

JAVA,

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brother (David Whiston) drove back and forth from Richmond every day to help out and build whatever we needed.”

Sheri's sister (Mandy Whitson Quisenberry), who is well-versed in restaurant management, provided advice and expertise.

Daughter Kadie, an artist, designed the Java Springs menu, and can be found behind the counter at times.

A huge inspiration was Sheri's late father, Franklin Whitson, a “driving force...who encouraged me, guided me,” and was “part of the beginning” of Java Springs.

Sheri's mother, Linda Whitson, gave advice from years of wisdom in customer relations, and can sometimes be seen peeking out from the preparation area.

“They helped make all this possible,” Sheri said.

Businesses such as Southern Plunder provided some of the

eclectic furniture and accent pieces.

“We went for a certain kind of feel,” Foster said, “and I think we achieved that. We want people to feel welcomed, feel relaxed.”

The atmosphere is both artistic and inventive.

An interesting array of unique lighting elicits “oohs” and “aahs,” a “Military Tribute Wall” dedicated to the Armed Services and Veterans promotes pride and patriotism, and an “Art Wall” featuring the works of local artists provides inspiration and insight.

All of this, of course, is in addition to the coffee.

“Having Baxter's Coffee (of Somerset) is a big deal,” Sheri said. “That's a good base to start with...and we have all kinds of possibilities to add to it.”

Foster said customers have been fond of the variety including drinks such as the “Laker Shaker,” “RC Dough

Boy,” “Turtle Mocha,” teas, smoothies, and more.

“Furry friends” are fond of “Pup Cups” - a popular item at the convenient drive-thru.

The Java Springs staff underwent stringent training to ensure quality, Sheri said.

“We strive for consistency,” she said. “We want to do things right...and we welcome feedback because we're here for you.”

Java Springs is located at 23 Bernard Lane, near the entrance to Northridge Shopping Center in Russell Springs.

Hours are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday - 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday - 6 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed Sunday.

For more information, call (270) 866-4566 or visit Java Springs on their very active Facebook and Instagram social media accounts.

CIGAR,

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“We try to keep the costs down,” Stephens said.

Stephens and Stringer not only have an appreciation for fine cigars, but also spend time learning about the market, and seeking out the best products.

“I took me eight months to find ‘601 Blacks’ (A desirable smoke off the market for nearly ten years),” Stephens said, “because there is a limited supply. But we got them.”

Smoke Hour Cigars has options “for beginners, some for immediate, some for higher end” smokers, Stringer said.

Orders are presently filled through the business's Facebook page.

“We'll meet you locally...at designated meeting spots,” Stringer said. “Or we can come to you if you can't make it to us.”

On-line sales are being considered, as well as a future “cigar lounge.”

“We're pretty excited to see where it goes,” Stephens said.

Smoke Hour encourages the curious to contact them with questions.

“We like to talk about cigars,” Stephens said. “I like to educate. We'd love to point you in the right direction.”

He said people shouldn't be intimidated about cigars - especially the price.

“We have some excellent cigars in the \$8 range,” Stephens said.

Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas said the new business is a good fit for the city.

“I'm excited about this,” he said. “It's really taken off.”

“It's different,” the mayor said. “If we're going to grow in the City of Russell Springs, we need to think outside the box. We can't look five years down the road...we need to look 20 years down the road...to the future. Things like this will help us get there.”

For more information about Smoke Hour, call (270) 566-0594, or visit their Facebook page.

TV,

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and business people for a segment airing this week.

Coffey is a friendly and familiar face.

“My family has a long history in Russell County,” she said. “I remember coming to the homeplace as a kid, showing horses in the Russell County Fair and visiting the Creelsboro Country Store with my cousins.”

(Coffey's father, Ernie, was born and raised here.)

One of the places Coffey visited for the show is the revamped Campbell's Creelsboro Country Store.

“This show is especially near and dear to my heart,” she said. “I'm proud of the positive growth happening here and I'm excited to show it off across the Commonwealth.”

As part of the excitement building for the show, a “Watch Party” will be held Friday, 9 a.m., at the Key Twin

Cinema, at the Key Village, in Russell Springs.

Lake Cumberland Tourist Commission Executive Director Danielle Wilson said the event is free to the public, and encourages participation.

