

Obituaries



JOE WILLIAM GILKERSON

Joe William Gilkerson, 68, went past the pearly gates onto his eternal adventure on Feb. 1, 2018.

Joe was born Jan. 1, 1950 in Wichita Falls, TX. He was adventurous, fascinated and consumed with the Land of Enchantment. He enjoyed writing music, strumming his guitar and the company of his own solitude. He served a tour in Vietnam in the United States Marine Corps. Joe proudly celebrated over 25 years of sobriety with much gratitude towards AA/NA. He leaves behind a legacy to be humble, kind and always do the right thing. Thank you genuinely for your service to our country, and I love you, Dad. Semper Fi Cremation has taken place and services will be held at the Costal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi, TX at a later date. 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.

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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

JIM CARROLL ROSS

Heaven gained another bright star with the passing of Jim Carroll Ross. Jim was born Dec. 1, 1945 in Albuquerque, NM and passed away on Jan. 8, 2018 at his home in TorC, NM at the age of 72.

In the early 1970s, Jim worked in construction and had a hand in building the massive greenhouses for the nurseries that supplied the grape cuttings for the large wine grape vineyards of Sonoma and Napa Counties.

He also worked many years as tree trimmer in Vista, CA. Jim built two homes for his family in the mountains of Mendocino County in Northern CA. He was an expert marksman and game hunter. He loved life in the wilderness and enjoyed being close to the earth and nature.

Jim was an avid reader and was a self-taught history scholar in the subject of the Old-West and Native American history. His mother's side of the family was of the Cherokee Nation.

Jim had a knack for picking up languages and spoke fluent Spanish, French and some German.

Jim also had a natural musical gift and had the ability to pick up and play many different stringed instruments. His most significant talent was playing the guitar. He also wrote and sang his own songs. Many people commented on the fact that he looked and sounded just like Willie Nelson.

Jim was charming, charismatic and his infectious sense of humor was most treasured by his family. He was considered an old fashioned gentleman and many of his friends and acquaintances spoke highly of his kind-hearted

and gentle nature.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; father, Willard Ross and his mother Orilla James Ross. Willard worked as a cowboy at the Ladder Ranch in the late 1940s. Orilla was a long time resident of TorC, NM.

Charlie Ross, Willard's uncle owned the Pelican Silver mine in Hillsboro, NM in 1919. "Cowboy" is the occupation of Willard, listed on Jim's birth certificate.

Jim's daughter, Jennifer was surprised when she saw a photo of her Uncle Charlie in the office at Ted Turner's Ladder Ranch. More Ross family history can be found at the Hillsboro Museum in Hillsboro, NM.

Jim was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend to many. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his son James Ross Waters, who lives in California, two daughters Jennifer Rebecca Ross and Sarah Mae Ross who live in NM, two grandchildren, Achaius and Calia; sister and brother-in-law Anita and John Chavez of Caballo, NM; sister Liz Williams, niece Shelly Kuntz, Aunt Teresa Almond, cousins Dale and Lenora Burkdoll; many more nieces, nephews and loving friends.

A memorial service will be held at the Old School House, Woods Road, Caballo, NM, Saturday, March 3, 2018, 1 p.m. A graveside service will follow at Palomas Cemetery, in Palomas, NM.

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting financial assistance for the funeral costs. Please donate to the www.gofundme.com Jim Ross Funeral Fund.

www.gofundme.com/jim-c-ross-funeral-fund



LAVONNE STEARNS

Lavonne Stearns, 73, a longtime resident of TorC, left this life too soon on Jan. 30, 2018.

Lavonne worked at Si-

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

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



BINGO EQUIPMENT DONATED TO NM STATE VETERANS HOME - VAVS and NMEA SW Veterans Service Chairman Jim Brannon, PDDGER calls bingo on a regular basis for the veterans living in the New Mexico Veterans Home located in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. When the old bingo equipment started to fail he contacted Las Cruces Elks 1119 to see if they could help with the repairs it needed. The response from Exalted Ruler Lee Morris, PER was "Instead of repairing it, why don't we replace it?" The Las Cruces Lodge had replaced their bingo equipment and had good, functioning bingo boards and a machine setting in storage. The equipment was readily donated to a grateful Veterans Home. On hand for the presentation were, from left: SW District Veterans Chairman Jim Brannon, Veterans Home Recreation Director Alvena Dawson, Las Cruces Exalted Ruler Lee Morris, Veterans Home Recreation Worker "Ace" Griego, and Veterans Home Resident Safety Officer Ron Fleming.



ARREY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH - Arrey Elementary Students of the Month for January include, from left, back row: Martin Chairez 5th grade, Jasmin Montes 4th grade, Ryan Stratton 3rd grade; Front row: Yamely Requejo 2nd grade, Dante Irwin 1st grade, Diana Pasillas Kinder.

VFW POST 3317 NEWS

By John Carrasco
Looks like it's going to be a busy week, so let's get it on beginning with Taco Tuesday. Wednesday is Valentine's Day and we'll be serving Prime Rib with all the fix-

ings from 4-7 p.m. Suth-ern Blend will be providing the entertainment from 6-9. There are still a few tickets left so you better get here quick. Prices will go up a wee bit at the door, but they won't break you. On Thursday we're going to slow it down a bit with chili cheese dogs and fries from 1-5. Geno, Jello, and Bebo follow from 5-9. Friday, Ray and Buddy Stearns; 2 grandchildren: Davon Dalton and Daniel Dalton; as well as many friends and neighbors. She was proceeded in death by her husband Frank Stearns. She will be missed by all those who knew and loved her. Cremation has taken place and no services will be held as per Lavonne's request. 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.

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pool on Sundays and Mondays. Have an enjoyable and safe Valentine Day and week. Special prayers for those away from their loved ones, for those still missing and all our Law Enforcement and First Responders and their families. Have a blessed week and God Bless.

American Legion Post 44 News

By Ginny Lucero

Last weekend was again jammed packed with activities; breakfast on Saturday and pool tournament on Sunday.

A prime rib dinner is planned for Wednesday, Feb. 14. See the bartender for a ticket; \$15 each or 2 tickets for \$25. The music will be provided by Sue Barr for your listening and dancing pleasure.

It's free pool, chips & salsa all day on Thursday, Feb. 15. Bill Martin and other talented musicians provide some great music starting at 5 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 16, fun pool starts at 4:30 p.m. and the kitchen opens at 5 p.m. Karaoke starts at 6 p.m. with Yancy.

Saturday, Feb. 17, our General Membership Meeting begins promptly at 10:30 a.m. All members are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Sunday, Feb. 18, Scotch doubles will begin at 3 p.m.

Sue's jam session is Tuesday, Feb. 20 from 3-6 p.m.

Please take a moment to thank our Veterans for their service, not just today, but every day. Keep our troops away and at home in your thoughts and prayers. We wear red on Friday to honor all our veterans.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

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

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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 TO ALL WHO MADE DONATIONS AND ATTENDED BEULAH WRAY'S MEMORIAL

With Love
Beulah Wray's
Family