



“Along the Gooney”

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Browntown Calendar

Mar. 1st Monday - Month came in like a Lion
Mar. 8th Monday BCCA Streaming 7:30
Mar. 14th Sunday Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar. 17th Wednesday St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 19th & 20th BCCA Spring Yard Sale
Mar. 20th Saturday Spring Equinox YEA!
Mar. 28th Palm Sunday
Mar 31st Wednesday - Will it go out like a Lamb

Hang in there, Winter will be over soon.

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 @ 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

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Bentonville, VA 22610

Amazon Smile

Yes, it works. Be sure to indicate the Browntown Community Center as your choice of charity for donations. This past month, we received \$51.00 that Amazon deposited into the BCCA account.

Thank You

BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE:

www.browntowncommunity.com

Check out the following links at our Home page:

Along the Gooney Newsletter (current 3 months)

BCCA Events

History of Browntown

Photo Galleries

Advertising, Sponsors & other info.

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Any information for the newsletter, please send to

Jackie: 1015jkh@centurylink.net or

Tom: tomlacombe@comcast.net

Browntown family needs help.

Our Browntown Family has received so many cash donations and furniture that now we can't wait to finish fixing up the little church house so they can move in. The repairs have been going great and once we check out a couple of utilities and everything meets code for renting, we will be ready to help her move the donated furniture from the community center to her new home.

I will be sending out a request for help to anyone who has a truck and strong arms to help with the move.

This will be closer to the end of the month and I will keep you posted as to when we will need help. Please call Jackie @636-3588,

Browntown's Email list is a great way to receive information from the Browntown Community Center on events, reminders of meetings and requests for help or anything you may want to send out to the community. People have also found that if you have something for sale, send me a picture and I will post it for you.

This is also another way to alert our community of a lost cat, dog or even a cow.

If you are not on our list, please send your request to be added to: 1015jkh@centurylink.net

I'm Vaccinated. What's Next?

What you can do to protect others

So, you received your second COVID-19 vaccine dose, what's next? If you're one of the lucky ones who's fully vaccinated for COVID-19, you're probably feeling hopeful that you're free of risk from the virus. Although you might be tempted to ditch your mask, gather with friends and family, and travel freely, CDC rules for protecting yourself and others haven't changed.

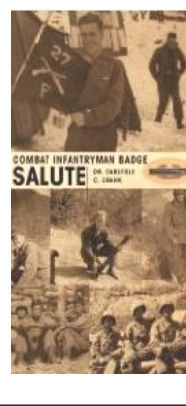
Until vaccines are widely distributed to most of the population, stay informed and keep yourself and others safe.

Keep your mask on: Even though it's tempting to return to life as you knew it, protecting yourself and others will continue to slow the spread, even if you don't get sick yourself. While others wait for the COVID-19 vaccine, you must continue practicing good habits. These include covering your mouth and nose with a mask when around others, staying at least 6 feet away from others, avoiding crowds, and washing your hands often.

Monitor any potential side effects: It's normal for some people to experience side effects after getting any vaccine. You may feel pain or have swelling on your arm or flu-like symptoms, such as fever, chills, tiredness, headache, throughout the rest of your body. They should go away after a few days, but if they don't, contact your health care provider.

"BEARRS" Browntown Safety Group

A small group of Browntown residents have teamed up to form A Browntown Emergency Response & Risk Reduction Group, aka, "BEARR". The team includes leader Brian Wilkinson, Allan Brockway, Chris Lewis, Jennifer Castillo, Mary McLaughlin, Alan Thompson, and Mark Koszyk. The group had their kick-off meeting 2/22, and they will continue to meet every Monday. The group's mission is to plan for, and execute community safety measures, to be ready for future emergency situations, and figure out how to effectively bridge the gap between available emergency services and the needs of the Browntown community.



