

New Teacher—Ken Rigler

Written by Elizabeth Barrett
Thursday, 19 August 2010 13:30 -



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

New Teacher—Ken Rigler

Written by Elizabeth Barrett

Thursday, 19 August 2010 13:30 -

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.