



Drugs and money seized from the Hazel Green residence of Clyde Endicott during a July 30 raid. (Photographs courtesy of Sheriff Greg Motley)

## Bust ...

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the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office, Wolfe County Sheriff’s Office, Kentucky Attorney General’s Office of Criminal Investigations, Kentucky State Police and U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Morgan County Sheriff Greg Motley reported that the Kentucky State Police Special Response Team executed a search warrant at the Coffee Road residence of Clyde Rudolph Endicott, 54, in Wolfe County near the Morgan County line. The search resulted in the seizure of approximately 8.5 pounds of methamphetamine with a street value of over \$50,000.

Authorities also seized \$25,000 in cash from the Endicott residence. Endicott was arrested at the scene and lodged in the Woodford County Detention Center in Versailles on the following federal charges:

- Distribution of a controlled substance (methamphetamine).
- Conspiracy to distribution of 50 grams or more of methamphetamine mixture.
- Possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

Another individual identified as Frank John Kruse, 54, was also arrested at the Endicott residence by the Wolfe County Sheriff’s Office on an Ohio-based charge of possession of a controlled substance. Kruse was lodged in Three Forks Regional Jail in Beatyville.



Sheriff Motley lauded the regional impact of collaborative partnerships among local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. “This investigation is a prime example of how small agencies like the Wolfe and Morgan County sheriff’s offices can partner together and with other agencies – such as the Kentucky Attorney General’s Office, Kentucky State Police and DEA – to make a difference in drug trafficking in Eastern Kentucky,” Motley said. “I would also like to note that Detective Doyle Wilson of the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office and a detective from the Kentucky Attorney General’s Office were the lead investigators on this case.” Wolfe County Sheriff Greg Banks concurred with Sheriff

Motley before expressing his gratitude to all agencies participating in the arrests of Endicott and Kruse. “I’d like to thank everyone who assisted in this investigation, including the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office, Kentucky State Police, Kentucky Attorney General’s Office and the DEA,” Banks said. Sheriff Motley and Sheriff Banks have pledged to continue working together to combat the distribution of illegal drugs into local communities. Persons with information regarding illegal drug activity in Morgan and Wolfe counties are urged to contact Morgan County Sheriff Greg Motley at 743-3613, Wolfe County Sheriff Greg Banks at 668-3569 or the Kentucky State Police at 606-784-4127.

## West Liberty named as a top Ky. town for retirees

**World Atlas website also named Paintsville in 11-town ranking**

World Atlas has named West Liberty as one of the 11 best Kentucky towns for retirees in an Aug. 2 article on the travel-oriented website. The article describes the peaceful nature of the area and touts venues such as Old Mill Park and the Morgan County Wellness Center, as well as the Sorghum Festival and other local traditions: “*This quiet town on the banks of the Licking River takes pride in its strong sense of community and overall safety, making it an easy option for retirees who appreciate human connection. West Liberty hosts a fair share of green spaces where the community comes together to enjoy the outdoors. One of the favored escapes is [Old*

*Mill Park], nestled along the Licking River bank and home to gentle walking trails, picnic shelters, and an amphitheatre. The Morgan County Wellness Center provides a fair share of recreational opportunities to keep residents active and engaged, including bowling and basketball. Residents always look forward to the annual Sorghum Festival, a long tradition celebrating the region's crafts, food, and art.* “*For their medical care, West Liberty residents can look to the Morgan County ARH Hospital anytime they are under the weather. Meanwhile, the average price for a real estate property in the town is \$222,500.*”

Other towns included in the World Atlas ranking are Albany, Augusta, Beaver Dam, Brodhead, Campbellsville, Cave City, Columbia, Corbin, Dayton and Paintsville.

## Show ...

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stallions.)  
\*\*\* Stick Horse Class. (No fee; 15-minute intermission.)  
15. RMHA Show Pleasure. (Mares and geldings.)  
16. Open Youth Trail Pleasure. (Age 17 and under; no stallions.)  
17. RMHA Amateur Country Trail.  
18. RMHA Show Pleasure Stallions.  
19. RMHA Juvenile Trail Pleasure. (Age 17 and under; no stallions.)  
20. Open Mountain Horse Classic/Show Pleasure.  
21. KMSH Juvenile Trail Pleasure. (Age 17 and under; no stallions.)  
22. RMHA Trail Pleasure Stallions.  
23. KMSH Juvenile Classic

