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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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July 4, A Celebration of Voluntarism

It is not often spoken of, if ever, but the Fourth of July celebrates a characteristic that is uniquely American: we volunteer. We volunteer to help as unpaid firefighters, to help overworked staffs in our hospitals, to help students struggling to read to get to where they need to be—at grade level. Closer to home, a bit less than 1% of us volunteer to work to make our Eldorado Community a great place to live, a great place to raise a family, to be with family, a place we can be proud of.

Americans sign up to volunteer in so many ways that when people of other countries are asked what characterizes us, they will often say it is that we volunteer. It might be called a propensity to help others in need. It happens formally and, as often, informally: we see people in the news pulling children out of a burning building, or we see a driver rushing to free someone trapped beneath a vehicle that is smashed—all at their personal risk. We volunteer. It's part of what it means to be an American.

We will be holding our annual celebration in the community of Eldorado of Santa Fe to commemorate what our founders did on July 4, 1776. We will parade with pride. We will have music, hot dogs, sno-cones, popcorn. We will rejoice and honor our country and feel proud as we sing its national anthem.

While we celebrate our Independence, we might also want to remember that it was a hard-won result of the voluntarism of our patriotic forbearers.

The militia standing on Lexington Common and confronting the most well-equipped and well-trained army of the day in 1775 were all volunteers. On the same day, volunteer militias trounced that feared army in Concord and harassed them all the way back to Boston. The Continental Army that George Washington put together on Cambridge Common later that year was drawn from militia volunteers of the colonies that later became our states.

The patriots who met in Philadelphia in 1776 to sign our Declaration of Independence were of a special sort. They were risk-taking volunteers. They were not salaried, did not claim travel costs or per-diem. They

signed the Declaration of Independence and put themselves and their families in danger as they did so. Ben Franklin captured everyone's mood that day when he remarked, "Now we must all hang together or surely we shall all hang separately." He was right. Of those who signed the Declaration of Independence:

- ▼ Five were captured by the British, brutally tortured and hanged as traitors.
- ▼ Nine died from wounds they suffered in the war.
- ▼ A dozen had their homes pillaged and burned.
- ▼ William Ellery, who signed for the state of Rhode Island, had his house burned and all his property destroyed. He died in poverty.
- ▼ Richard Stockton, of New Jersey, suffered brutal punishment for his signing. British troops pulled him from his bed one night, beat him, and threw him in jail for seven years. When he returned home after the war, his surviving family had to live the remainder of their lives in poverty.
- ▼ Thomas Nelson, Jr., finding that the British had taken over his home for a headquarters, urged General Washington to open fire on his own home. His home was destroyed and he died bankrupt.
- ▼ Francis Lewis had his home and all of his properties destroyed.
- ▼ John Hart returned after the war to find his wife dead, his children gone, and his farm and stock destroyed. He died without ever seeing any of his family again.

The volunteers who signed our Declaration of Independence were a diverse group. Many were men of means and education. Some were farmers and tradesmen. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Unwavering, these volunteers signed their name to a document that ended with a sacred commitment. They kept it.

Think about volunteering. It's a very American thing to do.

—Frank Schober

*ECIA Board Meeting,
Community Center
Railroad Bldg. Thurs.,
June 18,
7 PM*





Share your comments with us!

For policy and
deadline, see
below

Editorial Policy

Vistas welcomes your letters on ECIA issues and activities, as well as your ideas, stories, photos, and art. Please include full name and contact information. The newsletter will not publish material deemed inflammatory, biased, or inappropriate. Submissions will be selected and edited at the discretion of the editor. Community announcements are welcome as well, along with accompanying photos.

DEADLINE: Newsletter deadline is the 5th day of each month. Submissions can be dropped off or mailed to the ECIA office or e-mailed to diana@eldoradosf.org. 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.

