

## The Weidman House

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pany. I often say I do it just to get my house in shape." When she entertains now she usually has the help of son Chip, 23, and daughter, Jodi, 18, who live at home, as well as daughter Jill, 24, who lives very close by.

Judy is always looking to the future, and has many ideas to keep her busy. She said she often feels she would like to run a cooking school, and would especially like to offer cooking classes to young girls

on how to give successful dinner parties. She said, "It took me years to learn what could be done ahead of time."

She says by far the most important ingredient for success at entertaining is organization. "The key to success is being really organized. Things go so well when you are really organized." Nevertheless, she acknowledges, "There are some things that cannot be done until the last minute. It takes a lot of time to prepare for a party." She says it's

always a mistake to try to put too many things into a short amount of time.

If she taught such a course she would use her cookbook, because of the simplicity of the recipes. Judy says, "Just because it's simple doesn't mean it isn't good. I am not a gourmet cook."

Teaching men's cooking classes is another idea that holds appeal for Judy.

Another venture Judy has considered is having a Bed and Breakfast in her home, something she says she may consider more seriously once her children are gone. However, she also makes it clear that she enjoys having the children home, and will be lonely when the last one leaves.

Although she spends a lot of time

in her home, Judy also is a big supporter of daughter Jodi who played in the district tennis playoffs this week. She likes to watch Jodi play, even though she professes to have no athletic skill herself. Son Chip helps Jodi prepare for games by hitting balls for her.

Judy's preparation of food begins long before she plans a meal in the kitchen. She works with her family in preparing foods all summer. She says, "We have a family garden. I freeze lots of corn with my two sisters-in-law and mother-in-law. We work at it for

whole days." She also likes to prepare lots of applesauce from early apples, and makes it special by adding some dried apricots while cooking the apples.

She adds, "Grandma Weidman makes all my jelly."

She is a little embarrassed to talk about her herb garden, apologizing, "I have only four herbs, thyme, basil, Italian parsley and mint." Nevertheless, she enjoys having them on hand.

Judy's home reflects her love of family and entertaining friends. It offered a relaxing interlude for participants in the tour, and a look at a "country way of life".



Judy works in the pantry which she added. She prepares chicken cordon bleu, one of her favorite main dishes.

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