

FIVE DAY forecast
09-17/18, 25

THURSDAY
91/62



FRIDAY
87/60



SATURDAY
83/59



SUNDAY
82/56



MONDAY
82/57



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1st Place Cars Terrell House.



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1st Place Jeep Dennis.



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1st Place Motorcycle Josh Rogers.



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2nd Place Cars Roger Keown.



▲ PHOTO | BEVERLY BONILLA
2nd Place Jeep Jimmy Gaskey.



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2nd Place Motorcycle Rick Jones.



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3rd Place Car Jim Szilagyi.



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3rd Place Jeep John Maples .



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3rd Place Trucks Raymon Right.



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Best In Show Elaine Pendley.



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Kids Choice Award Jimmy Gaskey .



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Rat Rod Bobby Lindsey.

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for an upgrade to the county. This will cover the courthouse and E911. AT&T is dedicating a network that, if the lines go down, a cellular backup will switch in, and the lines should never go down. The monthly cost will be \$1592, the current price is \$1,300. It would take 30 to 60 days to complete the switch. This will also upgrade the internet. There will be all new equipment installed. Vance said they would forego charges for installation, which is typically \$3,000. The Fiscal Court asked for Vance to come back with a more definite price so they can make a decision of what they will do.

Kids on the Block addressed the Fiscal Court to ask for support in the amount of \$400 to help pay for cyber bullying programs in the schools. The Fiscal Court approved this.

The Fiscal Court approved the Butler County Library tax rate, the Butler County Ambulance tax rate, the Butler County Extension Tax rate, and the County Clerk's Tax rate.

The Fiscal Court agreed to pay Scotty's Contracting and Stone



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Benjamin Vance from AT&T address Fiscal Court about upcoming change.

for blacktop. The Fiscal Court agreed to purchase a Salter and Snow Plow for the Road Department. The Fiscal Court also approved to purchase a new 2023 John Deer 35G for \$54,539.12 from the General Fund, and to put out for bids for a bush hog, and tractor loader.

The Fiscal Court also agreed to pay the PVA Statutory County Contribution.

The Fiscal Court approved to pay for the lights installed on the Jailer car for \$ 510, the radio install, and the Jail door locks. The Fiscal Court also approved paying for a larger safety deposit box for the county.

Next, the fiscal Court agreed to transfer up to \$700,000 from the Road Money Market Fund to the Road Department, which will be reimbursed, for blacktop in the county.

The Butler County Fiscal Court approved the following: to apply for the KACO insurance Grant,

UPGRADES,
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City of Morgantown, KY
Ordinance 2025-08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE OPERATION OF "STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES" AS DEFINED BY KRS CHAPTER 186 ON HIGHWAYS AND STREETS IN THE CITY OF MORGANTOWN, AND ESTABLISHING RESTRICTIONS FOR OPERATION

WHEREAS, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted Senate Bill 63, authorizing local governments to permit the operation of "street-legal special purpose vehicles" as defined in KRS Chapter 186;

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 63 establishes equipment and operational requirements for such vehicles on all highways, including those within local jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown finds that allowing the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the city will benefit residents and visitors;

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown reserves the right to impose additional restrictions or suspend such operation when necessary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the city of Morgantown, Kentucky, as follows:

A. DEFINITIONS
As used in this Ordinance, the following definitions apply:

- Cabinet** – The Kentucky Department of Transportation.
- Highway** – Shall have the same meaning as defined in KRS 186(2).
- Prohibited equipment** – Any equipment installed on a street-legal special purpose vehicle that is prohibited by state law or city ordinance.
- Street-legal special purpose vehicle** – Shall have the same meaning as defined in Senate Bill 63 as codified in KRS Chapter 186.

B. AUTHORIZED USE

- Effective **June 27, 2025**, street-legal special purpose vehicles as defined by Senate Bill 63 and codified in KRS Chapter 186 shall be authorized to operate on highways within the City of Morgantown.
- Operations shall be subject to all state law requirements and restrictions, in addition to the following city-specific regulations:
 - Minimum Age Requirement** – Operators must be at least 18 years of age to operate a street-legal special purpose vehicle on any roadway within the city.
 - Hours of Operation** – Operation on public roadways is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 PM and 6:00 AM.
 - Valid Driver's License** – Operators must hold a valid driver's license issued from a state government.
 - City Authority to Suspend Use** – The City of Morgantown reserves the right to suspend or revoke the authorization for operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles at the discretion of the Mayor.

C. MISCELLANEOUS

- If any part of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or unenforceable, the remaining parts shall remain in full force and effect.

This the 11th day of September, 2025.

First Reading: August 14, 2025
Second Reading: September 11, 2025
Published: September 17, 2025

Mayor Billy Phelps

Attest:

City Clerk Allie Lee

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