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presence and really give some good advice to the younger ones, and they really complete our circle. I'm very excited to have them on the team this year."

Lewis is confident in Tunget and Gilbert to step in to play their roles effectively and help with adding maturity to the team as well. Polley has noticed both are natural leaders for the team.

"Alaina, she has a lot of varsity experience already from playing previous years, so I feel like she kind of just slipped right into that leader role too," Polley said. "She's not afraid to speak her mind. She's not afraid to give directions. Same with Olivia, she plays field hockey and so does Alaina. They just are already leaders. They're just natural. They kind of just slipped right back into the team, no matter the time they took off."

Clifford is excited to see how her junior class progresses this year. She's seen a lot of improvement out of Madison Barnhart, Hallee Doelker, Caidence Richard and McKenzie Watson while also seeing growth from freshman Emma Love.

"They're fighting for some spots: Hallee Delker, Caidence Richard, Madison Barnhart, McKenzie Watson," Clifford said. "That whole crew has really grown in not only their physicality but their mental toughness with their IQ. Those are some kiddos to watch for. Emma Love, she's a freshman. She has just some good light and excitement to her. That's really going to be fun to watch. Alaina too coming on, she's going to be a light's out shooter. I like my team."

Polley has been impressed with Barnhart, and her ability to have a leadership role on the team and the way she brings energy on the court. Lewis has also seen growth from Barnhart but also Love as well.

"Madison's very confident," Lewis said. "In each practice, she's the loudest person. She's always telling us to bring energy, even if we're all down. I also think Emma Love. Last year, she played a lot of JV, but this year, she's not afraid of anything. She's been so aggressive. She's also bringing out a lot of energy every practice, every game."

With having a young team, there has to be patience with them, and Clifford knows that. She wants them to have confidence through hard times and good times throughout the season. One of the ways the team is looking to improve is getting more consistent with shot making this year.

"I think the biggest thing in that is I'm confident in them, and I don't care how many they make or miss," Clifford said. "It's always the next play. If they know that their coaches are behind them and we want them to shoot, I think that brings so much more confidence in them to be confident out there to shoot. They know coaches want them to shoot, and we're confident in them. Honestly, we've been shooting the ball really well."

Polley and Lewis have felt the encouragement from Clifford and her staff to continue to shoot and be confident in their shots, even if they do miss a few. They have worked in the offseason to get better at that part of the game.

"We also have practices where we have designated shooting drills, so everyone gets the reps in," Lewis said. "I feel like everybody can shoot. There's not a single person that can't shoot."

Lewis is excited to see how Clifford takes the reins as the head coach because of her history playing and her ability to practice with them as well. Polley has felt the encouragement from Cllifford as well so far this year.

"[Clifford's] the push. If we're having bad practices or if we had a bad scrimmage, she pushes us to do better, talk more," Polley said. "She'll get on us, but she's not afraid to help us and walk us through it. She brings so much energy to practice. That's such a game changer."

Polley believes defense wins games, and one of the goals for the team is to be one of the best defensive teams in the region. She feels confident in the offense and is confident in the defense to help the team make it back to regionals this year. Lewis wants to see everyone have consistent energy throughout the season.

"I think we also need to be able to have a consistent energy every single game, because if we do and we build off each other and be good teammates to each other, we can beat anybody if we try."

Going into the season, Clifford wants to be patient with her team, because they are young and wants to make sure she and her players build the culture in the right way.

"Of course, everybody wants to make it to that regional championship and make it to the big game," Clifford said. "Building a program, building a culture isn't going to happen overnight. I know that we're going to have some tough losses in there, but I think the thing that I really want us to work on and the biggest goal is just to get better every day. Here, we're going to create and we are creating young women being confident in themselves. Basketball is just something fun along the way that we get to do it with them. We're going to contend. We're going to be ready for the district and try to get to the region."

FOOTBALL

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score to give Spencer County the lead while capping off a 12-play, over seven-minute drive. North responded in the final four and half minutes of the first half. Pfeiffer started by finding senior Hudson Hackler for nine yards before Lindsey moved the chains on the ground.

Pfeiffer hit junior Andrew Davis for 18 yards, and Lindsay came back with 10 more on the ground. After a third-and-1 conversion by Pfeiffer, he powered his way in for a one-yard touchdown to tie the game at 14 apiece at the half.

