



REMEMBERING RED RYDER

By Jim Brannon

There's an empty saddle in the old corral. Dave Saunders, better known to most as the comic book cowboy hero Red Ryder headed for his last roundup in the sky on Sept. 6, 2017 at the age of 84.

He will be remembered by many in TorC, from his many appearances at "Geronimo Days" telling tall tales, many of them true, about cowboys and life on the open range. Any time you saw a red shirt, white hat, and yellow bandana in the middle of a crowd you could be sure that Red Ryder was spinning a yarn. Dave's life was changed forever when as a youngster he met Fred Harman, creator of "Red Ryder", a newspaper comic strip about a good guy Colorado rancher (Ryder) and his young American Indian sidekick, Little Beaver. Dave grew up as a rancher and cowboy in and around the Albuquerque area. In 1961 Harman opened an Old West amusement park in Albuquerque and asked Dave to portray Red Ryder. That's where it all began. From there Dave moved to California where he appeared in numerous movies and TV shows (including the Ed Sullivan Show) during his career as well as live stage shows. He toured for the Daisy Air Rifle Company, portraying Red Ryder and promoting the Red Ryder BB gun that every red blooded American boy had as a kid. Dave didn't just portray a good guy, he was a good guy. He contributed his time and image to countless charities over the years. Whether you saw him as Dave or as Red, he was pretty much the same. The real deal, a lover of horses, a cowboy who never started a ruckus but never walked away from one if there was a wrong to be righted. Dave aka Red will certainly be missed but he left his mark. RIP ol' pard.

Oma Bell Davis Adkins in Seymour, Texas.

The family moved to Portales, NM in 1929, then relocated to Eddy County, NM, where his family had a produce warehouse business until the Great Depression. Mr. Adkins was a truck driver during this time. After the depression, they relocated to Cloudcroft, NM, where they grew cabbage and carrots.

Johnnie Joe joined the Army on Oct. 26, 1942, at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was a military policeman, earning a Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Medal, World War II Victory Medal and a No Time Lost Lapel Button. He was discharged Nov. 18, 1945. Upon discharge, Johnnie worked for the CCC Camps for fourteen years building roads and bridges.

Johnnie Joe worked in law enforcement and security after his retirement from truck driving. When he did make his retirement official, he and Patsy relocated to Williamsburg, NM. He never knew a stranger... and we will greatly miss you, Papa.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held per Johnnie's wishes. Arrangements are by Kirikos Family Funeral Home, Inc. & Sierra Crematory, 303 N. Cedar St., TorC., NM 87901, 575/894-2574. For online memorial messages please visit www.kirikosfamilyfuneralhome.com.



CATHY WYNETTE (HESTER, WOMACK, MITCHELL) HILL

An amazing and loving voice will be joining the Angel's choir this week.

Cathy Hill passed away on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017 surrounded by family at Mountain View Hospital in Las Cruces, NM. She was preceded in death by her brother, Alton Hester Jr., nephew Tim Hester, father, Alton Hester, and sister Leah Elaine Eaton. She is survived by her husband Gene Hill of Elephant Butte, mother LaUna Hester of Panhandle, TX, sister Brenda Robinson and husband Doyle Robinson of Panhandle, TX, son Monte Mitchell and wife Bambi Mitchell of TorC, daughter Destiny Mitchell of TorC, and daughter Ginger Smith and husband Wesley Smith of Las Cruces, NM, 2 grandchildren Ashley and



JOHNNIE JOE ADKINS

Johnnie Joe Adkins, age 95, of Williamsburg, NM, passed away peacefully in his home on Oct. 14, 2017, with his wife of fifty-six years, Patsy Lou Patrick Adkins and his daughter, Willa Lee Adkins, by his side.

His other surviving children are Elaine Baldwin

of El Paso, Texas, Deloris Reed, Johnny David Adkins, and Deelona Neighbors of Carlsbad, NM and step-son, Dale Patrick, of South Carolina. He has 15 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents and his six brothers and sisters.

Johnnie Joe Adkins was born on March 25, 1922, to Jessie Faye Adkins and



JROTC BLOOD DRIVE - The Hot Springs High JROTC sponsors a blood drive twice a year in the gym. Monday, October 16 saw 31 people and received 39 pints of blood.

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Trenton Bishop, 4 nieces and 3 nephews, and numerous other "children" who she adopted along the way.

Cathy was born on May 12, 1947 in Knox City, Texas. She graduated from O'Brien High School in 1965, and attended Jessie's Beauty College in Lubbock, TX afterwards. She began her cosmetology career in 1967. She met and married James Mitchell in 1977 and they moved to Albuquerque, NM where all of her children were later born.

In 1986, Cathy and her family moved to TorC, where they rented a building at 410 Broadway that she named Cathy's Corner. In the early 90's, Cathy was part of a band called "The CC Gang," that entered floats in the annual Fiesta Parades and played gigs around town, competing in talent shows and practicing in the front of "The Shop." Cathy spent 30 years doing hair in this town, and developed a great rapport with the community. She made some very near and dear friends and had a very active social life.

In 1997, she moved into the back of the Beauty Salon with her children, after the passing of their father. Since the band had long since broken up, Cathy took to singing karaoke wherever it was offered. She sang at Rocky's Lounge, the Bowling Alley, and Moose Lodge, along with the American Legion and VFW's whenever she could. She won many singing contests, and also performed with several bands and musicians in the area.

