



# *“Along the Gooney”*

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## **Browntown Calendar**

May 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Mothers Day  
May 10<sup>th</sup> Monday - BCCA Public Meeting 7:30  
May 18<sup>th</sup> Tuesday - SWVFD meeting 7:30  
May 27<sup>th</sup> Thursday - Deadline for June newsletter

## **BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE:**

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

Check out our new Web page:

*Along the Gooney* Newsletter (current 3 months)

BCCA Events

History of Browntown

Photo Galleries

Advertising, Sponsors & other info.

**Webmaster: George Hodgkiss**

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Any information for the newsletter, please send to

Jackie: [1015jkh@centurylink.net](mailto:1015jkh@centurylink.net) or

Tom: [tomlacombe@comcast.net](mailto:tomlacombe@comcast.net)

## **Browntown Baptist Church**

[browntownbaptistva@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:SherryWaddell@vaumc.org)

## **May “Chair & YOGA” Classes**

### **Browntown Baptist Church:**

**4 May - 4:00** - Chair Exercise (bring 1-3lb dumbbells if you'd like).

**6:00** - Yoga Strength.

**11 May** - No Yoga or Chair class!

**18 May - 4:00** - Chair Exercise

**6:00** - Yoga Flow

**25 May - 4:00** - Chair Exercise

**6:00** - Yoga Strength

Chair classes are \$7

Yoga classes are \$10.

The Community Center is now open for rentals.

2021 BCCA Rental FEE schedule:

Any Browntown organization, group, or individual using the Center shall pre-pay \$100.00, (\$75.00 usage fee and \$25.00 refundable security deposit), and shall sign the BCCA Facilities Use Agreement.

Any organization or individual outside of the Browntown Area shall pre-pay \$150.00, (\$125.00 usage fee and \$25.00 refundable security deposit), and shall sign the BCCA Facilities

Use Agreement. No alcohol Permitted!

To rent the center:

Call Patsy Pennington at 635-5568

## **A Birthday card shower is planned for:**

Betty Morris (Sandy Frame's Mother)

Betty will be 90 on May 13<sup>th</sup>

Cards can be sent to:

Betty Morris

784 Browntown Road

Browntown, VA 22610

Thank You all, Sandy Frame

## Browntown Babies!

Phil and Tina Presley are the proud new grandparents of **Grace Lee Kaur Sandhu**. Grace was born 4/24/21 to Heather Presley Sandhu and Bobby Sandhu.



Our second announcement is for of **Cody Sage Lenora Keller** born March 11, 2021 9lbs 15oz 22" long. She is the daughter of James and Angel Keller

## O.J. Rudacille Gen. Mdse.

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### OJ Rudacille Store

Customers may call 636-2149, to order items, which I will put in the black Washington Post box on my porch. Customers will be asked to leave money for the items in the black box. This service will be available from 8 am till 2 pm Mon through Saturday. For newspaper customers, the Post and the Daily will be in the black box for pick up 7 days a week, just leave money in the box. I am open to suggestions in regards to this decision. I thank you, my friends for your support over the years. Hopefully things will be back to normal soon.

**Thanks again,**

**Tom**

### Deadline for June News, May 27<sup>th</sup>

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

Patsy's number is 635-5568

### Beautiful Browntown Roads

Remember the Speed limit in Browntown is 25 mph. Hay season is almost here, so watch for slow moving farm equipment.

## **POOR CELL PHONE SERVICE & SLOW INTERNET IN BROWNTOWN**

The BEARR Group that was created by the Community Center in February continues to meet on a weekly basis. The Group was formed to support the work of our local emergency services and to address other risks to our lives, property, and environment. One issue we have identified is the inadequate cell phone and internet service in our area. Cell phone service is highly variable and slow internet access has driven many of us close to despair as we try to find anyone at Centurylink who has any understanding or sympathy when our internet download speed either disappears entirely or slows to a crawl.

