

**OBITUARY**

**Beverly Adams McMakin, 83**

THE VILLAGES, FLORIDA — Beverly Adams McMakin, age 83, formerly from La Grange, Ky. passed away peacefully on Dec. 8, 2025, at her home in The Villages, Florida, surrounded by her loving family. Beverly was the cherished daughter of Mariceta and Vince Adams. She is preceded in death by her brother, James Wesley Adams. Beverly is survived by her devoted husband, William McMakin III and her son, William McMakin IV, who resides in Lexington, Ky. Additionally, her brother-in-law, Ron McMakin; sister-in-law, Janice Edds Adams; niece, Kimberly Adams Sinclair and her husband, Kevin Sinclair and their sons, Keifer and Connor Sinclair; and her nephew, Michael Thomas Adams.



Born on Feb. 23, 1942, in Louisville, Ky., Beverly spent her early years in Crestwood, Ky. It was during high school that she met her life partner, Billy McMakin, with whom she shared 61 years of marriage. Beverly was a graduate of Oldham County High School in 1960 and earned a business degree from the University of Kentucky in 1964, where she was a member of the ZTA sorority. Following her graduation and marriage, she pursued a career as a secretary at several prominent real estate and banking firms before becoming the bookkeeper and a vital support for her husband's pharmacy, Head's Drugstore in La Grange, Ky. Beverly was an enthusiastic golfer, achieving two holes-in-one during her time in Florida. She often joked, "I never know

who's going to show up for my game, so if you play with me, you get unlimited Mulligans." The lifelong friendships she maintained from Oldham County and the companionship of her neighbors in The Villages brought her great joy in her later years. The family is profoundly grateful to these friends. Beverly also enjoyed reading and playing cards and games with her friends. She cherished her son, Bill, whom she and Billy were blessed to have. Since her diagnosis with Parkinson's disease in 2003, Beverly valiantly managed the symptoms for many years. She was an active contributor to the Michael J. Fox Foundation by participating in numerous trials in pursuit of a cure. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations in her memory to the Michael J. Fox Foundation, accessible at michaeljfox.org. Honoring her wishes, Beverly will be cremated.

A celebration of her life will take place on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Heady-Radcliffe Funeral Home, 706 West Jefferson Street in La Grange from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. (noon) with a funeral service to follow. We invite all who knew and loved Beverly to join us in celebrating her life and memory.

# Fiscal court approves \$67.9 million budget

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The Oldham County Fiscal Court approved its 2027 fiscal year budget in a meeting on Tuesday, June 2.

The \$67.9 million budget was first introduced in March. According to District 5 Magistrate Chris Haunz, the county expects to spend most of its money on salaries.

"We have a very good group of county employees, and they should be compensated well for the work that they do," said Haunz.

He commended the finance committee for its work on the budget. While the county still owes money on bonds and the jail, Haunz said Oldham's debt "only changed by a few dollars from last year."

"It's always been a proud moment for me to have a balanced budget," said Haunz. "I give a lot of credit of that to the finance committee, to the directors, to the judge, and to the finance team. And in the judge's office, because it's a rather large undertaking to get this to where we are

today."

Haunz reported that the Department of Local Governance reviewed the budget and had no concerns. "That means our math, mathed," he said.

The county has \$5.4 million in reserves set aside for spending. As reported by the Era, the budget shows that \$1.16 million will go to "Police Evidence Room, Tac [Training Ammunition Combat] House". \$1.6 million will be invested in the Oldham Reserve; \$1.2 million is allotted for roadway improvements and \$1.49 million is budgeted for park improvements.

The county also slated \$80,705 for drug enforcement spending and \$391,000 for opioid spending.

This money isn't all guaranteed to be spent, though, according to Chief Financial Officer Stan Clark. The funds set aside for capital investment, for example, may not be used unless the county determines a need.

"We have shown money to come out of reserves for capital, but we have not

touched it in a few years," he said.

In light of recent concerns, Judge Executive David Voegle dispelled misconceptions about the property tax rate, which he said many wrongly think is rising.

"The rate for property tax has not been increased by the Fiscal Court in at least 16 years; we've actually decreased our rate twice," he said.

