



# “Along the Gooney”

Browntown Community Center Association Newsletter  
*May 2022*

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## Browntown Calendar

- May 03<sup>rd</sup> Alliance for the Shenandoah Valley at BCCA at 7:30
- May 08<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day
- May 09<sup>th</sup> BCCA meeting 7:30
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church Drive-thru Dinner 6-8
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Deadline for June Newsletter.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day

The Browntown Baptist Church's Buildings and Grounds will be sponsoring a Drive-thru dinner on May 25th from 6 to 8p.m?

## 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

10 a.m. Sunday school

11:15 a.m. Sunday Worship Service

## BCCA EMAIL LIST

The BCCA email list has 185 contacts.

This is the best way to get information out to our community of any events, lost pets, selling your items, help finding businesses such as electrician, plumbers, tree service, movers, lawn care and landscaping.

Please send Jackie an email if ave you are not on this list and you would like to be added.

All emails are sent out as a “blind copy” for your privacy.

[Jackie.BCCA@gmail.com](mailto:Jackie.BCCA@gmail.com)

## **BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE:**

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

*Along the Gooney Newsletter (current 4 months)*

*BCCA Events*

*Browntown History pages*

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In case of any problems with the center, please call any of the following people.

Building & Grounds Contact:

Patsy Pennington....635-5568

Tom Lacombe..... 636-2149

Renting the Center:

Patsy Pennington.....635-5568

Plumbing:

Powell's Plumbing 636-8196

Lawn Care:

Neil Pennington.....635-5568

Heat & Air Conditioning:...Twin Air

Mark Robinson..635-4848

Cell: 540-323-1804

Fuel Propane Gas: Holtzman.....1-800-306-4243

**BCCA LAND LINE NUMBER: 540-635-3736**

## Obituaries

**Danny Wayne Jennings**, 64, of Bentonville, passed on Apr. 27. He is preceded in death by his father, Phillip Isaac Jennings and his daughter, Jodi Saffelle. Surviving Danny is his mother, Barbara Jennings; his children, Daniel Jennings (Melissa), Tiffany Caputo (James), Branyon Williams (Beth) and Holli Phillips (Colby); his brothers, Ronnie Jennings (Sheree) and Anthony Lockheart; his grandchildren, Logan Burner, Braden Burner, Jesse Caputo, Kelsi Caputo, Dani Jennings, Sadie Jennings, Duke Jennings, Creed Spittler, Cade Spittler, Ayla Phillips, Rylan Phillips, Ramzie Phillips and Brynnen Williams; his nieces and nephews; and dear friend Sharon Vaught. Memorial gifts may be made to SWVFD

**Lyle Edwin Morrison**, 95, of Bentonville, passed on April 15, at Hidden Springs Senior Living, Lyle was born in Bentonville. He is survived by his loving wife of 71 years, Ruby Kathryn Morrison, his five children, Donna Berryman (Bill), Gary Morrison (Susan), Deborah Maricle (Donnie), Pamala Morrison (George), Patty Hite (Thomas III), his grandchildren, Todd Berryman (Tabby), Patrick Maricle, Ben Maricle (Jess), Katie Thomas (Nick), Rachael Hite, and Thomas Hite (Amanda), and his six gr-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Thomas C. Morrison and Dean G. Morrison (Mary Jane). Lyle was preceded in death by a daughter, Janice Morrison, a sister, Velma Mathews, a brother, Lynwood Morrison, a brother-in-law, Raymond Mathews, sisters-in-law, Nellie Morrison, and Louise Morrison. Lyle served in the US Army during the last days of WW II in Italy as a part of 338th Field Artillery Reg't. Memorial gifts may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice.

**Nathan James Jenkins**, 17, of Front Royal, passed away on Jan. 22. Nathan was the son of Jamie and Susan Jenkins. He is survived his parents, his brother, Justin Jenkins and his fiancée, Justice Henry; his sister, Taylor Jenkins and her fiancé, Cameron Rector; his nephew, Jace Dodd; his grandparents, Charles and Jennifer Sims and Leon Jenkins. Nathan was predeceased by his grandmother, Connie Jenkins, and his grandfather, William O'Bannon. There will be a prayer vigil at Chincoteague Island Waterman's Memorial at Curtis Merritt Harbor on Chincoteague Island, on May 14 at 11AM. A Celebration of Life will take place in Front Royal at a later date.

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### OJ's New Hours

O.J.'s will be open 9 till 5 Mon-Sat and Noon till 4 on Sundays.

Look for the **Open** flag out front, and a sign on door in case we have to close up for unforeseen reasons.

**Thanks again, Tom**

**Deadline for May News: May, 30<sup>th</sup>**

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 double center line.

**Slow Down, Enjoy the Ride!**

**BROWNTOWN’S EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RISK REDUCTION GROUP  
“KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE”**

**BEARR GROUP UPDATE – MAY, 2022**



**911 HOUSE NUMBER SIGNS – 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](mailto:chris1908@gmail.com) or call him on 540 313 6185.



**UPDATE RE OPEN BURNING HOURS AS OF MAY 1**

The VA Department of Forestry, has ended its requirement (for the rest of 2022) that any open burning within 300 feet of woodland, brush land, or field containing dry grass or other combustible material leading to woodland can only take place between 4:00 PM and midnight.