A power outage and/or loss of a working landline potentially places lives at risk, especially in the case of a fire or medical emergency. Slow or non-existent internet service also places local business and school children at a major disadvantage. This has been especially true for children who have been expected to work “virtually” from home during the Covid-19 pandemic. We have been in contact with Cheryl Cullers, the County Supervisor for South Warren, and she is well aware of these problems. She has been working with the Warren County Broadband group to explore ways in which these issues could be addressed and strongly supports our work in this area.

### **HOW HAVE YOU & YOUR FAMILY BEEN IMPACTED?**

In order to make a strong case for urgent action on this issue the BEARR Group would like to hear from anyone who has experienced difficulties as a result of poor cell phone service or internet service. We are especially interested in understanding what have been the “costs” to you and your family as a result of these difficulties and also hearing about successes and frustrations you may have experienced in trying to get these issues addressed.

If you would like to let us know about your experiences (good or bad!) with cell phone or internet service in our area please contact Jennifer Castillo. You can reach her either by phone at (540) 683- 0601 or by email at jcastillo81019@gmail.com

### **FREE SERVICE OFFERED BY WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE: OPERATION TELEPHONE**

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

"Operation Telephone is a free service offered by Warren County Sheriff's Dept (WCSD) to provide members of our community peace of mind. Participants are asked to call WCSD 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. If you have any questions, call 635-4128. There is a form to fill out. 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 rather have someone call you every day at a certain time, then I, or another volunteer, can help with that. My number is 540-636-1211, Mary McLaughlin"



May is swarm season for honeybees in Browntown. We have lots of beekeepers here, creating plenty of opportunities for swarms. Bees leave their old hive when it becomes overcrowded, with about half the bees remaining behind. Swarming bees are unlikely to sting, but don't approach the swarm too closely. If you see a swarm, contact me at 703 863-3118 or call one of the other local beekeepers. I donate any swarms I catch to members of the Beekeepers of the Northern Shenandoah, (BONS), to replace hives lost over the winter or to expand their apiaries.

**Official: “Browntown Summer Days” June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 3:00**

“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 both the Community Center and Baptist Church fellowship hall. There will be *outside* crafters and demonstrators. Also, the Ducks will swim down Gooney Creek and we all will watch to see who wins. We will have the famous Browntown Bake table, Browntown Merchandise and the Silent Auction in the back room at the center. Redbud seedlings will also be for sale. The kitchen will be open for carry-out and we will also have the [outside] Hot Dog Stand with hot dogs, soda and chips for those who want to stay outside. Carry Out menu will be: Hot Dogs, Pork BBQ sandwiches, beans and slaw, Chicken Salad Sandwiches and plenty of desserts.

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

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

Volunteers are needed to help man the Outside Hot Dog stand, set up tables for crafters, Photo Contest, Silent Auction, Merchandise and Bake tables, parking assistance, Updike building, marking and numbering the spaces for the outside crafters.

Again, we need volunteers...it takes more than 2 people to pull this off!!

Please call Patsy or Jackie to volunteer.

## 2022 Browntown Calendar Contest

### **Wanted! Browntown Wild Life, Animal and Pet Photos Taken in the beautiful Browntown area!**

These photos will be used for our annual 2022 Browntown calendar contest during the Browntown Summer Days on June 19<sup>th</sup>. The contest winners will be featured in the 2022 calendar and on note cards. This is an annual fund raiser to support our aging community center.

PHOTO ENTRIES DEADLINE: JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> Monday by 8:00 p.m.

#### **Photo Contest Guidelines:**

- **Photos must be in landscape format** (the printer cannot use photos taken in portrait format)
- **Both hard copies and electronic copies are required at time of entry.** Hard copies must be 8x10 or 8.5x10.5. Electronic copies can be in email, thumb drive or CD format
- **Photos must be clear and in-focus**
- **Photos must be within the Browntown area** (boundaries: Browntown Road/Poor House Road and Bentonville Road/Lockhart Lane)
- **Entry/Release form must accompany photo copies at time of entry** (2022 BCCA Calendar Contest Photo Contest Entry form is available on [www.browntowncommunity.com](http://www.browntowncommunity.com) or via email contact Jackie)
- **Entry fee: Single photo - \$10 or 3 photos - \$25**

Photo contest entries can be submitted at Tom's store or directly to Marianne Thomas.

