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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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Water Utility Purchase Complete

NOW THAT THE SALE OF BONDS and the purchase of the water utility are complete, we want to provide an accounting of the money that came in, where it has been spent, where it can be spent, and how the debt will be paid off. The information below gives a good summary; it will be more detailed when we hold our public hearings on the Eldorado Area Water & Sanitation District's (EAWSD) 2006 budget in the second half of July.

SOURCES, USES AND DEBT SERVICE OF EAWSD BOND ISSUES:

General Obligation Utility Acquisition and Improvement Bonds, Series 2004:

▼ Total amount of the bonds:	\$7,895,000.00
▼ Costs of issuance:	\$615,906.25
▼ Net proceeds to District:	\$7,279,093.75
▼ Deposit to Court for utility acquisition:	\$7,000,000.00
▼ Remainder:	\$279,093.75

Note: The "Remainder" has been used by the District for other costs of utility acquisition and improvement.

Water Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2005:

▼ Total amount of the bonds:	\$5,800,000.00
▼ Escrow:	\$508,500.00
▼ Costs of issuance:	\$360,921.07
▼ Net proceeds to District:	\$4,930,578.93
▼ Deposit to Court for utility acquisition:	\$4,216,996.41
▼ Remainder:	\$713,582.52

Note: \$508,500 is held in escrow by First National Bank to ensure the availability of funds for payment of debt service even in the event of a serious revenue shortfall. Those moneys will revert to the District upon final payment of the bonds (or can be used, essentially, to make the last year's payment).

The \$713,582.52 "Remainder" may be used by the District for acquisition costs or for capital improvements (new wells, pipes, pumps, etc.) to the system, but *not* for operating expenses.

Debt Service

- For the general obligation (g.o.) bonds, property tax revenues are used to pay debt service. The District will pay approximately \$257,000 in interest only on August 1, 2005. On February 1, 2006, the District will pay principal (\$255,000) plus interest (\$257,000) for a total payment of approximately \$512,000. In 2006 and subsequent years, the total annual debt service will be approximately \$730,000 each year, payable in two installments.
- For the revenue bonds, utility revenues are used to pay debt service. The District will pay approximately \$67,000 in interest only (accrued from 5/24/05) on August 1, 2005. On February 1, 2006 and August 1, 2006 the District will make interest only payments of approximately \$175,000 each. On February 1, 2007, the District will pay principal (\$160,000) plus interest (\$175,000) for a total payment of approximately \$335,000. Thereafter, the total annual debt service will be approximately \$508,000 each year, payable in two installments.

General obligation and revenue bonds will be paid off in 20 years.

*ECIA Board
Work Study
Meeting,
Community
Center, Mon.,
July 18, 7 pm*



—Mary Raynard

**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 emailed to info@eldoradocommunity.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.

Thank You, Ray Nichols



WE ARE SADDENED to reluctantly accept Ray Nichols' resignation as President of the Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District (EAWSD) Board of Directors. We only worked with him for five months, but in that short time we learned to admire and respect all the qualities that made Ray such an outstanding president for his eight (8!) years of service. We would like to acknowledge some of what we have learned to appreciate and value about Ray.

Ray knows *everything*—about the history of the condemnation, the state of the state, the aquifer(s), water law, the Eldorado community, water and sanitation statutes, the Open Meetings Act, financial requirements, and on and on. As new Water Board members we had a million questions. Ray answered all of them.

Ray is an excellent listener. The District has been a lightning rod for controversy and discontent, at least among a vocal minority. People had problems with their bills. People had problems with leaks. People had problems with how the acquisition of the system was or was not proceeding. Throughout all of it, we watched Ray listen to every person with respect and patience. He was always willing to listen carefully to all sides of an issue, and not rush to judgment. This is a rare and significant quality, especially for someone in public office.

Ray is calm and patient, and in this he embodies the most effective qualities of leadership. While others around us were losing their heads, exerting and/or caving in to pressure, Ray maintained a steady, even pace. We continued to move forward.

When things appeared as setbacks, we deliberated and found solutions. We did not make rash or emotional decisions. Ray kept us on an even keel.

Ray believes in service. His work on the Water Board, which started back in 1997, has all been to benefit the residents of Eldorado, to preserve our beautiful environment, and to be good stewards to our natural resources. Ray is committed to public owner-

ship of the water utility because it is in the residents' best interest and in the best interest of the environment. None of this long, hard, frustrating work has been for Ray's benefit or gain. Ray is a role model, an example of what it means to give service willingly and gladly.

