

CORE

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them and be the coach that they need. Not only are they bringing amazing skill and amazing leadership, but they bring calm and compassion for their younger teammates.”

One of the key pieces to Priddy’s defensive unit this season will be sophomore goalie Sophia Jordan. She made 67 saves last year while playing in all 18 games. Playing as a freshman, Jordan has grown a lot in her confidence on the field.

"As a freshman, it really made me a lot more assertive in myself and how I view myself as a goalie and how I talk to my teammates, because I was playing with seniors when I was 13,” Jordan said. “Talking with my seniors last year, learning how to talk to them correctly, learning how really the game works as a varsity player, it has really helped me this year to prepare for the season.”

Jordan has had a lot of help from Garrett as a defensive midfielder and has seen her grow into one of the best defenders on the team.

“Macy Garrett, as my DM, has really helped me a lot,” Jordan said. She is really open to talking, talks to me throughout the whole game, tells me what's happening, goes up if she needs to, comes back and listens to me. She's just my number one defender. I can always count on her.”

Priddy sees a lot of herself in Jordan since she played goalie as well. Priddy knows the experience Jordan had last year will help her grow, but she has seen Jordan become a pivotal part of keeping the team energy in a good place.

“[Jordan] is a very neutral person for this team, which I think is amazing,” Priddy said. “When we go into her skill, you have to be gritty to be a goalie, and she's gritty. She puts herself out there. She's laying out there on the turf every single day, and she knows if she doesn't give her 100%, she's doing a disservice to herself and to her teammates. She knows that if she's not constantly stopping all those balls, they're not going to get better. One, she's doing it for herself, and two, she has that team mentality and that team want to get the job done together.”

On the offensive side, Wheeler is back as one of the top goal scorers from last year. Priddy has seen her be more assertive and confident in her stick ability and her ability to score goals for the team.

“From a very young age, I looked at her, I said, ‘you're going to be good. You are going to be good if you continue to keep your head on straight and work hard,’” Priddy said. “Not only has she shown strength in her conditioning and her speed but her field hockey IQ, not passing into defenders, passing back to give it to the outlet and to transfer

it around the field and find that open space, she's not forcing it anymore. She's not running into crowds. She's taking that big, deep breath and saying, what is best for the team? Not, I have a 10% chance to get through, and I'm going to take it. It's, I have a 90% chance behind me, and we're going to hold possession and just bringing that and her leadership to the team every single day is absolutely amazing.”

Jordan has seen the hard-working nature of Wheeler throughout the offseason and her ability to help the team on the field.

“[Wheeler] has really been good about getting us hyper, being able to push forward, give 100% 100% of the time,” Jordan said. “She's been really, really good at being a post on the offensive side, and she's been really helping me, trying to get my side better, so I don't get goals either.”

Jordan has seen the leadership side of Wheeler come out in her seniors season.

“Leah last year, she was a lot more timid, but now, she's really stepped up as a captain to become more assertive to the young girls, not bossing us around but telling us, ‘hey, this is how you can do this better, or I have an idea for this,’” Jordan said.

Sophomore Callie Crabtree and Anna Sidwell will also be returning to help out the Lady Dragon offense. Priddy has seen a lot of hunger out of both of them this offseason. Priddy has had her team working on playing with intensity inside the circle.

“That's great going into the season, but I think that showed them that Callie, as a sophomore, wants that starting spot,” Priddy said. “She's working for it. She has improved over club. She wants to get the ball in the back of the net. That's been my priority. With Anna, she's probably been priority playing my left mid and Callie playing forward or mid. They're just very diverse and can do anything. They're very coachable, and they listen and keep their ears open.”

Priddy has seen a lot of improvement out of sophomore Sophia Knautz and eighth grader Harper Phillips. For Knautz, Priddy has been focusing on getting her more time in the post position and scoring goals with how well she has performed during practice. She has seen a lot of passion out of Phillips.

“[Phillips] wants it. She has a heart,” Priddy said. “She's given the older girls a run for her money. I'm the kind of coach where I don't care what your age is. If you come out here and show me that you want it and you have intensity and you have your stick skills, go on. Until you show me not, you go on, and until those seniors show me that they deserve that spot before then, you keep working your butt off. I think that really translates with the girls. Yes, seniority matters and yes, experience matters but at the end of



PHOTO BY Wyatt Sparkman

South Oldham junior Leah Wheeler celebrates with senior Ellie Keemer after scoring a goal in a 7-0 win over Oldham County.

the day, if you get comfortable in that spot and you start to let off the gas, you have someone right behind you.”

Being one of the underclassmen, Jordan has been able to see a lot of growth from the young players on the team, like Crabtree.