(All hard and electronic copies will be returned to participants after the Browntown Summer Days.)

Please contact Marianne Thomas at (home) 703-802-5874 or (email) [tspmdt@yahoo.com](mailto:tspmdt@yahoo.com) for any questions about the contest or photo entries.

All questions are welcome!



## 2022 BCCA Calendar Photo Contest Entry Form

### Wanted! Browntown Wild Life, Animals and Pets Taken here in the beautiful Browntown area!

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 June 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 or bring your entries to the BCCA meeting Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. 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](mailto:tspmdt@yahoo.com) .



## Browntown Summer Days

### June 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 3:00

### Crafts, Antiques and Vendor Application (Crafters 6 Foot table inside or 10'X10' space outside \$20.)

The Browntown Summer Days has replaced our Redbud Festival and will be held Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> on the grounds of the Browntown Community Center and The Browntown Baptist Church Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. We are seeking Quality Arts, Crafts, Antiques and Collectibles or other Vendors to participate in the festival. If you are interested, please complete this application and mail it, with the appropriate fee\* to:

#### **Browntown Community Center**

c/o Jackie Hodgkiss  
96 Browntown Road  
Browntown, VA 22610

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BCCA \_\_\_\_\_ # Space Inside

BCCA \_\_\_\_\_ # Spaces Outside

BCCA \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial Booth Space \$50

- or -

#### **Browntown Baptist Church**

c/o Jayne Guilford  
12 Browntown Road  
Browntown, VA 22610

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Baptist Fellowship Hall \_\_\_\_\_ # Spaces Inside

**\*Payment is due by June 12<sup>th</sup> (No shows or cancellations will forfeit their application fees)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Craft/Vendor description \_\_\_\_\_

**Please call to confirm availability of space(s) before submitting this application:**

**Jackie Hodgkiss 636-3588**

OR

**Jayne Guilford (for Church fellowship hall) 540-636-4231**

Email: [bcca96events@gmail.com](mailto:bcca96events@gmail.com)

Or Email: [jayne96@centurylink.net](mailto:jayne96@centurylink.net)

#### **Rules:**

1. Please make checks payable to BCCA for space at the Community Center or Browntown Baptist Church for space at the fellowship hall.
2. Crafter & Vendor Space is \$20, and is non-refundable.
3. Indoor 6' tables are limited at the Community Center; however, additional tables are available at the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
4. Outdoor craft/vendor space, (Community Center only), is 10' x 10'
5. No Yard Sale items, this is for Crafts, Antiques and Vendors. Vendors other than Crafts or Antiques must be approved by the Redbud Committee. (We want a nice variety of Vendors, but no conflicts with BCCA sales.)
6. For outside spaces, you will be responsible for providing your own table(s), chairs and/or tent. Tent is optional and is not required, but will protect you from the weather and attract more people to your space.
7. The Redbud Festival begins at 10 am and ends at 3 p.m. You must be set up and ready to go by 10 a.m. and we ask that you don't break down your booth until closing. **Once you have unloaded, please park in the back field to allow closer parking for the buyers.**
8. We ask that you help to advertise the Redbud Festival. Once we receive your application, we will e-mail you our flyer. Please e-mail the flyer to your friends, family and co-workers and invite them to attend; if you have a Facebook page, post it thereon. We create an event on our Browntown Community Center Facebook Page. Please "like" our Facebook Page and share our Event. You may also print the flyer and distribute or post in businesses. We feel this is one of the best ways to advertise because it costs nothing but your time -- and a personal invitation is always nice.

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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 Adopt-A-Highway “Clean-up”**

Phoenix King, and his Mom, Jennifer Castillo helped complete the Browntown Historic District's, first Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up. Beer cans made up the bulk of the litter, which is kind of scary when you consider how narrow and winding Smith Run Road is. As you can see, Phoenix wasn't satisfied to do just the roadside.

Here he is climbing the bank to get a whiskey bottle. If you would like to make a donation to the Historic District, please 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.