House Rentals in Eldorado

With the growing trend of homeowners renting out their homes in Eldorado, the ECIA has noticed an increase in tenant violations of the Covenants and Guidelines. These infractions range from barking or roaming dogs to uncovered RVs and trailers. This spike in tenant non-compliance, we believe, is due in part to the many homeowners (often absentee landlords) who are not doing an adequate job of screening their tenants or informing them that Eldorado is a covenant-controlled community and that renters (like homeowners) are required to respect and follow the Eldorado Covenants as well as the Eldorado Guidelines for Protective Covenants and Building Restrictions.

To reverse this negative trend, we ask that all Eldorado homeowners who rent out their homes screen their tenants to ensure that they will be responsible tenants and will respect and abide by the Eldorado Covenants and Guidelines. It is imperative as well that the homeowner provide their tenants with a copy of

the Covenants and Guidelines before they finalize the rental, to ensure that the tenants are aware of their responsibility to live in harmony with their neighbors and within the requirements of these legal and binding documents.

Additionally, we ask any homeowner who rents out a home to convey to the ECIA office the names(s) of the tenant(s) and duration of the rental agreement. With this information, we can more efficiently communicate with the tenants if problems or issues arise. Also, this information will be required from any tenants requesting pool passes or to use the amenities. It is also helpful for absentee landlords to hire a reputable property management company that will be able to deal with issues on the ground and help the ECIA to resolve covenant violation matters.

Tenants with questions about the ECIA or its amenities or policies should call the ECIA at 466-4248 or visit our website at eldoradosf.org.

—Mark Young, Covenant Compliance Representative
466-4248, mark@eldoradosf.org

Election Committee Seeks Members

The Election Committee is supposed to have five members and one alternate member, but presently we are short one voting member and an alternate. The alternate does not vote but is an integral part of the committee, attending meetings, participating in all discussions, and assisting in ballot counting.

The primary responsibility of the Election Committee is to conduct the annual election for ECIA Board positions. We also conduct the vote for potential amendments to the bylaws or covenants and other related matters, as directed by the ECIA Board. Our second responsibility is to conduct a biannual review of the bylaws and recommend potential amendments that would clarify or update the document.

We meet monthly on the second Wednesday from 2 to 4 PM in the Community Center Conference Room. We are interested in recruiting members in good standing who are able to uphold the high standards required by the Election Committee in regard to impartiality and confidentiality of election results and reliability in regard to participation in the annual Board election count. We work hard at completing our responsibilities while having a good time!

If you are interested, you may contact me at 466-2133, or email me at electchair1@yahoo.com, and I will be happy to answer your questions.

—Kathie Graham, Chair, Election Committee

Recent Board Actions

The ECIA Board held its regular monthly meeting on May 21, 2015. All six Board members were present: **Dag Ryen** (President), **Pam Henline** (Vice President), **Todd Handy** (Treasurer), **Greg Colello** (Secretary), **Jeanne Calzada**, and **David Yard**. The following formal actions were taken unanimously, without the Chair voting, unless otherwise noted:

- ▼ A variance was approved for 2 Eldorado Place for an existing split-rail fence to extend into the 50-foot front setback.
- ▼ A variance was approved for 1 Conchas Court for a house to be rebuilt 18 feet into the 50-foot front setback on the same footprint following a fire.
- ▼ A variance was approved for 3 Azul Place for a greenhouse 20 feet from the house where the Guideline maximum is 15 feet.
- ▼ A transfer was approved of \$1000 of previously committed capital funds from 2016 to 2015 for Community Center plantings.
- ▼ A variance was approved for 8 Domingo Court for a ground-based solar array 46 feet from the house where the Guideline maximum is 15 feet, because of shading and existing screening vegetation, with added screening required.
- ▼ A variance was approved for 8 Mariano Road for two ground-based solar arrays 35 feet from the house where the Guideline maximum is 15 feet, because of shading and existing screening vegetation.

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Message from the ECIA Board

As announced at the May Annual Meeting of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association, **Greg Colello** was elected to a new, three-year term on the Board of Directors with 380 votes. We applaud Mr. Colello's continuing service to the community.

