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Three first-time instructors hired in district

Brady Public School will have three first-year teachers once school starts Aug. 14.

Alexa Hopping, Sarah Snively and Jamie Shaner will teach in their own classrooms for the first time on Brady's first day of school.

Hopping, who will teach math grades 7-12, went to high school in Sutherland, graduating in 2008. She attended Mid-Plains Community College in North Platte for two years before transferring to Concordia University where she graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

Hopping will teach math for grades 7-12.

She said she applied for the job because she was looking for a place that was close to where she was from.

"Brady looked like somewhere I wanted to apply," Hopping said. "I knew the principal and thought it would be a good experience to work under her."

Hopping played college volleyball and is no stranger to new and trying situations. She said her biggest challenge is going to be knowing what to teach and when.

"As a first year teacher, you don't have anything to go off of," Hopping said.

In her off time, sports play a large part of her activities. She'll help coach at Mid-Plains

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Community College. She also enjoys going to the lake and being outdoors in the summer.

Snively has substituted in the North Platte area for the past two years but jumped at the opportunity to teach in her own classroom.

"I saw there was an opening and I went for it. I am excited for the small-town feel and the upcoming experience," said Snively who will teach 7-12 grade English.

A graduate from Wayne High School in Huber Heights, OH, in 2006, she went on to get a bachelor of science and education degree with a major in integrated language arts from Ohio University.

Snively said her biggest challenge will be to keep up with all the planning and prepping each of the subjects takes.

Snively enjoys being outdoors and hiking and camping. She also likes sewing and crocheting.

She's married to Darren Snively who works in the North Platte area.

Jamie Shaner was hired to teach fifth grade.

"I'm not nervous to teach but the routine of teaching and learning who everyone is will be tough," Shaner said.

Originally from Ariton, AL, Shaner graduated from Ariton High School in 1999.

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Graduating from Chadron State University in May, Shaner has a degree in elementary education and a minor in math.

Shaner wanted the position because she knew she would want her kids going to a smaller school. Her husband, Dale Shaner, works in the area. She said the small-town feel and family members in the area was perfect.

The couple has three boys: Jacob, Dall and Lucas.

In their spare time, the family enjoys camping.

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