



The Village Pump

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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

NOVEMBER 2013

SPRING VALLEY ACTS – *Carla Smith*

36th Annual Potato Festival – We had a great crowd on Saturday, then a cool Sunday, but everyone had a good festival. I had the privilege to present the Citizen of the Year award to not one but to three lovely ladies who have done many great things for our community. Louise Holton has taken care of our baked potato booth at the festival for several years now. She helps with our Halloween Roast, also at the Senior Center and the Spring Valley United Methodist Church. Joyce Ponder has made sure the potato chip cookies are made for the festival. She also has been a tremendous volunteer with the Spring Valley United Methodist Church as well as other projects in the village. Stephanie McKee was not only our mayor; she also put together the festival parade for many years. All of these people are great volunteers with many talents to help the community in which we live.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

We hope you'll all join us for the annual **ACTS APPRECIATION DINNER**

Friday **December 6th**, 6:00pm at Ancil's Place, 1975 Roxanna-New Burlington Rd.

Just bring a covered dish or dessert to share. There is always great food, great company, and great entertainment. RSVP to 862-5250.

Bundle up and bring the kids for **CHRISTMAS IN THE VILLAGE** Sunday **December 8th**

6:00pm at Bledsoe Park. Caroling, cookies & fun! And maybe a visit from Santa?!

ACTS Wrap-up meeting for 2013 is Tuesday, **Nov. 12th**, 7pm at Barrett Concrete House.

2014 Kickoff Meeting, Tuesday **January 14th**, 7pm at Barrett Concrete House.

The activities/events calendar for the year will be discussed.

Potato Festival 2013 Summary – *Jon Keck, Chairman*

Well the festival has come and gone. There was a lot of concern leading up to the festival with all of the street construction, but it all came together and we have one of the most beautiful streetscapes around. As I talked with our vendors and festival goers, all I heard about was how good the street and the town looked.

Friday night was awesome. There were over twenty contestants for the Puttin' on the Hits, we had King & Queen, Prince & Princess contests, and then we had the DJ finishing out the night playing all of your favorites. Thank you, Dony and Amanda for all of your hard work making it a successful evening.

Saturday was WOW! The race started at 9 and we have about 60 participants. While that was going on the rest of the festival was gearing up. By 10:30 things were in full swing. The SVFD was parking cars in the park, the pony ride was open and doing business and the streets were filling up with festival goers. I was able to take a couple of pictures that showed just how many people were in the street enjoying the day, our town and the festival. We had a brief storm that blew in that afternoon, which ran some of the folks away, but there was another bunch that came right in behind to take their place.

I estimate that we had between 25,000 to 40,000 people that came in on Saturday. Talking to the vendors, most all did well, selling their goods.

Then there was Sunday. All of the weather reports for the last couple of days had been warning of the storms that came through the night and made Walton Park wet enough that we couldn't park cars there if we wanted to. Then there were the reports that there were going to be heavy rains and high winds throughout the day. So there were no pony rides, and with the threat of terrible weather, I gave the option to the vendors that they

could pack it in if they wanted. Several did, but what happen is that those who stayed did reasonably well, even with the lighter crowd. The street never got like it did on Saturday, but there were people coming out. Then there about 3pm I got the notification that there was a massive storm in Cincinnati and it was on track to hit us. So I had to do what no festival chair ever wants to do and close down the festival. With everyone's help, we were able to get the entire festival broke down and about all of the vendors packed up as the major section of the storm hit.

There were a couple of us that continued to break down electrical and other items in the rain. I would list your names, but I would forget at least one and I don't want to not recognize everyone that helped, as there were folks that were jumping in and doing without even being asked. You were all awesome, Thank you so much.

