

Feb. *BANCROFT NEWSLETTER* 2022

This month is Valentines Day. Feb. 14th. Tell someone you love them!

George Washingtons Birthday Feb. 22,1732. (He said, I chopped down the cherry tree. He could not tell a lie. He had wooden teeth too!

Abraham Lincolns Birthday. Feb. 12th. 1809 Did you know that President Lincoln disguised himself like an old hobo and went at night so nobody would no who he was. He went to the Slave camps. One by one and told the slaves "We are going to set you free!" and indeed they were set free!

The Ground hog didn't see his shawdow so we will have 6 more weeks of winter weather. The good thing is , he is not always right.

History of Bancroft, as you read the memories of Bancroft residents "Then and Now' sections of the monthly newsletter , we hope you will begin to understand, although many years have passed and many locations have shifted or names changed. The area is still the same as when your ancestors trod the land. We hope you find interesting facts and and share laughter as you look at the pictures of the way it was, the mode of travel, which was boat, foot , horse or horse and buggy.

The extraordinary journey of family is very short. Notice the faith and achievements of your ancestors.

I hope you have enjoyed your adventure of a lifetime through your ancestors stories and our little corner of the world.

Mary Walters.

Home as we lived it: by Peg Dailey We burned oil lamps. You know there wasn't anything electric and no water. My mother was an excellent house keeper and there wasn't any sprays in those days. You bathed in a No. 2 wash tub. The water got what they called wiggle- tails in it and they turned into mosquitoes. The children scratched them and they turned into fall sores and there were boils and carbunkles people had and poor water. My mother bought misquito nets and covered our rain barrels that we filled

with water when it rained so misquitos couldn't lay their eggs and she put Mosquitoe nets on our windows and kept out the flys and misquitos at night and day and she kept a clean house. It was rough in those days but people were hardy and strong..

Bancroft Fire Dept. Expands: They now have over 22 members Read the Fire Dept. page and see how great they are doing. Selfless people who put others before themselves. All volunteers!

Police reports: 1/8 Water leak railroad St. 1/23 Well being check 1st. Ave. 1-27 Burglary Washington St. 1/ 27th. Suspicious activity on Jefferson St. 1/28 Hit and run Washingron St.

Happy Birthday 2/8 to Janet Sigman on Showens Hill.

The Mayor, Council and Recorder. Thank you. Thanks to all the town officials for dipping in thier own pockets to have the Santa Clause in the Park and Decorations. Not a dime came out of town funds. Also thank your Fire Men for spending two hours at the park playing the music and having the Fire Truck all Decorated up.

Town Picnic! This Fall if the Covid clears enough, we will have the town Picnic. Thank you town Council Mayor and Recorder for the time we have had it. We know you made a huge effort to keep this going and you served us at the picnic. It also saved a catering bill.

Mayor Phil Flowers He asked the council years ago when he was Mayor to never stop having the picnics . Hope we get to do it this year but we have to be cautious.

Government Funds Goverment Funds that can only be used for Broad Band (we already have that). or Storm Drain improvements. We already have water and sewer now. That leaves storm drains. The Government will give us a Grant of \$65,000.00 with a time limit to get the job done. The Mayor will be meeting with the Goverment Grant people on the 3rd. of February. They are really restrictive with the money. If we don't use it we lose it. The town hopes to use the money on storm drains for the swampy areas of Bancroft. Mainly behind the park. We have to update our water drain

ordinances too.

Working on order The County Commission will give us more info. about delapidated property. They have control at this point in time.

Ordinances will be updated. We have the old ordinances which are outdated and some changed. We have to update them to be in line with the state. The town will meet with the officials to see how much it will cost.

Attention: Town Meetings: Meetings are on the 3rd. of every month at 7:00pm. If you have something you want to speak about at the town meeting please get on the agenda by Calling Recorder Marie Dailey at 304-586-2140 and she can get you on. This is a State Ordinance . We have to go by it. It is different than it used to be. The town encourages the town people to come to the meetings. The meetings will be at the Fire Department.

Town Churches : All four churches are open now. Take your children to church or stream on face book. Also the Baptist and the Church of God is streaming on face book and Sunday Morning the Catholic Priest is on T.V. at 6:00am on Sunday morning.

Matthew 19:14 " Jesus Said" Let the little children come to me. and do not hinder them , for the kingdom of heaven belongs to those such as these."

Editor: I do not charge the town for doing the newsletter. Send us some of your suggestions, accomplishments, stories , recipes, ideas for the town etc. Share some stories. Send to Carla.dailey@frontier.com or P.O. Box 341, Bancroft W.V. 25011 or call me at 304-421-5751. Share your ideas with us. Come on, be apart of it.

Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department

The fire department now have over 22 members and our new members are working on getting certified to respond, etc. The initial training is a 120 hour course which you learn basic firefighting, Hazardous Material Operations, and basic first aid with CPR. This takes a lot of hours away from home and family. We really appreciate all that come forward and want to have their community. If see any of the members out (a lot of times they are at the station) just stop by and thank them for what they do.

With the weather being cold lately and all the snow we thought we would include some safety info.

Slips, Trips and Falls on Icy Surface

As the temperature drops the number of slips and falls rises. No matter how well the snow and ice are removed from parking lots, sidewalks and job site, you will encounter some slippery surfaces when walking outside in the winter. Slips on ice often result in serious injury. Injuries to arms, wrists, back and head are the most common. Snow that becomes accumulated will create ruts and slippery surfaces when walked on and can cause a hazard.

Below are some hints on how to protect yourself:

1. Always look forward to assess slippery ice surfaces ahead.
2. Inspect all frequent travel paths and spread sand or salt to make walking safer.
3. Keep walkways clear of mud, snow and ice.
4. Exercise caution when getting in and out of vehicles and equipment.
5. Use caution when carrying heavy loads on snow and ice.
6. Watch for slippery floors when entering in doors.
7. Remove as much snow and water from your boots as you can when entering a building.

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

Service Calls - 2

Motor Vehicle Accident - 2

Move Up Cover another Station - 1

Box Alarm – 2

Gas Leak - 1

Structure Fire - 1

Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You