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Monthly Newsletter of the Eldorado Community Improvement Association

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A Bite Out of Crime

MEMBERS OF THE ELDORADO Residents Association (ERA) could not have been happier. Over 125 people showed up at the May 21 Eldorado town hall meeting sponsored by the ERA. Flyers announcing the meeting made its purpose clear: "It's time for action to reduce crime."

The crowded meeting was called to order by ERA President **Bruce Blossman**, a retired environmental engineer and the former mayor of a Gulf Coast town in Texas. **Tom Chepusavage**, the ERA's public affairs chairman, opened the event by introducing several Eldorado residents, organization leaders and business owners, each of whom spoke of their recent experience with crime. **Bill Donohue**, ECIA General Manager, reported that the Association recently sustained major property damage at its swimming pool, to its vehicles and to the fence surrounding the Community Center.

Other areas struck by what may have been gang-related activity were the elementary school, the Senior Center, the library and the Agora shopping center. Listening attentively to the procession of speakers was **Santa Fe County Commissioner Jack Sullivan**. He has been instrumental in getting the county to install stop signs at several dangerous intersections in Eldorado and spoke of his strong support for Neighborhood Watch as a first line of defense against crime.

Sullivan, a long-time supporter of higher salaries for sheriff's deputies to encourage retention and reduce training costs, asked for the community's support in this regard. He noted that Eldorado had grown significantly since he first assumed office seven years ago and that, as a crime prevention measure, the community should give the same attention to programs for youth as it has successfully given to its seniors. Sullivan indicated he strongly favored having the county establish a service center in the Eldorado area.

Santa Fe County Sheriff Greg Solano came to the meeting armed with statistics on his department's response times to calls for assistance and told

residents that he sends his deputies regularly to Eldorado. He further indicated that he would "beef up" traffic enforcement, especially at the school, during what have become hectic and dangerous pick-up and drop-off times. He said he will ensure that any electronic road speed indicator signs he puts up are supported with regular enforcement.

Despite calls for a police sub-station in Eldorado, Solano said he opposed them in principle. But he, like Sullivan, expressed support for establishing a county service center in which Eldorado residents could obtain crime reports and other assistance from his department.

Both Solano and Sullivan expressed high praise for the Eldorado Neighborhood Watch program. The ECIA-supported Neighborhood Watch committee has recruited nearly 50 block captains and resuscitated an organization that was all but floundering.

A highlight of the meeting was information about the county's Crime Stoppers program. The program started in Albuquerque in 1976 is now a part of community crime-fighting efforts in all 50 states. **Linda Beatty**, national president of Crime Stoppers, Inc. said citizens who suspect criminal activity or have information about perpetrators are urged to call the local Tip Line at 955-5050. She said anonymity is guaranteed.

No caller identification system is used and callers are not asked for their names or other identifying information. They may be rewarded financially for the information they provide and will be assigned a number at the time of their call so they can be identified if a reward is due. The ECIA Board recently donated \$500 to the Crime Stoppers reward fund and will publish the organization's number in future editions of *Vistas*.

—Frank Schober

*ECIA Board
Work Study
Meeting,
Community
Center, Mon.,
July, 16 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 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.

Dog Committee Update

AS YOU'VE READ in the recent *Vistas*, the ECIA now has a very active Ad Hoc Committee focused on providing the Board with a Responsible Dog Owner Policy and the associated implementation and promotion plan. In our last *Vistas* article, we included key points of the County Animal Control Ordinance, which we have used as the baseline in developing the policy. In the past months, the committee has been incredibly successful in working with the wide range of opinions and information provided by members and residents to crystallize a wonderful draft policy statement. It reinforces and further strengthens the county ordinance and incorporates other concerns and points brought up in our many discussions.

Su Anne Armstrong and Pam Christie have been key in pulling together all that we've heard and learned into a very succinct draft statement that has been embraced and accepted by the committee. This draft has been provided to the Board for review and consideration and is currently being structured into an official ECIA policy for formal review and acceptance. By the time this article is published, the policy will have been made available for review and comment by

the residents and taken through the ECIA policy procedures to be adopted. An open forum with residents and final review and voting on the policy is planned for the August ECIA Board meeting.

