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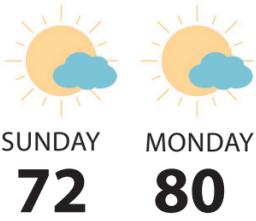
3 THINGS TO KNOW

1 Calling all singers
A group of folks who enjoy singing have begun a community choir, and they are looking for more voices to join them. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join. You DO NOT have to be able to read music to join. Practices are held on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in the basement. Social distancing is being observed at practices. For more information, contact Andy Colburn, director, at 614-202-0638.

2 Additional COVID-19 deaths reported by Health District
WAVERLY- The Pike County General Health District reported the 52nd and 53rd COVID-19 related deaths in the county on Tuesday evening. The deceased individuals were a male in his 40's and a female in her 80's. Since Sept. 1, the district has reported 13 deaths in the county. Between March 1 and Aug. 31, there were only 11 deaths reported by the health district.

3 Sept. 26 in History
On Sept. 26, 1914, The Federal Trade Commission was established to foster competition by preventing monopolies in business. On Sept. 26, 1960, Vice President Richard Nixon and Senator John F. Kennedy participated in the first nationally televised debate between presidential candidates. On Sept. 26, 1983, In the USSR Stanislav Petrov disobeys procedures and ignores electronic alarms indicating five incoming nuclear missiles, believing the US would launch more than five if it wanted to start a war. His decision prevented a retaliatory attack that would have begun a nuclear war between the superpowers. **This Day in History Information Courtesy of historynet.com.**

YOUR WEATHER



OBITUARIES

Joyce Chattin, 89, of Waverly
Dorothy M. Reisinger, 90, of Medina
Vickie Snyder, 62, of Chillicothe
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SUBSCRIBER OF THE DAY

We appreciate our Subscriber of the Day, Barbara Mustard of Waverly!



PATRICK KECK/NEWS WATCHMAN EDITOR

Vigil held to suicide prevention awareness

BY PATRICK KECK
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WAVERLY- On Tuesday evening, the Pike County Suicide Prevention Coalition held its "Stay: Tomorrow Needs You" rally.

After its original event was canceled due to inclement weather, a crowd of around 20 gathered at the future location of the Garnet A. Wilson Public Library to share stories of their experiences with suicide.

Tabby Tong, chair of the PCSPC, said stopping suicide takes a village.

"One conversation can change a life," she said, her organization previously hosting a 5K Color Run over the summer.

Among those telling her story was Lydia Brown, a suicide survivor. COVID-19 and increased isolation that came with it last spring were challenges to her, who has struggled with depression since middle school.

At only 15, she thought her life was not worth living.

"I started to forget what happiness felt like," she said. "Getting out of bed, brushing my teeth, eating — all of it — became undoable."

Telling her story was not easy, Brown said, but she hoped it would help others who are going through similar struggles.

Now, she has changed for the better by building



COURTESY PHOTO

Candles were lit in memory of lives lost to suicide during Pike County Suicide Prevention Coalition event on Tuesday.

a strong relationship with her mom and surrounding herself with a strong circle.

Over the last year, she has realized her dream career in journalism, saw her brother graduate and play college football, and formed a strong home life.

"Coming from someone who once thought I had no more to offer to the world, I am so glad to be alive," she said.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, the extent of suicide is felt across the country especially among young people where it is the second leading cause of death among people aged 10-34.

The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 35% since 1999, and a high percentage of Americans have had suicidal thoughts regardless of age.

Nearly 5% all adults, 11.8% of young adults aged 18-25, and 18.8% of

high school students have considered suicide.

Stephanie Craft, a licensed social worker with Valley View Health, said there are resources for those having these thoughts locally.

Receiving referrals from schools, churches, and law enforcement, the health center works to support anyone dealing with depression, abuse, trauma, and anxiety. Having these conversations, made all the more important during the COVID-19 pandemic, is essential.

"If you see something, say something," said Craft. "Even if it makes them upset with you, you're going to feel better to have them get help than to pretend you don't see it."

