

OBITUARIES

Donald F. Linden July 17, 1947 - Oct. 22, 2011

Donald F. Linden, 64, of McPherson, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2011 at Via Christi St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Wichita. He was the owner and operator of Linden Trucking, Inc. He formerly drove trucks for Becker Transport and Studer Truck Lines.

Don was born on July 17, 1947, in Norton, the son of Robert Martin and Mary "Mae" Margaret (Bruggeman) Linden. He graduated from Lenora High School in 1965 and attended Colby Community College, Ft. Hays State University, and Wichita State University.

Don was united in marriage to Kathy Wagner in 1983 in Lindsborg. They later divorced.

He was a member of the National Rifle Association and National Sporting Clays Association.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 27, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Dwight Birket officiating. Burial will be at the McPherson Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Stockham Family Funeral Home with the family receiving friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Rosary will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Survivors include his longtime companion, Becky Urban of McPherson; children, Kelli Linden of Beloit, Kevin Linden of Beloit, and Amanda Linden of McPherson; brother, Dennis

Linden of McPherson; sisters, Iolene Dinkel of Littleton, Colo. and Janeice Linden of Littleton, Colo.; sister-in-law, Roxie Linden of Wichita; former wife, Kathy Linden of Beloit; and two grandchildren, Rosalyn Linden and Mikynli Linden.

He was preceded in death by brothers, James and Jerry, and a granddaughter, Lilian Linden.

Memorial donations may be given to St. Joseph Catholic Church or Amanda Linden Educational Fund in care of Stockham Family Funeral Home, 205 North Chestnut, McPherson, KS 67460. Personal condolences may be sent to the family at www.stockhamfamily.com.

Popular or not: Just sayin'

Once in awhile, one must express an opinion, popular or not. That's what "just sayin'" means as far as I can tell, so here goes with some of mine.

Usually I leave the political stuff to Mary Kay but as the political campaigning season is swinging into high gear, much to all of our mutual distress, I have a few words on that issue. If we are not to be ruled by the super rich elite class, some changes must be made. The first one is to limit every candidate to \$1000 in campaign funds not to be provided by favor-seeking buddies, but from their own personal pockets. Campaigning would be limited to sixty days before the election. Term limits of eight years would prevent career politicians and the complete elimination of lobbyists would be required. Senators and representatives as well as all federal employees would pay into the Social Security plan as first established and draw the same retirement benefits as ordinary working class Americans. Some will tell me this simplistic and perhaps it is. We used to be a simple people ruled by folks like us, not by multimillionaire slick talkers skilled at dancing the side step. Enough said?

A two-parent home with supper together as a family is another one of my old-fashioned ideas along with curfew when the street lights come on. Hey, it worked for a lot of years and produced some pretty good people. I'd like to go so far as to suggest mothers in the home

Pieces of life's puzzle

Liza Deines



and fathers in the workplace would solve a lot of problems, such as delinquency and unemployment, but I'm afraid an angry mob would descend on me. One car families could reduce the consumption of fuel and the proliferation of pollution, too. I did warn you that my opinions were controversial at the beginning of this diatribe, didn't I?

On more important subjects I think meatloaf should never be served without an accompanying baked potato, that children riding the school bus should sit down and be quiet, hair should not be dyed green, orange or striped, and underwear, even a glimpse of a lacy strap, should be hidden by clothing. Among my fiercest dislikes are impenetrable shrink wrap and child-proof lids, neither of which I am able to open.

To dig myself in a little deeper, let me say I dislike eating with plastic tableware from paper plates and foam boxes. This is not to say I won't do so, however, if the food is enticing enough, but a knife that will actually cut through meat is a must. One of my older Norton friends always carried a steak knife in the depths of her purse just in case, as she put it, "a pork chop should pass by."

Speaking of passing by, it is my contention that every American should rise with hand over heart when Old Glory passes by at a parade, and all hats off. Of course I am also an advocate of opening prayer in school followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and The Star Spangled Banner. Immigrants should learn to speak passable English within their first year of residence and should not be granted any benefits of any kind until they become full-fledged and whole-hearted American citizens within that same time frame. Yes, I believe English should be our official language and all American documents should be printed only in easily understood English. Outlaw legalese!

Automated telephone systems are a plague on society. Receptionists of America, arise and take back your jobs! Not to mention I would like to be able to buy a garment made in the USA. American jobs for American people create American products available for consumers to purchase, whether automobiles, electronics or frozen catfish filets.

My children are now shuddering and saying, "Mom, get off the soapbox!" So lest you write me off as a cranky old curmudgeon, let me say I do like mystery novels, puppies, warm cookies, hot soup, lamplight, poetry and music with melody and decent lyrics that rhyme.

Just sayin'!

New exhibits at Norton library

October through November brings new exhibits to the Norton Public Library.

You will enjoy the colorful collection of Webkinz in the display that Piper Smith is sharing. She has received the Webkinz as gifts since starting the collection in 2008. Note the beagle puppy named Pip. Piper said her favorite is the proud blue peacock.

Terry Hillman is sharing some selected nativity sets from her collection. This collection began many years ago when her parents-in-law gave her and her husband an eight piece Fontani Depose Italy musical nativity. Then her husband, Harry, surprised her with a stable he had made from old barn lumber and locally-made ceramic nativity figures he had purchased from the Jenning/Clayton area.

