
School days , school days, dear old golden rule days. Reading and writing and arithmetic. Talk to the tune of hickory stick!

The day the Bancroft boys tarred and feathered the Bancroft Grade School Piano! A True Story! In the late 1940's the Bancroft Grade School had a Teacher named Miss Telma and a principal named Jasper Cane who was noted for the big paddle with round holes in it. That's what he used to spank the kids who misbehaved in school. That was back when it was legal to spank a kid in school.

The school had a stage and on it was the Piano.

Miss Telma would have the Silk Red Curtains pulled back each morning and she would play "Can she bake a cherry pie Billy boy, Billy boy" for the kids. Well, Billy Dailey and I think it was Dicky Dailey who were playing in the school area after school was out when they saw this big bucket of tar a worker had left. That gave them the brainstorm to tar and feather the Piano. So they went and got two feather pillows. They figured a way to get in the school and get to the Piano. So they put the tar all over the piano and then the feathers. They really thought it was funny.

The next day Miss Telma had the kids to open the curtains as always and behold there was the piano in its new creation, tared and feathered. She was in shock!

That's the day Jasper Cain came out with that dreaded paddle and spanked Billy and Dicky hard. Most kids got spanked by their parents when they got home if they did something bad at school. Billy and Dicky had to also clean the piano until the greasy feathers and tar was all gone. It was a long job too. I bet it was a

week before they could sit down!

Police Calls: 7/13 People letting fireworks off at the Church of God parking lot 7/7 1st Ave Prowler 7/18 1st Ave Theft 7/21 Domestic at Park 7/24 1st Ave Burglar Alarm 7/25 1st Ave Burglar Alarm 7/26 5th Ave Assist CPR 7/29 Disturbance 16 Thornhill Estates. 7/31 Suspicious vehicle Charleston Road.

Happy Birthday to Dove Hash, Lisa Bonnett and Timmy Bonnett.

Special Prayer Request: Chester Davis. Chester broke his back and is having a hard time. Please pray and if you have time bring him a dish of food, I'm sure he would appreciate it.

Putnam County back to school blast: On Friday August 13th from 10am to 1pm at the Putnam Career and Technical Center they will be giving out FREE Backpacks. Putnam Co school children will have to be present for the Drive Thru give away. For more information call 304-586-0500.

Town Park News: The town has purchased 2 new charcoal grills for the park shelter. Cleanup after using them please. The park still has open days for rentals. Call Donna McKneely @ 304-437-2218 to reserve.

Basketball court has one side finished except lines for tennis and pickle ball and the other side will be sealed and basketball lines will be put on.

New nets on the old basketball court and it will be sealed and lined as well.

Security cameras are being installed at the park and any criminal activity will be turned over to law enforcement for prosecution.

The park closes at 9:30!!!

Town News: the railroad bank from ball field to 5th ave have all been cleaned and weedeated. Trees hanging over the roads in town have been cut back.

Bancroft Churches: All churches are active in Bancroft. Take your family to church or watch it online. Study your Bible. It is a living book. *Proverbs 15:3 The Lord is watching everywhere and keeps his eye on both the evil and the good!*

Town Cleanup Day: On Sat, Sept 18th the Town will be having its 3rd annual cleanup at the Town Park from 7am to Noon. Proof of living in the town will have to be shown(bill or drivers licenses). If you are working on Saturday and cant make it you can call the Mayor, Donna McKneely @ 304-437-2218 or Thomas Frame @ 304-389-0221 and we will try to make arrangements for Friday evening. The mayor or a councilman have to be present for dumping!!!!

If you dont have a truck see if your neighbor can help you out.

Habitat for Humanity will be there also. We have donated alot to them over the past 3 years and it helps them out plus it keeps things out of the landfill.

Little league baseball and softball sign ups: Sat, Aug7 from 2-4 at the Town Hall.

Delapitated and Abandoned Buildings: As you know the town has adopted the Countys ordinance and it is being enforced. To file a complaint you can go on Putnam Co Planning Commission website and download the paperwork and send it in. It must be sent in or delivered. It can be anonomous but the form has to be filed for it to be legal.

Covid Government Grant: Just to clear up any confusion, the town is limited (along with all the towns and cities in West Virginia) on what we can use the relief funds on. 1 Broad Band 2 Water 3 Sewer 4 Storm drains. The mayor has went to several meetings concerning this.

Covid: Putnam Co is back in the red, so please be extra careful. If you are not vaccinated they are still doing it for free, just call your local health

department or your family doctor

Send in News: birthdays, memories, recipes, yard sales, homes or property for sale ect. Come on and join us in sharing some input.

Contact: Carla Dailey @ 304-586-9366 or email her
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Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department

The Putnam County Fire Service Board has a petition going to reorganize the fire fee. Currently if you own a residence with 1000 sq.ft. vrs one that has over 7000 sq.ft. the fee charges are the same. With the change needed any resident that has 1000 sq.ft. and below will go down some. Residents' homes from 1000 – 2000 sq.ft. will only raise \$2.50.

Back early in the year when everyone received an invoice with your fire fee invoice there was a petition with it asking for signatures for the adjustment. Most only paid the bill and never even looked at the petition, or not know was included. The fire dept has additional petitions and asking for residents of Bancroft, Hometown, Red House and Black Betsey to please review and sign. If like please stop at the station and we can explain better if needed.

The Fire Department has received some additional members and are now in training to become certified.

We are also looking at replacing one of our fire apparatus in the near future. More to come.

Our doors are open most of times in the evening, so come stop by and talk to us. If you have any questions or just look around you are always welcomed.

The fire department responded to the following calls for the month of July:

Structure Fires 3

Move Up 3

Lines Down 1

Vehicle Fire 1

Box Alarm 1

Bush Fire 1

Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You

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