Well then there is the more somber news that we received, just a couple of weeks after the festival was over. Our number one Cheerleader for our Festival, Spring Valley, Greene County and so many other organizations, had made his final appearance. We have lost a friend, mentor, business associate and truly great person with the passing of W. Reed Madden. Please help me and others in the community who continue to cheer on those who are working to make things better and, where possible, for you to also pick up the flag and carry it on. For the greatest form of flattery is imitation, and what fun we can have trying to do a Reed imitation and the changes that we could make, would be such an honor to his memory. I love you and miss you Reed!! PS. See if you can put in a good word for a great festival next year

SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE — Judy Madden

The Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business dinner meeting will be held Wed. **November 6, 2013** at Two Scoops Ice Cream Parlor, 17 W. Main St. Dinner is at 6pm and meeting to start at 6:45pm. Charge for dinner is \$8.00. Program will be "What's new on MAIN STREET, besides the STREET?" We have several new businesses on Main Street and we would like you to come and meet the owners. The highlighted businesses for the meeting will be Slim's Neighborhood Bar and Grill – owner Tina Deck; Folks & Spokes Café – owner Treana Woodland; Wicked Junkies – owner Vickie Rammel. For reservations call Judy Madden at 862-4110 or Pat Zehring at 862-6621.

The next meeting will be March 5, 2014 with program to be announced later.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Sale during the Potato Festival. In spite of the weather on Sunday, we did have another successful sale.

If you have items from our library that are long overdue, you may return them during November Fine Free! Just donate one non-perishable item to our food pantry for each overdue item returned. We will also deduct \$1 from old fines owed for each food item donated. Hunt up those very late books and return them now!

A little of What's New at the Library!

New in ADULT FICTION:

A Pioneer Christmas Collection various authors

The Longest Ride Nicholas Sparks

The Dogs of Christmas W. Bruce Cameron

Sycamore Row John Grisham

Deceived Randy Wayne White

W is for Wasted Sue Grafton

Cuckoo's Calling Robert Galbraith

We Are Water Wally Lamb

Hotshot Julie Garwood

Flashover Victoria Carr

New NON-FICTION:

The Prostate Monologues Jack McCallum

Here I thought I was normal Frank Rocco Satullo

The End of Night: searching for darkness in age of artificial light Paul Bogard

One Summer: America, 1927 Bill Bryson

Mud Season Ellen Stimson

New for CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULTS:

House of Hades (Heroes of Olympus) Rick Riordan

Amelia Bedelia, Road Trip Herman Parish

When did you see her last? Lemony Snicket

Look and Find: Cars

The Greedy Python Eric Carle

Stella, Queen of the Snow Marie-Louise Gay

True Blue Scouts of SugarMan Swamp Kathi Appelt **Fast and Furriest** Andy Behrens
The Treasure of Way Down Deep Ruth White **Clifford's Riddles** Norman Bridwell
Marty McGuire Digs Worms! Kate Messner **Olivia and the Kite Party** Alex Harvey

New DVDs:

The Holiday **Hope Springs** **An Elder Panel** (GCCOA)

New AUDIO BOOKS: We have a nice selection of books on CDs and MP3-CDs. If you like to listen to your books, you should come browse what we have newly available.

- Please Note: Library will be closed Nov. 27 – 30 for Thanksgiving • and
 - Dec. 20 through Jan. 20 for Winter Break •
- So stock up on your reading materials before the break!

SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT –Marvin Moeller

Our calls have increased in the last few months but we're happy to report that we've been able to respond in a timely manner. We're still providing more mutual aid to neighboring departments than we are receiving. For a department our size, that's quite a feat! Of course we always need more volunteers to start training to replace those members who retire, move, or are ill. Again, consider joining us. You can contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Please remember that smoke alarms need to have the batteries replaced every six months. Did you replace the batteries in your smoke alarms when set your clocks back November 3? Yes, batteries are expensive, but nothing compared to the cost of human life or the deductible on your home insurance in case there is a fire. If you have a carbon monoxide detector, it needs to be maintained as well. Carbon monoxide is odorless. Do you know the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning? They are subtle and easily dismissed but are warnings of a potential life threatening situation. They include headache, nausea, vomiting and loss of manual dexterity. Later you can be confused, listless, fatigued or sluggish, have cardiac changes, and eventually lapse into a coma. You might have heard that your skin turns a bright red but more commonly your skin and lips appear pale or even normal. If you suspect carbon monoxide poisoning, get out of the house immediately and call us to check it out for you. If your symptoms improve with exposure to fresh air the carbon monoxide levels in your house are probably high. Get out and stay out!