Incredible strides have been made by this very focused committee and a policy should be adopted by August. In the meantime, we need all your help in continuing to be Responsible Dog Owners and facilitate others joining in along with all of us in this campaign.

—Submitted by Richard Anderson



Fellow Neighbors

IT SEEMS THAT MANY OF US still do not understand the meaning of the yellow and black, diamond shaped signs showing a picture of a horse and rider crossing the road, posted on Avenida Eldorado, near the horse stables. The signs mean, "Stop! Yield to horses and riders!" The signs are posted there for the safety of all of us. Automobiles are machines with brake pedals—highly predictable. It is the driver that is unpredictable and that is why we have rules and laws for driving on our roads. It is a law that we must stop our vehicles and yield to horses and riders at this road crossing. Horses are living, breathing, sensitive flight animals. All the horses at the Eldorado Stables fully understand the "Whoa" command. However, should a plastic bag blow by in the wind, or a truck with a flapping tarp zoom by, or several bicyclists ride by in front of them, or a big, loose dog come running up to them, many of the horses may spook and run. They can be very unpredictable.

On May 31, around 5 pm, my ten-year-old son, a friend, and I were all on horseback, stopped, waiting to cross Avenida Eldorado, returning from a trail ride. Rush hour traffic and no cars and drivers were

yielding. Finally, there was a small break in traffic, but not large enough for all three horses to safely get across (if one horse goes, they all tend to go—they are herd animals). Luckily, there was a fellow barn and horse owner coming out of the stables in her truck, so she stopped to yield to us and show the other drivers what they should be doing. Unluckily, as we started to cross on horseback, one of the impatient and uninformed drivers behind her thought it was o.k. to attempt to pass on a double yellow line, disregard the yield to horse and rider signs and zoom home. Luckily, no one was hurt. The horses didn't spook—they were more predictable than the driver. The driver was forced to stop. Everyone proceeded on their merry way in about the time it takes to take 2-3 deep breaths. And we were all still breathing; some of us much more rapidly than others. **Please stop and yield to horses and riders.** May we all be safe. Thank-you!

—Deborah Luke-Skol

From the President's Desk

ECIA BOARD

Being on the ECIA Board is one of the most rewarding experiences that I have had in my long life. It isn't that I am a masochist who likes being in the middle of disagreements or enjoys upsetting my neighbors over a proposed policy or a covenant violation. I find being on the Board gratifying because in some small way the Board is an instrument that helps make Eldorado a community that is viable, livable and a credit to the people who live here. Serving on the Board also gives me an opportunity to work with the other Board members whom I consider to be the most trustworthy, hard working, dedicated people one could possibly have the privilege of working with.

The current members of the Board moved to Eldorado from New York, California and all places between. Most are retired from positions as varied as the Coast Guard to the business executive to business owner to baker and real estate agent. Their life experiences are as varied as their previous places of residency and the jobs they held. But each month we come together to discuss, research, and solve the

issues facing Eldorado. I cannot imagine a better group of people that is up to the task. I just want to say thank you to them for serving and to let them know that I hold them in the highest regard.

In May, after the annual meeting, the Board selected their officers. The officers will remain the same as this past year. If you have questions or inquiries of any kind, our telephone numbers and e-mail addresses can be found on Page 3 of each month's *Vistas*.

Hearing from you is important to the work we do. The monthly business meeting of the Association (third Thursday of each month) is seldom overwhelmed with residents, so come and voice your opinion.

CELEBRATION

The Fourth of July is just around the corner. This year promises to be great fun for family and friends. Our celebration gets better each year. We will have a parade, fire trucks, music, food, horses and fun at the pool. Bring the kids, a blanket, and a smile and enjoy a few hours with your neighbors.

—Jeanne Klein

Turn Those Words Around

YOU HEAR THESE WORDS all the time from the compliance folks at the Association, whether from staff or committee members; we also hear them from the community: *Too bright. Too loud. Out of proportion. On the path. Off the path. No boundaries. Out of control. No cover. Too colorful. Too big. Too small.*

It has been brought to my attention that the tone set by these statements often is unfriendly and, when repeated over and over, can negate some of the great attributes of our community. So this month, let's start over and shed some new light on these seemingly harsh, judgmental words.

