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Kris Krutsinger has had a calling his whole life for teaching and that calling has taken him to Perkins County Schools where he is the new Industrial Tech instructor.

After considering a business degree, Krutsinger, an Imperial native, felt his heart was in education, following in his father's footsteps.

His father, Dennis, taught for 37 years.



“Just the thought of working with kids and teaching is what I wanted to do and I always thought I had a lot to offer,” Krutsinger said.

Krutsinger takes over for Marlin Terwilliger, who retired after last school year. Krutsinger coming to Perkins County is a bit of a passing of the torch in Industrial Tech at the school as Terwilliger taught Krutsinger while in high school.

“I have known Mr. Terwilliger for many years and I want to continue what he's done in education and add a few new things,” Krutsinger said, noting he'd like to implement new technology into the shop class.

From 1992-1997 Krutsinger began his teaching career at Dundy County and then moved on to teach at Kimball until 2007 from there he went to Hitchcock County until 2009. From 2009 until this year Krutsinger was self-employed as owner of Krutsinger Construction, a pursuit he had every summer while a teacher that he turned into a full-time business.

When the opportunity arose for Krutsinger to get back into teaching, he jumped at the chance.

“My heart is in education and the opportunity is here, so here I am,” Krutsinger said.

Krutsinger is so impressed with all of the offerings at Perkins County for a rural district and has been amazed by the great kids, amazing staff and supportive administration.

“I can't say enough about the great things you have here,” Krutsinger said.

His teaching goal is to have each of his students get the most out of life.

“I want to encourage kids to expand their horizons and reach their full potential,” Krutsinger said.

Helping as an assistant football coach at PCS, Krutsinger works primarily with the defensive line and running backs for the Plainsmen.

Krutsinger has a fitness degree from Kearney State and his educational degree is from the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

Krutsinger's wife, Lisa, is a kindergarten teacher at Chase County Public Schools. The couple have four children, Breanna, a student at Western Community College; Korey, a senior at Chase County, Gabrielle, a sixth grader and Delaney, a fourth grader, all at Chase County.

His hobbies include driving his classic cars, following the Husker football team and fixing up his house, in addition to quality time with his family.

