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## Three Endemic New Mexico Diseases

Most New Mexico residents have heard of hantavirus, bubonic plague, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever, but few know much about them. Each is endemic to New Mexico to various degrees. Fortunately, these pathogens are fairly uncommon, despite the fact that New Mexico is a leading state in their occurrence.

### HANTAVIRUS (HPS)

Although hantavirus has been common in Asian countries for years, the first incidence of the “Sin Nombre hantavirus” in the U.S. was not diagnosed until 1993, when several families in northwest New Mexico fell ill with it and a number of deaths were reported. Since that time, New Mexico has reported more cases than any other state: 91 cases (8 of them in 2010–2012), mostly in the northern counties. The latest was in May of this year, when a 20-year-old woman in Rio Arriba County died from it. There is currently no effective medication to combat this virus, resulting in a 40% death rate for those infected. The virus is carried by various rodents, with the deer mouse being the most prevalent. Transmission is by rodent droppings and urine, which may mix with the dust and be inhaled, or may be contracted by physical contact. Apparently, the virus only has a three- or four-day virulence after it is expelled from the rodent. There is no indication of person-to-person transfer.

Although a human infection has yet to be diagnosed in Santa Fe County, residents should still use extreme care in cleaning areas where rodents are prevalent. Bleach should first be sprayed over the area before cleanup. With the coming autumn temperatures, mice will begin to search for entry into homes and storage sheds. Now is the time to examine your building exteriors and plug up any holes that may admit rodents.

### BUBONIC PLAGUE

Plague was responsible for the death of about one-third of the population of Europe in the Middle Ages. It was later carried by settlers to the New World by

infected rats on the sailing ships and by Spanish traders to the Southwest in the 1700s. Fortunately, there is now effective treatment with antibiotics, but it should be initiated within a few days of infection. New Mexico has had 262 reported cases since 1949. Symptoms include swelling of the lymph nodes and later necrosis of limb tissues.

Plague can be successfully treated with modern antibiotics if the diagnosis is made soon enough. The estimated mortality rate for treated cases is 5–15%, while the rate approaches 60% for those left untreated. Bubonic plague is an illness caused by the bite of an infected flea commonly known as a rat flea, or by the bite of an infected animal, or from handling the carcass of an infected animal. In contrast, pneumonic plague is spread through the air and infects the lungs. Unlike bubonic, pneumonic plague can be transmitted from person to person. In 2002, both members of a couple living just south of Eldorado contracted it. The man had to have an amputation due to the extent of the infection. In May 2011, a 50-year-old Santa Fe resident contracted bubonic plague, and a Torrence County man contracted it in May 2012.

### ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is caused by a bacteria called *Rickettsia rickettsii*, which is carried by ticks and spread to humans through a tick bite. In the western U.S., the wood tick is the prime carrier. Spotted fever can be readily treated with medication but is potentially a fatal illness if left untreated for a number of days. Domestic animals, including pets, should be routinely checked for ticks. Only an estimated 1 in 1,000 wood and dog ticks carry the bacteria. Do not touch a tick with bare hands, but remove it with tweezers, making sure to remove the head. Contact your veterinarian for the best tick repellent.

Spotted fever symptoms usually develop about 2 to 14 days after an infected tick bite. They may include chills, fever, headache, muscle pain, and a

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*ECIA Board  
Meeting,  
Community  
Center  
Railroad Bldg.  
Thurs.,  
September 20,  
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 ECIADiAna@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.

