

Raising roofs ... one right after the other

Student Built Home instructor,
Lynn Figg, reveals secrets of career

Q: What inspired you to teach Industrial Tech?

A: "I have always been a hands-on person. I started my major in Art while working for a contractor designing houses. I then transferred to UNI with intentions of majoring in Art and minoring in Industrial Tech; after getting there, I ended up with a double major."

Q: What inspired you to build your own home?

A: "I had been designing homes for people for over 20 years by this point. We could not find a home to fit our needs or the idea of a good layout, so I just designed what we wanted. After meeting with a couple of contractors and seeing what their profit would be, we decided to be our own general contractors."

Q: What were some of the challenges that you overcame while building your own home?

A: "Scheduling became a problem --many of the places such as the concrete and dry wallers will take care of their regular contractors before they will deal with individuals even if they are on their books."

Q: How did you overcome the challenges?

A: "I just stayed persistent about calling and getting people there when I needed them."

Q: What advice do you have for others who are thinking of building their own homes?

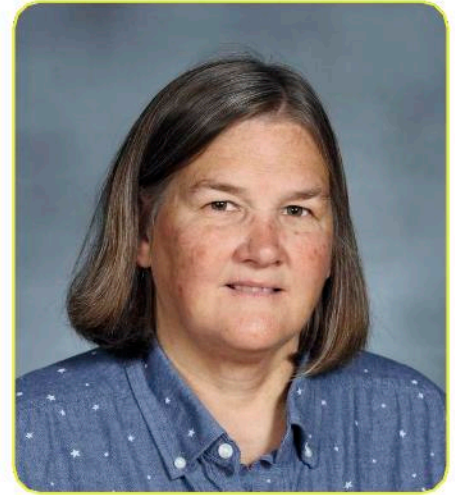
A: "Do your homework. Talk to people about their experiences with different companies. Do some price checking to make sure you are getting what you think you are."

Q: How many Student Built Home Projects have you played an integral part in and what was your role?

A: "I have been involved since 2008. At that point I was more involved in getting the students to sign up. In 2014 the role changed drastically. I became in charge of the floor plan, getting students to sign up, selecting the interior design, assisting the instructor, etc."

Q: Tell us about two of your favorite memories of working with students in building the Student Built Home.

A: "I always remember the excitement that my Student Built Home students have when they see me in the hallway to tell me what they are doing. Also, the pride they have when the house is completed is a favorite memory."



Lynn Figg

Figg's retirement plan includes travel, teaching

"After my retirement this year, I will continue to act as the facilitator for the Student Built Home program for a few more years at best.

Also, I will be working for MA Ford writing Standard Operating Procedures for the machines and starting a new project with them by writing training manuals.

We plan on doing some traveling and just doing things when I want versus fitting them into my teaching schedule.

Being a guest teacher is something that I am entertaining, too," said Industrial Technology Department Head, Lynn Figg.

Other activities Lynn Figg does on campus are coach the Robotics Team and work the scoreboard.