



Tuesday, October 28, 2014

### **Rural King Brings Distribution Center to Waverly**

By David Berman

WAVERLY – Rural King, a retail chain specializing in farm and home goods, will open a new distribution center and store in Waverly in 2015, bringing up to 160 new jobs to Pike County.

Rural King CEO Alex Melvin announced the \$12.5 million investment Monday in the 930,000-square-foot warehouse the company will occupy in Pike Industrial Park on Hopewell Road. A number of state and local officials including Gov. John Kasich and U.S. Rep. Brad Wenstrup, R-Cincinnati, joined Melvin for the ceremony, which took up a small section of the cavernous warehouse.

Formerly used by cabinetry manufacturer Mill's Pride, the distribution center is expected to employ 120 people and serve 30 stores in the chain's growing footprint of nearly 80 locations across 10 states. It's slated to open in June.

Kasich's office announced Monday the Ohio Tax Credit Authority has approved a 50 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for the Rural King project in Waverly, which is expected to generate \$3.2 million in new annual payroll.

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### **Rural King to Bring Jobs, Business to Waverly**

By Matt Lucas

Local, regional, and state officials, including Governor John Kasich, gathered at the Madison building at the former Masco site in Waverly on Monday, along with representatives of Rural King, to announce the opening of a new store and distribution center in Waverly in 2015.

Waverly Mayor Greg Kempton announced that the development will initially bring 160 full-time jobs to the area as Rural King opens its new facilities in the buildings currently known as the Madison, Truman, and Roosevelt buildings. Kempton said that the news is personal for him as he worked for Mill's Pride and then Masco for 20 years and saw most of the buildings erected and then saw the plant close its doors.

"It is hugely important to me to see the revitalization and rebirth of this facility," the mayor said. "The purchase of the property about two years ago was kind of a new beginning for us. We have a couple of companies in there operating now, Geo-Tech and Ohio International Lumber."

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## Portsmouth Daily Times

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### **160 Jobs Announced**

By Wayne Allen

Governor John Kasich joined federal, state and local officials in Waverly on Monday to listen to an announcement by Rural King about the [opening](#) of a distribution center and retail store that will bring 160 jobs to the area.

According to the company, the Pike County-[facility](#) plans to open in summer 2015 and service 30 of the company's eastern-most stores in the United States. The Pike County facility will be the companies second distribution center, with the first in Mattoon, Ill.

"What a great opportunity for Rural King, Waverly and the state of Ohio. We're very excited about coming to the area. Some of our executive team came down and saw the facility for the first time they eyes were open wide about the possibilities," said Alex Melvin, Rural King CEO.

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