"Since day one, I knew Brodie was special," Davis said. "Since he first stepped on this field, I knew he was going to be a big impact to North. It's really just reps, reps on reps on reps on reps. Coming out every day, giving it my all, making sure he's giving it his all, and we just got on the same page."

The Mustangs opened the second half strong. Sophomore Ethan Miller made a tackle for loss, putting the Bears behind the chains for the first time in the game. North Oldham forced the first three-and-out of the game.

"The way they run that Wing-T, it's really well. That first half, it's a lot of confusion," Smith said. "You're kind of just getting used to how they run the ball, how they're playing. They're just trying to get as many guys on one side of the field as they can. We just had to try to do our job. I think in that first half, we just weren't as disciplined. Me and the other linebackers, we were kind of getting too far up the field, not reading our keys. In that second half, we had a big talk with Coach McGraw in the locker room, and he talked to us about discipline."

Pfeiffer kickstarted the ensuing drive with a 16-yard bullet to Davis before finding him again on the sideline for 13 yards. The Mustangs moved to the ball inside the 10-yard line with the run game, leading to a four-yard touchdown by Lindsey to give North its first lead of the game.

"With [Ronin Renton] being out, that hurt, but luckily we had a lot of faith in Destin," Roberts said. "Destin hasn't had the opportunity that he deserves. I think that kid can start on a lot of teams in the state of Kentucky. Unfortunately for him, he was sitting behind Ronin, so he didn't get a ton of carries this year. We told him all week, 'it's your opportunity. It's your time to shine.' He's a hard runner, great kid…I'm very very proud of him for stepping up in a big moment and getting some hard tough runs that we needed."



PHOTO BY Wyatt Sparkman

North Oldham senior Destin Lindsey runs the ball in a 45-14 win over Spencer County in the 4A KHSAA State Quarterfinals.

Three plays later, sophomore Sam Nettles forced the second Bear fumble of the game, giving the Mustangs the ball on a short field. On the first play of the ensuing North drive, Pfeiffer found Davis wide-open in the endzone for a 33-yard touchdown to extend the Mustang lead.

"These turnovers, this game, were so crucial," Smith said. "To stop an offense like that, it's how you win the game. You can't let them go down the field five yards at a time. A big shout out to Sam Nettles. He really stepped up…He went crazy. He was going headfirst into all the plays, and I think that really helped us, because he'd be in there second down and make it a second-and-10, so they would be behind on the sticks, and that would help us."

Spencer County faced an early fourth-and-2 to start its next drive, and senior quarterback Garrett Stickdorn found seven yards to keep the drive alive. Trammell followed his block, running his way near the redzone with a 40-yard run on the next play.

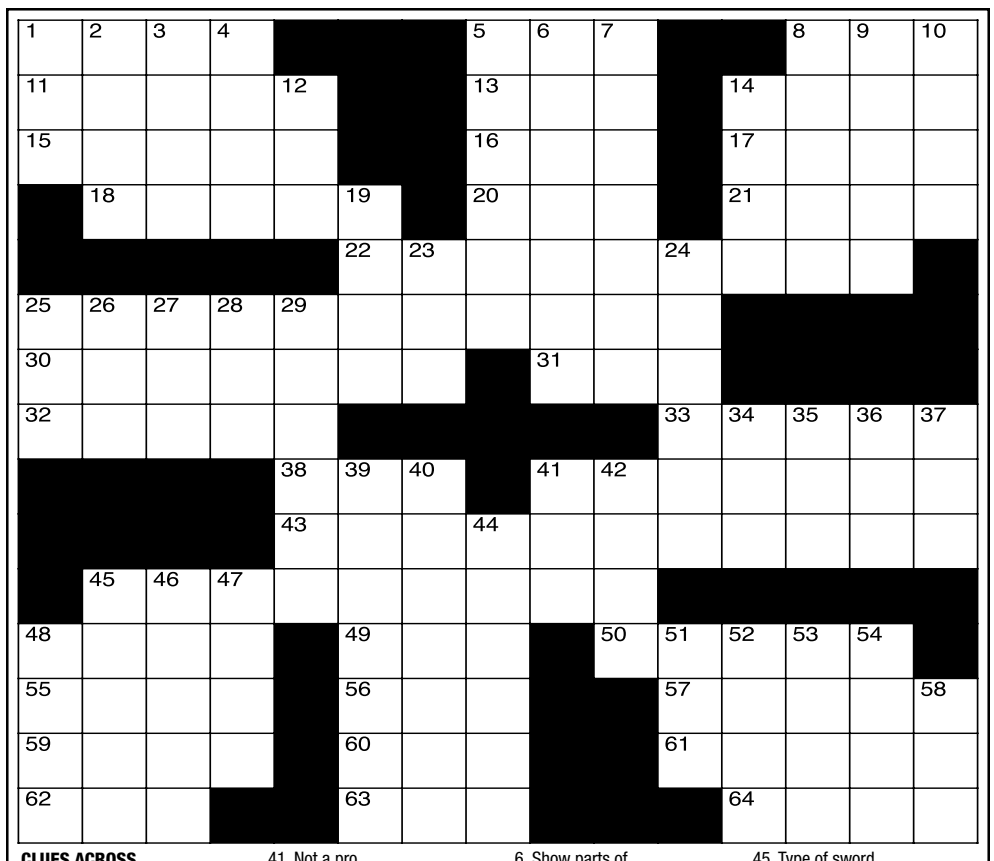
However, a penalty forced Spencer County into a third-and-long, and Davis jumped a pass by Stickdorn for an interception. North Oldham took four plays to turn the turnover into points. Pfeiffer dumped off a screen pass to Nesmith, and Nesmith took it the rest of the way for a 66-yard touchdown.

