Lady Bears Off to An Excellent Start

By **Greg Moore** Banner Sports Editor

The Volleyball program has never quite took launch in Butler County; however, there are new faces on the sidelines at BCHS and dividends are already paying off for the Lady Bears. All the teams (V, JV, and Fr) are all competing well with the varsity squad going 2-1 in their first week of action.

Butler County made a headline hire following another mediocre finish last season.
Coach Kevin Harrod and his assistant,
Ryan Hancock, bring decades of experience to the program.
Practice has been intense and results have followed.

The biggest adjustments being made in game action is putting the girls in the right position to excel. Every good coach has the ability to play to their strengths and that is what will help this group continue to build upon more

Last week, on Tuesday night, Hart County finally found their way to BCHS. The Lady Raiders, who beat Butler County twice last year, was possibly thinking the same. However, the Lady Bears rallied in two tight sets, winning 29-27 and 25-23, to start the season on a winning note.

Senior setter, Maddie Jones, finished with 12 assists, five kills, and four digs for the Lady Bears all around. Senior hitters, Lily Glass and Milev Franzell, delivered five kills in the more purpose driven offense demonstrated this year. Like any sport, repetition develops consistency and confidence. Then, it becomes almost second nature.

Coach Harrod received consistent serving from junior Megan Clark and senior Evana Martin in the win.

Net play was strong with assistance coming from juniors, Jenelle Kimmel and Emmie Hawkins, also. Senior defensive specialist, Samie Johnson, had seven digs from the Libero position to lead the Lady Bears in that statistic.

On Thursday, Coach Harrod and his team saw first action within the district.

The 12th Districtfavorite, Grayson
County, came to
Morgantown for
a three-set sweep
of the Lady Bears,
who still played well
and found areas of
growth to build upon.
Four points was the
difference in two of the



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE

Junior Jenelle Kimmel goes up high for a spike in a sweep of McLean County.



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Senior Evana Martin blasts a serve during Saturday's match against the Lady Cougars.



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Junior Emmie Hawkins ready to send the outside hit past the Lady Cougars.

sets.

McLean County visited Saturday morning to close out the busy week at the Bears Den.

The Lady Cougars went back-and-forth down the stretch in the first set with the hosting Lady Bears. After Butler County pulled away to win, they turned it up a notch in the second, where nothing seemed to go wrong for Coach Harrod's ladies.

After mixing it up in the third and final set, the Lady Bears finished off their guests in the best out of five, 3-0. Another district foe will come to Morgantown this Thursday night.

The Trinity Lady Raiders from Whitesville (2-3) will be a good measuring stick for the Lady Bears.

It is paramount for them to lock in the two or three seed of the district and winning the first matchup with Trinity will help do that in addition to building even more confidence for Coach Harrod's Lady Bears. Get out to support this exciting bunch of girls; play will be starting at 6:30.

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Bears at Breck Week 1

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City of Morgantown, KY Ordinance 2025-26

Ordinance 2025-26
Property Tax 2025

An Ordinance assessing and levying the 2025 Annual Property Tax on Real Property and Tangible Personal Prop-

erty with the City of Morgantown, Kentucky;

Whereas, the property assessment for property within the City of Morgantown, Kentucky has been certified as

Real Property: \$133,264,764
Tangible Personal Property: \$52,363,644

Now be it ordained by the City of Morgantown, Kentucky that:

Section 1: Property Tax Rate

There is levied for the year 2025 an ad valorem tax of <u>0.087</u> per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation of all taxable real property within the jurisdiction, and an ad valorem tax of <u>0.087</u> per one hundred dollars (\$100) assessed valuation on all tangible personal property within the jurisdiction.

Section 2: Abandoned Urban Property

Pursuant to KRS 132.012, "abandoned urban property" means any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a predominantly developed urban area which has been vacant or unimproved for a period of at least one (1) year and which:

- Because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin infested, or otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons, it is unfit for its intended use; or
- By reason of neglect or lack of maintenance has become a place for the accumulation of trash and debtis or has become infected with redents or other vermins or.
- debris, or has become infested with rodents or other vermin; or

 Has been tax delinquent for a period of at least three (3) years; or
- Has been tax defindent for a period of at least three (3) years; or
 Is located within a development area established under KRS 65.7049, 65.7051, and 65.7053

There shall be a classification of Real Property known as Abandoned Urban Property. The legislative body of the City of Morgantown shall levy a rate of taxation of \$1.50 per 100 dollars of value\$. The limitations set forth by KRS 132.027 shall not apply to the rate of taxation on Abandoned Urban Property. Under KRS 92.305 the City of Morgantown reserves the right to levy a separate rate of taxation upon Abandoned

Urban Properties. The responsibility of determining which properties are Abandoned Urban Property within the

City shall be that of the Code Enforcement Board. A list of abandoned urban properties shall be furnished to the County Property Valuation Administrator prior to the date fixed for the annual assessment of real property within the county.

If a property classified as abandoned urban property is repaired, rehabilitated, or otherwise returned to productive use, the owner shall notify the City Administrator or Code Enforcement Officer, which shall, if it finds the property is no longer abandoned urban property, notify the property valuation administrator to strike the property

No later than March 1 of each year, the City Administrator or Code Enforcement Officer shall send a registered letter to the owner(s) of each abandoned urban property, as those name(s) are listed in the records of the Property Valuation Administrator, a notice that this property has been classified as abandoned urban property. The owner of any abandoned urban property who believes that his, her, or its property has been incorrectly classified may appeal such classification to the Board of Adjustments. Such appeal shall be in writing and shall be made no later than April 1 of that year. The Board of Adjustments shall afford the owner the opportunity for a hearing. If the Board of Adjustments finds that the property was incorrectly classified as abandoned urban property, it shall cause the property to be removed from the list of properties so classified. The Board of Adjustments shall develop

policies and procedures for conducting such appeals. Section 3: Location

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Property Taxes shall be paid to the Butler County Sheriff's Office located at Butler County Courthouse:

110 North Main St Morgantown, KY 42261

Section 4: Penalty Schedule

The Butler County Sheriff will collect delinquent city taxes in the same manner used to collect delinquent county taxes in accordance with KRS 133.220, KRS 133.230 and KRS Chapter 134.

Section 6: Effective Passage

This ordinance becomes effective upon its passage and publication according to law. This ordinance is subject to

gust 14, 2025

Second Reading: August 21, 2025 Published: August 27, 2025

City Clerk Allie Lee

Mayor Billy Phelps