

Carson O Piñon!

Carson Community Association

Annual, (sometimes semi-annual), Newsletter

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-photo by Elizabeth Brownrigg

An Update from Terri Bissell

Hi Friends,

As you may know, the surgery in January went very well. I now have 7 weeks of chemo and radiation treatments beginning February 17th. I will be staying in Albuquerque at a home/hotel for cancer patients. I will get weekends off for good behavior.

Casa Esperanza

1005 Yale NE

Albuquerque, NM 87106

You can email me at pocolocogs@gmail.com.

***Don't forget the Poco Loco needs your support now more than ever!!!**

Best!

Terri

A Thought or Two

-The Old Man

We need the Poco Loco. Just to go to town and back for a few things, (no matter what you drive), will cost you a minimum of two gallons of gas. Terri, we all have our fingers crossed, wishing you a speedy recovery. I'm sure there are those that would help if they knew what was needed. Call on us. We all think the world of you.

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At last. The ball is rolling. We have made progress. We have a fire department, and the county has agreed to fix us a road. We all know that this is only the beginning. We need more support from all of you that keep to the background. Everything that has been accomplished is indeed for all; therefore you need to show support. It has been a long road. Please help shorten it. Join in and support the CCA, the CVFD, and the Santo Niño Food Bank.

Remembering...

-Gerald Boxberger

STORE---GAS STATION---CABINS in Carson? I was thinking back to my early years here in Carson, and I can remember seeing the cabins, station and general store that Frank and Amanda Templeton operated here in the 1930s and 1940s. The business was 1 1/2 miles east of the present post office and the same distance west of our place.

The Templeton's were the grandparents of Don Kirk. I talked with Don to fine tune my memory and check for more information. Don lived with his grandparents during his school years. He went to Ojo Caliente for grades one through eight, and after three years of high school, he joined the Navy in 1945.

I remember seeing the cabins, there were two, lined up parallel to the road and were connected by a carport, like they built during that time. Don said they had a chair, bed, wood stove and outhouse in the back. He thinks they charged 50 cents per night.

Don said the general store had basic products like salt, coffee, canned milk, candy, sugar, crackers, canned fruit, sardines, flour, pinto beans, cans of motor oil, bulk oil outside and animal feed (grain and salt). They also had prairie dog poison grain, and one day the pigs got out of their pens and got into the grain and it killed most of their pigs. That sure was a bad thing for them as the pigs were a big part of their living. The station was a Texaco and there was a big green sign and one of those old gas pumps with the glass cylinder. Also the Templetons had the first phone in Carson. I can remember it as it was the first phone I had probably ever seen operate. It hung on the wall and had a wooden cabinet.

My parents were good friends of the Templetons', and I remember my mother and Amanda taking their old cane fishing poles and driving down to the Rio Grande to fish. My dad used to help the Templetons a lot doing various things. One thing I remember was that they had a good pig butchering facility. On butchering day, my parents would help them and also butcher a pig that we had taken up there, too. I would be there sometimes but usually I was in school.

These are some of my fond memories of the early days in Carson.

**Please help make a difference-
give *monthly* to the
Santo Niño Food Bank.**
(now a charitable organization under the CCA)

**Make checks payable and mail to:
The Food Depot, PO Box 124
Carson, NM 87517**

**(You must specify on your check your donation is for
Santo Niño Carson!)**

or donate directly:

**The Food Depot
Attn: Viola Lujan,
1222 A Siler Road, Santa Fe, NM 87507
(You must specify on your check your donation is for Santo Niño Carson!)**

www.thefooddepot.org

***If you would like your donation to be tax-exempt, donate directly:**

**CCA
PO Box 101, Carson NM, 87517
(You must specify your donation is for Santo Niño Carson!)**

For info call Richard or Tupper: 751-3090

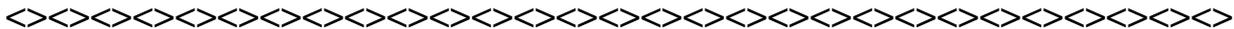
Appeals Court Rules Against Carson Raids

-Norm Davis

A front-page news item in the Albuquerque Journal on January 19, 2014 reported on the recent Appeals Court decision regarding a police raid on Norman Davis' place in 2006. The case never went to trial but at the initial evidentiary hearing, the trial judge, ruling that the police raid was "barely permissible", allowed evidence from Davis' greenhouse to be admitted even though the agencies involved did not have a search warrant. The case was appealed and after five years, the Appeals Court ruled in Davis' favor.

