

Bancroft Newsletter

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Cincinnati Reds beat Black Betsy, Poca Ball Team by one run!

"What!.... Would you run that by me one more time?"

"I said. Cincinnati Reds beat Black Betsy-Poca Ball team by one run!"

It is true, believe it or not. It happened around the year 1923 right here at the old field next to where the old Poca High School use to be. The ball field was located near where the Old Putnam Fab Plant is now.

The game was sponsored by Black Betsy Coal mines. They held the game through the efforts of Agee Carey who printed the tickets and sold them. This person was a big Cincinnati Reds supporter. Ed Schoebaum, superintendent of Otis Marmet Company also helped in getting the teams together.

Oren Moody Christy watched the game as a teenager. He played hooky from school that day! He just had to see the Cincinnati Reds play our local team.

The Reds came here by river boat. The boat stopped at Poca to let the team off and so they played the game! And a hard game at that.

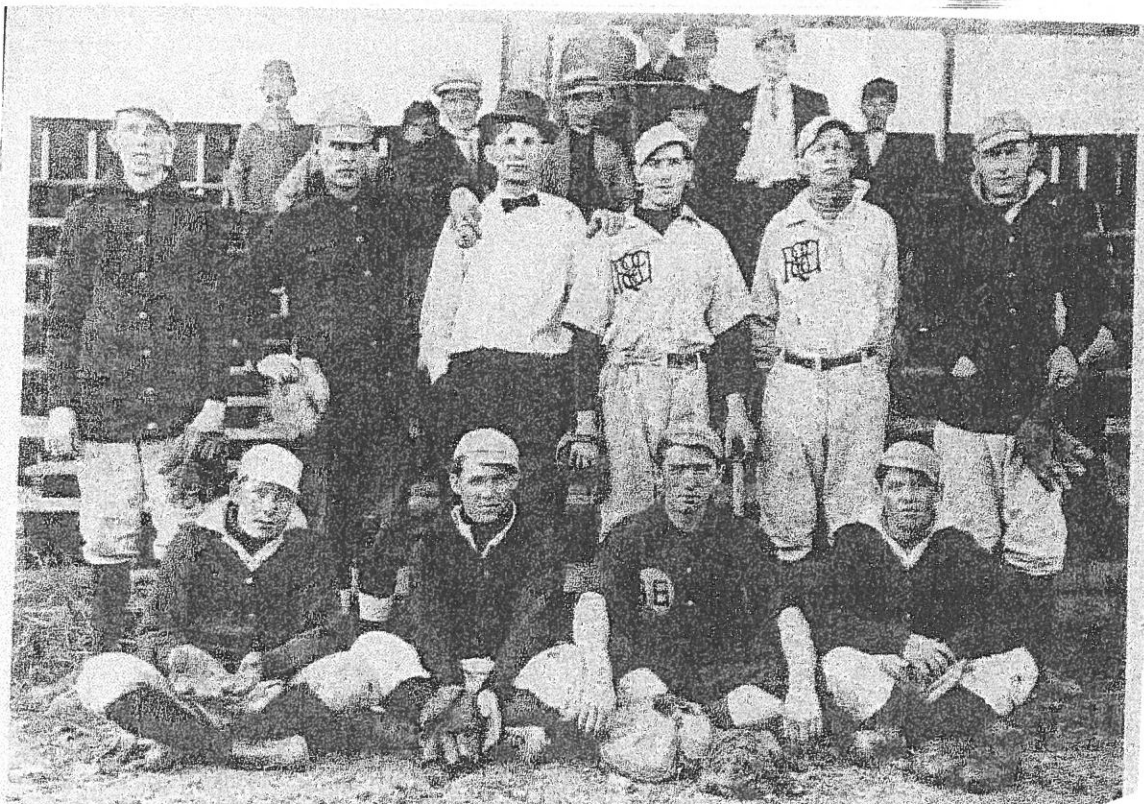


Photo of Poca-Black Betsy Team: Front row 2nd over is Dana Gibeaut. Second row: 3rd over is Slick Wick, 4th over is manager: Grove Wilborger. 5th over is _____ Tucker and 6th over is _____ Treavilliam.

