



The Village Pump

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SPRING VALLEY ACTS –*Jayne Brown*

If you are an ACTS member, a resident of Spring Valley, or a festival “junkie”, you need to put the **37th Annual Spring Valley Potato Festival** on your schedule for October 4th, 5th, or both! We are jumping on the techie bandwagon this year and have decided to name the festival “Hashtags & Hashbrowns”. Become a part of serving the community as there are many volunteer positions that take only a small amount of your time, but are a huge investment in what Spring Valley is all about. Making soup, baking potatoes, being a runner to the booths all add up in making the festival a success and you can be a difference maker. There may be a few booth spaces left if you know someone that has a unique idea. Contact Jon Keck to find out more information, or how you can help!

While you have your calendar out, pencil in the Halloweenie Roast to be held at Walton Park directly after trick or treating on Beggars Night in the Village. [**Thursday October 30**, Trick or Treat begins at 6pm, weenie roast begins at 8pm.] Get to know your neighbors!

ACTS has been an instrumental part in the improvement and beautification of the bike trail over the past year, so make sure you take a walk or ride and enjoy the path as fall approaches.

SPRING VALLEY POTATO FESTIVAL – *Jon Keck, General Chairman*

Festival Time!! Folks here it is again, summer is all but gone, fall and the festival are approaching fast.

As in the past we can always use more volunteers, we have even passed out flyers looking for some help. One area that we will be adding some help is with the directing of traffic. Please if you haven't been contacted and would like to help out we sure would appreciate you contacting myself or one of the other members of the committee. Remember this is your festival as much as anyone's and it is what we all do to make it the best! So please help out where possible, two hours of your time goes a long way in making it the best festival in the area.

Streets will be closed as usual on Friday night at 6PM until Sunday night approximately 6PM, please have vehicles and other items removed before 6PM on Friday to assist in getting vendors in and set up quickly, daylight and weather are always things that can make the move in an issue, so your assistance is greatly appreciated.

I believe that we have some good entertainment scheduled for the festival and we always have a good time on the Friday night activities.

Again I will ask for your help, just two hours can help make the festival a big success and you are part of it!! Looking forward to seeing you all!

Candy making at Spring Valley United Methodist Church Basement on Saturdays, Sept. 6th 1pm till- ?, 13th, 20th, (and 27th, if needed) 9am – 2pm. All Volunteers welcome!

Potato Wash and Wrap Thursday Oct. 2nd, 5:30- till finished, Spring Valley United Methodist Church basement. Pizza and soda provided. School age kids and up. Helpers get a free potato and pop during the festival. I do sign for NHS volunteer hours.
Carla Smith, 768-4347

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*Note: We will be closed Columbus Day, October 13th*

Our Summer Reading program concluded August 13th with an ice cream party and the awarding of prizes. There were 24 children ages 4 to 14 who signed up for the program and half were active participants. Those active readers read a total of 11,507 pages! The lucky winner of the \$100 prize was Sierra Ross; “Most Pages Read” prize was awarded to Andrew Thompson; the “Most Visits to the Library” was a tie between Ava Parks and Tori McPherson. Congratulations to all! We’ve really enjoyed talking to all of our readers about their selections, and were especially happy to see some new visitors to the Library.

Some of what’s new at the library:

New ADULT FICTION:

The Dead Will Tell Linda Castillo**Top Secret Twenty-one** Janet Evanovich**Mr. Mercedes** Stephen King**All Fall Down** Jennifer Weiner**Big Little Lies** Liane Moriarty**Terminal City** Linda Fairstein**Silkworm** Robert Galbraith**Matchmaker** Elin Hilderbrand

New NON-FICTION:

Dayton Flight Factory: Wright Bros & the Birth of Aviation Timothy Gaffney**Inside the Real Area 51: secret history of Wright-Patterson** Thomas Carey**Secrets of Happy Families** Bruce Feiler**Lone Survivor** Marcus Luttrell

New for CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULTS:

Castle Behind the Thorns Merrie Haskell**Night Gardener** Jonathan Auxier**Fun to Draw: Princesses & Ballerinas****Captain Awesome** series Stan Kirby**Upside Down in the Middle of Nowhere** Julie Lamana

New DVDs:

Noah**Quartet****Broken Bridges****007: die another day**

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendars are in and available for pick-up during Library hours. Please call if you need to arrange for delivery. There may be just a few extras available for those who did not pre-order – just \$6 each.

BOOK SALE

We will be setting up for our big annual book sale the entire week before the Potato Festival. If you have books to donate or can help us set up, please come by any time Sept. 30 or Oct. 1 or 2. It is a lot of hard work, but is one of our major fundraisers. All proceeds go to keeping our doors open.

SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Upcoming Society meetings are scheduled for Sept. 18th and Nov. 20th, 7 pm at the Barrett Concrete House on Main Street in Spring Valley. The Historical Society is hosting a **Walking Tour on September 14, 2014** from 1-3 pm beginning in front of Town Hall on Main Street. The rain date is September 21 - same place and time.