Unfortunately, less than 20% of our members returned their ballots in this last election. While the fact that the election was uncontested might have led in part to this lack of interest, it is nonetheless disappointing that so few of our membership are actively engaged in the activities of the Association. Generating greater participation and increasing dialogue with the membership remains one of the Board's top priorities. We will be holding new community forums in the summer and fall and encourage all members to attend our open Board meetings on the third Thursday of every month.

There remains a vacant seat on the Board which will be filled by appointment by the current directors. Anyone who is interested in public service to the El-

dorado community is encouraged to contact the Board with a letter of interest and a brief resume by June 12. Interested parties must be members in good standing of the Association and should have general knowledge of its amenities and activities, but there are no formal requirements for fiscal or managerial background. What is essential is that every Board member be committed to serving the community as a whole. Interviews will be scheduled and a final selection made by the end of June.

The current Board members met in an organizational meeting on May 18, as required by our bylaws, and elected the following officers for the coming year: President, **Dag Ryen**; Vice-President, **Pam Henline**; Treasurer, **Todd Handy**; and Secretary, **Greg Colello**.

We look forward to a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone. Enjoy your pool and other community amenities, and take a moment during the season to drop us a note about how we might improve our service to you.

—ECIA Board of Directors

LETTER FROM THE GM

While at ECIA for only two short months, I have observed the dedication and commitment of all committee members as well as the ECIA staff. It is these people who truly make my job easier. The ECIA staff are incredibly knowledgeable, helpful, and professional. The time and effort put forth by committee members are not only extraordinary but a true example of community. I thank everyone for their warm welcome. I am happy to be a part of the ECIA community!

With that said, did you know there are barns in the Stable amenity for sale? At the time of this writing, we have three barns available. The amenity is restricted to equine only occupation and is currently comprised of 36 barns housing up to four horses each; it also has

two arenas and two round pens. Barn owners enjoy easy access to thousands of acres of riding space. The ECIA owns the amenity's land, gates, and water system, and so the Stable is subject to the covenants and deeds of the ECIA. The barns and other structures for each stable are owned and maintained by the individual barn owners. Barn owners pay for manure removal, water, and the fly predator program.

Barn owners may share their space with a sharer (please refer to the Stable Amenity Rules on the website). If you are renting property in Eldorado, you are welcome to share a barn space. You would need to provide proof of residency and equine liability insurance to the ECIA office.

If you would like to learn more about the barns for sale, contact me at gm@eldoradosf.org or at the ECIA office (505) 466-4248. *—Denise Villanueva*

Letter to the Editor

GROUND-MOUNTED VS. ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR INSTALLATION

The use of solar power protects Life. Burning coal poisons, sickens, and kills living organisms. But solar panels are inherently inefficient, and keeping them at a 10-degree tilt makes them more inefficient, while accumulated snow and dust further reduces their efficiency. Panels closer to the roof that are enclosed by parapets will tend to heat

up and lose additional efficiency. How many of us will climb up to the roof to wash the dust off the panels once a week or to brush the snow off them in the winter? Global climate change brings us more gray, cloudy days, adding to panels' inefficiency. Roof installation always compromises a flat roof and its house. Finally, to these detractions, add the extra expense of having to repair a roof with panels on it!

So, why are a few neighbors inhibiting ground-mounted solar arrays?

Eduardo Krasilovsky

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Honey Locust tree.
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Reel New Mexico screens
"The Silence of Cricket
Googler," detailed in *Cricket in
the Web*, on June 11.

Pool hours:
Lap Swim:
M-F 7:30-10 AM;
Sat.-Sun. 8-10 AM
Kiddie Pool & Big
Pool: Daily
10 AM-8 PM

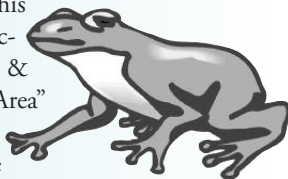


Eldoradoans' Views Invited

Vistas welcomes homeowners' Letters to the Editor, comments, and opinions, to be published in a new section allotted for this purpose. Our new section in *Vistas* will have its counterpart on our website. Articles are also welcome. *Vistas* encourages factual information related to our community's past, present, or future. For more publishing rules, please refer to the sidebar on page 2 of this issue.

