



From the President's Quill

New Beginnings

Here at the ranch spring has a wonderful and renewing flair to it. There is, of course, the constant parade of baby calves running, jumping and trying out their newly found freedom. You also begin seeing other young members in the community, each exploring and trying to find their own way in this grand new world. The trees become alive with bird song; each one attempting to have the last word in the endless chorus of voices.

Mother Nature has entered the season with bluster and a flourish. The gusty winds proclaim her need to sweep the landscape clean, open the earth to a good clean airing out in readiness to start the season of growth and renewal. Ready or not, spring is upon us!

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Calendar of Events 2015

Annual Board Meeting: May 6, 2015 8:00 am Two Rivers Cafe Basalt

Election of board members, treasures report, discussion of the Arbaney Barn museum, setting date for Mother Blair's Chicken dinner, ideas for Spring Chat. Join us as we plan events for the coming year.

Please let us know if you would like to be elected to office. Positions that are open are: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Communications.

Mother Blair's Annual Fried Chicken Dinner

Lion's Park 5:30-7:00 pm Date: TBD

Come and dine at our annual fund raiser chicken dinner while listening to Basalt Chamber of Summer Music.

The BRHS will serve up fried chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and lemonade. and a slice of homemade pie and ice cream. Adults and teenagers \$12.00 kids (6-12)

\$6.00 and children under 5 eat free. Come and enjoy a wonderful community event! **Volunteers are needed the day of the event.** Pies are always welcome. For more information call 927-4693.

Snapshot of our BRHS Historian Earl Elmont

Earl V. Elmont, graduate of Basalt High School, class of 1956, drum major of the band, and president of the senior class, spent thirty-three years the teaching business, instructing in English, Spanish, speech, mathematics and the Holy Scriptures. At night he taught adult education classes in Spanish and ESL for Spanish-speaking people. He has traveled extensively around the world and has found languages fairly easy, thanks to his French grandfather who could speak eight languages fluently.

The author was born on a chilly winter day in his mother's own bed in Basalt. As this sixth son was born, his mother began to cry; she wanted a girl so badly. But she never once made him feel unloved or unwanted. The author has often commented that he would not trade places with anyone he knows in this life. He has always felt content.

He loved the Basalt schools and its teachers and came out feeling well-equipped for life. He held student body offices and often sang solos for school assemblies. He played in the band and competed in football, basketball and track. People are often amazed when they hear that little old Basalt played six-man football. He obtained a tuition waver to Colorado State College in Greeley, now University of Northern Colorado. After a two and a half-year stay in Argentina he transferred to Brigham Young University, where he obtained B.A. and M.A. degrees.

Railroading is one of his favorite hobbies. He has spoken on railroad subjects to the Aspen and Basalt Historical Societies and the Glenwood Railroad Museum. He has given historical tours of Basalt's Midland Avenue on Flag Day. His goal is to? never let any story of historical value die.

Earl continues to be our historical voice for the people of Basalt, so that we can hear about the past to apply it to the future. We are greatly indebted to him. Thanks Earl!!