

Team helps students

The Student Improvement Team includes teachers — usually one from each grade level or curriculum area — parents and professionals who help children having trouble in school improve their learning, behavior and study skills.

The team for Oberlin Elementary School meets the first and third Thursday of each month. The high school team meets as needed.

Parents or others who have a concern about a child, or someone they know, may refer them to the team by calling the school and explaining a concern, telling the child's teacher, talking to the counselor or school psychologist or completing a referral form. Forms are available at the Oberlin City Library, inside the west door of Oberlin Elementary School, or at the Decatur Community High School office.

After getting a referral, the team meets to develop intervention plans, depending on the needs of the child. These are implemented for at least three to six weeks, longer if necessary.

The goal is to identify students at risk of failure and to provide individualized support to improve their success.

Early-age screening set

Early-Age Screening will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 7, at the Oberlin Elementary School with the help of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center staff.

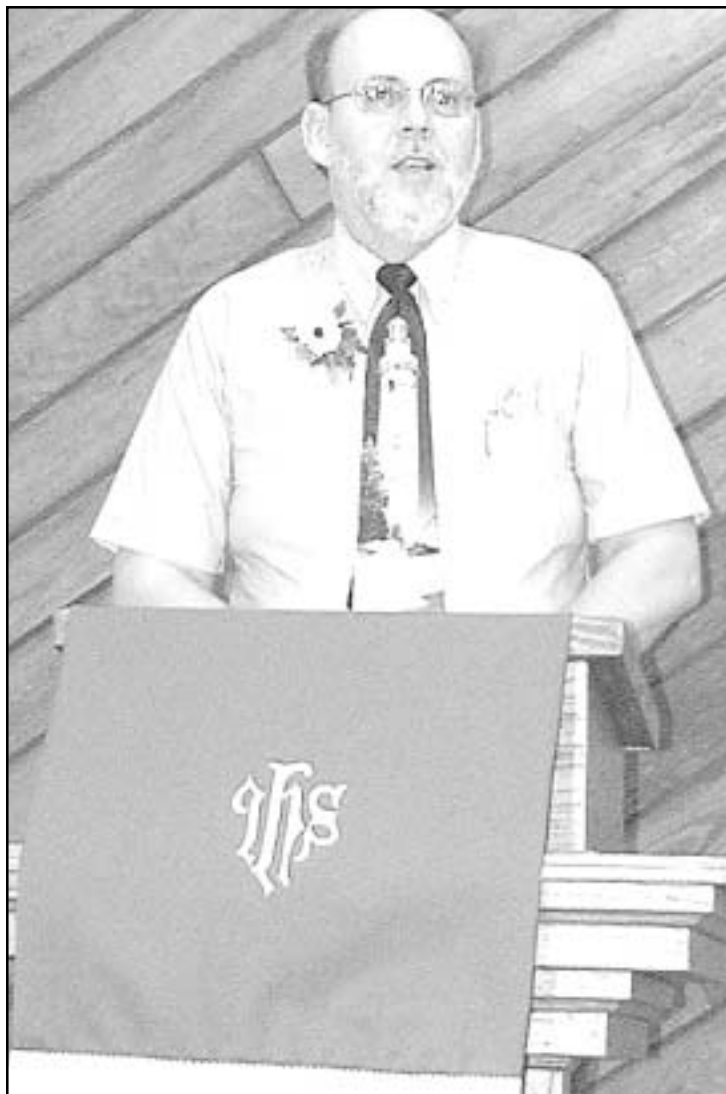
All pre-schoolers from birth to age 5 who will not take part in kindergarten screening this year are invited. Parents accompany their children through the screening process, which takes about an hour to 90 minutes for each child. Each child will be screened for vision, hearing, motor, speech and language, and reasoning skills.

For an appointment, call the school office at 475-2122. For questions about the screening, talk to Principal Duane Dorshorst at the school.



CUTTING THE CAKE, Pam Wilson (above) helped serve to anniversary celebrants on Sunday. Callie Uehlin, 4, (below) the youngest member of the congregation, really enjoyed the cake. Before the reception, however, everyone gathered in the sanctuary with Pastor Doug Hasty (above right) to reminisce.

— Herald staff photos by Cynthia Haynes



Prairie Chapel congregation celebrates 100th anniversary

By MARY LOU OLSON

The Rev. Pat Ault-Duell, Hays District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, delivered the morning message entitled, "Look Out!" at the 100th anniversary celebration on Sunday at Prairie Chapel Church.

The prelude for morning worship services was by Cheryl Metcalf and Angie Wilson and a flute solo was played by Alyssa Rippe. A dinner followed, served by the United Methodist Women.

The afternoon program featured music by the DCHS Singers, under the direction of Susan Nelson. Letters were read from former pastors, along with reminiscing by

those present. Marian Railsback and Mary Dicke sang a duet, and Gary Fisher and Ms. Railsback sang solos.

The Rev. Gary and Millie Fisher of Atwood and Gloria Mattix, of Colby, wife of the late pastor, Charles Mattix, were recognized. They formerly served the church.

Those honored with floral arrangements included: Joyce Rippe, Coleen Rippe and Patti Uehlin, planning committee; Virgil Cathcart, oldest member; Tom Railsback, coming the farthest; and Ethel Railsback, scrapbook, bulletin board and history.

A social hour followed and anniversary cake was served.

The church was formally organized in 1904 by a group of United Brethren families. Doug Hasty is the present pastor.

Among out-of-town guests were Al and Marilyn Cathcart, Topeka; Kevin Cathcart, Overland Park; Mike and Mary Dicke, Wichita; Marian Railsback, Fort Collins, Colo.; Tom Railsback, Great Falls, Mont.; Patty (Van Vleet) Franz, Shawnee; Shirley (Van Vleet) McGee, Salina; the Rev. Gary and Millie Fisher, Atwood; Mrs. Gloria Mattix, Colby; Gerald and Lee Ora Sines, McCook; and Bob Strevey, Clayton.

