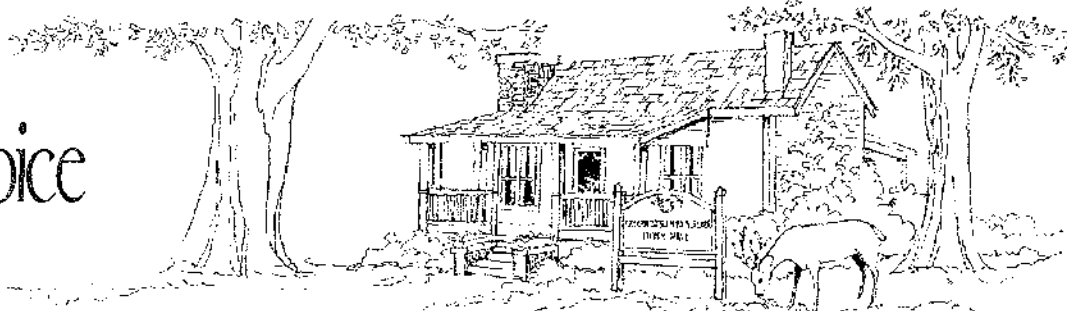


# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 19, 2001, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

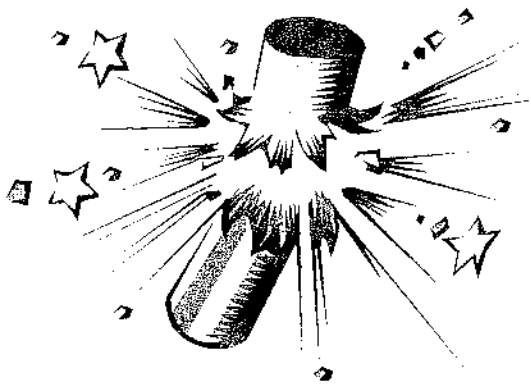
Lt. Governor Steve Windom to speak as guest of honor at a barbecue, 5:30-7:00 p.m. prior to meeting. Open to public. Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Call 987-7887.

Indian Springs Village Telephone Directory Number is 982-1755

For Town Hall Reservations please call Patricia Crapet Voice Mail 802-2753

## ELEVENTH ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FOURTH of JULY CELEBRATION

# Wednesday, July 4, 2001



## Come Celebrate Independence day!

*Display the Flag in Front of Your Home  
Decorated Vehicles Parade Through the Village at 11:00 a.m.*

**Picnic Location:** Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion  
2635 Cahaba Valley Road

**Independence Day Ceremony:** Beginning at 11:30 a.m.

**Barbecue Lunch:** Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

**Music:** Provided by disc jockey Ray Halvorson, who will be playing a mixture of patriotic and popular music.

**Food Concessions:** Barbecue plates \$6 for adults, \$3 for children age 8 and under. Plates will include chopped barbecue pork, barbecued ribs or chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks, and homemade desserts. Combination plates are available for \$6 with chicken and your choice of ONE of the pork selections. Children - hot dog, chips, and drink for \$1.50.

### Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other Villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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### Editor's Appreciation to:

ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support  
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

# Preparation for the Celebration

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

**Decoration Committee:** This year the co-chairpersons of the decoration committee are once again Buzz and Nelda Kelly. Please call 733-1258 to volunteer your ideas, time, and materials for this very important committee. The decorating will begin the morning of the 4th, starting at 7:00 a.m. There is so much work to be done, including blowing up balloons with helium, dressing tables with festive patriotic decorations and colors, and putting up the red, white, and blue bunting on the pavilion and house. Any and all help is needed and is greatly appreciated!

**Food and Serving Committee:** The duties of serving the ravenous crowd belong once again to Councilman Herb Robins (980-9217) and wife, Margie. These energetic co-chairs need you to volunteer. Please call them to donate one hour of your time for one of the serving lines or to help with ticket sales. The two shifts will be from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is THE committee to serve on if you want to be able to see old friends and neighbors and meet new ones!

**Barbecue Committee:** Barbecue chefs are now, and have always been, Town Clerk Paul Stephens (988-4672) and Bart Trammell (988-0094). Please call either one to volunteer for this committee. Their gourmet secret sauces are the best there is! So far, in the ten previous years of this event, no one has been able to coax the secret recipes out of these members of the Pothole Crew. This year probably will not be any different. But, if you don't volunteer, you'll never know!

