



“Along the Gooney”

Browntown Community Center Association

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June 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th Thursdays
 Browntown Community Center
 Summer Play Group 10:00 a.m. tp 12:00 p.m.
SEE Flyer on Page 5 for information

June 10th BCCA Public Meeting 7:30p.m.
 June 19th Holiday Juneteenth
 June 21 & 22 BCCA Kids Yard Sale 9-1
 Friday and Saturday
SEE flyer on page 6 for information

June 26th 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

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

Summer Art Camp

Mon July 1st - Thurs July 18th



6pm-8pm



Browntown Community Center

Ages: 7-12 years old

Price: \$100 per child

All materials included.

Host: Jessie Sprouse

Contact: 540-622-4592

jessielynnsprouse@gmail.com

*You must prepay to reserve a space.

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Obituaries

George B. "Bud" Reed passed on from this life to the next on April 30, 2024, in Leesburg, VA. The youngest child and only son of George A. Reed and Shirley Berry Reed. Bud was born May 16, 1940, the beloved baby brother of sisters Marian and Betty. Graduating from Oregon State University, and shortly before marrying Sandra L. Whitesides in 1962. Bud joined the U.S. Air Force, training as a pilot and serving in Vietnam and in posts across the United States in his seven years of military service. Nearing the end of his active-duty service, Bud and Sandie traveled the country by plane, car, and RV, looking for a place to settle and raise their daughter, Shannon. Settling in Browntown, VA, in 1976, another chapter began in Bud's life when he and Sandie established Gooney Creek Tree Farm. While home from his airline trips, Bud found great satisfaction in working on their Christmas tree farm, shaping the trees, restoring the barn, and welcoming their Christmas tree customers in the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas, ensuring a memorable holiday season for many local families. During these happy years in Browntown, Bud continued his career as a commercial airline pilot and flew for National Airlines, Pan American Airways, and United Airlines for the next 20 plus years. After his retirement from United Airlines as a pilot, Bud worked with others in the industry to change the "Age 60" rule that required pilots to retire on reaching their 60th birthday and was successful in that effort. A Traveler's Aid volunteer for 15 years at Dulles Airport every Friday morning from 7 to 11 a.m., Bud enjoyed helping travelers and also loved spending time with other volunteers, on or off-duty, who had an aviation interest or background. Living in Reston, VA, Bud continued to make memories and effect change by serving as president of his HOA and just by being an all-around good neighbor. To get to know Bud was a pleasure, and acquaintances quickly became lifelong friends. He took great pride in being a member of the Valley, NE, High School graduating class of 1957, and those friends from his "Valley Gang" remained dear to him to the end of his life. Bud was a world traveler; he enjoyed life, his friends, and family. His last years were spent in Leesburg, VA. He leaves behind his wife, Sandie; daughter, Shannon; nieces; nephews; and many, many good friends. Bud was one of a kind and will be sorely missed by those who were lucky enough to know him.

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Phone 636-2149

Sunday Noon till 4pm

Mon thru Sat 7:30am till 5pm

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In Regards to the passing of Bud Reed
Many of you will remember Bud's wife, Sandie who was a Community Center officer in the early days of our organization, serving as president for at least one term. If you would like to offer condolences you can reach her at
Sandie Reed apt. 132
315 Dry Mill Rd., Leesburg, VA
20175-2632



Deadline for July News: June 26th

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.

Gooney Valley History Club



WE ARE WORKING ON PRODUCING A 2025 BCCA CALENDAR – THIS CALENDAR WILL FOCUS ON THE HISTORY OF BROWNTOWN DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY.

We hope to include lots of photos about the folks who lived and worked here back then.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE PHOTOS TO INCLUDE IN THIS CALENDAR!



IF YOU HAVING ANY OLD PHOTOS SITTING IN A BOX, DRAWER, OR ALBUM PLEASE LET TOM LACOMBE KNOW ASAP. WE WILL COPY YOUR PHOTOS AND RETURN THEM TO YOU. (IF YOU WOULD LIKE DIGITAL COPIES OF YOUR PHOTOS, WE CAN ALSO DO THIS FOR YOU).

Do you recognize the people in these two photographs? One is from the 1920s and the other from the late 1950s or early 1960s.

****In next month's newsletter we will tell you more about who these people are.**

Photos like these are sometimes the only link we have with the past. Please help us to ensure that our memories of those who are no longer with us are preserved.

“DON'T THROW IT OUT!”

If you have any old copies of local newspapers, photos, or other local family or historical artifacts please let Tom Lacombe know or simply bring them along to his store – We will treasure these, make sure they are preserved, and draw on them to share knowledge and experience that otherwise might be lost forever.

Our club continues to expand & have fun sharing ideas & learning from one another. If you would like to join or learn more, please phone Tom Lacombe (540 636 2149), or email him at tomlacombe@comcast.net.