"It's how gritty and how disciplined we are," Davis said. "Not a lot of defenses can force that many turnovers, hold that many teams to below 30 points, below 20 points. I think that just shows how gritty and disciplined we are. Teams around the state, they've been saying we're not physical, but I think we showed tonight and in past weeks that we're a physical defense."

The ensuing Bear possession, Waldridge converted a third down on the ground, but the next play, Davis jumped another pass by Stickdorn. This time returning it about 35 yards for a score with 8:09 left in the game.

"I just have to give that one to my coaches," Davis said. "Our scout team, our coaches, we practiced that all week. I knew it was coming. I saw it from a mile

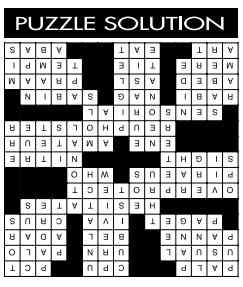
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CLUES ACROSS
1. Insect feeler
5. Central processing unit
8. Part of (abbr.)
11. Typical
13. Tall, rounded vase
14. __ Alto, California city
15. Lustrous, velvet-like fabric
16. "Fresh Prince of __ Air"
17. Hebrew calendar month
18. British surgeon who discovered bone disease
20. Agreement between debtor and creditor (abbr.)
21. Elongated part of anatomical structure
22. Acts slowly on
25. Keeps a little too safe
30. Greek seaport
31. "Baba O'Riley" rockers
32. Vision
33. Potassium nitrate in mineral form
38. Midway between northeast and east
41. Not a pro
43. Give a new look
45. Sensational
48. Nobel Prize-winning physicist
49. Annoy constantly
50. Vaccine developer
55. Lying down
56. Type of language (abbr.)
57. Flat-bottomed boat
59. Smallest or slightest
60. Bind
61. Speeds
62. The products of human creativity
63. Consume food
64. Ancient Greek sophist

CLUES DOWN
1. A young canine
2. As fast as can be done
3. Soviet moon probes
4. Sharp spasm of pain
5. One who adheres to a specific art movement
6. Show parts of
7. Unfasten
8. San Diego ballplayer
9. Santa
10. Rocky peaks
12. "Matt Houston" actor Horsley
14. A written agreement between two sides
19. Beginning to end (abbr.)
23. Greek goddess of the dawn
24. Not written in any key
25. Organized missions
26. Seven
27. Work unit
28. Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
29. Broadway legend Bernadette
34. Belonging to a thing
35. Vietnamese offensive
36. Bitterly regret
37. Make a mistake
39. Newborn child
40. A combined landmass
41. Satisfaction
42. Hilly peninsulas in Denmark
44. Young swine
45. Type of sword
46. Siskel's partner
47. Brood of pheasants
48. Hindu model of ideal man
51. Suitable in the circumstances
52. La __ tar pits
53. Unstressed-stressed metrical foot
54. California wine country
58. Badly