This is also time to have your chimneys checked and cleaned. Creosote can build up quickly and can cause a chimney fire. Is your furnace in good order? Are the filters clean? Be careful using any auxiliary sources of heat, placing the units well away from any flammable materials. Keep young children away from space heaters or anything presenting a burn hazard.

When you vote, please say YES to the Fire Levy RENEWAL. Doing so will NOT increase our taxes.

We thank you for your continuing support. Call us anytime you need us. That's why we're here!

Marvin Moeller, Chief SVchief10@aol.com 862-5011 (fire station)

SPRING VALLEY PARKS

To reserve the Walton Park pavilion, or for other questions, contact Rhonda Painter at (937) 475-2408.

SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL

Council meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of each Month at 7:30 and open to everyone. All meetings are public and will be held at the Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

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

***"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."* – Mark Twain**

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 meetings are Nov. 21, 2013 and Jan. 16, 2014.

We had a great time at the Spring Valley Community Picnic in August. We hope those who couldn't attend will come next year. We want to make this an annual event for the community to get to know each other and eat good food! Also in September the Walking Tour was successful and we plan on doing this each year. Great to get to know new people, see the ones we have known for some time, and all get to see more of Spring Valley. Thanks go to all the people who came and helped out. Fixing Town Hall is one of our missions and we will discuss ways to fund the project.

Spring Valley Village and Township (continued) by Carl E Smith.

Among the several other early and prominent pioneers one should of course mention the Barretts, who migrated to Ohio from New York in 1838. George Barrett and wife and ten children, one of which was the Hon. I.M. Barrett, State Senator previously mentioned, who married Rebecca Swayne, who in turn had ten children. George Barrett and his son I.M. Barrett, acquired some fine land in the area, and also bought from the Blessing Family, I believe a mill at the corner of Schnebly Road and Ohio 725, which they rebuilt or enlarged into the big Barrett Flour Mill, one of the largest in the region. One of the older children of I.M. Barrett, Swayne Barrett, (carrying his mother's maiden name) was the last of the family to run the mill, which he did efficiently and well, until the bigger mills in larger cities, with their marketing advantages, began to "eat up" the little or smaller mills.

The Swayne Barretts lived in a historic concrete house built by George Barrett in 1854, a rather successful and lasting experiment in concrete construction at an early date; it is still standing, - now being renewed, at the corner of Main Street and Terrace Avenue. I can well recall active, busy bustling and seemingly always in a hurry Swayne Barrett, and his wife, Carrie (Weller) Barrett. When I was a tiny little chap, their daughter, Corrine, was one of my earliest playmates. After the mill's decline, the Swayne Barretts moved to Dayton, where E.A. Deeds, who had worked at the Barrett Mill in his youth, got Swayne Barrett a position in keeping with his industry and talents.

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SPRING VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Saturday **November 9th** will be the 68th Annual **Turkey Supper** and **Holiday Bazaar**, 4 – 7pm.

Cost is by donation only and proceeds will go to benefit families in need. Take-out orders will be available and handicap seating is also available. Corner of Walnut and Vine Streets.

Come enjoy the celebration and **Lift Dedication Ceremony** on Sunday, **November 17th**. Worship and celebration 10:30am, with reception to follow. Bring family and friends to experience the newly renovated Vine Street entrance and newly completed lift which allows easy access to the sanctuary.

