

WE ARE ANNOUNCING THE 2022 DAWSON REUNION FOR AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>-SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>  
2024

We have received word

## DAWSON REUNION

and Cattle Co. LLC,

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 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 than we found it. We are required to observe FIRE DANGER. There are not to be any open fires anywhere, no exceptions; barbecue grills are ok, but please take 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 the premises. Please do not leave any trash in the area. Please remember that all attending has

and the Dawson Association from all liability for any accidents that can occur while we are here. 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 must obtain permission from the landowners of Dawson every two years. 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 happens, which is why it is important to attend because we do not 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. On the next page is a list of committee members. They are here to help you and answer any questions that you may have. We also would like to encourage if anyone wants to join the Dawson New Mexico Committee, please feel free to call any committee member.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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## **MINER'S PICK**

### **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 sped up the process by having extra people at the gate for this purpose. Any information you need will be available after you get past the gate at the picnic committee table.

### **Dawson Raffle**

We are in need of Dawson related items for the raffle that we have every year. If anyone would like to donate any items pertaining to Dawson or mining for the raffle, it would be greatly appreciated. Please remember the raffles help us to keep the Dawson reunions going. You can mail your raffle items to Joe Bacca 528 N. 1st Raton, NM 87740.

### **Cleanup Day**

Friday, August 30 at 8:00 am will be the cleanup day to get the picnic area clean and ready for the reunion. We need volunteers, along with rakes and shovels to come out and help us. It will be greatly appreciated, as it is a lot of work.

### **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. all week. Roger Sanchez will give tours if possible, during those hours. This is an excellent resource for all interested in Dawson history. They set up a wonderful Dawson display. We would like to give special thanks to Roger Sanchez, Museum Manager and Kathy McQueary Chairwoman, and the board for all they have done for Dawson.

### **Dawson Saturday Night Social**

There will be a social at The Elks Lodge on Saturday night August 31, 2024 from 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. The Elk's lodge is located at 300 South 2nd in Raton, NM. This is a great time to get out and visit with the 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. There is a handicap ramp on the side

of The Elks. We will be selling raffle tickets during the social.

### **Special Event at the Reunion Picnic**

Nick Pappas will be attending the reunion. His book, "Crosses of Iron," has recently been published. He will be selling and signing his book. If you purchased one of his books already, you may take it to the picnic to have it signed by him. He has put in a lot of work on this book, which I am sure all Dawsonites and reunion attendees are grateful for. He will also be giving a speech at the reunion.

\*Reminder Dawson Reunion 2024 Reunion this year will be on Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. Bring your own lunch, tables and chairs Everyone must be out of the Dawson site by 6:00 p.m. Please remember to clean up all trash.

### **Thank You**

A big thank you to Dolores Huerta for being a wonderful guest speaker at the 2022 reunion. It's an honor to have such an inspirational person that was born in Dawson. A thank you to Rick Landers, for the beautiful music he played at the Elk's Lodge and at Dawson Picnic. A thank you to Tim Gianulis and Phil Cavos for the beautiful mailbox that was made and placed at the Dawson Cemetery.

### **Our Dawson Web Site**

If we missed anything, Chuck Speed has a website, [chuckspeed.com](http://chuckspeed.com); he has a lot of great info on Dawson along with many wonderful pictures. He keeps everyone updated on Dawson. Pete Scarafiotti also has a Facebook page, Dawson New Mexico. He has lots of pictures and info on Dawson as well. They both do such an amazing job!

### **Explore Raton**

[Exploratoraton.com](http://Exploratoraton.com) is a great website that has a lot of information on what there is to do and explore in Raton. Check their website out, they have some great information on there.

### **Hotel Directory**

Robin Hood Motel 1354 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St (575)-445-5577

Best Western Plus 473 Clayton Rd. (575)-8501

Budget Host Canyon Dr. (575)-445-3655  
Casa Lemus Inn 350 Clayton Rd. (575)-445-2737  
Heart's Desire B&B 301 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> St (575)-445-1000  
Holiday Inn Express & Suites 101 Card Ave (575)-445-1500  
Maverick Motel 1510 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (575)-445-3792  
Microtel Inn & Suites 1640 Cedar St. (575)-303-4479  
Oasis Boutique Motel-1445 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St (575)-445-2221  
Quality Inn 533 Clayton Rd. (575)-445-4200  
Raton KOA Journey 1330 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> (575)-445-3488  
Raton Pass Camp 46020 I-25 (575)-445-8500  
Raton Pass Motor Inn 308 Canyon Dr. (575)-445-3641  
Robin Hood Motel-1354 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. (575)-445-5577  
Rodeway Inn & Suites 200 Clayton Rd. (575)-245-7325  
Summerland Parks 1900 S. Cedar St. (575)-445-9536  
Super 8 1610 Cedar St. (575)-445-9536  
Travelodge 1600 Cedar St. (505)-738-4180  
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