

McAlevy, Monnahan join Wauneta-Palisade Schools

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Cindy Monnahan, left, will serve as the K-12 school counselor starting this week. Lisa McAlevy, right, will teach seventh and eighth grade English and social studies. She will also serve as the K-12 librarian and the cheerleading sponsor. (Sheri Hink-Wagner | The Wauneta Breeze)

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Two new teachers joined Wauneta-Palisade Schools teaching staff when the school year kicked off Wednesday.

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Lisa McAlevy

Lisa McAlevy will teach seventh and eighth grade English and social studies. She will also serve as the K-12 librarian and cheerleading sponsor.

McAlevy, originally from Ponca and Fullerton, Nebr., graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in December with a degree in English and history education for grades 7-12.

She did her student teaching at Columbus Middle School in Columbus where she spent half her time working in eighth grade social studies and the other half in seventh grade language arts. Her post at WP will be her first teaching position.

“I really enjoy working with this age group and am thrilled to begin working at WP,” said McAlevy.

McAlevy said she’s been surprised by how welcoming people have been even though she’s new to the area. “The friendliness of the people in this area is what makes me so excited to be more active in the community as an educator,” she explained.

“Inside the school the administration and staff have been eager to help and see that I have all the resources I need for success. All of this makes me feel that this area and this school is a great place to live and to work!”

McAlevy lives in Palisade with her husband, who works as a lineman with Southwest Public Power District.

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Cindy Monnahan

Cindy Monnahan joins the certified staff at WP as the K-12 guidance counselor. She will also serve as the National Honor Society sponsor.

Along with the duties of working with seniors to prepare for their future beyond high school, she will also go into the elementary classrooms to teach social skills.

“It is great returning to the WP school system,” said Monnahan. She was at WP a number of years before leaving and working at the McCook School system.

“There have been wonderful changes to the buildings and I have found the staff to be great,” she said. “I’m looking forward to the year ahead.”

Monnahan and her husband, Tom, live in Palisade.