Amphibians and Reptiles Lecture

Ted Brown, assisted by his wife **Sue**, will present a lecture called "Amphibians & Reptiles of the Eldorado Area" on June 6, at 10 AM in the Railroad Building at the Community Center. There will be a brief slide show and some live critters for all to enjoy (in a non-gustatory fashion).



Reel New Mexico

Screening at La Tienda in Eldorado on Thursday, June 11, at 7 PM, will be the documentary feature "The Silence of Cricket Coogler," produced by Eldorado resident **Richard Startzman** ("Mother O'Keeffe"). Special guest will be author **Paula Moore**.

This documentary investigates the mysterious death of an 18-year-old waitress in New Mexico in 1949. "The Silence of Cricket Coogler" is a political murder movie about a young beauty who was a victim of political corruption and Mafia connections. The feature-length documentary covers all aspects of Ovida "Cricket" Coogler's unsolved murder, which changed history in Las Cruces and New Mexico.

The documentary is narrated in part by the late John Ehrlichman, with commentary by the late great Tony Hillerman. In his remarks, Hillerman says, "this strange little murder, and the incredible effort to cover it up, caused a kind of outrage that cleaned up New Mexico."

Paula Moore, author of the 2008 book *Cricket in the Web*, has spent years researching the never-solved case. She will discuss her research and findings on Coogler's demise, which involved politicians in New Mexico.

There is a suggested donation of \$5, and moviegoers can also bring food and drink into the theater, thanks to the courtesy of our friends at La Plancha Grill. For more information, contact **Jeff Berg** at 466-1634.

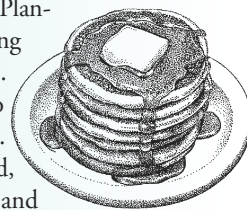
Eldorado Children's Theatre and Teen Players Musical Theater Workshop

Eldorado Children's Theatre and Teen Players is offering a musical theater workshop the week of July 13-17 taught by **Lisa Lincoln** with **Lydia Madrick** on piano. Kids ages 9-18 are welcome! For more information, email Lisa Lincoln at lisa@rancheros.com or go to www.eldoradochildrenstheatre.org. Space is limited!

July 4th Pancake Breakfast at La Tienda

Can you smell the pancakes, syrup, sausages, and coffee? Come on out and enjoy a festive, delicious, community breakfast on La Plancha's patio at La Tienda before our big Fourth of July parade! You don't have to trek to the Santa Fe Plaza to enjoy this Santa Fe tradition.

This year's event will be hosted by **Juan Carlos** and **Lydia**, our good neighbors at La Plancha Grill, and by our local recycling group, Eldorado/285 Recycles. Everyone will be served in time to get to the Fourth of July parade.



Come in your PJs or in red, white & blue, bring the kids, and help celebrate Independence Day! 8-10 AM, East Patio of La Tienda (facing Hwy. 285). Cost: \$5 per person (includes, pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee). Cash only. Kids 6 and under free.

If you can volunteer for this event, please contact Joe (570-0583 or joseigner@gmail.com).

Landscaping with Commemorative Trees

As you head to the dog park, pool, or tennis and basketball courts this summer, take a little time to enjoy the new island landscape as it takes shape, turns green, and begins to bloom. This project is well on its way to becoming an Eldorado community park. The shrubs are planted, and the first purchased commemorative trees (honey locusts) are inching their roots into their new soil. By the time this is published, the buffalo grass basin will be seeded and three autumn ash trees will have been planted. An open area on the north end is designated for additional commemorative trees.

Anyone wishing to remember someone or commemorate an event with a tree can purchase one from our landscape plan, and we will plant and care for it. Commemorative trees are available for \$275. Carved stone plaques are available to be placed with the trees. Information on the commemorative tree and bench project is available at the ECIA office. Please consider investing in this community project.