Story by Charles Ray Harper. Submitted by Wally Harper. Thanks for sharing Wally!

If anyone can add to this story or identify the other players please call me at 586-9120

STORIES WILL GO ON. Although Peg Dailey passed away eighteen years ago at the age of 86., it did not stop her from still sharing memories of Bancroft with us. She wrote a lot of her stories for the paper that we put out some 17 years ago. Here we are again with them. She and others fought to get water and gas in the town. They started the Fire Dept. I hope some of you send some good memories for me to print. Don't let them be lost. Children and Grandchildren deserve to know these things.

Congratulations! Bailey, Grand Daughter of Ray and Becky Asbury of Bancroft. Ten year old Bailey won the Golden Glove Award at the Cincinnati Reds Camp this year, out of 50 to 60 boys and girls. Wow, way to go girl!

Free basketball camp for all children of Bancroft at the park.

Sponsored By the Bancroft Church of God. At the town park Aug. 8th & 9th. 6-8:30pm. Apply and fill out flyer that is on the last page of this newsletter and bring it to the park if you want to participate those days.

Church News: On the bulletin board outside of the Post Office is a prayer request box. It is checked every Sunday and we pray for these needs. Prayer requests can remain anonymous, also every Sunday at 5:30pm at the Gazebo we pray for the town and town people. Come join us at the Gazebo to pray for our town at 5:30pm every Sunday, everybody in the town are welcome to join in.

Fire Dept: safety tips. Make sure everyone in the home has identified two ways out of every room and how to escape in an emergency. All doors and windows that lead to outside are able to be opened.

Fire Calls: Ems-3 - Structure fires-5 - Box/False alarms-2 Motor Veh. Accidents-2- Power lines down-1 - Illegal Burn-1 The Fire Department sees a lot of structure fires and a lot of the causes are from not keeping lint

clean from your clothes dryer. Please clean your lint screen often. Also make sure your vent hose is not closed off. This causes lint to trap in the hose.

The Fire Dept. would like to thank the 4H (Hometown Dragons) for planting and maintaining the flowers in front of the Dept. They enhance the front of the Dept. Thank you!

Police calls: July 5-Noise complaint Jefferson Street, July 8-Animal complaint Railroad Street- July 19-Alarm Main Street Church of God, July 20-Disturbance 1st. Ave.- July 23-Large underage party, July 25- Threats 5th. Ave.

Storm damage: A tree limb fell on batting cage at our Ball Park during the heavy winds. Bending the fence. Also Showens Hill tree fell across the road , stranding the people for awhile.

Union Mission Addiction recovery program: www.unionmission.com your life can change when you reach for help! Be strong!

4 H Hometown Dragons: 4 H Kids pulled weeds at the Post Office. Also passed out water to people in town mowing or working . It was hot! they have a float in the Heritage parade and have a booth in September. Group would like little projects to help the community. Suggestion welcome.

If your community is strong then your home life will be strong. We teach and believe in Health, Hands, Heart and community and moral values. We meet every last Wednesday of the month at the Fire Station, starting in September. We are recruiting. Please join us.

Birthdays: Happy Birthday to Dove Hash!

Thank you: Thank you Denver Luikhart for bringing your tractor to the park and helping put the pea gravel down!

Thank your John Nelson for towing the town truck that broke down!

Thank you Matt Booth for installing the starter on the town truck!

Thank you 4-H group that fixed the flower beds at the post office!

All volunteers!

Dogs: A pitbull dog, white with black and brown spots was taken to the pound Animal Patrol Center. Dog had previously hurt a girl in town and was loose.

