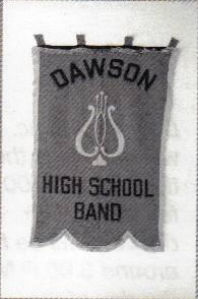


DAWSON NEW MEXICO ASSOCIATION
528 N. 1ST
RATON, NM 87740



Announcing Dawson Reunion 2014

August 30 & 31

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 the Dawson New Mexico Association of all liability for injuries, ect., 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 provision for 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 table. We must leave the area as we found it, so please take all trash with you when you leave or place it in barrel provided. We want to leave "Our Town" cleaner than we found it.

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 checks payable to Dawson New Mexico Association and mail it to the address above. If you can't help right now, we'll give you the opportunity at the picnic. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call any committee member.

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MINER'S PICK



SATURDAY NIGHT SOCIAL

We will be having the Saturday Night Social at the Elks Lodge, located at 300 S. 2nd in Raton this year. This will be held on Saturday August 30th, 2014 from 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. This social has become a popular get together over the years. If you haven't

been attending, you are really missing out. It has always been easier to find an old friend in this more confined space. Come enjoy an evening of wonderful friends, stories, and memories with our old friends. There is a handicap ramp on the side of the Elks for

anyone who needs to access it.



DAWSON QUILT & Raffle Items

Vivian Andrews is going to make and donate another beautiful Dawson quilt, and we will also have Dawson related items. We are in need of more Dawson related items to be donated for the raffle. If you could help with these items, send to Joe Bacca at 528 N.

1st St., Raton, NM 87740 or call (575)445-1213 to make arrangements for donated items. All proceeds from the raffle go to the Dawson Association fund for future reunions. We will be selling the tickets Saturday night and on the day of the

Dawson Picnic. We will be selling the tickets for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be held around 3:00 P.M. on the day of the Dawson Picnic.



Raton Museum

The Museum is at 108 S. 2nd street in Raton and will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. all week. They are planning special exhibits for Dawson items. This is an excellent resource for all interested in Dawson history. Roger

Sanchez, Museum Manager will give tours if possible during hours. Special thanks to Roger Sanchez, Museum Manager, and the Museum Board for all they have done for the Dawson Reunions.



MINER'S PICK

Clean Up Day

We will be in Dawson at 8:00 A.M. on the Friday before the picnic August 29, 2014 to do some cleanup at the picnic sight. We will welcome anyone who wishes to help with this work. We need some younger and stronger people to help. You can be there or call Joe Bacca (575)445-1213 or John Gabriele (575)447-0778 for more information.

WE NEED 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 parent or guardian must also sign that same form. All signatures must be legible. This takes time, and your patience is required, but we 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 in the gate at the picnic committee table.

Nearby Hotel, Motels, Area code for all is (575)

*Colt Motel 445-2305
Comfort Inn 445-4200
Crystal 445-9461
El kapp 445-2791
El Rancho 445-2291
Hearts Desire: 445-1000
Best Western 445-8501
Holiday Inn 445-1500
Maverick 445-3792
Melody Lane 445-3655
Motel 6 445-2777
Oasis 445-2766
Robin Hood 445-5577
Sands 445-2737
Super 8 445-2355
Texas 445-3647
Pass inn 445-3641
Travel Motel 445-5503
Village Inn 445-3617*



DAWSON CEMETARY CLEANUP

We are going to try to clean up the Dawson Cemetery this year before the picnic. We need a lot of **volunteers** and some equipment to do this. We need

lawn mowers, weed eaters, and a tractor with a small bush hog to cut weeds in between the plots. We will also be painting the crosses and the fence around the cemetery. This is planned for the weekends of August 9th & 10th,

and 16th & 17th. I will be having radio announcements on and around then. If you can help, please contact Joe Bacca at (575) 707-0703 (cell) or (575)445-1213 (home).

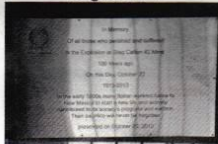


MINER'S PICK

Dawson mine disaster memorialized in Raton

Plaque

"In the early 1900's many Italian workers came to New Mexico to start a new life and actively contributed to its society's progress and welfare. Their sacrifice will never be forgotten."



Oct. 22, 1913, and again 10 years later on Feb. 8, 1923, life changed for the mining families of Dawson. Stag Canyon Mine No. 2, owned by the Phelps Dodge Corporation, had an explosion that rocked a two-mile radius around Dawson.

263 miners died in the 1913 accident. The newspaper reported that most of them were immigrants — 129 from Italy, 52 from Greece, 30 from Mexico and the rest from Austria, France, England, Russia and other countries, along with 37 English-speaking Americans, both whites and blacks.

All that is left of Dawson today is a cemetery laden with iron crosses from those who died in the two mining accidents.

Now considered one of many New Mexico ghost towns, Dawson is reawakened 100 years later in memory. In an official proclamation, Gov. Susana Martinez declared Oct. 22 as "Dawson Remembrance Day". New Mexico Director of Historic Sites, Richard Sims, presented the official plaque to Dawson Association Committee Chairman, Joe Bacca.

"It was the second largest explosion in the United States up to today." The cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, Sims explained. Nearly 50 people, many of whom are decedents of Dawson miners and former residents of the town, gathered at the Raton Museum on Sunday to witness the presentation of the governor's proclamation and an aluminum plaque that will be placed at the Dawson Cemetery next year during the Dawson Association reunion set for Labor Day weekend in 2014.

Also attending the Sunday memorial proclamation service at the Raton Museum was Italian Consulate representative Irene Buongiorno of Los Angeles, Claudio Ruben of Red Lotus film production in Santa Fe, along with Italian film director Fulvio Ottaviano, who plans on making a documentary of Dawson and its Italian immigrants who shaped the mining town and ultimately the northern region of New Mexico.

Dawson anniversary

Due to having the picnic on even years, we will be celebrating in the honor of those that lost their lives in the 1913 mine explosion.

On Sunday October 20, 2013, honors coalition from the AHEPA Chapter 501 of Albuquerque and St. Elias The Prophet Church of Santa FE planned a 100th year anniversary "Day of

Remembrance" for all those who perished in the mine explosions in Dawson in 1913 & 1923. On Sunday, October 27, 2013, religious leaders from various faiths, conducted a grave side memorial service in Dawson. Following the service, a reading of all 350 miners names from 1913 & 1923 explosions were read.

