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## Fiscal Court

# 'No' to time change, 'yes' to tax increase

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Eastern Standard Time (EST).

It could be a case of "you win some, you lose some" for Russell Countians as a plan to switch to eastern time was quashed, but an increase in the county occupational tax was passed this week.

Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum recently introduced the plan, and after much public discussion and debate, the issue was brought before the court.

Monday, at the regular, monthly meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, the governing body voted unanimously to "re-scind" a plan to change Russell County from Central Standard Time (CST) to

With consideration to "table" the time change, Fourth District Magistrate Steve Richardson set things in motion to do away with the plan entirely.

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Russell County Judge Executive Randy Marcum said the county is "behind the eight ball" due to inflation and other issues, and increased revenue is needed.

# Pierce first local to get Singletary Scholarship

By Wade Daffron  
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Olivia Pierce's future is as bright at her smile.

And being the first Russell Countian to receive a University of Kentucky Singletary Scholarship is a certainly a reason to be happy.

"It's really such a blessing," the pleasant and pragmatic Pierce said. "It's unreal!"

At 18, Olivia is poised for success.

The Russell County High School (RCHS) senior recently learned she had earned one of only a handful of prestigious scholarships awarded by the University of Kentucky (UK).

The academic scholarship-named for noted historian and eighth president of UK, Otis A. Singletary-is awarded to 20 Kentucky students, and five out-of-state students each year.



Olivia Pierce has earned a prestigious Singletary Scholarship to attend the University of Kentucky.

Although thousands of applicants apply, only one percent are awarded "free ride" scholarships of this type.

A celebrated senior at the Russell County High School, Olivia has been pursuing scholarships as she plots and plans her career

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Russell Springs Mayor Eddie Thomas, left, presented retiring Public Works Supervisor Terry Russell, right, with special recognition at last week's city council meeting.

# Resignation, retirement in city of Russell Springs

By Wade Daffron  
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Eddie Thomas.

Two people praised for helping the city of Russell Springs proceed with progress are leaving their official positions.

In a letter dated March 8, Holt tendered his resignation "effective immediately" to Russell Springs City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Last Thursday, at the monthly meeting of the Russell Springs City Council, the announcement of Public Work Supervisor Terry Russell's retirement, and City Councilman Tom Holt's resignation was made by Mayor

"It's been an honor to serve on the council for the past several years," Holt's letter said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to have worked alongside such dedicated individuals. I want to express my sincere appreciation to Mayor Eddie Thomas, the

city council members, city employees, and the citizens of Russell Springs for their support during my tenure. I have learned so much from each of you, and will always cherish the memories and experiences we shared together."

"As I step down from my position, I am confident that the City of Russell Springs will continue to prosper and

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