

Senior Citizens will meet at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Educational Building.

On Dec. 17, eleven members of the Lenora-Norcatu Red Hat Society met at the Norton Pizza Hut for their annual Christmas party. Attending were Devonna and Carol New, Norma McCallister, Veda Wood, Judy and Gerald Jackson, Norcatu; Iris and Larry Smith, Clayton; Lorena Taylor, Veda Heisel and Maxine Mai, Lenora; Rose Bainter, Selden, and Pansy Price, Norton. Guests of the Red Hatters were Kathy Beckman, Norton, and Marge Unrein, Jennings. They enjoyed a grab-bag gift exchange and were especially delighted when Iris's granddaughter, Courtney Smith, stopped by with her new baby, Taelyn Iris.

The Dorothy Lawn family had a reunion, but some of the families were missing because of the weather. Those in attendance were Brenda, Gabriel and Lance Palma of Salome, Ariz.; Kevin, Lori, Jordon and Caiden Lawn of Kearney, Neb.; April and Brandon Jones and August, Taylor, Trevor and Tiara and Trent Matson of McCook.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day guests of Dave and Patty Stapp were Sam Stapp, Kaitlyn Stapp, Hays, and Michael Schamberger, Hoxie. They enjoyed playing Dominos and watching movies and football while they were snowed in.

Saturday, Dec. 26, guests of Marian Dempewolf for lunch and a gift exchange were Patty and Sam Stapp, Norcatu; Kaitlyn Stapp, Hays; Greg Dempewolf, Darcie Zuck and Jada, Culbertson; Dave and Linda Schliep, Spencer and Addison, McCook; Rose Riffle, Dan and Jolene Dempewolf, Andrew Dempewolf, Oberlin, and Nikki Lincoln, Lawrence.

A very different Christmas weekend was held at the Bob Strey household this year. Loren, Wendy, Ivalea and Andrew Tien, of Andover, came on Dec. 26, after the roads were opened. They had been at the Marion Tien home for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Justin, Hollie, Jared, Benn and little Grace Ricke, Andover, came on Saturday afternoon. Sunday after church they had lunch at the Pizza Hut in Norton, then had a gift exchange. John and Trudi McCollum and girls, Liberty, Mo., were unable to come since the flu had hit the family. Sunday evening Glen Strey, and Darrel and Alice Barnett joined them all for a soup supper.

Christmas greetings came from Bob and Shirley Anderson. They were looking for their daughter Laurie, who lives in Italy, to spend Christmas with them, and also brother Howard. They have enjoyed having all three of their children and

families at different times throughout the year.

Norma Ward and Dorothy Ward were guests of Pansy Price, at Whispering Pines, Norton, on Dec. 29 for their annual get-together, with only two times missed, since graduating from high school in 1943. Veda Ward was missed from this occasion, as she was the fourth member of this group.

Happy birthday to Mike Mapes, Jan. 5; Debra Helm, Jan. 6; and Cleat Hatfield, Jan. 10.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Dec. 23, were Stan Miller, first; Dave Stapp, second; and Von Johnson, third.

Results of the pool tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Dec. 30 were Rusty Montgomery, first; Dave Stapp, second; Glen Morgan, third; and Carl Lyon, fourth.

Results of the dart tournament at the Cardinal Bar and Grill on Dec. 30 were: Game 1 - Dolores Gallentine, first; Kaitlyn Stapp, second; Patty Stapp, third. Game 2 - Alice Barnett, first; Kristi Gallentine, second; and Kaitlyn Stapp, third.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Miller went to Topeka to stay with Mr. and Mrs. Curt DeDonder and Sophia on Dec. 18 to have an early Christmas weekend with them and celebrate birthdays with Mr. and Mrs. Casey Tuttle, El Dorado, who joined them on Sunday. They enjoyed a beautiful big Christmas light display around the Shawnee Lake also.

There were 11 around the Christmas dinner table of Gary and Cathy Anthony. Keith baked a fine turkey and brought it over to go with the ham roasting in Gary's oven. Windy and Chris Kuhlman, Jack, Tony and Dillon came from Oberlin. Fred and Shelli Farr and four-month old Daxton, from Berlin, Ohio, were also there.

Virgil and Joyce Price were happy to have part of their family home over the Christmas weekend. Keith and Linda Jurey, Albuquerque, N.M., arrived on Wednesday, Dec. 23, and Richard Jurey, Edmond, Okla., came on Thursday, Dec. 24. On Sunday they went on to Kenard, Neb., to spend three days with Jason Jurey and family. Keith and Linda came back to Norcatu on Dec. 28, and left the next day. Other callers were Arlene Hix, Randy Allen and Sheri Regal.

Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, and Aaron Mann had Christmas dinner with R.D. Thornton on Dec. 26. On Sunday, Doug, Chris and M.J. Dempewolf went to Colby to have Christmas with Hayden Mann.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, Chris Dempewolf and Hayden Mann were taken out to Montana Mike's for supper for their birthdays. Others

attending were Doug, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, Aaron Mann, Laci Leichter and Scott Lyon.

Visitors of R.D. Thornton over the holidays were Doug, Chris, Sharee and M.J. Dempewolf, Aaron and Hayden Mann, Laci Leichter, Scott Lyon, Lisa Leichter, Lynn and Jacob Streit, Ray, Bryce, Abbey and Isaac Thornton.

The Norcatu Rural Fire Department will have its Ninth Annual Pizza Fundraiser. The 12" pizzas must be ordered by Friday, Jan. 22, by contacting any member of the fire department: Carl Lyon, Rex Knapp, Darren Wentz, Doug Dempewolf, Galen Wentz, Jeff Roy, Scott Hartzog, Don Cressler, Troy Wentz, Mark Bailey, Gail Bailey, Tad Hartsough, Lucas Bailey, Lydia Knapp or Lance Roe.

At the Norcatu City council meeting, the council made a few changes to some of their policies: 1. When tearing down a structure within city limits, a bond fee of \$500 must be received at the city office. The bond fee will be held until the debris is completely picked up and disposed of properly. No debris can be put into the city's burn pit. 2. The water bill late fee has been raised to \$25. 3. The water bills are due on the 10th of the month with a 10-day grace period. After the 20th, if the bill is not paid in full, then the meter will be turned off. No exceptions. 4. The office will not take post dated checks or hold checks.

New Year's resolution number one: Have eyes and ears checked!

It rather gives one a startle to hear the television say, "A woman jumped over a bear and knocked down the Pope." Well, I quickly realized it was a barrier and not a bear. Not wishing to be irreverent, I still got a chuckle out of it, and I do need to see an ear specialist.

The first thing my great-granddaughter and I made after the Christmas rush was a carrot cake. She broke the eggs and sifted the flour as well as a four-year old with one arm in a cast can. She is young, but it may be better for her to learn now, when she wants to. She thought it looked "yucky" before it was baked, but liked it when it was done, and so did I.

I have heard several say that this was the first Christmas they ever spent alone, including Margaret "Toots" Magers, Joyce Sumner and myself. But considering the weather, we would not have wanted people on the road, and felt safe and snug at home. Toots' New Year's company were her daughter, Jane Engelhardt of Norton; J.T. and Denise Guy and daughters, Kirsten and Kendra of Abilene, and on Sunday Judy and Charlie Easton of Quinter.

Joyce Sumner's after-Christmas company were both the Larry and Greg Sumner families on Sunday, and Ward's family on New Year's Day, which is also Joyce's birthday,

so Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Birthday, all in one. The samplers I mentioned last time Joyce made from material given her from Leone Purton's things.

Kathy Van Meter and Lloyd Frandsen celebrated gift opening with her son, Kim and Jolene Nedjl and family at Quinter on Dec. 26, then they went to McCook on New Year's Eve for supper and dance.

Dean and Rhonda Jolly took June Jolly to her granddaughter Jennifer's in Trenton, Neb., on Christmas, then to Linda's in McCook for a soup supper. He was brave to go that far in that blowing snow. June

played cards Dec. 28, at the club in McCook and in Norton on Jan. 3.

The Wood family had their dinner and gift exchange at the Educational building in Norcatu on Sunday, Dec. 27. David had planned to be there but was snowed-in in Omaha. Those attending were his son, Toby and Jennie, Marysville; Hannah and Israel Jirak and sons, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Cari and Steve Riffel, Stockton; Sandra and Larry McNames, Grinnell; Carol and John Moye, Oberlin; and Adrienne Vacura and daughters, Kylie and Skylar.

## Selden News

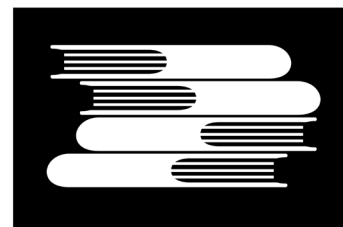
By Jacque Boultinghouse

New Books shelved at the Selden Library on Jan. 9 include all large print: "Forbidden Falls," by Robyn Carr; "Deeper Than The Dead," by Tami Hoag; and "Early Dawn," by Catherine Anderson.

There was no Senior Citizens last week due to the severe cold and icy weather. They are planning to meet this week on Thursday at the Community Center.

