



*From The
President's Quill*

I wonder if winter is ever going to leave us, but isn't Mt. Sopris beautiful with its snow covering this year. For everyone here at the BRHS we are ready to welcome spring in with our annual Spring Historical Chat. We are very fortunate to have pioneers who are willing to share their childhood memories with us so we have a picture of what the Basalt area was like before it became famous. Our friends, Art and Allan Bowles and Phyllis Hyrup, who were born and lived at Woods Lake on the Frying Pan, will be sharing their stories on **Sat. April 25th at Basalt Town Hall at 3:30 p.m.** Take time to stop by and enjoy this afternoon historical chat.

Speaking of restoring history, we are very close to having the funds needed to turn our Arbaney Barn into a museum/educational center, where we can all have hands on experiences of the pioneer days. As of today in order to have the barn restored, we need to raise the last \$47,000. We would like to have the barn functioning by the Fall of 2010 as this would mark the centennial birthday for the Arbaney Barn.

However, we do realize that the economy has affected everyone's pocketbooks. So this year instead of sending out a separate membership envelope, we are including it in this newsletter mailing. We are asking you to renew only if you can. We will not drop you from our membership as it is the people that are the heart and soul of the BRHS community.

So if you can renew, please feel free to do so and if you can not, just let us know and we will keep you on the membership list as our thank you to you as a valued member.

Please mark your calendars for the annual fried chicken event during the kick-off to summer concert on June 10th in Lions Park.

Any ideas for historical interviews, do give me a call 927-3549.

Janice Duroux, President

Calendar of Events Spring/Summer 2009

Historical Chat, Memories of Life at Woods Lake: Saturday April 25, at Basalt Town Hall, 3:00 p.m..

The Bowles children, Art and Allan Bowles and Phyllis Hyrup will be discussing their childhood and adult memories of owning and living at Woods Lake on the Frying Pan outside of Basalt. Lively stories are guaranteed. Bring your questions, memories and any photos to share with the discussion group. Light refreshments. For more information please call 927-4693

Mother Blair's Chicken Dinner - Wed. June 10

Lion's Park downtown Basalt. Come and dine at our annual fund raiser chicken dinner while listening to the music of Jimmy Ibbotson. The BRHS will serve up fried chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and lemonade. Then finish it up with a slice of homemade pie and ice cream. Adults and teenagers \$10.00 kids (6-12) \$5.00 and as always children under 5 eat free. Come and enjoy a wonderful community event!

Community Corner

We at the BRHS have been working with the Basalt Schools to bring Basalt's History alive. This past February Gingi Bair and Diana CordovaElliott took students at Basalt Middle School on two historic walks of Basalt. The 8th graders were very attentive throughout the narrative and were quite amazed to find out that at one time that Midland Ave. was a railroad line and turnaround. Gingie was able to add local color by discussing the various residents and her own childhood memories. We will host the 4th grade classes at the end of April for another historical walk at the request of Ms. Cromwell. One more way to educate our children with a hands on experience.

