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The vacant position of chief deputy will be filled by former deputy Rick Dreiling on Monday, Sept. 14.

According to Perkins County Sheriff Jim Brueggeman, Dreiling is returning after a two-year sabbatical to fill the position of chief deputy previously held by Olen M. Young.

Young retired in July for medical reasons and to relocate on a semi-permanent basis in Arizona where his father lives.

Dreiling has previously worked as a law enforcement officer in Perkins County from April 2004 until September 2007.

He most recently has been employed with Regier Land Improvement.

During the time Dreiling was with the department, he served as interim chief deputy sheriff and was then appointed chief deputy sheriff in March 2006. He left the position in 2007 to accept employment outside law enforcement.

"My staff and I anxiously look forward to Rick returning to work at the sheriff's office," said Sheriff Brueggeman. "We are fortunate to have someone with Rick's training and experience stepping into the chief deputy sheriff position and I know having Rick back on staff will be advantageous for both the office and the public."

Dreiling has eight years of law enforcement experience. In addition to his previous service to Perkins County, he served the Imperial Police Department and the Oakley Police Department in Oakley, Kan.

The duties Dreiling will perform as chief deputy in addition to regular law enforcement include additional responsibility in administrative aspects of the sheriff's office by assisting Sheriff Brueggeman with daily and specialized operations in the law enforcement, communications and emergency management divisions.

He joins deputies Kip Bradley, Talon Darling and Kristopher Lawson to provide protection and service to Perkins County residents.

Dreiling's wife Dawnya is employed at Adams Bank and Trust in Grant. They have two children attending Perkins County Schools, Michael, who is a freshman, and Laura, a fourth grader.