

GENERAL NEWS

NCHS Agriculture teacher is ready to break some ground

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New agricultural sciences teacher, Ed Hendrick, 23, says he is excited about his first year of teaching at Nicholas County High School, and he says he hopes to get a lot accomplished this year. Student FFA officers and members say they share his enthusiasm.

"My father was an Ag teacher, and I grew up on a small livestock farm near Elizabethtown, Ky.," Hendrick said last week while supervising six volunteer FFA members install landscaping material near the front of Nicholas County Elementary School. "I've wanted to be a teacher all of my life and I love agriculture."

Hendrick taught high school last year at Weldon High School in Charlotte, N.C., and although the experience was valuable to him, he said he was glad to be back in his native rural Kentucky environment. "I've been in the Nicholas County community since the first of July and I've had a lot of nice experiences here," Hendrick said.

"This is a very nice community and other faculty members have shown me the ropes to help me get started here at school. Mr. (Doug) Beckman and Mr. (Joe) Orazen have also both been a big help." Hendrick has a solid background in farming and said he will help students focus on the often-overlooked business aspects of agriculture.

"I want students to have a wide knowledge of agriculture business," he said. "I want students to be aware of environmental resources and horticulture and I'll try to bring some new experiences to FFA, which will concentrate more on the business side of farming. I hope to install more awareness of agricultural marketing, communications and parliamentary procedure through FFA this year. Our students will be selling plants from the school's greenhouse and I'm looking forward to that as well."

FFA President Jeram Hunt, Vice President Craig McDonald, and Secretary Curtis Barker Jr. joined Hendrick and FFA sophomore members Lucas Myers, Jerry Jolly and Caleb Sadler in installing weed-proof filter fabric and landscaping plants along the front entrance of NCHS.

Each took a few minutes from their voluntary community service to share their thoughts on their experiences and goals in FFA. "I'm excited about this year and working with Mr. Hendrick," Hunt said as he helped install the landscaping features. "I enjoy doing community service and my grandfather Jimmy Hunt began teaching me about farming through his tree nursery and vegetable garden when I was growing up." "I enjoy FFA and public speaking through FFA, and I'm part of the floral design team that will seem to be competing at the state fair. Mr. Hendrick seems very enthusiastic and everyone enjoys

working with him." "I like traveling through FFA competition," McDonald said. "I've made friends all across the state and nation and I've enjoyed seeing a lot of interesting places. I raise and show American chickens through FFA and it's a lot of fun for me. American lay blue eggs. On my first trip to the state fair I watched the poultry show and I became very interested in raising and showing chickens. It has a very calming effect on me and I really enjoy it. I like FFA because I love farming and the outdoors. I won the junior reserve champion for showing a silver Americana at the state fair. I also raise Jersey steers and rabbits. I like enjoy showing rabbits and I think when I'm older I'll probably have a small hobby farm where I can raise a variety of different animals."

"I'm also interested in becoming a machinist. We've got a good FFA program and I think Mr. Hendrick will make it even better. I'm looking forward to this year's state fair and I'll be entering a truckload of chickens. I'm looking forward to all of the FFA activities this year."

Barker, the captain of the floral design team, said she enjoys floral design so much she might try her hand at owning and managing a flower shop or nursery in future years.

"I'm looking forward to attending Eastern Kentucky University next year and majoring in floral design. I enjoy working at Sina's

Flowers on Main Street and I may have a flower shop and landscaping business some day. I enjoy public speaking through FFA and I think we've got a great FFA group this year."

"I like FFA," Myers said. "I live on a farm and like learning more about agriculture. I like working outdoors. I like showing cattle," Caleb Sadler said. "I also like

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Judge-executive Larry Tincher performed the wedding ceremonies for Martha Wells of Millersburg, and Tom Hammonds of Owensboro, who were married on the lawn of courthouse Friday afternoon. The couple exchanged rings and released white balloons at the conclusion of the ceremony.

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Upper left column top photo, girl's 0-months winners were L-R, Prentiss eyes, Audree Nicole Prathist, Cutest outfit Hannah Watkins, best hair, Kaydence Bussell, chubbist cheeks, Kylie Okerman, biggest smile, Elizabeth Fultz, cutest outfit, Paige Kenney. Left center, girls 6-12 months winners L-R: Most hair, Dixie Bussell, prentiss eyes, Chloe Mitchell, biggest smile, Jordan Buchanan, least hair and chubbist cheeks, Brooklyn Fultz, cutest outfit, Haley Carson. Left lower, boys 0-5 months winners: Chubbist cheeks, Aiden Myrner Prathist eyes, Wilson Hunter Hamilton Best smile, most hair, Tyler Frederick, individual photos, best hair, Zachery Perreut, cutest outfit, Chandler Swartz. Center column top photo, boys 6-12 months winners L-R, Least hair and chubbist cheeks, JT Gillespie, most hair and biggest smile, Mason Holland, cutest outfit and prentiss eyes, Jackson Sidles, most hair and biggest smile, Mason Holland, center lower photo, boys winners 13-18 months L-R, Hayden Fultz, Shawn Sears and J.R. McFarland. Right column top photo, girls 13-18 months winners L-R: chubbist cheeks, Emily Curtis, most hair, Kaylyn Bussell, least hair Brooke Vaughn Frederick, cutest outfit and prentiss eyes, Gabriela Ramer, biggest smile, Anna Stone. Right center photo, Petite Princess winners, 3rd runner-up, Jasmine Gaybor, winner, Kaylee Land, 1st runner-up, Emerson Sexton, 2nd runner-up, Trinity Taylor, 4th runner-up, Hannah Howard. Right lower photo, Little Miss and Mister, Dylan Dalreich and Kevsley Stisher.



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