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Thanks again, Tom

Deadline for April News, March 30th

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 the Speed limit in Browntown is 25 mph

Obituaries

Jarrold Andrew Bowers, 31, of Bentonville, passed away suddenly on Feb.15, at his home. Jarrod was born April 5, 1989, in Winchester, son of Jeffrey David and Robin Diana Darr Bowers of Bentonville. He was a 2007 graduate of WCHS, a member of the Boy scouts Troop # 252 and a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Surviving with his parents are a daughter Jayna Rossi; one son Riot Seal; one brother David Lyle Bowers (DeAnna) of Georgia; one sister Katelyn Serene Bowers of Bentonville; the love of his life Devon Seal of Stephens City; two nieces Harleigh Bowers and Cassidy Adcock; and his faithful companion "Rascal". Memorial may be made in Jarrod's memory to Timber Ridge School, 1463 New Hope Rd, Cross Junction, VA 22625.

Harry David Deavers Jr., 78, of Front Royal, passed away on Feb. 27, at Winchester Med. Ctr. Harry was born on August 17, 1942 in Browntown, to the late Harry Sr. and Vallie Alger Deavers. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Patricia L. Deavers; two sons, Harry D. Deavers III and John Deavers; grandson, Johnny Fishel and brother, Donnie Deavers. Survivors include his three sons, James Cox (Rita), James Deavers (Tammy) and Thomas Cox; five daughters, Lisa Bull (Donald), Evelyn Baggette (Tony), Madeline Martin (Todd), Pamela Butler (Mark) and Rachel Marshall (Dave); two sisters, Mary Klindedinst and Belle Wolfe; fiancée, Fran Williams; 24 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. Memorial gifts may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, VA22601.

Osborne Ott Baker went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Feb. 5, at Hidden Springs Senior Living in Bentonville, just 10 days after holding his wife's hand while she left her earthly home, Shirley reached down and took Ott's hand to join her in their heavenly home. Ott was born at home in Browntown, on Dec. 30, 1933, the son of the late Clarence Baker and Mozel Henry Baker. Ott attended Warren County Schools, graduating in 1953. Ott married the love of his life, Shirley Virginia Atkins on July 20, 1957. They started their married life in Arlington, for a couple of years before moving to Browntown. In 1970 they built "Farriers Knob" and lived there until moving to Hidden Springs in 2019. Ott and Shirley were never blessed with children but they had a very special relationship with Chris Manuel whom they thought of as a son. Ott was a member of Bentonville Baptist Church where he was affectionately known as the "Candy Man" to all that knew him. Ott and Shirley loved square dancing. They were members of the "Rivermont Ramblers" for many years. Ott started his career serving his country in the United States Army from 1954-1956. After that he worked at Hudson Supply Structural Steel Co. from 1957-1959. Ott was a self-taught farrier, applying his trade up and down the Shenandoah Valley for more than forty years. Ott had a team of horses that he trained himself. They could be seen hitched to his big green and red wagon in many area parades. He also had a beautiful sleigh and he and Shirley could be seen riding thru Browntown, the bells on the horses ringing loud for all to hear. Ott lost his wife of 63 years on Jan. 26. Ott is survived by his sisters, Nannie Sue Cornell, Beverly Stefko and Eleanor Weaver, a brother, Orivel Baker and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sisters Helen VanderArk, Elizabeth Kailan and Ida Mae Hagen, and brothers Clarence Baker, Jr. and Norman "Teedle" Baker.

Hikes In and Around Browntown, by Denise Vowell

Last month we ran a list of 4 hikes by Carole Tomhave. This month we are running the first of 10 hikes by Denise Vowell. This hike would include the Jenkins Gap, and the Lands Run hike, from Carole's hikes, plus a trek along the Appalachian Trail.

Hike 4. Compton's Loop (Strenuous)

Distance: 9.5 miles. Add 0.8 if both the Compton's Spur trails are hiked.

Elevation Gain: Approximately 1400 feet while on trails, not including the spur trails. This loop includes some walking on unimproved (dirt) country roads, as well as trails.

Directions: From BCC turn left onto Browntown Rd., and left again onto Smith Run Rd (about 0.1 miles from the BCC). Continue 2.2 miles until Smith Run Rd ends. Parking is available along both sides of the road, but avoid blocking the trailhead or any of the driveways. The first 0.2 mile is along private land.

