

Weather Report for Ashland

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASHLAND

TODAY

71°

Mostly cloudy

RealFeel: 71°

TONIGHT

49°

Partly cloudy

RealFeel: 49°

SATURDAY

83° / 62°

Warmer with times of clouds and sun

RealFeel: 83° / 59°

SUNDAY

68° / 44°

Rain and a t-storm; windy, cooler

RealFeel: 64° / 40°

MONDAY

66° / 47°

Plenty of sunshine

RealFeel: 68° / 43°

TUESDAY

66° / 41°

A shower in the morning; some sun

RealFeel: 65° / 34°

The patented **AccuWeather.com RealFeel Temperature®** is an exclusive index that combines the effects of temperature, wind, humidity, sunshine intensity, cloudiness, precipitation, pressure and elevation on the human body – everything that affects how warm or cold a person feels. Shown are the highest and lowest values for each day.

ALMANAC

Huntington, WV ending 4 p.m. Thursday

Temperature	
High/low	68° / 50°
Normal high/low	69° / 46°
Record high	87° (1947)
Record low	30° (1945)
Precipitation	
24-hour total	0.00"
Month to date	1.60"
Normal month to date	1.57"
Year to date	41.16"
Last year to date	34.52"
Normal year to date	37.01"

UV INDEX TODAY

The higher the **AccuWeather.com UV Index™** number, the greater the need for skin and eye protection.

10 a.m.	2 (Low)
Noon	3 (Moderate)
2 p.m.	3 (Moderate)
4 p.m.	2 (Low)

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:49 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:52 a.m.
Moonset today	5:06 p.m.
New	Oct 21
First	Oct 29
Full	Nov 5
Last	Nov 12

KENTUCKY WEATHER

Regional Forecast: Mostly cloudy today; a nice afternoon for outdoor activities. Partly cloudy tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow. Sunday: cooler with rain and a thunderstorm; thunderstorms can bring localized damaging wind gusts.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

NATIONAL FORECAST TODAY

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for the day.

Shows: Showers, T-storms, Rain, Flurries, Snow, Ice

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Thunderstorms will move across portions of the Plains from the Texas Panhandle through northern Minnesota today. Some storms will be capable of hail, flooding downpours and localized damaging wind gusts from northern Texas through central Iowa into the evening. It will be cool in the Southwest but warmer across the Midwest and Southeast.

Yesterday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High 95° in Columbia, MS **Low** 17° in Burns, OR
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RIVER & LAKE LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. yesterday

	Flood Stage	Level
Ohio River		
Ashland	52	34.68
Portsmouth	50	15.15
Little Sandy River		
Grayson	21	4.24
Leon	NA	3.57
Grayson Lake	NA	

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today	Sat.		Today	Sat.		Today	Sat.		Today	Sat.
City	Hi/Lo W	Hi/Lo W	City	Hi/Lo W	Hi/Lo W	City	Hi/Lo W	Hi/Lo W	City	Hi/Lo W	Hi/Lo W
Bowling Gr., KY	80/62 pc	85/60 pc	Chattanooga	81/58 pc	83/65 pc	Frankfort	72/55 pc	82/62 pc	Knoxville	76/56 pc	82/64 pc
Bristol, TN	74/48 pc	81/59 pc	Cincinnati, OH	71/55 pc	80/60 pc	Gatlinburg, TN	74/55 pc	80/59 s	Lexington	73/58 pc	83/63 pc
Charlotte, NC	74/53 s	80/59 s	Columbus, OH	68/50 pc	80/61 pc	Huntington, WV	71/50 pc	82/63 pc	London	73/54 pc	82/63 pc
Charleston, WV	70/48 pc	81/61 pc	Dayton, OH	70/54 pc	80/59 pc	Jackson	71/58 pc	81/61 pc	Louisville	74/62 pc	83/61 pc
									Myrtle Beach, SC	70/51 s	74/61 s
									Nashville, TN	83/64 pc	87/64 pc
									Owensboro	76/61 pc	83/53 t
									Paducah	79/63 pc	83/56 t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

MARTIN

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Dick Martin became as much an icon as his son would later be. He even served as Ashland’s mayor, but it was his radio work — and his love for the Tomcats — that defined him.

