

## New Teacher—Ken Rigler

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### Educator joins Gothenburg Public School staff

**Age:** 56

**Subject:** Industrial technology

**Education:** Graduated from Glenbard West High School in GlenEllyn, IL; received a degree in industrial arts from Westmark College in Le Mars, IA, in 1976 and a master's degree in vocational education from Kearney State College in 1987.

**Experience:** Opened a True Value Hardware store in Callaway with a friend, 1977; taught industrial arts at Callaway Public Schools for 31 years.

**Family:** Wife, Connie, and three children: Jenny, 32; Kenny, Jr., 30; and Leslie, 28;.

**Why did you want to teach at Gothenburg Public Schools:** "I had always heard great things about Gothenburg. In teaching, you get a feel for systems that are good and strong. I felt like this was a good fit."

**His story:** Rigler said he had a high school wrestling coach who influenced him to get into

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teaching. Rigler worked at a cabinet shop through high school so the two seemed like a natural fit as well as getting a chance to coach.

**Hobbies:** Woodworking and spending time outside with the couple's German shepherds—Jasmine and Millie—and their horses.