Recent Board Actions

The ECIA Board held its regular meeting on July 19, with Board members Ed Moreno (President), Pat Lavengood (Secretary), Todd Handy (Treasurer), Jeanne Calzada, and Jan Deligans present, along with 45 residents. The following formal actions were taken unanimously, unless otherwise noted:

- Jan Pietrzak was appointed as ECIA Parliamentarian.
All poultry-related enforcement actions were suspended pending a covenant vote to be conducted no later than September 30, 2012; vote 3-1 (Handy against).
A policy was adopted to extend indemnification to ECIA committee members on the same basis as that of the Board.
The budget calendar was adopted as recommended by the Finance Committee, for development and approval of the 2013 Operating Budget.
An amount not to exceed \$7,000 was moved up from 2018 Repair and Replacement estimates to repair the Stables Riding Arena surface.
A policy was adopted for Amenity Use, Group Eligibility and Risk Management.
A variance was granted for 6 Herrada Road to permit a fence/wall to encroach 10 feet inside the required 50-foot front setback, with conditions, because of site conditions.
A variance was granted for 3 Altura Drive to allow an unintegrated large accessory building (utility

trailer) of metal construction, screened by an 8-foot fence, with conditions, because of site conditions. Guidelines require an architectural style compatible with the home, architecturally integrated with it, and maximum fence height of 6 feet.

- A variance was granted for 10 Ensenada Drive to allow a fence built without approval to remain with stringers on the fence outside because of the financial hardship of altering it, where Guidelines require stringers inside; vote 3-2 (Lavengood, Calzada against).
A variance was granted for 8 Caliente Place to build a large accessory building more than 15 feet from the house, because of septic system location.
A variance was granted for 5 Abanico Road to construct a new garage 10 feet inside the required 20-foot side setback, with conditions, because the old garage is being used for storage.
A variance was granted for 7 Eldorado Circle for a ground-based solar array located more than 15 feet from the house, to use an optimal solar location and existing natural screening, with conditions for added screening.

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. Complete minutes and meeting agendas are available at the ECIA office or website: http://eldoradosf.org.

Solar Array Regulations

Due to the numerous applications for solar arrays in Eldorado, the ECIA Architectural Committee has worked to come up with a clear set of guidelines for residents who wish to install a solar array at their homes. These procedures will help to ensure that all solar applications are reviewed in a fair manner and that the interests of the applicant as well as their neighbors are being considered.

The regulations are lengthy and so are being published on our website, http://tinyurl.com/eldo-solar. Residents with any questions should contact me at the ECIA office at 466-4248 or e-mail me at eciaccr@aol.com.

-Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative

NM Endemic Diseases

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distinctive rash on the hands and feet. About one-third of those infected do not get a rash. This writer had Rocky Mountain spotted fever with the distinctive rash on both hands and feet and severe muscle pains. Diagnosis was not readily determined by a local Urgent Care Center until a medical technician finally suggested it. Medication effectively treated it after diagnosis.

-Don Dayton

SOURCE: Data obtained from National Institutes of Health, N.M. Health Department, and federal Center for Disease Control websites. Contact your physician for specific advice.

## Love Your Neighbor

Recently, I heard a respected and active member of the community talking about “neighborliness” as one of the most important characteristics that make Eldorado the special place that it is.

There are two main reasons for this: The founders in 1972 designed a solid governing structure that is dated but largely preserved, and also designed Eldorado as a casual, large-lot-style community that had not been attempted on this scale around here—and which would probably be politically incorrect these days.

Their vision was fulfilled, mostly, and now we enjoy big, mostly uninterrupted vistas, mostly reasonable rules, and neighbors close enough to be friendly but not so close as to impinge on a strong sense of privacy—the building blocks of “neighborliness.”

In the past year, the neighborliness quotient has been challenged by the question of chickens. But Eldorado has been through this before: annexation, the

water system buyout, a western connector road, and other controversies, large and small. Love them or hate them, the chickens have given Eldorado another opportunity to demonstrate that, when dawn breaks, Eldoradoans will find a way to remain neighborly with their neighbors near and far, mostly.

Sometime after mid-September (watch the website and email), the ECIA will send ballots to all homeowners in Eldorado. As this is written (in early August), the ballot language is being drafted and refined. I expect that there will be “pro” and “con” arguments and an explanation of what happens if not enough votes are cast. The covenants can only be changed if more than half of ALL of the lot owners in Eldorado consent to the change.