He explained that rising property values are raising the tax costs.

The legal notice will be in this week's paper.

After budget talks, the Fiscal Court updated its contract with Southern Health Partners, which provides health services to the Oldham County Jail.

Oldham agreed to pay SHP a base compensation of \$768,369, a 3% rise from last year's contract. If the jail exceeds 300 inmates, the county's rate will increase by \$0.77 per diem for every extra inmate. The base rate is set to increase by another 3% upon renewal next fiscal year.

The court also accepted a Waste Tire Grant from the Kentucky Division of Waste Management. The program gives the county \$4,000 for tire disposal efforts. With it, Oldham residents can drop off old tires at the Oldham County Recycling Center for free.

Following contract updates, the court accepted the following roads into the county road management system: Norton Commons Hamlet, Section 1A; roads within Sanctuary Falls, Phase 1, Section 1; and Sanctuary Falls, Phase 1, Section 2A.

They released the Sanctuary Falls, Phase 1, Section 1 and Sanctuary Falls, Phase 1, Section 2A performance surety bonds.

At the end of the meeting, the court entered an executive session to discuss "proposed litigation on behalf of Oldham County"; no action was taken, and no announcements were given after a nearly 30-minute break.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 16 at 2 p.m.

# City council approves 2027 budget

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PEWEE VALLEY — The Pewee Valley City Council approved its budget and shared other updates at its June meeting last Wednesday.

The city plans to spend \$126,700 next fiscal year — \$32,500 will go to the road fund, \$26,000 to the stormwater fund and \$68,200 will be allotted to the general fund.

The council also approved its property tax rate for the 2027-28 fiscal year. The tax will sustain last year's 0.14% rate.

In May, Pewee Valley police conducted

55 traffic stops, 28 citations, 26 courtesy notices and four calls for service. Pewee Valley Chief of Police Mike Purcell said a vehicle stolen from Columbus, Ohio, was found on Old Floydsburg Road. No arrests have been made, but police are monitoring the situation with a potential suspect in mind, says Purcell.

He reported no crimes, no break-ins and no issues.

For festivities, the Pewee Valley Farmer's Market will take place on Thursdays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., at St. James Episcopal Church. The Summer picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8, and the tree giveaway, fall festival and

master planning community open house are all planned for Saturday, Oct. 10.

The city has contracted with Taylor Stifler and Williams Design Group to complete phase one of the master plan project, which involves community engagement, visioning and surveying existing conditions, according to a message from Council Member Emily Rademaker, who was absent from the meeting.

Spring paving projects are finished, and Houston Lane will start later this summer.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 1 at 6:30 p.m.

## Local Briefs

From staff reports

### KBG TO HOST BBQ EVENT FOR KBG SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Celebrate KBG Syndrome Awareness Day with Kentucky's Best Garage LLC on Thursday June 11 from 5 to 7 p.m., located at 2121 Spencer Court in La Grange. Learn about KBG Syndrome and a research study at Phoenix Children that was just approved while enjoying BBQ provided by Bluegrass King BBQ.

For more information, find Kentucky Best Garage LLC on Facebook.

### SUMMER FAMILY FUN FEST RAISES FUNDS FOR A GREAT CAUSE

The next brilliant business idea may be launching soon! At the Summer Family Fun Fest and Kid-Owned Business Expo, young entrepreneurs are encouraged to sell, promote and present their products and ideas on June 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Presented by Black Ops Productions and Kentucky Kingdom, the event welcomes young business owners between the ages of 6 and 17 to compete for cash prizes in the Treasure Tank Competition.

In addition to the Expo, the Fun Fest offers free admission, carnival style games, entertainment, inflatables, face painting, vendor booths and more. There will be something fun for all ages.

