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Leitchfield woman dies in single-vehicle crash

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A Leitchfield woman died in a single-vehicle crash on Shrewsbury Road last Friday.

At approximately 7:13 a.m. on Aug. 8, the Grayson County Sheriff's Office responded to the 3700 block of Shrewsbury Road on the report of an injury crash with entrapment.

According to Grayson

County Sheriff Norman Chaffins, the investigation revealed that Mary E. Haynes, 59, of Leitchfield, had been driving a white 2012 Cadillac SRX northbound on KY 187 (Shrewsbury Road) when, for unknown reasons, the vehicle swerved, crossed the southbound lane, and struck a ditch.

The Cadillac overturned, traveled down the ditch, and struck a deep culvert with the

driver's front end. According to Chaffins, Haynes was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown about inside the vehicle.

The Cadillac came to final rest on its top in the ditch facing east.

Haynes was pronounced deceased at the scene by Dpty. Coroner Joe Brad Hudson.

Chaffins was assisted at the scene by the Leitchfield Fire Department and Grayson County EMS.



The Leitchfield Walmart set up a table at its entrance in memory of Mary Haynes, a longtime employee of the store who died last week in a car crash.

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The Clarkson City Commission meets in regular session on Monday.

Clarkson holds first reading of property tax ordinance

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The Clarkson City Commission on Monday held the first reading of the ordinance setting this year's property tax rates.

City Clerk-Treasurer Scotty Gore provided the first reading of the ordinance, which included the proposed compensating tax rates of 8.9 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on real estate; 29.06 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on tangible personal property; and 10 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation on vehicles and watercraft.

According to Gore, this year's property assessment determined Clarkson has \$43,321,765 in real estate values and \$6,111,682 in tangible property values. Real property values have increased by \$1,709,433 from last year, but tangible property values have decreased by \$105,406.

As a result, this year's real estate property tax rate would be lower but still generate more revenue should the city choose to go with the compensating tax rates.

No action was taken Monday to approve the ordinance, as a second reading will be required and is expected to be held at the commission's next meeting in September.

In other business, the city commission:

*Approved a proclamation naming the week of Sept. 15-21 as Pollinator Week in the city of Clarkson.

*Approved a proclamation naming September 2025 City Government Month in Clarkson.

*Voted to pay the \$4,350 received from the sale of a surplus police vehicle toward the new Clarkson Police cruiser, on which the city owed over \$11,000 prior to this payment.

*Authorized Clarkson Fire Chief Andy Cain to connect a city building to a generator and put concrete over an area next to the fire station to prevent flooding. The commission will pay up to \$5,000 toward these projects. Cain was also authorized to purchase a new UTV using revenue from county fire dues for the Clarkson Fire Department (CFD).

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Logsdon Valley Park a finalist for Beautify the Bluegrass award

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Logsdon Valley Park in Leitchfield has been named a finalist for the 2025 Beautify the Bluegrass Governor's Award, an annual initiative presented by *Kentucky Living*, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives, and the Kentucky Governor's Office.

According to a press release, Beautify the Bluegrass honors exceptional projects that improve public spaces in Kentucky, uplifting communities and showcasing local pride. Efforts include park cleanups, public art installations, and revitalized communal spaces. Launched in 2017, the initiative invites Kentuckians to choose the winner of the Governor's Award.

"Thanks to *Kentucky Living* and Kentucky's electric cooperatives for supporting community projects across the commonwealth," Gov. Andy Beshear said. "Congratulations to all the finalists, and thank you to all the volunteers who work to improve our communities."

The release states that the five finalists were chosen from a field of dozens of nominations.

"Being named a finalist in the Beautify the Bluegrass contest is more than just an award; it's public recognition



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A recent addition to Logsdon Valley Park is its new play area for kids.

of years of volunteer work, planning, and care poured into Logsdon Valley Park," said Grayson County Tourism Director Tiffany Decker. "For Grayson County, it shows that the community's vision for the park is paying off, turning it from an idea or a work in progress into a space the whole state of Kentucky sees as special."

Logsdon Valley Park's recognition as a finalist comes on the heels of

Leitchfield's being named Kentucky's 30th official Trail Town last year — a designation it earned, in large part, thanks to the renovations at Logsdon Valley Park.

The park is recognized for locals' efforts to improve trail access, replace its damaged bridge, introduce an event stage and play area, and resurface

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Caneyville Commission updated on Homecoming Festival

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The Caneyville City Commission received an update on the planning for this year's Caneyville Homecoming Festival during its regular meeting Monday night.

Caneyville Community Club member Marilyn Templeman reported that the planning is going well, and the club intends to host a couple of game shows, including *The Price is Right* and *Let's Make a Deal* on Saturday, Oct. 4, among

many other activities.

This year's Homecoming Festival will be held the week after the Caneyville Homecoming Festival Pageant, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27. Several other popular events are returning, as well, such as the annual Community Worship Service, which will be held Oct. 1; the cruise in, which will be held Oct. 2; and the parade and karaoke, which will be held Oct. 3.

In addition to the festival, Templeman reported this year's Caneyville Halloween

Safe Spot will be held Friday, Oct. 31 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In other business, the city commission:

*Held the first reading of this year's property tax ordinance. The commission opted to go with the sub-compensating rate for this year's property tax rates, City Clerk Connie Gootee said.

*Voted to accept the lowest quote in the amount of \$3,060.70 to replace the electric panel that houses the lights for the ballpark as well as one light for the walking track.



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