Weather Report for Ashland

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASHLAND

TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
69°	47°	68° / 47°	55° / 34°	51° / 32°	50° / 37°
Nice and warm with clouds and sun	Clear	Pleasantly warm with clouds and sun	A couple of morning showers; cooler	Partly sunny	Periods of rain
RealFeel: 69°	RealFeel: 48°	RealFeel: 69° / 46°	RealFeel: 58° / 32°	RealFeel: 54° / 31°	RealFeel: 50° / 33°

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. Friday

Temperature

High/low	69° / 34°
Normal high/low	55° / 35°
Record high	80° (1931)
Record low	16° (1914)

Precipitation

24-hour total	0.00"
Month to date	1.00"
Normal month to date	1.94"
Year to date	34.44"
Last year to date	46.65"
Normal year to date	40.40"

RIVER & LAKE LEVELS

In feet as of 7 a.m. yesterday

	Flood Stage	Level
Ohio River		
Ashland	52	34.69
Portsmouth	50	16.68
Little Sandy River		
Grayson	21	5.31
Leon	NA	5.07
Grayson Lake	NA	39.95

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.	2 (Low)
4 p.m.	1 (Low)

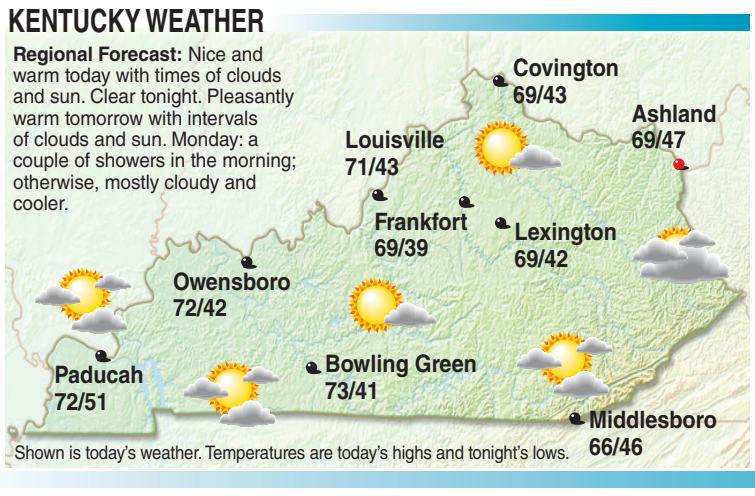
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:19 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:01 p.m.
Moonset today	3:48 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 24	Dec 1	Dec 8	Dec 17

KENTUCKY WEATHER

Regional Forecast: Nice and warm today with times of clouds and sun. Clear tonight. Pleasantly warm tomorrow with intervals of clouds and sun. Monday: a couple of showers in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy and cooler.

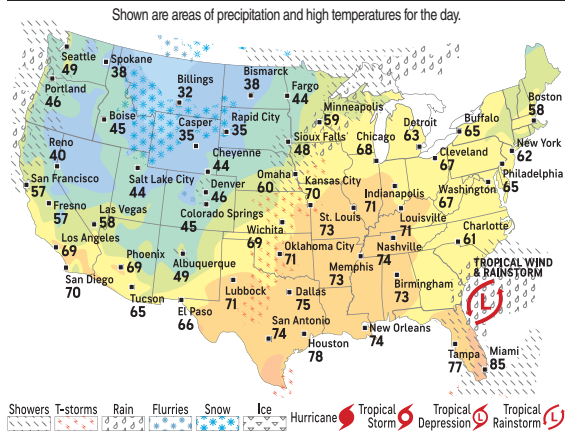


Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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.



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Severe thunderstorms from northern Texas to Missouri will produce hail and damaging wind gusts today. Rain will extend to Minnesota and Wisconsin. A tropical wind and rainstorm will bring rain to the Southeast coast along with rough surf and flooding. A second leg of the storm will reach the Northeast on Sunday.

