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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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We Are So Smart

With a third of its residents holding graduate degrees, Eldorado ranks as the second “smartest” community in the state.

Defining “smart” solely in terms of academic attainment, the *New Mexico Business Weekly* ranks Eldorado just behind White Rock, New Mexico, in the brainpower sweepstakes. Some 40% of the people of White Rock have graduate degrees, whereas 33% of Eldorado’s residents have reached similar attainments.

The highest “we’re smart” ranking in the country went to Chevy Chase, Maryland, close by the scientific think tanks that surround our national capital. Two-thirds of its residents have advanced degrees.

A question arises from this news report. What does such a ranking mean? How can it help our individual and collective lives here? Eldorado is an unusual community in many ways. As noted above, it has a high brainpower quotient. It also depends on volunteers for meeting the needs of its residents, perhaps more so than any community in the state. ECIA’s volunteers, by serving on its several committees, take care of our security, manage our greenbelts and wilderness preserve, oversee the maintenance of our buildings and grounds, prepare our budgets, and ensure that what we build and remodel follows the rules we have agreed to abide by. Even as they are stretched, often to their individual and personal limits, ECIA volunteers keep our yearly assessments low, lower than other local communities offering many fewer life-enhancing amenities than we enjoy. They keep our community looking good, feeling good, safe, secure, and financially in the black.

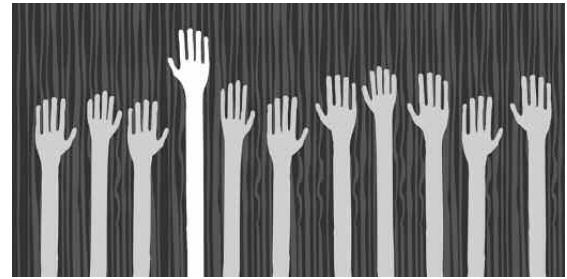
A maxim, based on common experience, is “If you really want something done, ask a busy person to do it.” People who say they “don’t have the time” to volunteer are making an excuse that the many busy people who do volunteer don’t make. So, rather than ask people to volunteer, perhaps a better question to ask would be, how do you rank the priorities in your life, and where does volunteerism/civic engagement fall?

The following quotation may be from one of the most action-oriented, volunteer-dependent leaders in

history, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: “Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don’t have to have a college degree to serve. You don’t have to make your subject and your verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love.”

For volunteer opportunities in Eldorado, check out the community website at www.eldoradosf.org.

—Frank Schober



Hens and Goats

Should the Eldorado Community Improvement Association (ECIA) allow residents to keep animals such as hens and goats as pets on their property? The Board of Directors of the ECIA has established a process to consider this issue and ensure community participation.

First, the Board has asked the Sustainability, Planning and Education Committee to:

- ▶ Study and discuss the question.
- ▶ Allow time during the subcommittee’s deliberations to hear from any residents who want to share their views. The Board wants to hear the widest range of perspectives throughout this process.
- ▶ Summarize the research and deliberations, and provide an unbiased examination of the pros and cons on the question, including food self-sufficiency, educational benefits, neighborliness, health, noise, odors, social impact, and any legal precedents that may pertain to the question.
- ▶ Identify a broad range of potential restrictions or conditions that would be applicable to the regulation of barnyard animals as household pets.

Second, the Board will post committee minutes, related information (or links), and the final report

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ECIA Board Meeting, Community Center, Thurs., January 19, 7 pm.



Share your comments with us!

For policy and deadline, see below



Editorial Policy

Vistas invites opinions, ideas, stories, photos, and art from the community at large. Please include contact numbers for fact checking purposes. The newsletter will not publish unsigned letters or material deemed inflammatory. Material will be printed at the discretion of the editors. Letters over 150 words will be edited for fit. Community announcements are welcome; accompanying photos are welcome, too. DEADLINE: Newsletter deadline is the 3rd day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or e-mailed to ECIA@DiAna@aol.com Please include "Attn: Vistas" in your message.

Mission Statement

The mission of Vistas, the monthly newsletter of the ECIA, is to inform the Eldorado community about issues before the ECIA Board and the membership at large. By so doing, the publication seeks to foster increased neighborhood pride and community participation in the decision making process.

