

Family Ed celebrates 20 years with open house

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Celebrating their humble beginning in 1992, Phillips County Family Education Services is hosting an open house for their 20th birthday. All community members are invited to stop by the Phillips County Event Center Biesemeier Room Thursday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. for some cake and ice cream and to learn more about their programs.

Family Education Services first began offering English as a second language classes in 1992 and has evolved into so much more in the last two decades.

In conjunction with the ESL class curriculum, class members can also participate in a family literacy and early childhood program.

In 2001, PCFES began offering GED classes, and their afterschool program kicked off in 2011. Community classes and citizenship courses are also offered on an as-needed basis.

Open registration for all programs continues throughout the school year. Anyone interested in registering should call PCFES at 854-2595. All classes are held at Phillips County Event Center.

Executive director Trisha Herman explained PCFES operates on funds from Colorado Department of Education's adult education fund as well as from private funders. Along with Herman, a board of directors helps run the nonprofit organization.

With a wide variety of programs offered, PCFES is always looking for more volunteers to make sure everything is running smoothly. Anyone interested should call Herman at 854-2595.

Herman is excited about celebrating 20 years at the open house and having the opportunity to show community members the programs offered by PCFES.

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