

# ELDORA HIGH COUNTRY©

Newsletter of the Eldora Civic Association

October 2009



The ECA Mission is to improve civic conditions to promote a feeling of good fellowship and sociability, to maintain the historic fabric, and to establish and maintain a reasonable balance between preservation and use of the natural environment in the Eldora Area.



Eldora, Colorado

Photo taken from the top of Eldorado Mountain looking southeast

By David H. Hallock

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## Calendar of Events:

Friday, October 2, 2009 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 4:30 PM – County Commissioners Meeting re: Eldora ROWs (Courthouse)

Friday, November 6, 2009 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Friday, November 13, 2009 at 7:00 PM – ECA Board Meeting at Godell cabin (135 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street)

Friday, December 4, 2009 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 6:00 PM – Holiday Potluck at the Fishers (1195 Eldorado Avenue)

Please bring a delicious, generous-sized potluck dish to share. BYOB!

Friday, January 1, 2010 at 5:00 PM – Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (Call Ted at 303-258-7273)

Friday, January 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM – ECA Board Meeting at Godell cabin (135 S. 8<sup>th</sup> Street)

Friday, January 15, 2010 – Deadline for submissions for February Eldora High Country Newsletter

Friday, May 14, 2010 at 7:00 PM – ECA Board Meeting at Birkeland cabin (775 Klondyke)

Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM – Eldora Road Cleanup – Meet at Bolton cabin (502 Eldorado)

Thursday, July 8, 2010 – Date for determination of eligible ECA Voting Members

# ELDORA TOWN PICNIC 2009

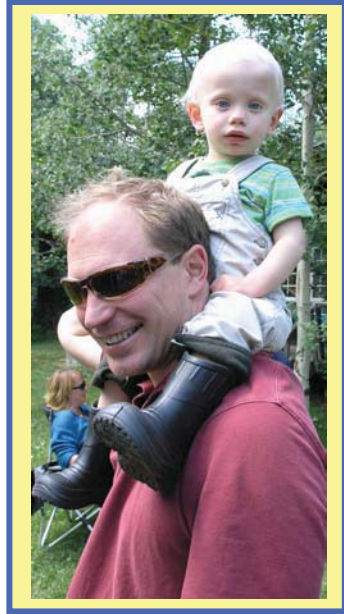
Photos by Diane J. Brown



Dave and Diane ↑  
with empty  
blueberry pie dish



Dorothy, Don, Sue and Gail ↑



Lex and Mason ⇨



Marc, Shauna, Mason, Lex, Liz and Annabel ↑

Jeanne, Ann, 2 guests,  
Ann and Robert ⇨

Audrey and Brian ↓



Kathleen and Bill ↑



Harriett,  
Diane and  
Christian ↓



## ECA Under Fire

Over the past 25 years the Eldora Civic Association has played an influential role in maintaining Eldora's character. ECA has taken a lead role in communicating the views of its membership on issues ranging from winter power failures related to ski area snowmaking to the impacts of noise, dust, light and water quality issues associated with a mining operation at the Mogul Tunnel. ECA was the first group to participate in Boulder County road clean ups. In 1995 the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan (EEPP) was financed by ECA and adopted into the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan. In 1996 the Eldora Land Preservation Fund was established based on recommendations in the EEPP. ECA has been involved in an ongoing effort to mitigate the effects of traffic and speed through town, works with the county to maintain street signs, and was responsible for placement of an emergency phone at the west end of town. ECA communicates with the US Forest Service on issues such as parking at Hessie and the use of pesticides at the ski area. In 1996 ECA helped property owners with cabins that encroached on US Forest Service land maneuver through the Small Tracts Act to resolve the problem.

For the past year or more Boulder County has been holding town meetings for all Eldora residents and property owners regarding issues of major importance to our community: vacation of rights-of-ways and septic system compliance. ECA has acted as a conduit of information for this process and has remained neutral until it was possible to conduct a survey to determine the majority opinion of the ECA membership. The surveys were sent to each membership, both full and associate. Each survey was embossed with the ECA seal to insure that no extra copies were made. They went out in the July 2009 newsletter and were due back August 15. A copy of the survey results is included in this newsletter. They give the ECA Board direction and guidance in communicating with County, State and Federal agencies on issues that affect the Eldora area.

A group that does not recognize ECA as a political body authorized to represent or express opinions pertaining to any policy or business with Boulder County has been hard at work critiquing the current ECA Board and the work it has done. This group believes that ECA should serve our community purely as a social organization. Despite evidence to the contrary included in the ECA Bylaws and in the actions of previous ECA Boards over decades, they persist in their incorrect assertions.

In an effort to discredit and undermine the ECA, a multi-pronged attack on the organization has been launched based on the following premises:

- **The 2009 ECA Survey is invalid because it was sent to both voting and associate members.** A legal opinion stating that this premise is incorrect was given by the attorney who wrote the ECA bylaws. In any case, nearly half of the questions on the survey showed a landslide opinion, which is irrefutable. The only logical reason to question the results is that they are contrary to the opinion of those criticizing the survey.
- **The Eldora Land Preservation Fund is independent of ECA and there is co-mingling of assets.** The ECA bylaws show the ELPF to be an ECA committee. The ELPF monies are held in an ECA savings account at the Mutual Bank of Omaha. There is absolutely no mixing of assets as was confirmed by an independent accounting consultant.
- **The Eldora Environmental Protection Plan should not be updated by any person(s) with any interests within Eldora, including data compilation, preparation or editing of the EEPP.** The intent of this type of restriction is to run up the cost of updating the EEPP so that it is beyond the financial capabilities of both ECA and Boulder County. Two motions presented at the ECA Annual Meeting on August 22, 2009 to restrict updating of the EEPP to outside entities were soundly defeated by voting members.
- **The ECA and ELPF financial records are flawed and have no oversight.** Each year the ECA treasurer and the ELPF committee chairperson submit an annual financial report to the membership. This has been the case since ECA's inception. This year a financial review was requested, and the Eldora Civic Association paid for a financial overview from an independent accounting firm. The results of this overview have been shared with the membership at a September 27, 2009 board meeting and in this newsletter.

**ELDORA CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
Minutes for Board Meeting September 10, 2009

President Diane Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm at the Kathmandu Restaurant, and read the mission statement. Four Board members were present: Diane Brown, Audrey Godell, Fran Mandel-Sheets, and Everett Colburn.

This was the first Board meeting of Fiscal Year 2009/10, so there were no prior minutes for the Board to approve.

Financial report – Audrey distributed the corrected annual report for 08/09. It was decided that, to avoid redundancy, the Annual Financial Report will no longer include ELPF information. Audrey completed the 990 N epostcard on line for FY 08/09. She reported that in her phone call with the IRS she was told not to worry about filing the epostcard for previous year FY 07/08 (this was never filed) – a non-profit such as ours is penalized only if it fails to file for 3 consecutive years. 07/08 was the first year of the requirement.

**Committee Reports:**

Eldora Land Preservation Fund (Diane Brown): \$14,864.35

Newsletter Committee (Diane Brown): October newsletter deadline is Sept. 15; February newsletter deadline is Jan. 15

**Calendar of Events 2009- 2010: Diane proposed the following:**

Thursday, September 10, 2009 at 6:00 – Organizational Board Meeting at the Pioneer Inn  
Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at approx. 2:30 – Planning Commission at County Courthouse  
Thursday, September 24, 2009 at 6:15 Board Meeting at Kathmandu  
Sunday, September 27, 2009 at 1:00 – at Bolton's gazebo (502 Eldorado)  
Thursday, October 15, 2009 at 6:00 – Board Meeting (location?)  
December 12, 2009 – Holiday Potluck (Fishers at 1195 Eldorado)  
Thursday, January 14, 2010 at 6:00 – Board Meeting (teleconference)  
Thursday, May 13, 2010 at 6:00 – Board Meeting (location?)  
Thursday, July 8, 2010 – Date for determination of eligible ECA Voting Members  
Saturday, June 12, 2010 at 9:00 AM – Eldora Road Cleanup – meet at Boltons  
Saturday, July 10, 2010 at 2:00 PM – Annual Business Meeting (location?)  
Wednesday, August 11, 2010 - Eldora History Night (Goldminer Hotel Clubroom)  
Sunday, August 15, 2010 – Eldora Community Picnic at Boltons  
Saturday, August 21, 2010 at 2:00 PM – Annual Member Meeting (location?)

Orientation: Orientation for new Board members will be carried out at the next Board meeting.

Committee Chairs: Assignment of committee chairs for EEPP, Noxious Weeds, Newsletter, USFS/Ski Area/County/State, History, Eldora Road Clean up, Nominations, Traffic and Social committees will take place at the next Board meeting.

Board meetings will be held on Thursdays if this is convenient for Pete.