Later in the year, the ECIA will send another ballot to the community seeking approval of the operating By-Laws. These are reviewed every two years or so, and are overdue for revision.

—Ed Moreno, ECIA President

### DUDE! WHERE'S MY BIKE PATH?

## Hike/Bike Maintenance Underway

Replacement has begun for some of the oldest sections of Eldorado's hike/bike path: those leading to the Community Center, along Avenida Monte Alto, and from Compadres Park south along Avenida de Compadres. These segments were identified as among those most needing repair in a report to the ECIA Facilities and Grounds Committee from **Linda Pierce**, a local paving engineer and Eldorado's representative on the Santa Fe County Road Advisory Committee.

Temporarily, the process appears to result in the destruction of the path (see photo). The technique employed involves milling (grinding up) the existing paving, regrading, and topping with a base-course mixture of clay and gravel similar to that used on many county-maintained residential roads in Eldorado. However, unlike on the roads, lack of heavy vehicle traffic should preclude ruts and washboard.

The segments currently being rebuilt—about 2.5 miles—are among the oldest in Eldorado, dating back over two decades, and were constructed by simply rolling asphalt onto bare ground, without grading, drainage, or a proper base. Since then, ground movement caused principally by rain, snow, freezing, and thawing has formed cracks, bumps, and depressions—some quite challenging to wheeled vehicles and pedestrians alike.

The goal is a surface that is easy to maintain. However, northern New Mexico presents particular climate

challenges, and so the rebuilt segments will be monitored for the next four years to determine durability and maintenance needs. One or more surface stabilization treatments will also be tested. Based upon experience, a decision will then be made whether to

adopt this base-course resurfacing for all 12.5 miles of Eldorado hike/bike paths. If the initial experience is good, this could reduce ongoing maintenance and eventual replacement costs for the paths and help moderate future assessment increases.

In addition, an aggressive program of maintenance on the newer, asphalt-paved sections will be pursued. These sections were laid, beginning about 2002, with proper grading and subsurface. Despite this, our weather is exacting an increasing toll on the pavement. This maintenance will include crack routing, filling, patching, and sealing, with the goal of extending pavement life to 2016 and beyond.

A recent survey by the ECIA Board identified the hike/bike paths as the second-most-used amenity that Eldorado affords its residents (the *Vistas* newsletter and website was first).

—Dan Drobnis



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Join the Eldorado Children's Theatre for a musical theater experience!



"Heart of the Mountain" plein-air pastel by Sally Hayden Von Conta, on view at Las Chivas.

### New School Open House

El Dorado Community School will be holding an Open House in September to show off the new facilities. The date for the event was not yet set as of press time. Check our website for updated information.

### Pool Hours September 3-30

**Lap Swim:** Every day 8-11 AM  
**General Swim:** Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays 11 AM- 7 PM

### Gardening Tour in Jeopardy!

The Annual Eldorado Gardening Tour is looking for gardens for the 2013 Tour. The planning committee is considering skipping 2013 if there aren't enough gardens to choose from. Six or seven Eldorado Gardens are needed in order to proceed. Being on the tour is a wonderful and fun experience! If you have, or know anyone with a great garden who might be interested in being on the tour, or if you have questions, contact Obie at 690-7462 or email [eldoradogarden@aol.com](mailto:eldoradogarden@aol.com) before September 15.

### Eldorado Children's Theatre/Teen Players

Join Eldorado Children's Theatre and Teen Players for a great experience in musical theater for your child. They will learn healthy vocal techniques, acting, movement, confidence and have fun putting on "Peter Pan the Musical!" Open for ages 7-18. Classes start September 4 in Eldorado. The performances run Nov. 30-Dec. 9 at the James A. Little Theatre. For registration information: [www.eldoradochildrenstheatre.org](http://www.eldoradochildrenstheatre.org) or e-mail [lisa@rancheros.com](mailto:lisa@rancheros.com).

