



# “Along the Gooney”

Browntown Community Center Association

## September, 2022

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### Browntown Calendar

Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> Labor Day  
 Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> BCCA's New Shed will be delivered  
 Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> Baptist Church Community Day 11:00 to 3:00  
 Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> Browntown Road Litter Pickup Day 1:00  
 Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> BCCA meeting 7:30  
 Sept. 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> BCCA Yard Sale 10-3 Fri. & Sat.  
 Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> First day of Fall  
 Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> BCCA Yard Sale 10-3 Fri. & Sat.  
 Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> Deadline for October Newsletter.

### 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

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

Pastor: Anne Sisson

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

## **BROWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH BBC Community Day!!**

September 10th from 11am-3pm.

Come one, come all, to enjoy some lunch with us. The menu consists of burgers and hot dogs, with plenty of homemade side dishes!

We'll have games for adults and kiddos, a bounce house, a pony for small children to ride --- and more!

## **BROWNTOWN WEB PAGE**

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

*Along the Gooney Newsletters (current 4 months)*

*BCCA Events*

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## **BCCA Fall Yard Sale September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 3:00**

We have lots of furniture, dishes, linens, clothes, hard back books, toys, Christmas decorations, plus many other donated items.

We are accepting donated items from now until the sale. Please bring your donated items to the center and place them in the hallway, or call Patsy, at 540 635-5568, for large drop off items.

## **BROWNTOWN ROAD LITTER PICKUP Sunday, September 11, 2022**

The Warren County Izaak Walton League will be conducting a litter pickup on Browntown Road, Sunday Sept 11, at 1:00pm. We meet in the parking lot of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, at the Highway 340 end of the road. I have orange bags, reflective vests and pickup tools. We put out two VDoT "Litter Pickup Crew Working" signs to alert drivers of our presence. Children are welcome if accompanied by a parent. You do not need to be a member of the IWL to participate.

Dennis Mosher  
 IWL Antilitter Coordinator

## Obituary

**Orivel William Baker**, 85, of Browntown, passed on Aug. 26, at Shenandoah Senior Living. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Maddox Funeral Home. Internment will be private. Orivel was born March 20, 1937 in Browntown, son of the late Clarence Sr. and Mozell Henry Baker. Orivel was a U.S. Army Veteran, a member of the Isaac Walton League and of the American Legion Giles B. Cook Post 53. Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Lois "Mettie" Campbell Baker of Front Royal; special niece, Brenda S. Dodd of Winchester; three sisters, Nannie Sue Cornell, Beverly Stefko and Eleanor Weaver; and numerous other nieces and nephews. Orivel was preceded in death by his son, William S. Baker; sisters, Helen VanderArk, Elizabeth Kailan and Ida Mae Hagen; and brothers, Clarence Baker Jr., Norman "Teedle" Baker and Osbourne Ott Baker. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Sept. 4 from 1-2 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 West Cork Street, Winchester, Virginia 22601 or the Warren County Chapter IWLA, P.O. Box 556, Front Royal, VA 22630

**Charles Edward Frazier**, of Front Royal, passed on Aug. 3. Charlie, or as family and friends fondly knew him - Pops, Pawpaw, Skinner, Bujack, Hawk, was born Nov. 9, 1955, son of the late Carl Frazier, Sr. and Emily Sue Nicholson Frazier. Charlie will be so deeply missed by his loving wife of 50 years, Barbara Frazier. They raised six children, the late Susan Michelle Lockhart, John Taylor Jr. (Missy), Bonnie Taylor (Byron), Tracy Vina (Manny), Melody Ramey (JR), and Chris Taylor (Julie). Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and 20 great-children. Surviving siblings are Carl Frazier Jr., Mary Soyars, Lynwood Frazier, Melvin (Caroline), and Brenda Williams. Charlie retired after 35 years of service from Riverton Corporation. During his tenure with Riverton, Charlie served as the Union President for Local 225. In his younger years, he enjoyed laying sod. One moment he often would boast about was laying sod for the front of the White House. Charlie spent countless hours and years at Front Royal Little League, coaching his son, Chris, and grandchildren the game of baseball. Softball, he was a pitcher, 1st baseman, played on many teams as well as having his own team, CNF. Charlie considered his brother, Lynwood, his best friend. Together they would collect local metal, split, and sell wood, and ride around "Buck Mountain". He was an active member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 53, where he enjoyed volunteering, shooting pool, and having a few beers with his buddy, Dan Remillard. He was also a member of the local Moose Chapter 829. Preceded in death by his parents; daughter; sisters, Susan Slusher, Shelby Foster, and Paula Frazier; and brothers, James and Paul Dixon Frazier. Mem. Gifts may be made to Sons of The American Legion, Post 53, 22 W. 8th St., Front Royal, VA 22630 or to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork St, #405, Winchester, VA 22601.

