THE WEATHER REPORT

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SOMERSET FIVE-DAY FORECAST



TONIGHT Partly cloudy and humid

▲ 79°

▼58° not as warm

THURSDAY





Warm with

clouds and sun

warm ALMANAC DATA Somerset through 4 p.m. yest. Temperature 86° 64° Precipitation 24 hrs ending 4 p.m. yest. .. 0.04" Month to date 0.04' Year to date 37.05"

SUN AND MOON Sunrise today 7:23 a.m. Sunset tonight 7:42 p.m. Moonrise today 10:21 p.m. Moonset today 11:20 a.m.

Sunshine and Partly sunny and Partly sunny and warm very warm **REAL FEEL TEMP** Forecasts and graphics provided by **AccuWeather**, Inc. ©2019 Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. Today 8 a.m. 66° 87/62 Noon 89° 4 p.m. 90° 8 p.m. 78°

FISHING REPORT

Lake Cumberland Fishermens' Hotline 606-678-8697

Fishing Conditions

Smallmouth are being caught on the main lake points and creek pockets. The best baits are jigs, shaky heads, crankbaits, spinner baits, and swimbaits.

Largemouth are also being caught during the day in the backs of creeks around laydowns and spawning areas using jigs, spinnerbaits, crankbaits and a flipping bait.

Stripers can be caught during the day on deep diving crankbaits, live bait, and A-rigs on the creek banks and secondary

Walleye are being caught in the rivers and main channel flats on jigheads with a 3 inch grub and jerkbaits.

Crappie are being caught in creek pockets around cover using live minnows and jigs.

Lake Conditions

On September 10, 2019, the headwater elevation was at 699.86 ft. and the tailwater elevation was at 545.86 ft. The water temperature is 82 degrees.

SPEDA



SPEDA President and CEO Chris Girdler, right, met with several members of the 11-county Kentucky Crossroads coalition Sept. 13 to discuss how to promote south central Kentucky.

SPEDA hosts Kentucky Crossroads economic development meeting

SPECIAL TO THE CJ

The Somerset-Pulaski **Economic Development** Authority (SPEDA) hosted members of a regional economic development partnership Friday to discuss ways to promote south central Kentucky.

Kentucky Crossroads is an alliance of economic development organizations in 11 counties, including Anderson, Boyle, Casey, Garrard, Lincoln, Marion, Mercer, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Taylor and Washington. Coalition partners emphasize collaborative regionalism, with the goal of marketing the region first and the sites available within it, and then allowing each county to respond to its specific interest in business prospects

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> **Chris Girdler** SPEDA President and CEO

that are identified.

"As we continue to promote regionalism, SPEDA was privileged to host Kentucky Crossroads in Somerset to discuss how we can promote the south central region of Kentucky," said Chris Girdler, SPEDA president and CEO. "Kentucky Crossroads is a forward-thinking

coalition that is working together to bring about positive economic change for the region as a whole.'

Kentucky Crossroads partners openly share information and best practices with one another to improve the performance of local economic development organizations, and advocate for region-wide

public policy issues and solutions that enhance the overall business climate for participating counties. Ultimately, Kentucky Crossroads partners want to make it easy for companies to get the assistance they need to make site-selection and expansion decisions that will accelerate their success.

"This organization embodies SPEDA's commitment to promoting cooperative spirit in economic development," Girdler said. "The ability to work together does amazing things for a community, but also for a region. I am appreciative to be a part of this group of professionals who have south central Kentucky's best interest at heart."

The best has yet to come

Dear Annie: I am a very lucky 67-year-old. I have a job I enjoy every day, a happy marriage, wonderful children and grandchildren, and my health is excellent. I also know that, life being what it is, I am likely to be dead or at least confined to an assisted living center in a decade. I've had a great life and am ready for death, if that is what comes next.

Residing in an assisted living center is what scares me. Being confined to a small space with other old people, watching television or playing cards all day while hoping for a visitor who sees it as a chore to visit me and waiting

for the next meal that is the same as last week's meal

 it all seem so dreary. How do people prepare themselves for this? Sure, I can stay focused on what I do and enjoy today. But things won't be the same 10 years from now. How do I prepare for that?

Already, I am seen differently because of my age, and that has caused me to start thinking differently. I've always been interested in politics and public policy. I've always been active in our community. I've served on a number of local non-

profit boards. I've helped with some big projects that will benefit people for a long time.

ANNIE'S

MAILBOX

Annie

Lane

Now, however, when I go to a community meeting, even though I am careful not to talk too much, I can tell that I am regarded as that old guy who is fading away. And in truth, I understand. I was once one of those young fired-up community leaders who was always thinking about what could be done to make things better for the next generation. Now that I won't be around long enough to see that new park built or that new library opened or what will happen if that the zoning is changed or a new road is built, I can't blame the younger people who see me as not so relevant. And that, in turn, has caused me to think less and to care less about what things will be like 25

SEE **ANNIE**, **A5**

Somerset named 'safest city' in Kentucky

BY CARLA SLAVEY COMMONWEALTH JOURNAL

The website BackgroundChecks.org has named Somerset the safest city in Kentucky. The website describes itself primarily as a portal for conducting free background checks and helping to

find public records. For an article ranking the safest cities within

Kentucky, the site states that it used Federal Bureau of Investigations crime statistics to rank all cities with a population of more than 10,000.

The site states, "We then calculated violent crime rates and property crime rates by dividing the crime num-

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