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Two coaching positions in addition to her part-time para position in Perkins County Schools will keep Renee Seiler busy this fall.



Seiler will replace Greg Vest in assisting coach Deanne Bishop with the high school girls basketball team, and is also assigned the head coach position for junior high volleyball, a position held by Michelle Buchanan last year.

Last year she was a half-time instructor in business and assisted with the junior high girls basketball team.

Prior to that, Seiler worked as full-time para educator at the high school and part-time at home as a health care recruiter/manager for a private company.

"I am really excited to get back into the classroom, and to implement some of the new technology that I learned over the summer," she said. "I'm sure the students will pick up on it faster than I did, but nonetheless, it will be fun to explore and learn."

Having grown up in the community and involved in the school's sports programs, Seiler (Talich back then) said her heart is in athletics.

"I'm really looking forward to volleyball this fall—we're going to focus a lot on fundamentals, build strong positive attitudes on and off of the court, and hopefully help them develop a love for the game," she said. "It's going to be a lot of fun to watch these girls over the next few months, and hopefully they will have some fun too."

Seiler said she is equally excited about high school basketball.

"I feel very privileged to be a part of this program, especially after spending some time with Coach Bishop and the girls this summer during camp," she said. "We are blessed to have a strong leader and a good group of girls who are eager to play and hungry for a win. It will be challenging at times, but rewarding to watch them and our program grow."

Seiler said her goal for each year is to learn from the successes and the failures of the previous year, build on what worked, and change what didn't.

She is a 1988 Grant graduate who obtained a Bachelor of Arts in business education in 1993 from the University of Nebraska at Kearney, with an emphasis in diversified occupations.

Her background in education includes serving as a substitute teacher for Perkins County Schools and assistant volleyball coach in 1993. She then taught business/computers at Wheatland High School in 1994-95 as well as served as the assistant volleyball and head girls basketball coach.

She also taught in California for a few year.

Her husband, Sam, works for a Perkins County farmer. They have two children, son, Austin, is in eighth grade. Daughter, Aryn, is a seventh grader.