Birthdays and anniversaries: Jan. 15 - Kelsey Hill, Dave Wachendorfer. Jan. 18 - Renee Wilson, Joe Kennedy. Jan. 19 - Ricky Bullock, Myrtle Shaw, Anogene Rogers. Jan.

20 - Janell Antholz, Jessica Shaw. School Calendar: Jan. 18 - 7 p.m., School Board meeting. Jan. 19 - High School Basketball at Winona. Jan. 20 - 12 noon WKLL Scholars Bowl at Grainfield. Jan. 21 - Junior High Basketball in Rexford with Tribune.



## 'I Wish Life Came With an Eraser'

By Pastor Barbara Patterson

United Methodist Churches, Jennings and Dresden

Read: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

In a Dennis the Menace cartoon, Dennis' wrongdoing, for which he is being punished, is made abundantly clear. You might say, "The handwriting is on the wall." With the evidence of his misdeed, spent crayons, scattered on the floor behind him, Dennis sits in the corner staring at the once pristine walls which are now decorated with his artwork: a dinosaur, a house, a cowboy, the sky with sun and clouds. Evidently, mom didn't much appreciate his drawing skills, so there he sits in his rocking chair snuggling his Teddy Bear, alone with his thoughts. Hank Ketcham allows us to overhear what he is thinking: "Boy, I wish life came with an eraser!"

Indeed! Don't we all? I suspect there are times in each of our lives when we, too, wish life came with an eraser, when we would relish the opportunity to turn back the clock to a time just before our latest mistake, so that we could have another go at it, another opportunity to make a better choice. Oh, if life would just offer us an eraser capable of doing that, capable of giving us a new and fresh start, free of our past sins, an eraser that could turn back the clock to a time before our mistakes had left us shaking our heads and wondering, "How could I have done that?"

That universal desire for life's eraser is what makes 2 Corinthians 5 such a loved chapter. Paul writes to the church at Corinth to say that in Christ we are recreated, made new, born again. If anyone is in Christ there is a new creation, everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Is this not what David prayed for in that famous 51st Psalm, his repentance following his adultery with Bathsheba? The psalm is replete with David's

pleadings for forgiveness. "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love... wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin... purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean, wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."

Yes, he prayed out of a deep sense of shame and sorrow for personal cleansing. But he seems to have done more, praying that God would take an eraser and, in effect, turn back the hands of time by actually erasing his sin. "Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities."

He wanted nothing less than a fresh slate, to go back to a time before the transgression had occurred. "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."

But the irony is, if we refuse to own it, it will likely own us. Until we say with David, "I acknowledge my sin and my sin is ever before me," until we say, "I am that," we will not seek the only place where that eraser is available. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." If we are to be different, we will require help from the outside.

David's prayer teaches that our "in the corner" moments of self-reflection and repentance have as a goal nothing less than the recreation of our innocence. As we begin a new year we can join Dennis and David in our yearning for life's eraser, for an opportunity to be made new.

I am reminded of a Charles Wesley's hymn, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling. The last stanza which begins, "Finish then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be."

Thank God, life does come with an eraser!



## Herndon News

By Julie Hafner

A surprise 75th birthday party was held Dec. 31 for Emmie Lou Sattler at Roger's Bar and Grill in Herndon. Those celebrating with her were Jan Sattler, Atwood; John, Cassie, Caleb and Audrey Sattler, Wichita; Shar Hartner, Chris Wood, Lexi Basgall, Bob and Julie Hafner, Frank and Jean Huss, Voni Sattler, and Troy, LeeAnn, Tyler, Trevor and Taryn Sattler, all of Herndon; Harold and Celene Dunker, Ludell, and Terri Dechant, rural Loveland, Colo.

Janice Sattler, Atwood, and Bob and Julie Hafner enjoyed Sunday dinner with their aunts, Edie Pettera and Joan Noble, at Cedar Living Center in Oberlin.

The Herndon community misses Norma Grafel. She was Herndon City Treasurer for many, many years and worked at the Co-op for five years. She was also employed at the Bank while making Herndon her home. She now resides in Oberlin, after the many helping hands worked together for a smooth move. We wish you well, we wish you well!

Wally and Ollie Hafner have returned to their home after spending time in Colorado dealing with a few medical issues. Welcome home.

Dean, Deb, Marcus and Neil Portschy spent the weekend in

Stockton visiting Deb's family. While there, they celebrated Deb's mom's birthday with family and friends at Cedar Links Country Club on Saturday evening. On Sunday, they enjoyed brunch after church with family before returning home.

