

TOWN OF BANCROFT NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

Attention citizens of Bancroft- Town- wide cleanup

On Saturday May 4th. the town is partnering with E&L Inc. and Habitat Restore to offer a chance to get rid of unwanted and or donate many items that are hard to get rid of, including electronics, mattresses, furniture etc. Metal, appliances, and other trash will be accepted, but they cannot take gas tanks or tires. . Some other things may neccessitate a decision at the time of drop-off. Citizens will be asked to show proof of residency within the city limits.

The event starts at 6am and goes until noon .Drop off items at the Town Park.

If you have any questions, message us directly or call E&I at 304-586-2829. Thanks for helping us clean up our neighborhood this spring! One way entry, 5th. Ave. to Jefferson only. No turning around.



I HAD A DREAM!

Back in the 1950's Vernie Miller of Bancroft had a dream, to have a Fire Dept. He needed help, so some of the women , Peg Dailey, Ruth Casto and Helena Miller set out to help. They started a campaign to raise funds for a Fire Engine.

They wrote to companies for donations and went door to door to raise the \$1000.00 it took to buy the truck. They received donations from 10 cents to the highest of \$50.00. Heiners bakery gave the most. They raised the money and off they went to Parkersburg to get the old 1922 La France chain driven Fire Truck. It had the steering wheel on the right side. (like they drove in England) It was a twelve cylinder engine with no windshield. I bet they spit shined it too! They kept it at Catbird McNeils station for a while. Catbird also donated the gasoline for it.

They received thier first call a week after getting the truck. It was Melissa Dailey's stove pipe that caught her attic on fire. (the pipe was provbably worn through from cooking for 8 kids all those years) Some of the others that helped in the beginning were, Huey Gatens, Dough Young, Pat Gatens, Jerry Gatens, Margaret Noffsinger and Ellen Jones. Many more people joined in too. in the picture sitting on the Old La France Fire Engine": [left to right. Mayor Will Legg. Sam Smith, first Chief Bill Dailey. The little boy is John Smith, founder Vernie Miller, Donald (Catbird) McNeil at the gas pump and uh, Opie Taylor., Ha Ha just kidding!

Gazeebo at the park , Prayer Vigil is every Sunday evening at 5:30p.m. We hope that many people in Bancroft will be joining us. We have a wonderful town and lots of children. We want it safe in the time we live in now. We all need to pray. We welcome all people , come. If you need prayer for your self or someone else ect.

Gabriel Project At Saint Patrick Catholic Church down on 3rd. ST

1st. Monday of every month between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm they give away clothes , car seats, bigger ones a charge etc. New borns to 2 years old. They take donations also. For information call 304-586-3485

Deaths: Patricia Abbott & Marshall Max Nelson passed on in April. A great loss to our town! They will certainly be missed.

Bancroft Fire Station:

Report . We had a brush fire back on Showens Hill. Ended takeing 40 acres real fast. We are thankful that we have a great crew at the Fire Station.

Safety tip from our Fire Station: Clean the lint out of your dryer hose every three months and never leave your dryer on while asleep or when you are gone.

Police calls:

4/08/19 Suspicious person on Washington St. , **4/15/19** Domestic on Washington

4/15/19 Petty Larceny on Jefferson St. , **4/17/19** Threats made on First Ave.

4/20/19 Violence petition served. **4/22/19** Disturbance on Washington St.

4/23/19 Noise Complaint on 1st. Street

The town has a wonderful site on Face Book , **Town of Bancroft**. Check it out , it's great.

Hey kids, do you see all those pretty yellow Dandelions in the grass ? When thier heads turn white ,pick one and make a wish and if you blow all the white off in one blow , your wish might come true!

Bancroft town-wide yard sale first Saturday of June. Time to start getting ready!

Send stories, info. etc. to carla.dailey@frontier.com or ph: 304-586-9366

Carla Dailey at P.O. 341 Bancroft ,WV. 25011

BANCROFT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

The fire dept. is looking for new members. We are at an all time low. If you have some spare time to spare then we need you. YOUR COMMUNITY IS CALLING , VOLUNTEER TODAY! For more information and a tour of the station and trucks please call 304-586-9366 or just come by the station on any Monday evening at 7pm.

It's all about more than volunteering. The department has worked hard, not only to protect life and property, but also help our community in other ways. Our firefighters have dedication. They know the meaning of sacrifice and above all, the persistence to never quit. We have worked hard to have our ISO. (insurance service office) rating lowered to provide a lower insurance premium, starting in February of this year. Our firefighters have worked hard to save the residents money. and provided added benefits . In this case, it helps confirm that the closer a volunteer fire department is to one's home means lower insurance policy cost for all. If you have any questions about our rating and how it effects your insurance policy then stop any firefighter and ask, or come to our meeting on Monday evening and we can answer any questions.

The Fire Department responded to the following during the month of April

1 Motor Vehicle Accident

1 Motor Vehicle Accident with entrapment

4 Structure Fires

2 Box Alarms

2 Bush/Forest Fires

1 Fire Investagation

1 Illegal Burn

The Fire Fighters are your Bancroft Hero's. Here we are sixty years later with just as enthusiastic men as when the Fire Dept. Started .