No, we are not talking this month about stars, lights, RVs, fences or dogs. We are speaking now of our abundance of wildflowers.

Look around and imagine wildflowers that are bright and

loud. See the ones that are so uniquely shaped they seem out of proportion. Some are on our paths; some lovingly climb off the path. Often they have no boundaries. Surely they are out of control this time of year. Some almost seem too colorful against the dusty browns that dominate our groundcover in the desert. Some are graciously big-blossomed, some are so small one has to crouch and squint to see their beauty.

The Association is committed to the covenants

that were created to ensure the quality of life we prize here in Eldorado. In the enforcement of those covenants, we do not want to be harsh and judgmental. It is vital that we see our community just as positively as we view Eldorado's wildflowers.

—Bert Lysen



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Animal Control
992-1621



Adam Senior Center



Adam Senior Center to Extend Hours

Santa Fe County and Santa Fe Senior Services are working on details that will allow the Adam Senior Center to be open three days a week beginning this summer. To date, local seniors have been volunteering at the center on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm with a lunch provided by Senior Services. **Barbara Borman** has been providing chair yoga instruction in the mornings. For details of other programming and events or to reserve a lunch, call the center at 466-1039 and leave a message.

Fire Hazard Assessments

The El Dorado Fire & Rescue Service (EFRS) is again offering free wildland/urban interface fire hazard assessments for homeowners in Eldorado. It may take several weeks before a property can be scheduled since only a limited number of surveys may be completed in any week.

If you are interested in having your home surveyed for wildland fire hazards, please contact the fire department at eldoradofire@qwest.net or at 466-1204. You will be contacted for an appointment at a time when you are available to participate with EFRS in a survey of your property.

Photographers Needed

Just a reminder to keep your cameras handy. We will need photos again for the 2008 calendar. Watch for details in the August issue of *Vistas* and keep taking pictures.

4th Fun

Eldorado residents will come together to celebrate a traditional 4th of July again this year. A parade will feature decorated tykes, bikes, "floats" and trikes. "Eldorado's Finest"—its fire and rescue service will be followed by the stirring sounds of the Order of the Thistle Pipe Band, the Boy Scouts and locally owned classic automobiles. Last as usual, but certainly not least, will be the decorated equines of the Eldorado stables.

The parade will begin at 10 am from Moya Rd. at Ave. Monte Alto and terminates at the Community Center. Ceremonies honoring our country will be followed by a concert by the Eldorado Band. Strengthening the theme this year, hot-dogs will be added to the sno-cones and popcorn distributed free to all in attendance.

Member Fees

You should have paid your 2007 Association fees by now. The second letters were sent to about 140 owners. If you aren't sure that your check has



cleared (or even been sent), please give Debby a call at the ECIA offices (466-4248).

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact us in the ECIA office. We would love to be of assistance.

Studio Tour a Roaring Success

Despite the cost of gas, threats of rain and lightning, the Eldorado Studio Tour was another great success. Many artists reported excellent sales and some had interest expressed from galleries for future representation. In all, total sales were a little less than last year. But, the artists' contribution was over \$3,500 which represents the most donated from a tour. These funds will be distributed to the library, Senior Center, fire department and school at the June 26 monthly meeting of the Eldorado Arts and Crafts Association. The association is a non-profit organization and continues to donate to local organizations and provide educational programs at its monthly meetings. The tour is indebted to the great support from our business sponsors.

Drivers Needed

Summer vacations mean that there are times in the Meals on Wheels schedule when drivers are needed to deliver lunches to our local homebound seniors. The meals are delivered midday from Monday through Friday. The time commitment is about 1-1/2 to 2 hours. This is the time it takes to pick up the food from the main senior center in Santa Fe and to make the deliveries in Eldorado. **Patty Adam** schedules the drivers as well as takes names of seniors who need meals. She can be reached at 466-1949.