We're grateful for the time we've worked with Ray. We're grateful and glad that he will stay involved with the Water Board and with water issues. And we intend to work hard to build on the excellent accomplishments that this fine man has achieved over the years.

Let's all raise our glasses (of water) to Ray!

—Mary Raynard and Jerry Williams

A Stellar Night

THE CONSERVATION COMMITTEE will sponsor a star gazing event in mid-August that will bring us together to view and learn about the night sky. We will have telescopes and knowledgeable people on hand. This event seems especially appropriate in light of Eldorado having been honored with a prestigious New Mexico Night Sky Award. Look for date and details of the event in the next *Vistas*.

We are looking for residents who have telescopes they would bring to the Community Center and share for viewing. Please contact **Cary Carlson** at 466-6073.



Architectural Styles of Santa Fe

(Article I, Section 1 and Article II, Section 5)

THE ARCHITECTURAL STYLES and design motifs for Eldorado are, for the most part, a continuation of the architectural heritage of Santa Fe.

Architectural approval of styles and design motifs in Eldorado is intended to preserve the predominant characteristics of this heritage.

To maintain this architectural heritage of Santa Fe, the following guidelines will govern the design of homes in Eldorado.

Each dwelling shall be designed and constructed to meet the requirements of one of the approved architectural styles.

Only minor elements of one other approved style may be included within a single home design so that the integrity of the dwelling's specific architectural style is maintained.

A minor element of a different approved architectural style shall be limited in size, shape, material and/or color so as not to become an overly prominent architectural feature on any façade or elevation. For example: Portals of a design of an approved style not consistent with the architectural design of the basic dwelling shouldn't comprise more than 20% of the length of the façade to which they are attached and shall not be erected on more than two façades and not on adjacent façades.

In addition, the Guidelines on colors will govern so as to avoid substantial contrasts with the environment or the basic dwelling.

The Architectural Committee meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month... compliance, first!

—Charles Smith, Eldorado CCR

From the President's Desk

ECIA BOARD OFFICERS

At the May Board meeting, officers for the year were chosen. They are: President, **Jeanne Klein**; Vice-President, **Sandy MacGregor**; Secretary, **Philip Balcombe**; and Treasurer, **Dan Drobnis**. Telephone numbers and e-mail addresses for all Board members are posted on this page of the *Vistas* each month. Candidates for the two vacant seats on the Board were interviewed and appointed at the June meeting. Look for more information about the new Board members in the August *Vistas*.

COMMUNITY PAVILION

Much interest and excitement has been generated by the prospect of having a Community Pavilion in Eldorado. Performing artists are meeting and planning to create an array of activities available to our residents. No final construction date has been announced, but a myriad of residents will be ready when our new fine arts venue is constructed.

Residents of Eldorado are relentless in keeping our night skies dark and free from light pollution, our environment natural and our vistas obstacle free. We will be no less relentless about preserving the serenity for neighbors who are near the Community Pavilion. Everything technologically possible is being done to keep disturbance to neighbors at a minimum. When plans are made and many of the questions about sound have been answered, residents living near the pavilion will be invited to see and hear the results of the Performing Arts Council's hard work.

AVENIDA AZUL

To the drivers, walkers and bikers on Avenida Azul, a special plea comes to you from all the residents of Eldorado. Please drive, walk and bike safely. We do not want another injury in Eldorado that leaves a family hurting and asking the question why. The ECIA Board and staff are working to provide a hike/bike path, but it takes time to map out the path, gain permits from the county and collect bids for the work. In the meantime, we rely on you, drivers, walkers and bikers to stay vigilant and safe as you traverse Avenida Azul.

FOURTH OF JULY

The Fourth of July is almost upon us. As you make plans for the holiday, please include the festivities planned at the Community Center. There will be a parade, refreshments, music, swimming and of course meeting and greeting neighbors and friends. See page 7 for more details. Enjoy a safe and fun-filled holiday.

—Jeanne Klein



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466-READ

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Fire and Rescue

466-1204

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986-2430

Quarterly ERA Meeting

The Eldorado Residents Association (ERA) will hold its July Quarterly Meeting on Monday, July 11 from 7 to 9 pm at the Community Center. There will be a social from 7 to 7:30 pm, with the business meeting directly following. The meeting is open to all Eldorado residents.

At the ERA Annual Meeting in April, the following were elected to the ERA Board: **Joe Auburg**, President; **Pat Kuhlhoff**, Vice President; **Jerry Cooper**, Treasurer; **Janet Amtmann**, Secretary; and **Marilyn Farrell**, Director. For more information about the ERA and its activities, contact Joe Auburg at 466-1484.