ECA Savings (ELPF) versus Checking (ECA General Fund): The Board discussed how money is separated into Savings versus Checking. The checking account is for membership dues and for "general fund" disbursements. The savings account is for ELPF donations, and is used to pay for products that are sold to raise money for the ELPF and to purchase land. Money is deposited into the Savings account under the following circumstances – the protocol followed here has also been used by past Boards:

- Straight Donation with dedicated check: A check payable to ELPF is received from a member.
- Proceeds from ELPF product sales.
- Proceeds from ECA events such as the garage sale and the garden tour.
- Lumped Checks: A member sends a check for an amount over what is needed for membership dues, and the member specifies that they want the excess to be used as a donation to the ELPF. In this case the treasurer deposits the whole check into the checking account ("general fund"), and subsequently writes a check from that account for the amount of the donation and deposits it into the Savings Account. The treasurer sends ELPF committee head a copy of the receipt and any other information she needs to enable her to write a thank you note.
- Overpayment follow-up: Sometimes members accidentally pay their dues twice, unknowingly overpay, or pay dues for other people who have already paid their own dues. This happened 3 times in 08/09. In these cases the member is contacted to see how they want to handle the overpayment. They basically have 5 options: 1) have the check mailed back to them, 2) have us shred the check, 3) apply the funds to their dues for next year, 4) donate it to the Eldora Land Preservation Fund, or 5) leave it in the "general fund" where it will be used for the day-to-day functioning of the ECA such as newsletter expenses, special mailings, conference calls associated with Board meetings, etc. If the member chooses option #4, the treasurer would write a check from checking and deposit it into Savings.

Sales Tax for ELPF product sales: Audrey and Everett will investigate the State of Colorado requirements for this, and the information will be reported at the next Board meeting.

ELPF product sales: Diane brought up the possibility of ceasing to sell ECA products such as calendars, note cards, vests, T-shirts, and coverlets. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting when all directors are present.

The status and history of the ELPF was discussed. ELPF is not a separate organization, but the monies are kept in a separate (savings) account.

Onsite Waste System (OWS): What is being planted on new leach fields? What new technologies are being developed? Everett will take the lead on an article about this for the newsletter, with Fran and Diane collaborating with him.

Finances: It was decided that the membership meeting to review ECA finances and accounting would be held on Sept. 27 at the Bolton's gazebo, and that Diane would write a letter regarding this meeting to Jan Tafoya and copy the 08/09 membership on the letter. Fran and Diane will do the mailing to members who do not have email, and Audrey will email the others. Planning of this meeting will take place at the next Board meeting.

Annual Plan for 2009-2010: Two topics were offered as areas of concentration for 09/10: 1) Update the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan and 2) Communicate the results of the 2009 ECA Survey to Boulder County Commissioners as voted upon at the 2009 Annual Meeting per Joe McDonald's motion.

Unfinished Business:

Honoraria: The Board voted unanimously to give an \$800 honorarium to Diane Brown for her work on the newsletter in 08/09. Audrey Godell, as secretary/treasurer, would not accept an honorarium for her work.

Replacement Board Member: The Board voted unanimously in favor of Pete Birkeland serving as the one-year replacement for Susan Tower. Susan was not able to serve her term.

The next Board Meeting will take place at 6:15 pm on September 24 at Kathmandu. As usual, this meeting will be open to the membership.

The ECA Board has taken the following actions in response to concerns regarding ECA finances:

- The preliminary Financial Report distributed at the August 22 ECA Annual Meeting was corrected, and the final August 31 version was distributed to the membership via email or mail.
- Accounting Specialists of Nederland reviewed and approved the August 31 Financial Report using bank statements, reimbursement receipts, and transaction records.
- The Accountant verified that monies from the ECA General Fund checking account and the Eldora Land Preservation Fund (ELPF) savings account have not been co-mingled (please see minutes from Sept. 10 Board meeting in this newsletter for details on processing of ELPF and General Fund checks).
- Sales tax for ELPF products (i.e. coverlets, note cards, hats, etc.) will be paid to the CO Dept. of Revenue for 08/09 and previous years required.
- On September 27, 2009 the ECA Board convened a meeting open to the membership where we discussed concerns regarding the ECA finances.

Please refer to the schedule of Board meetings contained in this newsletter. Anyone who has continued concerns or questions about finances or any other ECA issue is welcome to attend.

Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but not his own facts.  
Daniel Patrick Moynihan

If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come sit next to me.  
Alice Roosevelt Longworth



⇐Autumn meets Winter  
Leafy Cinquefoil in Snow

In the end we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Results of the Eldora Civic Association Member Survey July 2009

1. How large should new homes and homes with new additions in Eldora be?

- (5) less than 1000 square feet
- (35) 1500 square feet (current Boulder County regulation)
- (5) 2500 square feet
- (0) 3500 square feet
- (0) 4500 square feet
- (2) no limit on size
- (12) based upon a percentage of lot size
- (4) No answer

202 surveys were sent out.  
63 surveys (32%) came back.

2. Should the above square footages include:

- storage sheds Yes (16) No (47)
- garage Yes (24) No (34) No answer (5)
- basement Yes (21) No (41) No answer (1)

3. How much building setback should there be from the property line?

- (25) 25 feet side and 15 feet front and rear (current forestry zoning regulation)
- (2) 15 feet side and 10 feet front and rear
- (4) 10 feet side and 5 feet front and rear
- (28) variable, depending upon lot size
- (4) No answer

4. How great should the height limit for new homes and additions be?

- (12) less than 25 feet
- (12) 25 feet
- (37) 30 feet (current forestry zoning regulation)
- (0) 40 feet
- (1) 50 feet
- (1) No answer

5. Should the ECA pursue updating the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan at a cost to ECA of approximately \$2000 to \$4000?

- (41) Yes
- (15) No
- (7) No answer

6. There is a good chance Boulder County may help with part of the cost of an update of the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan. In order to fund the Eldora community portion of the update of the EEPP, which options do you prefer?

- (6) Community donations
- (3) Using a portion of the CDs in the ECA bank account
- (42) Both of the above
- (12) No answer

7. Should the Eldora Land Preservation Fund continue to partner with Boulder County in acquiring undeveloped land around Eldora for open space?

- (59) Yes (1) No (3) No answer

8. Are you satisfied with the current forestry zoning that Eldora has?

- (48) Yes (4) No (11) No answer

9. Are you in favor of changing Eldora's zoning to allow for commercial development?

- (4) Yes (57) No (2) No Answer

10. Do you feel it is important to protect Eldora's rural and historic ambiance by preserving open space?

- (60) Yes (1) No (2) No answer

11. Do you feel it is important to protect Eldora's rural and historic ambiance by limiting house size?

- (51) Yes (9) No (3) No answer

12. Do you feel it is important to protect Eldora's rural and historic ambiance by encouraging historic preservation? (55) Yes (5) No (2) No answer
13. Should platted undeveloped roads be vacated to resolve building encroachments?  
(43) Yes (9) No (11) No answer
14. Should platted undeveloped roads be vacated to allow for building leach fields to correct septic problems? (44) Yes (10) No (9) No answer
15. Should some platted undeveloped roads be left as public open space to provide for wildlife corridors and preservation of native plant communities?  
(48) Yes (11) No (4) No answer
16. How should Eldora solve its septic waste problems?  
(5) connect Eldora to Nederland's treatment plant and become part of their tax district  
(1) central sewage treatment system in Eldora paid for by a new tax district  
(12) communal septic systems for clusters of smaller properties  
(51) work individually on creative solutions with Boulder County Health Department such as allowing holding tanks for seasonal cabins.  
(4) No answer
17. Should sensitive wetlands and creek frontages be protected from development?  
(54) Yes (4) No (5) No answer
18. Is it important to protect the views from your property and not allow them to be blocked by new construction? (47) Yes (7) No (9) No answer
19. Are you in favor of building a 100-car public parking lot in relatively pristine forest that overlooks the North Fork of Middle Boulder Creek on County open space along the Fourth of July Road above HESSIE?  
(14) Yes (42) No (7) No answer
20. Should parking continue to be allowed along the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Road in addition to this parking lot?  
(17) Yes (39) No (7) No answer
21. Would you be in favor of a small, quiet, clean burning shuttle bus from Nederland High School to Eldora and up the Fourth of July Road as an effort to reduce traffic through Eldora?  
(40) Yes (17) No (6) No answer
22. Are cars speeding through Eldora with their impacts on children, pets and wildlife a concern for you?  
(50) Yes (8) No (5) No answer
23. Are you willing to drive the posted 25 mph limit through Eldora yourself?  
(59) Yes (0) No (4) No answer
24. Are you concerned about the health risks from air and water contamination due to pesticide spraying in Eldora Townsite and at the Eldora ski area? (32) Yes (23) No (8) No answer
25. Should ECA work with the US Forest Service to find alternatives to the use of pesticides?  
(45) Yes (14) No (4) No answer
26. Are you interested in looking into ways of increasing home energy efficiency in our community?  
(38) Yes (21) No (4) No answer
27. Are you interested in exploring off the grid, self-sufficient, energy-wise technology like solar power?  
(34) Yes (25) No (4) No answer
28. How do you prefer to receive the Eldora High Country newsletter?  
(25) hard copy – black and white (2) hard copy – full color (at extra charge)  
(24) electronically (10) both electronically and hard copy
29. Which Eldora social activities do you enjoy attending?  
(36) Eldora Town Picnic (30) Eldora History Night  
(14) Eldora Night at the Pioneer Inn (19) Eldora Community Yard Sale

Many thanks to those who took the time to fill out this survey!

