

Education was a calling for Timber Creek principal Lovie Driskill

Timber Creek Principal Dr. Lovie Driskill always wanted to become a special education teacher, inspired by her experiences having a sister with special needs. But after high school, she couldn't afford to go to college, so she joined the Air Force.

While serving three years in the Air Force, Driskill met and married her husband, and then started a family. She worked as a manicurist in her husband's hair salon for several years, but when her children started school, she decided to return to school to obtain her teaching degree.

Driskill earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and her master's degree from Webster University. She earned her education specialist and doctorate degrees from William Woods University.

She began her teaching career at Harrisonville Christian School, where she taught sixth grade for three years and fourth grade for three years.

She came to the Ray-Pec School District in 1997 and taught second grade from 1997 to 2000 at Peculiar Elementary and then from 2000 to 2002 at Stonegate Elementary. For the 2002-2003 school year, she worked at the central office as Assistant to the Director of Elementary Education. In 2003, she was named principal at Timber Creek Elementary, a position she has held for 17 years.

Her time at Ray-Pec has provided her with many fond memories. "Too many to tell!" Driskill said.

After retirement, she plans to stay in the area and work in real estate with her husband.