

## Palmer High School Teacher of the Year: Julie Butler



Julie Butler was raised in Palmer, Texas, and attended college at Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas where she completed her Bachelor of Business Administration in 1983, and then her Master's of Education in Guidance and Counseling in 1986. Julie started teaching in August of 1983, giving her a total of 37 years in the classroom. She has been at Palmer High School, Palmer, Texas (her alma mater) since 1987. Needless to say, she has seen many changes in the way various business classes have been taught since her early years, but Julie still loves teaching, and welcomes challenges in the curriculum. She has presented at various conferences on the topic "Innovative High School Accounting Courses." Julie was honored to be chosen in 2018 as TBTEA Secondary Teacher of the Year at the state convention. On a personal note, Julie is married to Ronney, her high school sweetheart (celebrating 39 years this summer) and has a daughter, Mallory, who received her Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M Commerce, and married her husband, Clark Vickers, this past October. Her son, Lucas, graduated with his Bachelor's and Master's of Agriculture Degree from Tarleton State University and is now the horse trainer for 4-K Ranch and Assistant Rodeo Coach at Hill College. Her daughter-in-law, Kelsey, graduated from Texas A&M Commerce, and is an elementary teacher in Hillsboro. Lucas and Kelsey have a son, Levens, who is just over a year old.

## **Palmer High School Paraprofessional of the Year:**

**Ashley Schleif**



**I have grown up and graduated from Palmer High School. This is my first year working for the district. I've been married to Chris for almost 10 years. He is a Police Officer in Red Oak. We have 3 kids that all attend elementary here in Palmer. I have loved working in the High School library this year. It has been so fun getting to know the students and staff. Seeing how everything runs and just how much the staff and administrators care about the students really shows how great our little town is.**