Dicky once laughed recalling a moment from his childhood when his dad waved a handkerchief at a referee. “The ref came over and said, ‘You got something to say?’ Dad said, ‘Here, talk right into the microphone.’”

The referee rolled his eyes and went back to the game. Soon enough, the calls evened out.

That was Dick Martin — unfiltered, bold, and impossible to ignore.

Learning the craft

Dicky learned early that preparation mattered. His parents made him listen to recordings of his voice and work on his diction. “I had that Ashland twang,” he told me once. “They made me pronounce and enunciate until I got it right.”

Few were ever more prepared behind a mic than Dicky Martin. He could deliver a sharp one-liner at just the right moment — often unrehearsed, sometimes regretted, but always memorable.

“It’s humbling,” he said, “that people bring radios to the games just to listen.”

In his early days, his passion sometimes got him in trouble. He was banned once from the Boyd County Middle School gym. Some Tomcat fans didn’t always agree with his takes, but they still listened — often through headsets in the stands, wanting his voice to accompany what they were seeing.

His first broadcast came in 1973 when his father pretended to lose his voice and handed the mic to Dicky during a Raceland-Holy Family game. Dicky had just graduated from Ashland the year before. By 1975, he was the full-time voice of the Tomcats.

The rest, as they say, was history.

A voice shaped by legends

Dicky often said he learned from three of the best: his father, UK legend Cawood Ledford, and Hall of Fame broadcaster Marty Brennaman. “My dad was the best,” he said. “I learned from him, from Cawood, and I love to listen to Marty. He’s the best one living.”

Patterned after greats, yes — but Dicky was one of a kind.

“I’ve mellowed a lot,” he told me a few years ago. “I’m kind of like a fan in a way. When a guy misses a call, the fans go, ‘Oooooooh!’ I just get to do it over the air.”

The ‘Three D’s,’ lasting friendships

This story isn’t complete

without mentioning his longtime sidekick, David “Dirk” Payne, who passed away a few years ago. Dicky loved him deeply. “There aren’t many men I love more than him,” he said. “When my dad died, Dirk thought it was me. He had a stroke that day. One day I lost my father and damn near lost Dirk, too.”

Dirk and Dicky on the air were Ashland’s equivalent to Marty and Joe with the Reds. You never wanted to miss a second.

Longtime fan Donna Suttle was another dear friend. She called them the “Three D’s” — Dicky, Dirk and Donna. Her heart is broken now that trio is down to one.

Dicky Martin jokes with players at the Ashland football practice field while holding the game ball from a win in 2020. The Tomcats gave Martin the ball following the win over the Pirates to advance to the state finals. Martin was presented the ball by Chad Tackett.

He had many more friends in Ashland. Everybody knew of Dicky Martin and his love for the Tomcats.

Beyond the Tomcats

Dicky’s voice wasn’t confined to Ashland. His career took him to Soldier Field, the Gator Bowl, Ohio State’s “Shoe,” and RFK Stadium while calling games for the semipro West Virginia Rockets. He worked Morehead State basketball games during Wayne Martin’s coaching era, which took him to Madison Square Garden and two NCAA tournaments. But his heart was always at home.

“My two favorite places are Putnam Stadium and Anderson Gym,” he said. “I love those places.”

He had been to every state basketball tournament since 1976 — and his father took him to his first in 1961, when Ashland won it all. He was just 7 years old then, but he never forgot.

Football was his true passion. “I never dreamed I’d be doing this as long as I have,” he said. “But I loved every second of it.”

So did we, Dicky. So did we.

POWER

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more putting more solar panels on; that’s expensive, I get it. I’ve talked to people who are putting more wood-burning stoves in and other heating devices that aren’t safe.”

Griffith said she’s met with Cynthia Wiseman, President and Chief Operating Officer of Kentucky Power. Griffith said while she doesn’t see eye to eye with Wiseman on the issues at hand, she appreciates Wiseman’s kindness and willingness to have a conversation.

Griffith said Kentucky Power, according to its website, said

it needs to adjust rates due to upgrades, vegetation management and storm severity.

