

Obituaries



CHARLES E. CLARK, JR.

August 24, 1935 – November 6, 2017

Chuck went to meet our Lord on Nov. 6, 2017.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1935 in Aurora, Illinois to Charles E. Clark, Sr. and Margaret (Blacksmith) Clark.

Chuck went into the Air Force right out of high school and retired after 20 years of service. He went to work at Edwards Air Force Base in California and later transferred to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, where he worked as a Laser Technician for 15 years. He retired in 1997 and went RVing with his wife, Elsie. Chuck loved to fish, so they made their home in Elephant Butte to be close to the lake.

Survivors include his wife of 18 years, Elsie; 3/sons – Mike, Mark and Mitch; 3/stepchildren – Frank, Laura and Diane; 9/grandchildren; and 3/great-grandchildren. He

was preceded in death by his parents Charles E. and Margaret Clark, Sr.; and sisters – Nadine and Ruby Marie.

There is a great void in all our lives now.

Cremation has taken place and no services will be held.

Arrangements are by Kirikos Family Funeral Home, Inc. & Sierra Crematory, LLC, 303 N. Cedar St., TorC, NM 87901, 575/894-2574.

For online memorial messages please visit: www.kirikosfamilyfuneralhome.com.



MABEL EMMONS

Mabel Emmons, age 81, passed away Friday, Nov. 10, 2017, surrounded by her family, whom she loved dearly.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, at First Baptist Church, with Chad Edgington, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Restland Cemetery in Olney. Arrangements are under the direction of Lunn Funeral Home of Olney.

Mabel was born April 6, 1936 in Manila, Philippines to Ransom Alexander Moore and Sophia (Barabicho) Moore. She graduated High School at the age of twelve as valedictorian of her class. She was too young to enter college, so she continued to study on her family's island plantation. She married Allen Emmons on April 5, 1969 in Juarez, Mexico. They moved to Olney in 2000 from San Benito, Texas. Mabel was a Catholic and a member of the VFW Auxiliary. She loved her family dearly and truly loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Mabel was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Robert Moore and three sisters, Edith Moore Sears, Ruth Spencer, and Hazel Moore Mercado.

Survivors include her loving husband of forty-eight years, Allen Emmons, of Olney, Texas; three daughters: Dr. Constance Moore of Albuquerque, NM, Cynthia Moore-Love and husband William of Houston, TX, and Lila Mabel McCutcheon and husband Douglas of Olney, TX; one son, Sean Christian Emmons and wife Rebekah of Megargel, TX; one sister, Lillian Zuluaga of Colorado Springs, CO; eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12 at Lunn Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 901 Indiana, Ste. 350, Wichita Falls, Tx 76301.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.lunnfuneralhome.com.



ROBERT DEAN MELENDY

Robert Dean Melendy passed away peacefully in his home, Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017 in TorC, NM.

Bob was a US Army Veteran and a devoted member and committee member of the Church at the Butte in Elephant Butte, NM.

He was born April 8, 1927 in Pleasanton, Kansas and grew up in Amarillo, TX. Bob loved Colorado and lived in Summit County for many years before settling in Truth or Consequences, NM. He married Judy Melendy in Feb. 28, 1998. They enjoyed almost 20 years together in TorC.

Bob is survived by son, Ron Melendy and wife Paula of Edmond, OK; 4 grandchildren: Amanda Cooper and husband Kris of Colorado Springs, CO, Ronnie Melendy and wife, Brandy of Denver, CO, Christi Cook and husband Adrian of Dallas, TX and Jenni Mize and husband Garry of Edmond, OK. He had 11 great grandchildren: Alex, Zach and Jake Cooper, Austin and Brooklynn Melendy, Emma Phillips, Adriana and Moshe Cook, and Maxwell, Maddox and Maverick Mize.

A Memorial Service was



GRASSROOTS - The TorC Chapter of Indivisible, a national movement of grassroots citizen-advocates for democratic values, hosted a Fall Congress offering presentations and workshops on voter engagement and turnout the weekend of Nov. 3-5. The Congress, which kicked off with the pictured Friday-night "meet and greet," brought about 40 leaders of Indivisible chapters from across the state, as well as Indivisible's regional organizer, state officials, policy experts and even a few political candidates, to town.