Pleasure. (Age 17 and under; no stallions.)  
24. RMHA Open Country Trail Pleasure.  
25. Open 14.3 And Under Mountain Horse.  
26. Open Mountain Horse Youth Championship. (Age 17 and under; no stallions.)  
27. Open Mountain Horse Country Trail/Trail Pleasure Championship.  
28. Open Mountain Horse Stake And Championship.  
**Premiums & Entry Fees**  
• Regular Classes – \$40, \$30, \$20, \$10, Ribbon. (Entry fee \$20.)  
• Championship Classes – \$110, \$75, \$50, \$25, Ribbon. (Entry fee \$30.)  
**Other Info**  
This is a Class “B” Rocky Mountain Show. All Mountain Horse entries must produce registration and comply with shoeing requirements of breed.

Rocky Mountain Horse Association and Kentucky Mountain Horse Association. Rules apply for all designated classes. Entries in championship classes must show in one regular class to qualify. With the exception of the Open Mountain Horse Stake and Championship class. Negative Coggins required on all horses. Anyone on federal disqualification cannot transport horses to the show and cannot participate in this show except as a spectator. Show management must also direct any apparent violators on disqualification to the spectator area. For additional information contact Show Manager Langley Franklin by calling 606-743-4415 or 606-794-0350, emailing gwfrank@mrtc.com, or visiting the West Liberty Kiwanis Club Facebook page.

## School ...

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The last day of school is tentatively scheduled for May 19, 2026. For additional information regarding Morgan County school district policies, contact Dr. Ralph Hamilton at 743-8002 or visit the Morgan County Board of Education office adjacent to Morgan County Public Library.

## Exam ...

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Kentucky Constitution. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be at least 24 years of age;
- Be a citizen of Kentucky;
- Be a resident of the Commonwealth at least two years preceding the election; and
- Be a resident in the county in which they intend to file for office at least one year prior to the election.

Pre-registration for the examination will be available on the PVA Exam Information page of the DOR website. Upon successfully completing the on-line pre-registration, individuals will receive email confirmation of their reservation within one to two business days. Pre-registration will close on Nov. 6, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. ET. All examinees will be required to

produce a government-issued photo ID at check in. Under Kentucky law, before a candidate’s name may appear on a primary or general election ballot for the office of PVA, they must successfully pass a written examination. In the event of an unexpected county PVA vacancy, such as early retirement, resignation or death of the elected office holder, a special PVA examination will be scheduled for the affected county or counties only. For questions concerning registration for the PVA examination, contact Leslie Mayes at the Department of Revenue at 502-564-1258 or by email at leslie.mayes@ky.gov.

**ADVICE**  
Wise men don’t need advice. Fools won’t take it.  
– Benjamin Franklin

## DYW ...

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lege scholarship. She will also receive a \$25 cash award as the Spirit award winner. As first runner-up, Lori will receive a \$750 cash scholarship. All remaining participants will each receive a \$300 cash scholarship.

The GFWC Morgan County Woman’s Club would like to thank these businesses/groups for their generosity in support of this program, making these scholarship opportunities possible: All Occasion Flowers, Bank of the Mountains, Citizens Bank, Commercial Bank, Fannin’s Sawmill, First National Bank, Herald & Stewart & Halsey Funeral Home, Morgan

County ARH, Morgan County Farm Bureau, Morgan County Woman’s Club, Mountain Telephone, Murphy’s Quick Lube, Potter Funeral Home, The Wells Group and West Liberty Vet Clinic. The GFWC Morgan County Woman’s Club is extremely proud of the support the Morgan County community continues to give to the annual DYW scholarship program!

