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New school pick up rule

By Lisa Coffey
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There will be a noticeable change in the process of picking up students when the new school year begins.

On some days, people have arrived over an hour

early to pick up students - sometimes causing traffic congestion and long lines.

Last week, the Russell County School Board announced a new pick up

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Claudia Coffey, of Great Day Live, interviewed Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas for a television spot airing this week. (Photo by Danielle Wilson)

Great Day Live Friday

Russell County featured on TV

By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal

Russell County, you're being watched...

Viewers from across the county, state, and nation will be tuning in tomorrow, Friday, July 29, at 9 a.m. C.S.T. to "Great Day Live" on WHAS 11, in Louisville.

show is featuring Russell County and Lake Cumberland as part of the "Great Day Live Hometown Proud Series."

Late last month, award-winning journalist Claudia Coffey visited the area to interview local office holders

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The popular television

Java Springs is the thing

It's entirely possible to get lost in the moment at Java Springs.

Russell County's newest coffee shop opened two weeks ago to rave reviews.

As a testament to its uniqueness, most people find it difficult to explain exactly what makes it so great.

If you choose a comfy seat in the "living room" ("This is what my living room would look like if I was in my 20s and single," owner Sheri Foster laughs), it's easy to find yourself watching life go by.

The traffic on U.S. 127, and whatever weather there is that day, is perfectly framed by a large, glass-paned garage door at the front of the business.

(The door can be opened up to reveal a cozy front porch for outside dining and socializing.)

And you slowly sip...sip... sip away on the drink of your choice in a relaxed and pleasant state of satisfaction.

Sure, the coffee is exceptional, but so is the ever-changing selection of cookies, cupcakes, cheesecakes, the generous slices of pie (Ask about the "Apple Dapple!"), and other seemingly endless confectionary contributions.



Sheri Foster serves up satisfaction at the new Java Springs.

But that's the scratching the surface...

Java Springs is purposely multifaceted, Foster said.

"We want it to be all things to all people," he said.

Aside from the countless coffee variations, there's an entire boutique full of jewelry, handbags, candles, clothing, gifts, trinkets, and even an embroidery section.

A star in itself is the unique design of Java Springs.

The distinctive color scheme, feel, and flow translated perfectly from idea to fruition.

"It's pretty much what I envisioned," Foster said.

The new business is certainly a "family affair."

"My husband (Eric) is an amazing carpenter and brick mason," Sheri said, "and my

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"Smoke 'em if you got 'em!"

New cigar business is lit

By Wade Daffron
TJ Editor

Entrepreneurs Jonn Stephens and Travis Stringer did more than "think outside the box."

They incorporated the box

into an innovative business idea.

Earlier this month they launched Smoke Hour Cigars.

Operating out of Russell Springs, but serving the

immediate area, Smoke Hour Cigars strives to offer "premium cigars at an affordable cost."

The reception so far "has been great," Stringer said.

"We've been pretty excited getting things started," Stephens said.

Stringer says Smoke Hour Cigars takes a unique approach to their inventory, and satisfying customers.

"Everything we sell, we've tested," he said. "We don't want to sell somebody something we don't think is good."

"We don't go for 'cheap,'" he said. "We go for a little bit better at a decent price."

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Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas, left, received a complimentary cigar last week from Jonn Stephens, center, and Travis Stringer, right, of Smoke Hour Cigars, a new business in the city.

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