In 2006, with declining health, Cathy decided to give up her personal business and work for other salons, such as Ro-ben's, Margaret's, Michele's Salon, and eventually settling into Unique Boutique. She enjoyed her work immensely and it was very difficult for her to give it up.

What's Up In Tiger Alley

By Samantha Gonzalez High School On Thursday, Oct. 19,

In 2012 she met the love of her life, Gene Hill. Gene and Cathy picked up a relationship as if it was meant to be their whole lives. Cathy finally decided to retire from the cosmetology industry in November of 2015, and a surprise wedding ceremony erupted after the celebration, where Gene and Cathy Hill were joined in love and marriage. They lived in Elephant Butte, where Cathy was still very socially active with the Women of the Moose, (Senior Reagent 2012-2013) and American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She loved to play games, sing karaoke, and play Bunco.

Family was extremely important to Cathy, and she loved to host everyone for the Holidays. She made so many lasting and memorable friendships in this community, and continued those long after she had retired. She was innocently independent, stubborn as an ox, and one of the sweetest souls to ever live. Her door and heart were open to anyone and everyone, and she loved deeply and truly. She is already missed by so many people.

A memorial will be held on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the Appletree Auditorium, 1300 South Broadway, at 1 p.m. A potluck reception will be held afterwards at the American Legion Post 44, 1005 Highway 195, Elephant Butte, until 5pm. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that monetary donations be made in Cathy's name to the Sierra County Cancer Assistance Foundation, or another local non-profit that supports the community.

from 7:30a.m.-8:00a.m., there will be a recruiter for students who are interested in Technology and Engineering. Students must meet with her before school starts.

On Friday, Oct. 20, it will be parent's night for Tiger Football. The presentation of parents will begin at 5:45p.m. and kick off will be at 7p.m. The HSHS Tigers will be hosting the Silver City Colts.

All senior baby pictures, senior pictures, and quotes must be turned in to room 159 before Dec. 1st.

Student council will sell coffee and hot chocolate in the cafeteria from 7:30a.m.-7:50a.m.

Middle School The PTO/PTA is the parent advisory council and they meet monthly in the TCMS library. All are invited to attend to learn about the school and plans for success. For more information please contact Lara Clement at lclement@torcschools.net.

Elementary Schools The third graders will be going to the pumpkin patch on Oct. 26. Please contact your student's teachers for more information.

Oct. 27 - Nov. 3 will be the Book Fair. Any volunteers would be a big help. Please contact TCES at (575) 894-8372.

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Obituaries

IMPACT MINISTRIES CHURCH
109 Date Street
Sunday: 10 a.m. Service
5:30 p.m. Prayer Service
Wed: 6:30 p.m.
Vessels of Honor
Women's Bible Study
Pastor:
Bob & Jennafer Daugherty
www.impact-ministriestorc.com

Welcome to Truth or Consequences
CHURCH OF CHRIST
BIBLE STUDY
10:00 A.M.
ASSEMBLY
10:55 A.M.
EVENING SERVICE
6:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY EVENING
6:00 P.M.
1500 E. Third St. TorC, NM

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
220 Broadway - 894-3005
Sunday
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship
Wednesday
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
Team KID
Pastor: Dudley Bristow

NEW HOPE REVIVAL CHURCH
800 Third Ave. TorC, N.M.
Sunday Worship 10:00
Forward Students Ministries
Wed. 6:30 p.m.
Pastor Caleb Cooper

The Churches of Sierra County Welcome You & Invite You To Worship And Bible Study

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH
515 North Date - Office 894-7804
MASS SCHEDULE
Weekday - 8:00 a.m.
Saturday - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Days 8:00 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Confession
Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Fr. Marcos Reyna

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
426 Austin • 894.2553
Sunday School - 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
Fellowship - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Pastor Xavier Torres

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Travel East on 3rd, take right fork to

DESERT SPRINGS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Rocky Mountain Synod of the ELCA
1685 Caballo Road
Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter Cacoperdo - 575.740.4214
Good Fellowship and Coffee After Service

FELLOWSHIP ALLIANCE
A Family Friendly Christian Church
Bill Winkler, Pastor
1601 E. 6th - 894-0507
Sunday Worship9:00 & 11:00 am
Adult Bible Class 10:00 am
Children's Bible Class.....11:00 am

EPISCOPAL CHURCH SERVICES
HILLSBORO CHRIST CHURCH
Holy Communion 8:00 a.m.
TRUTH or CONSEQUENCES
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
407 Cedar Street
Christmas Eve Candlelight
Communion Service 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Service 10:30 a.m.
Free Community Dinner
5:00 P.M. - Last Sat. of the month
Phone 894-9596

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod
1220 Marshall, TorC
1st & 3rd Tuesday
11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Joseph Pellegrino

THANK YOU

The Marquez family would like to express their thanks to family, friends, co-workers and community for all your prayers, cards, letters, floral arrangements, phone calls, messages and all food prepared that we received following the sudden death of our son Scotty.

It was such comfort to know that he touched so many lives in his own way. Your support has helped us to cope at this sad time.

We appreciate your condolences more than we can say. Thank you