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**Roger Reikofski joins the Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools administrative team for school year 2013-2014 as elementary principal. He brings a wealth of Title 1 and special education experience with him to the district. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)**

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Roger Reikofski, most recently of Lincoln, will join W-P's administrative team as the elementary principal. As such, his primary office will be in the Palisade Attendance Center. Reikofski will also wear the hats of Title 1 director and special education director.

Joining him in his move to southwest Nebraska are his wife, Denise, son, Lake, 12, who will attend the seventh grade at W-P, and daughter, Randii, 10, who will be in the fifth grade. Reikofski also has three grown step children, Jared, Jake and Joshua Bennee, and two step-grandchildren Claire and Emma.

Reikofski has made several visits to the district, including some made with his children during the school year last year. He and his family say they are excited to be back living in a small town.

Most recently, Reikofski worked for the Department of Education in Lincoln as an Education Specialist. In that 13-year post, part of his job required him to oversee Title 1 throughout portions of the state.

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Prior to his work at the Department of Education Reikofski taught fourth grade for 13 years in Wayne, Neb. While in Wayne he also coached volleyball, basketball and track. He first met W-P's superintendent Randy Geier while coaching at Wayne.

Reikofski earned his bachelor's degree and master's degrees at Wayne State College in Wayne.

Originally from Tilden, Reikofski said he and his family are looking forward to the small town culture that Wauneta and Palisade have to offer. He said he's looking forward to living in a small town again and enjoying all the advantages it has to offer.

When asked to describe himself, Reikofski said he's a down-to-earth guy who loves to do things with his family and loves sports. He also portrays a dedication to his students and said he's looking forward to providing Wauneta-Palisade's students with the best education possible.

### **School starts Thursday**

Some find it surprising that summer vacation is all but over. Students, teachers and staff will start the new school year at Wauneta-Palisade Public Schools next Thursday, Aug. 15.

The school year will offer a bit of an adjustment period, however, as the first two days of school will dismiss at 1 p.m. MT/ 2 p.m. CT. After that, the hustle and bustle of the school year will continue for the next nine months.