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SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP, OHIO

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SPRING VALLEY ACTS – *Jayne Brown*

–UPCOMING EVENTS:

We hope you'll all join us for the annual **ACTS Appreciation Dinner**, Friday **December 5th**, 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.

Bundle up and bring the kids for **Christmas in the Village** Sunday **December 14th** 6:00pm at Bledsoe Park. Caroling, cookies & fun! And perhaps a visit from a certain jolly old elf!

ACTS Wrap-up meeting for 2014 is Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 7pm at Barrett Concrete House.

2015 Kickoff Meeting, Tuesday January 13th, 7pm at Barrett Concrete House.

Potato Festival 2014 Summary – *Jon Keck Chairman*

37th Annual Potato Festival Royalty

Queen - Missy Kelleher 1st Runner-up - Maria Smith 2nd Runner-up - Clara Haines

King - Travis Foster 1st Runner-up - Luke Wright 2nd Runner-up - Thomas Foster

Jr. Queen - Savanna Johnson 1st Runner-up - Randi Braddy

Jr. King - Nathan Miller 1st Runner-up - Richard Braddy

Princess - Sophie Gilliland 1st Runner-up - Jaylynn Johnson 2nd Runner-up - Grace Lamb

Prince - Bobby Urshel 1st Runner-up - Joshua Benson 2nd Runner-up - Matthew Lamb

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. The village council website changed to .ORG - www.springvalleyohcouncil.org

The Second Annual **Spring Valley Music and Art Festival** is planned for June 20, 2015. Watch the website for more information. www.springvalleymusicfestival.com

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

SPRING VALLEY PARKS

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

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 -- whether through your purchases, your donations, or your labor helping set up – we do greatly appreciate your help.

We have replaced 2 computers in the library and therefore have 2 older ones for sale. They have Windows XP operating system, so will need to be updated for use on the internet, but are in good working order and include the monitor, keyboard, and mouse, all for a very nominal amount.

What's new at the Library!

New in ADULT FICTION:

Wayfaring Stranger James Lee Burke

Remains of Innocence J. A. Jance

Leaving Time Jodi Picoult

Paris Match Stuart Woods

Somewhere Safe with Someone Good Jan Karon

A Place Called Hope Philip Gulley

Haunted Randy Wayne White

Mean Streak Sandra Brown

Sudden Light Garth Stein

Gray Mountain John Grisham

The Heist Dan Silva

Forty & Out C. L. Pauwels (local author)

New NON-FICTION:

Field Guide to Edible Wild Plants Lee A. Peterson

Neil Armstrong: a life of flight Jay Barbree

The Boys in the Boat Daniel James Brown

You Can't Make This Stuff Up Theresa Caputo

New for CHILDREN and YOUNG ADULTS:

The Princess and the Foal Stacy Gregg

The Maze Runner (4 book series) James Dashner

Gus Gets Scared Frank Remkiewicz

We Both Read: About Bats Sindy McKay

Percy Jackson's Greek Gods Rick Riordan

City of Lost Souls Cassandra Clare

Wonder R. J. Palacio

Five Little Pumpkins Ben Mantle

Toy Story: A Spooky Adventure

Goodnight Moon Margaret Wise Brown

New DVDs:

Last Vegas

The Way Way Back

Despicable Me 2

The Lego Movie

Planes

- Please Note: Library will be closed Nov. 26, 27 & 29 for Thanksgiving •
and Dec. 20 through Jan. 19 for Winter Break.
Stock up on your reading materials before the break!

SPRING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Spring Valley Historical Society meets at 7:00pm at the George Barrett Concrete House on Main St. on the 3rd Thursday of every other month. Upcoming meetings are Nov. 20, 2014 and Jan. 15, 2015 continuing the discussion of Town Hall Restoration. We all had a great success and time at the Potato Festival. Interesting people too all the time and thanks for all that helped. Remember, proceeds from our booth go to the Town Hall restoration. Keep up the great work. Thanks also for all who helped at the Walking Tour in September – it's nice to spread the word about our great town.

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

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 Barrett", 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 spring up the valley. Where the old 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 LIONS CLUB

The Lions will be offering their annual Seniors Dinner, Sunday November 2, 1pm at Ancil's Place in Roxanna. If you would like the meal but are homebound, arrangements can be made for home delivery. Call Sandy Smith at 862-5861 to reserve a meal, or for more information.