Continuing Carl Smith’s history of Spring Valley:

Spring Valley Village and Township

Among the several other early and prominent pioneers one should of course mention the Barretts, who emigrated to Ohio from New York in 1838. George Barrett and wife had 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.

Swayne's 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 (Paterson) Barrett, lives near Dayton, Ohio, the only nearby Barrett descendent.

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SPRING VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Well, those “lazy hazy crazy days of summer” are swiftly coming to an end. We at the department have been busy, always trying to improve our service to you. We’ve had four new volunteers join us. Three of our members passed the EMT course and are running as EMTs and one member passed the Fire Fighter Level One class.

We always need volunteers. We’d like to see you at the fire department. Stop in some time and look around. Meet our members. Providing 24/7 service is our goal and that’s why we need people to help us do just that. You don’t have to make a commitment right away. And remember that you can choose emergency medical service, firefighting or both. We are also restarting our cadet program. If you are 14 to 17 years old and have an interest in these fields this is a great opportunity to get a head start in your career. Even if you have other future plans, being a member will not only be educational and fun but a means to serve your community. And let’s face it. Those college admission officers look for candidates with experience in their fields and a history of public service. Call the fire station at 862-5011 or contact Chief Marvin Moeller at svfdchief10@aol.com if you are interested in joining as a member or as a cadet. You’ll be glad you did!

In the next couple of weeks we will be installing a new dry hydrant at the Fear farm on Washington Mill Rd. This is near the Zebert plat and will provide a better water source if there is a fire in the general area. We’re working on replacing our air packs which will not be able to be certified because of their age. The cost is about \$160,000 to replace all of them with the needed hardware. We are also working on a grant for approximately \$7,000 to replace the stair chairs we have with motorized ones. This equipment is used to transport patients up and down steps and will provide comfort for the patient and prevent back injuries to our members.

We hope to see you soon. Stop by the station or visit us at our booth at the Potato Festival.

Marvin Moeller, Fire Chief, Spring Valley Fire Department

SPRING VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY—April Fairbee

The Spring Valley Township Fire Department is proud to announce the reorganization of the Auxiliary Division called **The Sparks**. The first organizational meeting was held on August 17, 2014, The Officers of The Executive Board were elected: President, Marlene Moeller; VP, Pat Zehring; Secretary/Treasurer, April Fairbee; and Citizen at Large, Courtney Bistrek. Several topics were discussed and will be decided at the next Regular Meeting. We extend an open invitation to join The Sparks on October 8, 2014, at 7 pm at the Spring Valley Township Fire Department. We will also be discussing fund raising ideas in support of the Fire Personnel. Please come by the Fire Department tent at the Potato Festival to meet some of The Sparks.

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, (937) 862-9975 Fax, or svcenters@yahoo.com

Or see our website: www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com

New but different. Retired but still very active. New challenges, new opportunities. Time to do what you always wanted -travel, hobbies, spend time with family, a new career... The same place but always changing relationships. Older but not useless. How do you describe the aging process? How do you negotiate the ins and outs of health care, finances, loss of a lifelong partner or friend? TV had a news spot about a woman opening a dance studio for children after retiring from a public relations job, a group of cheerleaders in their 60's and 70's, a man that was still in real estate at 99. Do we let age define us? How many people retire and stay home by themselves and lose interest in life? Spring Valley UM Church has a group of mostly 70 and 80+ still preparing noodles for a food booth at the Potato Festival. GCCOA (Greene County Council on Aging) had a meeting featuring three octogenarians who have written books, two of which are published. Here at SVSC we have several programs to keep active, from an hour of stretching exercises and line dancing on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and quilting and craft projects to cards and games. We have Peggy giving \$10 massages on the first Tuesday of the month and Susan coming from GCCOA to counsel seniors on health care benefits and retirement (next visit Sept 15). But the most important thing going on here is the relationships that develop, where seniors can form friendships with other seniors and two widows can talk about what it's like to adjust to life on their own... or recipes being exchanged, someone who understands when you talk about the aches you feel in your knees when it rains, or projects being shared that get several others enthused about joining in, like making a "Dear Jane" quilt... Just sitting to work a jigsaw puzzle while talking to another person gets you out of your "shell". One of our newest members worked on a dress for her granddaughter in the quilt room, made from one of her late husband's shirts. We all need things that help us remember but also keep us moving forward... We lost two members to death in the last couple of weeks and it's good to remember their passions in life -Janice with her porcelain dolls and Swedish weaving and always friendly to everybody... and Caroline with her quilting and weaving, and teaching middle school science... They are lost treasures! Others tend to slip through our lives quietly and we don't even realize where they've gone - Esther is at Friends Care in Yellow Springs and even though she looks good, she hates the loss of independence of driving and, especially, being in her own house and being able to bake... Dick still comes in occasionally but can't make it in every day anymore. Peg is at Trinity and when she has been here, she doesn't seem to be able to do the things she used to enjoy... Russell comes for lunch but can't always hear what you say... We've lost track of Arnold and Joy, Dick, and Shirley since they haven't been here in a couple of years... Still, this is their place to come and they are our friends. We care about each and every one. Call us and let us know how you're doing these days! Join us and know that you have a place to belong! For those who play Euchre, we have a solid group of players coming for Euchre Night the 2nd and 5th Fridays at 5:30 and many stay after the Carry-in the 4th Friday at 6. If you are still able and not ready to just hang around, play cards or do crafts, volunteer to help! We have not had anyone with the initiative to plant flowers or plan a trip – you might be just the one to do that! We have some grant money for a couple of projects and would love to have help with the search, especially if anyone has expertise in sound systems or computer training (we still don't have our fax connected) or building a tray rail for the cafeteria... We need volunteers to help with our next cook-our-own dinner -- we're going to try a **Baked Pork Chop lunch Oct 9** and a **Chicken Noodle dinner on Sunday, Nov 9**. Put those on your calendar!! We'll have a Halloween Party for our October carry-in Oct 24. We're already making crafts for our Christmas Bazaar in December and can use some help on Monday mornings! It's been said that it takes a community to raise a child. It also takes a community to make seniors feel alive, useful, and connected!