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

There will be a second reading of a proposed ordinance (BAFY2601) amending the Morgan County Fiscal Court budget for fiscal year 2026 to include adjustments form cash carryover from general fund sources of \$710,874.29; to include adjustments for cash carryover from jail fund sources of \$22,629.04; to include adjustments for cash carryover from LGEA fund sources of \$66,581.15; to include adjustments for cash carryover from timberland taxing fund sources of \$1,876.71; to include adjustments for cash carryover from special projects fund sources of \$219,047.14; to include adjustments for cash carryover from clerk doc fees fund sources of \$1,333.67; to include adjustments for cash carryover from public properties fund sources of \$24.44; and increasing expenditures in the general fund reserve for transfers by \$710,874.29; and increasing expenditures in the jail fund reserve for transfers by \$22,629.04; and increasing expenditures in the LGEA fund reserve for transfers by \$36,655.27; and increasing expenditures in the timberland taxing fund reserve for transfers by \$1,876.71; and increasing expenditures in the special projects reserve for transfers \$16,913.57; and increasing expenditures in the COAG program admin. fees by \$18,582.99; and increasing expenditures in the COAG program ag development grant program \$159,080.00; and increasing expenditures in the MC spay and neuter \$262.00; and increasing expenditures in the litter abatement program \$17,260.84; and increasing expenditures in the farmers conservation tire removal \$233.75; and increasing expenditures in the USDA environmental dead animal removal program by \$4,913.98; and increasing expenditures in the clerks doc fees by \$1,333.67; and increasing expenditures in the public properties fund reserve for transfers by \$24.44; and increasing expenditures in the LGEA MCFC office equipment coal severance project \$9,265.00; and increasing expenditures in the LGEA sheriffs office coal severance projects \$8,777.71; LGEA prior year coal sev project closeout \$11,883.17; and increasing expenditures in the ABC funds \$1800.01; during a meeting of the Morgan County Fiscal Court to be held on August 28, 2025, at 6:00 pm local time at the County Office Building at 450 Prestonsburg Street, West Liberty, KY. A copy of the full ordinance is available for public inspection in the office of the County Judge Executive.

MORGAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT TREASURER'S SETTLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE DETAIL REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025										
Item	General Fund	Road Fund	Jail Fund	LGEA Fund	Timberland Taxing Fund Fund	Special Projects	Clerk Doc Fee	PP Funds	Totals	
FUND BALANCE JULY 1, 2024	1,454,229.09	1,323,892.51	29,608.32	19,434.86	2,671.84	196,841.82	3,765.20	410,481.05	\$	3,440,924.69
PLUS REVENUE RECEIPTS										
TAXES 41	3,477,976.39				2,987.87					3,480,964.26
IN LIEU TAX PAYMENTS 42	49,720.00	2,869.53								52,589.53
EXCESS FEES 43	146,416.24									146,416.24
LICENSE & PERMITS 44						1,800.01				1,800.01
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE 45	447,888.76	2,245,419.11	86,432.60	360,689.74		189,144.83				3,329,575.04
CHARGES FOR SERVICES 46	10,217.33		17,794.70							28,012.03
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE 47	402,646.70	28,054.41				8,300.00	13,160.00			452,161.11
INTEREST EARNED 48	36,677.42					0.06	1.81	161.10		36,840.39
FUND TRANSFERS IN/OUT 49	1,096,833.73	1,123,892.51	625,271.32	(49,640.14)	2,671.84	230,447.96	3,765.20	410,481.05		3,443,723.47
BORROWED MONEY										-
PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT										-
	5,668,376.57	3,400,235.56	729,498.62	311,049.60	5,659.71	429,692.86	16,927.01	410,642.15		10,972,082.08
LESS EXPENDITURES										
GENERAL GOVERNMENT EXPENSES 50	2,016,658.88			30,277.60		1,200.00	15,593.34	45,171.75		2,108,901.57
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY 51	105,352.72	8,660.00	612,269.84	198,561.88	3,783.00					928,627.44
GENERAL HEALTH & SANITATION 52	503,474.49					28,067.05				531,541.54
SOCIAL SERVICES 53										-
CAPITAL PROJECTS 80		669,089.04		15,628.97		171,798.15				856,516.16
RECREATION & CULTURE EXPENSES 54	494,212.53									494,212.53
PUBIC TRANSPORTATION EXPENSES 60		1,222,777.71								1,222,777.71
DEBT SERVICE 70	351,556.17	634,324.99								985,881.16
ADMINISTRATION GENERAL SERVICES 90		32,468.00								32,468.00
TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS 93										-
ADMINISTRATION CONTINGENT91	29,123.99	184.03				9,580.52				38,888.54
ADMINISTRATION FRINGE BENEFITS 94	657,123.50	238,615.74	94,599.74							990,338.98
ADMINISTRATION DISTRIBUTION TO OTHER GOV'T AGENC 95		19,263.11								19,263.11
	4,157,502.28	2,825,382.62	706,869.58	244,468.45	3,783.00	210,645.72	15,593.34	45,171.75	\$	8,209,416.74
FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025	1,510,874.29	574,852.94	22,629.04	66,581.15	1,876.71	219,047.14	1,333.67	365,470.40		2,762,665.34