### "Santa Fe - Down But Not Out"

Community Learning Collaboratives, Inc., a non-profit providing life-long learning, presents social issue theater meant to bring home the present state and severity of specific social issues as related to life in Santa Fe: "Santa Fe - Down But Not Out: Tales of Community Resiliency in Santa Fe / Stories of Hope and Possibilities - and Working Together," produced by **Rob Reider** and directed by Rob Reider and **Stephen Jules Rubin**. Performances at Santa Fe High School Theater: Friday Aug. 31 and Saturday Sept. 1. Performances at La Tienda Performance Space: Friday-Saturday, Sept. 28-29, 7:30 PM. Facilitated discussion (call to action) after each performance. \$10 at the door; \$5 students. Special pre-performance dinner at La Plancha. Call 466-2060 for dinner reservations.

### "New Mexico in the Movies—The First 92 Years"

On Thursday, September 13, Reel New Mexico presents an overview of the history of filmmaking in New Mexico from 1898 to 1990 from the perspective of film reviewer, historian, and fanatical movie enthusiast **Jeff Berg**. Titled "New Mexico in the Movies - the First 92 Years," Berg's program uses numerous film clips and Berg's own delightful behind-the-scenes narration to show the solid foundation on which the film industry in New Mexico rests today. The program starts at 7 PM at The Performance Space in La Tienda Center.

New Mexico's filmmaking history is rich and varied. Since Thomas Edison arranged to shoot the first known piece of motion picture film at the Isleta Pueblo Day School in 1898 to the present



day, more than 500 feature films and television shows have been shot within the borders of our state. To add a unique historical view to the state's centennial year, Berg has assembled an all-new set of clips from made-in-New Mexico movies especially for Reel New Mexico.

The films Berg covers encompass all genres, from comedy to drama to western to horror. He offers background on each movie, including shooting locations, insider trivia, and New Mexico history, in a blend of humor and information that encourages audience participation. In this exciting premiere presentation, the audience will visit every corner of the state, from Farmington to Carlsbad and from Clayton to Lordsburg and learn about the three distinct periods in New Mexico's film history.

Reel New Mexico has no entry fee and gives no awards. Proceeds from the \$5 suggested at the door go for expenses and to the filmmakers for ongoing projects.

### Art by Von Conta at Las Chivas

Las Chivas Coffee House is hosting "The Color of Light," a show of plein-air pastels by Sally Hayden Von Conta from August 25 through September 29. The show opens with an Artist's Reception on Sunday, August 26, from 1 to 3 PM. Von Conta is an Eldorado resident who enjoys painting landscapes in pastels on site throughout northern New Mexico. For details: [laschivascoffee.com](http://laschivascoffee.com); 466-1010.

### Electric Vehicles: Save Money, Protect the Environment

Come join with other Eldorado residents to learn about electric vehicles (EVs).

**What:** Green Cafe Electric Vehicle Show-and-Tell.  
**Where:** La Plancha Patio at La Tienda and adjoining parking area.

**When:** Saturday, September 15, 8:30-9 AM: Breakfast and Socializing; 9-11 AM: EV Show-and-Tell.

Topics to be addressed include: advantages of EVs; cost and feasibility of buying or creating an EV; sources of power and cost and carbon impacts; local EV resources.

What's the future of personal transportation in New Mexico? Come see the electric vehicles that some local cutting-edge EV enthusiasts are driving and find out what's so special and promising about electric vehicles! Contact **Dana Richards** @ 690-5500 or [danaecologia@gmail.com](mailto:danaecologia@gmail.com) for more information on this event.



**After-School Reading Program**

The fall semester of the Library's After-School Reading Program begins September 13, Thursday, 3- 4:30 PM and is available for grades K and up. Registration is required; space is limited. Registration forms are available at the Library.

**September 15 Flea Market**

On Saturday, September 15, the Fall Flea Market will be held in the parking lot of the Eldorado Community Center. Setup begins at 7 AM; the sale opens at 8 for buyers and wraps up at noon. All items must be cleared and reloaded into vehicles and removed from the parking lot by 1 PM.