While the event is free, monetary donations will be accepted at the entrance to the event with proceeds donated to the Jake Luxemburger Foundation. The nonprofit was established to honor Jake's legacy of giving and positive community

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## ELECTION

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### LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL (EIGHT ELECTED)

- Kenneth Powell (i)
- Sean Wood
- Emily Cockrell
- Latosha Booker-Bishop (i)
- Joe Ezzio
- Landon Cockrell
- Joe Davenport (i)
- Kristy Waldrige
- Deborah Pollard
- Rod Spies
- Mike Thompson
- Laura Taylor (i)
- Sarah Little
- Jason Taylor (i)
- Lucy Ricketts (i)

### CRESTWOOD MAYOR

- James Kramer (i)

### CRESTWOOD CITY COMMISSION (FOUR ELECTED)

- Tim Klein (i)
- Stan Fitch
- Terry Weathers (i)
- Russell Cunningham (i)
- Joan Taylor Bryant (i)

### PEWEE VALLEY MAYOR

- Bob Rogers (i)

### PEWEE VALLEY CITY COUNCIL (SIX ELECTED)

- Allen Ford (i)
- William P. "Bill" Varga
- Amanda Mudd (i)
- Robin Tanselle
- Emily Rademaker (i)
- Paige Bjorn (i)
- Phillip Henry Walsler (i)

### ORCHARD GRASS MAYOR

- Chad Finkenbinder
- Amber Vaughn

### ORCHARD GRASS CITY COUNCIL (SIX ELECTED)

- Brendan Bonner
- Bob Dalton (i)
- Shane Austin Johnston
- Brian Gibson
- Dennis Wilson (i)

### RIVER BLUFF MAYOR

- Bryan J Dillon (i)

### RIVER BLUFF CITY COUNCIL (FOUR ELECTED)

- Lynn Grossman (i)
- Tom Sheffer (i)
- R. Lee Stanley (i)

### GOSHEN MAYOR

- Bobby Austin Thacker (i)

### GOSHEN CITY COMMISSION (FOUR ELECTED)

- Jeff Mangan (i)
- Traci M. Hargrove (i)
- Douglas W. Morales (i)
- William Rolfe (i)

### PROSPECT MAYOR

- Douglass Farnsley (i)

### PROSPECT CITY COUNCIL (SIX ELECTED)

- John B. Clark (i)
- Terry Rankhorn
- David L. Holmes (i)
- Christina Fields Beavin
- Sandra Leonard (i)
- John Evans (i)

### SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

**The deadline to file a petition for local options to have a question on the ballot is Aug. 11.**

### DISTRICT SUPERVISOR (3 ELECTED)

- Kristopher Kelley (i)
- Ezii Oguibe-Shepherd
- Kelli Weakly

With primary election elapsed, several candidates running to serve Oldham Countians have opposition leading up to November. Candidates for each office are listed as they will appear on the ballot, and incumbents are marked with an (i).

### US SENATOR

- Andy Barr (R)
- Charles Booker (D)
- Christopher Campbell (Kentucky Party)
- Thomas Michael Murphy (Write-in)

### US REPRESENTATIVE

- Ed Gallrein (R)

- Melissa Claire Strange (D)
- Mohamed Wael Ahmad (Kentucky Party)
- Jeremy Todd (Libertarian)

### STATE SENATOR, DISTRICT 6

- Lindsey Tichenor (R)
- Christian Furman (D)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 33

- Jason Michael Nemes (R)
- Jennifer Hardin (D)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 48

- Ken Fleming (R)
- Suhas Kulkarni (D)

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 59

- David W. Osborne (R)
- Stephanie White (D)

### COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

- Robert Houchens (R)
- Adam W Bayer (Independent)

### MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT 1

- Joyce G Fletcher (R)
- Galen L Clark (D)

### MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT 5

- William W Douglas (R)
- Rhett Hill (D)

### MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT 6

- Stephanie Hawkins (R)(i)
- Tara Mahan O'Donnell (D)

### MAGISTRATE, DISTRICT 8

- Michael Logsdon (R) (i)
- Karin L Soltau (D)

### SURVEYOR

- Joseph W Scannell (R)
- Walter Denham (D) (i)

Offices up for election this year that only have one candidate filed to run in the general election include: Property Valuation Administrator, County Clerk, County Attorney, Jailer, Sheriff, Coroner, Magistrate Districts 2, 3, 4 and 7, 12th Judicial District Court Judge Division 1 and Division 2, and all seven Constable districts.

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