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From The President's Quill

In honor of Flag Day, we at the BRHS would like to share with you the U.S. Flag Ceremony and the meaning of each fold. Please join us in honoring Flag Day by joining us in Lion's Park on Tuesday June 14.

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Meaning of the U.S. Flag Ceremony

The first fold of our flag is the symbol of life.

The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal life.

The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature; for peace as American citizens trusting in God, it is to him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for his divine guidance.

The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Steven Decatur... "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country right or wrong".

The sixth fold is for where our hearts lie. It is our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we may see the light of day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The tenth fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since she was first born.

The eleventh fold, is in the eyes of the Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The twelfth fold, in the eyes of the Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the father, the son and the holy spirit.

The thirteenth and final fold signified the original 13 colonies upon which this great nation was founded.

We fold from the stripes to the stars, for, whereas the stripes represent the thirteen original colonies that founded our republic, they are now embodied in the fifty sovereign states represented by the stars, which cover the stars.

Calendar of Events 2005

Flag Day Celebration - Lion's Park, Tuesday June 14, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.. Chicken dinner with all the fixings, hand cranked ice cream and homemade pie. (\$5.00 per person). Narrated downtown historical walking tour and Fairview Cemetery tour and Frying Pan Bluegrass Band.

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Flag Day Tuesday July 14th. We will need people to help with set up and clean up. Also if you know the history of Basalt and like to talk, you can help lead a narrative walking tour during Flag Day.

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 12th for the Cowboys and Caviar event from 6-11p.m. The 6 - p.m. shifts are covered, but we still need bussers for the 8-10pm shift and the 10-11:30 p.m. shift. You could either come in for your shift first and then stay and have drinks and dinner and participate in the event or you could 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@basaltheritage.org.