SPRING VALLEY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE —Judy Madden

The Spring Valley Area Chamber of Commerce quarterly business dinner meeting will be held Wed. **November 5, 2014** at Two Scoops Ice Cream Parlor, 17 W. Main St. Dinner is at 6pm and meeting to start at 6:45pm. For reservations call Judy Madden at 862-4110 or Pat Zehring at 862-6621. State Representative Bob Hackett will be our speaker. He will give us an overview of what is going on in the state and how it will affect our area.

The next meeting will be March 4, 2015 with program to be announced later.

SPRING VALLEY TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

Greetings! We hope you are healthy and safe. Here's a short checklist to assure your safety this coming cold season.

1. Make sure your house number is easily read from the road. Check it out yourself at night and make sure it can be read from both directions from the road. Ideally it should be reflective with large numbers. Green reflective signs with numbers are available for \$10.00 at the fire station at 2547 Rt. 42. And remember to turn on the porch lights when you call 911.
2. Trim bushes and tree limbs from around your house and around your driveway so we can see your house and easily access it. Try to keep your driveway or sidewalk clear of snow as well.
3. Check the batteries in your smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors.
4. Have your chimney and furnace cleaned by a professional and change furnace filters frequently.
5. The U.S. Consumer Products Safety Commission estimates that over 25,000 residence fires every year are started with the use of space heaters. In addition, an estimated 6,000 people receive hospital Emergency Room care for burn injuries associated with contacting the hot surface of room heaters, mostly in non-fire situations. If you use a space heater, give the heater some space, allowing at least three feet of open space on all sides of the unit. Use wall plug-ins. Never plug a high-wattage space heater into an extension cord or multi-outlet strip. Opt for quality, buying a unit with all the latest safety features and the Underwriter's Laboratory (UL) label of approval. Look for cool-to-the-touch housings and automatic shutoff features that turn the unit off if it's tipped over or overheating. Never run a space heater in an unoccupied room. Always turn off the heater when you leave the room and before going to bed, especially if young children or pets could come in contact with the device. Unplug the unit as an extra precaution. Use an appropriately sized unit for the area you want to heat. Keep electric heaters away from dampness. Operating units in wet areas such as bathrooms can cause electric shock. If you need additional heat in a damp location, purchase a heater specifically designed for this area. Every room in which you plan to run a space heater should be outfitted with a smoke alarm. If you're operating a gas space heater, also opt for a carbon monoxide alarm.
6. Practice an escape plan for every room, planning two exit routes for each room. This is especially important if anyone in your home is elderly, young or disabled.

And, as a final reminder, we always need volunteers. In the world in which we live it is becoming increasingly clear that each of us needs to be prepared for unexpected events. Joining the department can immensely help you to be prepared in the event of a fire, mass casualty, trauma or medical emergency. You can go to bed each night feeling less frustrated and helpless. We need you!

Please call the fire station at 862-5011 or contact Chief Marvin Moeller at SVchief10@aol.com.

Thank you for your support.

SPRING VALLEY JUNIOR FIRE DEPARTMENT –Amanda Zehring

Explorer Post 10

Not sure what direction you want to follow by the time you get to college?

Do you want to get involved with the community but not sure how?

If you answered yes to both of the above, then you need to join the Fire Department's Explorer Post!

If you are the age between 14 and 18 you are eligible to come join us. What better way to give back to the community by having fun with your peers and learning what Firefighters/EMTs do. If you are still not sure but think you might be interested, just give it a try and see if you like it!..

You can email me for additional information amanda.zehring@yahoo.com

TOM SHAFFER NAMED 2014 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Spring Valley ACTS honored Tom Shaffer for his years of dedicated service to Spring Valley and the Potato Festival. Tom was the first electrician to work with setting up for the festival from 1979- 84 and several times off and on since. He served on the Spring Valley Township Fire Department for 25 years, organized a retirees auxiliary and still helps with their Pancake brunches, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge for the last 25 years. He even was a Cubmaster for the Scouts for three years around 1983, even though he had daughters! He has attended Spring Valley United Methodist Church and been on the board of trustees several times. When they ran the dining hall at the Greene County Fair, he and his wife, Teresa, started out washing dishes and ended up in charge of the meals there and other meals at the church, expanding to food served at the Potato Festival. Teresa was honored as Citizen of the Year in 1997. Much of the work has been a joint effort and whenever you see Teresa at the church cooking, Tom is there too. When the Potato Festival started, Teresa made the potato soup from scratch with the help of many volunteers. Tom helped with prep work and getting it over to the festival. Now with the church's Chicken and Noodles, Tom cooks the noodles and Teresa makes the mashed potatoes. They make an excellent team!! Even as I interviewed Tom, Joyce Ponder's crew was making potato chip cookies for ACTS with Teresa manning the oven and Tom organizing supplies.

