

www.basalthheritage.org (web site courtesy of sopris surfers)



From The President's Quill

The BRHS summer just keeps rolling along. Our Flag Day Celebration was a wonderful success. The historical Tour by Earl Elmont was very well attended and quite interesting. You can catch the entire tour on Access Roaring Fork on Channel 17.

A special thanks goes to Libby Pettit and Debbie Alcorta who helped dish up the great food. We had so many people that we ran out of fried chicken twice, but managed to have enough homemade pie and ice cream for everyone. Next year we will adjust accordingly. The Frying Pan Bluegrass Band kept everyone singing and humming along.

Our next event is the 4th Of July picnic. We will serve hamburgers and hot dogs as well as provide the lemonade. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share with your neighbors. We will fire up the grill at 4:00 p.m. and our last call for food will be at 6:00 p.m. so that everyone has a chance to relax and watch the fireworks. Stop by and introduce yourself and let us know how we are doing.

Diana C. CordovaElliott
President BRHS

COME AGAIN?

Variations of English were common in the West. People found their own shortcuts and expressions to aid communication. Regions developed their own phrases and pronunciations influenced by the ethnic backgrounds of the people.

Journals and other writings from the era of the mountain men reveal a language now needing a code book to translate:

Possibles were the provisions, clothing, ammunition that a trapper could get in exchange for his pelts.

Up to beaver was a compliment. It meant "smart" and it was true that you had to be cagey to trap the beaver.

Make meat referred to laying in a store of provisions by hunting.

Grease hungry let everyone know you had a craving for meat.

"Well, hos! I'll dock off buffler, and then if thar's any meat that runs that can take the shine outen dog, you can slide."

Translation:

"Well friend, I'll accept some of your buffalo meat ... but if you think there's any game out here that's better than dog, you're out of your mind."

Calendar of Events 2005

BRHS 4th of July Picnic - Arbaney Park, Monday from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and lemonade. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. Horseshoes and kids games. Free and open to the public.

Roaring Fork Charity Classic - Cowboys & Caviar Sunday September 11, 6-11 p.m. Roaring Fork Club. The BRHS benefits from this evening of dining and dancing. More information coming in August.



The Frying Pan Blue Grass Band at Flag Day

Volunteer Opportunities

Fourth of July Monday. We will need people to help with set up and clean up as well as keep score at the horse shoe pits. Grill persons are always welcomed. Come and be a part of the community and enjoy a free picnic.

Roaring Fork Charity Classic Sunday September 11 and 12, 2005. Our participation would be on the night of September 11th for the Cowboys and Caviar event from 6-11 p.m. The 6 - p.m. shifts are covered, but we still need bussers for the 8-10 p.m. shift and the 10-11:30 p.m. shift. You can come prior to your shift and have dinner and drinks and then work your shift.

We will also need some help at 12 noon on Sunday to set up banquet tables. If you can spare some time please do so.

To volunteer for any of these events please call 927-4693 or E-mail us at mail@basalthheritage.org.