Please stay on the trail. Red paint on the trees and white boundary signs will appear on your left, just before reaching the concrete post that contains trail information and marks the entrance to SNP. The trail is yellow-blazed, indicating that it is open to foot and horse traffic. You will notice some signs of the fire that burned in this area in 2011, but most of the trees remain. There will be several small stream crossings over the next half mile. All contain stepping stones that will allow you to cross. Use caution, as the stones may be slippery or tilt unexpectedly. As you walk along the trail you will see signs of the old wagon road, both on the trail itself, and off to the sides, in the places the trail was rerouted. A wide turn to the left marks a return to the wagon road, which continues uphill. There are several long switchbacks in this part of the climb. In the fall, winter, and early spring, at several of the switchbacks you can look down into the Browntown valley and see the church steeple in the distance. When the trail widens again, and skirts the side of a hill, the steepest climbs are behind you. When you have reached the intersection with the Appalachian Trail (the AT) in about 1.2 miles you will see a concrete pillar marking the intersection. Turn left, taking the white-blazed AT north to Compton's Peak. The trail is mostly level or gently uphill for about half a mile, then begins to climb more steeply. In the flatter area, the trail parallels Skyline Dr. and also shows some evidence of the 2011 fire. The mountain laurel and rhododendron thickets burned, but have largely rebounded. In about one mile, you will pass over a small spring fed stream. The trail continues to climb for a short distance, then levels out. In slightly less than half a mile from the stream, you will reach a concrete pillar marking Compton's Peak. However, the actual high point is along the blue-blazed trail to the left (west).

If you hike the spur trails, you will add 0.8 miles to this loop. At the end of the spur trail to the left (west), there are several large rocks providing viewing points of the valley and the Shenandoah River. On the spur trail to the east (also blue-blazed), there is one very steep part on just before the basalt formation. Exercise caution particularly in wet weather. The columnar basalt formation (evidence of a very old lava flow) is said to be the largest one in SNP, and is best viewed from underneath. Continue along the AT heading north, and descend Compton's Peak. As you approach Skyline Drive after about a mile of descent, the trail becomes terraced. Cross Skyline Drive and continue down the AT for about ¼ mile, before turning left onto the Dickey Ridge Trail, which is blue-blazed, meaning it is open only to foot traffic. In 0.1 mile, you will see Fort Windham Rocks on your right, looking as though some giant dropped a huge pile of rocks alongside the trail. How it was named is a mystery, but it does resemble a crumbled fortress. In about half a mile, you will reach the intersection of Dickey Ridge and Springhouse Trail. Continue on the Dickey Ridge Trail, reaching Skyline Drive in about 0.6 miles. Cross the drive to the Lands Run parking area, and turn left onto the Lands Run Fire Road. Continue down the fire road 0.6 miles to the Lands Run waterfall. View from the top of the falls are just before a metal culvert across the road; view of the falls from the side are on unblazed side trails to the right shortly after crossing the culvert. Continue down Lands Run Fire Road to the park gate, about 1.6 miles. Pass to the side of the gate and continue along Lands Run Road (VA 622), a pretty country road, 1.1 miles to the intersection of Smith Run Road. This road is wider and more frequently traveled than Lands Run Road. Turn left onto Smith Run road, and return to your car in 1.2 miles.

BCCA Spring Yard Sale: March 19th and 20th Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 2:00

We hope to be ready by Friday the 19th so that you can come by and shop. For any reason, we have to change this date, we will notify you all by our email list.

The front room is currently packed with furniture for Dee and we will mark anything that is not for sale.

We will also have special appointment times if you would like to come down and shop after we get everything set up and priced. This way we will not have crowds; everyone will be required to wear a mask --- for our safety and yours.

Thanks again to several people who have donated funds for Dee. Hopefully, the little Browntown Baptist Church house repairs will be completed by Spring. Electric and plumbing will be the next thing; hopefully, all will go well and everything will pass the building codes.

Thanks to the Browntown Baptist Church, Pastor Sherman Brown and members, for agreeing that, once everything is suitably repaired, they are willing to rent the little house .

YOGA CLASSES

Schedule of Yoga classes for March, 2021, 6:00pm at Browntown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall:

Tuesday, March 2nd, 9th, and 23rd - Easy Flow - This is a beginner level Yoga class, concentrating on easy stretching and lengthening poses, focusing on increased range of motion and balance.