The fee is \$10 per space for Eldorado residents; \$15 for non-residents; \$20 for commercial sellers. The spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Sellers need to provide tables, tarps, etc. to display their wares. Because of the limited space, no selling from trailers will be permitted. No weapons or food can be sold.

The event is co-sponsored by the Vista Grande Library and the Adam Senior Center. For information, call 466-3256 or 466-3848.

**ECIA Budget Meetings**

The Finance Committee is reviewing the 2013 ECIA Operating Budget, including transfers to the Capital and Reserve/Replacement funds. Although the Bylaws preclude an assessment increase for 2013, maintenance issues and long-term funding requirements will likely be prominent in discussions.

Budget meetings have been scheduled. All Association members are welcome. September meetings are: *Wednesday, Sept. 12, 9:30 AM:* Begin review of Finance Committee and individual proposals; Conference Room. *Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 PM:* Continued review of proposals for evening attendees. Living Room. For full schedule, go to [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org).

# September Events

*Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.*

Email [eciamarilyn@aol.com](mailto:eciamarilyn@aol.com) 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**

**SEPTEMBER SPECIAL EVENTS**

End of Summer/Labor Day	Mon., Sept. 3, 4:30 pm	Marilyn Farrell	466-4248	CC
Cycling Clinic	Sat., Sept. 8, 8-12 noon	Spin Doc	466-4181	CC
Fall Flea Market	Sat., Sept. 15, 7-12 noon	466-3848 or	466-3256	CC
EFRS BBQ	Sun., Sept. 16, 12-4	Ken	690-0755	CC

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Architectural Committee	Tues., Sept. 11, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architectural Committee	Tues., Sept. 25, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Mon., Sept. 17, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., Sept. 4, 7-9 pm	John Parker	466-7513	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Thurs., Sept. 20, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Facilities & Grounds	Tues., Sept. 4, 4-6 pm	Jean Crawford	466-1000	CFR
Finance Committee	Tues., Sept. 11, 9:30-11:30	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Tues., Sept. 25, 7-9 pm	Jim Daniel	215-707-4457	CFR
Road Committee	Mon., Sept. 10, 6-8 pm	Nolan Zisman	466-2968	CFR
Stable Committee	Wed., Sept. 25, 7-9 pm	Lisa Bessone	466-7100	LR
SPE Committee	Thurs., Sept. 13, 7-9 pm	Dana Richards	690-5500	CFR

**MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS**

Eldorado Arts & Crafts	Last Thurs of month	Barrie Brown	466-3035	LR
EAW&SD*	1st & 3rd Thurs, 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	RR/CR
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/LR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			CFR/CR
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
Adult Basketball	Thurs., 6:30 pm - Dusk			BB Court
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fritz Denny	466-4070	RR, CR, LR
Bridge	Every Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Jim Davidson	670-6949	LR
Bridge	Every Other Wed., 9-noon	Natalie Bernet	466-6118	LR
Community Church**	Sun., 9:30 & 11:00 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
Horseshoes	Wed., 5:30 pm	Tom Miller	466-6059	CC
Knitting Club	Tues., 10-12 noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 12-1 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Softball	Sun., 10 am	Tom Miller	466-6059	School
Square Dancing	Fri., 6-9 pm	David Lovro	466-0540	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](http://www.eldoradosf.org)**

## More about Snakes...



Since “snake season” extends through early November and the incidence of snake sightings appears to be higher this season than in past years, I thought it prudent to reiterate the do’s and don’ts from the August 2010 *Vistas* article.

