

SCHOOL

NCHS educator profile
Hammons sees long career in Nicholas County educational system

By Heather Mathis
 of The Carlisle Mercury

Gerald Hammons, principal of Nicholas County Elementary School, will spend his 34th year in education at the Nicholas County School system.

Hammons started his teaching career in Cleveland, Ohio. "I was 19 years old and teaching on an emergency certificate in the fourth grade," said Hammons. "It took me six summers at Cumberland College to get my Bachelor's Degree in the field of elementary education," he added. Hammons has furthered his education at Xavier College for a Master's Degree in elementary education, as a postgraduate at Miami of Ohio, and received a Rank One at the University of Kentucky. "I will take administration classes to stay current in the education field," said Hammons.

Why did Hammons choose to be a teacher?

"We had a very large family with 10 members in all. Plus, I just love working with children of all ages," he said. Hammons has spent 10 years in the classroom.

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Name: Carol Bond
 Age: 17
 Grade: Senior
 Parents: Hank and Marilyn Bond
 Extracurricular activities: band, newspaper, Drama Club, photography
 Interests: music, math, journalism

After high school, attend Morehead State University - double major in math and journalism

Carol was chosen by the NCHS faculty because of her cooperative, positive attitude. The faculty said Carol has a friendly, outgoing personality. She is also instrumental in putting together the school newspaper.

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