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major corporation came aboard in a big way.

The Lake Cumberland Tourism Commission & Cumberfun, LLC announced America's largest grocery retailer, The Kroger Co, agreed to bring its very own, Kroger branded Hot Air Balloon to Lake, Rattle & Roll on the historic Jamestown Square.

"We're excited to support Lake, Rattle & Roll in its inaugural year," local Kroger Manager Danny Smith said. "This new festival aligns perfectly with our goal at Kroger to be 'Fresh for Everyone.' We expect this event to draw a large crowd and be a big hit for families."

At presstime, two hot air balloons were scheduled to offer rides.

Balloon rides will be available from 6-9 p.m. at a cost of \$10 per

Recker said the balloons are "tethered... so no, you won't float away," and the balloons are handicap accessible.

He also pointed out golf carts are available to help people navigate the festival, and air-conditioned restroom facilities with running water will be on-site.

Visitors entering Jamestown Square will have the opportunity to peruse vintage boats and classic cars, shop at more than 20 local and regional craft vendors, enjoy giveaways and dine at gourmet food trucks.

Saturday's events begin at noon with music on two stages until 9

Local musicians and touring artists include 100% Angus (An AC/DC tribute band), Barracuda (A Heart tribute band), Cumberland Thunder, The Chris Linton Band,

Gordon Shayne Coe, Doug Dillman, David "Crusoe" Robertson, and Joshua Gosser

A choreographed fireworks show will fill the sky over the city at 9 p.m.

Lake Cumberland **Tourist Commission Executive Director** Danielle Wilson said there is widespread interest in the first-ever festival.

"(We're) excited to see what this event will do for the community and the tourism industry," she said. "The economic impact of having vacationers come into the county for special events such as this brings light to all Russell County has to offer."

More than 25 local sponsors have joined Kroger with financial support for the festival including: the City of Jamestown, the Bank of Jamestown, the

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Russell County Hospital, Duo Broadband, Don Franklin Family of Dealerships, Lake **Cumberland Properties** and Wilson & Sons Hardware plus many more.

On Friday, pre-festival activities include a Family Movie at Beck Park with bounce houses open to the public, and free pizza and popcorn sponsored by the City of Jamestown.

Lake, Rattle & Roll has been organized by Cumberfun, LLC in an effort to kick-off the 2022 boating season at Lake Cumberland for Russell County residents and visitors.

Cumberfun, LLC was formed by the owners of Jamestown Square business/residents Hymn & Heir (hymnandheir. com) and Cumberland Guitars (cumberlandguitars.com).

For more information, visit www.Facebook. com/LRRJamestown or contact show organizer Jeff Recker at (615) 969-6468 or by email at zrecker@gmail.com.

With continuing interest in the festival, volunteers are being sought.

Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact Debbie Schumann at (270) 566-1141.

RCH,

"triple pay" for eligible healthcare providers.

The CEO said in reviewing options, a plan was devised which roughly equates to "about \$2 an hour for an average nurse."

"That's where the 2.5 percent came from," he said. "It is cost-affordable...and it's probably in line with what I think is reasonable for us to

Thompson was confident of the plans, and sees benefits into the

future.

"It's a good faith gesture to try to make us more competitive," he said. "This is also a long-term commitment to our employees."

aware of other hospitals "dangling of carrots" to entice employees. Thompson said RCH

He said he was well

actually has incentives prospective employees may not know about.

The board not only

granted the 2.5 percent

pay increase, but also approved new shift incentives involving a "set dollar amount per shift."

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"It could make us more competitive in recruitment," Thompson said. "I think this is a starting point.

In other business, following up on a recent suggestion from RCH Board Member Stuart Carman, a process was initiated to find a new auditing firm for the hospital.



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