

# Rural Revitalization Initiative Newsletter

Des Moines Municipal Schools...Summer 2011

## Kids' Academy...Learning is Fun!



The 3rd annual Kids Academy was held July 12 – 14.

Each day's activities began in the gym. Amaris Newkirk, one of the instructional volunteers, held basketball workshops on Tuesday and volleyball workshops on Wednesday. Debbie McDonald led the dance session Thursday morning. Lunch was provided by SOY. A special thanks to them!

The afternoons included presentations by Capulin Volcano, and science lessons with Rachel Hoyle. Ms. Hoyle's activities used water to lead the future scientists in discoveries of changing temperature and density. Our new high school math teacher, Debra Sanford, proved

math can be fun during her math games on Tuesday. Kelly Jones, another new teacher, lead cooperative games on Wednesday. Each day ended with journaling sessions.

The Kids' Academy is made possible through the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers. Every year teachers and community members work hard to bring new learning experiences to our students. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The Education Workgroup welcomes volunteers and is always looking for ideas for future programs. Please email [revitaize@bacavalley.com](mailto:revitaize@bacavalley.com) or call the school at 278-2611.



## Where has the summer gone? It's almost *Back to School* time!



Ms. Sanford at the Kid's Academy

### We're excited to have 3 new teachers...

- ◆ Kelly Jones—Technology, Music, Art and Secondary English
- ◆ Fred Libby—Social Studies, Health, PE and Coach
- ◆ Debra Sanford—High School Math

**First day of school for Teachers—August 15th**

**First day of school for Students—August 18th**

Elementary Student Supply Lists available on the school's website  
[www.desmoines.k12.nm.us](http://www.desmoines.k12.nm.us)

### Thank You!

**Raton SOY...**  
for providing lunches for our Kids' Academy.

**To the volunteers...**  
who made Kids' Academy possible!

### High School Registration...9th—12th Grades

August 8th—August 10th

9:00 am to 3:30 pm

For more information call 575.278.2611 or email:

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# Run Around the Rim!

## Folsom Museum plans for 3rd annual Race on September 25th...

For the past three years the Folsom Museum has successfully arranged an awesome half-marathon "Run Around the Rim"; as well as a 10K and 5K race. Our first race was completed in 2008 with 10 participants. We knew that this event would continue to be special and grow with each year. In 2009 we had 30 participants and this past year, 2010, there were 100 runners! Our goal for 2011 is 300 runners. Plans for this 2011 race are underway at this time.

With permission from Capulin Volcano National Monument our half-marathon race starts south of the entrance to the Volcano. Runners enter the Capulin Volcano drive, race up to the top, *Run Around the Rim*, return to the entrance and continue into Folsom, ending at the old Folsom School House.

We have attracted individuals and families from North Carolina, Tennessee, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and of course, New Mexico. They fully enjoy this truly unique experience! Many returning runners are bringing friends and fellow competitors. This race brings business to our area, helps support our Folsom Museum and is thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

This event starts the evening before the race with a pre-registration dinner which gives race partners a chance to become acquainted. The first 50 runners will be given a race designed tee shirt, all others will receive a "goodie bag" along with an after-the-race healthy breakfast. Registration information is posted on the Folsom Museum website at [www.folsommuseum.org](http://www.folsommuseum.org) or you may call 575.278.2122.

For more information about any of the museum's events please call the Museum at 575-278-2122.

*Contributed by Marijo Balmer, RRI Steering Committee Member*



*New Folsom Museum sign located between Capulin and the Volcano. Sign created by local artists Jose & Heather Sintas (Artists Stone Carving).*

## Work-Group Updates...

Here's a quick look at current projects...

### Economic Development Workgroup

- This group continues to work on environmental issues dealing with septic tank regulations and how they affect the value of homes and properties. Additional meetings with the Village Councils and the Environmental Department are planned.

### Beautification Workgroup

- August 6th... Community Clean Up Day...watch for flyers!

### Communications Workgroup

- Finalizing marketing brochure for the Des Moines School Community
- Planning a community wide web site
- Seeking funding for communications projects (the RRI Steering Committee was recently awarded a \$2,500.00 grant to help fund its projects.)

**We are looking for community members who would like to see our community grow and prosper!** If you are interested in serving on a workgroup, or have ideas on how to improve our community, please email [revitalize@bacavalley.com](mailto:revitalize@bacavalley.com) or call the school... 278-2611.

**A Special Thanks to all our Volunteers!**