**Desserts:** The crowd-pleasing favorite committee of most attendees of this yearly event is always chaired by famous cake and cookie baker, Nora Boyett. Nobody bakes it better than Nora, but many have tried! Be among those who bring their best home-baked recipes to share with friends and neighbors. Cookies, cakes, brownies, cobblers, and many other tasty offerings will be supplied in record amounts. Nothing that requires refrigeration, please, unless you bring your own cooler. The hot weather can make a mess of a cool masterpiece in no time! Please call Nora at 988-0466 to volunteer your culinary skills.

**Drive Through the Village:** Parade Chairperson is Tricia Crapet (985-9205) Participants are asked to assemble their decorated vehicles on the east side of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road at 10:30 a.m.

Sheriff James Jones, who has only missed one of our parades, wife Debbie, and son, Buck, will lead the parade. Sheriff Jones has announced his upcoming retirement from law enforcement, but we aren't going to let him retire from our annual event so easily! The firefighters of the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District will bring up the rear with sirens blaring! The parade is an ISV tradition. If you have never participated, please don't miss out this year. You won't believe how much fun it is!

**Parade Route:** The parade will begin at the Winn-Dixie parking lot and head south down Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willowbrook and the Oak Mountain Intermediate and High Schools, turning right onto Highway 119, then right onto Valley View Road, left of Indian Crest Drive. The vehicles will circle Wildwood Lane and Highgate Hill, return to Indian Crest, hitting Arrowhead Lane, to Highway 119, where it turns right. Next left will be Mountain Vista, left on Brookgreen Lane, left on Indian Trail, right onto Highway 119 for the last leg to the town hall grounds. Watch the fun from your own front yard, street corner, or come on down to the town hall and wait for the big arrival.

**Parking Committee:** Volunteers are needed to assist in the parking at the town hall. Please call Brian Stauss (987-9997) to volunteer. Parking will be on-site in designated areas only. **Do not park on side streets.** This is disturbing to neighbors, and since there is plenty of room at the town hall it is not necessary to park elsewhere.

**Location:** The celebration will be held on the grounds of the Indian Springs Village Town Hall at the picnic pavilion, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. Visitors and guests should conduct themselves appropriately. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on municipal property.

**Post Event Clean-Up:** As with all things ISV, clean-up is a volunteer activity. After all the food is gone and the socializing is over, there is still much work to do. Trash must be bagged and decorations carefully removed, so please hang around to help with these chores. It's no different than clearing the table at your own home after a meal. Somebody has to do it! Besides, it's a great way to burn off those unwanted calories from the dessert table!

**This is ISV's largest event. Without volunteers, this and all other events would not be possible. Please pick a committee that interests you and call to offer your much-needed services. Thank you, and see you there!**

# Jim Wyatt Re-visits Korean War

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

When Marine veteran Jim Wyatt of Indian Trail talks to students at history fairs and other school events featuring military heroes, he always takes along his parka weighing about 15 lbs. It reaches down to his ankles and was his mainstay in Korea, often worn night and day in the sometimes sub-zero weather during the long, cold Korean winters.

The students listen intently to veterans' experiences. In Wyatt's case these are embellished by pictures of camp life--the tents they lived in, Chinese propaganda leaflets found at encampments, banners placed on the ground so supply planes could locate them, etc. The oral history lessons seem to make the wars more concrete, and they elaborate on the few paragraphs in U. S. history textbooks devoted to our wars since World War II.

The visits by veterans are arranged by cooperative efforts of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 668, Birmingham, and the Marine Corps League, of which Wyatt is a member and former commandant. Veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, and "Desert Storm," or the Persian Gulf War, spend about 15 minutes each during the programs relating their personal experiences. Wyatt said he often asked students if their parents or grandparents had served in a war. A year or so later he may go back to that school and the same kids volunteer to tell him that yes, they had talked to their elders about their war experiences. They indicated the dialogue had been beneficial to all parties. He also asks them, "Have you seen the movie, *Saving Private Ryan*?" That's exactly the way it was. Wyatt visited Hewitt-Trussville Middle School during the week of November 11, Veterans' Day, and Minor Middle School.

Wyatt was just out of high school when he joined the Marines two weeks before the Japanese armistice ending WWII on August 14, 1945. He was sent to boot camp at Parris Island, SC. He served at the Charleston, SC, navy yard with a Marine detachment guarding German prisoners of war until the prisoners were sent home to Germany. At Quantico, VA, he was attached to the 1st Special Marine Brigade for four-five months' training and then sent to Vieques Island, near Puerto Rico. He was discharged at Quantico, came back home to Birmingham, and joined the Marine Reserves 4-155 Howitzer Battalion.



