

County Buoyed By Two Swim Teams

By Lisa Coffey
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Russell County is very fortunate to have two, summer swim teams - The Russell Rays and Lakewood Marlins.

The Rays are based at the Joseph Smith-Hayes Memorial Pool, and the Marlins are headquartered at Lakewood Country Club's pool.

The Marlins are coached by Zach Grider, Valerie Jacobson, and Morgan Jones.

The team has been around since the late 80's.

"So far this season we have seen tons of new faces and have been working hard since the

end of May," Grider said. "We had some pool issues at first, but those have been fixed and we have been in the water four days a week since the fix."

"We have close to 50 swimmers and they work hard every morning to perfect their stroke technique," he said. "We are looking forward to a great season!"

The first meet for the Marlins is this Saturday at the Cedar Rapids pool in London.

The Rays swim team was established in 2001.

They have already participated in three meets and are entering their fourth week of practice.

The Rays are coached by Glenda Prater, Dawson Haydon, Haven Hadley, Emma Rae Phillips, and Allie Mann.

"All of the Ray's coaches are so encouraged by the progress being made," Prater said. "With 20 new families on the team this season, it is a great opportunity to introduce the sport of swimming to these families."

The coaches encourage everyone to come out and meet and experience the excitement for themselves.

Their next meet will take place on July 7 when they will take on the Marlins at the Lakewood Pool.



Lakewood Marlins practicing for an upcoming meet.



Russell Rays season off to a great start

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