

President's Message

Rick Lackey, President TRNA

Can you believe it? The bridge is open! I would like to personally thank Mayor Chavez. A lot of politicians make a lot of promises but never follow through. Mayor Chavez hung in there and accomplished what he was determined to do. Without a strong mayor behind this issue, I doubt that the bridge would have ever been built. I hope everyone was able to attend the Montañño Bridge celebration and that many have used it to make travel easier to the other side of the city.

Taylor Ranch Neighborhood Association needs your help! Currently we are short several members for the board of directors. Elections will be held at the Christmas Party tentatively set for the first weekend in December. If you can volunteer on the Board or for a committee this would be appreciated. We are in desperate need of leadership for the Membership committee. Our schools are the foundation of learning and with Teresa involved I know our neighborhood will be informed.

In closing, I would like to relay a true story concerning a new Taylor Ranch park. The City recently held a ground breaking ceremony for the new Riverview Park. After being contacted by several residents that live near the park, the City altered the plans slightly because of valid concerns of the residents. This is just a small example of how being involved in your community can make a difference and affect the area in which you live. Until next month... ®

Eye on Education

Various Authors

Chaparral Elementary

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Chaparral Elementary's PTA sponsored a CLEAN-UP DAY; it was September 20th on a Saturday. Just wanted to let you know we had a pretty good turn out considering the weather was rather unpredictable. There were about 12-15 families out edging, weeding and pruning the front lawn area of the school. What a great crowd and a great project. It was an opportunity to have children and parents working together for a good cause. NO food NO prizes No rewards.... But there was lots of team work and a job very well done. Really what

else is there??? The PTA plans on making this a spring and fall project. We hope the next one will bring out even more folks.

Marie Hughes Hits the Jackpot

Principal, Marie Hughes

Marie Hughes Elementary School, thanks to the generous donation by Citibank, has moved into the 21st century...technologically speaking that is. Citibank, a credit card collection center here in Albuquerque, recently upgraded their technology. This allowed Marie Hughes students to be the recipients of 65 high-powered IBM 486 PCs. These machines will go to create a technology lab as well as eventually putting each and every classroom on-line.

Marie Hughes is planning to offer Family Computing Nights once the lab is complete. Anyone interested in helping set up, provide technical assistance, or learn more about computing may contact Jan Taylor at 897-3080.

Carnival News

Teresa Chavez

Fall is here! And what a better way to celebrate fall than a good "old fashioned" carnival? Chamiza Fall Family Carnival was Saturday October 18th, 2:30-6:30. Lots of food, fun, and activities were held. We had a cake walk, balloon darts, sand art, jail, book walk, face painting and go-carts just to name a few. For everyone's appetite we had pizza, soda, and lots of goodies available from our "sweet shop." We hope you all had a great time.. ®

Important Dates:

- 24 Oct morning *Fall Yard Waste Collection* - This week only, yard waste (in place of recycle) will be collected with normal trash
- 25 Oct time? **Halloween Dance, sponsored by TRNA Youth Committee**
- 25 Oct A.M. Daylight Savings time ends

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Editor's Note

Michael Skroch,
Editor Mesa
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My family and I took our own inaugural drive over the Montaña Bridge a couple of days after it opened. I've never seen such a grand affair made of a bridge opening, although I guess it has been a long time in coming. What is quite absurd is that they have created a multi-million dollar bottleneck by only having one lane open. From what I've seen so far, local residents on the east side of the bridge would have it better with two open lanes and a larger volume of cars than they do now with congestion induced by a single lane of traffic.

In my normal apologies list, the newsletter is late this month due to me.

We had an unexpectedly early addition to our family that has taken a lot of time from the normal schedule. I also lost a voicemail that told me who wrote the Youthful News article.

Welcome to new business member and advertiser *Wild Birds Unlimited*. I dropped by their store in the plaza at Coors & Unser. They have many products to finish off your landscaping and attract birds. They're currently having a sale on bird seed.

Thanks for the calls (Mary Lou and others) to correct several phone numbers in our handy back-page list. It's always good to have a hand keeping our newsletter tidy and correct.

After a couple of years in this position, it is time for me to step down and pursue other matters. The January 1998 issue will be my last as editor of Mesa Messenger. I hope that those of you out there with nifty new PCs and that are interested in desktop publishing will consider taking over. It's not that hard.

You can start from scratch, or I can provide you with all the files and graphics I have. I work with Word for Windows. Please call me or the TRNA president, Rick Lackey. ☺

Parks & Recreation

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

Mariposa Park sure is looking good, grass is growing everywhere. If you are enjoying the use of the park, please remember not to walk or ride on the newly seeded areas. This will ensure a good hardy lawn in the spring. Thanks also for helping keep it clean and litter free. ☺

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Articles should be submitted to the editor, Michael Skroch, 899-4471 voice & fax, may be mailed to the TRNA post office box. Articles are accepted typed on paper or faxed to the above number; however, they are preferred on a DOS disk as a text, Word, or WP file. Macintosh Word or text files on 1.44 Mb disks are also accepted. You may also email your articles to ambidex@swcp.com.

Call the editor about graphic file formats or images to be scanned.

