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Letter to the Editor Family Youth Resource Center

Dear Editor,
 This is a monumental time in our county's history in terms of what our community is doing for its future generations. I am proud to represent an organization and a community of individuals, businesses, churches, civic organizations and more who care about the youth.

It's one thing to talk about it; it's quite another to do something about it. Russell County always has and always will rise to the occasion. It gives me so much pride to tell people where I am from.

Over \$73,000 was raised in contributions from this incredible county and outside money as well. This money goes specifically for the needs of children as determined by the family youth resource center managers, and every penny goes

for that. No expenses are taken out for any reason. The best part is, it all stays in Russell County and is used for our children.

Not one other county in the state of Kentucky is doing anything of this magnitude for kids. I applaud all who are a part of this amazing effort! From the Chamber of Commerce to corporations to local businesses to churches and hard-working folks. This is what community is all about!

Russell County, we have reason to be proud! And from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Sincerely,
 Kevin Williams
 Russell Countian

Summer is calling



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Every day for the past week or so, when I go to the elementary school for pick up and drop off, I can't help but feel the giddiness in the air and see the excitement on the faces of children, because summer is almost here.

There is perhaps no expectation so pure and full of hope as a small child's dreams of summer; And it makes me happy to see that for all of the many things that change about childhood, that sentiment stays the same.

As the mother of an inquisitive boy, I am very excited about summer, too. I think it will be more full of reptiles than I'd like, but that's just part of having a boy.

As parents, I think we all feel a strong drive to pack our kids' days full of activities, but remember the magic often happens on lazy days, and that our own small towns have joy to offer. (The county fairs come to mind.)

As the school year draws to a close, I can also see the excitement of teachers' faces who have dedicated so much time and effort into helping our future leaders grow and develop. Thank you to the teachers in our rural communities who are often the unsung heroes of small towns.

Wishing both the children and teachers a wonderful summer full of relaxation, rejuvenation and summer dreams come true.

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Community Meeting Schedules

Russell Springs Council – 2nd Thursday of each month at the municipal room at the City Hall at 6 p.m.

Jamestown Council – 3rd Thursday of each month in the basement of Jamestown City Hall at 6 p.m.

Fiscal Court – 2nd Monday of each month in the Russell County Courthouse at 6 p.m.

School Board – 3rd Monday of each month at various locations at 6 p.m.

Russell County Chamber of Commerce – 3rd Tuesday of each month at various local businesses at 12 noon (CST). Contact the chamber office at (270) 866-4303 for details of this month's meeting location.

Lake Cumberland Area Development District – Board of Directors – 4th Thursday of every odd numbered month at the Area Development District Office at 11 a.m.

Russell County Health Department Board – Local health board meetings are held annually and occur in February. District board meetings are held quarterly.

Russell County Ambulance Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Russell County Library Board – 2nd Tuesday of each month at Jamestown Library at 5 p.m.

County Extension Office Board – 3 meetings a year, one in September; no time set yet for the remaining meetings. Located at the Extension Office.

Partners In Prevention – 4th Thursday of each month at the Russell County Auditorium/Natorium Complex at 12 noon.

Airport Board – 1st Tuesday of each month at the airport at 5 p.m.

Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission Board – 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Tourist Commission, located at 650 S. Hwy. 127 between Arby's and Long John Silver's restaurants, at 12:30 p.m.

County Conservation District – 1st Monday of each month at the district conference room, located at 159 Ferco Way, Jamestown, at 12 noon.

Russell County Industrial Development Authority – 4th Monday of each month at Duo County Telephone, at 8:30 a.m.

Russell County Hospital Board of Directors meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Hospital conference room. No meetings are held in December due to the holidays.

Letter to the Editor policy

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