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Grand Jury indicts 9

Crimes against minors, drug trafficking among charges

BY STAFF REPORT

The Oldham Grand Jury indicted nine people after meeting on June 13 on charges including drug trafficking, wanton endangerment, assault and promoting the use of a minor by electronic means.

Michael Falco, 19, had the most charges: eight counts of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means as well as possessing a matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor between ages 12 and 18 and distribution of an obscene matter to a minor.

Falco was arraigned on June 26,

EDITOR'S NOTE

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2025, at 1 p.m., where he pleaded not guilty. He has a pretrial conference scheduled for Sept. 4, 2025, at 1 p.m.

Falco was previously indicted in December, where he was charged with three counts of using a minor in a sexual performance, two of which younger

than 16 and one younger than 18; two counts of possessing a matter portraying a sexual performance by a minor, one under younger than 12 and one between ages 12 and 18; and one count of procuring or promoting the use of a minor by electronic means.

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Photo by Grant Gerstner

Magistrate Kevin Woosley was the main proponent of removing all exemptions from the data center moratorium during the Oldham County Fiscal Court's June 26 meeting.

Moratorium tabled, regulations not ready

County still weighing next steps for data center development

BY GRANT GERSTNER
EDITOR

While further steps towards crafting regulations on data centers were taken by the Study Review Committee, the Oldham County Fiscal Court tabled their vote on a 150-day pause on data center development in the form of a moratorium due to a need for further legal analysis.

THE OLDHAM COUNTY FISCAL COURT

During its June 26 special-called meeting, the fiscal court met for over six hours — a large portion of which was dedicated to public comment and a public hearing regarding the data center moratorium.

Several of those who addressed the court asked for all of the moratorium's exemptions to be removed, and many stressed that data centers should not be classified as a private utility.

As previously reported, the moratorium first came to the court with three exemptions, which

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A century worth celebrating

La Grange Rotary celebrated their 100th birthday party Friday, June 27 at the John Black Community Center in Buckner with dinner, dancing, awards and more.

A highlight of the evening was the signing of "Oldham County Has It All" written by the late Harold Smith, a past president and member of the club for more than 50 years. Singing at Rotary dates back to the first Rotary club in Chicago founded in 1905, just 20 years before La Grange

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Photo by Jane Ashley Pace

Rotary District Governor Dale Leatherman congratulates La Grange Rotary President Joyce Fletcher and outgoing President Al Earley on the club's 100th year on behalf of Rotary District 6710 at the celebration held Friday night.

Transportation Cabinet reduces speed limit on US Highway 42

BY TERRY CHAMBERS
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PROSPECT — The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet has ordered a reduction in the speed limit on US Highway 42 from 45 mph to 35 mph between the Harrods Creek Bridge and River Road following a formal request by the

City of Prospect.

The decision comes after a study conducted by the cabinet in response to growing safety concerns along the corridor. The area, which includes residential neighborhoods, parks and commercial access points has experienced increased traffic volumes and visibility chal-

lenges in recent years.

According to city officials, the change will take effect as soon as new speed limit signs are installed — anticipated by July 1. The adjustment aims to improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in the area, particularly where drive-

ways and intersections are

close to the roadway. The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, which oversees US highways, conducted the study to assess traffic flow and conditions along the stretch before issuing the speed reduction order. The City of Prospect had previously submitted its concerns and requested the review

in light of local development and growing foot and bicycle traffic.

Local law enforcement will begin monitoring compliance once the new signage is in place. Additional traffic calming measures may be considered in the future based on ongoing evaluations and community feedback.



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