Roadrunners Have Fun

The Eldorado Roadrunners chapter of the Good Sam's RV Club would like to invite all RV owners to visit our website (www.eldoradorvclub.com) to find out about the fun of membership in our chapter. For more information, contact **Brad** and **Beverly Cottingham** at 466-4655.

Introducing Opera

On July 10 at 7 pm, the author of the *Opera Unveiled* series and resident lecturer for the Santa Fe Opera, **Desirée Mays** will return to the Vista



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ASTRONOMY Corner

PHASES OF THE MOON.

The changing appearance of the moon results from its orbital motion around the Earth. At new, the moon lies in the line with the sun and the hemisphere presented to Earth is completely dark. At full, the moon is opposite the sun in the sky and is completely illuminated. Between these two extremes, there are varying degrees of illumination.

July Sky:

Venus and **Saturn**, within 1 degree in Leo looking west at dusk on July 1 and by mid-July the moon joins the party; **Jupiter**, in Scorpius close to Antares high in the sky looking south; **Mercury**, visible by mid-July in the morning sky.

Next : Did you say eclipse or occultation?

—Juan Alvarez
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Protect our night skies; keep outside lights low or off when not needed.

Grande Public Library to introduce the opera's 2007 summer season. This year's season includes Puccini's *La bohème*, Mozart's *Così fan tutte*, Richard Strauss' *Daphne*, Jean-Philippe Rameau's *Platée*, and the American premiere of Tan Dun's *Tea: A Mirror of Soul*.

To set the stage for this season, you are invited to bring your favorite teacup (a selection of teas will be available at the library to enjoy during the evening talk). Please note that this program has been moved from the usual third Thursday timeslot.

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

ERA Quarterly Meeting	Mon., July 9, 6:30-9 pm			CR
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Neighborhood Watch	Mon., July 2, 7-9 pm			CFR
EAW&SD*	Tues., July 3, 7-9 pm		466-2411	CFR
285 Coalition	Wed., July 11, 7-9 pm	Kathy Pilnock	466-1598	CR
Finance Committee	Wed., July 11, 9:30-noon	Dan Drobnis	466-4781	CFR
Architectural Committee	Wed., July 11, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR
Board Work Study	Mon., July 16, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CFR
EAW&SD*	Tues., July 17, 7-9 pm		466-2411	LR
ECIA Board	Thurs., July 19, 7-9 pm	ECIA	466-4248	CR
Information Committee	Mon., July 23, 7-8 pm	Ken McPherson	466-4161	F
Stable Committee	Tues., July 24, 7-9 pm	Tommie Brasel		CFR
Architectural Committee	Wed., July 25, 7-9 pm	Bill Schwent	466-7708	CFR

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Book Club	Sat., July 14, 9-10:30 am	Joan Lamarque	466-6000	
Library Book Group	3rd Mon., 7-9 pm	Shelley Moore	466-9636	VGPL
Search & Rescue	Thurs., July 12, 7-9 pm	Dave Burdett	466-9765	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 9, 7-9	lcwireless.org		LR
MOMS Club	Last Fri. of month	Nichole Anaya	466-2590	
Shakespeare Group	Tues., July 17, 2-4:30 pm	Mary Denison	466-6657	CFR
Bird Walk	1st Sat., 8:30 am	Ron Duffy	982-2890	
Conserv. Comm. Hike	3rd Sat. of month	Eleanor Gossen	466-1949	
League of Women Voters	Sat., July 24, 10-11 am			LR

WEEKLY MEETINGS

AA	Tues., 5:30-6:50 pm			LR
AA	Wed., 10:30-11:30 am			RR
AA	Fri., 6-7 pm			CFR
AA	Sat., 10:45-11:45 am			CFR
AA	Sun., 5:15-6:15 pm			CFR
Al-Anon	Thurs., 7:15-8 pm			LR
Boy Scout Troop 414	Wed., 7-9 pm	Paul Tuck	466-4815	RR
Men's Bridge	Tues., 6:30-9 pm			F
Bridge	1st & 3rd Fri., 1-4:30 pm			CR, LR
Bridge	2nd & 4th Fri., 1-4:30 pm	Pat Lavengood	466-9765	CR, LR
Bridge	Wed., 9-noon	Nancy Rost	466-2832	LR
Community Band	Thurs., 6-8 pm	Joel Hopko	466-8412	
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
Senior Lunch**	Wed., 12-1 pm	Senior Center	466-1039	
Knitting Club	Tues., 10 am-noon	Joyce Hanmer	466-3018	LR
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

What Does It Take?