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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 October News: Sept. 28.

Make A Note: Patsy Pennington is the person to contact if you want to use the Center. Patsy's number is 635-5568

### Please Slow Down on our Beautiful Browntown Roads SCHOOL HAS STARTED

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!**

## ALONG THE GOONEY SEPTEMBER 2022 GOONEY VALLEY HISTORY CLUB

Answers to LAST MONTH'S QUIZ:

**Creekside** is now known as **Gooney Alley Road**. Overall, was once known as **Milford or Centre Mills**. **Land's Run Road**, named for a local family, was once the **Weary Road**. **Spangler's Roads**, near Spangler Hall would today be **Limeton**. **Hambaugh**, was an 1800's postmaster, whose name was used for what we now call **Browntown**. **Sugartree Creek**, was re-named **Gooney Run** by Lord Fairfax in the mid-1700's. Folks used to take the **Road around Hogback**, which is now **Gooney Manor Loop**.

**Gravelly Springs Road** saw many wagon loads of bark bound for the tannery; it is now known as the **Browntown Trail**. Parts of the **Browntown Road** were once called **Gooney Manor Turnpike**. **Sadie's Icebox**, a stone outcropping, above the Venable's Cove, is also called **Devil's Icebox**.

**Oak Grove** is an old name for the **Waterhouse Place**, which dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

**Silas Thornhill Road**, named for our magistrate from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is now known as **Fetchett Road**.

**Round Mountain** was known, in the mid-1800's, as **Stansbury's Hill**.



**Mark Your Calendar: Browntown Community Center October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm**

### The 1700's Along the Gooney

The Gooney Manor History Club will present a program featuring little known facts relating to Browntown in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. Not to let the Cat out of the Bag, but Dale Corey with members of the James Wood Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will headline the event.

**Three Communities, Browntown, Bentonville, & Limeton – 12,000**

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**"Remembering Yesterday, Preserving Our Tomorrow"**



### GOONEY VALLEY MYSTERY # 2: POOR HOUSE FARM

On your way into Front Royal you drive past this wonderful old barn located just to the west of the Browntown Road at the junction with Poor House Road, but how many of you know anything about the history of the William Broy tannery that operated at that location prior to 1836, or about the two-story Poor House that provided "food and shelter" to the county's disabled and poor operated from the mid 1800s until the 1940s? The original building was destroyed by a fire in 1943.

Such Poor Houses were modeled on workhouses established by the English poor laws in 1832, which provided food and shelter in return for an inmate's labor. They have been described as "Places of profound squalor and sadness" and became all but obsolete in the US after the New Deal when the government began awarding welfare payments directly to the needy. Their demise was further hastened by advances in caring for the elderly, disabled, mentally ill and others who previously were shunted into poorhouses because they had nowhere else to go.

If you can shed any further light on the history of Poor House Farm, and especially the people who lived there before it was closed, please contact Brian Wilkinson by email at [bwilkinson57@verizon.net](mailto:bwilkinson57@verizon.net) or call him on 703-389-7288.

**BROWNTOWN'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RISK REDUCTION, (BEARR), GROUP**  
**"KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY SAFE"**  
**BEARR GROUP UPDATE -SEPTEMBER, 2022**



***911 HOUSE NUMBERS – HELPING EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TO FIND YOUR HOME***

Emergency services often experience difficulties “finding” a property. Vital time is then lost that could make the difference between life or death or whether or not a property suffers major damage. 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.