Coffey said Great Day Live “can be watched anywhere” with streaming options such as Roku or Fire TV, or by downloading the WHAS11 app.

SCHOOL,

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policy due to “safety concerns.”

“Vehicles are not permitted to enter school campuses for dismissal and/or the student pick up line prior to 15 minutes before the school's time of dismissal,” Russell County School Superintendent Michael A. Ford told The Times Journal.

Ford said the new rule has been enacted “due to safety concerns.”

“We had discussed it for a few years, and it was also recommended this year during some of our schools' safety audits with the State School Security Marshal's office,” Ford said.

The new policy is expected to be in effect when the 2022-2023 school year begins on August 17.

The board met in regular session last Monday, July 18.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer given by Joy Wilson.

All board members were present along with attorney Jeff Hoover.

The treasurer's report was prepared by Marla Carnes and presented by Superintendent Ford as follows:

Balance on Hand-\$7,934,088.99

All Receipts for Month-\$2,118,020.33

All Receipts Beginning Balance-\$10,052,109.32

Disbursements-\$5,433,989.37

Balance Close of Month (cash in bank)-\$4,618,119.95

Fund Balances

General Fund-\$6,128,331.75

Special Projects Fund 2-(\$1,381,618.97)

District Activity Fund 21-\$11,761.14

Capital Outlay Fund 310-\$0

FSBK Building Fund-\$0

Construction Fund-(\$874,832.08)

Debt Service Fund 400-\$0

Food Services-\$731,350.41

Fiduciary Fund 7000-\$3,127.70

Total Cash in Bank-(all funds)-\$4,618,119.95

The board adopted the 2022-2023 Code of Acceptable Behavior and Attendance Policy which was updated earlier in the year to reflect a three-day suspension for the

first offense of student “in possession of, or using tobacco products(including vaping products).”

A second offense would involve a four-day suspension, and a third offense nets a five-day suspension.

Two overnight trips for FFA were approved.

Contracts and Memorandum of Agreements were approved for Adanta, Physical Therapy Services (Kristen Brents), Branscum Construction Company, Inc, AGE Engineering Services, Inc., Brookside Counseling, Second Mile Behavioral Health and Somerset Mental Health.

Finally, personnel reports were presented and accepted for the board. Peyton Bunch (Preschool Teacher at RSES)-resignation, Sarah Huff (new hire) Family Resource Center Assistant for RSES, JES, and Salem, Travis Miller (Assistant Principal RCMS), David Bolin, custodian, Salem Elementary, Haley Hadley (new hire), Instructional Assistant at RSES, Ben Abrell (new hire), 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Hailey Miller (new hire) teacher at Salem Elementary, and Madison Bell resignation.

New RCMS Assistant Principal hopes to be “a positive influence”

By Lisa Coffey
Times Journal

Former middle school teacher Travis Miller has been named as the new, assistant principal at Russell County Middle School for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year.

Travis, who has taught Exceptional Education at the middle school for the past six years, follows the footsteps of Jessica Holt, who is the new Food Services Director for Russell County Schools.

Miller is a 2004 Russell County High School graduate who worked at Fruit of the Loom until his job went overseas. He held a business degree, but decided to further his education by attending the University of the Carolinas.

Miller received his master's degree in Exceptional Education and his Rank I in Administration.

In addition to his time teaching, he also served as former assistant coach and coach of the Russell County High School Boys Golf Team, and worked in after-school as both a teacher, and more recently, a coordinator.

In 2019, Miller was one of the Russell County recipients of the Campbellville University Excellence in Teaching Awards.



New RCMS Assistant Principal Travis Miller

He is married to Rachel, who also teaches at the middle school, and they have two children, Taylor and RandiKate.

“I'm hoping to be a positive influence,” Miller said, “by taking what I've learned from the classroom, and applying that throughout the school.”

Miller considers himself “very fair.”

“I think everyone has to be treated the same in order to get a consistent mindset,” he said.

While he will no doubt be spending time making connections with students and parents, Miller

hopes to also be a valuable resource to the Russell County Middle School's faculty and staff.

“We have a great group of teachers and staff that care about all of the students,” he said. “I hope to support them in any way possible to insure all students are successful here at RCMS.”

Russell County Middle School's open house is Thursday, August 11 from 4-6 p.m.

Mr. Miller looks forward to meeting the new sixth grade students, and reconnecting with current students and their parents.

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