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Inaugural event kicks off tourist season

There'll be boats, hot air balloons, vendor booths, food, fireworks, music and more at the inaugural Lake, Rattle & Roll in Jamestown this weekend.

The first-class, family-friendly event is set for this Saturday, May 21, on Monument Square.

"Lake, Rattle & Roll" sprang from a casual conversation among entrepreneurs, musicians, and like-minded people seeking to usher in the tourist season, and bring business and recognition to the Lake



Cumberland area.

Jeff Recker, one of the festival coordinators, said interest in the premier event continues to grow right up to the opening salvo.



From left, Mark and Erin Blasko, of Cumberland Guitars, Maddie Recker, owner of Hymn & Heir, and Jeff Recker, an organizer of this weekend's Lake, Rattle & Roll, at the "Creativity Corner" from which the idea of the first-time festival sprang, and has been nurtured to fruition.

From the "Creativity Corner" on the town square, Recker, wife Maddie, owner of Hymn & Heir, and Mark and Erin Weston Blasko, of

Cumberland Guitars, have been brainstorming, planning, and producing results since the City of Jamestown endorsed the festival idea

earlier this year.

Last last week, a

FESTIVAL,

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Nearly \$88K for Kevin's Kids

Saturday's "Kevin's Kids" concert at the First Baptist Church of Russell Springs raised nearly \$88,000 for area children. Renown entertainer and Russell County native Kevin Williams, below, a longtime member of the Gaither Vocal Band, brought his unique brand of talent, and friends such as gospel artists Wes Hampton and Matthew Holt to help raise funds for local youth services and family resource centers. A total of \$87,145.44 raised will be distributed to help economically-challenged students achieve academic success. This past weekend's free concert was the first such event since 2019 due to COVID. Above, Kevin conducted a community choir as part of the spectacular.



RCH employees get pay increase

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

All non-contract employees at the Russell County Hospital are getting a raise.

Last week, at a special, called meeting of the Russell County Hospital (RCH) Board, a suggestion by returning CEO Scott Thompson led to a 2.5 percent "across

the board" pay increase for all non-contract workers.

Thompson, who served as CEO at the hospital during 2018-2019, said the increase is a way to show appreciation for employees, and combat heavy recruitment in the healthcare field.

"You've got three choices," he told the board. "One of them is do nothing, one of

them is some sort of lump sum that we can do it once and call it done and be finished with it...(or) we can do some sort of percentage... which is what we feel is best."

Facing recent nursing shortages and retention issues, the hospital recently offered incentives such as

RCH,

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'Ms. Rene' retiring from RSES Kevin Reynolds new principal

By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal

The principal is usually the first person at school in the morning and often the last person to leave in the afternoon.

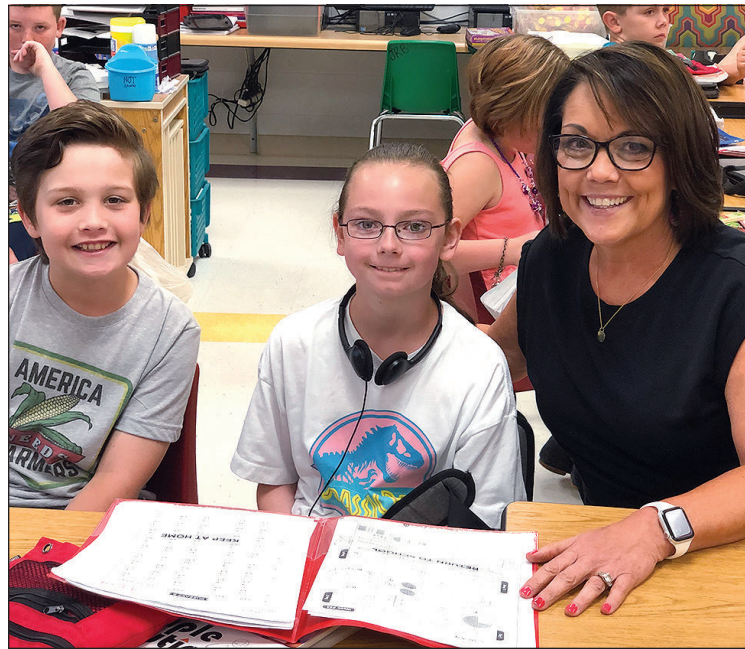
A principal wears many hats - peacemaker, counselor, curriculum specialist, substitute teacher, janitor - just to name a few.

Most importantly, the principal establishes the school climate.

For the past three years,

MS. RENE,

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RSES Principal with students Gianna Overstreet and Asher Bennett.

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