Garage Requirements in the ECIA Covenants

Over the past year, the ECIA has had to deal with several, often long-standing covenant violations in which a home lacks actual, usable garage space for at least one car. Eldorado Covenants Article II, Section 4, addresses this garage requirement:

"There shall be provided garage space sufficient for the parking of at least one car for each residential unit."

In most covenant violations of this requirement, the homeowner has converted the garage into extra living space while leaving the garage door in place so that it appears from the road to be a functional garage. Of course, lacking space for one car to park in the garage is a violation of the covenants, regardless of appearances.

If left unresolved, violations such as this can slow down or actually prevent the closing of a home sale. Therefore, the ECIA encourages all residents to come into covenant compliance by ensuring that their garage allows for the parking of at least one car. While the lengths of existing garages in Eldorado vary, the Architectural Graphics Standards established by the American Institute of Architects recommend that the minimum interior dimensions for a one-car garage be 20 feet deep and 12 foot 8 inches wide.

Residents who would like to retain their converted garages as living space can do so, provided they receive approval from the ECIA Architectural Committee for at least a one-car garage, and then build this required structure per the approved plans. For further information on the garage requirement in Eldorado, please call me at the ECIA at 466-4248.

-Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative

Recent Board Actions

The ECIA Board held its regular meeting on November 17 and took the following formal actions:

- A variance was approved at 74 Moya Road for a small accessory building to be located more than 15 feet from the house.
A variance was approved with conditions at 7 Lauro Road for a new portal 24 feet long, greater than the 20% Guideline maximum per facade for a minor architectural style.
A variance was approved at 1 Cerrado Road for a 7-foot-tall screening fence 87 feet long, where the Guideline limit is 6 feet tall and 50 feet long.
A variance was approved at 6 Monte Alto Way for a garage more than 15 feet from the primary residence.
A permit was approved at 4 Duende Road for a split rail fence within the 50-foot front setback under a Guideline provision for driveway fences.
The 2012 Operating Budget for the Association, including a \$340 annual assessment, was approved as recommended by the Finance Committee.
A semiannual payment plan for assessments was approved, with an option for payment by credit card for either annual or semiannual payments. A small fee will be charged for both semiannual and credit card payments.
Transfer of funds previously designated on the Balance Sheet as "Designated for Contingency"

Covenant Compliance Stats

ARCHITECTURAL APPLICATIONS AND COVENANT COMPLIANCE STATUS

ARCHITECTURAL PROJECTS

Table with columns: NOV 2011, YTD PREV. MONTH, PLANS YTD. Rows: SUBMITTED, APPROVED, VARIANCE REQ, VARIANCES DENIED.

No pending variance requests

COMPLIANCE ISSUES

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was approved to the Replacement Reserve Fund.

- The Association's auditors were instructed to transfer any 2011 Operating Budget surplus at the end of the year to the Replacement Reserve Fund.
A Replacement Reserve expenditure budget not to exceed \$318,656 was approved.

Board meetings are scheduled on the third Thursday of each month at 7 pm at the Community Center and are open to the public. An open forum, community announcements and reports from ECIA committees are regularly included. For complete minutes and meeting agendas, visit the ECIA office or website: http://eldoradosf.org.

Two ECIA Board Seats Open This Year

The Eldorado Community Improvement Association Board of Directors consists of seven members, and two of those positions will be open in 2012. The current members in those positions are **Greg Bundrick** and **Lynn Mortensen**.

Every Association member is eligible to run for a position on the Board as long as his or her assessments have been paid. Directors' terms are three years and there is no term limit.

Board members will be elected through the voting process that begins in January and culminates at the ECIA Annual Meeting in May 2012.

On January 2, interested ECIA members can pick up a nomination form, gather at least 25 valid signatures, submit them along with a 250-word resume (and optional photo), by March 1, and they will be listed on the ballot.

Ballots will be included in the Annual Report packets that all members in good standing will receive by mail (by March 31). The votes, collected by mail or delivered directly to the ECIA office by April 26,

will be tabulated and announced at the annual meeting on May 7.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the affairs of the Association, which includes supervising the general manager, who manages a half-dozen full- and part-time employees. The Board also oversees the management of the finances and amenities of the Association, and enforces the covenants that give Eldorado its character.

The direct work of the Board includes attending two Board meetings per month, attending meetings of one or more of the committees to which the member serves as a liaison, and participating in other activities and functions that are supported by the Association.

