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Entrepreneur Brad Vaughn, left, expressed his appreciation to the Russell Springs City Council last for their cooperation and assistance in helping to bring several businesses to the city.

City Cites Progress

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

Russell Springs is on the move, Mayor Eddie Thomas said.

Last Thursday, at the regular monthly meeting of the Russell Springs City Council, Thomas spoke about new businesses coming to the city, and signs of progress through several construction projects.

“We’ve got a lot of stuff going on,” the mayor said. “We’ve got three buildings under construction right now in the city limits, and we’ve got some other stuff coming in the future.”

Thomas cited construction of a large warehouse for Bennett’s Carpet, a new Head Start building, and future coffee shop Java Springs.

Positive and progressive economic news was bolstered by a visit to the council by entrepreneur Brad Vaughn.

of stuff here,” the mayor said, “and he’s doing a lot of business here in Russell Springs.”

A Taylor County native, Vaughn presently lives in Casey County, but the search for a location to build apartments helped him discover “The Gateway to Lake Cumberland.”

While searching for land in Russell County, “I ended up driving by a car wash... and buying that car wash,” Vaughn said.

After purchasing the car wash, Vaughn said he “starting asking about different things to solve some needs here.”

So far, Vaughn has built Laker Laundry and Hop, Skip ‘n JUMP behind Northridge Shopping Center, and has a storage facility under construction.

“Both businesses are doing very good,” Vaughn

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At Wolf Creek Dam

Corps Plan Would Replace Spill Gates

Staff report

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering a plan to replace all 10 spillways at the Wolf Creek Dam.

Last week, the Corps Nashville District Office’s Project Planning Branch said an “Environmental Assessment” (EA) has been prepared regarding repairs at the dam.

“The purpose of the EA is to evaluate potential effects of the proposed replacement of the spillway tainter gates and implementation of a risk reduction measure,” Project Planning Branch Chief Craig D. Carrington said.

The report contains two considerations: A “No

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Coach Lucas Ford

‘The Next Chapter of Laker Football’



New Russell County Mighty Laker Football Coach Lucas Ford was introduced to the community last week.

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

With an auspicious outlook, new Russell County Mighty Laker Football Coach Lucas Ford said he is ready to build a culture of champions on and off the gridiron.

Last Wednesday, a reception was held to welcome Coach Ford and his family to Russell County.

The event, held at the Russell County Auditorium Natatorium Complex, gave the community an opportunity to meet and greet the new football coach, and learn his philosophy toward leading the gridiron program.

“It’s kind of a destination job for me,” Ford told those gathered at the reception. “I’ve coached at several different places. This is one the jobs I’ve always looked at.”

Ford said he always saw potential in Russell County, and is ready to get to work.

“I was excited to get the call,” he said.

“Everybody has been very welcoming,” the coach said. “The most common question I’ve been getting from everybody is, ‘What’s your plan?’”

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Wilson Named New Tourism Director

By Wade Daffron
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Danielle Wilson has not even officially started her new job as Executive Director of the Lake Cumberland Tourism Commission, yet accolades abound.

Last Thursday, the tourist commission named Wilson to replace her predecessor, Janette Marson.

Marson tendered her resignation to accept a tourism position in Shelby County, and to be closer to her children living in that part of the state.

Wilson has been serving the commission as an assistant director - promoting Russell County, and acting as an ambassador to the area.

She said she is humbled and appreciative of the



The Wilson family: Camry, Danielle, Grant, and Zach.

acceptance she has received since moving up to her new role.

“The support I have gotten from Russell County since the announcement of my

new position as Executive Director of Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission last week has been amazing,” she

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