

Weather Record

Date	1-1	1-2	1-3	1-4	1-5	1-6	1-7
High	54.6	43.3	41.7	52.9	52.6	58.9	64.2
Low	41.3	40.3	35.4	35.4	34.3	30.3	47.1
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Reporting period for each day runs from midnight to midnight. Statistics from Kentucky Mesonet's Bengal Station.

Clark seeks state Distinguished Young Woman title

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Jessica Clark, 2019 Green County Distinguished Young Woman, will compete in the statewide scholarship program Jan. 11-12 at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the University of Kentucky campus.

Thirty young ladies from across the state will compete for the title.

The 17-year-old daughter of Doug and Janice Clark will be judged in the areas of fitness, self-expression, interview, scholastic and talent.

The scholarship program, founded in 1958 in Mobile, Ala., has provided life-changing experiences for thousands of young women.

"I decided to compete in the local program because of the scholarship opportunities and being able to compete with other girls in my grade,"

Clark said. She left for the state program Jan. 6 with practice to begin that very afternoon. Clark also met with her host family, Tom and Julie Jones of Versailles.

Practices have continued throughout the week leading up to competition this Friday and Saturday.

Talking about her strengths, Clark said, "I feel like my strengths are fitness and talent which I have been taking piano lessons since I was six."

Thursday will be the interview and the preliminaries will be Friday evening and Saturday. She will compete in the fitness and self-expression preliminaries Friday and talent Saturday.

Finals are set for Saturday evening.

Her talent will consist of a piano solo entitled "Scherzo in D Minor" by Cornelius Gurliitt.

During the week, Clark has been in-



Photo by Clevis Jeffries

Green County Distinguished Young Woman Jessica Clark, right, converses DYW "little sister" Ava Kate Sprowles during a send-off reception held in Clark's honor Friday at the home of Randy and Erika Sprowles.

involved in three major activities - visiting with veterans at the VA Medical Center, having lunch at the UK Faculty Club and taking part in "My Town" by preparing a segment describing what makes her hometown special.

Judges will base their results on the five components that make up the competition.

According to Clark, in the category of scholastics, ACT scores, grade point averages and difficulty of classes are considered.

For the fitness category, they observe one's agility, strength and composure.

In self-expression, she will be judged on gracefulness and ability to answer the on-stage question.

The interview involves knowledge of

current events and the ability to communicate effectively.

Talent is judged based on level of difficulty and how well one performs.

Scholarship monies are available and participants who receive such may attend various colleges across Kentucky.

Clark plans to attend Western Kentucky University, acquiring a degree in Agribusiness.

She commented that her future aspirations include returning to the local area and pursuing a career in agriculture.

Concerning her participation in the program, Clark said, "I hope to have a good time participating and meeting girls from across the state."

For more information about the Distinguished Young Women program, visit the websites, www.distinguisheddyw.org or www.ajm.org.

School Board honored this month

January is School Board Recognition Month in Kentucky

As Kentucky observes School Board Recognition Month in January, Green County is joining in the celebration.

Marshall Davis, Marcy Goff, Dan Hedgespeth, Clevis Jeffries and Mike McCubbin are among the more than 850 school

board members in the state's 173 local school districts being recognized this month for their service.

This is the perfect time to thank school board members for serving in a role that has become increasingly complex, said David Webster, president of the Kentucky School Boards Association and chairman of the Simpson County school board.

"Members of the Green County Board of Education are responsible for making decisions aimed at

ensuring that every child in their district has a chance to be successful both in school and in life," President Webster said. "To do that, members oversee a \$16-million budget, keep up with changing education laws and policies and spend hours on professional learning and state-mandated training."

The voters in Green County have elected these local leaders, who work to give every child in every classroom access to high quality teaching

and learning," said Will Hodges, superintendent of Green County Schools.

"At a time when state and federal funding continues to shrink, our school board members haven't flinched in the face of the challenges or shied away from their responsibilities," he said.

"Our community can be very proud of this team of board members, and I'm proud to be their partner in striving for education excellence for our children."

Board of Educ. Public forum set for January 18

Green County Board of Education will have their annual public forum at the Board office Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. CST to assess the current Local Wellness Policy.

Each school is required to have a Wellness Policy, which is an opportunity to address school learning environments and to best equip districts and schools to equitably address the nu-

tritional and physical activity needs of all students. Each school completes an assessment of their nutritional and physical activities.

The District will report the findings of the assessments, as well as recommendations for improvements, at this public forum.

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend.

Frost-Arnett Co. to expand, creating 135 full-time jobs

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A Campbellsville company will be expanding and relocating, adding more than 100 jobs in the process, according to Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin's office.

Bevin announced two weeks ago that Frost-Arnett Co., an accounts-receivable management company operating in Campbellsville for nearly two decades, will create 135 full-time jobs and invest \$2.84 million as it relocates to a new office within the community.

