

Local pastor hosts National Day of Prayer service downtown

ANCHOR



Photos by Jane Ashley Pace

Oldham Era faith columnist and local pastor Al Earley leads a National Day of Prayer service on the courthouse lawn in La Grange on May 7. Earley hosted the event for the 75th annual National Day of Prayer. Those gathered took turns praying for military members, government leaders, families, schools, first responders, media members, businesses, the church and persecuted believers. Prayers were focused on both local and national issues, groups and individuals. Towards the end of the service, a rare rainbow cloud popped up over Main Street. A second evening service was held at Earley's church, La Grange Presbyterian Church.



Eugene Staten, of Crestwood and 23-year veteran of the United States Army, prays for the nation's military during Thursday's National Day of Prayer Service held in La Grange on the courthouse lawn.



Karen Greenwell prays during a service held in La Grange on the 75th annual National Day of Prayer.



A rare rainbow cloud popped up over Main Street toward the end of the annual National Day of Prayer service held in La Grange.

FROM PAGE A5

intangible benefits of our local connections were simply too important to uproot, regardless of the potential financial rewards. Instead, I racked up a lot of points on Southwest Airlines.

Oldham County proved to be an excellent place to live and conduct business due to its high quality of life, safe environment, green spaces, award-winning school system and prime location on the I-71 corridor just a few minutes from Louisville. The county has a competitive tax rate and offers tailored opportunities for development, particularly in health care, professional services and specialized manufacturing sectors. Our community has everything an entrepreneur needs to start and grow a business. So why go anywhere else?

ROCKET WISDOM

Drop anchor in Oldham County

If you are building a business, I strongly encourage you to make a conscious decision to stay, settle down, and invest time, energy and resources in our community. Join a civic organization, such as one of the three Rotary Clubs in Oldham County. These groups will not only enable you to serve your community but also act as a platform for social interaction and help you build invaluable personal and business relationships.

Furthermore, I encourage local government and economic development officials to invest more resources into helping aspiring entrepreneurs or companies that have already planted their seeds in Oldham County. I believe that supporting local businesses and focusing on retention will yield exceptional economic benefits. Though recruiting new ones increases employment opportunities and the property tax base, home-grown enterprises, as Rocket Man did, tend to hire local accountants, insurers, and suppliers, keeping money within the community, whereas implants may spend or send revenues elsewhere.

Stay thirsty.

Mark Haerten is a resident of Oldham County and the founder of Rocket Man, Rocket Storage and many other businesses. He is the author of "Stay Thirsty - A Serial Entrepreneur's Tale of Success & Failure," available online at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Walmart and www.staythirstythebook.com. Mark can be reached at markh@rocketman.com.

Train-lovers rally to La Grange for RailFest 2026



Photos by Grant Gerstner

Above left: Vendors of all kinds lined both sides of Main Street during RailFest 2026, offering different types of art and other unique goods. Above right: A train rumbles down the tracks on Main Street during RailFest 2026.



because independence should come with a front porch & good company.

Discover the joys of maintenance-free living with one of our brand new patio homes at The Springs at Oldham Reserve.



COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE
for hosting & taking part in events



COMMUNITY EVENTS
with a full activities calendar



ON-SITE LIFESTYLE DIRECTOR
to elevate your day-to-day



FRESH, HOMEMADE MEALS
with all natural ingredients



THE SPRINGS
AT OLDHAM RESERVE
A Trilogy Senior Living Community

trilogypatiohomes.com/oldham