Landscaping the island is part of a multi-year project that began with recognizing the need to care for existing mature trees; then it grew into a plan to restore the Community Center grounds to a healthy high desert landscape. Much work has been done immediately around the buildings, including the extraordinary, if prickly, cactus gardens. We are making use of the previously installed cistern system, channeling runoff from the paved surfaces and using manure compost from the horse stables. The work has been done almost exclusively by ECIA staff and a few dedicated volunteers, an example of Eldorado at its best. We hope you enjoy it.

—Su Anne Armstrong



PROTECT OUR NIGHT SKY

Save a penny,
Douse your light.
Keep our stars here
Shining bright.

— E.C. Miles

Lace 'em up!

The Eldorado Adult basketball season is here. Lace 'em up, players, and c'mon out to the Community Center basketball court for fun and friendly pick-up hoops, Thursdays, 6:30 PM–dusk.

In Memoriam: Joe Auburg

Joe Auburg, 81, also known as Bubba, and a long-time resident on Duende Road in Eldorado, died on March 18, 2015. He and his wife of 45 years, Ruby, moved to Colorado five years ago and were happy living in Covenant Village, Westminster, Colorado.

Joe was the 11th and last child born in his family, the only one who graduated from high school and then Sacramento State College. He served in the U.S. Army and worked 30 years for the Army Corps of Engineers in Washington, DC. He had diabetes since childhood, so he rode his bike every day and learned how to fix them. Then people gave their bikes to him, and he in turn gave them away to anyone who wanted one. He was a long-time bridge player, a board member of the community theater, a joke teller of the nth degree, and volunteered whenever asked. You may remember him, dressed in an Uncle Sam outfit leading a 4th of July parade in Eldorado on his bicycle.



June Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email marilyn@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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Reptile Talk	Sat., June 6, 10 am	RR
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Architecture Committee	Tues., June 9, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Architecture Committee	Tues., June 23, 7-9 pm	Mark Young	466-4248	Foyer
Board Work Study	Thurs., June 4, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Board Work Study	Mon., June 15, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
Conservation Committee	Tues., June 2, 7-9 pm	Jim Daniel	609-941-4527	F
ECIA Board Meeting	Thurs., June 18, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	RR
Election Committee	Wed., June 24, 2-4 pm	Kathie Graham	466-2133	CFR
Facilities & Grounds	Wed., June 10, 4-6 pm	John Calzada	466-1947	CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., June 10, 9:30 am	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Information Committee	Mon., June 22, 7-9 pm	Frank Schober	310-8593	CFR
Road Committee	Not scheduled	Felicia Probert	466-1563	CFR
Stable Committee	Wed., June 17, 7-9 pm	Alice Griffin	795-6424	CFR

MONTHLY / SEMI-MONTHLY MEETINGS / BIMONTHLY

EAW&SD*	1st & 3rd Thurs., 7-9 pm	Anna Mondragon	466-1085	RR/CR
Eldorado Arts & Crafts	Last Thurs, 7 pm	Mary Fredenburgh	466-1035	CR
Eldorado Book Club	3rd Wed., 3:00 pm	Susan Aylward	shaylward@gmail.com	
Eldorado/285 Recycles	2nd Tues. of month, 4-6 pm	Karen Sweeney	466-9797	CFR
Library Book Group	2nd Sat., 9-10:30	Joan LaMarque	466-6000	CFR
Roadrunner RV	3rd Tues. of month	Gordon Groff	699-7680	
Search & Rescue	2nd Thurs., 7-9 pm	santafesar.org		CR