Poster Signing

Eldorado photographer, **Timothy Hearsom**, whose work was chosen by the city of Santa Fe Arts Commission to be the "2005-2006 City of Santa Fe Poster," will do a poster signing on Wednesday, July 13 from 5-7 pm. The signing along with an exhibition of Hearsom's original work will be at Addison Arts, 209 Galisteo Street. Proceeds from this event will benefit the new Van Deren Coke Award sponsored by the New Mexico Council for Photography.

Library Events

The 2005 Summer Reading Program – Talking Books – is meeting every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3-5 pm until it ends on July 28.

We have the Assistance Dogs of the West coming on July 7. They will show the children how the dogs are trained to become companion dogs for people with disabilities. On July 14, we will have a book signing. The book, *Santa Fe with Kids: From A to Z*, written by **Mary Catherine Mathews** and **Kelsey Daly**, explores all the different things to do with children in the City Different.

On July 12, 19 and 26, we will have the Girls Ranch come to do skits in sign language and perform musically.

Throughout July we will be doing a variety of activities: making ice cream, making sidewalk paint and then decorating the sidewalk around the library, making pop-up books and creating faux sun catchers, to name a few. Of course, all will be done in the framework of READING. Each day has a theme and we will read stories about the theme.

For details, call the Library at 466-READ, or email youthservices@vglibrary.org.



Picking Up

Saturday, May 14, was Good Sam Road Cleanup Day. The Eldorado Roadrunner RV Club, along with Cub Scout Pack 414 and Boy Scout Troop 414 picked up over 20 bags of litter along Ave. Vista Grande. It is getting better, but we need the cooperation of ALL residents to keep our roads clean.

July Artists' Shoptalk

July's Shoptalk will take place Wednesday, July 13, from 10 am to noon, at the home of **Renee Pearson**, watercolor artist. Join Eldorado area artists for coffee and conversation at each other's homes and meet members of the Art Association. Call 466-7193 for directions.

Pet Nutrition

Ellen Hutchins, Eldorado resident and owner of newly opened "Tullivers Pet Food Emporium" will present a lecture on pet nutrition at the Vista Grande Public Library Thursday, July 21, 7-9 pm. Ellen will discuss nutrition options for dogs and cats and pet care in general. Free promotional samples will be provided. This is a rescheduled free event for the continuing adult programs at the library.

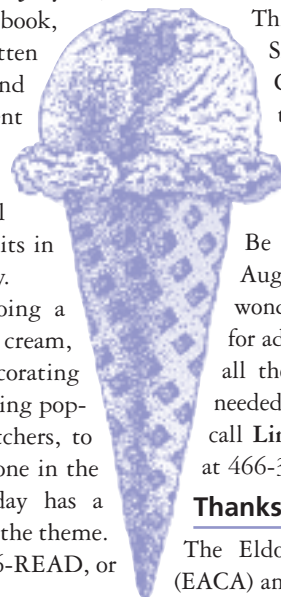
Don't Forget!

This year's annual Ice Cream Social & Silent Auction, benefiting the Vista Grande Public Library, will be better than ever, and again will feature a raffle highlighted by the chance to win tickets for two to anywhere on Frontier Airlines's domestic routes.

Be sure and save the date: Sunday, August 28, from 1 to 5 pm. Hundreds of wonderful items to bid on, entertainment for adults and children and ice cream with all the fixings. As always, volunteers are needed. If you can spare some time, please call **Linda Eccard**, Volunteer Coordinator, at 466-3535.

Thanks, Neighbors!

The Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association (EACA) and the 98 artists on the tour this year want to thank the community of Eldorado for





Astronomy Corner

The Super Greenhouse

Looking inward toward the Sun, we find Venus, tormented by a crushing atmosphere of carbon dioxide and clouds of sulfuric acid. The planet's proximity to the Sun and its dense atmosphere (imparting a surface pressure 90 times that of Earth) have made Venus a super greenhouse, producing temperatures of 460° Celsius.

Venera 7 was the first man-made object to return data after landing on another planet. This spacecraft entered the atmosphere of Venus on December 15, 1970, and a landing capsule was jettisoned. The capsule antenna was extended, and signals were returned for 35 minutes. Another 23 minutes of very weak signals were received after the spacecraft landed on Venus.

The planets in July: Mercury, Venus and Saturn will form a triangle beginning July; look to the sky at dusk in the direction west-northwest. Jupiter is visible from sunset to midnight high in the sky and you can find Mars rising in the east after midnight.