Julie and Kenny Rogers

EXPO - The weather was perfect for the first annual "non-profit event, expo" held November 9 at the Elephant Butte Community Center. Double doors set forth the theme as all who attended had a good time, shared a vast amount of information and many organizations and businesses marked their date on the calendar that spread 80% of the length of the hall. Next year's event is slated for the second Tuesday of November. The event is a community project of The Cobblestone.

port supporters? Still believe the myth that Spaceport America is going to help this community with its financial woes? On top of being hoodwinked again, don't be naive. Skeptics can receive a copy of the contract through IPRA from New Mexico Spaceport Authority, read it and weep on your Profit & Loss statements. Outrage and concern can be expressed at City Commission meetings and at the Ballot Box.

Ron Fenn email

Dear Editor: Water Issue

There are a number of residents who do not always have access to water at their homes because the water pressure is too low to function properly. They either do not have ANY water or the pressure is extremely LOW.

This happens mainly in the summer months but it can occasionally occur in the winter as well. Last summer I had this problem multiple times and as recently as November still had a low water pressure event.

I have spoken with multiple employees of the water company who have told me that it is because of the elevation (I live on a hill) and that the entire neighborhood is affected and that it happens all over town. Also, the fire chief said that the city water pump is old and that the city needs a new one. The head of the water department disagrees with his employees and the fire chief and said that everything is fine (?!).

It is my understanding that the City has been contemplating spending 3.3 million dollars on a new state of the art police complex. I would encourage those who handle these issues to realize that the most fundamental issue for a city is the quality/consistency of their utilities. Without water we wouldn't have a city to worry about. First things first. That being said, I am STRONGLY AGAINST the City spending 3.3 million dollars on a police building. This is a community of approximately 6,000 people, many of them retired. Crime is committed by a VERY SMALL segment of the general population. I hardly think that an expenditure of a third of that amount is truly warranted. Let's address the infrastructure first.

Deborah Martin email TorC

Dear Editor: This was an interesting item in last week's Police Department reports: "Criminal property damage was reported to Officer Venable at 714 Ko-

So, what say you, Mr. Green and fellow Space-

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 & Jennifer Daugherty
www.impact-ministriestorc.com

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

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome to Truth or Consequences
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

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 10:30 a.m.
 Worship Service - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 Pastor Xavier Torres

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

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Dear Editor:
 Revolting! That's the only word that describes the effects of the City's MOU with Spaceport America and its theft by deception from the people. Final Frontier Tours, LLC (FFT) is a new Las Cruces company. It was founded just one week before signing its contract for Tour Services with Spaceport America. The contract more than replicates the 2015 TorC contract with Follow the Sun, Inc. (FTS), which violated the State's Leasing Statute and the Constitution's Anti Donation prohibition. While many of the requirements and licenses with FFT are similar to those of FTS, some major differences have been added. FFT will operate

from 301 S. Foch Street (Recreation Center) as did FTS, but with NO Rent payments to TorC. Contract terms: in addition to operating shuttle trips to SA, it grants them license to sell Spaceport America merchandise and non Spaceport merchandise. Spaceport merchandise will be supplied on "consignment" by SA, with a 65/35% profit split between FFT and SA. They will also "sell food, beverages and vending machine products" and operate as a "private event venue" with a 10% rental fee payable to Spaceport America. Both entities will divvy up the profits while the City will pick up the cost for utilities, maintenance, repairs and insurance including that for FFT. No Payment will be made to the people of TorC.

Merchants of TorC should be incensed that the City Commission would create such an unfair competitive business environment that benefits a "for profit" corporation, at the expense of our citizens. Having an exclusive on Official Spaceport merchandise and no overhead, whatsoever; how can our local businesses compete?

With no participation in contract negotiations by the City, (we gave away the right) Spaceport America created the contract, now even GRT may end up in Las Cruces. How much spending would be needed to generate the \$950/mo, no longer paid, rent? The operation would need to generate \$47,500 in taxable business each month to replace it with GRT plus an additional \$50,000 to cover the City's (our) utility burden. Does anyone believe they will produce \$97,500 in monthly sales?