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:45-6:45 pm			CFR/LR
AA	Wed., 7-8 pm			CFR
AA	Thurs., 6:00-7:00 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-Dusk			Courts
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Fritz Denny	466-4070	RR, CR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Jackie Vaughn	466-2558	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	Tues., 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204	Station
Fire & Rescue Duty Sections	Sat., 8-12 noon	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
Mah Jongg	Fri., 1-4:30	Nancy Robbins	466-1780	CR
Overeaters Anon	Mon., 7-8 pm	Barb	954-1533	LR
Senior Lunch***	Mon.-Fri., 11:30-12:30 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Spinning Group (yarn)	1st & 3rd Thurs., 9:30-11:30	Ellen Higgins	970-201-4776	LR
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

At the Library

June is time to think about gardens and flowers, and summer projects. Come by the library to peruse its selection of titles on gardening, home improvement, and recipes (time for cookouts and lighter eating, too.) Also, pick up a DVD or a bestseller for an entertainment break after the physical activity of the day.

Spring Book Sale: The Book Sale will be held on June 11, 12, and 13 at the library. Shoppers can find thousands of adult titles, fiction and nonfiction, as well as children's and youth books, DVDs, and music CDs. It's a great time to stock up on summer reading material! Hours will be 12–6 PM on Thursday and Friday, and 10 AM–4 PM on Saturday.

Wags and Words: This popular program, where children read to a therapy dog, has now expanded to Saturday mornings. Koda and Cheyenne, the "official Library dogs," have a new friend, Timber. With summer vacation at hand, now is the perfect time for parents to see if this program could work for their beginning and reluctant readers. Schedules are changing, so contact Tracey at the library or call her at 466-7323 to see what appointments are available.

Family Movie Night: On Friday, June 5, the library is showing an animated PG-rated film, perfect for the younger crowd. It is the tale of a boy and his robot who join a hi-tech team of heroes. The show begins

at 7 PM. As always, there is no charge and popcorn is included.

Summer Reading Programs: Parents can register now for the Summer Reading Programs, which begin this month (see below). This year's theme is "Every Hero Has a Story." The programs explore heroes of all kinds, real and fictional, and help children learn how they can be a hero in their own community. Registration forms are available at the circulation desk, or can be printed from the website, www.vglibrary.org, and brought in to the library. All programs and materials are free; early registration is strongly encouraged for these popular programs!

Students entering kindergarten to grade 4 can sign up for the Reading Club that will meet Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 PM beginning June 24. Younger children will enjoy the Friday morning Story Time, which will meet at 11 AM starting June 26. There will also be a Reading Contest for all ages. Children do not have to come to program meetings to take part in the Reading Contest.

Look for VGPL to be marching in the Fourth of July Parade, dressed as favorite heroes in celebration of the Summer Reading theme.

Save the Date: Annual Ice Cream Social and Fundraiser on August 9.

—Tracey Mitchell

Annual Frontier Day

For over 25 years, the fourth grade classes from El Dorado Community School have been celebrating Frontier Day. This event, which almost always takes place at the Community Center, is the culmination of the fourth quarter studies of Westward Expansion, spanning from 1804 and the Lewis and Clark Expedition to the late 1800s. This year, on May 13, about 75 students, three teachers, and many

parents helped to make Frontier Day happen once again.

The students, many decked out in period dress, were divided into groups of five, with a parent who shepherded them around. At each learning station, they participated in hands-on demonstrations of life as it was during the frontier days.

The first stop was the spinning demonstration, where volunteers from Las Golondrinas gave the students sheep's wool to card. They used a malacate to spin the wool, and they had spinning wheels to make the yarn. Some were working on a loom, making a textile that will hang in the school.

A tinsmith was on hand to demonstrate how frontier folks used the tin containers that came down the trail: taking them apart and cutting them, they turned them into candleholders, picture frames, and even plates. He called this New Mexico's first recycling. Someone else was teaching candle making, another how to start a fire, another panning for gold, and one talked about artifacts that came from the frontier.

The Railroad Building had been transformed into a cantina. There the students played cards, checkers, and jacks. They could belly up to the bar for a pretzel, a pickle, or a root beer.

Near the playground a group of kids played "twee-zle bop," a game where two kids, while standing on a log, would bop each other with stuffed pillowcases until one fell off the log.