**Boulder County Comprehensive Plan**  
Subregions  
Mountain Subregion

**Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan**

The Eldora community formally disincorporated as a municipality in 1973. Steadily increasing growth pressures, including increased visitations to surrounding National Forest lands motivated Eldora citizens to develop a preservation plan for their community. The Boulder County Planning Commission adopted the following policies on July 19, 1995.

MS 1.01 The county shall utilize the **Eldora Civic Association** as a referral entity for land use applications within the Eldora Preservation Plan study area that require or may require a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of the Boulder County Land Use Code. The **Eldora Civic Association** shall be responsible for insuring that such referrals are directed to any other committees or organizations charged with administration and management of the **Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan**.

MS 1.02 Certain types of land use proposals regulated by the Boulder County Land Use Code such as "Areas and Activities of State Interest", rezonings, special uses, and planned unit developments may have impacts reaching well beyond the proposal site. The county may refer such proposals to the **Eldora Civic Association** when they are located within an extended referral area bounded by the Continental Divide on the west, the Boulder/Gilpin county line to the south, the westerly corporate limits of the Town of

Nederland on the east, and the Caribou Townsite/County Road 128 to the north.

MS 1.03 The county recognizes the unique rural and historic character of the Eldora community. In addition, policy MPA 1.08 of the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan, Mountain Planning Area, authorizes the county to assist communities desiring to preserve their historic character. Therefore, future development proposals which have potential visual, noise, or transportation impacts on the community from either within or outside the townsite shall be reviewed and acted upon by the county with significant weight being given to the compatibility of those proposals with the maintenance of that rural and historic character.

MS 1.04 Where consistent with the Land Use Code and other goals and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the county may work with the Eldora community and other land owners/managers in the area to further cooperative planning and land use management initiatives and actions.

MS 1.05 As provided by the **Eldora Civic Association** from time to time, the county Land Use Department shall maintain a current edition of the **Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan** and attendant maps, tables, and figures for reference by county staff, other interested parties, and the public when reviewing land use proposals and plans in the Preservation Plan and extended referral areas.



## **A Funding Appeal for the Update of The Eldora Environment Preservation Plan**

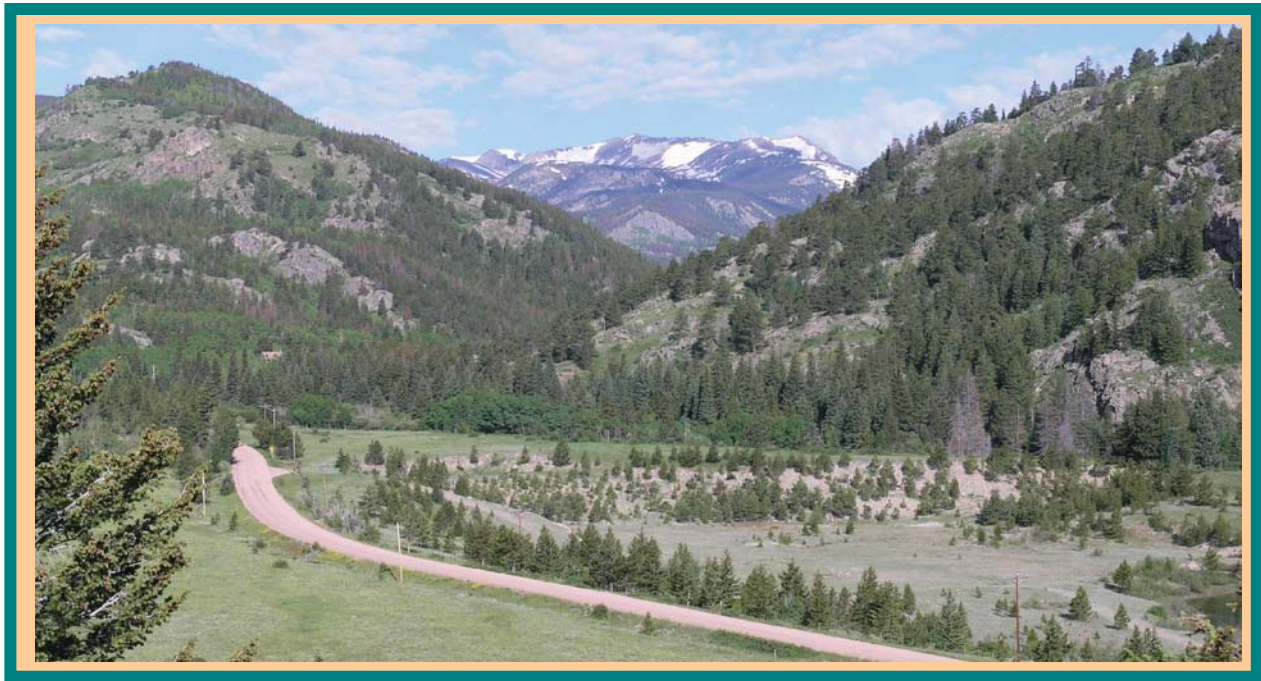
Over the years there have been a number of Eldorans who have worked toward the cause of keeping Eldora the way it is. One of those is Deb Evans, who in her term on the ECA Board of Directors in 1994 serving as Secretary-Treasurer, spearheaded an extraordinary course of action – the development of the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan. Skilled planners, scientists and researchers were employed to inventory the many facets of Eldora and its environs. This work was funded by a generous challenge gift from Lee and Virginia Evans, which was matched by donations from other Eldora Community members.

The EEPP, as it is called for short, covers everything from geology to hydrology, botany to mammals and amphibians, and Eldora history from prehistoric times to the present. It is a fascinating read for anyone interested in our beautiful valley. If you do not have a personal copy, you can read it online at [www.eldoraweb.com](http://www.eldoraweb.com).

Boulder County adopted the EEPP into its comprehensive plan and it is used as a planning tool for making decisions that affect the Eldora area. After each chapter there is a list of recommendations for action that should be taken by ECA in order to insure Eldora's integrity in an historical and environmental sense, as well as for the well being of its residents. One recommendation that has not been met is the updating of EEPP every five to ten years.

Since the inception of EEPP in 1994, some things in the Eldora Valley have been affected by change, most noticeably by the population pressure from the Front Range in the form of recreationalists, vacationers and owners of second homes, and by climate change.

The Board of the Eldora Civic Association highly recommends that the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan be updated as soon as possible. Some of the funding for this project can come from CDs that ECA has in the bank. We are encouraging the membership to help out with donations to this worthy cause. Please write a check to ECA making a notation on the memo line that it is to be used for the EEPP update.



The Long and Winding Road that leads to Eldora

Photo by Diane Brown

## A Look at Nature “Think Globally and Act Locally”

By David H. Hallock

People in Middle Boulder Creek Valley have a strong history of land conservation, particularly over the past 25 years. Following are some of the more significant land saving actions that have helped keep the valley from changing too much while protecting places for plants and animals.

**Arapaho Ranch Conservation Easement:** The Arapaho Ranch, located between Nederland and Eldora, is ecologically the most important property in the valley. It is a montane parkland, a large flat valley bottom filled with wetlands, grasslands and riparian habitat. The Evanses placed a conservation easement on the ranch in 1987, which restricted future development.



In the mid-1980s the Town of Nederland unveiled a new master plan that showed the ranch as a future growth area. That was probably the last straw for Lee Evans. He gave me a call inquiring about placing a conservation easement on the ranch. I informed him of the upcoming meeting of the Colorado Coalition of Land Trusts, where he met representatives of Colorado Open Lands. Shortly thereafter, the family donated the conservation easement. Imagine how different the drive between Eldora and Nederland would be if the ranch were ever developed.

