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Brian Erickson loves his career. The new music instructor at Perkins County Schools lives by the adage 'love what you do and you'll never work a day in your life.'



It wasn't always that way, however, for the Golden, Colo., native.

After high school Erickson went into the restaurant management field and would later pursue a career in residential construction.

"In seventh grade I wanted to be a music teacher. I just wasn't serious enough after high school, and later in life I learned how to be serious," Erickson said.

After receiving his teaching degree from Dana College in 2003 he was a teacher in Titonka, Iowa, and was a substitute teacher in Omaha and Denver. Erickson spent the six years prior to coming to Perkins County teaching music at Gibbon.

So far Erickson said he's been very impressed by the district and the students. He hopes his love of music and willingness to learn anything and everything about music rubs off on his students.

"This is a chance for me to learn more about music each and every day. The best part, of course, is passing it on," Erickson said.

In his free time Erickson, who lives in Ogallala, is a self-proclaimed 'car guy.' He owns and maintains a 1957 Hollywood Hornet, a 1963 Rambler station wagon and a 1979 Z-28 Camaro (T-tops, four speed). The Hornet has been in his family for over 35 years. He also enjoys singing in choirs.

Divorced, Erickson has two grown sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Anjezza and Logan and Jessica. He has two grandchildren and owns two Pug dogs, Xena and Phoebe.