Tom was born at MVH in Dayton August 6, 1952. When he was one and a half, his family moved to Richland Rd in Spring Valley Township and he has lived on the same road for the last 60 years. His sister, Nancy, still lives in the house they grew up in. He attended Spring Valley Elementary, Warner, then Xenia High School. Teresa moved two houses up from him in 1968 and they were friends at school. When they graduated, she married Ron Pitzer and had daughter, Jennifer, but divorced and she and Tom got back together and have been married for 39 years. They had a second daughter, Amanda and both girls live in the Xenia / Spring Valley area. They have 5 grandchildren.

Tom had worked for Robert Cook on his dairy farm for four years when he was in high school, then went to work for Ernie Smith, a local electrician, in 1972. Training was hands-on, mostly wiring houses and grain bins. He then worked for (Bill) Kyne & Godfrey, which is now Kyne and Sons. Practically the whole shop joined the Dayton Local 82 union, which he has been a member of for 35 years. They post jobs and sometime he puts in 12 hour days and sometimes he has been laid off. Currently he is working regular hours in Springfield. Because of his work, he is not always available to help with dinners or Potato Festival but he has helped when he can. He said that as he gets older, he likes to keep busy! He considered retiring at 62 but when he crunched the numbers, decided it would be better to wait so he plans on working another three years.

Tom said that positive things about living at Spring Valley are that in a small community, people are willing to help one another and it is family-oriented. Wanda Weber asked if I wanted the church groups' thoughts about Tom and told me that he's the perfect husband, friend, son-in-law, brother... When I asked Teresa if he really is perfect, she said, "Yeah, some days..." but she wouldn't trade him for anyone else. The comment that really sums up Tom is that he always has a smile on his face! There couldn't be a better choice for a hard worker who serves the community, and with a positive attitude!

SPRING VALLEY SENIOR CENTER NEWS

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

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

Or see our website: www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com

Autumn leaves are changing color and there always seem to be changes and activities taking place at our Center! I would like to report that our first Baked Pork Chop lunch went well, with 44 meals served, and

some good comments so it will likely be repeated. We had planned on having a chicken noodle dinner on a weekend in November but found there were conflicts with SVUMC's Turkey Supper so we've postponed and decided to make it a weekday lunch, on Dec 2. We will have noodle making days Nov 13 and 14. We held a Halloween Party and Bake Auction with our monthly carry-in dinner Oct 24 with 39 in attendance and the auction brought in \$283. We continue to have good turn-outs for our Euchre Party, the next one of which will be Nov 14 at 5:30 pm. Come and join in. Our Potato Festival quilt raffle was won by Bill Weber of Huber Heights. They attended the festival for the first time and enjoyed the festivities. Congratulations! The raffle brought in a little over \$400. We did not have a booth at the festival this year, but were at the Greene County Council on Aging booth. They are a good organization to work with their benefits specialist, Susan Allen will be Nov 10 at 11 am to help answer questions about healthcare open enrollment. A big thanks to GCCOA for special grant money that has allowed us to make some improvements, with a cafeteria tray railing, a new television, and a reclining sofa. The Spring Valley Township trustees have continued to make some improvements on the building with new steps at the south entrance and paving the parking lot on that side, along with lines on the parking areas. Thanks to the Greene County Commissioners for CDBG grant money that went into the paving as well. Greene County Combined Health District will NOT be giving flu shots at the Center this year but don't forget to get yours from your doctor or pharmacy! We've had a couple of weekend rentals lately and you might contact us if you need a place for your holiday get-togethers!

A change in staff has Becky Sellers retiring – thank you for a job well done! Welcome to Peggy Smith, who is taking her spot and is working into it wonderfully. Becky still plans on attending as a member so hopefully we'll continue to see her often. Val Birtle shares the position with Peggy and is still fairly new herself. If you haven't met these ladies, come in to say hello! Sandie Thompson continues as our craft staffer and Ann Martin in the quilt room, although temporarily out on medical leave. Our quilt room remains open and quilters continue to come in and work on projects. We will be having our annual Christmas bazaar the first week of December so put that on your calendar! We've also welcomed back volunteer Louise Stocker as our line dance instructor. If you've thought about coming to exercise on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 am, she is great at teaching beginners! Afternoons are great to come by and join in dominoes or some bid euchre, or just work on the jigsaw puzzle! We are open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

Another thing to note is that our caterer has raised our lunch cost to \$5.50 and we have volunteers picking up the meals at Bellbrook. We've seemed to have fewer buying the lunches and Little Miami River Catering has been great about working with us to continue despite several cancellations. It appears that we will be going to at least once a week (starting Fridays in November) of fixing our own, either soup, salad, and sandwich meals, pizza, or frozen dinners like lasagna and stuffed peppers. We will also go to daytime monthly carry-ins the 4th Friday, from November through March. Check out our menu online at www.springvalleyseniorcenter.com and call (862-4475) at least a day ahead to sign up.