The Board also oversees the work of 10 committees: Architectural Advisory, Conservation, Election, Facilities and Grounds, Finance, Information, Neighborhood Watch, Road, SPE (Sustainability, Planning and Education), and Stable.

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from the Sustainability, Planning and Education Committee on the ECIA community website (www.eldoradosf.org) as soon as they are ready and will make hard copies available to those who want them.

Third, when the final report is prepared and posted, the Board will schedule a public forum (town hall meeting) to listen to and record comments and residents can hear out their neighbors.

Lastly, the Board of Directors will hold a public Board meeting, with opportunity for more community input, and will then vote yea or nay on a final motion on the matter.

Within this deliberation process, the Sustainability, Planning and Education Committee met at its regular meeting on December 8, 2011, and detailed some pros and cons regarding the keeping of hens and

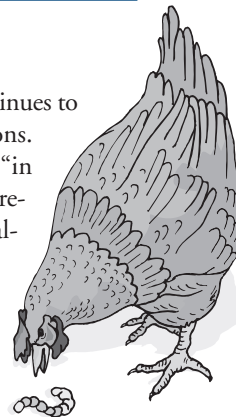
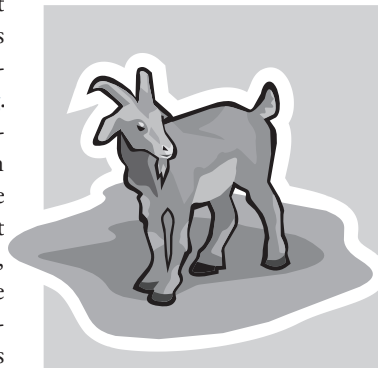
topic, as the committee continues to work through its deliberations.

Paul Harvey said that "in times like these it is good to remember that there have always been times like these." Eldorado has a proud history of people coming together, hearing each other out, and reaching a consensus about a pressing community issue. This is one of those times where we have an opportunity to express values that support a fair and open debate and avoid polarization.

The Board of Directors looks forward to ECIA members' participation in the Sustainability, Planning and Education Committee, the public forum, and attendance at any board meeting.

We also appreciate residents' participation on any of the standing committees. Please check the listing at right for the contact people of the respective standing committees.

—Gregory Bundrick, LISW



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466-1204

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820-CNTY (2689)



Free Health Screenings/Information

The Santa Fe County Mobile Health Van will be in Eldorado for free blood pressure and blood glucose screening on Tuesday, January 10, 10 am–2 pm, at the Ken and Patty Adam Senior Center. For more information, please call **Angela Thorndyke**, RN/BSN at 505-231-2382.

Petroglyph Hill Guided Tour

On January 27, the Conservation Committee will sponsor a guided tour of Petroglyph Hill on the old Thornton Ranch in the Galisteo Basin, a volcanic hill on which hundreds of petroglyphs were carved by the ancient inhabitants of the area. The site is owned by Santa Fe County and is managed by the county's Open Space and Trails program but is only open to the public for prearranged tours. For more information or to sign up, call **Eleanor Gossen** at 466-1949. Tour is limited to 15 people.

January TGIF

The Friday get-together for January at the Community Center will be held on January 20. This TGIF will be the first in the New Year. Come join friends and neighbors for an early 5–7 pm gathering. If you are new to the community, come meet some of your neighbors. Bring an appetizer to share.

Local Author Series

Once a month, La Tienda hosts an interesting evening of readings by local authors, held in The Performance Space at La Tienda. The first three events in the series have been wonderful. This month the focus is on "published nonfiction." The reading will be held on January 18, starting at 6:30 pm. To help support the space, there is a suggested admission of \$2.

Art in the 21st Century

Destiny Allison Fine Art in La Tienda is hosting an ongoing series on Art in the 21st Century on the first Thursday of each month. Talks are free and usually begin at 6 pm. These art talks are designed to engage regional artists, patrons, and the community at large in an ongoing conversation about that huge and endlessly convoluted subject of art.