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS

The Oldham County Board of Education will receive Proposals from qualified Construction Managers (CMs) for both Preconstruction Phase services and Construction Phase services. The intended Project is:

OLDHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION & RENOVATIONS

Interested and qualified CMs can receive a copy of the official Request for Proposal (RFP) by downloading from https:/www.oldham.kyschools.us/district/bid-opportunities or by submitting a one-page letter of interest to:
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An authorized representative of the Board of Education will receive CM proposals until December 10, 2026. Proposals received after this date will not be accepted. Proposals shall be submitted only on the form as received from the soliciting Board of Education.

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF CRESTWOOD
ORDINANCE NO. 6, SERIES 2026
AN ORDINANCE RE-AFFIRMING THE TAX RATE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH THE SHERIFF OF OLDHAM COUNTY FOR THE COLLECTION OF CITY OF CRESTWOOD AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE 2026 TAXABLE YEAR

WHEREAS, tl1e City of Crestwood and the Sheriff of Oldham County have reached an agreement for the Sheriff of Oldham County to collect property taxes for the City of Crestwood for the 2026 taxable year; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Crestwood re-affirms the tax rate for 2026 in the amount of 10.000 cents per $100.00 of assessed value of real property, with the rate remaining the same as 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Crestwood City Commission has found that the offlce of Sheriff of Oldham County has the ability, experience, professionalism, equipment, and staff necessary to efficiently collect the 2026 Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the City of Crestwood and,

WHEREAS, the Crestwood City Commission finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Crestwood to contract with the Sheriff of Oldham County to collect the City's Ad Valorem Property Taxes for the 2026 taxable year and the Sheriff of Oldham County is desirous of entering into an agreement with the City of Crestwood to collect the 2026 City of Crestwood Ad Valorem Property Taxes as agent for the City and,

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Ordained by the Commissioners of the City of Crestwood, Kentucky, as follows: That the Mayor of the City of Crestwood be authorized to enter into an agreement with the Sheriff of Oldham County to act as Agent for the City of Crestwood in collecting 2026 City of Crestwood Ad Va lo rem Property Taxes under the following terms and conditions:

1. TAX RATE: The City of Crestwood re-affirms the tax rate for 2026 in the amount of 10.000 cents per $100.00 of assessed value of real property, with the rate remaining the same as 2025.

2. SHERIFF'S DUTIES AND SHERIFF'S COMPENSATION:

A. Stuffing, stamping and mailing tax bills for the 2026 taxable year.

B. Collecting of taxes for the City of Crestwood for the 2026 taxable year shall be payable as follows: A 30% discount of the Face Amount if the tax bill is paid by November 1, 2026. The Face Amount of the tax bill if paid by December 31, 2026. A 10% penalty on the Face Amount of a tax bill paid after December 31, 2026 and paid by April 15, 2027.

C. On a monthly basis, the Sheriff shall withhold his commission from the monies collected for the City and shall remit the balance of the monies collected to the City of Crestwood.

D. Make monthly accountings and a final accounting of taxes collected, with the final accounting to be made by no later than May 1, 2027. The final accounting shall include a return to the City of Crestwood of all delinquent uncollected 2026 City of Crestwood tax bills. It is specifically provided that the Sheriff of Oldham County shall not be required to advertise and pursue collection of any delinquent 2026 City of Crestwood ad valorem property tax bills.

E. The City of Crestwood shall pay the Sheriff of Oldham County a commission off our and one-quarter percent (4.25%) of the gross revenues collected by the Sheriff and the Sheriff's commission shall be withheld on a monthly basis by the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall bill the City in an amount equal to the amount of postage used by the Sheriff in mailing tax bills on behalf of the City of Crestwood.

Any prior Ordinance or any part of any prior Ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence or provision of this Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other part of this Ordinance and shall be given effect without such other invalid parts.

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication as required by law.

The first reading of this Ordinance having been conducted on August 12, 2026 and the second reading of this Ordinance having been conducted on September 9, 2026, at which time the Ordinance was duly adopted by the Crestwood City Commission.

CITY OF CRESTWOOD
Jim Kramer, Mayor

ATTEST:
Erika Cordova, Clerk