

OBITUARIES

Linda F. New
May 9, 1956 - Aug. 7, 2009

Linda Faye New died Aug. 7 at Sheridan County Health Complex in Hoxie. She was 53-years-old.

Linda was born to Joe Sumlin and Mary Chandler on May 9, 1956 in Panama City, Fla. She attended school in Apopka, Fla.

Linda moved to Clayton in August of 1999. She married David New on Nov. 11, 1999 in Oberlin. He was the owner of Broken Wheel Bar and Grill in Jennings. She enjoyed raising plants in her spare time.

She was preceded in death by her step-brother Paul Chandler and her grandmother Connie Ellis.

Survivors include her husband David New, Jennings; her father

Joe Sumlin, Apopka, Fla.; her mother Mary Chandler, Midland City, Ala.; her son John Lahr and his wife Christine, Orlando, Fla.; her son Jeff Lahr and his wife Karen, Perry, Fla.; her daughter Tara Lahr, Jennings; her daughter Summer Evans, Orlando, Fla.; her daughter Megan Natali, Edgwood, Fla.; her brother Allen Sumlin and his wife Maurine, Apopka, Fla.; her step-brother Jerry Chandler, Midland City, Ala.; her step-brother Jodi Chandler, Midland City, Ala.; and her sister Brenda Adkins and her husband Ron, Apopka, Fla. and three grandchildren.

Services are pending.

Tangles and knots

If you've ever had long hair and spent the day out in a Kansas wind, the phrase "tangles and knots" is especially meaningful to you.

Pieces of Life's Puzzle
Liza Deines



ize it's going to take a long session of brushing, lots of patience and a few ouchies before all is smooth and settled again.

One who crochets or knits will also understand instantly. Nothing is more frustrating than to discover the yarn or thread that is supposed to pull smoothly from the skein has become inextricably snarled.

So, too, relationships can become snarled, sometimes so badly as to seem irretrievable. Just like yarn, thread, or even hair, human beings can resolve their difficulties if they will put forth a little effort.

Resolution will undoubtedly require a lot of time, pain and regret before the yarn will pull smooth between two people again but it will be worthwhile in the long run.

Close proximity these days can create frictions among perfectly nice folks.

In families, in work places, in apartment buildings or in traffic people are packed together, sometimes in combinations not of their choosing.

No one has any open space where they can just go and yell when they are frustrated, thus tempers fray, harsh words are

spoken and hoof in mouth disease abounds.

Now a knot in a relationship can be ignored for awhile by the avoidance technique but sooner or later, just like those long, tangled tresses, something has to give.

Sometimes applying angry animosity is tried only to discover that animosity resembles battery acid, causing corrosion wherever it drips, which is not at all beneficial to untying or untangling.

Hostility works in a similar fashion, acting as gorilla glue to solidify the previous predicament.

So, you ask, what does work? The first remedy to apply is light. Illumination and warmth never do harm and often do much good. Just as a light bulb freshens a musty closet, a bit of brightness lends new perspective to a stubborn knot.

You may suddenly spy a thread never before tried that leads to success. Remember the little light bulb flashing above Dagwood's head in the cartoons? You have one of those!

It might reveal that a knot of your own making may be easily untied with a change of attitude. Add a bit of heart warmth to any knot and it loosens the snarl like magic.

Communication is the second line of defense when attempting to reconcile an enmeshed situation.

The silent treatment will cause even a tiny knot to fester and become ingrown and ugly. Go to the relative or friend with whom you disagree and ask if you can sit down and talk freely.

There may be times when you must agree to disagree but there are also times when you may resolve a misunderstanding.

Club news

The Dighton and Utica Lions Clubs will host the First Cabinet meeting for the leaders of District 17-L, at noon on Saturday, Aug. 15 at First Christian Church, 204 S. Lane in Dighton.

The district officers will meet to plan the 2009-2010 club year of community service for the 1,682 Lions in 70 clubs who all serve their hometown communities with free Sight & Diabetes Screening, free Eye Exams & Eyeglasses to school-age youth, and other service projects adapted to meet local community needs.

Vice District Governor Kerry Hookstra of Downs serves as Sr. Vice District Governor, representing the Jennings, Hill City, Morland, Norton, and Oberlin Lions Clubs.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the world's large-

est service organization with 1.4 million Lions in 43,530+ clubs in 205 countries. Western Kansas Lions District 17-L covers the entire western half of Kansas.

(from Denny Smith, Public Relations Chairman, 620-356-5879, ddsmith@pld.com)

The Norton Fraternal Order of Eagles is holding a visitation of the Grand Madam President Jean Kerr on Wednesday at the Norton Aerie Home in Norton.

The visitation is for Eagle members only. The social gathering will be held from 4-6:00 p.m., the baked potato bar dinner will be start at 6:00 p.m. and the aerie auxiliary meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Larry Henderson and LeeAnn Shearer will provide music.