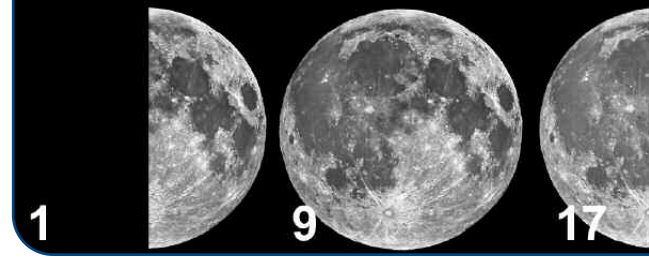
Artists and arts industry professionals across multiple disciplines discuss their personal experiences as well as art's presence in our lives, the myriad ways in which that presence is perceived and signified, and its role in our past, present, and future. This month, architect **Conrad Skinner**'s talk is "Living in Space." Being held in DAFA's gallery space, the audience will be limited to 25 people, and advance seating reservations are recommended. Call the gallery at (505) 428-0024 to make your reservation.



Warrior petroglyph from Galisteo Basin



MOON PHASES FOR JANUARY



Improv Classes coming to Eldorado

Beginning January 17, coach **Joe Mayer** will be offering two improv classes in The Performance Space at La Tienda. Senior classes will start at 10 am, and open adult classes will be at 7 pm. For more information, contact JoeMayer@q.com.

The Beatles in Eldorado?

OK, so the Beatles couldn't make it, but The Nowhere Band will be playing at The Performance Space in La Tienda on January 14 at 7 pm. This band has played to a full house in Eldorado, and it was a fun evening of dancing and listening to our favorite Beatles songs. The dance floor in the space is ready for you to shake it up. Tickets are available at BrownPaperTickets.com or at the door. This is an all-ages event. Admission is \$10.

Art Auction to Support La Tienda Exhibit Space

On Saturday, January 28, from 5 to 7 pm, an auction is being held to support the La Tienda Exhibit Space. A preview exhibition of the work will be on display in the gallery beginning on January 21. The artwork available for auction has been donated by artists who have shown in the exhibit space over the last year. Come bid on work by artists whose work caught your eye and help ensure that the Exhibit Space continues to support local artists.

Vista Grande Public Library Annual Members Meeting

The VGPL Annual Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, at 6 pm at the Library. The past year's activity and progress toward meeting the Library's Strategic Plan will be reviewed, followed by the election of new members to the Library's Board of Directors. The meeting is public and open to all; anyone 18 years old or older who holds a Vista Grande Public Library card is a member of the nonprofit organization and is eligible to vote. If you are interested in serving on the Board, look for information online at www.vglibrary.org or ask for an application at the Library.





ASTRONOMY CORNER



January 2012

Ominous predictions about 2012 abound. Some concern the Earth's polar magnetism, said to be shifting and causing strange phenomena like the Aurora Borealis being seen in the American South. NASA assures us, however, "that there is nothing in the millions of years of geologic record to suggest that any of the 2012 doomsday scenarios connected to a pole reversal should be taken seriously."

Earth's magnetic field has actually flipped its polarity many times over the millennia, in a pattern of pole reversal about every 200,000-300,000 years—although it has been 780,000 years since the last major reversal. Over the course of hundreds or thousands of years, magnetic fields morph and push and pull at one another, with multiple poles emerging at odd latitudes in the process. Scientists estimate reversals have occurred hundreds of times over the past 3 billion years.

The fossil record shows no drastic changes in plant or animal life from the last reversal. Deep ocean sediment cores from this period also indicate no changes in glacial activity. This proves that a polarity reversal would not affect the rotation axis of Earth, as the planet's rotation axis tilt has a significant effect on climate and glaciation, and any change would be evident in the glacial record.

That said, the magnetic north pole has been moving northward – by more than 600 miles – since the early 19th century, when explorers first located it precisely. And it is moving even faster now, as scientists estimate the pole is migrating northward about 40 miles per year, as opposed to about 10 miles per year in the early 20th century.

Source: www.nasa.gov/topics/earth/features/2012-poleReversal.html

January Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email info@eldoradosf.org with your meeting/event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 3rd of the month for publication in the following month's *Vistas*.

Please include "Attn: Vistas" and be sure to indicate:



1. **Type of Event**
2. **Location**
3. **Date & Time**
4. **A Resource Person** (one who can answer questions both about the event and the sponsoring organization) and his/her telephone number.

Photographs (digital or snapshots) are encouraged!

Note: All meetings are at the Community Center, unless otherwise noted.