Photo by Diane J. Brown

**Forest Service Purchase of Toll Property:** The Toll property began at the west end of Eldora and ran up to Hessie, totaling approximately 160 acres. In 1996, the Eldora Civic Association, working with the Boulder County Land Trust, approached Dr. Toll about acquiring the land to buffer the west side of town. There were also concerns about the ski area utilizing the property for their venture; they had just undertaken an update to their master plan and had proposed taking water out of Middle Boulder Creek just above town (these plans were eventually dropped). Phil Rouse, Sr. met several times with Dr. Toll to negotiate a deal. At the same time the Forest Service had an interest in purchasing the property partially to solve parking problems at Hessie. Boulder District Ranger Bill Anthony made a significant move by getting the Toll property to rank #1 on the Forest Service regional list for land acquisition. When the Forest Service appraisal came in at a higher value than what ECA and the Boulder County Land Trust wanted to offer, it became obvious that the Forest Service would purchase the land. Eldora community members then helped contact Colorado congressional members to make sure the funds were appropriated. The land was purchased by the Forest Service in 1996-97.

**Protection of Spencer Mountain:** Spencer Mountain is important for several reasons. First, it shapes the scenic character of the valley on the south side of Eldora. Second, it is an important wildlife movement corridor. While tracking radio-collared animals in the late 1980s, I found that there were two major movement corridors for elk between the Arapaho Ranch and the Indian Peaks: Eldorado and Spencer Mountains. Observations over the years suggest that Spencer Mountain is used for movement by other animal species, including moose and bobcat. The use of Spencer Mountain as an animal movement corridor makes sense when considering what is north and south of the mountain at this point in time. To the north is our village and to the south is the ski area. It is probable that if the settlement of Eldora were

not present, more animals would use the valley of Middle Boulder Creek for movement. The animals are now pinched between the two areas of development, and the top of the ridge on Spencer Mountain is what is left of this particular corridor for animals moving between the high country and the Arapaho Ranch.

Preservation of Spencer Mountain has occurred through numerous land saving actions involving many people. Boulder County Open Space has acquired many of the mining claims, beginning in 2001, from Rugg, Tasaday, Snyder, Walcott, DALCO, Wild Bear (mostly through the work of Scott Bruntjen), Morse, Skinner/Morris, Bernart, and Ebel-Sabo. Conservation easements have also been obtained by Boulder County on several of the mining claims through donation or purchase from Boylston, Tillotson and Lawler-Tasaday. To date, approximately 160 acres of Spencer Mountain have been protected. When combined with Forest Service parcels on the mountain, much has been achieved. The job now is to fill in the remaining unprotected gaps on Spencer and Eldorado Mountains, as well as some of the key wetlands and riparian areas.



⇐ **Spencer Mountain  
looking west from the  
Enterprise Mine**

The beaver pond at the east end of Bryan Avenue is part of a significant wetland habitat.

Photos by Dave Hallock

The Eldora Civic Association, with the help of its Land Preservation Committee, joined with Boulder County on four of the purchases: the Snyder acquisition (two mining claims totaling 7.2 acres in December of 2005), and the Skinner/Morris, Morse and Bernart acquisitions (three mining claims totaling 6.6 acres in November of 2006). Boulder County Open Space did all the work of the transaction: contacting the realtor or property owner, getting a contract, having an environmental assessment (looking for hazardous waste), obtaining a title report, and preparing the closing documents.

The money for ECA's participation in the acquisitions comes from Eldora residents through donations, memorials, special events (yard sale, Garden Tour, Taste of Eldora, honey sales), and the purchase of t-shirts, note cards and other items. The funds are kept in the Eldora Land Preservation Fund, a savings account controlled by ECA.

ECA's involvement in purchasing some of the mining claims on Spencer does several things: 1) it keeps the County focused on Spencer and the Eldora area; 2) if any future Board of County Commissioners wants to sell or transfer the mining claims to another entity, ECA has veto power; and 3) it will give ECA a strong say when the County develops a management plan for Spencer Mountain. In addition, the protection of Spencer Mountain is a way to mitigate some of the impacts of our settlement being located in the valley bottom, by retaining an animal movement corridor on the south side.

ECA's Eldora Land Preservation Fund and the protection of lands in and around the valley have been two of the most popular and successful programs, supported by past and current member surveys, as well as residents' actions of contributing to the fund. It makes a statement of a strong land ethic in the valley and leaves a lasting legacy.

## Happy Valley Happenings



⇐ Scott Bruntjen stands in the foreground with construction crew Matt Meyers and Matt Phillips standing near the door to the Goldminer Club Room. The Club Room renovation should be completed by autumn 2009.

**Eldora Echo** – July 12, 1935: “Thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Julia Hockett, a piano has been purchased for the clubroom.”

GOLD MINER HOTEL

Scott Bruntjen and Carol Rinderknecht of the Goldminer Hotel are seeking any and all historical information about the Goldminer Club Room from the Eldora community. This room got a new roof and beam repairs this past summer 2009. Scott and Carol are taking great pains to make the outside look exactly as it did when it was built, even though the roof will have embedded steel I-beams. New windows are being built to match the historic photos.

Can you help answer these questions or supply photos of people and events in the Club Room?

- Who was a member?
- What did they do there?
- Were there any membership cards, programs, or other similar printed materials?
- Are there any photos of the room under construction?
- Are there any photos of groups in the room; programs or meals that they might have had etc., etc.?

Thanks for any help you can provide!

Call Scott at 303-258-7770 or email him at [scott@goldminerhotel.com](mailto:scott@goldminerhotel.com). To see photos of all the rooms visit [www.goldminerhotel.com](http://www.goldminerhotel.com). Soon a link to a blog discussing the Goldminer restoration will be on the hotel website.

**Eldora Echo** - July 12, 1934: “The Eldora Civic and Social Club held its first meeting of the summer Saturday evening in the new clubroom. Plans for the coming season were discussed and further details of the organization were perfected.”

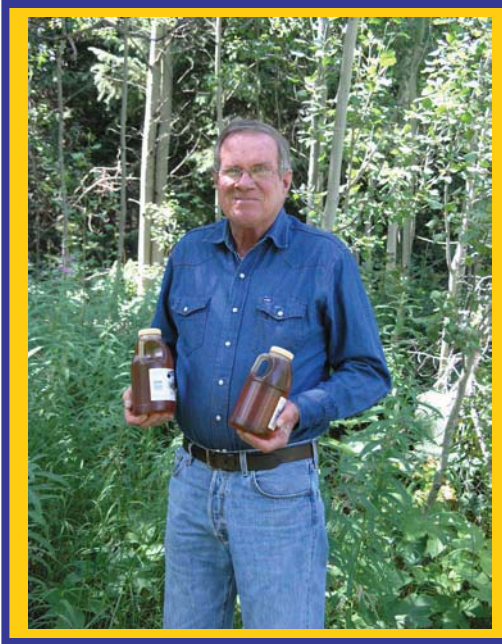
**Eldora Echo** - July 19, 1935: “32 ladies of the town ate lunch at the clubroom Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in playing cards, chatting and sewing.”



⇑ Foam insulation going in around the steel I-beams

## Happy Valley Happenings

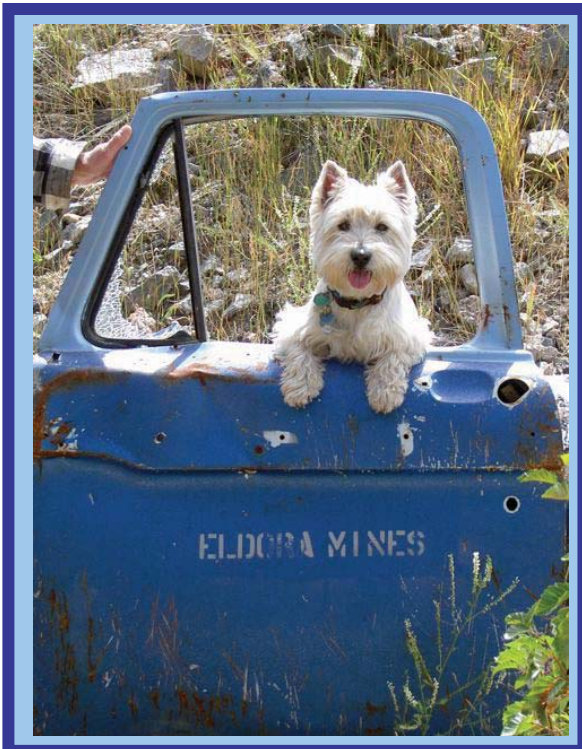
Sweet!



Robert Goolsby donated 3 cases of honey from Oklahoma to the Eldora Land Preservation Fund. The honey sold out at the Eldora picnic and raised \$108. Thank you Robert!

Honey is produced by busy bees that use no chemicals and are very energy efficient, unlike sugar, which requires a high amount of processing. Lynne Collins supplied us with a sugar/honey conversion formula:

Use  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup honey for every cup of sugar. Reduce total amount of other liquids in the recipe by  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup.



