

# Cemeteries' cleanup continues

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DAYTON — Volunteer cleanup efforts continue at the vandalized Kerr and Drill cemeteries. After news of destruction at the sites, local residents volunteered their support in the restoration of the sites, which are tucked behind apartment complexes between Frederick Pike and Northcutt Place just off Needmore Road.

ICU ... Inspire, Create, Unite, a local grassroots non-profit organization, is spearheading the restoration and was to hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser June 14 at Sheet Metal Union Hall No. 24, 4949 Northcutt Place.

The city of Dayton Department of Public Works donated trucks to haul stone, mulch and flowers for beautification efforts. The Dayton Building Trades, local businesses and individuals donated money to help in the restoration efforts.

Community businesses, such as Snyder Brick and Block and Janell Cement Inc., donated building materials for the stone pillars that will encompass the broken tombstones.

Service organizations, such as the Alter High School Key Club, have come out to support cleanup efforts. There have been mother and daughter/father and son teams from all over the Miami Valley, including the towns of Oakwood, Springfield, New Lebanon, Piqua and Covington.

Wright State University's Geology Department will use their ground-penetrating radar to locate unmarked graves as a class project.

Buried in the Kerr and Drill cemeteries are some of the first settlers of Montgomery County.