Man honored for service

Culinary Spec. 2nd Class Chad T. Evans, U.S. Navy, has been honored with the Joint Service Achievement Medal for meritorious service while assigned to the J-4 Directorate, Food Service, Joint Task Force Guantanamo, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from March 9 to Aug. 12.



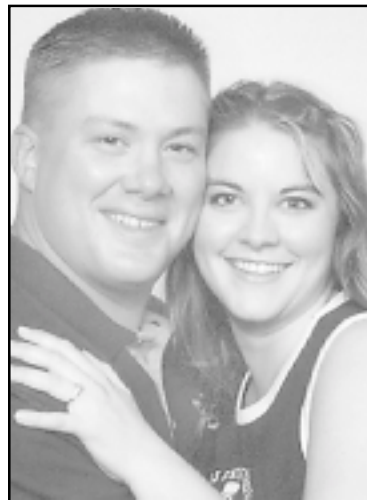
Chad Evans

According to the Navy, he earned the award by working countless hours during his tour to provide high-quality food service to detainees and Joint Task Force personnel. As a crew leader in both the detainee camps and Navy Hospital, he inspired his crew to perform at the highest standards. As a leader at the camp, he maintained the highest possible quality stan-

dards. "Through his distinctive accomplishments, Petty Officer Evans reflected credit upon himself, the U.S. Navy, and the Department of Defense," said Brigadier Gen. Jay W. Hood, U.S. Army commander.

Petty Officer Evans began his military career when he joined the National Guard in 1990. In 1993, he joined the Navy. For three years he was assigned to the USS Cleveland, and then was sent to Puerto Rico for four years. He was sailor of the month four times.

His parents are Joan Evans and Karol Evans of Oberlin. He is a graduate of Lenora High School.



J. Jensen and L. Marietta

Couple plans December wedding

Loni Marietta and Jeremy Jensen of Oberlin plan to be married on Dec. 18.

Parents of the couple are Alan and Judith Marietta, Oberlin, and Don and Debra Macfee, rural Oberlin.

The bride-to-be graduated from Decatur Community High School in 2000 and will graduate in December from Kansas State University with a degree in marketing.

Her fiancé is employed at Southwest Implement in Oberlin.

Farewell luncheon held

Mabel Kennedy was honored with a farewell luncheon on Thursday by Brenda Davis and Christilene Cook at the Davis home.

Mrs. Kennedy gave a history of the Oberlin Assembly of God Church, where she served as secretary from 1944 to 1981. Norma Brown gave the history from 1937 to 1944 from notes and documents she has from her late mother, Ruby Duncan. Tim Davis took videos and pictures.

Others present were Bea Wolfram, Mildred Black, Nelda Vaughn, June Fortin, and Edwin and Doris Black.

Mrs. Kennedy is moving to Goodland to live near her daughter, Linda and Paul Chaffin, and granddaughter, Melanie and Dr. Travis Davis and Jack.

Her address will be: Wheat Ridge Acres, 707 Wheat Ridge Circle, Apt. 135, Goodland, Kan., 67735.

Grief recovery program set

A grief recovery program will be offered from 1-3 p.m. for five consecutive Thursdays at the United Methodist Church, 950 S. Franklin, in Colby on Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Nov. 4.

The program is designed to help people who have suffered major losses, usually loss of a loved one by death, to work through the steps leading to recovery of their emotional health and well-being.

Others have been helped who have suffered the pain of divorce, job loss, retirement, displacement or

terminal illness. Each session helps in sharing insights, discussing relevant events, and giving positive assignments to aid in healing the pain felt by grieving people.

High Plains Mental Health Center is sponsor with support from the Kansas Department on Aging, and Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation.

For details or to register, contact Cora Lee Pfannenstiel at (785) 628-2871.

Presentation set in Oakley

"And, That's Why Music is Important!" will be given from 7-9 p.m. as a free presentation at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center, 702 W. 2nd, in Oakley on Thursday, Oct. 7.

The presentation will teach adults how to use music to teach young children. Children 3 years and older are invited to attend with their parents.

Get-together held in Denver

The 64th Decatur County get-together in Denver was held on Sept. 12 at the home of Phil and Norma Yonker in Littleton, Colo.

Those present included Lorene (Sproul) Anderson, Philip and Marjorie (Jording) Law, Faye (Koehler) Lombardi, Lakewood; Don

and Betty Soderlund, Vivian Goss, Bill and Maxine (Olson) Peebles, and Sheri and Lia Steinemann, Denver; Martin Schissler, Fern Shafer, Ken and Mona (Euhus) Hoehner, Wheat Ridge; and Phil and Norma Yonker, Littleton.

Life Chain set for McCook

A Life Chain will be formed along B Street in McCook from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday by members of area churches to let people know that they think unborn children are

a gift from God and have a right to life.

For details or to participate, call Roger Siebrandt at (308) 345-3599.

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The family of **Raymond and Margery Adams** would like to request a card shower for their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on Oct. 8, 2004.

Cards will reach them at: 20705 West 151st St., Olathe, Ks 66062



The family of **Wayne and Dixie Goltl** request a card shower in honor of their **50th Wedding Anniversary** October 3rd

Cards may reach the couple at: 503 S. Frazier, Oberlin, Ks 67749

First Responder Class



Beginning on October 4, 2004 Decatur County EMS will have a First Responder class. If anyone is interested in the class, call Pat Pomeroy at (785) 475-8126 or Dispatch at (785) 475-8100

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