One more opportunity to participate in a challenge is to enter in our t-shirt contest. We want a new design that exemplifies what Spring Valley Senior Center means to you. Sketch your thoughts or do a computer rendering and when we order t-shirts later this month, you could get \$5 off just for submitting your ideas. If your design is chosen, get a free t-shirt. Hopefully, we will be able to order long and short sleeved versions as well as sweatshirts. Check with us for orders in November! *Janet Miller, Director*

SPRING VALLEY UMC... your community church!

Office phone: 862-7691 Office hours: M – F, 9am-12noon

Pastors: Gary and Sandi Maynard, home ph: 429-9539

Church e-mail: SpringValleyUMC@gmail.com

Web site: www.springvalleyohio.com (click on church tab)

Sunday School: 9:15, Worship: 10:30

69th annual Turkey Supper...

Come join us on **Saturday, Nov. 8, 4:00-7:00 pm** for our traditional holiday meal. Cost: **“donation only”** and proceeds will go to benefit local families in need. Take-out orders and handicap seating will also be available. This year's bazaar features “Precious Treasures”, available for sale during same hours. Questions: call the church office.

Operation Christmas Child...

We are again participating in the international ‘*shoebox*’ ministry, sponsored by Franklin Graham’s Samaritan’s Purse, sending simple Christmas gifts to children in deep poverty all over the world. If you would like to participate contact the church office, and plan to bring your filled shoebox to the church on or before **Monday, Nov. 17th**. Also see “*samaritanspurse.org*”

Movie...

At 7:00 pm, **Tuesday evening, Dec. 2nd**, the church will be showing a documentary movie, titled: “**When God Left the Building**”. The movie is open to all friends and family throughout Spring Valley and our surrounding communities. Check out: “*whengodleftthebuilding.com*”

Parent’s Time Out...

Saturday, December 6th. 10:00 – 1:00 pm. Enjoy some time for yourself, and leave your kids with us! For children ages 2 — 8 years. Crafts, games, music, stories and lunch included. And it’s FREE! Call the church @ 937-862-7691 to make a reservation for your child/children, or for more information. Also... **please RSVP by Dec. 4th!**

Don’t Forget...

- **Panera bread** – free, each Friday, and through the weekend.
- **Food pantry** – come help yourself, anytime the church is open, or call for appointment.
- **Health clinic** – 937-848-2939, or *Bellbrook Open Arms Health Clinic.org*.

Christmas Season and Services...

The community of Spring Valley is invited to be our guests at worship, at 10:30am each Sunday. We will focus on the Season of Advent from Nov. 30 through Christmas eve when the church celebrates the first coming of Christ, and anticipates His second coming. Please join us as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, and the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our annual **Christmas Eve service** is growing every year. It will again be held at 8:00 pm, Dec 24th with special music and candlelight. Come join us for a very special blessing!

Farewell...

The end of 2014 will also conclude 4 ½ years of ministry for Gary and I as pastors of the Spring Valley UMC. Words cannot adequately describe what a blessing it has been to serve God and his people in this place. The church and community are rich in heritage and traditions. I pray God will continue to bless you abundantly!

In the meantime, church leaders are continuing to upgrade the building, and finish some special projects. Plan to come visit and check out our newest additions.

A new pastor will be appointed, and begin serving on January 4th.

Gratefully, Pastor Sandi

Halloween Costume Winners

6 years and under:

Kalia Womack, Emmett Allen, Cole Rider, Lilyen Marshall, Gage Place, Abby Woliver

7-11 years old:

Adrianna Ravana, Devon Durham, Colton Lauderback, Hannah Ferr, Tori McPherson, Levi Woliver

12- 17 years old:

Allison Wallace, Wesley Vert, Hunter Cooper, Alex Caserta, Cameron McPherson

18 years and older:

Dallas McPherson, Harold Smith, Dony Benson, Shawn Broderick

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