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The cantina at Frontier Day.
Photo: Marilyn Farrell





NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH FLORA & FAUNA GROUP

No-See-Ums and Stink Bugs, Oh My!

It's that time of the year again for those pesky no-see-ums. To find out more, we contacted Eldorado resident Ken Olds, who has extensive experience in pest management.

No-see-ums, also known as biting midges or punkies, are very small, 0.6–5.0 millimeters in length (1/32 to 1/4 inch)—small enough to get through most window screens—and they have a nasty bite. The larvae (immature, worm-like form) live in either aquatic or semiaquatic environments such as damp soil. In Eldorado, they are associated with areas under junipers, in decaying vegetation, and under various cacti.

Like the mosquito, no-see-ums bite to feed on blood. And, also like the mosquito, the female no-see-um needs the blood meal to mature her eggs before laying them. No-see-um bites cause itching, and in sensitive individuals, welts and lesions that may last for several days. These may lead to secondary infections resulting from scratching to relieve the skin.

These insects, which are attracted to lights, do not travel far from where the larvae hatch. One can often avoid attacks simply by moving a few yards away. In general, biting midges are weak fliers, and flight is greatly reduced or curtailed in windy conditions.

In the U.S., no-see-ums are not associated with disease transmission in people. In other parts of the world, they are associated with transmitting various helminths (microscopic worms), protozoa, and viruses.

Skin repellents containing DEET and/or clothing repellents containing permethrin have little, if any, effectiveness in keeping no-see-ums from biting. General area control can be obtained for a short time us-

ing commercially available insecticides. One must treat trees, shrubs, grasses, and any area where the insect may land to rest. And, as just noted, this will only help for a short time. The effectiveness of citronella candles is also questionable. They may be useful for a short period of time.

Now, as for our ubiquitous stink bug or stink beetle, the name is a misnomer. The beetle we have here is more correctly called the Pinacate beetle. *Pinacate* is from the Mexican/Aztec word *pinacatl*, which translates to “black beetle.” True “stink bugs” are not beetles and have an odor when crushed—thus their name.

The Pinacate beetle in Eldorado belongs to the genus *Eleodes* and is best known for its behavior when alarmed. It will lift its rear end in a 45-degree angle (or more, even appearing to stand on its head). This posture is a warning to predators, as the beetle is able to emit a strong-smelling black liquid, which, according to many, is not easily washed off.

These beetles are harmless to people, apart from the foul-smelling liquid. They feed on dead plant material, animal remains, roots, and seeds. The beetle has played a prominent role in two Clint Eastwood-associated movies, “A Fist Full of Dollars” and “The Outlaw Josey Wales.” In “A Fist Full of Dollars,” the beetle is smashed as it crosses a table by the actor Gian Maria Valente near the end of the movie. In “The Outlaw Josey Wales,” the beetle is spit on with tobacco juice by Clint Eastwood.

References for this article are available upon request. We love hearing from you! Contact us at EldoradoFloraFauna@yahoo.com.



Above: No-see-um; below: Pinacate beetle, or “stink bug.”

Photos: Ann V. Wood

Eldorado/
285 Recycles

At the Eldorado Convenience Center, formerly the Transfer Station, the rules are simple.

**RECYCLE RIGHT:
GLASS**

Brown, green, clear – YES!

Window glass, auto glass, light bulbs – NO!

**RECYCLE RIGHT:
PLASTIC**

#1 and #2 containers with caps – YES!

Produce clamshells, plastic wrap – NO!

**RECYCLE RIGHT:
CARDBOARD**

Corrugated – YES!

Pizza boxes without food residue – YES!

Cereal boxes and other paperboard – YES!

Annual Frontier Day,
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Some children chose to play with chickens, ducks, a rabbit, some horses, and a donkey. Then they moved onto the stage, where they learned some dances of the period: Chimes of Dunkirk, Alabama Gal, and Heel Toe Polka.

