

Rural Revitalization Initiative Newsletter

Des Moines Municipal Schools

Summer 2010



SOME THINGS STAY THE SAME

Special thanks to the family of Mrs. Virgil Henry, who recently donated a copy of Des Moines High School 1920 yearbook, *The Climax*.

Excerpts from the 1920 yearbook sound familiar as we consider the energy and enthusiasm we have now for celebrating our communities and our school at Des Moines, and for achieving social and economic goals.

"There is no better town of its size in all New Mexico than Des Moines—certainly no better school town. Few towns or cities, indeed, in this state are so favored as Des Moines. Located in the heart of the most productive agricultural section, blessed by a climate that is delightful in spring, summer and autumn, and never too rigorous in winter, situated in one of the most attractive parts of New Mexico, this town has natural advantages unsurpassed and galore. . . ."

"The people of Des Moines are hospitable, ambitious and energetic. They have much in sight, much in store, for the welfare of the town and for the development of their own interests. . . ."

. . . "So, there is everything in Des Moines and about and around Des Moines for the making of a wonderful town—all of the requisites, all of the raw and much of the finished material to make it become with sure and steady development, one of the very best towns of the state. Foremost among these is the school system, which embraces a standard high school, thoroughly equipped and managed by a corps of exceptionally efficient teachers. . . ."

And so, in 2010, the same can be said for all of our communities and our school.

1st Annual "Quad" Community Cleanup Day

RRI's Beautification Workgroup announces its first "*Quad*" *Community Clean Up Day* on Saturday, July 24th. Workgroup members are encouraging each community (Capulin, Des Moines, Folsom, Grenville) to organize its own cleanup for that day. Cleanup activities should be scheduled from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Volunteers from all the communities can gather at the school in Des Moines at 12:00 Noon for hamburgers, hot dogs, and other treats. What a great time to celebrate our communities and volunteer service!

Each community group should identify reasonable projects for the day. Help your neighbors clean their yards, clean up main street, or tackle one big project that will make a difference. Include residents and out-of-village-limits friends and family of all ages. It's all about that good feeling that comes with a sense of pride; lessons we want our kids to learn. We should follow up with other activities that make our villages a little bit better. Please share your ideas with the Beautification Workgroup; Pam Sorensen, Chairperson.

See you on July 24th! Check in your own community about the day's work. Bring your gloves, hand tools, and mowers. Don't forget your hats and cold water. Show up at the school for lunch; bring a side dish or dessert. Drinks and paper goods will be provided. Then, let's share success stories and funny tales from a day's work in Capulin, Des Moines, Folsom and Grenville.

Mark Your Calendars...

July 24th

Community wide clean up day

August 7th

Folsom Museum
Grand Opening of the Smithsonian
Exhibit... *New Harmonies: Roots
of American Music*

August 19th

First day of School

Teacher In-Service / Professional Development

August 16-17-18

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

2010-2011 School Year

Thursday, August 19

FOCUS: SUMMER KIDS' ACADEMY

RR1's Education Workgroup members and community volunteers came together on July 6-8 to open the doors at school for summer fun and learning. More than 20 children enjoyed three days of well planned activities with their friends. Sports/games activities included basketball, baseball, ping pong and roping (with Seth Owensby and Riata Rivale). Deanna Walker organized basketball activities and Reinda Rivale took charge of baseball. There were art activities with local artist Cathy Kennedy, Healthy Snacks with Debbie McDonald, music and journaling. Park rangers from Capulin Volcano National Monument educated and entertained the kids with information and models of volcanoes. The theme was "Learning is a Blast", and in keeping with that theme, the first day, students wrote about "a blast" they had this summer.

Music and dance activities were designed to be "a blast" with a review of the "Whole Lotta Hullabaloo" selections that were performed at the spring program and other aerobic routines for fun songs such as "La Bamba", "YMCA", and a rap about "TV-it is". There was yodeling and a marching band; the opportunity to learn drumming patterns from a real drummer, Kathy Owensby. Some of the students used instruments they made in school last Spring (now on display at the Folsom Museum) in the marching band. Marijo Balmer and Eleanor Krusi visited with students about the Smithsonian exhibit coming next month and brought a bag pipe for students to enjoy. Deanna Walker helped with activities, as did Jaynee Burchard. Service Organization for Youth (SOY) provided lunches that were delivered by Bernie Fernandez, Justin Sumpter, and Karen Brown. Participants had time each day just to catch up with school friends and play on the playground and in the gym. **Thanks to Kodi Sumpter, who led the group of volunteers in planning and organizing the activities for Kids Academy and to Karen Brown who contributed to early planning.** Special recognition to Riata and Reinda, who stepped up to be high school leaders; and to Union County DWI Program and Angie Gonzales for help with funding. **It was a blast!** Look for Kids Academy to return next summer.



WELCOME DR. HOYLE!

Superintendent of Schools

Des Moines Schools Website: <http://desmoines.k12.nm.us>

FOLSOM MUSEUM

Folsom Museum Summer/Fall Activities: August 7th at the Museum, Grand Opening of the Smithsonian Exhibit... New Harmonies: Roots of American Music, 10 AM-5 PM; August 21st at Folsom Gym, Traditional Music of Penitentes and Latin Mass, 3:00-5:00 PM; September 10th, Des Moines School, Mariachi 101, 1:00-3:00 PM; September 11th, Folsom School, Mariachi 101, 7:00-9:00 PM; September 16th, Des Moines School, Music of the Dust Bowl, 1:00-3:00 PM; September 26th, Capulin Volcano Run 2010, 6:30 AM; September 26, Folsom School, Heritage of Jewish Music, 3:00-5:00 PM; October 8, Des Moines School, Traditional American Music, 1:00-3:00 PM.

HONORING THE PAST: MORE FROM THE 1920 SCHOOL YEARBOOK

"Thus a town with city ideas, a salubrious climate, a high class citizenry, a surrounding territory abundant with agricultural wealth, nature's greatest scenic splendors lavishly displayed almost at its doors, modern civic conveniences, an agreeable altitude, the right moral influences, and a school system deservedly ranked with the best — Des Moines is not only a good school town but a good town to live in for almost any reason."

DES MOINES HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1920: Bye Moss, Myrtle Dawn, Anna Crater, Byron Rogers, Annie Newton, Early England.

1920 Board of Education: J.C. Larsen, J.M. Mays, W.M. England, C.J. Dunshee Superintendent: Clayton M. Negus

High School Faculty: Miss Bertha Wentworth, English; Miss Daisy Pinson, Mathematics; Miss Ruth Flanders, Domestic Science and Art, Miss Grace Caddell, Commercial. Athletic Officers: Garold England, Basketball Manager; Shibil George, Secretary; Clayton M Negus, Treasurer; Byron Rogers, Coach.