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Someone knows something so please come forward with what you know, no matter how big or small you think the information is .... it's all very important. Please help me get justice for my son. Wouldn't you want justice if it was your child or loved one? Cash Reward  
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### 3 THINGS TO KNOW

**1** CAC hosting Trick-or-Treat PIKETON- The Community Action Committee of Pike County will be hosting a Trunk-or-Treat event on Thursday, Oct. 28 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Agency's location at 941 Market St. in Piquette. This is a no-cost event for the community to attend to enjoy a fun Halloween-themed event with candy and snacks for children and valuable information about the resources and programs available to residents from the CAC and supporting partners. There will be games and activities for children.

**2** Unemployment rates drop in Pike County  
WAVERLY- According to the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, Pike County had an unemployment rate of 6.3% in July, down from 7.2% in June. The measure was still above the national average of 5.3% and the state average, among the top 15 of Ohio's counties, of 5.1% for that month.

**3** Oct. 10 in History  
On Oct. 10, 1845, The U.S. Naval Academy was founded at Annapolis, Maryland. On Oct. 10, 1911, The Panama Canal opened. On Oct. 10, 1973, Spiro Agnew resigned the vice presidency amid accusations of income tax evasion. President Richard Nixon names Gerald Ford as the new vice president. Agnew is later convicted and sentenced to three years probation and fined \$10,000. **This Day in History Information Courtesy of historynet.com.**

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**SUBSCRIBER OF THE DAY**  
We appreciate our Subscriber of the Day, **Denise Orr of Waverly!**



## Winfield donates portion of sick leave to WPD officer

BY PATRICK KECK  
News Watchman Editor

WAVERLY- During Tuesday night's Waverly Village Council session, Police Chief John Winfield asked if council could make a motion to donate a portion of his sick leave to a fellow WPD officer.

Winfield will be giving 24 hours of his sick leave to an employee whose fiancé just had a baby. Being in the hospital for three days, the employee was unable to work and thus came short on his hours.

"He was not even going to tell us his fiancé was having a baby," the police chief said. "He has turned out to be a good employee, so I'd like if council would go ahead and make that motion."

Mary Ellen Cormany made the motion, Tom Hlasten seconded it, and all of village council voted in favor. Winfield thanked council for their vote.

Earlier in the meeting, Mayor Greg Kempton shared a radio organization had been in contact with him.

FM Expansion Group was that organization who told Kempton they would do a free study on available FM radio frequencies in the village-area.

"This is really the first time I've seen the (Federal Communications Commission) open up any new frequencies," he said, looking into years ago for a project.

If the village were to go



FILE PHOTO  
Waverly Police Chief John Winfield (left) was sworn-in by Mayor Greg Kempton (right) during a village council session on Tuesday, July 6.

through with establishing its own station, the mayor said they could use it to get out the word on water breaks. The recommendation from the group is a 100 to 500-watt transmitter.

These types of transmitters are not costly, so Kempton said it could be an option for Waverly to pursue.

In other developments, council moved to appro-

appropriate \$1,000 for batting cage nets at Bristol Park. Previously, council had approved \$750 to cover the batting cage nets in April but now prices have increased and shipping and handling costs have been added.

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## Rural King to bring North American import and expand operations in Waverly

STAFF REPORT

WAVERLY- Rural King, 'America's Farm and Home Store', based in Mattoon, Illinois, today announced plans to expand current operations in southern Ohio, alongside JobsOhio, Ohio Southeast Economic Development (OhioSE), the Ohio Development Services Agency, and Pike County Economic & Community Development.

The family-owned business will invest more than \$33 million to purchase and renovate the Jackson Building, a 1 million-square-foot warehouse located outside of Waverly in the Zahn's Corner Industrial Park, along with the purchase of new machinery and equipment.

Company officials say 200 new jobs will be created with the expansion of operations in Pike County. Rural King currently employs over 500 non-retail employees in its Waverly operations. The company will be expanding their distribution capacity and RK Tractor manufacturing operations in Pike County. This expansion will also make southern Ohio the home to Rural King's North American Import Facility. Rural King currently operates 128 stores in thirteen states.

"We are appreciative of the strong support we have received from JobsOhio, Pike County, the City of Waverly, OhioSE, and SODI since establishing operations in the County in 2015", Blake Pierce, Director of Real Estate for Rural King indicated. "The continued support from State and Local authorities is meaningful for undertaking and operating the proposed project, but several other items must be addressed in the coming months for the project to move forward. We are confident this will be accomplished."

Mr. Pierce also stated, "The solid workforce and work ethic of Pike County employees has contributed greatly to our success and we feel will do so for this expansion, as well."

JobsOhio and OhioSE worked collaboratively with Rural King on the expansion of operations in Waverly providing an \$800K Revitalization Grant. The JobsOhio Revitalization Program offers loans and grants to companies to redevelop underutilized properties and put them back into productive use. This funding lessens the financial risk and increases the speed at which sites are redeveloped. Today the company was awarded a Job Creation Tax Credit by the Ohio Tax Credit Authority. The Job Creation Tax Credit will grant the company benefits based on the new payroll they create in Pike County.

"Since locating to Pike County several years ago, Rural King has continued to reinvest in southern Ohio due to our excellent distribution channels and skilled, available workforce," said OhioSE President, Mike Jacoby. "This project will bring Rural King to 715 well-paying jobs in Pike County, which will make the company one of the largest employers in the OhioSE region."

Waverly is located in Pike County, Ohio. Pike County is classified by the Appalachian Regional Commission as "distressed" with a June 2021 unemployment rate of 7.4%.

"Rural King's entry to Pike County has been a boon for Pike County," Gary Arnett, the Director of the Pike County Office of Community and Economic Development said. "Rural King located in Waverly in 2015 and now will occupy nearly 3,000,000 square feet and employ hundreds. We are very thankful for the partnership with Rural King, OhioSE, JobsOhio, the Joint Economic Development Initiative of Southern Ohio (JEDISO) and the Southern Ohio Diversification Initiative (SODI) to help make this happen."

## Beaver Oktoberfest Queen announced

STAFF REPORT

BEAVER- On Friday, Kyla Poorman was announced as the 2021 Beaver Oktoberfest Queen.

Festivities starting on Thursday, attendees have been treated with activities such as a potato and ice cream eating contests, corn hole tournament, blacksmith demonstrations, and much more.

Sunday is the last day of Oktoberfest, a free community event held in Beaver since 1984. Here's what's scheduled:

- 10:30 a.m. — noon: Church Service
- Noon: Dino Roar
- Noon: Announcement of Chinese Auction winners
- 12:30-3:30: 7 Mile Bluegrass
- 1:00: Mr. Puppet man
- 1:00: Queen's Luncheon at Eastern
- 1:30: Blacksmith Demonstration
- 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.: Character Galore strolling
- 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.: Parade Registration at Eastern
- 2 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.: Dino Roar
- 4:00: Grand Parade



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