### The Eldora Land Preservation Fund

#### Purpose:

To preserve those natural areas that contribute to and enhance the natural heritage of Eldora and its surroundings, generally defined as the Middle Boulder Creek drainage from the Continental Divide to Nederland. Of highest priority for preservation are those lands identified by the Eldora Environmental Preservation Plan, the Boulder County Comprehensive Plan and the Forest Plan for Roosevelt National Forest, which encourages protection of riparian areas, wetlands, rare and significant plants, plant communities and animals, old growth forests and scenic areas.

To protect lands by acquiring or receiving donations of land or interest in land for conservation purposes; and working with and participating with governmental and private agencies on conservation related to Eldora and its surroundings.

To acquire property or interest in property, both real and personal, by purchase, lease, donation or bequest. Properties that meet conservation purposes shall be held and retained as natural areas. Properties that do not meet conservation purposes may be sold or leased, with any derived income and principal used to further land conservation in the Eldora area.

#### Donations to the Eldora Land Preservation Fund:

Gretchen Beatty in memory of Salto kitty  
 Brian Egaas & Korina Bersentes  
 Kate Burns in memory of Hugh and Bev Burns  
 Nick & Mary Jane Newens in memory of Tom Andersen  
 Diane Brown in memory of Marge Bevlin  
 Diane Brown in memory of John Lavender  
 Lynne Collins in memory of Willis & Woody pups  
 Harold & Jan Schneider in memory of Willis pup  
 Bruce and Ann Marron  
 Jeffrey Duvall  
 Gene & Gail Gitin in memory of Willis pup  
 Diane Brown in memory of Angel kitty  
 Sara Goolsby in memory of Hollie pup  
 Audrey Godell in memory of Ellie pup

#### Donations to BCPOS/ELPF Foundation:

Ed & Eleanor Busch in memory of Elizabeth Christian

We have  
 \$15,019.35  
 in the ELPF!

⇐ **WILLIS** was a quintessential Eldora dog, sweeter than honey, and loved by all who knew him. Harold, Jan and Boo Schneider are missing their Eldorable little dog Willis that died July 23, 2009 in the mountains he so loved.

## Happy Valley Happenings

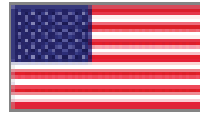
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About a year ago a group from the Wyoming National Guard asked me if I would donate my military memorabilia from WWII and Korea so they could establish an air museum commemorating the Wyoming Air National Guard. I donated all my awards, medals and my flying suit to them.

On September 27 they invited Barb and me to a special viewing of the museum. A friend of ours volunteered to fly us up to Cheyenne. Barb, Mike (the pilot) Abby, our granddaughter, and I left Boulder at 8:30 in the morning, flew over Eldora twice at 13,000 feet then headed for Cheyenne. We were greeted by a group representing the National Guard and then they gave us a personal tour of the new museum.

As I am one of six members left of forty members of the original Guard, they interviewed me for the past history of the Guard. After they interviewed me they treated us to lunch and then we flew back to Boulder.  
Earl Bolton



On September 9, 2009 ten citizens from France had a picnic in the Bolton yard and then they sang French songs. Earl and Barbara gave them an historical tour of Eldora starting at the Gold Miner and on up to the old Bailey House. Charles Fletcher treated the group to a spontaneous tour of his historically renovated “Neva” cabin. Cynthia Zakrison, along with the mayor of Nederland, and Tom and Sally Grahn from Nederland were hosts.



↑ French visitors to Eldora picnicked and sang traditional French songs on the Bolton meadow.



Earl and Barb look at the new museum in Cheyenne. Earl's tan flight suit is on display. ⇒



↑ Eldora, Colorado from 13,000 feet aloft  
Note the smoke haze from California fires.

Eldora Endemics: Gooseberries and Currants



⇐ Red-fruited  
Gooseberry  
Photo by  
Audrey Godell

Wax currant ⇐  
Photo by  
Diane Brown



Both currants and gooseberries belong to the family Grossulariaceae and the genus Ribes. As a rule, gooseberries have spines, whereas currants do not. They are berry-producing shrubs, all of which are edible, some tastier than others. Our most common currant is the wax currant (*Ribes cereum*) which blossoms pink in early spring on dry sunny hillsides and produces red berries in early summer. In moister areas in canyons and along streams the white-stemmed gooseberry (*Ribes inerme*) grows, producing dark purple berries by late summer. They are quite tasty, but rarely abundant. In the subalpine areas of the Indian Peaks Wilderness there are two species of currant and one of gooseberry: Colorado currant (*Ribes coloradense*), prickly currant (*Ribes lacustre*) and red-fruited gooseberry (*Ribes montigenum*).



Dogs are our link to paradise. They don't know evil, or jealousy, or discontent. To sit with a dog on a hillside on a glorious afternoon is to be back in Eden, where doing nothing was not boring, it was peace. - Milan Dundra

**Hollie**

loved to go everywhere with her favorite man Robert Goolsby. She came to Eldora for 14 summers. Hollie was a very gentle dog – especially for an Airdale and never met a dog or person she didn't like. She died this past summer and her family misses her very much.

Eldora History Night was held on August 12 at the Eldora Fire Station. A big thanks to Dave Hallock for giving the presentation on short notice as other plans fell through. Dave gave his History of Eldora slide show, a program he first assembled some 28 years ago, which keeps evolving as he finds new photos and information. Just over 30 people attended the event including a wonderful group of well-behaved attentive children. Also a big thanks to Matt Phillips for helping with setting up, hanging tarps over the bay windows and cleaning up afterwards. Hostesses Diane Brown and Audrey Godell served up home made chocolate cupcakes, juice and cold milk.





## Living with Bears



### Bear-Proofing Your Cabin

Close and lock doors and ground level windows at night and whenever you leave the house. If you must have a ground-level window open, install a sturdy grate or bars.

Keep car doors and windows closed and locked if you park outside. Don't leave anything with an odor in your car, including lip balm, air fresheners, trash, candy or gum.

Remove tree branches that lead to upper story windows or decks.

Replace lever-style door handles with round knobs.

Leave talk radio – not music – playing when you leave the house.

If a bear comes around your property, make loud noises, wave sticks and bang pots to scare it away.

If a bear comes into your home, leave doors and windows open so it can leave the way it came in. Do not confront the bear.

Source: Colorado Division of Wildlife

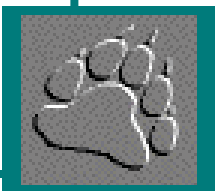
### Other Practical Bear Deterrents:

Rinse cans, jars and bottles before putting them in the trash.

Freeze smelly leftovers till trash day.

Don't leave pet food outdoors.

Bring hummingbird and seed feeders inside at night.



Marysville residents, concerned with the speed of traffic at the curve by the beaver ponds and through the residential area of Marysville, requested signage from the Boulder County Transportation Department that would slow down vehicles and warn them of wildlife, in particular moose, crossing the road. Moose signs were requested, but the County said they did not have any and that moose signs are often stolen for their uniqueness. Instead deer signs were installed in two places.



On the Arapaho Ranch Doug and Pat Gibney used their binoculars to observe a sow bear and her cub feasting on chokecherries on Eldorado Mountain. Suddenly a large bull moose with full paddle antlers approached the bears, charged and ran the bears off.



Moose weigh an average of 380 to 550 kg. The antlers alone can weigh 25+ kg. Multiply by 2.2 to get the weight in pounds. You really don't want to hit one of these guys!



The melancholy days are come,  
The saddest of the year,  
Of wailing winds, and naked woods,  
And meadows brown and sere.  
William Cullen Bryant

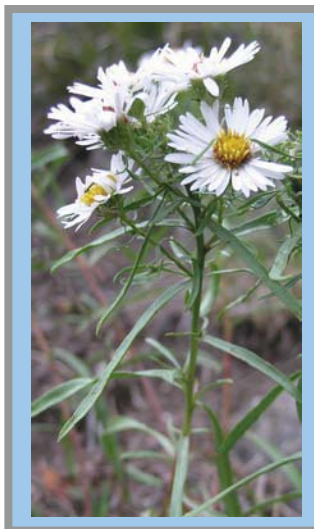
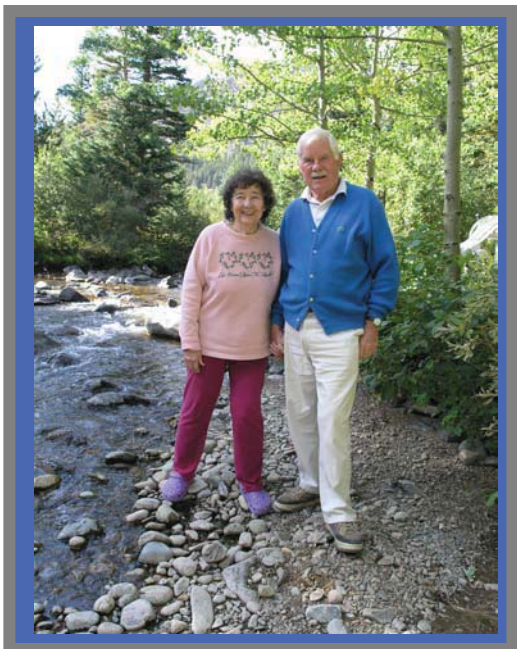




