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On Lake Cumberland

## Ohio man drowns

By Wade Daffron  
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A tourist died in an apparent accidental drowning over the weekend.

The body of Gary "Todd"

Blankenship, 57, an Ohio resident, was recovered from Lake Cumberland Friday, Russell County Chief Deputy

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## Lakefest Was the Best!

Thousands of people flocked to the Monument Square in Jamestown this past weekend for the annual Lakefest Celebration.

Above, area DAV members saluted the flag during a wreath ceremony honoring veterans.

Upper Left, Cash Coffey got an unexpected splash during a balloon toss during kids games at the festival.

Left, singer/songwriter Marty Brown was a huge hit for his free concert and meeting and greeting fans as he walked around the city.

Bottom, Craig Morgan wowed the crowd Saturday night with a high-energy presentation of his many hits. More Lakefest photos appear in this issue.



## Williams hailed as "good role model"



Russell County School Superintendent Michael A. Ford, left, and Kevin Williams, right, of "Kevin's Kids," with a check representing money raised to help local children.

By Wade Daffron  
TJ Editor

With humor, humility, and humility, Kevin Williams proudly presented the local school system with over \$91,000 to help children in need.

"This is a record breaker," Williams proclaimed at a Russell County School Board meeting last week.

Through his namesake "Kevin's Kids," Williams

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## RS increasing pay for essential employees

By Wade Daffron  
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Employees of the City of Russell Springs will receive a six percent pay increase.

Last Monday, (June 27) at a special, called meeting

of the Russell Springs City Council, a unanimous vote granted "essential" city workers a raise through American Rescue Plan Act

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