The Taos County District Attorney then appealed that decision and some months later, the New Mexico Supreme Court reversed the Appeals Court decision. The case went back to the Appeals Court a second time and their recent ruling was the top front page story in the North Edition of the Journal. The Court ruled that law enforcement agencies cannot intrude on private property without a warrant. This includes fly-overs by police helicopters seeking evidence of illegal activity. The Court said this is not only illegal; it is against the 4th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The Court also ruled on the possible future use of drones to spy on citizens.

It was a "win for the people" in their constant fight with government and commercial interests to keep their personal information private. The decision sets a precedent, which will be referred to for many years to come according to a lawyer associated with the case.



Carson: 1 January 2014

-Deborah Perrin

Scrub jays jam the tube feeder,
Clustered like winter grapes,
Leaves flapping for balance.



**CARSON FIRE DISTRICT
EMERGENCY CONTACT PLAN**

**PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT, AND RETURN TO CCA, PO BOX 101, CARSON
THIS IS IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, AND STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL**

1. NAME _____

2. PHONE _____

3. BLOOD TYPE _____

4. DOCTOR'S PHONE _____

5. MEDICATIONS, OXYGEN, ETC. _____

6. EMERGENCY CONTACT FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

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Tips for Preventing/Defending Against Fire

In the event of an emergency, (yours or someone else's), ALWAYS CALL 911 FIRST.

Clear trees, dead branches, weeds, tall grasses, (anything flammable) from around your buildings. The recommended clearance is a 50' minimum.

Keep all flammables, such as gasoline, paint thinners, etc., at least 50' away from buildings.

Store fireplace ashes in a tightly lidded metal container. This suffocates hot embers and keeps them from blowing out. Be sure embers are completely cool, (24 hour minimum suffocation), before dumping.

When constructing or renovating, use non-flammable materials such as metal for roofs and stucco for exterior finishes wherever possible. Avoid using flammable construction materials.

Ensure that your property is easily accessible in the event of an emergency. Keep a clear pathway for emergency vehicles. For example, if you go to help someone who is in urgent need, be sure not to block access with your own vehicle.



Butternut Squash & Polenta Casserole

-Deborah Perrin

1 large Butternut squash: Cut off bulb and stem end; cut neck in half lengthwise; slice neck halves ½” thick; steam until pierces with fork; peel; divide into 2 portions.

½ pound bacon: Sauté in dry pan until cooked but still flexible; chop into ½” pieces.

2 or 3 large onions, chopped: Remove bacon fat from sauté pan, leaving brown bits; add 2 Tbsp. olive oil; Sauté onions 15-20 minutes on slow fire.

½ cup canned chopped tomato: Add to onions; continue slow cooking until tomatoes begin to break down.

1 orange, juiced: Add to onion/tomato mix.

Add bacon pieces and pepper to taste. Divide into 2 portions.

1 tube Polenta with Quinoa: Slice ½” thick.

1 cup Pecorino Romano, grated: Divide into 3 portions.

Assemble: In buttered casserole, layer as follows—squash; OTB; cheese; polenta; OTB; cheese; squash; cheese.

2 eggs, beaten

2 cups ½ & ½ or milk: Mix eggs and dairy together and pour into casserole.

Bake at 375 degrees for 1 hour.

Almost all the ingredients are available at POCO LOCO, so you can enjoy a delicious winter dish and support our local best friends.

Want it but don't get it?

To receive the *Carson O Piñon!* email egb@elizabethbrownrigg.com.
To have it mailed to your POB, write EGB, POB 40, Carson, NM 87517

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Jacked Up

-Scott Stephens

Rabbit years vary. Their populations run in cycles of boom and crash. Some years there are lots of cottontails, some years lots of jackrabbits. Some years there are a lot of both. Some years there are not many rabbits at all. There was one jackrabbit that stood out because of the bullet hole right through his ear.

