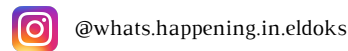


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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN EL DORADO

FIND MORE EVENTS AT WWW.ELDOKS.COM

- August 17 - City Commission Meeting
 - September 7 - Labor Day - Check www.eldoks.com for changes to the trash route.
 - September 8 - City Commission Meeting
 - September 21 - City Commission Meeting
- Check out one of the sites below for daily updates!



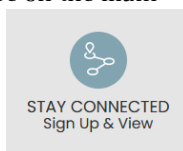
From the Desk of the City Manager

Did you know that the trash schedule changed due to the July 4th holiday? Believe me when I say that I have forgotten and it's not fun having to tell your spouse why the trash didn't get picked up for the week. "I forgot" or "The City changed the day because of a holiday" doesn't seem to provide a good enough explanation to get you out of trouble. It also doesn't take care of the problem because the trash cans are still full and they won't be picked up for another week.

The City of El Dorado wants to communicate with residents but in today's busy world the task of communication is harder than ever as everyone's attention is pulled in several different directions.

The City invites you to sign up for our Notify Me service to keep you informed. The service sends a text or e-mail message to a cell phone number or e-mail address you provide when there's something important (like a change to the trash schedule) that you need to know about.

Signup by visiting the City's website (www.eldoks.com) and clicking the "Stay Connected" link on the left under the picture on the main page. If you're revisiting the site on your phone, touch the down arrow once and it's the first icon you see. The image to the right is what you're looking for when you visit the site.



Clicking the image will take you to the Notify Me service where you can sign up for many different notifications such as City Commission agendas, calendar notifications, and more. You sign up by clicking the small letter image (to receive emails) or the small phone image (to receive text messages) to the left of each list name. Follow the remaining instructions and you'll be ready to receive updates directly from the City. You may sign up for as many notifications as you want, but we will send the most important information out through the Community Notification option.

The City does not sell your information, we won't send too many texts, and we won't spam you either. Prefer to get your news elsewhere? You can unsubscribe at any time. Call City Hall at (316) 321-9100 if you're having difficulty signing up and someone will help get you started.

Countdown to the 150th Celebration: The Conner Cabin - Oldest Standing Building in El Dorado

The City of El Dorado will be celebrating its 150th year, September 12, 2021. The City is working with others in the community to create events and activities to celebrate throughout the year. Below is the first in a series of articles about the history of El Dorado, check back each month for the next one!

Have you heard of the Conner Cabin? This log structure unofficially served Butler County as the first courthouse, and El Dorado as one of the first post offices.

story continued on back...



Mid to late 19th century, Conner Cabin, Butler County Oil Museum



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The Conner Cabin - Oldest Standing Building in El Dorado (cont.)

Although it was dubbed the Conner Cabin, the single-room building was not built by anyone named Conner. According to history the cabin was built by a gentleman named William Hildebrand who was the first settler to arrive in El Dorado in May of 1857. He built his cabin on the site of the original town of El Dorado, which was located 1.5 miles southwest of what is presently the intersection of Main and Central.

Jerry Conner was born in Ireland in 1837 and came with his family, at the age of nine, to New Hampshire. In his adult years, he began to move west, and settled in El Dorado in the spring of 1858, where he was the first one registered at the General Land Office.

Shortly after Conner settled into town, Hildebrand became a suspect in horse thievery. Conner, who had recently been appointed sheriff of El Dorado gave Hildebrand a lashing and 24 hours to leave Butler County and never return. Hildebrand complied, and before long Conner took over the cabin as his home and trading post.

Historical records show that the trading post was used by several different types of people. From Osage and Wichita Indians trading their furs, pelts and labor for tobacco, knives and ropes, to “dandy fellows” buying their wives brushes, ribbons and soap.

Conner enlisted as a private in the 9th Kansas Regiment and served until the end of the Civil War. He was discharged as a First Lieutenant. He was a very respected community leader and the owner and operator of his trading post. He was appointed sheriff because there was no elected officials at the time. Conner also served as the Butler County Treasurer, and in 1866 he served as Republican Legislative Representative.

The community leaders would assemble at the Conner Cabin for meetings and other legal issues. Records were created and kept there because there was no public building at the time. This is how the Conner Cabin came to be known as the County Courthouse.

This story does not end here. For more information and to see the cabin, go visit the Butler County Oil Museum. You can make reservations by contacting them at 316-321-9333.



Conner Cabin 2020

Mooney, P. (1916) History of Butler County Kansas

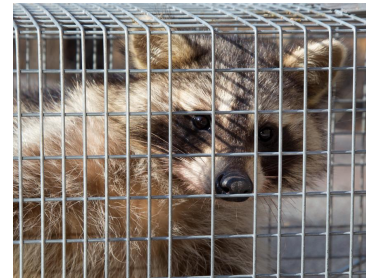
Animal Trapping

By: Public Works Department

The City of El Dorado offers a limited trapping program for residents at no cost. The Animal Control Division uses live traps to catch a variety of not only wild animals, but some domesticated animals as well.

The program is limited by the number of traps we have, as well as weather. Trapping season normally runs from March – October weather permitting. Traps are not set when the temperatures or wind chill is below 32 degrees, ice, snow, rain, or severe weather is forecast. There is no trapping allowed on weekends or major holidays.

Residents are required to come to the City of El Dorado Animal Shelter, 222 E. Locust Ave. and fill out the request forms. The sooner residents come to sign the form, the sooner they can be put on the list for a trap.



Only one form is required each year.

Traps are set Monday morning between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m., if an animal goes in the trap after that, residents are required to call and let us know, the trap will then be emptied and reset. Traps will only be set on the owner's property, not on an adjacent property. Any animal that is in the trap after 3:30 p.m. will be removed the next morning. Traps are checked Monday through Thursday mornings and picked up Friday.

We encourage residents to call us if they are still having problems with the animals they are trying to catch. All domestic animals must be brought to the shelter for a stray hold. Please do not let them out or try to transfer them outside city limits.

The City does allow private trapping, but each person must fill out the required form. Private trappers are also required to call the animal shelter at 316-322-8844 before they set traps and begin trapping. This ensures that there is room in the shelter for any domesticated animals, all domestic animals must be brought to the animal shelter without exception.

Residents are encouraged to remove things that will attract or provide shelter for wildlife such as trash, debris and dilapidated structures. Closing up areas under homes and outside buildings will also help to keep unwanted animals from sheltering on your property.

The Animal Shelter is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and may be reached at 316-322-8844 during those hours.