

TULIP

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its name out there. Recent visitors to, for example, the Fayette Mall in Lexington will find an advertising presence for Bear Wallow in that facility's corridors. Logsdon said that appeal beyond Pulaski's borders is the result of "a lot of years' worth of work" on behalf of those who run the farm.

"Bear Wallow has been in the fall business for nearly

30 years now," he said. "There's a lot of history there."

Tulips, however, "are new to us this season," he added. "We're farmers at heart, we farm for a living as a family, and ... we were kind of looking at different opportunities (outside of the fall) and we thought being able to get people on the farm when things were greening up and starting to bloom in the spring was kind of the next special time of the year to get (people) out."

It's not that Pulaski County is necessarily a natural tulip hub, but Logsdon said they felt that tulips were a plant that "had a lot of 'wow factor' to them." He added that a lot of people have fond memories of tulips and are also associated with Alzheimer's Disease awareness.

The highlight of the event is, naturally, the expansive field of tulips, available for flower picking to take tulips home or simply taking social media-worthy photos. The field stretches over 2.5

acres, with close to 200,000 tulips in it.

Live animals are always a key part of the Bear Wallow experience, and will be there during the tulip festival to see and touch up close. Kids can enjoy slides and swings among other activities, but there's also a large tube slide built for adults as well.

There are also signature foods and treats, like milkshakes, flavored lemonades, teas and cookies and yummies of different kinds,

as well as burgers, mac and cheese, and more.

The Kentucky Tulip Festival began last weekend and continues this weekend, when the farm will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Tulip Festival will also take place next weekend as well for the same hours, as well as 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday. Logsdon said it's possible that they could keep it going for a fourth weekend as well, the second weekend in April, but that's still to be

determined for certain.

Admission at the gate is \$19.95 plus taxes, but can also be purchased online for \$15.95 plus taxes and fees at bearwallowfarms.com.

"Everybody that's been there so far has (enjoyed it)," said Logsdon. "I think it's all been positive reviews. People like just getting out seeing something new, and it's a good opportunity for kids to stretch their legs and the older people to just enjoy being out in the nice weather."

COOK

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operations.

"Science Hill offers me the opportunity to do a couple of things that I love to do," said Cook. "I love to lead a district, but the opportunity to work with kids every day on a very close basis and being much more involved in teaching and learning was a big draw for me. My passion is working with kids, and with Science Hill, you get the opportunity to be with them on a one-to-one basis pretty much every day."

With only around 490 students total this school year, Science Hill is a far cry student population-wise from Cook's former district, with two high schools, two junior highs, and elementary schools in every corner of the county. That means having the opportunity to get to know every student in the system each year for Cook, who said he valued "being able to get in classrooms more and watching kids grow, and a small community where you know everybody."

He added, "In small districts, you know all the parents, you know all your students on a first-name basis, and that's something that I really like."

Science Hill isn't the only district locally looking for a

new superintendent — so is Cook's current home, Pulaski County Schools. Patrick Richardson announced in January that he would be retiring following the end of the current school year, and that district is in the midst of narrowing down a field of 10 candidates — one of which was Cook, who had applied for both jobs.

Last May, current Science Hill Superintendent Jimmy Dyehouse announced his retirement plans, meaning that district was further along in the search process. Cook was one of 15 candidates for that job, and he said he felt like if he got the opportunity at Science Hill, he would "jump on it" rather than waiting to see what happened with Pulaski County Schools.

"It's just a place that we've always seen as a great opportunity for a superintendent and a great district and school to lead, and I couldn't pass up that opportunity," he said.

Cook said he's already been communicating with Dyehouse, who has been, along with Science Hill staff, "really gracious" throughout the process.

Tim Eaton, a superintendent search consultant with the Kentucky School Boards Association, has been helping in both local hirings. He noted that Science Hill's board interviewed two candidates on Tuesday evening

and then decided to go with Cook, who accepted the position the next day.

Eaton said that from his understanding, Cook's experience with Pulaski County Schools was a big draw for Science Hill, having been involved in a number of different areas of operation as assistant superintendent.

"He's done a lot of things in his career to be so young," said Eaton.

Skip Norfleet, Science Hill School Board president, said that Cook "brings a whole lot to the table," and added that unlike Dyehouse, Cook will only be serving as superintendent, so a separate individual will serve in the school principal position.

"He just stood above all the rest," said Norfleet of Cook, whose interview was "out of the park." Noting that Science Hill had 15 applicants, Norfleet said, "For a small school, boy, that is something else. That ought

to tell you Science Hill is a wanted job."

Added Norfleet, "(Cook) knows how to take care of everything ... He knows all about grounds, buildings, students. He takes care of 1,400 employees. He's over all the employees of the Pulaski County School System, and just his vast experience and his love for kids (made an impression). ... We fell in love with him."

Norfleet added that Cook signed the contract with Science Hill on Thursday.

"Mr. Dyehouse is tickled to death with his replacement," said Norfleet. "We hate to lose Jimmy, but he's got all of his time in and he's ready to lie back and take it easy."

Said Dyehouse, "Mr. Cook brings with him years of teaching experience as well as administrative experience and we couldn't be happier about the board's decision. Our school family has been praying that God would send us the right



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