IT TAKES A SIGNIFICANT commitment of time and financial responsibility to be a barn/horse owner at Eldorado stables. Here's how it works:

1. Horse owners may purchase a corral (barn and fencing) from someone leaving the facility. Price varies according to size and condition. There are 36 corrals, with a maximum of four equines per corral permitted. The current population is 78 horses, a pony, a mule, and a donkey.
2. While negotiating a purchase, would-be barn owners report to the ECIA to confirm residency, and check that all assessments are up-to-date and structures are in compliance.
3. Owners must provide a current health certificate and a negative Coggins test, prepared by a vet.
4. Owners must purchase liability horse insurance, which costs at least \$160 a year.
5. Owners must pay the ECIA annually for the cost of manure removal, water and fly control. The ECIA 2006 Annual Report states that the operating expenses for the stables were \$19,212. In fact, after reimbursement by barn owners, ECIA paid only \$3,446. (This income is reported elsewhere in the report.)
6. Owners are required to keep barn and fences in compliance with Stable Committee standards in order to pass twice-yearly inspections.
7. Owners are required to feed and check their horses at least twice a day in all conditions, including wind, rain, snow, bitter cold, intense heat, and muddy roads.
8. Owners must "muck out" the corral and stalls at least once every seven days.
9. Owners need to exercise, train, groom and socialize their horse(s) as much as personal schedules allow.
10. Owners need to be knowledgeable of trail etiquette and safety and use only designated areas to ride—including arroyos, arenas, round pens, and turnouts shared with other barn owners.

Members of the community are welcome to visit the stables, but please do not feed a horse without the owners' permission. Be aware that some horses are spooky around bicycles, so approach cautiously. Gardeners are welcome to take manure, free anytime. Maintenance workers from ECIA will help load on Thursday mornings.

—Tommie Brasel and Fabian West

On May 19, a crew from the NM Livestock Board and a veterinarian were on hand to microchip and issue horse transportation permits for about 45 horses. Alyx Horace, 11, and her 19-yr old Appendix mare, Cloe, wait their turn. The half-day event was organized by Loretta Armstrong.



PHOTO BY CHUCK WEST



The Eldorado hiking group on a November 2006 hike.

Eldorado Hiking

MANY RESIDENTS IN ELDORADO moved here in part to enjoy an active life outdoors. For those of us who like to hike, there is an informal co-ed hiking group that ventures out every Tuesday. It is truly informal in that there are no officers, meetings or dues. All that is required is the desire to hike and to meet new people.

We meet at 8:30 am on Tuesday at the Community Center, in the northeast corner of the parking lot (that's the first one on your left as you drive in). Terry Gibbs, who has lived in northern New Mexico for many years, creates a list of hikes every few months. The list includes the location and length of the hike, the net elevation gain and the approximate duration of the hike, including drive time. This information will help you decide if you have the time or inclination to join us. We carpool once we see how many hikers show up, and each passenger is asked to reimburse the driver to help defray fuel costs. That dollar amount is also on the hike list.

If you would like more information, contact Larry Eccard at Desertraat@comcast.net, Terry Gibbs at trgibbs@comcast.net or Dave Perkins at perkinsdar@comcast.net. Alternately, you may phone Larry at 466-3535, Terry at 466-6914 or Dave at 466-1970. Email is the best way for all of us to keep in touch and to distribute the hike list.

Bird Listing

I HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT MOST of the common birds we see here in Eldorado. In the future, I will cover other birds, common or not, that can be seen in Eldorado or in other parts of New Mexico.

All of the issues of *Vistas* can be found online at www.eldoradocommunity.org. You might have missed some of the previous columns, so I have included a list of them below, sorted by Bird Name and issue date.

As an aside, I just used the Eldorado web page to report a downed street sign—very handy!

