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Colorado native Trish Stever has become the new executive director of the Perkins County Senior Center in Grant.

She is already seven weeks into the job, having begun her duties on May 17.

She is enjoying her position, especially fellow employees and the people who frequent the center on a daily or weekly basis.

Making the center more of a gathering place for all ages and increasing the use of the facility for other events is her foremost goal.

“It’s a great facility to rent, especially with a full kitchen,” she said.

The large building can be used by organizations, clubs, families and businesses.

There is recreation for those gathering for reunions or receptions, including shuffle board, billiards and cards. Stever wants to see the Thrift Shoppe grow, and once fall and winter roll around, plans to hold movie parties as in the past.

The volunteers are what keeps the facility running—there are at least six daily who help with the chores and manning the store.

Employee Sherry Krause and her daughter Robyn, who is helping over the summer, cook and run the kitchen.

Everyone is welcome to eat lunch during the weekdays when it’s open. There is no age limit. The Rotarians eat and hold their weekly meeting every Wednesday at the center.

Some of Stever’s duties include preparing the monthly reports for West Central Nebraska Area on Aging, having the pleasure of interacting with people who come to enjoy a meal and socialize, planning activities, and coming up with ideas for events.

Board member election was recently held, with new board member Joyce Hightower being voted in to replace Ivan Palu. Incumbent Gertrude Hundhausen was voted in to retain her position along with current members Susan Logsdon, Dennis Ekdahl, Nancy Petersen, Kris Jaques and Marion Robertson. Members serve a two-year term.

Originally from Brighton, Colo., Stever has lived in Julesburg for the past 18 years. Her parents

are ranchers near Sterling. She became familiar with the Grant area through her boyfriend who works for the railroad. She has a newly married son in Denver.

Stop in and get acquainted with her and enjoy a meal and some socializing at the facility located at 420 Central in Grant.