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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

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SPRING VALLEY ACTS – *Jayne Brown*

What a great time to live in Spring Valley! Having “Spring” in our name denotes a new birth and that is exactly what we are all looking forward to as residents here! As part of our renewal the ACTS membership elected new board members including: Jayne Brown, President; Debbie Smyth, Vice President; Mollie Keck, Secretary; Amanda Zehring, Member-at-Large; Melanie Sigler, Member-at-Large. Pat Zehring has remained our Treasurer over the past 6 years, so a big thank you needs to go to her as well as our out-going members, Joan Manzo and Marcia Kelleher. Carla Smith and Steve Leadingham served as President and Vice President respectively, doing a great job over the past two years and will continue to work on your behalf as part of the committee.

It’s nice to know when you become a member of an organization just where the money goes. In December, 2013 a new opportunity presented itself to employ donations made to ACTS to support the 87th Aerial Port Squadron for Christmas this year. We felt honored to help in this capacity and want you to know that monies you are giving make a difference in and for our community. Our next event will be the Annual Easter Egg Hunt run by the local 4-H with ACTS funding on Saturday, April 19th, 2014 at Walton Park.

Another investment we take pride in supporting is the ACTS Scholarship. Every year \$500.00 is set aside to assist one of our local Spring Valley students in the furthering of their education. The application is found on our website, www.springvalleyoh.com under organizations, ACTS, application. The deadline of receipt of the application is March 31, 2014, so if you know of a deserving student, please feel free to refer them here.

It is never too late to become a member of Spring Valley ACTS, or to make a onetime donation to help the local cause. Simply go to the website listed above and complete the membership form. All donations are 501(c) (3) tax deductible.

As always, ACTS members and others interested in upcoming projects are welcome and encouraged to attend our meetings. Upcoming meetings are March 11 and May 13, 2014 at the George Barrett Concrete House at 7p.m.

Potato Festival - *Jon Keck, Chair*

As we roll into the spring and summer months we could use everyone’s help in recruiting new Arts and Crafts vendors for our festival. As you are out at other events and you see arts and crafts vendors, please let them know about our festival. They can go to our website www.springvalleyoh.com to get an application.

We need to build up our vendor base so that we have lots of choices for all of the folks that are coming into our festival. The more choices, the more people are going to come in and make the festival a success.

I am also looking for ideas that we can bring into the festival to make it more successful. We have started a Facebook page, “Spring Valley Potato Festival”, please give us a “like” and tell your friends and family.

We are looking for a theme for this year’s festival, so send in your nominations to the Facebook page and see if yours is the one we choose!

Go Spuds!!!

Plan to attend the **Spring Valley Music and Arts Festival** on **July 12** from noon till 10pm featuring music by Wheels and Mad River Railroad. There will also be classes offered in the afternoon.

SPRING VALLEY PARK DISTRICT

SOFTBALL

Here is a sign of Spring!! Softball signups will run from March 1 – April 27, and Opening Day will be May 27. Signup sheets will be available at the Spring Valley Library. New this year, an information sheet about concussions will be attached to the signup sheet, and parents will need to sign that they have received and read the information, and submit with completed softball signup registration form. We look forward to another great season!

WALTON PARK

Many improvements have been made to Walton Park recently – new swing sets and playground equipment, new lights and electric repairs have been made to the pavilion, and new posts have replaced old rotted ones. Many people use and enjoy the park, and hopefully the improvements add to the enjoyment. Unfortunately, a few people have been vandalizing the park by damaging port-o-lets, and breaking into the storage buildings. Tax dollars spent for repairs takes away from being able to make improvements. Spring Valley Township will be installing security cameras this spring, in an effort to identify those individuals who are causing damage. Also, if anyone knows the identity of the vandals, please call me at (937) 475-2408, and the information provided will be kept confidential. Together we can stop the vandalism and keep Walton Park a great place for all. Thank you.