LR=Living Room, F=Foyer, CFR=Conference Room, CR=Class Room, RR=Railroad, K=Kitchen

JANUARY SPECIAL EVENTS

ECIA Offices Closed	Mon., Jan. 2			
ECIA Offices Closed	Mon., Jan. 16			
TGIF	Fri., Jan 20, 5-7			LR

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architectural Committee	Tues., Jan. 10, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
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Board Work Study	Mon., Jan. 16, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Jan. 3, 7-9 pm	John Parker	466-7513	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Thurs., Jan. 19, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Facilities & Grounds	Tues., Jan. 3, 4-6 pm	Jeanne Calzada	466-1947	CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., Jan. 11, 9:30-11:30	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., Jan. 24, 7-9 pm			CFR
Road Committee	Mon., Jan. 9, 6-8 pm	Nolan Zisman	466-2968	CFR
Stable Committee	Wed., Jan. 31, 7-9 pm	Lisa Bessone	466-7100	LR
SPE Committee	Thurs., Jan. 12, 7-9 pm	Dana Richards	690-5500	CFR

MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS

Bridge	Jan. 4 & 18 9-noon	Natalie Bernet	466-6118	LR
EACA Meeting	Last Thurs of month		204-7007	LR
EAW&SD*	1st & 3rd Thurs, 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	RR
Eldorado Camera Club	4th Wednesday, 7-9	biordi@aol.com		La Tienda
La Canada Wireless	2nd & 4th Mon., 7-9 pm	lcwireless.org		
Library Book Group	2nd Saturday 9-10:30	Joan LaMarque	466-6000	CFR
Library Book Group	3rd Mon., 7-9 pm	Pam Henline	466-4781	VGPL
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month	Pat Stewart	820-0303	
Search & Rescue	2nd Thurs, 7 pm	santafesar.org		CR

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:45-6:45 pm			CFR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			CFR/CR
AA	Wed., 5:45-6:45 pm (Men Only)			CFR
AA	Thurs. 5:30-6:30 pm (Women Only)			CFR
AA	Fri., 6-7 pm			CFR/LR
AA	Sat., 10:45-11:45 am			CFR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm			LR/CFR
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fritz Denny	466-4070	RR, CR, LR
Bridge	Every Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Jim Davidson	466-3091	LR
Community Church**	Sun., 9:00 & 10:30 am	David McPherson	466-2495	La Tienda
Eldorado Hikers	Tues., 8:30 am	Terry Gibbs	466-6914	CC
Fire & Rescue Training	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Fire & Rescue Work Duty	Sat., Call for time	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Knitting Club	Tues., 10-12 noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
Life Drawing	Mon., 10-12 noon	Jack McCarthy	466-9601	RR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 12-1 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Square Dancing	Fri., 6-9 pm	Richard Robinson	466-7319	RR

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District **For other religious/spiritual services, go to <http://santafe.areaconnect.com/churches.htm> ***Reservations Required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradosf.org

Senior Center News

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

Calling all seniors 60 years and above: Begin your new year on the right foot. Come meet new friends and join in the fun and activities. Get in shape by attending any of the exercise classes. Take any of the arts and crafts classes, which are taught by local artists and are free of charge. The Center would like to get some card games going, so if anyone can help lead or teach a group how to play bridge or other card games, please contact us. Also, there is interest in starting mahjongg, so anyone interested in teaching others how to play, please contact **Carol Branch** at the Center. Lunch is served Monday through Fridays at noon.

Volunteers are always needed for Meals on Wheels, answering phones, helping in the kitchen, or leading activities. Anyone needing Meals on Wheels delivered to a family member should call the Center to get registered and have an evaluation by a staff member. Lunch and Meals on Wheels call for a donation of \$1.50 per person.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Several arts and craft classes are starting in January. On Tuesdays, beginning January 17, **Lynn Coyle** will teach tapestry weaving from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. **Bob Coyle** will begin his hand building of clay classes on

the same day and same time. All materials and equipment are included; these classes run for eight weeks.

On Thursdays, starting January 19, **Darcy Gray** will begin collage classes. Come explore the possibilities of collage. Create texture, color, and design in a hands-on class.

EXERCISE

On Mondays at 10 am, **Barbara Boreman** will lead a class in chair yoga. Come revitalize your body and mind. On Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 am, have fun exercising while listening to your favorite oldies in a chair aerobics class. On Wednesdays at 10:30 am, the lovely **Neila Richardson** leads a strength training class. You can't miss this one.

