

### **By Jan Rahn**

*Managing Editor*

Two positions at Perkins County Elementary will be filled with two new teachers to the district this fall.

Erin Fisher will teach kindergarten. She is taking over the position held for many years by Jonie Johnson who retired this spring.

In charge of another kindergarten class will be Sandy Prante who has taught the beginning students for several years.

Taking the helm in one of two third grade classes will be Jill Richmond. Upon the retirement of instructor Pennie Reese this spring, Richmond will share third graders with Cindy Regier who has been serving the district for a long time.

### **Kindergarten—Erin Fisher**

Instructor Erin Fisher comes to Perkins County Elementary from Ogallala where she taught second grade. She had previously taught kindergarten for 13 years.

Fisher's family lives in Grant and her children attend Perkins County Schools, thus she is looking forward to working in Grant.



Prior to beginning her teaching career in the Ogallala Public School District, she substitute taught for a year.

In thinking about her goals for this fall when the 2012-13 school term gets underway, Fisher said, "I am eager to be back with kindergarten. I am ready to build a classroom environment conducive for learning and that will foster respect for all."

The Trumbull native enjoys her students.

"Each child has a unique personality, strengths and weaknesses—it is my job to find these and use them to help them become the best students and learners possible, said Fisher. "Each child is capable of success."

She pursued her degree in elementary education with early childhood emphasis and masters in curriculum and instruction at Doane College.

Her husband, Nate Fisher, works for Hi-Line Co-op in Elsie. They have three daughters, Hallie, eight years old, Maggie who is six, and four-year-old Lexie.

"I am looking forward to being part of Perkins County School district," said Fisher. "Since moving to Grant, I have been struck by the commitment to the school by the staff, parents, and community, and I look forward to being part of that."

### **Jill Richmond—Third**

As a former instructor in the Ogallala district, Jill Richmond is happy to have a position this fall in the Perkins County Schools. She and husband, Curt, who was born and raised in Grant, live just outside of town.

Richmond will be teaching third grade at Perkins County Elementary.

Richmond grew up on a ranch south of Roscoe and attended school in Paxton.

The busy mother of 15-month-old daughter Kinley and newborn Kyler (June 14) said she looks forward to being a lifetime resident of the Grant area and having her children attend Perkins County Schools.

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