One day in the yard I saw some strange dragging tracks- a real puzzle. They just dragged all around with no foot or paw prints. Following them for a while I learned nothing. The next day I got up early and found fresh drag marks. Following those, I found an old jackrabbit whose back legs did not work anymore. During the next few days I'd go find it to see how far it went with just its front legs. One morning I went looking and saw a young jack blast off, then another run off in a different direction. When I got to where the old crippled jack was lying, under a sage bush, there were three more jacks right there looking solemn and ready to be decoys for any dogs or coyotes. Surprised, I paid my respects and walked away.

POISONED!

Sadly, two Carson dogs recently died of poisoning. Be sure ALL toxic substances, rodent poisons, anti-freeze, and other chemicals are kept locked away and out of reach of children and domestic animals. Dispose of such substances properly!

CCA Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2014

The CCA General Meeting at the CCA Quonset, 2/8/14, 1:10-2:10 p.m.
12 Carsonites present.

Treasurer's Report: we currently have \$358.64, which is not enough to start up the Summer Fair. We need donations. Now is a good time: POB 101, Carson 87517.

Fire Department: Rob Hughes announced we have paid off all of our debts. We received the money from the County, but we had more expenses than originally planned. The main additional expense was due to the fact that the County required we erect the fire garage 3' above grade. We also needed to add more reinforcing and insulation. We received \$300 - \$400 in donations at the beginning of this year to complete the loan repayment.

CCA Building: Rob and Noah Hughes suggested that we could cheaply add windows to the upper part of the south doors on the Quonset, which would improve the solar gain enormously. Wish List: plexiglass- 2'x4' or 2'x3' or any type of fixed windows that would fit. Please call Rob: 737-0951.

South Carson Road Repair: Rick Chavez, the Road Superintendent, said the money to complete the road repairs was approved by the Commissioners for the spring.

Hwy 567: Richard Hawley brought up the problem of the dangerous curve on Hwy 567, where Dan Hambrock was involved in a bad accident. One option is to draft a community letter to the NM State Hwy Engineer to change the road, and keep oversized, unchauffered trucks out. One thought was that perhaps Dan's lawyer could endorse this letter, adding some clout. Also, it would be prudent to carve out a chunk of the hill to the north that creates a blind spot.

The Food Bank & the CCA: Tupper Hawley explained that the Santo Niño Food Bank is now under the umbrella of the CCA, and contributions are on the rise. The Hawleys have been doing the food bank for 14 years, and the areas they reach have expanded to Three Peaks and Two Peaks as well! The average number of people fed per week is between 200 – 250. Regular donations are what really make a difference- with \$100, Tupper can buy a lot of food, and she can also get some seasonal free food as well. Please consider making a regular contribution to The Food Depot- and be sure to specify on your check or other form of donation that it is for Santo Niño Carson- otherwise it goes into a larger pool and Carson won't receive much of it. The food bank is every Thursday from 3:30 – 4:30 at the

Quonset. If you can give a hand unloading the truck, please come at 3:00. Help is appreciated.

Blue Line Bus Service: There's the possibility of getting the FREE Blue Line Bus Service to stop here in Carson. We first need to get an idea of the schedule to see if enough people are interested.

Summer Fair 2014: We decided to hold this year's Summer Fair on Saturday this time. June 28 is the preferred date provided there is no major event in Taos to pose a conflict. Otherwise, it would be Saturday, July 5, as the Pow Wow is the 12th. After the meeting, Elizabeth Brownrigg spoke with Eric Bissell, who said the Poco Loco will host it again. We need to make 2 sandwich board type signs for either end of Hwy 567. Elizabeth volunteered, and hopes Terry Wolff and Cricket will, too. In addition to the Lumberjack game and the FD's water tank, we want to have the following games at the fair: Tug of War, 3-Legged Race, Darts & Balloons, Bobbing for Apples. We will need to be sure to establish a game committee at the Summer Fair meeting in April.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10. Total meeting time was 1 hour.

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