—Juan Alvarez

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their support and patience during the May 14 and 15 Tour. To say this year's Tour was the biggest and best is an understatement. The Tour owes a huge "thank you" to the Eldorado Fire Department for allowing the EACA to stage the exhibit there again this year.

The artists did well again this year, with total sales from the weekend around \$86,000. Artists donated about \$3,500 for distribution between Eldorado Fire and Rescue, the Vista Grande Library and the Community Band.

July Events

Left out? Help us compile a comprehensive events listing.

Email info@eldoradocommunity.org with your meeting/event information, or bring it to the ECIA office by the 8th 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

JULY SPECIAL EVENTS

4th of July Parade begins at 10:30 am at Moya Road and Monté Alto

ECIA offices closed Monday the 4th

ERA Quarterly Meeting Mon., July 11, 7-9 pm

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Conservation Committee	Tues., July 5, 7-9 pm	Stephen Wust	LR
285 Coalition	Wed., July 6, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598 CFR
Architectural Committee	Tues., July 12, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708 CFR
Finance Committee	Wed., July 13, 9:30-11 am	Gisela Knight	466-2568 CFR
EAW&SD*	Wed., July 13, 7-9 pm		CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., July 19, 7-9 pm		LR
Board Work Study	Mon., July 18, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248 CFR
ECIA Board	Thurs., July 21, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248 CR
Information Committee	Mon., July 25, 7-8 pm	Ken McPherson	466-4161 F
Architectural Committee	Tues., July 26, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708 CFR
Stable Committee	Tues., July 26, 7-9 pm		CR
Neighborhood Watch	Call for date and time	Sandra Vreeland	466-6079

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Book Club	Sat., July 9, 1:30-3 pm	Barbara Rugg	466-2559
Book Club/Pot Luck	call for date and time	Ken Fischer	466-2537
Library Book Group	4th Thurs., 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636 Lib
Search & Rescue	Thurs., July 14, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765 CR
Troop 414 Committee	1st Wed., 7:30-9 pm	Bruce Blossman	955-0880 CR
Venturing Crew 414	2nd & 4th Wed., 7-9 pm	Vera Hayduk	466-1726 C
Cub Scout Pack 414	4th Tues., 7-9 pm	Ty Ransdell	466-2579 Sm Gym
La Canada Wireless	Mon., July 11, 7-9		LR
MOMS Club	Call for date and time	Shannon Ratcliff	986-9050

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tuesdays, 5:45-6:45 pm		LR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am		LR
AA	Fridays, 6-7 pm		CFR
AA	Sat., 10:45-11:45 am		LR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm		LR
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Paul Tuck	466-4815 RR
Men's Bridge	Thursdays, 1-4 pm		LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Mon., 1-4 pm		LR
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Marjorie Segell	466-3958 CR, LR
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765 CR, LR
Bridge	Wednesdays, 9-noon	Nancy Rost	466-2832 LR
Community Band	Thursdays, 6-8 pm	Joel Hopko	466-8412
Fire & Rescue Training	Wednesdays, 7-9 pm	Fire Station Office	466-1204 Station
Fire & Rescue Work Duty	Saturdays, Call for time	Fire Station Office	466-1204 Station
Senior Lunch**	Wednesdays, 12-1 pm	Therese Janowski	466-1397 CR
Knitting Club	2nd & 4th Tues., 10 am-12 pm	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018 F
Adult Volleyball	Wed., 7-9 pm	Arlene Mayer	466-6641 School

*Eldorado Area Water and Sanitation District

**Reservations Required

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.eldoradocommunity.org

Our Crawling Neighbors

LAST WEEK, ON VISTA GRANDE,

I played crossing guard to a healthy bull snake. As I drove past the elementary school I saw him coiled in the middle of the road. Knowing it was probably only a matter of minutes before he would be run over—either by accident or intentionally—I parked, jogged back, and, with the help of another driver, encouraged him to continue on his way to safer ground.

If I rescue at least one nonvenomous snake and one tarantula each season, I consider myself blessed. If I'm fortunate enough just to see one of these animals, I figure I'm having a lucky day. My snake- and spider-phobic friends think I'm crazy. They're not alone. When it comes to phobias, fear of snakes and spiders rank high on many lists, topping such standbys as dental phobia, claustrophobia, and acrophobia.

This isn't really surprising, perhaps because these animals are camouflage experts; at a glance, they closely resemble some of their highly toxic relatives, and they have the power to shock us back to our primal, cave-dwelling roots.