Accident Reports

July 25 A hit-and-run occurred when an unknown vehicle backed into Steven Schrum's parked trailer.

July 27 Micheal Quakenbush was traveling eastbound on Highway 36 when the front passenger-side tire and wheel detached from the vehicle, causing damage.

July 28 Kelley Gill's vehicle struck Loyl Mapes' vehicle when he turned south in front of her.

August 4 A hit-and-run occurred when an unknown vehicle hit Susan Urban's parked car in Pamida's parking lot.

Lunch time



Norine Bailey, Ethel Miller and Melissa Fowler, licensed practical nurse, participated in the walk-to-lunch program at the Andbe Home on Monday. The program has been ongoing, and the staff encourages residents to participate frequently.

Police log

August 3

- 12:13 a.m. Vehicle stop, alley between Kansas and Norton St.
9:49 a.m. Request to check on employee that didn't show up for work
12:01 p.m. Motorist assist
12:06 p.m. Puppy running loose, Rec. Center
2:09 p.m. Dogs needing checked on, Woodfield
2:17 p.m. Speak to officer about returning items
7:53 p.m. Request officer to come by, 300 block S. First
8:13 p.m. Removed debris from roadway
8:40 p.m. Vehicle stop, Subway parking lot
9:36 p.m. Request officer to speak with 20-year-old son about misbehaving, 300 block Kansas
10:09 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, Hillcrest Motel

August 4

- 2:05 a.m. Activated alarm, Jamboree Foods
11:30 a.m. Speak to officer about rent owed
3:00 p.m. Served order to appear
3:23 p.m. Vehicle accident, hit and run
9:55 p.m. Speak to officer about child custody
11:00 p.m. Speak to officer about prior incident

August 5

- 12:28 a.m. Report of fight, 300 block S. First
3:08 a.m. Officer contact with two individuals walking around town, 600 block N. Jones
9:08 a.m. Theft report, Kow-pokes
10:50 a.m. Funeral escort
11:57 a.m. Combative individual, 500 block E. Main
12:50 p.m. Individual wondering if they could drive since they have no driver's license
1:01 p.m. Report of threatening messages on Face Book
1:25 p.m. Officer requested to sign warrant
1:30 p.m. Transport individual to Hill City
2:32 p.m. Keys locked in vehicle, court house
5:52 p.m. Welfare check, 200

- block N. Wabash
7:10 p.m. Dog complaint, 1000 block Eisenhower
7:47 p.m. Complaint on unruly customer at Dollar General
8:30 p.m. Served order to appear, 800 block N. First
10:30 p.m. Complaint on individuals yelling names, 600 block W. Washington
11:20 p.m. Report on underage drinking, 300 block N. Jones

August 6

- 8:29 a.m. Activated alarm, Dairy Queen
8:40 a.m. Motorist assist, Highway 36 & 283
9:45 a.m. Report of smoke, 200 block N. Wabash
11:07 a.m. Vehicle accident, 300 block N. Graves
11:30 a.m. Request to speak with officer, Town & Country Kitchen
12:24 p.m. Report of theft, 300 block N. State
1:03 p.m. Request to speak with officer concerning child custody
2:29 p.m. Report of lost cell phone
5:08 p.m. Vehicle accident, 400 block N. Brown

August 7

- 12:21 a.m. Report of individuals furnishing alcohol to minors, Hillcrest Motel
12:32 a.m. Officer requesting ambulance, 700 block N. Jones
8:55 a.m. Vehicle stop, Washington & State St.
3:21 p.m. Report of two males trespassing, 700 block W. North St.
3:51 p.m. Request to speak with officer
5:52 p.m. Report of individuals packing another individual's belongings

August 8

- 12:18 a.m. Welfare check, 500 block N. State
12:28 a.m. Report of fight, 500 block W. Wilton
1:13 a.m. Vehicle stop, Archer and Washington
9:54 a.m. Activated alarm, Dairy Queen
11:14 a.m. Report of vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed

- 2:45 p.m. Report concerning family member
3:58 p.m. Request for extra patrol, Hartford
5:52 p.m. Dog running loose, Adventures
8:34 p.m. Report of Badger in yard
10:20 p.m. Report of intoxicated driver
10:29 p.m. Vehicle stop, Total

August 9

- 8:32 a.m. Report of cat being shot
10:28 a.m. Dog running loose, 400 block Wilberforce
11:36 a.m. Vehicle stop, Airport
3:51 p.m. Speak to officer concerning incident in Oberlin
4:10 p.m. Vehicle stop, State St.
8:55 a.m. Vehicle stop, State and Lincoln

Colorado Peaches advertisement featuring images of peaches and text: #2 Peaches also available, great for canning & freezing. Pure Prairie Natural Foods, 108 E. Washington, Norton, Kansas - Phone: 785-877-3610. ORDERS: 1-800-545-7232

Norton Theatre advertisement for 'The Proposal' and 'G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra' with showtimes and pricing information.