

Rural Revitalization Initiative Newsletter

Des Moines Municipal Schools...Spring 2012

KIDS' Academy 2012...Celebrate New Mexico!



Mark your calendars for July 10th through the 12th. That's the date for the fourth annual Kids' Academy. This year's theme will be "Celebrate New Mexico". Participants will experience three days of history, art, music, ecosystems, and fun! Lunch and snacks will be provided. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m. Students enrolled in Des Moines schools, grades K-5, are invited to participate.

We are excited that Wednesday's activities will be at Capulin Volcano National Monument this year. Students will board the bus at 9:30 and travel to the park where they will complete the Junior Ranger Program, hike the rim, have lunch in the picnic area, then attend a session where they will learn about park projects such as ecosystems, nursery, and

hummingbird banding. The bus will leave the park at 2:00 for arrival at school at 2:30.

Tuesday and Thursday morning activities will include archery, basketball, and volleyball.

Would you like to be part of this great program? The Education Workgroup welcomes volunteers for the Kids' Academy or any of the other educational programs we provide. We are always looking for ideas for future programs. Please contact us at revitalize@bacavalley.com or call the school at 278-2611.



Join the Junior Class (and others) as they present

The Wizard of Oz



Who: Des Moines Municipal Schools Junior Class...and approximately 30 students from other grade levels!

When: Thursday, April 26, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: Des Moines School Gym

How Much: Free for students & children under 18, \$2 for Seniors, and \$4 for adults

Permissions: Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

Cake Auction at Intermission

Community
Clean-Up Day
May 5th

High School Graduation...Saturday, May 19th at 7:00 PM

May 16 Art Show/Elementary Spring Program/Awards

May 17 1:00 p.m. Kindergarten Graduation 2:00 High School Awards Assembly

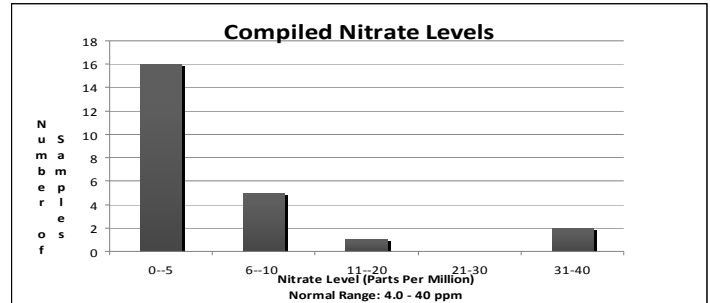
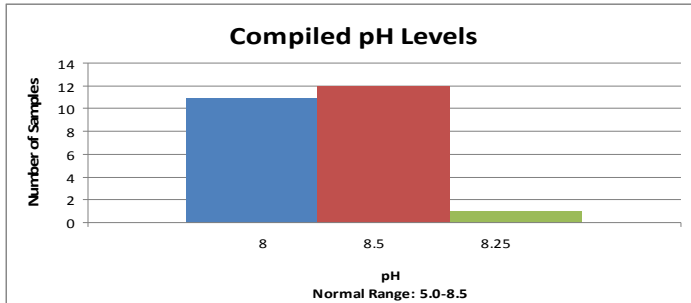
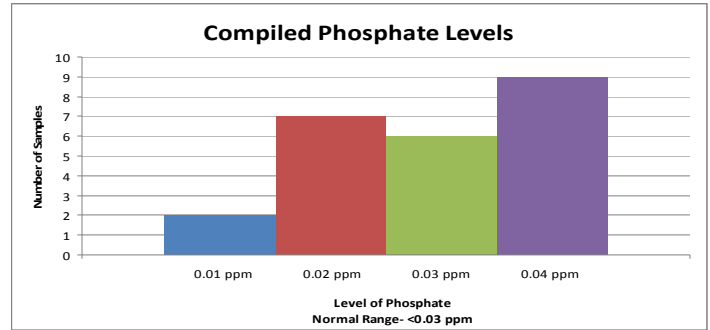
May 24 Last day of school for students

DHS Students Conduct Area Water Tests



DHS VoATeC and Biology students conducted anonymous well water tests free of charge for area residents. This event provided hands-on learning for students and a valuable service for our community.

Students tested for alkalinity, iron, hardness, nitrate, pH levels, and phosphate. The following charts depict some of their findings.



Workgroup Updates

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

Beautification Workgroup

- **Community Clean Up Day May 5th** (Des Moines, Folsom, Capulin and Grenville) 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Refreshments Provided...Free Hamburger Fry at noon for participants

Education Workgroup

- **Kids' Academy July 10th—12th**

Cultural Development

- **Dry Cimarron History Tour on May 12th.** For more information call the Folsom Museum at 575-278-2122.
- **Folsom Man Site...1st Expedition May 19th.** Call the Museum at 575-278-2122 to reserve a spot. Tour the famous archeological site with experts on the subject! Wear comfortable shoes and clothing to match our changing New Mexico weather.



Economic Development Workgroup

- Economic Development continues to work on issues related to septic tank regulations.

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 or call the school... 278-2611.

A Special Thanks to all our Volunteers!