Although to some people, snakes and spiders qualify as Eldorado's least desirable residents, it's possible to appreciate these fascinating and unfairly maligned animals as vital to the balance of our local ecosystem.

Richard "Bugman" Fagerlund, pest specialist, encourages people to think of these animals as natural pest control. "With hantavirus and the explosion of the rodent population due to our recent wet weather, we need all the snakes we can get," Fagerlund said, in a recent telephone interview. "Same with tarantulas. They keep the pest population down."

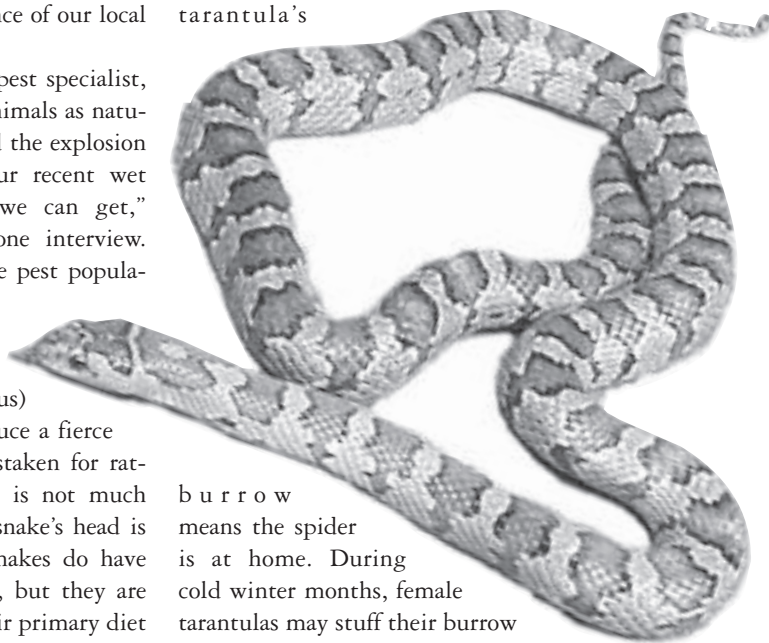
A few basic facts about three of our local beneficial critters:

Bull snake (*Pituophis melanoleucus*)

— Because bull snakes coil and produce a fierce hiss when agitated, they may be mistaken for rattlesnakes. (**Tip:** A bull snake's head is not much wider than its neck, whereas a rattlesnake's head is wide and arrowhead-shaped.) Bull snakes do have teeth and they are capable of biting, but they are nonvenomous and not aggressive. Their primary diet consists of burrowing animals, such as mice, rabbits, various squirrels, and gophers (hence another common name, gopher snakes). They kill by constriction, and sometimes their prey is larger than they are. Because they have multiple-hinge joints in their lower jaw—and the ligaments stretch—they swallow prey whole, head first. The primary predators of bull snakes are birds of prey and humans.

Coachwhips or red racers (*Masticophis lateralis*) — In the spring, these nonvenomous snakes turn a brilliant, bright pinkish red color, hence their common name. They are fast, agile, and quick to defend themselves. If you find one in your house or yard, open the door or the gate and, if necessary, gently encourage them on their way with a broom. Mice are a favorite entrée in the coachwhip diet.

Tarantula (Family: Theraphosidae) — Big and hairy mygalomorphs (a.k.a. tarantulas) haven't changed much since their ancestors crawled the earth around 360 million years ago. These animals have a ferocious reputation that's really undeserved. Most tarantulas are harmless to humans; their bite has about the same effect as a bee sting. Their diet consists mostly of pest insects—centipedes, cockroaches, scorpions, and grasshoppers. If you are lucky enough to spot a tarantula on the go, it's probably a male because females tend to stay close to their ground burrows. Tarantulas can move quickly—and they can jump. They also have surprisingly fragile legs. It's best to observe these amazing animals from a polite distance. Females may live 10 or 15 years (some species live as long as 30 years), but the males usually only survive less than one year. A loose web of silk over the entrance to a tarantula's



burrow means the spider is at home. During cold winter months, female tarantulas may stuff their burrow openings with bits of leaves, silk, and earth.

So be kind, and don't needlessly kill something that is beneficial to humans. There's room for all of us.

—Sarah Lovett

Sarah is the author of 23 "Extremely Weird" books, an award-winning natural history series for children.

