



We have received word from the Colfax Land and cattle company, LLC, that our reunion can be held in Dawson again this year. The owner has given us permission to use the Dawson site under the same provisions as in the past years. We are asked to release the Colfax Land and Cattle Company LLC (OWNER), and Preston Wood Cattle Company (Land Leaser) , and Dawson New Mexico Association of all liability for injuries, etc. ,While on the premises. All who enter Dawson must sign a release of liability form.

We also caution that you will be in a rural area and there is no medical assistance or any other services available. The Dawson New Mexico Association is not to furnish or be responsible for these requirements.

As usual, you are reminded to bring your own lunch, beverage, chairs and tables. We must leave this area as we find it, so please take all trash with you when you leave or leave it in the barrels provided. Always remember we want to leave "Our Town" cleaner then we found it.

We are required to observe FIRE DANGER. There is not to be any open fires anywhere, no exceptions; barbecue grills are ok, but please use caution. Absolutely no fireworks are allowed.

Smoking; use extreme care.

No Firearms allowed on the premises.

There is no picking up sheds or anything on the property. There are no metal detectors allowed. There is no going inside the buildings. We must have the picnic in designated areas only. Please keep all vehicles on the roads and

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in designated parking areas. All-terrain vehicles are not allowed on premises. Please do not leave any trash in the area. Please remember that all attending have agreed to release The Colfax Land and Cattle Co. LLC, and the Dawson Association from all liability for any accidents that can occur while we are here. Be careful: there are hazardous conditions here and no medical services are provided.

We have agreed to leave the site nice and clean.

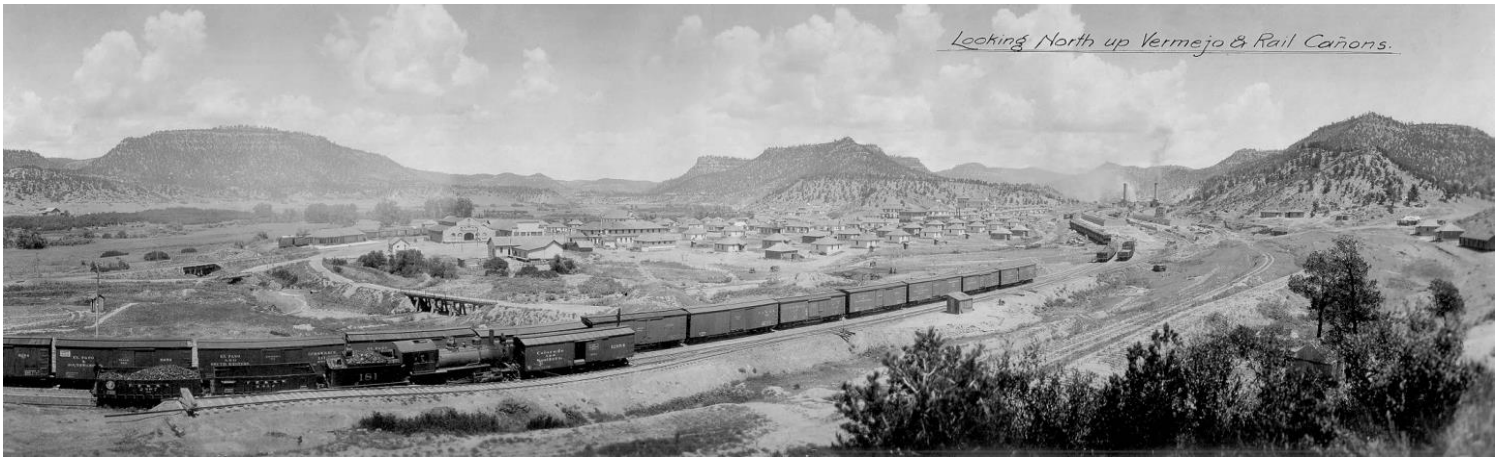
Please comply with all the above, so we can have a safe and remarkable reunion.

Important:

It is very important to attend these reunions. The Dawson New Mexico Association has to obtain permission from the land owners of Dawson every two years and the reunions may one day have to be held somewhere else if they were to stop giving us permission to have the reunions in Dawson. We hope this never does happen, but that why it is important to attend because we never know when that day may come.

Donations made at this time will help the Picnic and cemetery committee in making the arrangements that need to be made. Please be generous. Please see the Miner's Pick for more information. Make checks payable to Dawson New Mexico Association and mail it to the address above. If you cannot help right now, we'll give you the opportunity at the picnic. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call any committee member below.

Here is a list below of committee members. They are here to help you and answer any questions that you may have. We also encourage if anyone wants to join the Dawson New Mexico Committee please feel free to call any committee member.



Announcing the Dawson Reunion 2018 *September 1st & 2nd, 2018*****

CLEANUP DAYS -Depending on funding:

We will be in Dawson to clean up the cemetery on May 19th & 20th, 2018 at 8:00a.m. until completed. We will mow weeds and do any fixing up to the cemetery for Memorial weekend.

PICNIC GROUNDS CLEAN UP:

We will be cleaning up the picnic area and getting it ready for the picnic on Sept. 1st. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. inside the picnic area to get it ready for picnic.

August 25th

We will be out at the cemetery to mow and do anything that needs to be done for the cemetery. We do need young people on those dates to help. We need to carry on family traditions from the past, so that we may carry on traditions for future generations to come. We also need lot of volunteers and some equipment to do this. We need lawn mowers, weed eaters, a tractor with a small bush hog to cut weeds in between the plots. If you need further information or any questions please do not hesitate to ask. There will be radio announcements on and around then .Please call Joe Bacca (575) 707-0703 or Bobbie Jo Bacca (575) 707-2624.



