

Dawson New Mexico Association

944 N. Third St.
Raton, NM 87740

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

--Ted Shelton



The Last Dance - 1950

Announcing Dawson Reunion 2010 September 5, 2010 ♦ 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

We have received word from the Colfax Land and Cattle Company, LLC, that our reunion can be held in Dawson again this year. Please tell your Family and friends who may not receive this notice.

The owners have given us permission to use the Dawson site under the same provisions as in past years. We are asked to release the Colfax Land and Cattle Company, LLC (Owner), and Preston Wood Cattle Company (Land Leaser), and the 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 are no provisions for medical assistance or any other services available. The Dawson New Mexico Association is not able to furnish or be responsible for these requirements.

As usual, you are reminded to bring your own lunch, beverage, chairs and table. We must leave the area as we found it, so please take all trash with you when you leave or place it in the barrel provided. We want to leave “our town” cleaner than we found it.

A list of motels and their phone numbers in Raton and neighboring communities is on the back of this announcement. Don't wait too long to make your reservation and be disappointed.

Donations made at this time will help your Picnic Committee in making the arrangements that need to be made. Please be generous. See the *Miner's Pick* for more information. Make your check payable to Dawson New Mexico Association and mail to the addresses above. If you can't help right now, we'll give you an opportunity at the picnic! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call any of the Committee members below.

The Picnic Committee

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Financial Report

Balance on hand from 2008 \$1,750.00

Estimated funds required:

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|----------------------|---------------|
| Printing costs | \$600.00 |
| Postage | 300.00 |
| Saturday Social-Rent | 250.00 |
| Poster Hand-outs | 600.00 |
| Toilets | 400.00 |
| All other | <u>250.00</u> |
| | \$2400.00 |

Required for 2012 reunion (est.) 2300.00

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| Total Costs | \$4700.00 | |
| Balance on hand from 2008 | <u>- 1750.00</u> | |
| Total Amount Required | 2950.00 | Short |

Our expenses have gone up quite a bit this year mainly due to the expense of the toilets and our Saturday Night Social. We need donations from our members more than ever before. Please help with this problem. The raffles we are planning will help with this cost.

The area code for all of the following is (575)
Nearby Motels, Hotels and Campgrounds:

RATON:

Colt _____ 445-2305
 Comfort Inn _____ 445-4200
 Crystal _____ 445-3681
 El Kapp _____ 445-2791
 El Rancho _____ 445-2291
 Heart's Desire B&B _____ 445-1000
 Best Western _____ 445-5555
 Holiday Inn Expres _____ 445-1500
 Maverick _____ 445-3792
 Melody Lane _____ 445-3655
 Microtel _____ 445-9100
 Motel 6 _____ 445-2777
 Oasis _____ 445-2766
 Robin Hood _____ 445-5577
 Sands Best Western _____ 445-2737
 Super 8 _____ 445-2355
 Texas _____ 445-3647
 The Pass Inn _____ 445-3641
 Travel Motel _____ 445-5503
 Village Inn _____ 445-3617

CIMARRON:

Cimarron Motel & Rv Park _____ 376-2268

SPRINGER:

Brown Hotel _____ 483-2269

CAMPGROUNDS:

KOA-Raton _____ 445-3488
 Kickback RV _____ 445-1200
 Summerland Park _____ 445-9536
 Ponil Campground _____ 376-2700



The Miner's Pick

Raton, New Mexico

2010

WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION!

Everyone (no exceptions) must sign the Waiver of Liability form to enter Dawson! This means each person must sign a separate form. If under 18 years of age, that person must sign a form AND the parent or guardian must also sign the same form. All signatures must be legible.

This takes time, and your patience is required, but we have to comply and do it correctly.

We have made plans to speed up the process by having extra people on the gate for this purpose. Any information you need will be available after you get into the gate at the Picnic Committee Table.

CLEANUP DAY!

We will be in Dawson at 8:00 a.m. on the Friday before the Picnic (September 3) to do some cleanup work at the cemetery and at the picnic site. We will welcome anyone who wishes to help with this work; we need some younger, stronger people to help. You can be there or call John Bizyak for more info. (575) 445-9172

SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL...

We have changed the place to have the Social this year, it will be held at the Elks at 300 S. 2nd in Raton this will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This Social has become a very popular get-together over the years. If you haven't been attending, you are really missing out! It always seems easier to find an old friend in this more confined space than it is on the picnic grounds in Dawson. Come and enjoy an evening of wonderful memories with your old friends.

DAWSON MEMORY QUILT RAFFLE

Vivien Andrews has made another quilt which has photos of Dawson scenes and buildings similar to the last picnic. The photos are actually printed on the fabric. The pictures are framed with the colors red and black—the high school colors of Dawson. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Need not be present to win. Drawing will be held at around 4 p.m. at the picnic.