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For more information please contact Allan Brockway, Deputy Fire Chief, South Warren Volunteer Fire Department, at 540 635 7783.



**HOW TO RESPOND TO A RESPIRATORY OR CARDIAC EMERGENCY**

***"Keep Watching for Future Date"***

**HOW CAN WE BEST HELP YOU AND YOUR NEIGHBORS IN 2022?**

The BEARR Group exists to help you. There are lots of issues we could work on but we want to make sure we are focused on just a few that could really make a difference. If you would like to join one of our meetings to tell us about what is on your mind or simply talk to one of us, please call 703 389 7288 or 540 313 6185 or email Brian Wilkinson at [bwilkinson57@verizon.net](mailto:bwilkinson57@verizon.net) .



**Greasy-Gooney 10K** is 😊feeling excited.

Greetings, all-- Wanted to let everyone know that yes, we do intend to put on a live **Greasy-Gooney 10K** race this year! Saturday 22 October 2022 is our planned date, though we still need to square everything with the **Shenandoah Valley Runners**, **Browntown Community Center Association, Inc**, and **Browntown Baptist Church**. Registration probably won't open before mid-September; when everything's ready, we'll announce here & via e-mail. Full information will be posted in October's Newsletter.

**2022 Browntown Christmas Bazaar**  
**Browntown Community Center &**  
**Baptist Church Fellowship Hall**  
**Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**2022 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR CRAFTER APPLICATION FOR**  
**BROWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**and Browntown Baptist Church:**  
**Must confirm space with Jackie...636-3588**  
**or Jayne...540-636-4231**  
**November 19<sup>th</sup> 10:00 to 3:00**

**Craft Tables are \$20. For each table or space**

Please complete this section and attach your check payable to:

**BCCA and mail to: BCCA 96 Browntown Road, Browntown, VA 22610 or**

**Browntown Baptist Church 12 Browntown Road, Browntown, VA 22610**

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Check # & Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Craft Description \_\_\_\_\_

Other information: \_\_\_\_\_



Exchange student now living at Stacie & Ross Mikel's home. Maria is a new Browntown resident! She flew in from Medellin, Columbia and is staying with the Mikels family while attending Legacy Christian Academy! She enjoys art and soccer and is really excited to learn more about the English language and American culture. If you see her around Browntown, feel free to say hello. :-)

Pictured Left to right are :  
Noelle, Andon and Maria.

*Good luck in the new school year!*

## BCCA Fall Yard Sale

September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Friday & Saturday  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Friday and Saturday  
Hours: 10:00 to 3:00

Breakfast and lunch will be available, so come early and enjoy breakfast come and see all the treasures that we have for sale.

### Editorial:

Dear neighbor,

As you drive around our beautiful community, how often have you noticed that many of the address signs on mailboxes and posts are essentially unreadable, consist of out-dated numbers, or are just plain missing? It begs the questions: if this were my house, how will emergency responders find my house; how will delivery trucks find my house; how will *anyone* find my house?

**There is an answer.** The BCCA/BEARR group is offering beautiful and highly visible day/night reflective house number signs for only \$25. Proceeds from sales, by the way, contribute directly to the upkeep and operation of the Browntown Community Center.

Get your own custom made address sign by contacting Chris Lewis at [chris1908@gmail.com](mailto:chris1908@gmail.com) or you can call him on 540 313-6185.

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### Have a “Say” in the Future of Browntown!

At our “Visioning Workshop” on Aug. 16, we had quite a crowd, and made good progress. Our goal is to provide our county government officials with input, from Browntown residents, to their upcoming County Comprehensive plan. We voted, at the Aug 16 meeting, to form a small *focus* group. The group recently met on August 30<sup>th</sup> to come up with some ideas to present and to discuss at the next BCCA public meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>. There is still time for you to be a part of this process. Just fill out the following survey questions and, if possible, attend our next BCCA meeting.

1. If you went away and came back to Browntown after 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 \_\_\_\_\_

“You can email your thoughts to [tomlacombe@comcast.net](mailto:tomlacombe@comcast.net) or drop them by OJ's.”

