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Early Deadline

All offices of Jobe Publishing, Inc. will be closed on **Monday, September 7th, for the Labor Day holiday.** The early deadline for the September 9th newspaper.

All ads, columns, and content must be received by noon on **Thursday, September 3rd.** Thank you.

•SCHEDULE

•Welcome Letters

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Road, Chamber, and FEMA Funds



▲ PHOTO | PJ MARTIN
Blake Williams of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet presented the rural secondary road program amounts.

By **PJ Martin**
EDITOR | THE HERALD-NEWS

The Metcalfe County fiscal court met in regular session on Thursday, August 13, with all magistrates present. Prior to the

meeting, a public hearing was called to receive comments from citizens on the closure of 0.21 of John Hurt Road. No comments were received, and the

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Metcalfe County Schools Prepare for New School Year



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The August recognitions were the ladies at the MC Shirt Shop - pictured (L-R): Chairman Daniel Glass, Alisha Sharp, and Debbie Glass. Board recognitions are sponsored by RBS Design Group, Glass & Thompson.

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Staff reported that preparations are underway for the 2026-27 school year at the Metcalfe County Board of Education meeting last Tuesday evening. Teachers are returning to the buildings for professional development and preparation, with a faculty focus

scheduled for Aug. 17 and a back-to-school bash planned for August 18th from 4 - 6 p.m. at the high school.

The August 18th event will include a freshman parent meeting, distribution of student schedules, and opportunities for students to meet

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Public Forum

The local planning committee of the Metcalfe Board of Education will be holding a public forum on September 2nd at 5:30 p.m. at 709 West Stockton Street in the main board room.

Branstetter Park Homecoming Celebrates 100 years of Tradition



▲ PHOTO | COURTESY OF BRANSTETTER PARK FACEBOOK PAGE
Circa 1947 Branstetter Park Homecoming - (L-R): Tressie True Word, Daisy Norman, Elsie Shirley, and an unknown lady.

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For 100 years, families, friends, and visitors

have gathered beneath the trees at Branstetter Park near Summer Shade to celebrate faith, fellowship,

music, and community. The Branstetter Park Music Festival and Homecoming will mark its centennial

celebration this year with a special gathering

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Mass Animal Rescue: Last Ones Removed

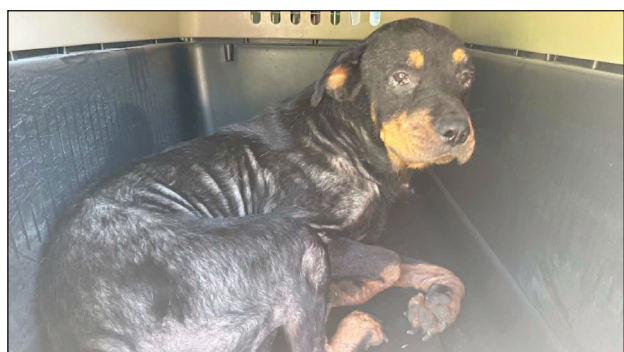
By **PJ Martin**
EDITOR | THE HERALD-NEWS

In an update to the mass animal rescue story that began the last week of July, the Guardians of Rescue returned to the Metcalfe County property located on Breeding Road to look for the remaining animals.

Guardians of Rescue

(guardiansofrescue.org), who were originally brought in by Kentucky Animal Control Officer Kelly Basham, returned and rescued the last five large dogs. The dogs already removed from the property have been taken in by various rescues and fosters for veterinary care and

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▲ PHOTO | COURTESY OF GUARDIANS OF RESCUE
One of the last five dogs rescued was this Rottweiler, whom the guardians named Shira. When they found her, she was covered in mange and had problems walking from being in a small kennel.

Woman Dies While Trying to Rescue Child from Metcalfe County River

Staff Report

A 34-year-old woman died Monday evening after entering the South Fork Little Barren River in an apparent attempt to rescue her

6-year-old child.

Deputies arrived near Cedar Top-Little Barren River Road and found the child holding onto a rock in the water. The child

was safely brought to shore, while emergency crews recovered the woman and attempted lifesaving measures. The child was taken to T.J. Samson Community Hospital

before being airlifted to Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville. Officials say the child is recovering. Kentucky Fish and Wildlife is investigating the incident.

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