during the clash of steel.”

Source: Rebecca Good, The Warren Sentinel, 1976

BROWNTOWN'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RISK REDUCTION GROUP



"KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE"

BEARR GROUP UPDATE –JUNE, 2022

911 HOUSE NUMBERS



HELPING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO FIND YOUR HOME

Please help us to reach our goal of 200 signs delivered and displayed by the end of 2022.

If you would like to find out more about these signs or are ready to purchase one for your own home, please email Chris Lewis at chris1908@gmail.com or call him on 540-313-6185.

OPERATION TELEPHONE: PROVIDING PEACE OF MIND FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

When you or a loved one is home alone for long periods of time, one call can make all the difference.

"Operation Telephone" is a free service offered by Warren County Sheriff's Dept to provide members of our community peace of mind. Participants are asked to call WCSO each day at 540-635-4128. If their office is not contacted by 3:00 pm, they call the person's home. If unable to make contact, one of their deputies goes to the residence to check on the individual. Also, there is an app (<https://www.snugsafe.com>) so that if you don't login by a set time each day, text messages are sent to your nominated contacts.

If you would like to learn more about this service you can call 540 635-4128 or visit this website: <https://warrencountysheriff.org/operation-telephone/>.

BEARR Group Officially Becomes a Standing Committee of the BCCA

At the April, 2022 BCCA monthly membership meeting a motion was made to acknowledge the Browntown Emergency Response & Risk Reduction Group, (BEARR Group), as an official *standing committee* of the BCCA. The motion asserted that the BEARR Group was first acknowledged in the February 8, 2021 BCCA public meeting, making that the actual date of the establishment of the "Group" as a standing committee. The motion was passed by a majority vote of the BCCA membership.

BCCA President, John Bell, subsequently entertained a motion that the accounting for the high visibility 9-1-1 street address sign sales initiative be handled by the BCCA treasurer, in a separate account. This motion was also passed by the BCCA membership.

The BEARR Group will continue selling the signs as a BCCA fundraiser and will report their activities and achievements at BCCA monthly public business meetings.

Congratulations 2022 Graduates!

Anna Poe, daughter of Eric and Vicky Poe and granddaughter of Berniece Poe, has graduated Magna Cum Laude from VCU with a degree in Biomedical Engineering. She will be accepting a job with Emerson in Durham, NC in June.

Sophia Poe, daughter of Mark and Yuliya Poe and granddaughter of Berniece Poe, graduated Magna Cum Laude from LFCC with a degree in General Studies. Sophia will be entering UVA in the fall.

Katrina Dodson, Skyline High School - father & stepmother Cliff & Emily Dodson. Mother Crystal Pennington, Grandparents Denning & Patsy Pennington.

Rebecca Paulisch - Masters Degree in English from James Madison University

Aaron Paulisch - Double Major: Bachelor of Science in Mathematics & Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Hampden Sydney College

Caleb Shingleton, Skyline High School Parents Michelle & Jr. Shingleton

Angel Thomas, Mother Stephanie Harmon, Grandmother Peanut Jenkins

Valerie Ritenour, Skyline High School, Parents Mike & Kelly Berry

Ethan Berry, Skyline High School Parents Angie and Ray Berry

Cierra Berry, Shenandoah University College Angie and Ray Berry

Carlie Jenkins, Skyline High School, Granddaughter Leon Jenkins

Sophie Lockhart, Skyline High School, Parent Anthony Lockhart

Jr. Shingleton, Lord Fairfax College Major Electrical

Bunky Woods, Masters degree, Virginia Tech, Political Science

Visioning Workshop Survey for Kids

The Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley is sponsoring a series of "Visioning Workshops" in Browntown, and you'll see a full page dealing with that effort in this month's newsletter. Mark the date for the first Visioning Workshop at the

Community Center on Monday June 6, at 7 p.m.

At our last BCCA meeting someone suggested we develop a survey for Browntown kids, and here it is.

Kids Survey

- 1. If you went away and came back to Browntown in 20 years, what would you hope to find when you got back**
 - 2. What makes Browntown a great place to live**
 - 3. What would it take to encourage you to stay and live in Browntown in the future?**
- What is your age?**

Anything else you would like to share?

"You can email your survey to tomlacombe@comcast.net or drop them by the store."

Browntown Community Visioning Session #1



We will discuss the responses to the survey questions (below) and focus on developing a vision and the tools available to keep Browntown a beautiful and thriving community:



- If you went away and came back to Browntown in 20 years, what would you hope to find when you got back?
- What makes Browntown a great place to live?
 - Please describe any development opportunities, or development challenges, for the Browntown area in the future.
 - Anything else you would like to share?
- ▶ You can still email your survey responses to tomiacombe@comcast.net or drop them by the store.

For more information, please contact Chris Anderson canderson@shenandoahalliance.org



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Browntown Community Center’s YARD SALE: Friday and Saturday June 17th and 18th 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Donated items can be dropped off at the center starting June 5th Sunday.
Please put all items in the front room at the center.

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BCCA Newsletter

June 2022

Dear Browntown Community, shortly after Browntown was designated a Historic District we received a congratulatory message from Chris Anderson, who is the Page/Warren County Coordinator for the Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley. The **Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley** advocates, educates, and connects people to conserve the natural resources, cultural heritage, and rural character of our region. The Alliance has offered to sponsor a series of “Visioning Workshops” in Browntown. Our goal is provide the county with community input for a new comprehensive plan, which will be worked on this Fall..

We look forward to meeting and discussing your vision for the future of your community. The planning committee will meet in early May to finalize the format of the upcoming visioning workshops, and they will send a save-the-date message for the workshop series. In the meantime, would you help guide the process by filling out this survey? We expect it will take you about 4-10 minutes to answer the three questions and add any other information you would like to share.

Thanks for your help!

1. If you went away and came back to Browntown in 20 years, what would you hope to find when you got back?
2. What makes Browntown a great place to live?
3. Please describe any development opportunities, or development challenges, for the Browntown area in the future.

Anything else you would like to share?

Are you interested in participating in the Browntown visioning process? Yes _____ No _____

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