As individual students stood in the jail, their picture was taken and then they made a frame for their souvenir picture to take home.

All this and a chuck wagon, too. Lunch was posole, red chile, enchiladas, and corn bread, topped off with raspberry cobbler.

Not only was it an instructional day, but all the students had a great time. The parents organized and paid for the entire event.

—Marilyn Farrell

Board Actions, cont. from p. 2

▼ A variance was denied for 1 Domingo Road for a new studio extending 10 feet into one required 20-foot side setback and a porch extending into another required setback (1-3-1, Yard in favor, Handy abstaining).

▼ Dick Goldsmith was appointed to the Election Committee.

▼ Antone Forneris, Bob Blanchet, Dan Davidson, Tony Reilly, Russel Winslow, and Rob Wickham were appointed to the Road Committee.

Regular 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 and community announcements are normally included. Complete minutes and meeting agendas are available at the ECIA office or website: eldoradosf.org.

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Neighborhood Watch: <http://eldoradoneighbors.wordpress.com>

John Calzada Resident of Year

The Annual Meeting of the ECIA named **John Calzada** the Eldorado Community Resident of the Year for 2014. John Calzada, husband of Board member and former President **Jeanne Calzada**, currently serves as chair of the ECIA Facilities and Grounds Committee, vice-chair of the ECIA Finance Committee, and as a member of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors. Prior to retiring to Eldorado, he served in the U.S. Air Force, and in law enforcement in Monterey County, California.



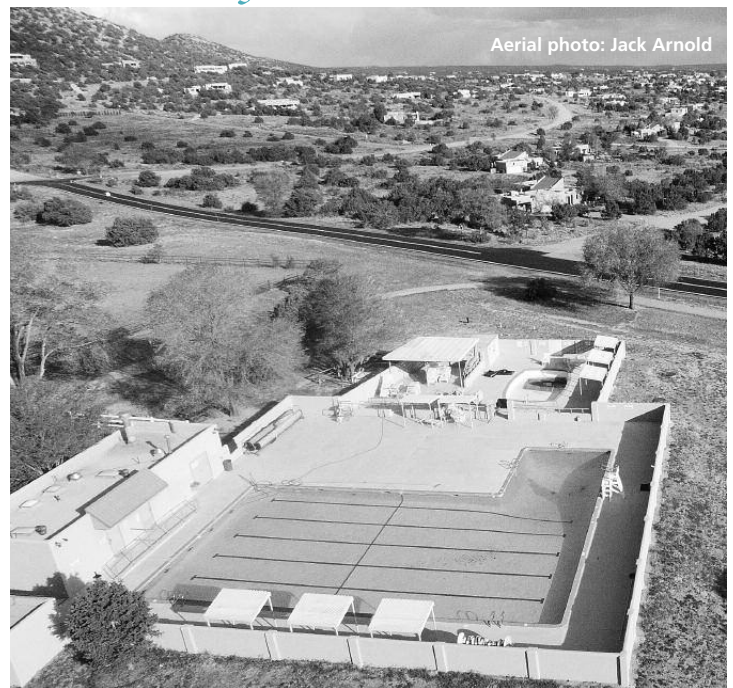
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Changes to the ECIA Board

Secretary **Gershon Siegel** has retired from the Board on the expiration of his term, leaving one Board position vacant. Gershon Siegel is the former publisher of the free monthly *Eldorado News*, which has subsequently undergone several transitions in name and emphasis. He was elected to the Board in 2014 and did not run for reelection in 2015. His replacement will be appointed by the current Board.

The sole position filled by election was that of **Greg Colello**, who ran unopposed to succeed himself for a three-year term. Of 465 ballots returned, Greg received 380 votes, with 85 casting no vote.

Time for Summer Fun!



Aerial photo: Jack Arnold

The Eldorado Pool, one of our most popular amenities, is now open for the enjoyment of ECIA members and guests! Hours of operation: 7:30 AM–8 PM Monday–Friday, and 8 AM–8 PM Saturday and Sunday.