“I think with club teams in the offseason, a lot of girls have really grown and up their skill, like Callie Crabtree,” Jordan said. “She's really worked on her tomahawk and getting there and having really good shots. I'm really excited for our future, because when my grade becomes seniors, we're going to be unstoppable.”

Jordan has seen a lot of growth from Molly McCracken.

“[McCracken] has really stepped up her game,” Jordan said. “She's gone from a forward all the way back to a defender, and she's been really good about getting out, getting forward and making sure our team has passes back.”

Jordan's goal for the team this year is to win the county and make the state tournament.

“We want to win county this year and be able to make it to state,” Jordan said. “We really think that this year is really good. We're having a lot of communication this year with the offense. It is a lot better than last year. It's just all around better, and I'm really excited for how far we go.”

Priddy's goal for the season is to win the district championship and make it to the state tournament. She wants to instill a no fear mentality when going up against some of the top teams in the state. Priddy wants to see her team be consistent and not play down to competition but see their best performances every day while also having confidence to make a mistake and grow from it.

“Using that and not letting the girls walk on eggshells around me, I think, is another huge thing,” Priddy said. “Yes, I am your coach and I'm not your friend, but you can confide in me. I support you, and I care about you. You are a human before you're a student, and then you are an athlete. Their mental health, how they're feeling and their confidence, honestly matters as much to me as their skill, because if I can instill that in them, then I'm only helping them in their future. I'm making strong, beautiful, kind young women. That's all I am here for.”

BOYS

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time and effort into practice and doing the right things to help this team do well. It just showed right there that day how much time and effort they put in.”

Meredith sees the next three weeks as a deciding point for his team. He wants to see putting improve, but he's been really impressive with all his golfers growth throughout the year. Meredith wants to get as many of his golfers into competitive rounds to help their maturity within the game.

“My older guys, they're getting more comfortable shooting low scores,” Meredith said. “That's something most of them haven't done. Right now, I have six guys who have all-state points, and we've never had more than two in the last



PHOTO BY Wyatt Sparkman

Oldham County sophomore Miles Green hits the ball at the KHSAA Region Six Golf Championship.

two years. That's impressive, and we just get more comfortable and more comfortable when we walk on the tee. I don't see any nerves. I just see them swinging at it and

playing golf. That's what I tell them all the time.”

South Oldham and Oldham County will be playing in the St. Elizabeth Invitational on Saturday Aug. 23.

LEGAL NOTICE

The most recent financials of the La Grange Utilities Commission may be viewed by the public Monday - Friday 8 am - 4 pm at 412 E Jefferson St La Grange, KY 40031 also available online @ <https://kydlgweb.ky.gov/>

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LEGAL NOTICE

All persons residing within the boundaries of Oldham County are hereby notified that there will be held during the regular meeting of the Oldham County Fiscal Court, 100 W Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY, at 2:00pm on September 2, 2025, a public hearing. The propose of the hearing is to establish the tax rate for the Oldham County Fiscal Court for the 2025 calendar year. In accordance with the provisions of KRS 68.245 (5)(c), the following information is provided for those interested parties of the Oldham County Fiscal Court:

1. The tax rate for the 2024 taxable year was .0870 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue produced by that tax rate for the 2024 taxable year was \$7,944,869.

2. The proposed tax rate for the 2025 taxable year is .0870 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue expected to be produced from that tax rate is \$8,240,439.

3. The compensating rate is .0840 cents for each \$100 valuation and revenue expected to be produced at that rate is \$7,956,286.

4. Revenue expected from new property is \$85,707. Revenue expected from personal property is \$514,421.

5. Revenue in excess of the revenue produced during the 2024 taxable year will be used for increased operating cost. The main operating cost increases relate to law enforcement wages and retirement.

6. The General Assembly has required publication of the this advertisement and information contained herein.

LEGAL NOTICE

All persons residing within the boundaries of Oldham County are hereby notified that there will be held during the regular meeting of the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District , 1101 Moody Lane, LaGrange, KY, at 8:00 am on September 8, 2025, a public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to establish the tax rate for the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District for the 2025 calendar year. In accordance with the provisions KRS 132.023, the following information is provided for those interested parties of the Oldham County Ambulance Taxing District:

1. The tax rate for the 2024 taxable year was .0474 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue produced by that tax rate for the 2024 taxable year was \$4,262,892.

2. The proposed tax rate for the 2025 taxable year is to keep exactly the same rate at .0474 cents for each \$100 valuation. Revenue expected to be produced from that tax rate is \$4,489,618.

3. The compensating rate is .0460 cents for each \$100 valuation and revenue expected to be produced at that rate is \$4,357,014.