- Fires must still be constantly attended until extinguished and no longer smoldering.
- Attendees must also provide adequate fire extinguishing equipment to control the fire.

The **BEARR Group** is a standing committee of the BCCA. Its focus is on minimizing and/or eliminating risks to the safety of the Browntown community. If you have a concern about a safety issue or a suggestion about how it should be addressed, please call either (703) 389-7288 or (540) 313-6185. Alternatively, you can email Brian Wilkinson at [bwilkinson57@verizon.net](mailto:bwilkinson57@verizon.net)



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Thanks to the 2 firemen from the SWVFD who came out to support the Browntown Redbud Festival.



### Gooney Valley History Club Plans Event with James Wood II Chapter of Sons of the American Revolution

It has long been known local soldiers, who were veterans of the American Revolution, would come to Browntown on July 4<sup>th</sup>, each year to celebrate their hard won freedoms. This Fall we will hold an event at the Community Center, sponsored by the Virginia Piedmont Heritage Area Association, to learn more about these celebrations. The VPHAA, became interested in Browntown when they saw that our community had been honored as a Historic District. They would like to help us preserve the historical and scenic resources through the combined efforts and stewardship of caring people. I don't want to spill all the beans, but if you've seen the SAR in action you know it will be fun and educational. Dale Corey of the Sons of the American Revolution has informed me that, as an extra bonus, he will lead us in a rousing rendition of "God Bless America". I think this will be a fun, patriotic evening.



At left ,Tom Lacombe and Phoenix King, finish up an **Adopt-a-Highway** clean-up for the **Browntown Historic District**. The group does a clean-up Spring and Fall, on a stretch of Bentonville Rd. from Wesley Lane to Browntown Road, and a piece of Smith Run Road, from Gooney Manor Loop to Lands Run Road.

Thanks for all the photos that were taken at our Redbud Festival. Here are just a few. Hope everyone had a good time.



## Redbud Festival Wrap Up

Greetings Everyone,

I just wanted to thank everyone for a great Redbud Festival this year. Mother Nature cooperated and provided us with perfect weather. This event could not have happened without the support and hard work of our volunteers. We need about 30 volunteers, at a minimum, so thanks to all who helped to make this day a success and a fun day in our community. We also rely on the support of our Sponsors and donors for the Silent Auction. I hope you took notice of the names of the businesses who donated to the Festival and our Silent Auction. These are the businesses in our community that support not just this event but many other events through the year. It's not Amazon, or the big chain stores, it's the local "mom and pop" stores that do this. So be sure to return the support when you are out and about shopping in Front Royal. Finally, thanks to all who attended, shared our Facebook Posts and told their friends about our festival. It was great seeing so many friends and neighbors having a little normalcy again. We're already talking about next year's Redbud Festival and how we can improve it. There will be a few changes once we have time to evaluate this year's event. Anyone who would like to give some suggestions please send me an email with your ideas.

My email is [marthaburacker@gmail.com](mailto:marthaburacker@gmail.com). If you would like to volunteer or help in any way, I would be happy to add you to my list. Just let me know!

Have a great day!

Martha Buracker

Redbud Festival Chairman

Duck Race Winners: 1<sup>st</sup> Tom Breed \$100.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ronnie Weakley \$50.

3<sup>rd</sup> Xiaobin \$25.00

American Flag Winner: W. H. Farley

Redbud Festival Results:

Flag \$155.

Pop Corn \$47.

Crafters \$250.

Photos \$239.

Merchandise \$1,071.

Ducks \$1,190.

Auto Show \$60.

Bake Table \$508.25

Kitchen \$1,416.30

Hot Dogs \$249.

Trees \$1,828.

Silent Auction \$3,283.

Total: \$10,296.55

Estimated Profit: \$8038.55

Calendar Photo Contest winners will be announced  
May 07, 2022  
Will send out a notice by our BCCA list.

Redbud Expenses:

Ducks \$175.

Car show \$200.

Food \$690.

Advertising \$278.

Trees \$915.

Total: \$2,258

Thanks to the ladies for doing soups, chili and sausage gravy: Connie, Martha and Linda

Thanks for our Music entertainment: Kurt, Passage Creek, Gary and Rich

Thanks for all other help and bakers: Jackie, Mark, Scott, Stacy, Lori, Jayne, Emma, Betty, Sherry, George, Maddie, Jake, Denny, John, Mattie, Rita, Cindy, Joanne, Tommy, Neil, Peggy, Pauline, Jan, Lewis, Rita, Lorraine, Jake's Mother, Noah, Emry, Carolyn, Lou, Roxanne, Mary, Warren, Marianne, Nancy, Dave, Adam, Anna, Martha, Patsy, Lucy, Andon.

Sorry that we just put the first names as you can see we have so many volunteers and bakers. What a great place to live in. We all pitch in and are always willing to help.

See next page for many pictures of the Festival.



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### DOGWOOD AND REDBUD TREES

We received a second shipment of tree seedlings and already have sold all the Dogwoods, but we still have about 50 Redbud seedlings. If anyone is interested in buying them, please call Jackie at 540-636-3588. She has them at her house at 224 Holiday Court, Browntown, VA

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**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 to 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 kindly 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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