The community extends sympathy to Harry Kastens and family. Paula Ann Kastens was born June 20, 1916, near Carleton, Neb., and died Jan. 2, 2010, in Atwood. Funeral services were Wednesday, Jan. 6, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Atwood with burial at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Ludell.

Julie's Memory Joggers

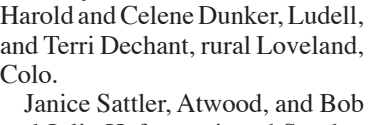
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Wolf Hunt will be Sunday, Jan. 14.

Dr. Fleckenstein reports the following births during the past week: a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Marintzer on Sunday, Jan. 7, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Solko on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Modern Dance will be Saturday, Jan. 13. Music by Chic's and the Old Time Dance will be Wednesday, Jan. 17. Music by the Rathburn's. 30-cent admission to the Old Time Dance. Both will be at the Pettera Hall.

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Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 10:30 a.m., Sunday

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC, LEVILLE**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 8 a.m., Sunday.

**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, SELDEN**  
Fr. Mark Berland,  
MASS: 5:30 p.m., Saturday

**OBERLIN SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
Jerry Nowack  
120 South East, Oberlin  
SATURDAY: Sabbath School, 9:15 a.m.; Saturday Worship, 11 a.m.

**JENNINGS-DRESDEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH JENNINGS**  
Carrie Buhler, pastor  
SUNDAY: Church School, 10 a.m. Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
**DRESDEN**  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.

**PRAIRIE CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST**  
The Rev. Doug Hasty  
SUNDAY: Church Services, 9 a.m.; Sunday School, 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Pastor: Dennis Brown  
SUNDAY: Morning Worship, 9 a.m.

**UNITED CHURCH OF OBERLIN**  
Pastor: Judi Stricker  
109 North Griffith-American Baptist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian USA  
SUNDAY: Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Coffee: 10:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Worship Service, 11 a.m. Choir practice every Sun. at 9:45 a.m. Holy Communion, 1st & 3rd Sundays. United Church Women, 2nd Wed at 2 p.m. Parish Council, 2nd Sun. following Worship

**OBERLIN COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP (Southern Baptist)**  
Pastor: Gene Gee

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:30 a.m., WEDNESDAY: Service, 7 p.m.,

**OBERLIN UNITED METHODIST**  
102 North Cass — 785-475-3067  
The Rev. Doug Hasty

SUNDAY: Church School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. (Nursery provided.) WEDNESDAY: Choir practice, 7:30 p.m.

**CLAYTON UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Larry Danforth  
Almena

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.

**OBERLIN ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
The Rev. Royce Leitner

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY: Adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

**OBERLIN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
South Beaver Street - Oberlin  
Bill Duncan — Phone 785-475-3259

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Hour, 10:45 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Ladies Home Bible Study, 9 a.m.

**ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC, HERNDON**  
The Fr. Stephen Folorunso  
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MASS: SUNDAY and THURSDAY 8:30 a.m.

**HERNDON COVENANT CHURCH**  
Keith Reuther, Pastor  
Phone 785-322-5316

SUNDAY: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Youth Group, 4 p.m.

**NORCATU UNITED METHODIST**  
Pastor: Larry Danforth  
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 10 a.m.; Church School, 10:30 a.m.

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Pastors: Chris and Sharon Nelson  
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SUNDAY: Worship Service, 9:30 a.m.; Fellowship Time, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

**LUND COVENANT CHURCH**  
Pastor: Doug Mason

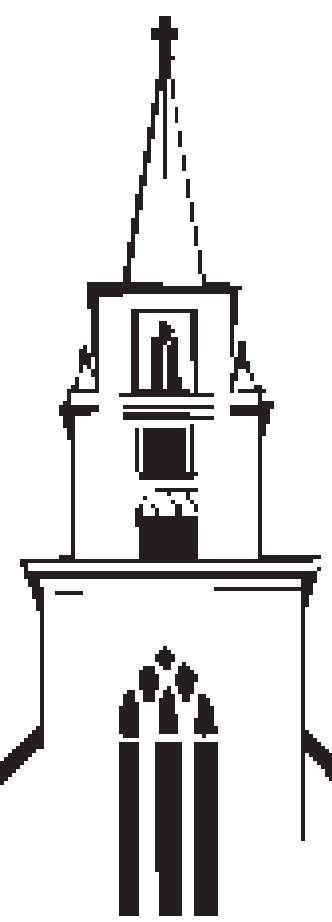
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510 North Wilson

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SUNDAY: Sunday School and Bible class, 9:15 a.m.; Divine Worship Service, 8 a.m.; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays..

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