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

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

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

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

SPEED LIMIT ON UNPAVED ROADS: Effective July 1, 2014, a maximum speed limit of 35 mph applies to all unpaved roads in Virginia. The road does not have to be posted.

MAY 17, FATAL 2-VEHICLE CRASH ON ROUTE 340, just north of Rocky Lane junction, May 17, at 10:40 p.m. The driver of a Chevy Malibu crossed the centre-line and collided with a southbound Toyota Camry. The driver of the Chevy, Cody Kanavel of Front Royal, died as a result of his injuries. He was not wearing a seatbelt. The driver of the Camry, from Rileyville, suffered serious injuries.

<https://royalexaminer.com/state-police-investigate-fatal-two-vehicle-crash-in-warren-county/>

WCFR INVESTIGATORS REVEAL CAUSE OF FATAL FIRE IN FRONT ROYAL: The victim in a Front Royal house fire in November, 2023 likely sparked the blaze by smoking while on oxygen treatment, according to investigators.



HAZARDOUS SMOKE CREEPS INTO THE U.S. (Updated, Report, May 14)

Smoke from the infernos caused Environment Canada to issue a special air quality statement extending from British Columbia to Saskatchewan. It has also caused smoke to waft down into the northern tier of the US for the first time this year, and for air quality alerts to be issued for Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.





MOMS' SUMMER PLAYGROUP

Moms' Summer Playgroup will be hosting a month of playdates at both New Hope and Browntown this Summer! Meet up at the playground for the kids to enjoy a story, craft, or activity with our childcare helpers, while we enjoy some "Mom Time" of prayer, sharing, and mutual support. Playdate themes include art, outer space, superheroes, bubbles, volcanoes, and ice kingdom.

**TUESDAYS AT THE NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH
PLAYGROUND June 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th**

**THURSDAYS AT THE BROWNTOWN COMMUNITY
CENTER June 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th**

Playtime: 10:00am-12:00pm

Mom Time: 10:30am

Feel free to pack a lunch for your kids.

**Call or text Minnie (540) 631-4300 for directions or
more details.**

Browntown Community Center



Kids Yard Sale

That's right parents, it's almost summer! Time to clean out and start fresh for the next school year! Why not get your kids involved in selling their own stuff! (Clothes, toys, baby items) Let them learn the value of a dollar, how to count change, how to barter with their friends and have some fun at the same time!

Where? Browntown Community Center, 96 Browntown Rd, Browntown VA

Date: Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22 9 am – 1 pm

Inside Space

\$5 per day and we provide a 6' table

Set up will be Thursday, June 20 from 3-6 or the morning of, from 8-9 am, however setting up early is preferred as Yard Sale shoppers like to show up early.

Outside Space

\$5 per day, 10'x 10' space and you provide tables, tent, chairs etc

Set up the morning of the sale, just be there early 7:30-8, as we don't want cars driving on the grounds while shoppers (kids) are walking around.

To reserve an inside space, mail your check made payable to BCCA to Kristen Pence (Warren County Veterinary Clinic), 4310 Rivermont Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630. You can also drop off a check there as well if that's more convenient. Please write on memo line "Kids Yard Sale". Inside space is limited to 15 spots, so we do want these to be pre-paid. Outside space will be first come first serve (you can still let us know so we can advertise how many vendors) but we do have lots of outside space. If it rains, it will be an inside only sale. Please be sure to bring bags and change! We have found that pricing your items works best, but that is up to you. Pricing things at home makes it simpler for the day of the sale, you'll already be halfway there! This is for kids from 5-18 and must be accompanied by a parent or other adult.

Food

The Browntown Community Center will be selling food in our kitchen. We wanted it "Kid Centered" so here is the tentative menu:

Pizza, Hotdogs, PB & J Sandwiches, Mac-n-Cheese, desserts, chips, candy bars and drinks!

Please share our Browntown Community Center - Facebook Posts about the Yard Sale to draw more interest!

For questions, feel free to email Martha Buracker at marthaburacker@gmail.com

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This truck was recently taken from a property on Gooney Manor Loop! It has been used for some time as a Farm Truck. If you happen to see it or have any information about it, please call the Sheriff's Dept. Deputy Neely is working on this case. Please BOLO!



Looks like someone made off with our very old (1987!), gray Ford F250 Pickup truck. License plate (yellow) 210-GML. Black racks on the back. If you see it, please give the sheriff a call. Thanks

Vehicle

Color: Gray, Make: Ford, Model: F250, Year: 1987!, Type: Truck, License Plate: 210-GML

**10-20 Browntown Road,
Bentonville, VA**



The Gooney Valley History Club Loves Old Photos

Here is one Roxanne Campbell lent us recently. I think this is from the thirties, and is looking east towards the Blue Ridge. It may be taken from the Bentonville Road or Buck Mtn. Road. I'm betting it is some Campbell girls. Hopefully someone will be able to give us more information on this treasure in the coming days.