

# Study: Citizens react to time zone change

When Wayne County, in rural southeast Kentucky, petitioned the U.S. Department of Transportation in 1999 to join the Eastern Time Zone, a University of Kentucky geography professor decided to investigate the issues.

In his report, Professor Stanley D. Brunn highlighted the pros and cons for the citizens who were involved in the time zone question.

Wayne County was allowed to change time zones in October 2000. Public meetings, letters and petitions demonstrated divided sentiment. Almost 70 percent of the 2,500 signatures sent to the department supported the change. Brunn looked at 660 individual letters to identify the major reasons supporting and opposing the change.

Linkages to places of employment and shopping and visits to physicians were major reasons in support of the change. Objections were a dissatisfaction with not having a citizen referendum, concerns about children's safety waiting for buses in the dark, "liking it the way it is," and inconvenience for farmers.

"Every time when I cross the county line, I see the sign that says, 'Entering Central Time Zone.' This lets everyone entering Wayne County know that we are on a slower time. Right or wrong, the perceptions by many people is that we are slow in more ways than just time. That sign might just as well say 'Entering 1949, Set Expectation

Back 50 Years,'" wrote one resident in support of the change.

Wayne County, in south central Kentucky, abuts the Tennessee line and is two counties west of I-75. Monticello is economically tied to the Lake Cumberland recreation area nearby. The county's pace of life is described by many residents as slow; many refer to the county as being on "slow time." One resident remarked: "We're a laid-back little community. We're farmers, small businesses, people like that We're not a progressive city .... The Eastern time zone; it's a faster pace," he said.

Some Wayne County residents found the time change a concern, but for others it made little difference in their daily lives. A retired school superintendent said, "I got a rooster up there, and he crows the same time no matter what time it is."

The Department of Transportation considered factors including?

- Where do businesses get their supplies and ship them?
- Where do communities get television and radio broadcasts?
- Where are the newspapers that serve the community published?
- Where do residents go for bus and rail service?
- Where is the nearest airport?
- What percentage of residents work outside the community?
- What are the major elements in the community's economy; is it declining or improving; what are current economic development plans?

• What is the standard time in places people go to for shopping, recreation, schooling, health care and worship?

Major reasons in support or against.

There were more than 50 reasons given opposing the time change, and about half that number supporting it, Brunn found..

The major reasons for the change were economic, that is, the major cities people went to for shopping, employment and entertainment were in the Eastern Time zone. The television stations they watched were in this zone. The major metropolitan linkages were in the Eastern Time zone, Knoxville, Lexington and Cincinnati, and Somerset, the county seat in nearby Pulaski County. Other reasons high on the list of those supporting the change were that Wayne County residents would then be working in a county in the same time zone as the one in which they lived, perceived benefits or progress would be brought to Wayne County and residents would be in the same time zone as their physicians.

"The system is broken and needs fixing," "will benefit the tourist economics and especially those coming from Eastern Time zone," "it will decrease confusion," "I can take classes from Eastern Kentucky University now," "I have children and grandchildren in this poverty stricken area and believe there is a possibility that this change will help

them and their children earn a better wage and have a better life," "our TV Guide comes on Eastern time," and the "emergency weather bulletins are always written for Eastern time area..

One person remarked on the strange way the state's time-zone boundaries are delimited: "One does not need to be a rocket scientist to see that there is a need to straighten out the line..

Reasons for opposing the time change mostly pertained to personal, rather than community or regional interests. Highest on the list were those who expressed disapproval that no countywide vote was taken. Some opposed the change, but gave no reasons. Many opposed the change because they "liked it the

way it is" or they included a statement to the effect that "the county has always been the way it is for a long time, so why change it..

Other reasons included concerns that those employed in counties still on Central Time would then be working in a time zone different from the one in which they reside; fears related to the safety of children getting on buses "in the dark," and concerns that "school would be starting too late" and babysitting and child care would have to be adjusted. A number of farmers opposed the change because it would be an inconvenience on their beginning work in the fields and on purchasing needed equipment at day's end.