Rhonda Painter, Park Manager

SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —Judy Madden

The Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business dinner meeting will be **Wednesday March 5th** at Two Scoops Ice Cream parlor at 17 W. Main St. Dinner at 6:00pm and program to follow at 6:45pm. Cost for dinner is \$8.00. Make your reservations by calling Pat Zehring at 862-6621 or Judy Madden at 862-4110. This will be a fun meeting with Peggy Leadingham, Archivist for the Barrett House Museum, talking about the early businesses and industry in Spring Valley past and about how the community was impacted by the Inner Urban and train lines. Come learn more about your community.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2014, with the program to be announced later.

4-H

4-H is a community of young people learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills. 4-H is a fun way to learn these skills, to meet new people and make new friends, and to just have fun. Recently the Clover Valley 4-H Club elected officers. The officers are: Missy Kelleher as President, Destiny Miller as Vice President, Maria Smith as Secretary, Michael Montgomery as Treasurer, Megan Brown as Health Officer, Mackenzie Todd as Safety Officer, Lizzy Montgomery as Historian, Kristen Denton as Sergeant of Arms, Sydney Jackson as Flag Officer, and Cathy Montgomery as News Reporter. Also, the club made posters to promote 4-H week, which is March 2 through March 8. For more information on 4-H you can go to their website at greene.osu.edu or call 937-372-9971. We hope to see you there!

SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL

Council meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each Month at 7:30pm and are open to everyone.

Eric Snell, Village of Spring Valley, Mayor, SpringValleyOH@gmail.com 937-604-0357

SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring Valley Historical Society meets at 7pm at the George Barrett Concrete House on Main St. on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. Upcoming 2014 meetings are: March 20, May 15, July 17, Sept. 18, and Nov. 20. The Spring Valley Historical Picnic for the Spring Valley Community is scheduled for August 17 at 1 pm at Walton Park. Also, Spring Valley Walking Tour is scheduled for September 14 from 1-3 p.m. on Main Street. Rain date for the tour is September 21 from 1-3 p.m.

The March 20th meeting will be "Show & Tell". So, get your unusual or the "I don't know what it is" item, and bring it to the meeting and show it off or maybe find out what it is. Another suggestion is to bring Greene County theme item or an heirloom passed down to you or something you collect and tell us its story.

Thanks, and take care! Bettylou

Spring Valley Village and Township by Carl E Smith.

Swaynes father, the Hon. I.M. Barrett, once state senator, lived in and owned the then second house above the concrete dwelling, the handsome brick structure now owned and occupied by the Leo Willenburgs. The once numerous Barretts built some five large dwellings; one of which, the R. Barrett house we acquired. Once prominent in various and several enterprises, the Barretts are all gone from Spring Valley and vicinity, I believe. Miss Gwendolyn Barrett, granddaughter of Swayne Barrett, daughter of Fred Barrett and Lena (Patterson) Barrett, lives near Dayton, Ohio, the only nearby Barrett descendant.

The Barrett Mill stood idle, some years, then reopened and run again, for a time, by T.M. Scarff; but it couldn't compete with the big mills in the larger wheat growing sections of the U.S.A. The mill was a big factor though, in the early days of Spring Valley and environs, when about half of the town "worked for the Barretts", as you'd hear it said. They ran big "four line teams" (4 horse teams) and wagons to haul wheat in quantity from all the counties around, for milling lovely white flour "bolted" through the finest silk cloth, as was the custom, for making finest loaves of bread.

Dill's History of Greene County (1882) records "There are three flouring and two saw mills, one tow mill", in Spring Valley Township. Of a number of small mills, in Spring Valley, one has escaped fire, sabotage, and razing through the years, and is now owned by Victor Darnell, whose father, after its milling days were over, ran a chicken slaughtering and dressing house there for years. It is now used mostly for storage. I recall the old mill, prior. When I was a boy I remember Ednor Hood and I playing on the old water wheel at the mill's north west end, which was the end to which the "mill race" conducted water from the big springs up the valley. Where the old mill race used to run became, in later days the "terrace" upon which the houses of "Terrace Avenue" now stand. The gap between the end of the mill race over to and above the water wheel was bridged by a big "flume" which delivered the water high enough above the water wheel so that the weight of the dropping water supplied sufficient power to run the mill. Early mills ran that way. The stream which ran the mill still runs, but has since been diverted into another direction, and runs down by and in front of the old canning factory.