4. Revenue expected from new property is \$46,695. Revenue expected from personal property is \$206,640. Revenue in excess of the revenue produced during the 2024 taxable year will be used for capital expenditures, additional staffed 8 hour ambulance and increased operating cost. The capital items the Ambulance Taxing District expects to expend funds for during the next year will be for purchase of additional ambulances.

5. This notification is required pursuant to provisions of KRS 132.023

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bids for the Water Treatment Plant Generator Replacement, consisting of the construction/installation in Trimble County, KY, of a 750 KW generator, automatic transfer switch, conduits, & associated wiring & hardware at existing Water Treatment Plant, will be received at Henry County Water District No. 2, (HCWD) 8955 Main St, Campbellsburg, KY 40011 until 11:00 a.m. local time, on 9/10/25. Proposals which have been submitted in accordance with Instruction to Bidders will be publicly opened & read aloud at HCWD. The Contract Documents may be viewed at the following locations:

Henry County Water District No. 2 – 8955 Main St, Campbellsburg, KY 40011
Tetra Tech – 424 Lewis Hargett Cir, Ste 110, Lexington, KY 40503
Dodge Data & Analytics Construction Planroom – www.dodge.construction.com
Builders Exchange – 2300 Meadow Dr, Louisville, KY 40213

Complete Contract Documents may be obtained from Lynn Imaging, www.lynnimaging.com, 328 Old Vine St, Lexington, KY, 40507, 859-255-1021 for \$150 non-refundable fee plus S & H. Award of Contract will be made to lowest, responsive, responsible Bidder. Each bidder must deposit with bid security in the amount, form, & subject to conditions provided in Instructions to Bidders. No Bidder may withdrawal Bid within 90 consecutive calendar days after the actual date of opening. Bidder must comply with Title VI of Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Anti-Kickback Act, & Contract Work Hours Standard Act. Bidder must comply with President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. Bidder must supply certification of prior work under Executive Order No. 11246 Equal Employment Opportunity) as amended. Bidder shall comply with 41 CFR 60-4 in regard to affirmative action, to ensure equal opportunity to females & minorities & will apply timetables & goal set forth in 41 CFR 60-4. This procurement is not subject to Federal & State wage rate determinations. Bidder awarded contract shall complete work within 365 calendar days. Liquidated damages will be assessed at \$500 per calendar day. Owner reserves right to waive any bidding informalities & refuse or reject any/or all Bids for any reason, or for no reason whatsoever. Mandatory pre-bid conference is scheduled 10:00 a.m., 8/27/25 at the HCWD Water Treatment Plant, 3278 Morton Ridge Rd. Technical questions concerning interpretation of Plans & Specifications for WTP Generator Replacement Project should be addressed in writing to Lucy Pacholik of Tetra Tech., at 424 Lewis Hargett Cir, Suite 110, Lexington, KY, 40503, email address lucy.pacholik@tetratech.com. All technical questions must be submitted no later than 11:00 a.m. on 9/2/25.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF LA GRANGE
Notice of Public Hearing,
September 2, 2025, 6:30 p.m., City Hall

The La Grange City Council will conduct a public hearing during its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., pertaining to the second reading for adoption of the following proposed ordinance. The hearing will be held at City Hall, 307 W. Jefferson St, La Grange, Kentucky.

ORDINANCE NO. 14, SERIES 2025 -- AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A GENERAL TAX

All interested parties are hereby notified that the full text of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection and copying at City Hall during normal business hours and are posted on the City's website at www.lagrangeky.gov

LEGAL NOTICE

All persons residing within the boundaries of City of La Grange are hereby notified that there will be a public hearing, held during the La Grange City Council Meeting located at 307 W Jefferson Street, LaGrange, KY, on September 2, 2025, at 6:30pm. The purpose of the hearing is to establish the tax rate for the City of La Grange for the 2025 calendar year based on the taxable real property as assessed by Oldham County PVA in the total amount of \$1,048,053,337. In accordance with the provisions of KRS 132.023, the following information is provided for those interested parties of the City of La Grange:

1. The real property tax rate for the 2024 taxable year was 19.8 cents (.1980) for each \$100 valuation of real estate. Revenue produced by that tax rate for the 2024 taxable year was \$1,872,180.

2. The real property tax rate for the 2025 taxable year will be lowered to 19.1 cents (.1910) for each \$100 valuation of real estate. Revenue expected to be produced from that tax rate is \$2,001,782.

3. The tangible tax rate for the 2025 taxable year will remain at 26.5 cents (.2650) per \$100 valuation of tangible personal property. Revenue expected to be produced from the tax rate is \$129,602.

4. Revenue in excess of the revenue produced during the 2024 taxable year will be used for increased operating costs.

5. The General Assembly has required publication of this advertisement and information contained herein.