GUEST SPEAKERS

The Center is privileged to have Santa Fe **Mayor David Coss** come for a visit on Thursday, January 12, at noon. Come join us for lunch.

TRIPS

There is one trip scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, which will be to the Indian Arts and Cultural Center on Museum Hill to see The Native Basket Exhibit. Admission is free for seniors on Wednesdays.

The Center's hours of operation are Monday–Friday, 10 am–4 pm. Our telephone number is 466-1039. We would love to get to know you.

–Carol Branch



Come meet Santa Fe's Mayor Coss, Jan. 12, at the Senior Center

American Kestrel (AK)

I am always on the lookout for new birds in Eldorado but have now exhausted my list. Biologist **Dale Stahlecker** has shared his list and some specific bird information.

The American Kestrel (AK) is a lovely, small bird of prey, a falcon, about 9 inches long, with a wingspan of 22 inches. The adult male has gray (almost slate blue) on top of the head, a white collar with two black stripes running vertically from eye to neck and from the side of the head to the neck (sometimes called a mustache and sideburn). His back, wings, and upper tail are a rufous brown with black bars. The underside is pale rufous with darker rufous spotting running along the belly. The female has gray wings, a distinct black edge of her tail and darker spots on the underside. The tail and wings are relatively long on this small raptor. AKs perch on wires or poles and can even hover as they search for food. They live in open or lightly treed areas.

Most prey is snatched from the ground, including insects, mice, voles, small invertebrates, and birds. Small snakes, lizards, and frogs may also be eaten—anything small enough for the AK to kill.



The AKs are found throughout the U.S. and in many parts of Central and South America. They are permanent residents here, although many shift their territories to southern locations during winter. Nests are high, with little nesting material, and are located in a cavity. AKs take readily to nest boxes. For plans to build a nest box, see <http://www.birds.cornell.edu/nestinginfo/downloads/Am%20Kestrel%20Screech-Owl%20N%20Saw-whet%20Owl.pdf>.

Dale has had several pairs of AKs using nest boxes near his home and has banded at least one female who has unusual gray wing feathers. Two broods may be produced in a single year. Males during courtship flap, flutter, quiver their wings, and bow, while females bow and call. Promiscuous matings may happen before monogamous pair bonds are developed. Four or five eggs hatch in 29 to 31 days, and the semi-altricial, mostly helpless young fledge in 30 to 31 days.

The AK is the most common American falcon, but numbers are declining in some areas due to habitat loss, fewer insects due to use of insecticide, and insufficient cavities for nesting.

Thanks to Dale Stahlecker and the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. More information about AKs will follow in a later article.

–Pam Henline



Household Emergency Preparation — FROM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

The New Year is a good time to begin to ensure your household is ready for everything—good or bad—that may come your way. Since most of us are ill prepared to survive a real emergency, here are some suggestions to help you cope.

Begin by assembling and maintaining a disaster supply kit with food, water, medications, fuel, and personal items adequate for at least three days and up to two weeks—the more the better. Consider your own needs, the needs of your children, any with poor health or disabilities and . . . your pets. Keep the kit in a designated place and be ready to “grab and go” in case you have to leave your home quickly. Make sure all household members know where the kit is kept.

Highest on your list should be water reserves. Drinking water in emergency situations should never be rationed. Therefore, it is critical to store adequate amounts of water for your household. The minimum recommended amount is one gallon per person per day. Seal water containers tightly, label them, and store them in a cool, dark place. It is important to change stored water every six months.

Foods that keep best include rice, dried beans, and canned goods (and, for pets, a supply of kibble). These, like water, should be changed semiannually. With reduced activity, healthy people can survive on half their usual food intake for an extended period or

without any food for many days. Food, unlike water, may be rationed safely, except for children and pregnant women.

A butane or propane gas stove—either a camp stove or gas grill—is ideal for food preparation, since utilities may be down. Under those circumstances, oil lamps, candles, and flashlights are essential, as are battery-powered radios and—if within your budget—a gasoline-powered generator. Needless to say, keep extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, or other items your household might need.