“There never was a town like this before and there will never be again.”

Ted Shelton



The Dawson Committee

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The Miner's Pick

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

There will be a social at The Elks Lodge on September 1, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m. The Elks lodge is located at 300 South 2nd in Raton, NM. This is a great time to get out greeting and meeting old and new Dawsonites. This has become a popular social. If you have not been attending you are missing out on all the great stories, memories, photos, and history that all Dawsonites share. It is also easy to find an old friend because of the confined space. The Elks Lodge now has a handicap ramp. We will also be selling raffle tickets there.



DAWSON QUILT & RAFFLE!!
We will be having a raffle again. Vivian Pick will be making a Dawson quilt to donate to the raffle this year. We are also in need of raffle items to be donated that pertains to Dawson, NM or mining. Please remember the raffles help us keep the Dawson reunions going and it also helps with maintaining the cemetery. You can mail your raffle items to Joe Bacca 528 N. 1st Raton, NM 87740.

THANK YOU

WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTS THE DAWSON REUNION. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SAY A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO THOSE WHO MADE MONETARY DONATION AT THE 2016 DAWSON REUNION. THESE DONATIONS HELP ENSURE FUTURE REUNIONS.

RATON MUSEUM

The museum is at 108 South 2nd Street in Raton. The museum will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday through Monday. Roger Sanchez will give tours if possible during those hours. This is an excellent resource for all interested in Dawson history. There might be a small fee to go into museum, we are unsure yet. We would like to give special thanks to Roger Sanchez, Museum Manger, and the board for all they have done for Dawson.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE. IT HAS VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND PICTURES, WITH A LOT OF DAWSON HISTORY. YOU CAN SEE IT AT
http://chuckspeed.com/Dawson_Association/
YOU CAN ALSO HAVE INFORMATION, HISTORY, PICTURES ECT ABOUT DAWSON AND DAWSONITES ADDED TO WEBSITES.

"A reminder about our Dawson Association web site is that we generally don't know when obituaries about former Dawson residents are published in local newspapers around the country. Please send Chuck Speed a web link or a copy of any obituary that your family would like to see listed on our Dawson Association "memoriam" web page. His email address is speedo@chuckspeed.com. The Dawson Association web site can be found at this link:
http://chuckspeed.com/Dawson_Association/index.html"

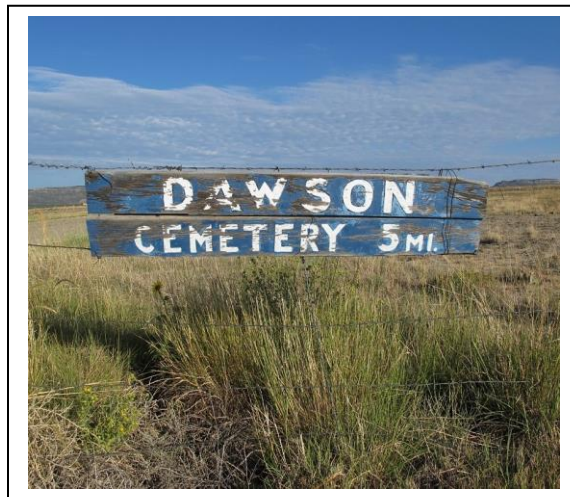
Letter from Pete Scarafiotti:

Fellow Dawsonites, under the direction of the Dawson New Mexico Association a few volunteers are working behind the scenes with Freeport McMoRan Copper (the successor to Phelps-Dodge) to find a path forward for the cemetery, we are requesting a grant / endowment to carry on the expensive work of maintaining the Dawson Cemetery into the future.

Cemeteries current needs are:

- New perimeter fencing: the corner supports are down, and cattle can now roam inside the cemetery knocking over monuments etc.
- Mowing and grounds care: The Association currently mows the grounds every six months now
- Company provided crosses and pipe fencing need to be painted every three years.
- Prevent private tombstone degradation: keep the stones standing up and in repair
- General repair & maintenance: to the visitor center, pit car display and military monument
- Installation of a miner's memorial listing ALL the miners who died in accidents in the Dawson mines from 1905 to 1950, this will include but not be limited to the dead from the explosions of 1913, 1920, & 1923.

Back in 1925 the Company organized the "The Dawson Cemetery Association" under the auspicious of the employee's "Welfare Committee", the object of the association was to maintain the cemetery and prevent desecration of the graves. This Association existed up until the town was abandoned, from that date the cemetery had little care or upkeep until more recent years when local members of the Dawson New Mexico Association started an auction held during each reunion to come up with enough funds to do what work could be completed with such a meager budget. Now 68 years after the camps closing we find age catching up to us and our numbers quickly thinning, therefore a permanent plan needs to be put into place to protect Dawson's legacy before we are all gone. The Association is confident that working with the "company" we are going to come up with a good plan that will provide perpetual care. We will give you an update in the Miner's Pick and at the Reunion Picnic.



This year a new CD will be available that will include new pictures of Dawson. Pictures will include old mining pictures from Phillip Dodge and pictures from past reunions. These CD's will be available at the social, at the reunion and can also be ordered by contacting Joe Bacca at baccaj2000@msn.com. The proceeds from the sales of the CD will be used to offset expenses incurred in sponsoring the Dawson Reunion every two years. The 2016 Dawson Reunion was a great time for everyone. There were 629 waivers signed at the Dawson gate to enter the reunion picnic on Sunday, September 4, 2016 and over 165 people who were at the social at the Elks Club on Saturday night. Over 120 people signed the registry at the Raton Museum.