

**DAWSON NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
528 N. 1ST
RATON, NM 87740**

**Announcing Dawson reunion 2016
September 3, & 4, 2016**

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

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.

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CLEANUP DAYS:

We will be in Dawson to clean up the cemetery on May 21 & 22nd @ 8:00a.m. To mow weeds and do any fixing up to the cemetery for Memorial weekend.

On August 27th & 28th @ 8:00 a.m. 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) 445-1213 or Bobbie Jo Bacca (575) 707-2624.

PICNIC GROUNDS CLEAN UP:

We will be cleaning up the picnic area and getting it ready for the picnic on September 2nd. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. inside the picnic area to get it ready for picnic.

Miner's Pick Section:

WE NEED COOPERATION!!!

Everyone (NO EXCEPTIONS) must sign the waivers of liability form to enter Dawson! This means each person must sign a separate form to Dawson. If under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign the form. All signatures must be legible. This takes time and patience is required, but we have speeded up the process by having extra people on the gate for this purpose. Any information you need will be available after you get in the gate at the picnic committee table.

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.

DAWSON SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

There will be a social at The Elks Lodge on September 3, 2016 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. There is no handicap ramp this year; we will be trying to figure out how to help the handicapped in. We usually have young men at the door to also help the elderly. We will also be selling raffle tickets there.

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. Wednesday –Tuesday. 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.

Starting in 2018 we will no longer be using mailing for announcements. Everything will be put on our website. We will need email addresses so you can receive these announcements. Please send email address to baccaj2000@msn.com or bobbiejobacca@yahoo.com Thank you

Canaries In A Coal Mine

The Story of Dawson

Coming Soon!

This summer, in Raton, New Mexico, an international film crew will be producing a documentary about Dawson. Award winning Italian director Fulvio Ottaviano, and Executive Producers Claudio Ruben and Georgia Maryol will be working on Canaries in a Coal Mine – a compelling new film that captures the life and times of Dawson.

The film has the interest and endorsement of numerous organizations, including PBS New Mexico, AHEPA, the Italian and Greek consulates in Los Angeles, the New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs, the City of Raton, and Cinecittà Italy.

Stories - We Need Your Help!

Were you born in Dawson? Did your family live in Dawson? We need stories from each and every one of you. Please contact us at info@dawsondocumentary.org and share your family's history. This is a unique opportunity to contribute your stories to the screenplay.

Funding - We Need Your Help!

The producers have received a \$100,000 challenge grant from a Greek philanthropist in New Mexico who believes very strongly in preserving the history of Dawson.

Funded as a not-for-profit project, Canaries in a Coal Mine needs your help to make this film a reality. We have raised \$112,000 and need to raise at least \$200,000 to make this project a "go." Tell your friends, extended family

members and everyone you know. If we all pitch in together, we can make this film a reality. All donations will be tax deductible under US law. Visit our website to learn how to donate.

This is a film about American history. It's the story of how brave men and women, Americans and immigrants, created one of the most unique coal mining towns in US history. Together, we can honor and preserve the stories of these families, and pass their legacy on to future generations.

To learn more contact us at:

*www.dawsondocumentary.org
THANK YOU!!!*