Non-business text-only classified ads such as for-sale, wanted, garage sale, etc. are offered to our paid members at \$5 for up to 50 words, \$0.10 per word extra, tax included. For timely insertion, call the editor. Please advertise early.

Business advertisement is accepted from any business members or resident members who own or operate a business within the borders of TRNA. Business ad rates, payable in advance, are \$10/mo. business card, \$25/mo. 1/4 page, \$50/mo. 1/2 page, \$33/mo. 1/3 page and \$100/mo. full page plus tax. There is a minimum run of three months and there is a 30 percent discount for runs of 6 months or more. *Mesa Messenger* editor and TRNA board reserve the right to refuse any ad or article.



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The editor can help design or lay out your ad and can take camera-ready copy. To place a business ad, please call Michael Skroch.

Many thanks to our newsletter advertisement, production and distribution staff:

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Middle School. We know she will do a great job as our new vice-president!

We would like to thank all of our parent volunteers for their dedication and LIBJ for letting us use their cafeteria for some of our meetings. ®



Youthful News

Youth Committee

The TRNA Youth Committee is as busy as ever making plans for the future, but as for the past...

The message boards were repainted and will be the Youth Committee's responsibility. We hope to change the message board as often as the events change. If there is not really anything going on in the neighborhood, read it anyway. We plan to put jokes up every once and a while.

Bridge-fest was September 27th on the new, and now open, Montañño Bridge! The Youth Committee was selling beverages such as colas and bottled water. Thank you to the people who supported the Youth Committee by purchasing one of these items!

There will be an upcoming Halloween dance on the 25th of October. There will be a costume contest and canned food drive. Costumes are not required. It just makes things more fun! It will be \$3.00 to get in and there will be a coat check-in. We hope to see you there!

Some of the TRNA Youth Committee members will be helping out with the after school program at LBJ. The after

school program at LBJ called "The Homework Club" is a place to get homework after school and do fun things like play games. Others in the Youth Committee will be helping out at Marie Hughes after school reading program where we will help tutor kids with reading material. We hope that this program will encourage kids to do better in school and not drop out.

The committee has just recently voted on our new vice-president, Alysia Cordova. She is a seventh grader at LBJ



Social Committee

Rosemary Freelin, Director TRNA

With June Newman, Debbie Tatum, Karen Leon, and Karen Lopez on the social committee everything is running very smooth and ahead of schedule for our annual Christmas Party. These ladies sure are loyal and very reliable. We are fortunate to have them in our neighborhood. Of course, if you would like to join us please come on, we could always use an extra hand or head or two.

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Call 899-8417 for more information. The YMCA is located at 4701 Montañño Rd. NW (at Taylor Ranch Rd.). Standard YMCA membership fees may also apply.

YMCA Child Care: Before & after school, K-5th, M-F 7 a.m.-6 p.m., register at YMCA - space limited, \$20-\$56 depending on # hours/days.

YMCA Preschool: Ages 3-5, potty-trained, M-F, 9 a.m.-noon, extended care 7 a.m.-6 p.m. M-F, \$48/wk preschool, \$71/wk full day care, daily rates available.

Capturing your family's history through video: Judy Flamer, videographer since 1983, video camera not necessary to take class, 6 Dec, 9 a.m.-noon, 4710 Montañño @ Mesa View Methodist Church.

Hiking Club: Two groups. Sat. family hikes: Oct 11, Fourth of July Trail, Nov 8, Caja del Rio Canyon, Dec 13, Rio Grande Nature Center, Jan 10, Bosque del Apache. Thur multigenerational hikes: Oct 16 Forth of July Trail, Nov 20, Phoenician Inscrition Rock, Dec 18, Rio Grande Nature Center, Jan 15 Bosque trail beginning at Alameda.

Basketball: Boys and girls, K-12, register starts Nov 8, first meeting Nov 24, 8 games on Fri evenings or Sat, 9 Jan-28 Feb, \$43, practices start week of Dec 1.

Tumbling for Pre-Schoolers: Ages 3-5, \$30 for 8-week session, Sep 2-Oct 21, Oct 28-Dec 16.

Intro to Gymnastics: Ages 6-8, \$30 for 8-week session, Oct 28-Dec 16.

Karate: Shorin-Ryu, ages 5 up, instructor: Bryan Gross, 2nd degree black belt, Mon & Thur, 6-7 p.m. beginners, 7-8 p.m. intermediates, \$30 8-class or \$22.50 short session*, Sep 4-29, Oct 2-27, Oct 30-Nov 24, *Dec 1-18.

Babysitting Workshop: Dec 6 & 13, 8:30-3 pm., \$40, preregister by Dec 2.

Dance & Creative Movement: Instructor Molly Thornburg, classes at West Side YMCA, creative movement, ages 3-4, Mon., 6-6:45 p.m., \$25/5-wk session, Pre-Ballet, ages 5-6, Mon. 6:55-7:45 p.m., \$25/5-wk session ®

The food drive that we had last year was so gratifying to all involved, we thought it should be an annual tradition with our Christmas Party. This food drive benefits our neighborhood. We will be accepting any nonperishable items including toiletries from now till December 10th.

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SOCIAL COMMITTEE

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