Tuesday, March 16th and 30th - Power Yoga - This is a medium to advanced level class focusing on cardio, muscle strength and endurance. In this class, we have the option of using Exercise bands and mini medicine balls (provided). Option of bringing your own 2 - 3lb dumbbells.

Thank you! Marti

The virus has not gone away!**Lord Fairfax Health district reports deadliest day of pandemic**

- By Josette Keelor **The Northern Virginia Daily**
- Mar 1, 2021 Updated 11 hrs ago

Deaths related to the COVID-19 pandemic reached a new high in the valley on Monday as the Lord Fairfax Health District added 12 deaths, surpassing Friday's single-day high of 11.

The district reported new deaths in all six of its localities: four in Frederick, three in Winchester, two in Page and one each in Clarke, Warren and Shenandoah.

Vaccines Availability

The only significant change has been the opening up of availability of **vaccination appointments provided by CVS.**

Most of the CVS locations where vaccinations are available are in the southern-most regions of Virginia but if you are prepared to drive a long distance these may be an option for some of us here in Warren County

The Redbud Festival is still tentatively planned for April 24th

More information will follow later once we have organized the event for crafters, entertainment, duck race, bake sale and silent auction.

2022 BCCA Calendar Photo Contest Entry Form

Please number each of your photos on the back and include your name on each one. Please bring this form with your photos (**hard copies and electronic copies**), and your entry fee (\$10 per photo entry or \$25 for 3) to Tom's General Store by April 19st 2021 Monday or drop off at Marianne's home. Please call to verify she is home first.. Photographs must comply with the guidelines provided in the BCCA newsletter or they will not be eligible for printing.

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Photo #	Month Taken	Browntown Location

I hereby give my consent for my photograph(s) (if selected) to be printed in the BCCA 2022 calendar and possibly a set of note cards and/or pocket calendars. The profit from the sale of these items will be deposited into the BCCA account to help defray the cost of maintaining the community center and of hosting various community events.

Name (Print)

Date _____

Signature

Marianne Thomas will be in charge of the Photo applications and Contest this year. She can be reached at (home) 703-802-5874, (cell) 571-228-1620 or (email) tspmdt@yahoo.com .

Questions are welcome!

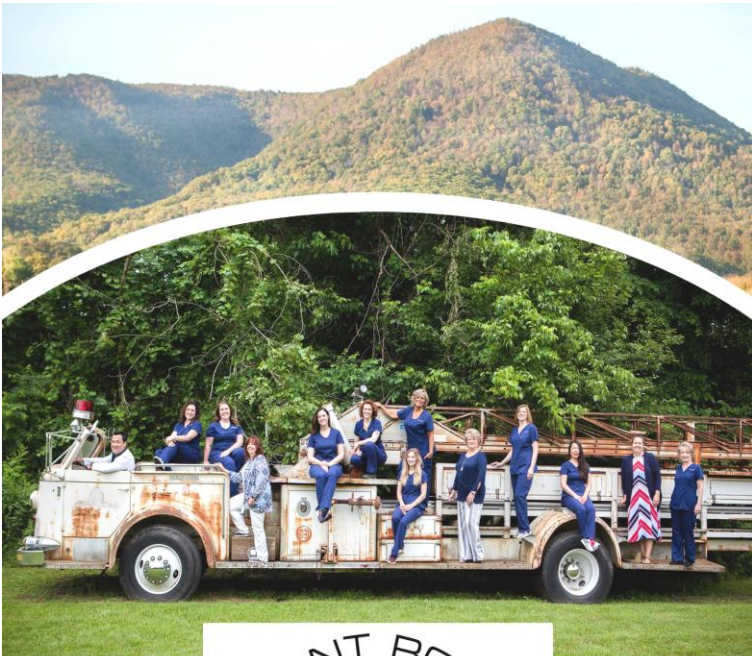
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The 2022 Browntown Calendars
The theme for the 2022 Browntown Calendar will be Browntown pets, wild life and animals. Get your cameras ready for that perfect photo shot

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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 4th Celebration.