Frost-Arnett is currently located in Elmhurst Plaza but plans to buy and renovate a facility at 685 Watertower Bypass, known as the Lippert building.

The company also plans to purchase and install new furniture and equipment. In addition to allowing significant employment growth, the new office will include state-of-the-art amenities, technology and telephony capabilities, according to the release.

Construction is set to begin in February, and completion of the project is expected in June, according to the release.

Frost-Arnett has been a reliable employer in the south central region of Kentucky, and we are grateful for this additional investment," Bevin said. "The 135 announced jobs will greatly benefit the Taylor County community, and will strengthen our relationship with a company widely respected within its industry. We thank Frost-Arnett for its long-term commitment to the commonwealth."

The company initially opened its Campbellsville office in 1999 with 20 employees and has since grown to 185 associates, according to the release.

The project comes in response to both recent growth and prospective new business.

"It became clear to everyone at Frost-Arnett when we opened our office in Campbellsville almost 20 years ago that it was a special place. As we have grown our operations here, we have found that our team members embody the core values of America: dedication to work and family, commitment to excellence and a passion for doing things the right way," said Jason Meyer, Frost-Arnett's CEO. "We are grateful

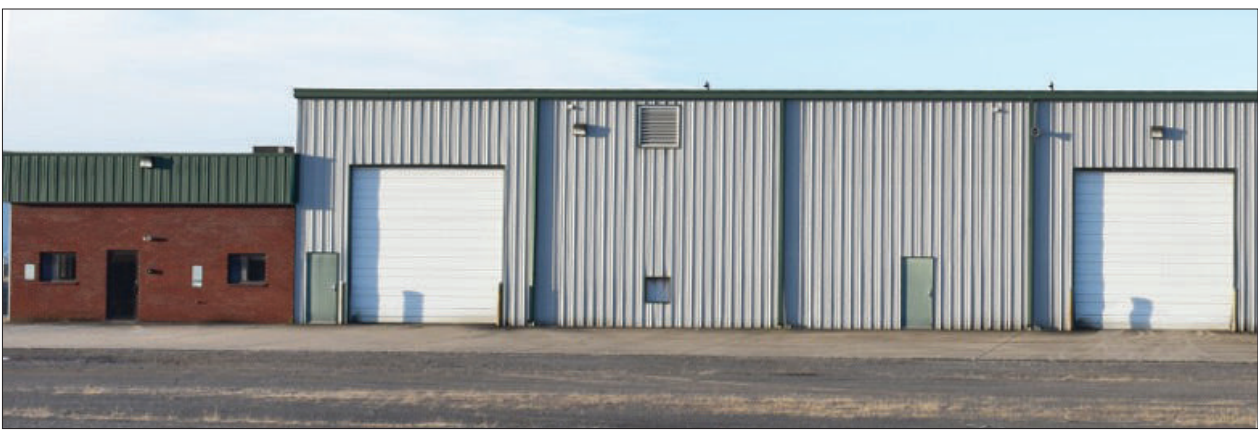


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to be a part of such a wonderful community and provide good jobs for the people of Taylor County. We hope that our new facility will allow us to continue to attract good people and grow our team here for years to come."

Frost-Arnett, founded in 1893 and currently headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, is a family owned accounts-receivable management company focused on customer support and collections for healthcare providers. Its services include early-out, bad debt recovery, pre-certification, pre-service, insurance follow-up and cleanup work for legacy systems. In 2017, the Better Business Bureau recognized Frost-Arnett with the

Torch Award for Ethical Commerce. In its 125-year history, the company has grown to more than 400 employees at offices in Campbellsville, Houston and Nashville.

Sen. Max Wise, of Campbellsville, said the company is helping to set the standard for business growth in the area.

"As a reliable and respected company, Frost-Arnett is setting a new paradigm for economic development in our community," Wise said. "I am confident this investment will bring responsible growth to Taylor County."

Rep. John "Bam" Carney, of Campbellsville, said the investment indicates continued growth for the region.

"I'm thrilled to see a company like Frost-Arnett provide such a tremendous boost to our community in the form of new jobs and higher wages for their employees," Carney said. "This is welcome news to our community, and is just another sign that our south central Kentucky economy is growing at a strong level."

Campbellsville Mayor Tony Young expressed gratitude for the company's commitment to the community.

"We are honored and appreciate Frost-Arnett choosing Campbellsville for this very important investment," Young said. "Their decision to expand in Campbellsville speaks to the strength and dedication of their lo-

cal workforce. We look forward to their future growth potential and the effect on our local economy."

Taylor County Judge-Executive Eddie Rogers said the investment is a reflection of the local workforce.

"This is a great day for Taylor County. We are excited to have Frost-Arnett reinvest and expand in our community," Rogers said. "Frost-Arnett's new jobs and huge capital investment in Taylor County is a testimony to the excellent work ethic of our people."

Ron McMahan, executive director of Team Taylor County, said the company's recommitment reiterates the local business climate.

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