1 W. Walnut St. (937) 862-7691 springvalleyoh.com

Bike Trail Project Selected as OSU Extension Outstanding Project

Congratulations go out to the Greene County Master Gardener Volunteers for winning top honors in Ohio for the landscaping project along the Little Miami Scenic Trail in Spring Valley. The multi-year landscaping effort will re-integrate the trail as a green corridor, using native trees and ornamental plants and has already greatly beautified the area through Spring Valley. The MGV were joined by volunteers from Friends of the Little Miami State Park in making the Trail more accessible and enjoyable. Robert Henn, author of "Wildflowers of Ohio" and former first lady Hope Taft, architect of native plant gardens at the Governor's Mansion, happily lent their expertise. Local 4-H club members researched "fun facts" to be added to plant labels. We are all richer for their efforts.

SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

2551 US 42 S., Spring Valley, Ohio 45370

Center Hours: 9am to 4pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday, and 6pm to 9pm Friday

Contact us at: (937) 862-4475 or svcenters@yahoo.com

Or see our website: www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com

We had a nice Carry-in dinner in October with 42 in attendance for our flag-raising to dedicate our new center and honor our area veterans. We had a Halloween Party with games and an excellent shared meal. Thanks to Apple Country for donating pumpkins, Ison's for apples, Hospitality, Legacy, and Elmcroft for prizes and our committee of Louise, Judy, and Gayle for planning it!

Special activities at the Center for November include our Euchre Party Fri. Nov 8 at 6pm, a First Aid class Tue. Nov 12 at 1pm, movie day Fri. Nov 15 at 1 - showing "Pure Country" with George Strait. We have a watercolor painting class taught by Floyd Hook Tue. Nov. 19 at 5pm, Swedish weaving Thur. Nov 21 at 12:30, and our birthday carry-in Fri. Nov 22 at 6pm. Everyone is welcome! We still serve meals from 11:30 to 12:30, but you must please call a day ahead to order. Line-dancing is every Tuesday and Thursday at 10am - come for some exercise! We will be closed Thur. and Fri. Nov 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving. Enjoy the time with family and friends!!

*Janet Miller, Director***PUTTIN' ON THE HITS WINNERS**

Grade 6 or under:	Tie for 1 st	Josh Benson and Ariana Phillips
	3 rd	Olivia Senne
Grade 7 – 12:	1 st	Cassy Thompson
	2 nd	Kirtlynn, Brittany & Joslyn
	3 rd	Mia Lockhart

Congrats to all who participated for a very entertaining show!

HALLOWEEN COSTUME WINNERS

6 years and under: Christian Burchfield, Lilian Marshall, Laylah Jordan
Cole Rider, Ressa Vandergriff, Elira Vosler

7-11 years old: Alex Caserta, Donovan Holweger, Jaclyn Cooper, Devon Durham
Ian Woliver, Ally Vandergriff, Shawn Freeman, Adam Lewis

12 - 17 years old: Jarrhett Grow, Austin Flaughter, Sydney Jackson

18 years and older: Harold Smith, John McPherson, Dallas McPherson

Our news is brought to you in the Village PUMP. Have you ever thought much about why there is a reference to the pump in our town? Well, Mr. Carl Smith wrote a poem that may help us to “prime” our memory.

THE OLD TOWN PUMP

The old Spring Valley town pump stood
 In front of "Arch's" store;
 A "dug well", lined with stone, since filled,
 It's not there any more.
 The next, artesian, stood beside
 The "Township Building's" wall.
 It ran all the time, and tasted fine,
 A cooling drink for all.
 But Winter came, it ran all time
 A never stopping well;
 Ice froze all round and people fell
 So changes must be found.
 A pump installed, whose valve would bring
 A drink, when you shook the handle.
 The same valve stopped the water's flow,
 When no one shook the handle.
 But zero freezing, sabotage,
 Or something, queered the setup.
 The old pump doesn't work "some more"
 And is a relic prop up.
 Spring Valley now has water works,
 It's "Town pump days" are o'er.
 The old pump stands there lonely,
 It's not needed, any more.
 The old town pump is out of use,
 And modern days will duck it.
 It's out of style completely,
 Like the good "old oaken bucket".
By CARL E. SMITH

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 if you would like the “Pump” emailed directly to you each month,
 just email to losekamp@aol.com with “Subscribe Pump” in the subject line.