- ▼ DO leave a snake alone. Snakes help control the rodent population and, hence, the diseases rodents carry.
- ▼ DO contact one of the following for removal and relocation: The Wildlife Center (505-753-9505), Eldorado Neighborhood Watch ([lightwalker2@comcast.com](mailto:lightwalker2@comcast.com)), or 466-2553, Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM), ECIA (466-4248), Santa Fe Animal Control (505-992-1626).
- ▼ DO maintain a visual on the snake. It will help the volunteer in removal of the snake.
- ▼ DON’T harass or attempt to capture or kill the snake. Any attempt may put you in harm’s way. Plus, an agitated snake makes it more difficult for the relocation volunteer to capture it.
- ▼ DON’T put your hands, feet, or anything else anywhere you can’t see fully.
- ▼ DON’T assume any snake is benign. Any snakebite, even from a “harmless” snake, is painful!  
If bitten:
  - ▼ DON’T apply ice or a tourniquet. These measures make the injury worse.
  - ▼ DON’T attempt to cut-and-suck. It is a waste of time and you may cut into a vital vein.

▼ DO seek medical attention immediately and have someone else transport you. Some symptoms of snakebite are similar to heart attacks or stroke.

One of the best ways to help keep you, your family, and pets safe from snakes of all kinds is to keep your yard easily viewable: remove any debris where snakes may hide. Since snakes are prey to many animals, they prefer hiding. Move bird feeders away from the house and closer to trees (this also creates safe breeding environments for the birds, as well. They are less likely to fly into windows.)

Between April and the end of July 2012, the snake relocation volunteers have removed and relocated 11 snakes from Eldorado homes/properties, one being the home of the chair of the Flora and Fauna Working Group. The snake was taking refuge from the afternoon heat under patio furniture until birds harassed it into moving. Here is what the homeowners wrote to the volunteer:

Thanks again for coming so quickly yesterday!! Cliff and I are still in awe of how smoothly it all went and are much indebted to you, Lyn, and the rest of The Relocation Group. How comforting for all of us in Eldorado to know you all are a call away should your services be needed. Hopefully it will help folks here feel a little more confident about the snakes....

Should readers want more information on snakes, please visit the ECIA website, [www.eldoradosf.org](http://www.eldoradosf.org), where you can find an in-depth article on snakes, in particular, rattlers.

—Nina Harrison, Neighborhood Watch

## Fire Department Barbecue

Eldorado Fire and Rescue is holding its Annual Picnic on September 16 at the Community Center from noon until 4:30 PM. “Eldorado’s Finest,” the 20 highly trained men and women of our volunteer fire department, invite everyone in the 100 square miles of their assigned response area. There is no charge for attendance at the event. Hot dogs, hamburgers, and all of the traditional additions will also be free.

In previous years, the picnic venue was the Firehouse on Avenida Vista Grande. This year it will be held instead at the ECIA Community Center (1 La Hacienda Loop). The department’s largest piece of equipment, the Tower Truck, will be flying the American flag and will center the display of the other shined-up and ready-to-roll vehicles parked at the event.

All would-be firefighters will be welcome into the emergency vehicle cabs. For the young and the young-at-heart, the walking icon of wildland fire safety,

Smokey, will be the guest of honor and will, on request, take part in any photos that attendees may wish to snap.

**Lisa Carman’s** Live Band will provide the music, and the picnic organizers have promised that there will be a “couple of other surprises” for the kids.

The highly trained and motivated volunteers of Eldorado Fire and Rescue drill twice weekly at the department’s main station. They are on-call at all times and receive no pay for this vital work for our community. **Chief Steve Tapke** will be at the picnic to shake hands with us—the people his volunteers protect. Later this year, there will be a ballot measure in the November General Election that will, if passed, provide our fire department with the equipment it urgently needs to do its vital job. In next month’s *Vistas*, Chief Tapke will make his case for supporting this ballot measure.

—Frank Schober





## Senior Scene

There is a lot going on at the Adam Senior Center. The Ken and Patty Adam Center is a County-owned facility which services communities and residents in the eastern portion of the county, including the Highway 84/285 corridor, Eldorado, Lamy, Galisteo, Cañoncito, Glorieta, and surrounding areas. The Center also serves as a satellite office facility for the County. The Center has requested an expansion of the facility to provide for additional programming space. The expansion is anticipated to include approximately 3,000 square feet of additional space for the facility. The expansion would accommodate space for additional senior and community functions such as voting, community meeting space and county activities.