We are open for lunch Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 11:30 – 12:30 but we must make reservations a day ahead for the caterer so please sign up or call in (862-4475)! Our ice cream machine is up and working if you want to stop by for a \$1 cup or cone! We will not have a booth at the Potato Festival (October 4& 5) this year but we will have a **raffle quilt** at the GCCOA booth. Tickets are \$1 apiece or 6 or \$5 or can be purchased any time at the Center! We also have craft and quilt items for sale at the Center year-round! Stop in!

Janet Miller, Director

SPRING VALLEY ACTS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Please turn in names for deserving Township and Village community residents for Citizen of the Year (and Youth Citizen of the Year) to PO Box 96 or drop it in the slot at Town Hall for water bills. Include the person's name, address, and phone number (if possible) along with your name and why you are nominating them - what makes them a deserving candidate? It can be for leadership in a local organization such as the Lions, church, or Fire Department, a local business, or individual deeds that should be recognized! You can also call Janet Miller at the Senior Center to register a name for the committee to consider. Don't assume everybody knows about someone or that someone else will nominate them. Nominations close Sept. 20th. Would you like to serve on the committee to choose the honoree - volunteer!

Janet Miller



... your community church!

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

Come Join Us any Sunday...

- WORSHIP - 10:30 am
- 9:15 am ADULT CLASS with Janet Miller
- 9:15 am CHILDREN and YOUTH classes available
- COFFEE and delicious PASTRIES served each Sunday morning, in the back of the sanctuary.

Upcoming Messages...

Current sermon series - "Questions?" We'll be taking a look at some common questions a lot of folks have today... "Can I get into Heaven?" "How could God ever forgive me?" "What's God's will for my life?" "What is God really like?" and... "Why does a loving God allow suffering?"

Parent's 'Time Out'

On **Saturday, Sept. 6... and... Saturday, Dec. 6...** our children's ministry team will be hosting special activities designed to support our local moms and dads. We want to give you the gift of 'time' for a well deserved break! Hopefully you already seen one the flyers or postcards.



Please call the church @ **937-862-7691...**
to make a reservation for your child and/or children, and for more info.

Time 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Enjoy some time for yourself...
and leave your kids with us!**

- ~ For children ages 2—8 years of age
- ~Crafts, games, music and stories
- ~ Lunch provided.. kids will make their own pizzas
- ~ Free!

Also remember...

1) PANERA BREAD, and FOOD PANTRY are always available!

Pick up during office hours/9am – noon, weekdays, any Sunday morning, or call for appointment.

2) Enjoy our HOME MADE NOODLES and APPLE DUMPLINGS at the POTATO FESTIVAL!

3) Join us at our annual TURKEY SUPPER will be SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th, 4-7pm!

Gratefully,
Pastors Gary & Sandi Maynard

Did you know there is a free medical clinic nearby? **Open Arms Health Clinic** in the Bellbrook Medical Bldg. at 4403 St. Rt. 725 Suite E, (next to Skyline Chili) offers free medical services for uninsured or under- insured persons on Tuesday evenings from 6 till 9pm. There is also a Women’s Clinic there on the first and third Fridays from 8am – 12 noon. Call 937-848-2939 or check out their website www.BellbrookOpenArmsClinic.org for more information or to make a donation.

SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE COUNCIL – Eric Snell

How to Get Information and Answers

If you have any questions there are several ways to get answers and information

- Village Council Meetings are on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at 7:30pm.
- Email: springvalleyoh@gmail.com ; personal email: ericjasonsnell@gmail.com
- Phone: [937.862.4485](tel:937.862.4485) (village office); [937.862.4726](tel:937.862.4726) (my home); [937.604.0357](tel:937.604.0357) (my cell)
- Twitter: @springvalleyoh
- Website: www.springvalleyohcouncil.com (we will post updates on this site)

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