Others gave reasons "mail delivery would be delayed," "would lose an extra hour of daylight for evening work outside," "hay dries faster on Central time," "will cause adjustments in schedules of diary farmers and cattle," "please don't make the freedom of worship almost impossible, considering that dinner has to be served, homework completed and baths have to be taken after returning from Wednesday night services..

One practical resident wrote, "it is going to cause confusion to everyone who works, goes to school, goes to church, etc. You will have to change all the maps, atlases, telephone books, etc. Is it worth all that, not to mention the expense?."

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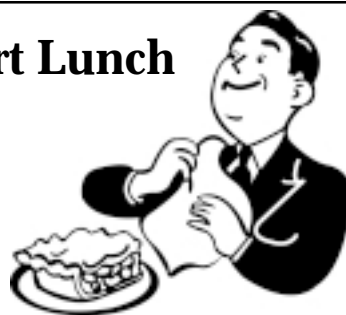
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1986 International feed truck, DT 466 motor, Allison auto, brownie box, Morhlang 600 feed box, S&H feed wagon, PTO drive, 5'x12' box with tiptops, looks like new, Brent 450 grain cart with tiptops and roll tarp, 500 bushel capacity, 1997 McDon 1000 - 7 bale mover, 90 rotating pick-up attachment to load bales non-stop, Clark Michigan 75C Payloader, Cummins Diesel, 22' Kewanee 900 series finishing disk, tandem with mounted 300 gallon spray tank, can be removed and used as ground rig, wheels included, Snowco rotary seed cleaner, screens for corn, wheat, sunflowers, 2-Dalton 1 1/2 HP 115 or 220, 2 - IH 150 drills, 30' Krause disk, Tandem axle dry fertilizer spreader, Harsh 300 feed wagon, roller packer, 7 shank ripper, flood irrigation equipment, gravity flow cart, 5x5 Flex King sweeps, NH4 tool bar with shanks, , water tanks, 15' speed mower, JD crustbuster, Roto Grind tub grinder, 3 pt JD25A sprayer - like new, 2 - Haukaas hydraulic markers, side arm fold off 42' JD air seeder, Orthman model 8350 12 row cultivator - reconditioned and very nice, Ford 30' field conditioner with Degalman harrows, Carary chaffer spreader, IH 490 32' disc, 1000 gallon fuel tank with Tathill pump, Hay Buster tub grinder with hammer mill, Stanton 5 bottom roll over plow, Melroe spray coupe - needs work, 8 new trash whips for JD 8 row planter.

### Recreational

1995 Gulf Stream 26' fifth wheel camper, excellent condition, 1976 Tumble Weed 32' 5th wheel travel trailer, sleeps 6, washer and dryer, 30 gal-

lon hot water heater, bathroom with full tub

### Tractors and Harvesting

1992 Case-IH 2188 AFS, 2 speed hydro spec rotor, factory chopper, 2400 separators, 0 hours on recondition, local 1 owner, 1992 JD 9600 combine with 930 header, 1989 Versatile 976, 5200 hours, 200 hours on rods and mains, new injectors, 1979 JD 8640 tractor, 4WD. 3 pt., PTO, GVI MM tractor, 925 JD wheat head, 9N Ford loader, fresh overhaul, 1083 corn head, reconditioned, new paint, Case IH 10-10 30' header, pick-up head for JD and IH, 9030 Versatile, 2700 hours, 3 pt on both ends (PTO 1 end), dirt mover with Detroit motor - needs work, Pinto bean kit for 1680 - 2388 combine, 1 set Neoprem milo guards for 30' head, IH 810 header with 9" sunflower pans, JD model 830 swather, 853 JD row head.

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### Mowers and Miscellaneous

Snapper mower, MTD lawn tractor, like new, 14' Heil gravel box off of dump truck, air compressor, like new, 150 HP electric irrigation mo0tor with panel, 25 KW generator - diesel, Hoffoco posthole digger, 3hsp/9" - like new, 4 foot rotary mower - 3 point.

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