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Metcalfe Health Board Hears Updates on Public Health Programs



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Pictured (L-R) Dr. Matt Hunt, BRDHD Director, almost hidden is Leeann Hennion, Rn Team Lead, and Katie Matthews, RN, BSN, PHNII.

By **PJ Martin**
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The Metcalfe County Board of Health met for its biannual session last Tuesday and received updates on communicable diseases, local health services, environmental inspections, and financial matters.

The Barren River District Health Department (BRDHD) presented Metcalfe items and

also an overview of its programs in its eight-county service area of Barren, Butler, Edmonson, Hart, Logan, Metcalfe, Simpson, and Warren Counties.

Clinical Services

The clinical report was presented by Leeann Hennion, RN Team Lead, who reported that statewide, 43

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Tax Rates Approved



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Immediately following "adjourned," everyone is up and discussing various things before leaving. L-R: Brian Garrett talking to Moe Hensley, Stacy Beard, Teresa Hamlett talking to Curt Estes, Mayor Doug Smith, Cathy Nunn, and Faye Word.

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The Edmonton City Council met in a special session on Thursday, September 3, in what had to be a record for the shortest meeting, of less than 8 minutes. Those in attendance were Mayor Doug Smith, Council members Stacy Beard, Teresa Hamlett, Curt

Estes, Cathy Nunn, Faye Word, and Tommy England, Public Works Superintendent Moe Hensley, 911 Director Jordan Crump, ABC Administrator Fred Ray, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Garrett, City Clerk/Administrator Dawn Devore, and PJ Martin from *The*

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SUICIDE PREVENTION

Begins with a Conversation



Staff Report

September is recognized as National Suicide Prevention Month, providing an opportunity to remind communities that suicide is preventable and that everyone has a role to play in supporting people who may be struggling.

Suicide affects people of all ages and backgrounds. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is one of the

leading causes of death in the United States. In 2024, 48,824 people died by suicide in the United States.

While mental health concerns can play a role, suicide is rarely caused by a single circumstance. The CDC identifies a variety of factors that can increase risk, including previous suicide attempts, substance use, financial, or job problems, relationship difficulties, bullying, social isolation, hopelessness, and lack

of access to health care.

At the same time, there are factors that can help protect people. Strong connections with family and friends, effective coping skills, feeling connected to a community, and access to quality health care can all help reduce suicide risk.

Know the warning signs

Sometimes a person who is struggling may show changes in behavior or mood. The 988 Suicide & Crisis

Lifeline recommends paying particular attention when these behaviors are new, have increased, or appear to be connected to a painful event, loss, or major change.

Warning signs can include:

- Talking about wanting to die or kill themselves.
- Talking about feeling hopeless, trapped, or like a burden to others.

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Jailer Questions Transportation Officers Salary

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The Metcalfe County fiscal court met in regular session on Thursday, September 10th, with magistrates Daniel Bragg, Ronnie Miller, Harvey Hawkins, and Kevin Crain, Judge/Executive Larry Wilson, Clerk/Treasurer Page Edwards, County Attorney Sharon

Howard, Road Supervisor Chris Compton, Solid Waste Coordinator Kim Jandt, and Jailer Randall Shive.

Others in attendance were Lorrie Gilpin, Occupational Tax Administrator; Megan England, Finance Officer; Connie Taylor, Finance Officer; and PJ

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▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Metcalfe County Jailer Randall Shive asking about pay increases for him and his two deputies.



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John Phelps looking over spreadsheets for a specific repair amount.

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