Tickets will also be sold at our social in Raton on Saturday night and at the picnic till around 4 p.m. Proceeds will be donated to the Dawson Association to help benefit the cost of the reunions.

DAWSON ASSOCIATION WEB SITE

Chuck Speed has added a newspaper article about Dawson that was published in the Sangre de Christo Chronicle (September 2009). It can be seen on our site at:

http://chuckspeed.com/Dawson_Association/sangre_de_cristo_Sept9_2009.pdf.

Also, he has added the 2008 Reunion pictures and some pictures that were given to Vivien Andrews by the Phelps Dodge Company and much more. Need to see website.

Dawson Reunion and Dawson Association information. That web site is located at:

http://chuckspeed.com/Dawson_Association/index.html

If you would like to have your family stories and photos added to this web site, e-mail them to: Joe Bacca at baccaj2000@msn.com. He will send them to Chuck so they may be added to our site. Chuck's e-mail address is: speedo@chuckspeed.com and telephone: 806-359-9177. If you have any questions about this new web site project, give him a call or e-mail him.

Raton Museum

The new museum is on 108 Sth 2nd Street in Raton and will be open from 9 a.m. to 5p.m all week, including Sunday during the picnic. They are planning special exhibits for Dawson items. This is an excellent resource for all who are interested in Dawson history. Roger Sanchez museum manager will give tours during hours and after hours with special request. You can contact him at the museum (575) 445-8979 or his home phone (575) 445-9690 after hours. Special thanks to Roger Sanchez museum manager, and the city of Raton for all that they have done for the Dawson Reunions.

This poem was written by Ernest Martinez. He is 93 years old, he moved to Dawson with his parents when he was in Kindergarten and moved back to Mora, NM when he was a sophomore in high school and graduated in 1934. He was a school teacher in San Jose, CA. He remembers living in Dawson at 1533 old Capitan.

Dawson Reunion, a marked event
When it's over, you're glad you went
To meet old friends- a relative or two
At the end it's hard to bid them all adieu

You reminisce & go over happenings of old
Some you were part of, others you were told
Even though they happened years ago
In recounting & telling they seem to glow

Some special places are etched on your mind
The Tipple, the coke ovens were one of a kind
The high school sitting atop a hill
A beacon of light, I can see it still

The "opera house" who can ever forget
Where our friends & neighbors we often met
To see some great silent movies, we thought
That some producers-directors minds had wrought

Cowboys & Indians were very exciting
It seemed- never a "lull" in the fighting
In those days, Tom Mix, Hoot Gibson, & Art Arcod
we thought were great
On that, I am sure, no one would dare debate

September 1st, on my calendar is marked with a star
Hoping & praying that nothing will mar
The hopes & expectations we've had for so long
& on that date we find ourselves where we think we belong

--A poem by Ernest F. Martinez

Acknowledgements

Grayce Padilla was a dedicated worker for many years. She agrees that it is time for others to take over. Thanks Grayce! Also, thanks to Henry and Mary Frances Reza. They have been on the committee for a long time and are ready to retire. Peter Gonzales helped on the committee last reunion and has since passed away. He also donated the corner stone dated 1920 that was on the Dawson High School building.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

Jeremy Smith, the manager of the Dawson property and the Colfax Land and Cattle Company LLC (Owner), and Preston Wood Cattle Company (Land Leaser). Their help and cooperation have been very important to our success of The Dawson Picnic.

Special Thanks

This is a thank you to some of the people and places that do a lot of announcements for The Dawson Reunion. So thank you to, KRTN, The Raton Range, The Visitors Center, and Chuck Speed for his website. And, a thank you to Roger Sanchez at the Raton Museum, for all he does during the Dawson Reunion. Also thank you Chris Palomino for helping get the restroom facilities every year.

Thank You for Your Raffle Donations

Thank you Vivien Andrews for the donation of the beautiful Dawson Quilt last year. Thank you Diane Maldonado for the beautiful quilt that we raffled at the Social. Thank you Lawrence Quintana for the two beautiful walking sticks that we raffled at the Social last year. Diane and Lawrence are both from Las Vegas, NM.

Deceased Dawsonites since 2008

These are some of the people that we know of, there may be others..

Lento & Emma Rosso
WM. & Elsie Federecci
Bruno Bergamo
Dean Alsbrook
Tony Arellano
Charles Mataya
Leo Ghiglieri
Mildred Ghiglieri
Jim Pagliasotti
Mildred Skender
Frank Munoz
Henry Munoz
Peter Gonzales