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SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY — Sue Losekamp

1 E Walnut St Telephone & Fax# 937- 862-4538

Hours: Mon & Wed 3 – 7, Tues & Thurs 2 – 6, Sat 10 – 2

After our winter break and a few days closed due to wicked winter weather, we are getting back to normal and hope you'll be coming in to make use of all we have to offer.

Some of "What's New" at the library:

ADULT FICTION:

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| Still Life with Bread Crumbs Anna Quindlen | Fear Nothing Lisa Gardner |
| The Invention of Wings Sue Monk Kidd | River Road Jayne Ann Krentz |
| Gods of Guilt Michael Connelly | Command Authority Tom Clancy |
| The Unwelcomed Child V.C. Andrews | In the Blood Lisa Unger |

NON-FICTION:

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| The Angel Effect John Geiger | Break Out! Joel Osteen |
| The Wolf of Wall Street Jordan Belfort | Secrets of Happy Families Bruce Feiler |
| Wild Cheryl Strayed (this year's "Big Read" selection) | |

YOUNG ADULTS and CHILDREN:

Paper Towns and **Looking for Alaska** by John Green
The Great Trouble Deborah Hopkinson
Olivia Kidney and **Olivia Kidney Secret Beneath City** Ellen Potter
Thomas Goes Fishing **100 Ways to Celebrate 100**
 We Both Read books: **The Well Mannered Monster, New Car Design,**

The Mouse in My House, The Emperor's New Clothes, Where is my Frog?

DVDs: The Last Airbender Rock of Ages Lincoln Sherlock Holmes: a game of shadows

We now have FREE WI-FI at the library, available to any registered patron. Just come in to receive the password.

Pick up (and drop off) the Youth Softball sign-up sheets any time the Library is open.

SPRING VALLEY UMC ... your community church!

Office: 862-7691, M-F hours: 9am-12 noon
 SpringValleyUMC@gmail.com
www.springvalleyoh.com (click on church tab)

His Preeminence...

Xenia Christian High School's **select vocal ensemble** will be visiting on Sunday morning, **March 16th**! Come worship with us as 'His Preeminence' leads the entire service with song and story, starting at 10:30 am.

New Class starting mid-March...

"Simply Jesus: His Life and Teachings in Historical Order" 9:30-10:15 am! Call the church for more information, or just come on by and drop in! Teacher: Janet Miller

Come Join Us on EASTER Sunday... April 20th

- **SUNRISE SERVICE** - 8:30 am, location to be announced
- **BREAKFAST** served between services
- **EASTER EGG HUNT** - 9:45 (held inside – for ages 10 and under)
- **WORSHIP** - 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Ministries...

- 9:15 am ADULT CLASS with Janet Miller
- 9:15 am CHILDREN and YOUTH:
 - ~ Teens are invited to meet with Pastor Sandi
 - ~ K - 4th grade – meet with teacher, Anna Duke
- 10:30 am WORSHIP

Our Sanctuary is now Handicap Accessible...

As you may have heard, the saints connected to the Spring Valley UMC generously donated over \$40,000, and installed a platform lift at the Vine Street entrance, to ease access into the sanctuary. Come and see!

Panera Bread, and Food Pantry are available...

- **FREE, Fresh Pastries** available, each Friday morning.
- We also have a wonderful **Food Pantry** to share with anyone in need.
- Stop by the church during office hours (9am – noon, weekdays), any Sunday morning, or call for appointment.

Come Join Us, Anytime

~ Pastors Gary & Sandi Maynard ~

SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER

Center Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, and 6pm to 9pm Friday
 Menus and more information is available at the Center or call 862-4475. Visit us online at our website www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com or e-mail us at svcenters@yahoo.com.

Between newsletters, check out our website Activity page on www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com

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