Set aside one complete change of clothing and footwear for each household member. Shoes should be sturdy work shoes or boots. Also consider including rain gear, hats, and gloves, extra socks, extra underwear, thermal underwear, and sunglasses in “grab and go” kits. Blankets or sleeping bags are also essential and often forgotten.

Consider keeping a small set of emergency supplies stored in your car at all times, including food and water, flares, jumper cables, and seasonal supplies, since you may be caught away from home.

Finally, keep a list of emergency contacts and phone numbers in your kit, a list of the type and serial numbers of any medical devices you need, and a map of the area and places you can go if you must evacuate.

—Raymond Bolton

CRIME STATS AND ANIMAL SIGHTINGS

- 11/5: *Caliente Road*: Injuring/tampering with a motor vehicle
- 11/14: *Agora*: Burglary, larceny, criminal damage to property
- 11/16: *Palacio Road*: Auto burglary
- 11/18: *Agora*: Purse snatching
- Herrada Road*: Bobcat sighting
- Ave. Vista Grandel*: U.S. 285: Auto theft

Arts Group News

Another eventful year has passed for Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association (EACA), its 21st. Sadly a few members have passed away this year: **Jack Johnston**, **James Kohler**, and **Odus Lynd**. Their sensibilities and talents are sincerely missed. Quite a few new members joined in 2011, bringing in new talent and energy.

Lisa Morice, the association’s residing president since January 2010, decided to move to North Carolina with her husband to be nearer to family and stepped down from her position at the end of August. One of her board’s primary missions was to make the association’s website a useful tool for visitors as well as members. It has been beautifully redesigned, and is now much more active and useful. In conjunction with this, a great new Studio Tour website was created, which is linked with the association site. This website was conceived and designed to facilitate the enormous amount of work involved in publicizing the Spring Tour, as well as unifying the web of information surrounding this important event.

A new EACA Board has been elected. Beginning in January 2012, the new officers are **Tom Maguire** as President; **Gina Crow** as Vice President; and **Kris**

Palek as Treasurer; **Cynde Christie** will continue as Secretary. Also of note, **Barrie Brown** has stepped into the role as the editor and producer of the organization’s monthly newsletter, the main conduit of information for its over 200 members.

This year’s Spring Studio Tour was launched with a wonderful preview party held at a new location in the La Tienda business complex. Next spring’s party will be in an even larger venue, La Tienda’s spacious exhibit center. The Fall Show’s planning committee made participating members very happy in 2011, by scheduling the annual event at St. John’s Methodist Church on Old Pecos Trail, and overlapping the show with the church’s annual pumpkin sale at the end of October, which gave the artists greatly increased exposure and traffic. Next year’s Fall Show is already scheduled to be held in the same location, during the same weekend.

EACA meetings will continue to be held on the last Thursday of each month in the same location, Eldorado’s beautiful Community Center living room. Meetings begin at 7 pm, and those interested in becoming members are encouraged to visit. For more information about EACA, please visit our website at www.eldoradoarts.org.

—Margaret Nelson

Local artwork, including **Deborah Klezmer’s glass art**, is on view at the EACA website, www.eldoradoarts.org

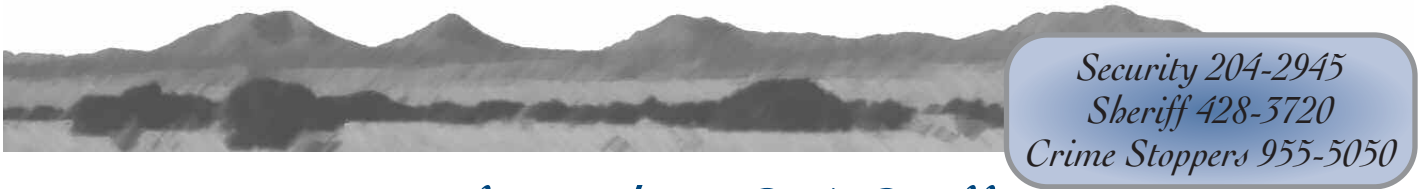


The application deadline for artists to participate in the 2012 Eldorado Studio Tour is January 9, 2012. For more information, call **Joretha Hall** at 670-1635.

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Happy New Year, from the ECIA Staff



ECIA staff. Left to right: Joaquin Garcia, Mark Young, Marilyn Farrell, Brian Bennett, DiAna Gutierrez, Bill Donohue, and Raven Hicks.

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