We have several informative guest speakers scheduled for September.

Thursday, Sept. 6, **Nina Alexander** will speak on “The History, Authenticity & Buying of Native American Arts & Crafts.”

Friday, Sept. 7, **Nadine Flores**, with Aging & Disability Resource Center, will give us an overview of the services they provide.

Friday, Sept. 14, **Commissioner Doug Howe** will share what we need to know about the Public Regulation Commission of New Mexico.

Friday, Sept. 28, **Jurgen Amtmann** will give a talk,

“Why I Built an Airplane instead of Buying One.”

In addition to the speaker program, the Center offers exercise classes on Mondays through Thursdays. **Barbara Boreman Metzdorff** teaches Therapeutic Movement & Chair Yoga, a combination of exercises created especially for senior citizens. Her gentle Hatha Yoga practices provide safe movements that build strength in legs, back, and arms and increase balancing abilities. (Please call to sign up for this class). **Carol Branch** leads chair aerobics on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 AM, exercising to oldies music and using weights. We are fortunate to have **Wendy Singer** teach tai chi on Wednesdays at 10:30 AM. Eldorado Physical Therapy generously allows **Niela Richardson** to teach strength training on Wednesdays at 1:30 PM.

The Center needs a few more people to get a social bridge game going on Tuesdays at 12:45 PM. Are you interested in crocheting? The Center has a lot of materials if anyone is interested. A field trip and art classes are still pending for September, so call the Center for more information, or drop by to pick up a menu and activities calendar. Congregate meals are served from noon–1 PM Monday–Friday. Hours of operation are Monday–Friday 10 AM–4 PM. You must be a member to participate, and it only takes 10 minutes to become a member.

–Carol Branch 466-1039

## EACA Matters

The fall season’s quickened pace is being felt in the Eldorado Arts & Crafts Association, as events and deadlines line up. The work of the presenter for September’s monthly meeting ought to put one further into an autumn state of mind. Plein-air artist **Janet Amtmann**, whose rich paintings often capture the turning leaves in our own mountains, will be giving a presentation on working with pastels. She will discuss various types of pastels, paper, under-painting, and framing options.

Janet will also give a short demonstration of how she works in this medium. Her award-winning work can be viewed at [www.JanetShawAmtmann.com](http://www.JanetShawAmtmann.com). The September 27 meeting will be held at the ECIA Community Center’s living room starting at 7 PM.

This month’s Shop Talk offers a rare opportunity to view and learn about a unique exhibition temporarily on display at New Mexico’s History Museum. EACA member and museum curator **Tom Leech** will give a guided tour of the exhibition “Illuminating the Word – The St. John’s Bible: An Epic Work of Art.” Thirteen years in the making by some of the finest calligraphers, artists, and theologians in the world, sections of the

contemporary handwritten and illuminated Bible are on display in the museum for a few more months, before the entire work is bound into volumes and permanently housed at St. John’s Abbey and University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

The number of participants for this tour is limited to 25; reserve a space by contacting Joretha Hall at 466-6245. The group will meet at the museum’s reception desk at 10:15 AM on September 5.

### TIMELY REMINDERS:

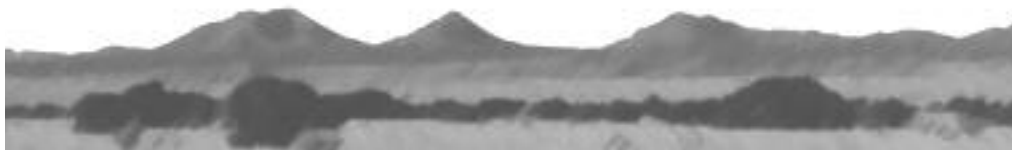
The 2013 Studio Tour applications will go out earlier than usual this year. Participation requires membership in EACA and residency in Eldorado. Contact **Joretha Hall** for information about the Tour at 466-6245, email [clay.companions@q.com](mailto:clay.companions@q.com). Contact **Barrie Brown** for membership information at 466-3035, email [barrie@kp-bb.com](mailto:barrie@kp-bb.com).

