

Carlisle Weather

Table with weather forecast for Thu 3/14, Fri 3/15, Sat 3/16, Sun 3/17, Mon 3/18. Includes temperature and conditions like 'Mostly sunny early then partly cloudy'.

Mostly sunny early then partly cloudy later in the day. High near 73F. A few thunderstorms possible. More clouds than sun. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s. Considerable cloudiness. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 40s. Partial sunshine. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

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gambling, power plants

In an epic 3-hour meeting on March 8, the House Licensing and Occupations committee heard both sides of the debate over House Bill 768, which would legalize slot machines and other gambling devices in Kentucky.

Supporters of legalizing gambling argue the bill would bring 10,000 jobs and \$1.7 billion to the Commonwealth in its first six years, boosting the state's economy and helping the horse industry out of its slump.

Opponents of the bill argued that gambling would have great social costs and would cause many poor individuals to become poorer. "These revenues are coming from the losers," said Rep. Ron Crimm, R-Middleton.

Gov. Patton, responding to the rash of proposals, issued a moratorium last year on future construction of merchant power plants to give the General Assembly an opportunity to address the issue.

Two legislators responded to that call. Rep. Jon Draud, R-Crestview Hills, introduced House Bill 540 and Sen. Dennis Harris, R-Crestwood, introduced Senate Bill 257.

Kentuckians will foot the bill to upgrade local transmission lines the plants will use to ship electricity out of state.

Harris, who chairs the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee, told reporters he is willing to work with Rep. Draud. Speaking to reporters after the legislative session in early February, Harris said the committee will continue hearings on the bill this week.

House bill more nutrition, less junk in schools. In an effort to save Kentucky billions of dollars in health care costs and curb obesity, the House passed a bill May 7 to offer low-fat foods in schools.

House Bill 553 creates a task force to study obesity and its consequences on young people. A deadline is set for Aug. 31, 2003, for the task force to report recommendations to the Legislative Research Commission.

The bill also requires Kentucky schools to limit the amount of junk foods served and conform to USDA standards for meals. Vending machine snacks and soft drinks in schools would be limited to consumption after school.

A provision requiring 30 minutes of physical activity was amended out of the bill on the floor. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Dennis Harris, R-Crestwood, and Rep. Charlie Walton, R-Florence, and the "Healthy Kids Act" was not enough until some sort of physical activity was required.

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executive regulations cleared the Senate last week. Senate Bill 1, sponsored by Sen. President David Williams, would allow legislators to challenge during a legislative session any rules handed down by the state's regulatory agencies and then hold one single vote to block the batch of rules deemed unacceptable.

The bill responds to a January court ruling by Judge William Graham of Franklin Circuit Court saying legislators could not then hold one single vote to block the batch of rules deemed unacceptable.

Gov. Patton took the General Assembly to court after a subcommittee overturned last year regulations intended to curb odors and pollutants from Kentucky factories.

Under Senate Bill 1, the governor could veto the legislation overturning his rule. "This bill is a compromise," Williams said. "A bill proposing a license plate that would read 'Choose Kentucky' sparked a lively debate as to whether the license plates represent an unconstitutional government endorsement in the pro-life vs. pro-choice debate."

You can't offer that opportunity to only one side of the debate," said Beth Wilson, director of the Reproductive Freedom Project and an official with the American Civil Liberties Union.

Regardless, members of the Senate Committee on Transportation voted unanimously to pass favorably out of the committee Senate Bill 255, sponsored by Sen. Dennis Harris, R-Crestwood, and Rep. Charlie Walton, R-Florence, and the "Healthy Kids Act" was not enough until some sort of physical activity was required.

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doubleheader. Clark, Mason and Bath complete the opening-week dates. "These have been teams that we beat," the jacket skipper said. "But we have to be ready to play - those aren't gimme games at all."

That reputation the Bat Jackets of the past few years earned will not allow this year's bunch to sneak up on any team on the roster, according to the players. "There's been a lot of good things that have happened in baseball, here, the past few

years," two-year centerfielder Eric Earlywine said. "People know us now. We'll need to be confident going into games, but we can't be overconfident." But what about this team's strengths and weaknesses? How many 10-game winners will they have? Who will hit above .300? How many stolen bases will this club take? The coach defers to humor on the

"I'm still trying to figure out our strengths, I'm better at naming our weaknesses," Sims said while a grounder rolls under an infielder's legs. "But seriously, our hitting and fielding should be pretty solid."

There's a lot of laughing and smiling at Bat jacket practice, and that's a good sign. This program has developed some pretty snazzy uniforms in the past few seasons. And by the early looks of it, in Sims' first year as the top boss, this club will have plenty to be proud of, too.



Nicholas County baseball head coach Travis Sims talks with his players at practice earlier this week. The Bat Jackets open their season Monday, March 25 at Sayre.

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Mrs. Louella Mattox, Alma Mattox and Phyllis Brady were among the large crowd attending the visitation of Mrs. Mary Normalett Mattox at Pruitt Funeral Home on Thursday night. Louella and Phyllis also visited with Mr. and Mrs. David Earlywine. David had returned home from the hospital on Monday for the second time.

Survivors include two sons, Kenneth Walker of Cincinnati, Ohio and Jerry Walker of Erlanger; three daughters, Virginia Vice Stone of Carlisle, Patsy Williams and Shirley Thomas, both of Fort Thomas; one brother, Clark Thomas; and several other grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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'Spring Football' Nicholas County varsity football coach Greg Letcher offers up some post-practice comments to his club after the coach's allotted spring practices this week.

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Ray Payne

PARIS - Ray I. Payne, of Millersburg, died Sunday, March 10 at his residence. He was born Aug. 10, 1916 in Nicholas County to the late Charles Thomas and Mollie Crawford Payne.

Survivors include a daughter, Carolyn (Paul) Moore of Millersburg, a son, William Ray (Phyllis) Payne of Lounsbury, N.C.; five grandchildren, Terry (Bubba) Lukins, Tammy (Dale) Ritchie, Tracy Moore, Donna Carol Payne and Kathy Medlin; a brother, Clay Payne of London, Ohio; and nine great-grandchildren.

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Mamie Walker

PARIS - Mamie Lou Walker, 95, died Friday, March 8 at Nicholas-Mathers Hospital after an automobile

Edward Watkins

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Mary Mattox

PARIS - Mary Normalett Mattox, 82, of Green Valley

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