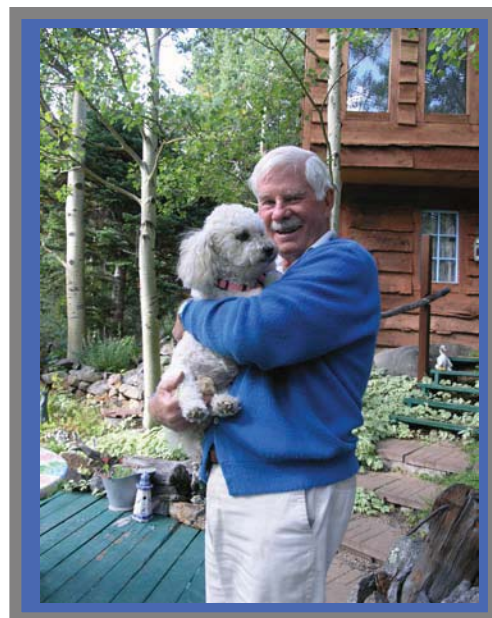
## Brock's Weather Report

September 11, 2009

Willi and Brock on the creek ↴



↑ Porter Aster  
(native flower of  
late summer/fall)



↑ John Brocklehurst and Miss Maggie  
Photos by Diane J. Brown

I observed rain of any amount on nineteen of the ninety days since my last report June 21. However, most of the rain came early enough to ensure one of the finest displays of wildflowers and lush roadside vegetation seen in many years. Willi and I were privileged to have a guided tour of Lee and Virginia Evans' Arapaho Ranch when the flowers were at their best July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Currently Eldora has escaped hail damage, but is experiencing a mini-drought and many aspens have been shedding their leaves prematurely. Some fall color can be seen around Eldora as I write.

Middle Boulder Creek is at its lowest and the dipper/water ouzel can be seen hopping from rock to rock as it makes its way up or down the creek. Moose have been seen quite often parading through town. A black bear visited our bedroom deck twice this year to feast on the sunflower seed or hummingbird feeder. Right on time the hummingbirds departed Eldora the first week of September and are heading for Central America leaving year-round residents to face another winter.

Middle Boulder Creek ⇨  
Prime Dipper Habitat  
By Diane J. Brown



↑ Baby Dippers  
By Audrey Godell

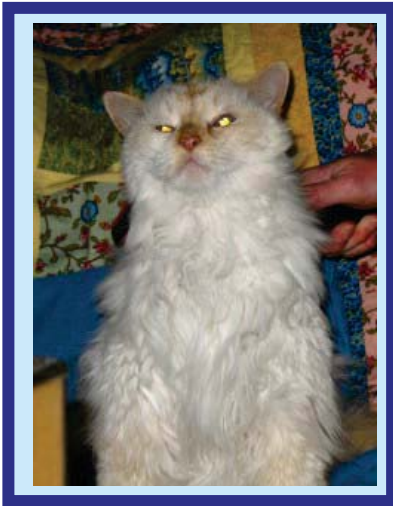


## FOR THE LOVE OF CATS



There are lessons we can all learn from cats. Like when life give you crap, just bury it and forget about it!

Every life should have nine cats.



Salto ↑



Remembering Salto  
 Born May 1989 Moody Cabin,  
 Eldora, Colorado  
 Died May 2009 Rocky Ledge Cabin,  
 Eldora, Colorado  
 Fluffy white, ginger tips, ears and tail,  
 blue, blue eyes. She lived 20 years inside  
 and outside in Eldora, Nederland,  
 Alamosa, Tucson, Estes Park,  
 Stevensville, Montana, Greeley and then  
 home to Eldora, 2003. Loved people,  
 tolerated dogs (Nikita and Lola), and was  
 loved especially by Betsy Burton and  
 life-long companion, Gretchen Beatty.  
 We miss her!

### Angel of Eldora

Angel came to us in 1990 a few days after our previous Tortie cat Lady died. I saw her out the kitchen window and thought she was Lady reincarnated. Lost cat signs were posted on Eldora Road, but no one called, so I took her to the Humane Society in Boulder in case someone was looking for her. A week later I went down and adopted her. She was sweet, forgiving, devoted and very tolerant of any new cat that we took in. She traveled back and forth from Eldora to Arizona for 12 years till she died last February at what the vet estimated to be 22-24 years old. Not bad for a stray cat no one wanted. Diane Brown and Dave Hallock



Angel ↑



### Humane Heroes of Arapaho Ranch

By the end of the 1990s (as in the end of the 1960s), the old animal shelter in Boulder no longer met all of the community's needs. In 1999 the Humane Society of Boulder Valley decided to build a new facility on the 2323 55th Street property.

That year they kicked off a \$5.8 million capital campaign with a lead gift from Lee and Virginia Evans for a state-of-the art Cat and Kitten Adoption Center.

Cat adoptions doubled when Lee and Virginia Evans funded a re-model and expansion of the existing cat adoption center.

↳ Virginia and Lee Evans with their cats Tommy & Teddy



Bring your own plates, cups, silverware and cloth napkins to community events instead of using paper or plastic disposables. Aim for zero waste.



Reduce outdoor water use. Leave some water in Middle Boulder Creek. Allow drought tolerant native vegetation to grow on your property instead of plants that require watering. Vegetation works as thermal cover, keeping the soil moist and cool, thus helping to lower air temperatures in summer. In winter it acts as insulation from the effects of cold and wind.

Replace old light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs for energy savings.

Walk, hike, run and cycle more. Drive less. Use public transportation, if possible. Combine errands when driving. Buy a fuel-efficient vehicle. Drive slower!

Live in harmony with all the creatures, large and small, that share our Happy Valley. All of them have a function in the way that nature works in a healthy environment. Please don't feed them human food!

## Green Tips

Eating out? Remember to take a Tupperware container along for your leftovers to bring home for a second meal.

Eat more veggies and less meat.

Turn lights off when not in use, especially outdoor lights that may shine into neighboring homes. Use light fixtures that direct the light downward instead of broadcasting it in all directions. Think dark skies at night!

Wash clothes on the cold cycle to save on energy used to heat water. Use fragrance free detergent to reduce chemicals in our water and air.

Line dry clothes in the fresh air whenever possible.

Buy castaway treasures at yard and garage sales. This is a great way to recycle!



Replace your old water guzzler toilet with a new water-saving low flow model.

Each growing season try to learn the names of several native flowers, trees and shrubs and which butterflies, insects, mammals and birds are dependent upon them for food and shelter.

Buy energy-efficient appliances.

Take glass, plastic, aluminum and paper to be recycled at the Nederland green boxes.

Bring your groceries home in reusable cloth bags instead of plastic bags.

Keep Eldora's water, soil and air healthy for people and wildlife by not using herbicides or pesticides.

Replace single pane windows with double panes. Use insulated curtains to keep out the heat and cold.

Insulate ceilings, walls and water heaters.

Buy organic foods to keep harmful chemicals out of our soil, water and air.

Don't flush pharmaceuticals down the toilet or drain.

Adopt a cat to control rodents instead of using toxic rodenticides.

Compost fruit and vegetable waste to reduce the burden on our landfills.

Plant a victory vegetable and herb garden. Get free advice on what works from locals like Brock & Lynne!

Carry a plastic bag with you when you hike and pick up what others leave behind.

**Stoneybroke Cabin  
125 Eldorado Avenue**



↑ Looking southeast towards Tennessee Mountain from the back side of Stoneybroke cabin.

In 1943 when Clara Nipher decided to sell her cabin at 99 Eldorado, she divided the large parcel she owned into three pieces. The parcel directly west of her cabin was sold to Ione Martha Wood. The picturesque stone cabin was built by Henry Rouse, a skilled local stonemason. Henry was the father of Russell and Phil Rouse, and grandfather of Flip, Jodie and Patti Rouse. Like Clara, Ione Wood was an unmarried educator, teaching at public schools in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born on August 25, 1903 in Oklahoma. She later moved to Harlingen, Texas where she died in February 1987.

Earl Bolton remembers delivering 2 pails of water from the creek twice a day for 50¢ a week to Miss Wood when he was a boy. She always gave him a nice tip at the end of the summer.