Yesterday's National High/Low: (For the 48 contiguous states)
High 83° in McAllen, TX **Low** 5° in Mammoth Lakes, CA

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REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo W	Sun. Hi/Lo W
Bowling Gr., KY	73/41 pc	73/47 c
Bristol, TN	66/47 c	64/47 pc
Charlotte, NC	61/54 c	67/49 r
Charleston, WV	69/45 pc	62/47 pc
Chattanooga	69/48 pc	73/52 sh
Cincinnati, OH	69/43 s	67/40 c
Columbus, OH	65/42 s	64/42 pc
Dayton, OH	67/43 s	66/40 pc
Frankfort	69/39 s	70/43 c
Gatlinburg, TN	67/55 pc	65/50 s
Huntington, WV	70/47 pc	65/49 pc
Jackson	69/48 pc	66/50 pc
Knoxville	66/47 pc	69/51 s
Lexington	69/42 s	70/47 c
London	69/41 pc	71/48 pc
Louisville	71/43 s	71/43 pc
Myrtle Beach, SC	67/62 r	70/58 r
Nashville, TN	74/45 pc	74/49 pc
Owensboro	72/42 s	70/37 c
Paducah	72/51 pc	68/38 sh

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

PLANT

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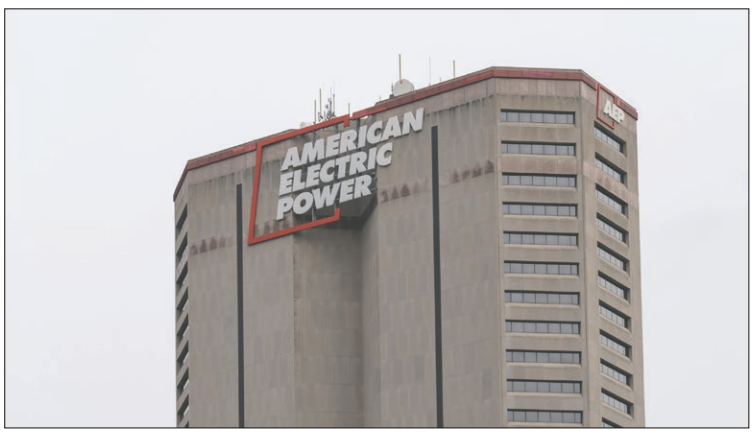
Braidy Industries aluminum mill.

TeraWulf has held public meetings in the months since, hearing concerns from residents worried about potential impacts on utility bills among other environmental concerns, according to public radio station WEKU. TeraWulf has also said it wants to potentially double the size of the data center. The company is also building a hyperscale data center at a former aluminum smelter in Hancock County.

In written testimony, American Electric Power vice president Alex Vaughn said current ratepayers would see no rate increase with the building of the new power plant. He wrote that's because of savings in fuel costs from the new, more efficient power plant and because the utility would be collecting more of its revenue from the TeraWulf data center.

Suzanne Griffith, a Kentucky Power ratepayer in Boyd County, had urged state lawmakers to enact ratepayer protections against data center impacts during an October listening session at the state Capitol Annex. Incoming House Majority Whip Josh Bray, R-Mount Vernon, is looking to enact such a law next year after a bill to do so died this year.

She told the Lantern that despite assurances from the utility, she's still worried about the long-term impacts of the power plant and data center on residential utility bills.



GETTY IMAGES

Kentucky Power is a subsidiary of investor-owned American Electric Power, headquartered in Columbus, Ohio.

"People are at their utter limits here in Eastern Kentucky. People send me their bills. They're ridiculously high," Griffith said. "What are they expecting out of us?"

A Kentucky Power spokesperson said the utility's internal rules already protected ratepayers, including a requirement that industrial customers pay for 90% of their contracted electricity capacity every month.

Kentucky Power's residential ratepayers pay among the state's highest average monthly utility bills; the utility serves among the poorest counties in the state. The poor energy efficiency of the region's housing stock is a factor in electricity bills surging to hundreds of dollars a month for some ratepayers during the winter.

The Public Service Commission is also scrutinizing Kentucky Power's planning practices in an ongoing audit. The commission recently gave permission to Kentucky Power to build a new cooling tower at its coal-fired power plant with the help of a federal grant.

TEACHER

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The transition from teacher to business owner, she discovered, wasn't quite as dramatic as it might seem.

"I actually joked with my former principal about how I hadn't realized teaching first grade got you ready to run your own business," she said.

Four and a half years into the business, Kinney says she's surprised by just how much she enjoys being her own boss and getting to visit with the people who come through the shop.

But she said some of her favorite moments are the unexpected reminders of her years in education.

"Sometimes, my customers have ended up being past students who are now adults or in high school and they come in to find an outfit they need for a club event or a homecoming or prom dress," she said.

The shop has also become a gathering place for current and retired educators, many of whom were once Kinney's colleagues. She said on Saturday mornings, it's not unusual to find a room full of teachers catching up and visiting.

