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'Stalwart' of Grayson County Kenneth H. Goff I dies at 99

BY MATT LASLEY
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Longtime Circuit Judge Kenneth H. Goff I died Saturday at age 99, less than five months shy of his 100th birthday.

A 1943 graduate of Caneyville High School, 1948 graduate of Western Kentucky University, and World War II veteran, Goff attended the University of Kentucky College of Law, from which he earned his Juris Doctorate in 1951.

Goff then returned to Leitchfield where he began his legal and judicial career. His public service included roles as Grayson County Judge Pro Tem (1951 to 1954), Grayson County Attorney (1954 to 1966), Leitchfield City Attorney (1966 to 1970), a member of the Kentucky Workers' Compensation Board (1968 to 1969), and Commonwealth's Attorney (1969

to 1975).

In 1975, he was appointed and then elected Circuit Judge for Kentucky's 46th Judicial District (Breckinridge, Meade, and Grayson counties), a role in which he served until 1992. From 1983 to 1992, he was also Chief Judge of the Pennyrile region of Circuit Judges. He closed his private practice upon election to the bench.

Outside of the courtroom, Goff worked to build the civic foundation of Grayson County. Some highlights of his service in this capacity include being instrumental in establishing the Caney Creek, Big Reedy, and Short Creek watershed conservancy districts; helping incorporate Grayson Housing/Grayson Manor Nursing Home; and initiating the installation of 30 miles of gas transmission and a 1-million-gallon-per-day water

treatment plant. He was also among the incorporators of the Grayson County Hospital Foundation and Leitchfield/Grayson County Industrial Development.

Former hospital CEO and current state Sen. Stephen Meredith, R-Leitchfield, said Goff's actions affected every part of Grayson County.

"The man was a true visionary and worked tirelessly to make our county, which he loved, a better place for all," Meredith said. "His actions touched every sector of our community — education, healthcare, job creation, industrial recruitment, agriculture, the judiciary, and the list is endless. He worked tirelessly to make his vision for Grayson County a reality. The words "it can't be done" were not in his vocabulary, but "Who dares wins"

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Judge Kenneth H. Goff I, left, who died at age 99 this past Saturday, is pictured swearing in his son, Kenneth H. Goff II, as a judge.

73rd Crusade for Children raises over \$6.2M total funds

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The 73rd WHAS Crusade for Children concluded this past weekend with a tote board total of \$6,235,132.67 raised from communities across Kentucky and Southern Indiana, officials have announced.

According to a press release, the funds raised during Crusade weekend will support children with health care, educational, and emotional wellness needs through grants awarded to nonprofit agencies, schools, hospitals, and other organizations serving children throughout Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

The WHAS Crusade for Children is made possible through the dedication of thousands of volunteers, firefighters, donors, businesses, civic organizations, schools, and community partners who work year-round to improve

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Photo courtesy of VFW Clarkson Post 12175

VFW Clarkson Post 12175 was among the contributors to the Clarkson Fire Department's WHAS Crusade for Children fundraising efforts.



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City Commissioner Michael Anderson, seated third from left, presided over Monday's Clarkson City Commission meeting as Mayor Pro Tem in Mayor Bonnie Henderson's absence.

Clarkson adopts FY 2026-27 budget

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The Clarkson City Commission adopted the city's operating budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year this week.

The city commission held the first reading of the 2026-2027 budget ordinance during its regular meeting Monday evening. The second and final reading was held and approved during a special called meeting Wednesday night.

Per the ordinance, Clarkson projects it will have a General Fund cash balance of \$250,000 on hand as of July 1 and will end the year with total General Fund resources (revenue) available of \$1,114,553. Clarkson has projected \$893,206.69 in total General Fund appropriations (expenses) for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Additionally, Clarkson projects total Sewer Fund resources available of \$697,797.85 and appropriations of \$272,373.98; total

Municipal Road Fund resources available of \$43,200 and appropriations of \$49,492.90; and total Parks & Recreation resources available of \$106,500 and appropriations of \$62,700.

In other business, the city commission:

- Adopted the city's amended Fiscal Year 2025-2026 budget ordinance.
- Approved a proclamation naming June 14-20 "Bicycle Safety Week" in the city of Clarkson.
- Received a report that the Clarkson Fire Department had received a \$7,000 100% grant to purchase turnout gear.
- Voted to have the city's newest garbage truck towed at a cost of up to \$1,000 to the Peterbilt dealership in Bowling Green, Ky., for repairs.
- Was informed the city's next blood drive will be held July 7 from noon to 5 p.m. at Clarkson City Hall/Community Center.
- Entered into executive session, but took no action.

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Caneyville adopts sewer rate increases, introduces 26-27 budget

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The Caneyville City Commission on Monday adopted an increase to the city's sewer rates, as well as held the first reading of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026-2027 city budget.

Caneyville City Clerk Connie Gootee said last month that the new sewer rates will result in a 94-cent increase on customers' minimum bill.

Per the ordinance, the new rates, which will go into effect July 1, will be a base service charge of \$14.49 for 5/8 x 3/4-inch meters serving a single unit; \$24.45 for 3/4-inch meters regardless of use; \$84.77 for 1-inch meters regardless of use; \$105.58 for 1-1/4-inch meters regardless of use; \$167.04 for 1-1/2-inch meters regardless of use; \$276.70 for 2-inch meters regardless of use; \$413.78 for 3-inch meters regardless of use; \$586.89

for 4-inch meters regardless of use; and \$687.95 for 6-inch meters regardless of use.

The treatment charge per 1,000 gallons of water usage will increase from \$4.89 to \$5.14, and the 4-6-inch connection fee will increase from \$700 to \$890.

In addition to the sewer rates discussion, the commission held a public hearing during its regular meeting



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