In 1948 Oskar E. and Vella Edison purchased this property. Oskar was born on January 2, 1892 in Gothenburg, Nebraska. He was a professor of electrical engineering at the University of Nebraska's main campus in Lincoln. He served as chair of his department from July 1920 to July 1945. Initially Oskar was not interested in Eldora because before 1948 there was no electricity! His wife, Vella W. Edison, was born on October 29, 1891, also in Nebraska. They had a son, Edward, and two daughters, Elizabeth and Eleanor. Professor Edison died while vacationing at Stoneybroke cabin in July 1964. In 1966 the property was transferred to daughter Eleanor Edison Busch, who along with her husband Ed, remain the present owners.

The Edisons came to the area first in 1919. Through the 1920s and 30s the family spent a month (August 10 – September 10) in rented cabins in Nederland. Vella's hay fever was better – no ragweed this high!

Eleanor says that her dad first heard that the stone cabin was for sale by Ione Wood through an ad in the Lincoln Nebraska Journal. The ad happened to be put there since Phil Easterday, who was also from Lincoln and a friend of Professor Edison, had heard about it from Miss Wood. Phil and Leta Easterday owned the white frame cottage called "Westward Ho" just west of Stoneybroke.

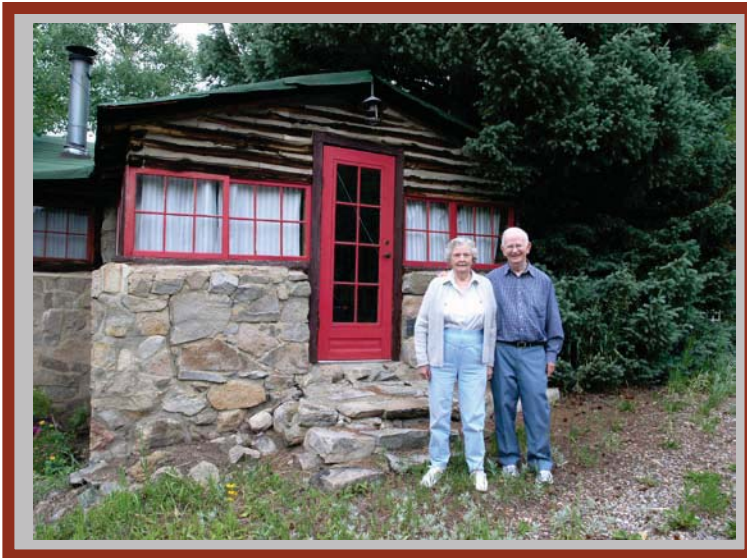


Vella Edison – Spring 1959

When Eleanor's sister Elizabeth came up with their father to inspect the cabin before he bought it, they had to get through some fairly deep April snowdrifts. Lib, who was wearing the "new look," a long, fairly narrow skirt, tried to walk on top of the snowdrifts over a barbed wire fence. With a foot on both sides of the wire, she started to sink in, then started to laugh, and sank in further. They got her over finally, but had a real laugh in the process.



After Oskar bought the cabin in 1948, Ed and Eleanor came up with Elizabeth to clean it up before their dad and mom came out that summer. They really had to dispossess a bunch of mice that thought it was their home. Later, to take care of more family and friends, Oskar built a Marine squad tent frame beside the cabin which was set up on a wooden platform and that's where Ed and Eleanor slept when they would come up from Denver.



↑ Eleanor and Ed Busch standing in front of Stoneybroke cabin – July 2009

On warm summer days a family of friendly Western terrestrial garter snakes may be seen sunning themselves on the stone steps of Stoneybroke. The Busches accept them as beneficial inhabitants that control rodent and insect pests. ↓



Henry Rouse and his first-born son Russell ↑

Eldora Echo  
July 28, 1934:  
Wanted: to build you a good fireplace for fifty dollars.  
Mr. H. F. Rouse

From the ELDORA ECHO  
August 16, 1935:  
Miss Wood of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is having a stone cabin built in the eastern part of town. Mr. Henry Rouse is the contractor.



Henry Rouse was a secondary teacher and later a school principal in Grand Island, Nebraska. His wife Winogene's family owned a cabin in Eldora, which is still in the family. In the summers Henry and his son, Phil, contracted as stonemasons. They built and worked on quite a few cabins in Eldora. However, it was a family trait not to be boastful, so they took modesty to an extreme and never talked about any projects. The one exception was Phil's current cabin. After World War II he was provided with a \$300 stipend. He built the eastern part of the cabin with the money.  
- Romaine and Flip Rouse



Henry Rouse built the stone cottage behind the Rouse cabin "Bungalog" at 599 Huron and the original fireplace (now rebuilt) at Rocky Ledge cabin at 601 Huron. – Bill Gross

## DAM IT!



In 1910 after the Barker Dam was built, the waters of Middle Boulder Creek flooded Mrs. Barker's ranch. Had the wide valley not been filled with water, most likely it would have been covered with commercial and residential development over the years.

⇐ Looking west over Barker Reservoir in July 2009.  
Photo by Diane Brown

Upon driving up Boulder Canyon and arriving in Nederland, the first thing that comes into view is the large body of water known as Barker Reservoir. East Eldora at Sulphide Flats played an important role in the construction of Barker Reservoir and also in the building of Gross Reservoir.

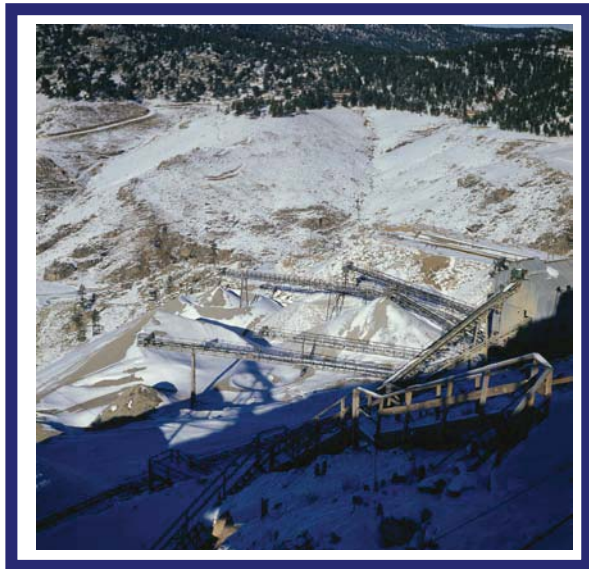
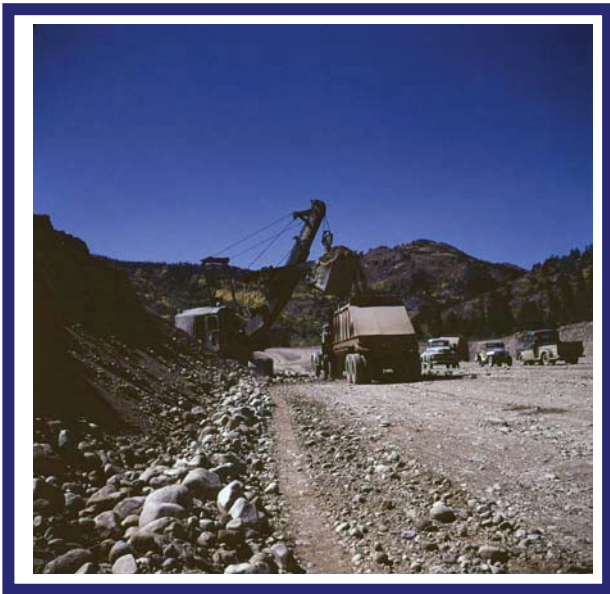
The railroad reached Sulphide Flats on December 4, 1904 where a wye was constructed as a turnaround. In his book "Silver, Gold and Black Iron" Donald Kemp writes, "Sulphide Flats is an ancient glacial deposit a hundred or more feet thick. The rounded east-west ridge called Park Hill flanks the lower north side of the valley and terminates at the west end of Nederland town. A similar ridge extends from Tennessee Mountain at the south boundary of the valley; and the two converge a short distance above town."

Kemp goes on to say that, "W. Hollingsworth McCleod, a Boulder capitalist, is credited with originating the idea of building a dam. As a site for his project he selected the ranches owned by the Hannah brothers and Oran Beech on Sulphide Flats west of Nederland. McCleod purchased the two tracts in March 1907 and a short time later sold them to the Central Colorado Power Company (the present day Public Service Company of Colorado).

The Central Colorado Power Company selected its dam site at a point where the two ridges are less than 200 yards apart, and the narrow creek channel is about fifty feet below the Nederland-Eldora Road. That summer they set up a battery of churn drills and sank a series of holes to determine the depth of bedrock below the surface. It soon became apparent, however, that because of the great thickness of the glacial horizon, the location would be unsuitable for the dam." They never reached bedrock!