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Waverly Trick-or-Treat, Halloween parade set for Oct. 30

BY PATRICK KECK
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WAVERLY- Ghosts, witches, and more will be parading the streets of Waverly next month following a village council vote on Tuesday.

Hoping to give parents more time to prepare their children for the day, Mayor Greg Kempton made the motion to have Trick-or-Treat on Saturday, Oct. 30 during his mayoral report.

"I always like doing it on a Saturday so everyone's not rushing from work to get their kids ready," he said during the meeting held on Zoom, a virtual meeting platform.

In years past, the village's Trick-or-Treat and the Waverly Lions Club Halloween Parade were held during the week on Oct. 31.

During prior parades, participants would make their way from the Waverly High School Athletic Facility parking lot and proceed down Second Street to the reviewing stand at Market Street and back to the parking lot using Third Street.

The date, however, is still be considered tentative as the village and county deal with high rates of COVID-19. According to the Ohio Department of Health, no county in the state had a higher case rate than Pike County as of the latest report where more than 500 new cases were reported.

Kempton said multiple village departments have reported absences due to the virus. With small staffs, precaution is all the more necessary.

"It would not take very much to really put us in a bad situation," he said, listing departments running 24/7 such as the fire and police departments.

Quarantines of family members, especially children in school, have added to the situation. The mayor hopes the ordeal does not worsen, but will update council if any action needs to take place.

Trick-or-Treat is set to be held between 5 and 6:30 p.m.

Also making its way back to Pike County is the 28th annual "Halloween Bash" organized by the Pike County Sheriff's Office.

Held Oct. 26 at the Pike County Fairgrounds, the office is seeking donations to have enough candy to fill 2,000 bags, supplies for the haunted house, and prizes for costume contest winners.

Donations for the bash must be received at the Pike County Sheriff's Office at 14050 US-23 in Waverly by Oct. 22. Those with questions can contact the office at 740-947-2111.

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Trial dates set for trio charged in Bainbridge murder

BY PATRICK KECK
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WAVERLY- Jury trial dates were set earlier this week for three people held in custody on aggravated murder charges of a Bainbridge man last month.

Ashley Landrum, Aaron Cox, and Dalton Boyd were brought into custody two weeks following the Aug. 21 shooting death Christopher Martin. Now, all three are due back to the Pike County Courthouse on Monday, Nov. 15.

On Tuesday, arraignments took place which set \$500,000 as the cash or surety bond to be released and set forth several standards for all defendants to follow over the next

eight weeks.

None of the defendants are permitted to leave the state if released, allowed to consume any alcoholic beverages, or have any contact with the victim's family or any other defendant.

All three are charged with two counts of aggravated murder; one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated murder, aggravated robbery, and conspiracy to commit aggravated robbery. Cox's charges also include having a weapon under disability.

Currently, the defendants are held in three separate area facilities. Landrum, 31, is at the Pickaway County Jail; Cox, 23, is at the Scioto County Jail; and Boyd, 28, is at the Highland County Jail.

As the News Watchman reported previously, the Pike County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call just after 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 21 from the 2206 Muddy Fork Rd. residence in Bainbridge.

At the scene was the 65-year-old Martin, who had been shot but still alive at the time of the call. When Pike County Coroner David Kessler arrived at the scene, he pronounced Martin dead.

A week later, following extensive investigation, the location of Landrum and Cox was determined to be 7777 Overman Rd. in Highland County. Highland County detectives and several road units executed a search warrant on Aug. 28 where numerous amounts of drugs and

a firearm was located and seized as evidence.

Three days later, the Pike County Sheriff's Office reported Boyd had been taken into custody.

Pike County Sheriff Tracy D. Evans, in a press release, thanked the Waverly Police Department, Ross County Sheriff's Office, Highland County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Marshals for their assistance in the arrests.

"Without the assistance, cooperation, and collaboration, these suspects would not have been apprehended as quickly," he said.

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