

MS. RENE,

Rene Gossage (or "Ms. Rene"), Principal of Russell Springs Elementary School (RSES), has done just that.

School climate has been referred to as the "heart and soul" of the school.

RSES is a school comprised of caring professionals and staff with Ms. Rene at the helm.

"I've had an amazing faculty and staff that have always been dedicated to their students," she said.

This year, on the last day of school, when the lockers and desks are cleared out for the summer, Ms. Rene will be clearing out her desk and office too - just not for the summer.

After 29 years of putting her heart and soul into education, Ms. Rene has decided to retire.

"I have had the privilege of working alongside Ms. Rene for several years," RSES Assistant Principal Jamie Shearer said. "She has been an

integrated part of this school and will be truly missed."

"'Ms. Rene' has done an outstanding job at RSES," former RSES Principal Keith Emerson said, "and touched the lives of many students while serving as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal. She demonstrated the qualities of a true leader and role model not only for the students but the faculty and staff as well. She will truly be missed and I wish her the very best

in her retirement."

Last Thursday, Superintendent, Michael Ford announced Russell County resident Kevin Reynolds (Currently principal at Casey County High School) was selected as Russell Springs Elementary's next principal.

Mr. Ford, Mrs. Shearer, and Mr. Emerson expressed their congratulations and wished to welcome Mr. Reynolds to the Russell County School System.

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Russell Springs boasts over 11 percent growth



By Wade Daffron
 TJ Editor

To Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas, a promise is a promise.

While delivering a "State of the City Address" last week, Thomas recalled "a promise...to the council...and voters...to improve the infrastructure of the city."

Thursday, at the regular, monthly meeting of the Russell Springs City Council, Thomas had good news to deliver.

"We are in a great financial position," the mayor said. "We are blessed with positive growth - both in commercial and residential areas."

"In the past year we have experienced

growth that I wasn't sure we would see after COVID-19," he said. "Our recent census numbers indicate we experienced a growth of 11.2 percent."

"We are truly blessed because our small city has seen an increase," Thomas said. "Most small cities have seen a decrease."

"We have resurfaced

14 roads," the mayor explained, "and we are currently under a federal grant to rehab some of the sewer and water lines."

"One thing I can say for sure," he said. "We are going after every grant we can. This administration will continue fighting every day for the City of Russell Springs."

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in an April 29, 2022, Application, Kentucky Utilities Company ("KU") is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky of an adjustment of Demand-Side Management ("DSM") Cost Recovery Component ("DSMRC") charges proposed to become effective on and after May 29, 2022.

The proposed changes, if approved, will result in changes to the DSMRC rates calculated per kWh under the DSM tariff for all affected electric rate classes as follows:

Rates:	Current	Proposed
GS, GTOD-Energy, GTOD-Demand	\$ 0.00055	\$ 0.00062
AES	\$ 0.00323	\$ 0.00363
PS, TODS, TODP, RTS, FLS, OSL	\$ 0.00067	\$ 0.00079

The estimated amount of the annual change and the average monthly bill to which the proposed DSMRC charges will apply for each affected electric customer class are as follows:

Electric Rate Class*	Average Monthly Usage (kWh)	Annual \$ Increase	Annual % Increase	Average Monthly Bill \$ Increase
General Service	1,677	113,728	18.9	0.12
GTOD-Energy	No customers on this rate			NA
GTOD-Demand	No customers on this rate			NA
All Electric School	25,242	49,930	54.1	10.10
Power Service	32,604	529,806	40.5	3.91
TODS (Secondary)	195,802			23.50
TODP (Primary)	679,421			81.53
Retail Transmission	2,130,792			255.70
Fluctuating Load	No customers on this rate			NA
Outdoor Sports Lighting Service	7,297			0.88

* The information in the above table does not include industrial customers that have elected to not participate in the DSM program.

Complete copies of the proposed tariffs containing proposed rates may be obtained by submitting a written request by mail to Kentucky Utilities Company, ATTN: Rates Department at P.O. Box 32010, Louisville, Kentucky, 40232, or by visiting KU's website at www.lge-ku.com/our-company/regulatory.

A person may examine this application at the offices of KU located at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky, and at KU's website at www.lge-ku.com. A person may also examine this application at the Public Service Commission's offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the commission's Web site at http://psc.ky.gov.

Comments regarding the application may be submitted to the Public Service Commission, by mail to Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, or by email to psc.info@ky.gov. All comments should reference Case No. 2022-00123.

The rates contained in this notice are the rates proposed by KU, but the Public Service Commission may order rates to be charged that differ from the proposed rates contained in this notice. A person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of initial publication or mailing of the notice, the Commission may take final action on the application.

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Financial Focus

HARNESS THE POWER OF BUDGETING

When you hear the word "budgeting," your first thought might be that it's mostly for young people starting out in their careers and adult lives. Yet, budgeting can be important for everyone, no matter their age. And even if you feel that you're in pretty good financial shape, with a reasonable amount of savings and investments, you can still benefit by establishing a budget or improving your current one.

Here's what budgeting can do for you:

- Give you feelings of control – Not knowing where your money is going can be bewildering. But when you follow a budget, you'll get a clear picture of your money movements. Consequently, you'll feel more in control of your finances – and possibly your life, too.
- Help you identify your priorities – A budget is, first of all, a practical tool that can help you manage your finances by showing what you must spend on your needs – mortgage, utilities, car payment and so on. But a good budget should also have space for your wants – which can range from mundane things, such as new clothes and entertainment, to more aspirational items, such as gifts to charitable organizations you strongly support. By having your needs and your wants in front of you, on a piece of paper or a computer screen, you can determine if you're spending too much on things that aren't important to you and not enough on those that are. Consequently, you may be able to adjust your budget in a way that allows you to put more financial weight behind your priorities.
- Save for emergencies – You never know when you'll need a major car repair or a new furnace or face a large medical bill – all of which can be true budget busters. That's why, within your monthly budget, you should designate a certain amount to an emergency fund, with the money held in a liquid, accessible account. To make it easier to contribute to this fund, you can set up automatic transfers from your checking or savings account into a separate, liquid, low-risk account. It's a good idea to keep at least three to six months' worth of living expenses in your emergency fund.
- Help you pay down debt – By sticking to a budget, you can determine how much money you can devote to paying down your debts. And if you find opportunities within your budget to cut back on your spending, you can use the savings to reduce your debts further.
- Save for your future – Here's another important category for your monthly budget: the future. You should always try to put away some money, even if it's only a relatively small amount, to a retirement account such as an IRA. As your salary goes up, you can increase these amounts. Of course, you may already be contributing to a 401(k) or similar account where you work, but you could spend decades in retirement, so you'll want to accumulate as many resources as you can for those years.

A budget is a humble-appearing document. But, as we've seen, it can play a far more meaningful role in your life than you might have thought – so use it wisely.

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