In a turn of events based on geology, the present day Arapaho Ranch was spared from being inundated by the construction of a dam. The exploration site is still visible if you know where to look. Instead, the power company decided to locate an alternative site.

Donald Kemp writes, "The company found another location two miles east of Nederland at the lower end of the Barker Ranch. The owner, Mrs. Hannah Barker, a Boulder pioneer, declined to sell the ranch, and the power company then filed condemnation proceedings in the District Court at Boulder. The case was tried before a jury, whose verdict favored the plaintiffs. Mrs. Barker was awarded \$23,000 for the ranch and construction operations began in 1909. Building materials and supplies were hauled from Boulder via the Denver, Boulder and Western Railway to warehouses at the main construction camp just below the dam site, on a spur built from the Sulphide Flats wye on the Eldora branch of the road."



Both Photos from the Shickley Collection

↑Gravel Pit on Arapaho Ranch – September 1953

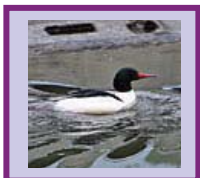
↑Construction of Gross Dam – January 1953

In the mid 1950s gravel from the then Public Service pit across from Nederland High School (now part of Arapaho Ranch) was used for concrete slabs to reface Barker Dam. Gravel from Sulfide Flats was used for the concrete plants in the construction of the City of Denver’s Gross Dam on South Boulder Creek. Lee Evans, in his book “From Happy Valley to the Mountaintop,” states that, “In 1953-54 Macco-Puget Sound Company removed approximately one million tons of gravel from the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 22. I was paid seven cents a ton for the gravel that was used pouring concrete in the dam for Gross Reservoir, and that amounted to 669,414 tons. Probably another one third of a million tons was hauled away and processed at the dam site. Much sand and gravel did not meet proper size specifications and was simply dumped down the mountainside near the dam. The road that we now call the “Haul Road,” which goes from the Arapaho Ranch over the east end of Tennessee Mountain, was used to transport the gravel to Gross Dam site fifteen miles away.” The Haul Road, which ends up on West Magnolia Road, was specifically built for transporting gravel to Gross.

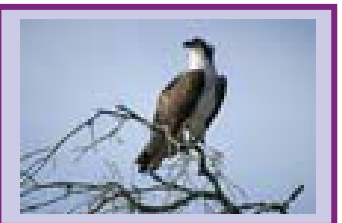
As a result of the removal of massive amounts of gravel from the west end of the Arapaho Ranch, a huge depression was left, which slowly filled with water, forming a lake that is now called Kingfisher Lake. Along with kingfishers, many other birds such as spotted sandpipers, mergansers, cormorants, great blue herons and osprey are commonly seen around this lake.



**Belted Kingfisher**



**Common Merganser**  
Kingfisher Lake ⇨



**Osprey**



**Spotted Sandpiper**

### Full Members 2009-10

Andersen, Ellen  
Anderson, Bob/Pat  
Bailey, John  
Baker, Charles/Lois  
Barrett, Phillip/Marilyn  
Billingsley, Cleo  
Billingsley, John/Jim/Joe  
Birkeland, Pete/Suzanne  
Bolton, Earl/Barbara  
Brown, Diane/Hallock, Dave  
Bryan, Steve/Suellen  
Buchan, James/Susan  
Burns, Kate/Schroeder, Sheila  
Busch, Edwin/Eleanor  
Carson, R. Edgar/Julia  
Chapin, John/Micki  
Colburn, Everett/Deborah  
Collins, Brian/Lynne  
Commers, M./Hoffman, Amy  
Dibb, Leigh  
Donahue, Jerry/Barbara  
Dugan, Tom/Kathy  
Egaas, Brian/Bersentes, K.  
Evans, Lee/Virginia  
Figgs, Norma Hockett  
Flowers, Clifton/Mary  
Frazier, O.H./Rachel  
Godell, Audrey  
Goolsby, Robert  
Hartsell, Rich/Marilyn  
Hill, Jim/Sharon  
Hollis, Edna  
Jensen, Jeff/Kathy  
Johnson, Dale/Frandee  
Kent, Jinny  
Kindig, Jean  
Kladstrup, Barbara  
Leever, Virginia/Randy/Ron  
Lovelace, Stuart  
Marron, Bruce/Ann  
Martin, Jim/Anne  
McCleery, Jeanne  
McGuffee, Cris/Liz  
Merrill, Nancy  
Mount, Robert/Virginia  
Newens, Nick/Mary Jane  
Nichols, Ron/Barbara  
Piper, Bruce/Peaches  
Postlewait, Michael/Sharon  
Postlewait, Tim/Miller, Lindy  
Reynolds, Matt/Jeanie

Rock, Paul/Phyllis  
Rockett, Carol Ann  
Rountree, Robert  
Rouse, Philip/Louise  
Rouse, Romaine  
Ruhnka, John/Sallie  
Sandquist, Rick/Katrina  
Schneider, Harold/Jan  
Sheets, Payson/Fran  
Simpson, Robert  
Swope, James/Beverly  
Tafoya, J/Windolph, Audrey  
Tillotson, Rich/Lee  
Vahling, Arnie  
Wallace, John/Rita  
Waltrip, Dave/Susan  
Warren, Ted/Peggy  
Wheeler, Jeff/Signe  
Williams, David J.  
Young, Russ/Marion  
Zemanek, Lew/Phyllis

### Associate Members 2009-10

Amaranto, Ernie/Marian  
Amme, Robert  
Barrett-Smith, Allison  
Beaman, Dot/Lischer, Vance  
Beatty, Gretchen  
Cole, David/Jennifer  
Flowers, Willard  
Forstner, Roland  
Goolsby, Ann  
Goolsby, Mark/Ramona  
Gross, William/Mary Nell  
Guthrie, Bill  
Hill, Tom/Sherry  
Hornback, Charlie/Rachael  
Huffman, Vonne  
Kent, Chris  
Kent, Michael  
Klenk, Anne  
McCaffree, Inez  
McCleery, Kathy  
Merrill, Susan  
Mount, Carl/Dawley, Marty  
Mount, Robert/Laurie  
Naylor, Earl/Joan  
Olsen, Nancy  
Overlees, Pat Springer  
Quarterman, Linda  
Roberts, Kathryn  
Roossinck, Marilyn

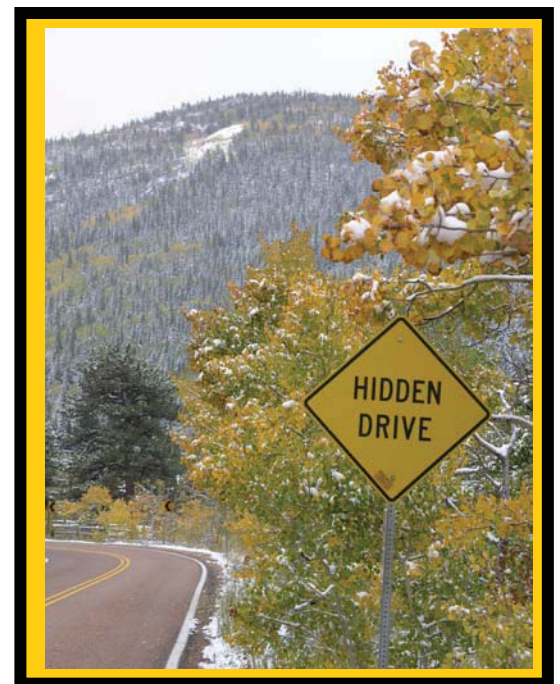
Soyka, James/Faye  
Whitworth, Gretchen  
Whitworth, Sam  
Woodward, Edgar  
Young, Al/Cindy  
Young, Donald



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Nederland Area Historical Society  
Nederland Community Library  
Carnegie Library (Boulder)  
Boulder County Commissioners  
Boulder County Parks & Open Space  
Boulder County Land Use Department

Please – only one full voting membership per property! All others are non-voting members.

ECA dues for 2009-2010 are now payable. If your name is not on this list, you need to use the form in this newsletter with payment.





## ELDORA CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM 2009-2010

ECA membership dues for fiscal year 2009-2010 are due on September 1, 2009. Full membership dues are for Eldora area property owners and associate dues are for non-property owners or extended family. Please note that there is only one full/voting membership per property. Extra copies of the newsletter for extended family members can be purchased as associate memberships.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Eldora Address \_\_\_\_\_

Eldora Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address \_\_\_\_\_

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- \$30 Full Membership (electronic newsletter) Please include your email address!
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send your membership dues to:  
Eldora Civic Association  
P. O. Box 988  
Nederland, CO 80466-0988



Quick fetch your checkbook and get fired up to pay your ECA dues!

If you would like to make an extra donation to the Eldora Land Preservation Fund at the same time you pay your dues, please write a separate check to the ELPF. All donations are welcome and encouraged.