She called the proposed rate hikes “excessive and disturbing.”

Griffith supplied statistics form the Commonwealth of Kentucky PSC, indicating the drop-off of Kentucky Power customers from 2010 to 2024.

Statistics reflect a 32.8% decrease in industrial customers in that time frame, while total cost per kilowatt-hours is up 85.76%.

Judge-Executive Eric Chaney thanked Griffith for her passion and extensive research.

“There’s a lot here to unpack,” Chaney said. “I fully

understand rate hikes and how we want to try to minimize this as much as possible. ... Kentucky Power has always been a fantastic partner.”

Chaney said Kentucky Power has two options: raise rates or pursue economic development as hard as it can.

Chaney said he knows Kentucky Power has invested heavily at EastPark.

Griffith said she feels like “we are on a roll” regarding economic development in the area.

She encouraged folks to reach out to the PSC at psc.comment@kentucky.gov. She said you can put case number “2025-00257” in the subject line.

Other highlights from

Wednesday’s meeting:

- Boyd County proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. County commissioners and Chaney posed for a picture with Linda Day, of Safe Harbor.
- The fiscal court approved a statewide mutual aid agreement.

Tim England, Emergency Management Director, said it isn’t just for emergency services. It pertains to public works, too. “This is for any resource that’s requested,” he said.

The Kentucky Emergency Management Association recognized England with the designation of Certified Kentucky Emergency Manager. He is one of 37 in the state.

• The Boyd County Detention Center will upgrade its camera system with a 10-year contract at \$422,000, with the jail handling the cost. It will be a turn-key solution for the decade.

• County Administrator said Boyd County Dump Day is set for Saturday, Nov. 29, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon.

• Commissioner Randy Stapleton’s ringtone remains “I Got You (I Feel Good)” by James Brown, as evidenced by a phone call he received a couple minutes into Griffith’s speech, prompting Griffith to bust a quick move behind the podium.

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BESHEAR

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Meanwhile, Beshear’s General Counsel Travis Mayo argued that governors typically enjoy “supreme” power as the head of the executive branch, elected by voters every four years. One of those powers is the ability to appoint members of commissions and boards and is in the state Constitution, he added.

The contested law involving the Ethics Commission removes “supreme executive power of appointment” from the commission that would “ensure that the commission

faithfully executes the laws.”

“That violates the Constitution because it deprives the governor of the supreme executive power, and his ability to use that power of appointment, to ensure the laws are faithfully executed,” Mayo said.

The justices had questions for both sides. Justice Angela McCormick Bisig raised concerns during the Ethics Commission hearing about the court having to weigh the checks and balances between the legislative and executive branches under the state Constitution.

“So my concern, as may be articulated in the previous oral argument, is having that

‘check’ go too far in either direction, because we are tasked with enforcing all of those sections of the Constitution holistically, and they must work in harmony together,” she said.

Speaking to reporters after the hearings, Coleman, the Republican attorney general, said that he felt his office gave “two very successful arguments.” The attorney general also added that the crux of both cases is “the fact that the governor doesn’t like laws passed by the General Assembly — full stop.”

Asked if legislators would still feel motivated to enact such laws if the governor were a Republican, Coleman

said the laws “just makes sense — Republican or Democrat.”

“The General Assembly under our Constitution makes policy,” Coleman said. “They make these determinations of how to shift power. We enforce them on the first floor (of the Capitol).”

Scottie Ellis, a spokesperson for Beshear said Thursday afternoon that the state Constitution says the “governor has the duty to ensure our laws are followed.”

“To do so, Gov. Andy Beshear should have the same authority as every governor before him,” she added. “The attorney general’s argument is that the Gen-

eral Assembly can take any executive power and move it away from any governor from a different party. It would render whole sections of the Constitution meaningless, take away the voters’ choice of who should have the powers of the governor, and eliminate the very separation of powers created by our Constitution.”

The Supreme Court met this week at the University of Kentucky J. David Rosenberg College of Law in Lexington. The court has been meeting across the state in recent months as part of an effort to educate the public on the court’s functions and proceedings.