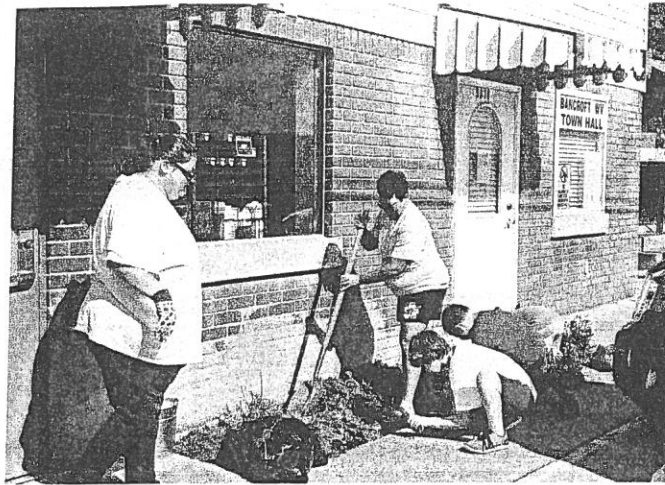
Burning trash Is illegal. You can face a D & R Citation. Brush and tree limbs are permissible when permitted at the right times.

Town Picnic: August the 17th. 5:00 to 7:00. Whats for supper? Hamburgers and hot dogs! West Virginia style! Husky Ice Cream, catered by the town council and mayor. Blow ups for the Kids and music. Bring those dancing shoes. We will have a D.J. Playing some songs you will remember. Lets all get together.

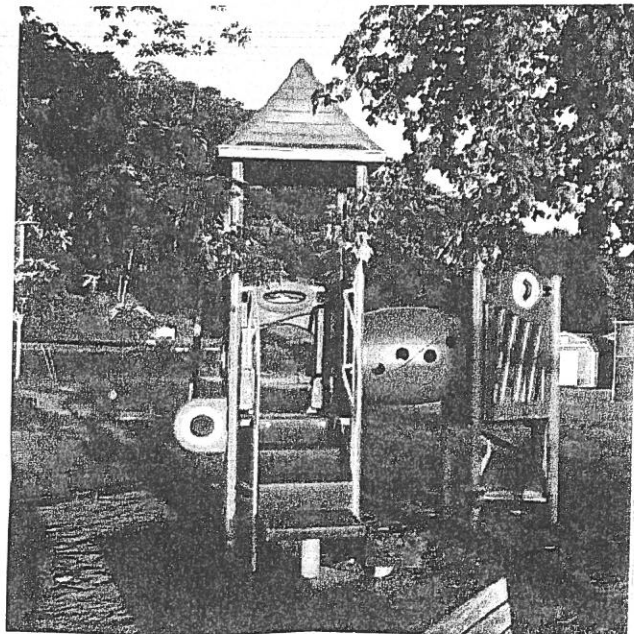
Bancroft Little League Ball Park: The ball park is getting renovated and will hopefully be ready to be played on by the time for the fall games. Park is making a big comeback. We also need donations to buy the things to restore. We have the best ballfield ever, and we need things like this to keep our young people occupied and to learn fairness, manners, respect and team work. If you would like to donate work or money call Donna McKneely at 304-437-2218 and let her know if you want to help. Must be finished for fall games.

On Thursday Aug. 1st. Thomas Frame, Donna McKneely, Zack Booth, Josh Taylor, Eddie Higginbotham and Ben Moses gutted and cleaned the concession stand. Bub Payne is going to be working on the water and bathrooms to get them up and running. Special thanks to the Fire Dept, for allowing us to use your utility water truck.

This picture shows the 4-H children planting the flowers at the Post Office.



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The people make the news letter
a Success. Thank all of you!



The new Fire Fly Play Pod at the Park.
Enjoy the rest of your summer at the
Park!

1st Annual "Croft for Christ"
Basketball Camp
FREE
to all Elementary and Middle School
Boys and Girls in Bancroft.

When: August 8 & 9th, 2019

Where: Bancroft City Park

Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm

Registration Ends: July 26th.

Sponsored by: Bancroft Church of God Mission

Participants will learn: Dribbling, passing, shooting, defense, and aspects of playing the game of basketball.

Instructors will include previous and current Poca High School Basketball Players and Coaches from the area.

There will be a special speaker at the end of each day at 8:15pm.

Please fill out the bottom of this sheet and return it to Bancroft Church of God Mission by July 26th. There will be a box on the front porch of the church to put your registration form in.

Any questions: Please contact Sherry Arthur at 304-549-6424

BRING THIS TO PARK Aug. 8 AT 6:00 PM

Child Name: _____ Child Grade: _____