

February 2020

Bancroft Newsletter

Saint Valentines Day has been a day of love since the 3rd. Century

The Kids who made the Poca All Stars Basketball Play Teams These are the ones who live in Bancroft or thier parents or Grandparents live in Bancroft. Brady Wick, Kyan Dailey, Bailey Asbury, Cooper Jones, Camryn Bonnet, Alisha Holly, Braden Mason and Logan Holly. Eight kids. That is a record I think! We have Awesom Kids.

1970's Flag designer has a place in history!

It's not a new thing for Bancroft to produce people of notability. Gilbert Bayless was the Designer of the Charleston Flag. The Flag portrays Charleston as it was best known. The seat of Government. It's frontier heritage is a strategic setting at the forks of the two navigatable rivers, and the coal and chemical industries which surround it.

Gilbert attributed some of his success to his wife Judy who acted as a "consultant" and who was responsible for "prodding" him into turning his idea into an actual entry. Gilbert and his wife were elated the day they heard the news that Gilberts design was chosen above 1,236 other designs. He won \$500.00 for his design. He said the \$500.00 was fine , but there is an honor that goes with something like this. He became part of the history of Charleston. Gilbert was a family man (father of three) Paula, "Buzzy" and Daryle. He was also a Civic leader in Bancroft. He was once Mayor, Council Man and Town Recorder at separate times. He worked at Monsanto Co. as an analyst and loved drawing . Especially Cartoons. He always believed in giving back, not taking. Gilbert died in 1991 and still caring about his fellow man, gave his body to science



Police calls: Jan 2nd. domestic on Rollen St. Jan 3rd. DVP violation on Rollen St. Jan. 7th. Suspicious person Jan. 23rd. Domestic 2nd. Ave.

Attention people living of Showens Hill: Call Mike Aronhalp at 304-562-6641 Department of Highways, to get help with the roads on the hill that are in such bad condition. A good suggestion is if you neighbors get together and take pictures and see Mike Aronhalp as he should be able to help with your road problem. I've been up there and you all have a bad road situation.

Obituary; Herman Carney at the age of 101 died January 18th. He lived at Black Betsy for many years. Retired from Carbide and was a member of Poca Methodist Church. He worked on many projects there.

Visit the sick and the shut-ins. Bancroft is noted for watching out for their elderly and sick neighbors.

Sue Lukehart got to come home today. Glad you are back home

Get that bible out and find the joy! **Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid. Do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be wherever you go!**

We will again have the **town clean up** this year. Also **Habitat for Humanity** will be there. So if you want to give them things that are usable. Help them fill the truck. Also help your neighbors that can't get their stuff to the park. Lets really cleanup the town.

Red Neck Joke!" If you ever cut your grass and found a car, you might be a redneck"

Editorial: if you have any stories, new or old. Favorite Recipes, Accomplishments or Awards or suggestions ect., send them to (carla.dailey@frontier.com)or text or call me at 304-421-5751. **The paper will come out on the fifth of the Month.** Get your copy inside the Post Office on the bulletin board.

2019 accomplishments in Bancroft by the Town and or Volunteers

Big cleanup day. People took their unwanted trash and house articles to the park and E.& L. Garbage took the junk away. and Habitat for Humanity took articles that could be used in their store.

Started Town of Bancroft on **Facebook** sight and **Town of Bancroft Web Sight**. Also the **Bancroft Fire Volunteer Dept.** has an awesome sight on Facebook. Check it out!

BANCROFT BALLFIELD After being dormant for years, thanks to volunteers and donations, we were able to clean it up and get new fixtures in bathroom and painted the concession stand and purchased new cabinets. We are now the number one ballfield.

The Town had **repairs** to some of the streets done in parts of town that were needed.

We started the **Town Newsletter** again. It has been dormant for 17 years.

Keeping lights on at park at night , which has been a good thing.

Continued **Town Picnic** which(Little Phil Flowers had asked us to always have it.) Did it without the expense of a Cater. The Mayor and Town Cancel did the Catering.

Pickles players have started using the tennis court.

Started "The Croft for Christ" basketball learning camp. Sponcerd by the Church Of God.

Renovations and much needed repairs to Post Office and new bathrooom fixtures .

Childrens Pod put together and being used at the park.

Noahs Ark was purchased using a a 20/80 Grant. and everyone loves it!

The Station kids came down from Poca and painted the garbage barrels. Also had a picnic. They love it! Sweetest kids ever! We'll see them there in the Spring again.

The Gazebo will get the finishing touches , starting in March.

Fire Dept. giving us monthly calls and suggestions.

Getting the monthly **Police calls** in Bancroft.

4H came down and planted flowers at Fired Dept. and Post Office. and gave water to

Bancroft Volunteer Fire Department

The Fire Dept is looking for members. If you would like to make a difference and help your community then please consider becoming a member. We meet on Monday evenings at 7pm.

Did you know that your insurance premiums are based off your Fire Dept ratings. We are rated at a 4x. This means because of membership, condition of fire trucks, training, etc. we are able to get you at a lower insurance premium. As most knows Volunteer Fire Dept are at an all-time low. In 1984 there were 897,750 Volunteer firefighters in the US, and in 2017 there were 682,600 volunteers. That's over a 215,000 membership drop. Our Dept is committed to the protection of life and property. So, if you have spare time why not be a volunteer firefighter.

On January 23rd the fire department was evaluated and received a prefect result from the West Virginia State Fire Marshal's office. Fire Depts are recertified every five years. Your firefighters worked hard to achieve this rating. So, if see any of them out and about congratulate them.

On December 31 the fire department was honored to take a long-time member Joseph Holloway Sr. on his last ride to his final resting place. Joe served over 40 years in the department and held positions as chief, assist chief, treasure, and firefighter. Joe you will be missed by all. Thank you for you service to your community. Rest in peace brother we will take it from here.

PLEASE REMEMBER 1 MARCH STARTS FIRE SEASON. No open burning from 7am to 5pm until May 31. Please keep in mind also that law forbids burning of trash/debris, etc If anyone is burning large piles of brush please contact the fire dept before.

The fire department responded to the following calls for the month of January

EMS 3
Structure Fire 5
Box Alarm (No Fire) 3
Odor Investigation 1
Gas Leak 1

Thank You for Allowing Us to Serve You



**IF YOU OR YOUR FAMILY MEMBER IS A VETERAN,
YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS!**

The West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance is visiting your area.

Eleanor Fire Department
Outside Building, Room B
600 Roosevelt Blvd. Eleanor, WV
Every 3rd Tuesday- Call for Appointment
4pm-6pm

Listed below are some of the services we offer. All of our services are at no cost to you.
If you have questions about current or potential benefits, please come by!

★ **General Information**

★ **VA Claim status**

★ **Filing for benefits**

- Service-Connected Disability Compensation
- Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension
- Compensation or Low-Income Pension for Survivors
- Aid and Attendance or Housebound Status
- Health Care
- Education Benefits
- VA Home Loan Certificate of Eligibility
- Burial and Memorial Benefits

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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