The Association’s Fall Show will be held once again at St. John’s Methodist Church, 1200 Old Pecos Trail, to coincide with the church’s popular annual pumpkin sale. Show times are October 26, 3–7 PM and October 27, 9 AM to 5 PM. For further information, contact Barrie Brown at 466-3035 or email to [barrie@kp-bb.com](mailto:barrie@kp-bb.com).

–Margaret Nelson



Janet Amtmann’s plein-air pastel, “Aspens Afire.”



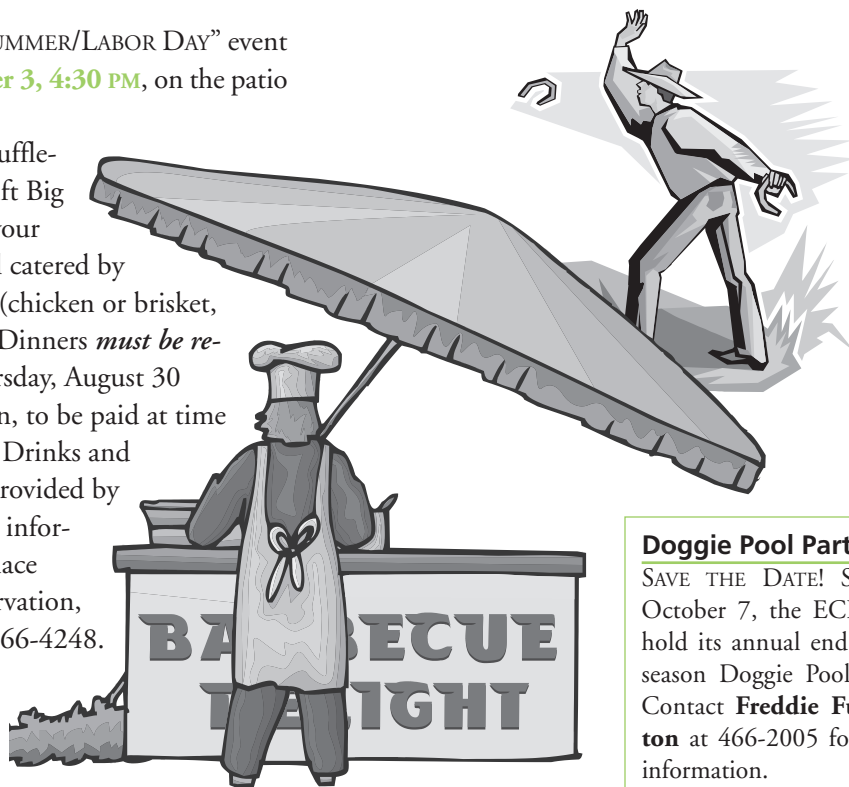
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Crime Stoppers 955-5050

## End-of-Summer / Labor Day Event

**T**HE 2ND ANNUAL ECIA “END OF SUMMER/LABOR DAY” event will be held on **Monday, September 3, 4:30 PM**, on the patio at the Community Center.

Join us for volleyball, horseshoes, and shuffleboard beginning at 4:30 PM. The Swing Shift Big Band will begin playing at 4:45 PM. Bring your own picnic dinner, or get a great BBQ meal catered by

The Cowgirl BBQ (chicken or brisket, with side dishes). Dinners *must be reserved* by Thursday, August 30 (\$10 per person, to be paid at time of reservation). Drinks and dessert will be provided by ECIA. For more information and to place your dinner reservation, call Marilyn at 466-4248.



### Doggie Pool Party

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, October 7, the ECIA will hold its annual end of the season Doggie Pool Party. Contact **Freddie Fullington** at 466-2005 for more information.