

"HAPPY NEW YEARS"

Sleigh riding. Making snow men. Making snow ice cream. Hot cocoa, a pot of Chili. Family time. These are some of the things that make Winter fun!

1st place Winner of the Christmas Holiday decorating contest is (drum roll please!) **Jack and Shirley Dailey** on Washington Street. The votes were unanimous for our 1st. place Holiday Decorating Competition. Second place goes to **Billy Wick** on Railroad St. and **Third place** is awarded to Speedy Arthur on Second Ave. Thanks for bringing some much needed cheer and brightness to our town. Go on to Bancroft Town Face Book to see pictures. Teet Abbott won the first light contest in 2001.

The year 2020 is gone and it's been a dilly. Virus (One we will never ever forget.) Floods fires Hurricanes. Historic this and that. Riots, Political unrest. Home schooling. (Mothers wanting to pull their own hair out helping the kids home school). We could go on and on. I think someone up stairs is trying to tell us something!

One good thing is we have the Vaccine for the virus. Looking forward to 2021 being a great year, God willing! Please hang in there and wear a mask in closed quarters and 6 foot apart. If someone gets too close. Moon Walk!

Pray for the Nurses and Doctors. Do our part to prevent getting the virus. Dont take chances. It could mean your life and maybe someone elses. We are winding down so be extra careful. Bancroft had its share of sorrow

from the Virus. But good days are coming. We will put this year 2020 behind us and go forward.

Bancroft's good old days: By Peg Dailey. There was a time in Bancroft when a lot of our parents and grandparents played in the river. They would swim with their childhood friends out behind the paddle wheels of the steamboats. They would catch a ride on the waves it made. You couldn't do that now because of the danger of the traffic on the river. They had their swimming holes. too. They swung off grape vines into the river. They rowed their rowboats across the river. Picked blackberries and took them home for moms to make Black Berry pies. They would go fishing in the backwaters. Then they would walk the railroad tracks home.

Recipe for Snow Ice cream all you need is some evaporated milk, sugar , vanilla and the star of the show: fresh snow! Stir the first three ingredients together, mix in the snow and you have a delicious vanilla treat that only takes 5 minutes to make. How easy is that?

Police Calls:

12-14-2020 Alarm 1st. Ave.

2-15-2020 Alarm 1st. Ave.

12-21-2020 Domestic Rockwood Dr.

12-30-2020 Suspicious vehicle 5th. Ave.

Recipe for Venison Steaks: Smothered Venison

One lb. Venison steak, cut one half inch thick.

one cup flour

One fourth cup oil

2 cups milk

salt and pepper to taste

Garlic salt ,1 large onion

Tenderize the venison, cut into serving pieces. Dip steaks in flour.

Brown in hot oil in skillet. Remove steaks and stir 3 tablespoons flour into pan drippings. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add seasonings and steak. Place onion slices over steak. Gravy should cover steak and onions. Cover. Bake at 275 degrees for 2 hours. Yields: 4 servings. Yum, yum! Get those skillets out! Make some jerky too.

Happy Birthday Joyce Abbott!

Church News: St. Patrick's Catholic Church Celebrates mass @ 8:am. on Sundays. Father Chapin's "Daily Living" TV show airs on Sunday mornings @ 6:30am on WOWK-13 **Elizabeth Baptist Church** Streams on Sunday Morning 11:00am and opens up on Sunday Evening. They sanitize the church and all wear masks. **The Church of God** Streams on Facebook at 11:00 am. and will soon be opening on Sunday morning. They also sanitize. **Church of Christ** opens up every Sunday morning.

Psalms 30:20 O LORD MY GOD. I cried out to you and you healed me!

Computers by Peg Dailey: Well guess what showed up, Computers. This I know nothing about. I've been assured that it does everything and knows everything. I don't want to know somethings it knows and I'm past the age (85) of knowing everything. I like the good old days better when men worked on jobs and women raised their families. Everything was fun and excitement.

Christmas present from heaven: The sky opened up so we could see the actual Christmas Star that shown the way to baby Jesus. (Scientists have confirmed this). Then the sky turned around and clouded up and we were given a Special Beautiful White Christmas! What a treat!

Another grant for the park; YAY HOO! Thanks mayor and council for working to get these thing for the town! We will have a new roof on the shelter, completion of the floor of the tennis court. Pickles and Tennis anyone?

Memorial Salute to our Veterans / Flags to honor our town veterans placed at the park. .

Town Cleanup in the Spring again. Start Digging it all out. Lets take pride in our town.

Thank you Johnny Nelson for scraping the snow away from the Post Office parking lot and peoples driveways too.

Theres a New Sheriff in the county. Bobby Eggleton Congratulations!

Feed the hungry 1 John 3:17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his ear against him, How does Gods love abide in him?

Now is the time to reach out more than ever before. Poca has a food bank **5 loaves and 2 fish food pantry P.O. BOX 9, Poca, WV 25159** is a great place to give food or money. You can call Dreama Rhodes 304-755-7341 to donate food or money. You can drop off food in the barrel inside the post office here a Bancroft too. It will be taken to the food pantry at Poca.

Editorial: the dead line for the paper is the 1st. of the month. It comes out on the 5th. Share a fish story, recipe or joke or a great memory. Write Carla Dailey at P.O. Box 341 Bancroft, WV. 25011 or call 304-586-9366

Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department

Fire Department hopes all had a good and safe holiday.

Fire season ends 31 December 2020, and starts again in March 2021.

The fire department says farewell to a very good friend to all the fire service, EMS of Putnam County. Jason Wurster was very well known throughout Putnam County. He was a paramedic and assigned to medic 27 out of Poca VFD. Jason fought for his life since Thanksgiving in CAMC with COVID 19. Rest in peace Brother, we take it from here.

Please when seeing a fire truck or ambulance coming up behind you, always pull to the right and give the right of way.

Since the weather is getting colder now and winter is upon us below are a few heating tips:

Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before the cold weather sets in.

When using a fire place open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

Remember a person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a short time. Check your CO detectors.

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

Structure Fires 5

Box Alrms 3

EMR Responses 1

MVC 1

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