



BANCROFT NEWSLETTER JULY 2019

DRUG USE , SUSPECTED ARSON & THEFT IN BANCROFT in JUNE

A neighbor contacted the Mayor about a male and female vagrants staying in the Bancroft ballfield dug out. They had sleeping bags. She contacted 911 and ran them off. She and the Mayor cleaned up the dugout where they had urinated in and had used drugs. They found 2 baggies with residue and q-tips (they use those to filter the impurities out of heroin. Also the neighbor on 2nd Avenues Motorhome was burned and was completely gutted. Fire Marshall said it was Suspected Arson. Also neighbor on 1st. Avenues Building was broke into and a neighbor on Washington St. Apartment had her gas stolen out of her car.

If you see anything suspicious or have had anything stolen ,please notify the Sheriff's office. Also let us know what is going on . Your name can remain anonymous.

I was told by the Mayor that **License Plate numbers** will be taken from people at the Park or in town, that are suspicious and given to law enforcement.

This is the town areas where our kids and grandkids play.

Also another neighbor found a used needle right on the Gazebo and a needle cap on the ground, bottle caps and foil. Typical heroin, Meth., & fentanyl things. Lisa with gloves on removed these things.

Tell your children to not touch a needle or any bottle caps or foil ect. they find in the park and tell the adults.

Dicky Booth A sweet, likeable long time resident died in June. He loved Elvis Presley music, plus many more singers and he played the guitar and sang.. Loved his family and his dogs. Truly missed and loved.

Miscellaneous: The new signs look very nice.

Park Play Pod in park ready for the kids.

Some of the citizens suggested we ask the **dog walkers** to please cleanup after their dogs. Doggy scoop style!

Did you know that Bancroft had a Movie Theater in the early 1950'S?

As the story goes, they use to have a potbelly stove near at the front and back of the theater. the stove got so hot that it would turn cherry red. The boy that stoked the fire got in free. Saturday night people came from Black Betsy, Ramond City, Plymouth and Hometown to watch the movies.

It was nothing to get hit on the head by a cud of tobacco, a piece of candy or popcorn during the movie. When the Movie started to come on ,the Big Lion would roar on the screen and always would scare the girls everytime.

Some of the features were Tarzan, The Three Musketeers, Lash LeRue, Hopalong Cassidy etc,

One day someone threw a coal shovel through the movie screen. It left a perfect print of the shovel. As the story went, when they had a Western, the horses would ride smack dab through the hole.

Sometimes they had to stop the show to settle a dispute, which of course was settled by slugging it out. After they settled things, they would continue the movie (two shows for the price of one)

For 25 cents you could get your ticket, a bottle of soda pop and a big bag of popcorn. By the time the show was over you had to slide your feet to get out because of the tobacco juice etc. everywhere. That's how everyone learned to skate in Bancroft (Just joking about skates) Also the Theater later burned down. "Living in the exciting world of old Bancroft"

New signs put up at both ends of town. Very nice!

Town wide yard sales: The people sold a lot and the people came all day and perfect weather also.

Fire Station calls for June: Fire Vehicle one call- False alarm one call-Illegal fire one call-Ems Response two calls.

Sheriff Dept. Calls June 11th Unknown child screaming Jefferson St. **June 11th**. Alarm Main St. **June 11th**. Suspicious Act-4th. Ave **June 24th**. Structure Fire 2nd Ave **June 24th**. Suspicious Person Schowens Hill **June 25th**. B&E. 1st. Ave. June 29th. B & E. Rollins St.

Safety fire tips for July brought to you by the Fire Station. Make sure working smoke alarms are in every sleeping room. They are outside each separate sleeping area. They are on every level of the home. Portable fire extinguishers are in the home and are easy to reach.

4H will be meeting at Bancroft Fire Dept. every last Wed. at 7:00pm, starting in September. The 4H children pulled weeds around the flowers at the Bancroft Fire Station and took a wagon around town and handed out water to people. They hope to do small projects in our town. Open for suggestions and needed projects and would like to recruit more children.

They will have a float in the Heritage Day Parade and a booth at the county fair. Their motto is Health, Hands, Heart and Community and they strive for Moral Values. Believing that if your community is strong, then your home life will be strong.

All churches and citizens come join our prayer vigil at the Gazebo in the Park every Sunday at 5:30. We pray for salvation for our citizens and against the drugs and dealers. We pray for God to drive this out of our community. We pray for jobs for the people of Bancroft. Pray to make this a safe place to live. Pray for those that are slaves to drugs to be able to come clean. If you need prayer we will pray for whoever needs prayer. Strength in numbers! We are here to help anybody that needs it.

Bible School: Bancroft Church of God will be having thier Bible School July 22 thru the 26th. Starting at 6:00 pm til 8.00 pm every night. All kids are welcome to come.

The town received a **matching Grant** for the town cleanup next year

Bancroft Little League Park Glen Bowles , the president of North Putnam Little Leauge would love to bring teams and games back to the Bancroft field.

Glen bowles said, with a little help from the community, I believe we can make this happen.

The restroom needs to be fixed, as well as cleaning out the concession area. Probably will need a new water tank. If interested in helping to do this please contact Mayor Mcneely at 304-437-2218 We need volunteers to make this happen. It would be so great for this town.

Workers wanting to work: Eddie Higganbotham works for the town and does odd jobs on the side. Ph: 304-741-7597 Zack Booth and Garret Estep also do odd jobs and have helped the town too. Young men wanting to work. Call Mayor for info. and thier phone numbers.

Tennis court At the park, on the backside is open to players. It was paved awhile back. The tennis court has a retractable net.

Also, a reminder that there is no fee for useing the park for reunions ect. Just call the Mayor and reserve it.

Vicious Dogs If you see a known vicious dog loose in the town or are threatened or bitten by a dog, call the dog warden and the sheriff office ,and if possible take a picture of the dog. Thats the only way you can get them off of the streets. Some one has to turn them in.

Thank you Lowes of Cross Lanes: They donated to the town the three trees and two bushes that the town planted. We sure needed the shade trees in the park. It would have cost the town \$200.00.

Town Meetings You are encouraged to come to the meetings. Council Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of every month Mayor is Donna McKneely, Council people are Wally Harper, Thomas Frame, David McClung, Bethany Atkins & Jamie Hayes. Recorder is Marie Dailey. For info. Call Mayor at 304-437-2218.

Town Picnic August 17, 5:00 to 7:00 What's for supper? Hamburgers and hot dogs , West Virginia style! Husky Ice Cream. Blow ups for the Kids and music. Bring those dancing shoes. More info. in next months paper.

St. Patrick Catholic Church: A bit of history. In 1929 father Joseph started the church. He worked along with the congregation in building it. Born in Germany at the age of 22. He was first assigned chaplin at St. Francis Hospital. The

land for the church was purchased from Patrick McGucken Sr. The church was Built by parishioners Pat Hackett, Pat McGucken Sr. and others.

Oct. 1958 the old church was torn down and they built a new church . All the mon-

ey , materials and labor were donated by the members and friends of the church. The Priest found the mountaineers and miners "very religious" at heart. Once you get their confidence, there isn't anything they wouldn't do for you. The families are close knit and the father rules the house. The sense of values of mountaineers is high. They appreciate what you do for them. When you get to know them, you become their counselor, business advisor, and newspaper.

Editors corner. If you have any news, stories, birthdays, accomplishments , fish stories or ideas ect. Contact me at carla.dailey@frontier.com or phone me at 304-586-9366