

# BANCROFT NEWSLETTER

December

2021

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!**

**YOU ARE THE REASON FOR THE SEASON**

**THIS IS THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!**

**"Fuzzy" Arthur** was Ms. Bancroft Senior in our Thanksgiving parade. One of our awesome Senior residents. She is the oldest person in Bancroft. She is active. Always friendly and happy. You can see her in the summer time working in her yard. Drives, goes to the store, goes to church and now seen in the parade.

**The Gazebo:** Check it out after dark. It is so pretty lit up with the Christmas lights! Did you notice the pretty flowers at the Bancroft entrance? Bancroft seems to really be coming alive.

**Santa** will come on the **fire truck** to see all the children. Beginning at 6:00 pm Dec. 13th. Be on the watch for him.

**Cocoa with Santa** Saturday, December 18th. Santa and Mrs Claus will arrive at the **Bancroft Park-Gazebo** from 6:00-8:00pm. Bring your Christmas list for Santa to see. Bring your camera. Don't forget to leave him cookies when he delivers your presents.

**2nd. Annual Holiday Decoration Contest.** Winner to be decided by the Council. The houses are being decorated with joy!

**The Star of Bethlehem** will appear in the sky again this Dec. 21st. like it did last year. **Mathew 2-9 & 10** the bible says: After they had heard the king they went on their way and the **STAR** they had seen, when it rose it went ahead of them and it stopped over the place where the child was born.

**Red Neck Joke:** turns out you might be a redneck if you get pulled over for a speeding ticket with a mattress propped atop your car.

**Police Calls:** **11-3** Animal complaint Charleston Rd. **11-9** Structure fire Washington St. **11-13** disturbance 1st. Ave. **11-29** Destruction of property at Park **11-30** Harassment 4th. Ave.

**Town Meeting: Putnam Planning Commission** will be at the December

16th. Town Meeting at 7:00 pm. She will answer questions regarding the Abandoned and Dilapidated property and explain so you will understand all about the Structures Ordinance. Please go if you want to get these things done to improve our town. It takes a village to do this! Come on ! This is your town. Call the town recorder @ 304-586-2140 to be put on the agenda to speak.

**Building caught on fire** in Bancroft , next door to Johnny Nelson on Washington St.

**Old Trailer on 4th. Ave.** from my understanding has been sold and is being dismantled and another trailer, one by the old fire station on the corner of 3rd. and Washington St. and the old fire station was bought and they are dismantling an old trailer on the property.

**THE BEGINNING HISTORY OF BANCROFT :** as told by Peg Dailey:

Bancroft was a small town that sprang up after the Civil War and the government didn't have the money to pay the fighting men ,so they paid off by giving them so many acres of unsettled land. They called Bancroft Entergetic then and the coal mine family's bought and also built two rows of small four room houses . One row for negroes and one row for whites. The mines began opening on both sides of the owners and they sold some of the land to coal companies. The Hatfield Camels Creek Coal Company bought some of the land and built houses on part of it. Bancroft then at that time had several business places.

A large saloon, a grocery store, a Barber Shop, a Post office, a bullet shop, a show building, a shoe repair shop, a broom factory, a garage and tool sharpening building. Boy, it boomed fast!

More history next month:

**Obituary:** Sorry to say another of our older Bancroft men has passed away. Johnny Booth who lived on the river has passed away . His wife Mona and children are John and Matt. We give our condolence too the family. There will be a private graveside service for him.

**Sick or Hospitalized** **Mona Booth** broke her hip a couple of days before Johnny her husband died. She is in the hospital now recovering. **Dove Hash** has had a stroke and is in St. Mary's Hospital. Send her a card or something to let her know we care. Prayers please. **Denver Lukehart** fell and broke his ribs, plus other injuries. write him a card and let him know we care rooting for him. Prayers please. **Wayne Lovejoy** is in the hospital

with a serious condition. His Wife is Vicky LoveJoy. Please pray for the ones in the hospital and for Mona Booth and her family for their loss. Make their day a little bit better by writing or calling these family's.

**Churches** are open. Some are streaming on face book too. Teach your children before the world teaches them. **Proverbs 22-6** Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**Bancroft Face Book Site.** You can see pictures ect. and what's going on in Bancroft on the Town of Bancroft site on line or Bancroft Town Web Site.

**Editors Corner:** Send stories or anything you want in the News Letter to Carla.Dailey @frontier.com or Carla Dailey P.O. Box 341, Bancroft, W.V. 25011 304-586-9366



## *Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department*

The Fire Department would like to wish all a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS** and a **VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR**.

Please remember that **1 OCTOBER** fire season started. Open burning is not allowed between the hours for 7am to 5pm.

We typically respond to numerous structure fires during the month of November and December. Please be aware of your surroundings in your home. Below are a few suggestions:

Please buy only flame-resistant Christmas Decorations.  
Replace string lights that show signs of worn or broken wiring.  
Please refrain from using candles, but if do keep away from children and pets.  
Keep your decorations away from doors and windows, so not to block.

Please let's be safe and have a good holiday

Santa will be going around on the department fire truck on the dates below. Please come out and visit with him.

Monday, 13 Dec, Starting at 6pm– Bancroft, Black Betsey area to One Mile Hollow.

Tuesday, 14 Dec, same time – Red House, Hometown Area

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

EMR 4  
Illegal Burning 1  
Structure Fires 1  
Move up to another Dept 1  
CO Alarm 1  
Fire Investigation 1

*Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You*