Nativities have been added to Terry's collection through the years by family members, friends, students and as souvenirs from her travels. There are nativities made from wood, glass, resin, ceramics, wheat straw, volcanic ash, clay dough and fabric.

In addition to the nativity sets Terry has a nativity tree skirt, afghan, ornaments, music boxes and an Advent wreath. These and several other nativity sets will be at their home this year during the Christmas season. As you view her display, Terry hopes that you will take time to ponder the true meaning of Christmas.

Another Christmas display is of Crinkle Claus Santa's made by 'Possible Dreams.' Ruby Pflieger received her first Crinkle Claus from her sister-in-law and fell in love with it. After that she received several as gifts, purchased some as they were issued each year and bought some at an auction.

These little Santa figurines have been made with the minutest details and care. Their tiny size only enhances their beautiful facial features and costumes. Their clothing depicts the country they are from or the theme of the piece. Ruby has labeled each piece so you can study the details in relation to its theme.

Unfortunately 'Possible Dreams' does not make the Crinkle Claus's anymore, so these will make up her collection.



(Above) Hand carved from olive wood, this nativity was purchased in Bethlehem and is one of many selections in Terry Hillman's collection on display at the library. (Below) There are numerous photos on display by Norton County 4-H members. This exhibit was entered by 4-H member Quentin Wentz.

— Telegram photo by Mike Stephens



tion. Ruby said she leaves them out after Christmas because she enjoys them so much and, as they are small, they don't take up a lot of space.

In the Art Gallery you will see a display of photography presented by 4-H members of Norton County. Carol Griffith, County Project Chairman, 4-H Photography, assembled the photos and put up the display. She reported that there were 179 photography exhibits by 4-Hers at the 2011 Norton County Fair. From these exhibits 21 4-Hers entered one or more photographs at the Kansas State Fair. Seven 4-H members had a photograph selected as a 4-H Foundation Traveling Exhibit. Carol also serves on the State 4-H Photography Project Action Team.

The 4-Hers with photos on display are Jessica Ambrosier,

Casey Ambrosier, Ryan Johnson, Dustin Harting, Skylar Johnson, Sarah David, Leah David of Busy Beavers 4-H Club; Scott Sansom, Busy Jayhawkers 4-H Club; Talia Lowry, Eli Lowry, Damian Wellman, Micah Kasson, Kortney Cunningham, Cedar Ridge 4-H Club; and Megan Wentz, Rebecca Wentz, Amy Wentz, Travis Cressler, Bryndon Wentz, Quentin Wentz, Wyatt Wentz, Carissa Wentz, Diandre Kramer and Kelsie Griffith, Prairie Dog 4-H Club.

You will see a variety of subjects the photographers chose with both black and white and color photos.

These new displays will be at the Norton Public Library through the end of 2011. Plan a visit to the library and take time to enjoy these collections and displays.

50th Anniversary

Stan and Donna Kats are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married Oct. 27, 1961. In honor of the occasion there will be an open house at Prairie View Community Center, on Sunday, Oct. 30, from 2-4 p.m., hosted by their children and grandchildren. No gifts please, but cards can be sent to: P.O. Box 405, Prairie View, KS 67654.



NEW ALMELO NEWS

By Betty Otter

St. Joseph Parish celebrated Father Vincent Thu Laing's birthday with a cream can meal with desserts including a birthday cake and ice cream on Sunday, Oct. 16. Father showed some films on his native country of Burma.

On Oct. 2, the children in St. Joseph CCD program assisted in the placement of a small shrine to St. Joseph on the north side of the church, attached to the easternmost Austrian Pine tree. Russ Aumiller constructed the shrine housing. The shrine was blessed by Father Vincent at the time of placement. All are welcome to pause in their daily life to make a small pilgrimage to the new shrine.

On Oct. 7, Roger and JoAnn Long flew to Lafayette, La., to attend a high school football game that their grandsons, Jonathan and Phillip Kirk played in.

In the first part of September, Alfred and Betty Otter and their son, Karl Otter of Great Bend, visited cousins in Mollala and Mt. Angel, Ore.

House guests at the home of Marion and Marilyn Otter the weekend of the bazaar were Wilm Farrell of Phoenix, Ariz., Hilaria Huff of Denver, Colo., Steve Otter of Wichita, Emily

and Gary Kessler, and family, of Lakin.

On Aug. 14, Marcia and Russ Aumiller attended the confirmation of their granddaughter, Sydney Vahling, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Hays. Sydney is the daughter of Jeff and Kathleen Vahling of Hays.

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National solar decathlon winner is Norton native

The U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon is a competition among collegiate teams to design and build solar-powered houses that combine affordability and appeal to consumers with energy-efficiency and design excellence. The University of Maryland team's house, WaterShed, was awarded first place in recognition of its innovative use of solar energy and water conservation, excellent design, and strong performance in daily competitions. In addition to winning the overall competition, the Maryland team also proved victorious in the Architecture Contest and tied for first with perfect

scores in both the Hot Water and Energy Balance contests.

One of the professional mentors for this team of students was Don Posson, an architectural engineer in the Washington D.C. area. Don is the son of David and Beverly Posson, of Norton.

Call Mike with your social news. 877-3361

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