Day Trip to Bandelier

BANDELIER NATIONAL MONUMENT, north of Santa Fe off the road to Los Alamos, is home to several thousand ancestral pueblo dwellings as well as 23,000 acres of wilderness. The best-known site at the monument—Frijoles Canyon, near a modest but informative Visitor Center—was inhabited from the 1100s into the mid-1500s.

The park was named for **Adolph Bandelier**, a 19th-century anthropologist. The park was proclaimed on February 11, 1916, just four years after New Mexico statehood and long before the establishment of the then-secret laboratory at nearby Los Alamos during the Second World War.

The drive from Eldorado is about 1-1/2 hours. Take 84/285 north out of Santa Fe to the Los Alamos turnoff at Pojoaque onto NM 503. Turn left onto NM 4 for White Rock, and follow NM 4 all the way into Frijoles Canyon and the park's Visitor Center. NM 4 passes through the Tsankawi section of the Monument, which offers a fairly easy hiking loop through hills. There is a spectacular overlook into Frijoles Canyon shortly before reaching the Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center has restrooms, an interesting bookstore and exhibits explaining pueblo culture and items of interest around the site. There is a

mostly paved trail of about 1-1/2 miles, with some steps leading to some of the cliff dwellings. Kids appreciate the opportunity to climb a couple of ladders to peer into rooms in the cliffs—optional for adults!

On a warm summer day, an early start is highly advisable—the canyon and cliffs heat up by noon. However, the Visitor Center is in a cool glen by Frijoles Creek and is ideal for a picnic lunch after a morning hike. For the more adventurous, trails ranging from easy to strenuous lead from the Visitor Center into the undeveloped areas of the Bandelier Wilderness. No pets or bicycles are allowed on trails.

Another way to beat the heat are weekly Nightwalks, silent walks in the dark among the Ancestral Pueblo sites in Frijoles Canyon. They are offered each Thursday this summer; reservations are required. Contact the Visitor Center, 505-672-3861 x 517, for details.

More information is available on the park website: <http://www.nps.gov/band/index.htm>.

—Dan Drobnis



A paved trail leading past well-preserved Cliff Dwellings is among the attractions at Bandelier National Monument. More strenuous trails lead through 23,000 acres of wilderness.

Eldorado Will Be Doing Its Part

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE years ago as the Declaration of our Independence from Great Britain was being printed and published following its signing by 56 brave delegates who “pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor” to its principles, John Adams wrote: “Future generations will celebrate it as their ‘Day of Deliverance’ by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with Shows, Games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and Illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”

With the help of a cohort of hardworking volunteers, Eldorado residents will celebrate our nation's Independence Day on Monday, the 4th of July. All are invited to join in the festivities, which begin with the traditional parade down Monte Alto, starting promptly at 10:30 am from Moya Road and ending at the Community Center. The Eldorado Community Band will provide patriotic music for the occasion and prizes will be awarded for several participant categories, to include best costume, best

decorated bicycle, pet, wagon etc.

Participating in the parade this year as in years past will be Eldorado's finest: its Fire Department, the gallant equines of the Eldorado Stables and hopefully some entries of classic automobiles.

Jay Leno, the comedian many of us watch on late night television often conducts what he calls “Jay Walks” in which he asks people on the streets of Los Angeles questions such as, “What is the 4th of July?” Unfortunately he often gets answers such as “I don't know. It's about fireworks isn't it?” Hopefully this year and every year that we enjoy the 4th of July holiday here in our Eldorado home we will remember that we are celebrating not only an event in which we threw off tyranny 229 years ago, but we have also been celebrating ever since our success as a democracy that is a “work in progress.”

Our celebration won't be large scale, but if the past is any indication of the future, it will be a heartfelt tribute by our community to the great country that is ours to love and support.

—Frank Schober

Security
204-2945

Second Annual Car Show

Car aficionados young and old turned out for the Second Annual Eldorado Car Show on Saturday, June 4. Over 100 cars were registered in the event (more than double the number from 2004), with everything from vintage cars to racecars and sports cars participating. The estimated 400-500 people in attendance had the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice Award. The winner, a 1963 Chevrolet Impala owned by **Steve** and **Juanita Lucero** of Santa Fe, received a plaque and a \$50 gift certificate to Eldorado Automotive.

While the event, sponsored by the First National Bank of Santa Fe, Eldorado branch, was totally free, raffle tickets for prizes donated by other Eldorado businesses raised \$300 to benefit the Vista Grande Public Library, the Eldorado Performing Arts Association and the Tsunami Relief Fund.



This
beautiful
Packard stood
out at the show