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Two young women with county ties will be instructing kindergartners and first graders in Perkins County Schools this fall.

Tammy Hutcheson will teach kindergarten and Lindsey Perlinger is a new first grade teacher.

Tammy Hutcheson—K

As an excited new kindergarten teacher, Tammy Hutcheson's goal is to make her students just as excited when it comes to learning.

The Elsie resident can't wait to get the term underway as a new employee of the Perkins County School District.



She has most recently served as the 7-12 special education teacher at Sutherland Public Schools.

"I wanted to be back in elementary and teach in the district that I live in and have heard great things about the [Perkins County] school system," said Hutcheson.

Prior to the three years she taught at Sutherland, she was in the elementary setting for 10 years in Lincoln, then taught sixth grade for one year in North Platte.

Hutcheson is a 1994 Ogallala High School graduate and received an Associate of Arts degree from Mid-Plains in 1996. She received a Bachelor of Science in elementary education and special education then pursued a Masters in special education with emphasis in deaf education in 2006.

As a farm girl growing up between Madrid and Roscoe, Tammy's favorite hobbies and interests still include spending time with her family, gardening, fishing, camping and quilting. Her family ties to the area include parents Victor and Taffy Hastings and grandmother Bernadine Hastings.

Her husband, Justin Hutcheson, works for Sisco Fertilizer in Elsie. She is a stepmom to Tomarcus, 14, an eighth grader at Perkins County Schools.

She fills the kindergarten teaching position vacated by Sandy Prante whose career in education spanned 39 years. Prante retired at the end of the school year in the spring.

Lindsey Perlinger—1st

Lindsey Perlinger's roots in this area brought her back to enjoy the memories of several family generations. She is the daughter of Mike and Lori Perlinger of Elsie, and will live in Madrid, not far from the farm she grew up on.

Lindsey is a 2008 graduate of Perkins County High School.



Lindsey substituted in the PCS district during the 2012-13 term.

"I wanted a position at Perkins County Schools because I have seen a great dedication to the quality of education in the district," she said. "Also, I like the fact that I will be close to my family teaching at Perkins County."

Perlinger graduated with an elementary education degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University in May 2012 and completed her student teaching at Raymond-Central Elementary School in

Ceresco.

She loves to spend time with her family and friends, and enjoys helping her dad on the family farm.