Barrer River RUNDOWN

September 2025

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Have articles or information you'd like to submit for the rundown?

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RECOVERY & SUICIDE PREVENTION Month!

National Recovery Month (Recovery Month), which started in 1989, is a national observance held every September to promote and support new evidence-based treatment and recovery practices, the nation's strong and proud recovery community, and the dedication of service providers and communities who make recovery in all its forms possible.

Know someone ready for recovery?

The Exchange can help refer!

www.barrenriverhealth.org/services/harm-reduction



If you or someone you know is in a crisis, call 988.

www.988lifeline.org

Visit CredibleMind for mental health resources!

www.barrenriverhealth.crediblemind.com

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues. September is Suicide Prevention Month — a time to raise awareness and discuss this highly stigmatized topic.



MEÉTINGS!

Barren River

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Metcalfe Board of Health
Tuesday, Sept. 9th, 12PM
Metcalfe Co. HD

Barren River

DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Warren Board of Health

Monday, Sept. 15th, 5PM

Warren Co. HD



Disaster

PREPAREDNESS Month!

Information from the Disaster Preparedness Team.

This is a great time to work on your disaster kit or refresh the items that may be in it. Remember to include things like...

One gallon of water per person for several days
□Non-perishable foods
Clothing updated for every season
Power banks for cell phones
☐ Flashlights
☐ Extra batteries
☐ Hand crank or battery powered radio that
receives NOAA weather alerts

A little prep now will help you feel ready, and much less stressed, when life throws surprises your way. Print out this page and complete the checklist above!

Want to learn about how to effectively manage emergency incidents or planned local events? Then sign up for ICS-300!

This is an in-person training on September 19-21 that is great for people who may be command staff, section chiefs, strike team leaders, and others in leadership positions during an emergency event.

Please contact Crystal or Anna for additional information and how to register. Hope to see you there!

August SNAPSHOTS





Above: Clinic, Population Health and Disaster Preparedness employees participating in a mock-POD (Point of Dispensing) site for a Disaster Preparedness instructional video.

Left: Crystal attending an emergency Flooding Preparedness Tabletop Exercise in Hart County, with multiple community partners.



Above: Rebecca, Aimee, Anna, Tabitha, Michelle and Selina at the Butler County Back to School Bash!



Left: Caitlin, Olivia, Ashley, and Madisyn at the Welcome Back WKU event.

Right: The BRIGHT Coalition dancing at the August meeting, during an engaging physical activity presentation.



Employee SPOTLIGHT.

= Tommy =



New nominations for employee spotlight are currently OPEN!

This month's employee spotlight comes from our Facilities Management team, Tommy!

Tommy was nominated for his excellent work maintaining the Logan County Health Department "to its fullest potential." He is described as being "always friendly and willing to help and do whatever is asked of him. He is very efficient and always gets to tasks in a timely manner." His hard work is very much appreciated at BRDHD. Next time you see Tommy, tell him, "You rock!",



FACES!



Lakeisha Support Services Warren



Zach Environmental Warren

If you see Lakeisha or Zach, make sure to introduce yourself!

COMMITTEES

For more opportunities to work across branch and county lines, all staff are encouraged to join a committee!

Wellness - Contact Kathy

- Wellness Works
- Encourage healthy behaviors for staff
- Promote insurance perks

Social - Contact Olivia

- Hospitality initiatives
- Special events
- District-wide meeting activities
- Explore ways for staff to connect

Ad Hoc - Contact Kim

• 'As needed' committee.

Workforce Culture -

Contact Amanda

- Promote respect and belonging
- Support positive culture initiatives
- Encourage open communication
- Use data to drive improvements

Disaster Prep - Contact Crystal

- Review, update and give input on preparedness plans
- Support accreditation (PPHR)
- Promote drills and update trainings
- Identify needed trainings and support