Beyond those familiar faces and friendships, Kinney said the business has created opportunities to help people in ways that extend well beyond shopping. The consignment arrangement provides an additional source of income for individuals and families, something she knows can make a real difference.

Kinney said several consignors have come to her in tears to explain how much the additional income has helped them.

Kinney prioritizes donating unsold items when vendors have indicated they would like their belongings donated. Those items may find a new home through nursing homes, women's shelters, or school family resource centers.

But perhaps the most meaningful part of BrickHouse is something customers might not see listed on a price tag.

"Most importantly, I get to pray with those who come in and have a need," she says. "My husband says it's like my own little ministry."

BrickHouse Consignment carries men's, women's and children's clothing and shoes, along with purses, jewelry, household items, quilts, comforters, and other merchandise.

With inventory changing seasonally, the shop is currently accepting fall consignments, including sweaters, cardigans, hoodies, sweatshirts, jeans, and joggers.

Kinney handles pricing and sales tracking, with proceeds split evenly between the consignor and the store. Consignors receive 50% of their item's selling price, with payouts issued monthly, generally around the week of the 15th.

Kinney asks that items submitted for consignment be clean, in good condition, free of rips and stains, and reasonably current in style. Items should be turned right side out and placed on hangers whenever possible.

At 150 Jay Lane in Olive Hill, just a few minutes from Main Street off Blueberry Ridge on State Highway 1704, BrickHouse Consignment is open Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

To learn more about BrickHouse Consignment, visit its Facebook page or stop by the shop during regular business hours.

RUSSELL

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Once properly zoned, the city can then implement its drafted city ordinance specific to data center operations, including noise levels, energy and water usage, waste management, etc.

However, the city council voted on Thursday to extend the city's existing data center moratorium by 90 days pending review and recommendation by the planning commission, but that hasn't officially been initiated on the city's end.

During the new business item, council member Vincenzo Fressola presented the necessary document to appear on the joint planning commission's agenda, to initiate a public hearing on Jan. 5, 2027, at 6 p.m.

"Hopefully we get it done by that time," Fressola said, appearing discontented at the delay.

With discussion on the motion open, Fressola added, "I'm sorry we couldn't get it done in the six months that we had the moratorium in place, and I hope we didn't lose a project like this, which is probably once in a lifetime."

Councilman Steven Hines agreed with Fressola, adding, "We have land there that needs to be bringing some revenue in."

In a follow-up conversation with Natasha Lawless, the current Chair of the Greenup County Joint Planning Commission, said there seems to be some confusion on how to initiate the zoning process and what the commission actually does.

Lawless clarifies the planning commission has no control over a city's ordinances, as it only offers land use planning, zoning and subdivision oversight.

From her understanding, the city is interested in zoning the former AK Steel property back to its original use as heavy industrial usage.

"They've been informed of the process," Lawless told *The Daily Independent*, but an official request to appear on the planning commission's agenda hadn't happened as of Friday.

Lawless confirmed a member of Russell City Council was present at the joint planning commission's recent meeting, the process was reiterated and the necessary application was handed over to appear on the commission's agenda.

"There will be a public hearing once they apply," Lawless said, which will include notice in the paper and signage at the property listing the desire to zone the particular area, as required by law.

Lawless explained the public hearing will allow people to voice their input, and the commission will make recommendations to the city council after review, which, according to Lawless, could take around 30-60 days but could take up to 90, if deemed necessary.

"We make decisions based upon KRS, the (county's) comprehensive plan and current and former use of property and how that impacts county and community as a whole," Lawless said.

Lawless said prior to the decommissioning of AK Steel and acquisition by Cleveland-Cliffs, the site had always been zoned as a heavy industrial district.

Ultimately, whether or not a data center moratorium is enacted or lifted, is entirely up to the city government.

"Their council ultimately decides this," Lawless said. "If someone feels strongly about something, make it known to them.

"They have a more of a say-so than anyone else," Lawless added.

Russell Mayor Ron Simpson also spoke with *The Daily Independent* Friday. Simpson said he wasn't aware there was a form to complete prior to Thursday's meeting.

When asked if the company was still interested in the site, Chris Honstain, of Gateway City Consulting, who participated in two town halls on behalf of Rubix in recent months, said he hadn't heard from Rubix representatives about the current status of the project.

Mayor Simpson also said he hadn't heard a recent update from Rubix.

The Daily Independent reached out to Amy Jaballah from Rubix community engagement on Friday.

"We don't have any updates to share at this time but appreciate your continued interest," Jaballah responded.