By the time this reaches you, hummingbird season should be in full swing. Hang out those feeders (one part sugar to four parts water) and enjoy!

Attracting birds	August 2004
Bluebird, Mountain	December 2004
Bluebird, Western	March 2005
Chickadee, Mountain	April 2007
Dove, Mourning	September 2006
Finch, House	June 2005
Flicker, Northern	March 2006
Flycatcher, Ash-throated	May 2005
Grosbeak, Evening	February 2007
Hawk, Red-tailed	October 2005
Hummingbirds	July 2004
Jay, Pinyon	February 2006
Jay, Steller's	July 2003
Jay, Western Scrub	December 2005/October, 2006
Junco, Dark-eyed	December 2003
Magpie, American	November 2006
Mockingbird, Northern	July 2006
Owl, Great Horned	May 2004
Quail, Scaled	October 2003
Ravens & Crows Part I	February 2005
Ravens & Crows Part II	April 2005
Roadrunner, Greater	April 2006
Robin, American	January 2005
Siskin, Pine	June 2007
Sparrow, Lark	June 2006
Sparrow, White-crowned	May 2006
Thrasher, Curve-billed	October 2004
Titmouse, Juniper	January 2006
Towhee, Canyon	February 2004
Towhee, Spotted	January 2007
Vulture, Turkey	August 2005
Woodpecker, Downy	March 2007

—Pam Henline



Chief Monroe congratulates Jaret Saums on his Junior Firefighter Badge.

EFRS Recognition

EL DORADO FIRE AND RESCUE Service (EFRS) recently recognized two members in appreciation of their service to EFRS. **Dave Burdett** has been recognized for completing 15 years of Emergency Medical Service to the Eldorado community. Dave, who will be 84 years young in June, joined EFRS when he first moved to Eldorado in 1989. He was looking for a way to become involved in his new community and felt that the fire service would be a good use of his skills. Shortly after joining the department, Dave earned his EMT-Basic license and has provided EMS care to Eldorado for 15 years. While he is retiring from EMS duties, Dave remains a very active member of EFRS as a Level 2 Firefighter and member of the Extrication Team.

Jaret Saums, age 10, was awarded his Junior Firefighter Badge. From the time Jaret was just four years old he has accompanied his father, **Lieutenant Glenn Saums**, to the fire station every weekend. Jaret is always an enthusiastic participant in fire-house chores and often cooks up a great lunch or snack. His current duties include helping members with the routine maintenance of vehicles and breathing apparatus. Over the years, Jaret has also become quite expert at giving tours of the station and explaining how the equipment works to drop-in guests. Jaret's dedication and help is greatly appreciated by everyone at EFRS.

EFRS is a diverse group of neighbors helping neighbors. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter or EMT, please call 466-1204.

—Christina (Kala) Babcock Gessler

Pool Hours Reminder

Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend

Lap Swim
8–9:30 am every day, and Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6–8 pm.

General Swim
from 9:30 am–8 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, and Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am–6 pm.

Food and beverages are allowed only in the snack area or patio area.

Attention Renters

Before you are allowed pool access, the owner of the home you are renting must submit a letter to the ECIA authorizing you to use the pool.



*Security 204-2945
Sheriff 428-3720
Crime Stoppers 955-5050*

Agora Concerts

If you missed the Lisa Carman Band with Youngstars in June, you'll get another chance on September 8 at 4 pm. In between, you'll have a chance to see The Eldorado Swing Shift on July 28 at 4 pm, playing Big Band swing from the '30s and '40s. Then on August 18 from 12 pm to 1 pm, The Eldorado Children's Theatre/Teen Players will present *Broadway Favorites*, with Lisa Lincoln and David Geist as co-directors. Also on August 18, from 4 pm to 6 pm, Phil Trujillo, Cabaret Singer, will entertain.

The Agora Summer Concerts are sponsored by the owners of the Agora shopping center. A committee of local people is working together this summer, with each person taking on a segment of the publicity, poster/flyer design, performer coordination, and staging.

So you haven't lost your chance to enjoy the Agora Concerts that showcase local talent. Be sure to check them out.



The Youngstars at a December performance.