Marine Sgt. James E. Wyatt, somewhere in Korea in April, 1951

Four years later, June 1950, his unit was activated and sent to Camp Pendleton, CA, where the previously-trained members were sent to Korea, as North Korea had just invaded South Korea. Sergeant Wyatt, who said he didn't know where Korea was at the time (like many Americans), was first sent to North Korea at Wonsan. This coastal port was captured by the Allies in late September of that year. Then he was sent to the Chosin (Changjin) Reservoir, where U. S. and Chinese troops clashed. The reservoir is a huge lake on the Yalu River which separates Korea from China. When frozen the river facilitated the passage of Chinese soldiers into Korea. (More than 300,000 Chinese troops crossed into North Korea in October and November.)

In contrast to Wyatt's 15-lb. parka and Shoc-pacs (rubber soles and leather tops) the Chinese wore quilted outfits and tennis shoes. Chinese soldiers often shed their uniforms and dressed in regular clothes; thus they could not readily be identified as the enemy. Shoc-pacs caused feet to sweat; then they would freeze inside the boots. To this day Wyatt suffers from cold and numb fingers and toes as a result of frostbite, which kills or damages the nerve endings. He was lucky in that he was not further injured. His crew of four men strung telephone lines from the Fire Direction Center (FDC) to insure accuracy of the firing of the tremendous guns.

Evacuated from the Chosin area, Wyatt was sent to the port of Hungnam, North Korea, during an Allied withdrawal of 20,000 U. S. Marines and infantrymen surrounded by the Chinese. Then he was sent to Masan, at the southern tip of South Korea. There he spent Christmas in 1950. His 1st Marine Division was depleted of men and equipment. They had had to leave their equipment at Chosin--which they burned, to prevent what was left from being used by the enemy. It was at this point Wyatt remembers General Oliver Smith's quip, "Hell, we're not retreating; we're advancing in another direction."

The Allies began to move north again in January 1951. Wyatt's Marine Division regrouped at Masan and moved back up the peninsula, fighting their way against the Chinese Army to Chunchon. While his Marine Division and other U. S. forces were going up the eastern side, the forces supplied by the United Nations (15 other countries) went up the other side. By March 31 the U.N. forces had again reached the 38th parallel.

In April 1951 General Douglas MacArthur, commander-in-chief of the U.N. Command, advocated an extension of the war to China because of the heavy involvement of the Chinese. Fearful that MacArthur would violate U.S. policy and that the "police action" would escalate into World War III, President Harry S. Truman relieved MacArthur and replaced him with General Matthew B. Ridgway.

Wyatt left Korea for home in September 1951 about 50 miles south of Wonsan Harbor, where he had entered the country 11 months previously.

Though truce talks had begun in July 1951, fighting continued two more years, with both sides fighting along a battle line north of the 38th parallel. The war dragged on until July 27, 1953, concluding with an armistice and leaving the U. S. frustrated for lack of a victory.

In reflecting on his experiences, Wyatt reminds us of how vital it is to have experienced forces prepared to train recruits at the outbreak of war and to keep our military equipment superior in every way. As someone has said, "Tomorrow's heroes are serving today."

According to Wyatt, the history lesson to be learned concerning wars the U. S. has been involved in since 1945 is this:

"We do better if the U.N. is left out of it. The Korean War was the first time the United Nations handled anything. We didn't win it. Vietnam was next. The U.N. handled that. We did not win. The U.N. was not involved (to any extent) in Desert Storm. We won that in 100 hours. This speaks for itself."

In fact, Wyatt said, when veterans of Desert Storm speak at these history fairs and similar programs, they all comment on the briefness of their actual war experience.

Several veterans are available to speak to school children. Arrangements may be made by contacting Commander Buddy Gee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, telephone 252-2696.

Wyatt and Gee were interviewed by Janice Rogers on *Good Day, Alabama*, Fox 6, on Memorial Day, May 28. At that time Wyatt displayed his 15-lb. parka. He said his wife, Mildred, would send him maps of Korea published in *The Birmingham News* so he could pinpoint their positions in relation to the whole area.

Following the interview scenes were shown from the Sunday, May 27, opening of the Alabama Veterans Memorial Park. Honoring Alabama's veterans from all military branches during 20th Century wars, the park is on I-459 north of Highway 280 E. Exit off Liberty Parkway to get there.



Home, Sweet Home to Jim Wyatt during the Korean War in 1951

Summary of Korean War, called the "Forgotten War," "Police Action," and "Korean Conflict":

One of the bloodiest wars in history. Began June 25, 1950, when troops from Communist-ruled North Korea invaded South Korea. Formed in 1945, the United Nations demanded Communists withdraw; Communists ignored U.N. That body voted to ask member nations to send troops to assist South Korea; answered by 16 of 60-member nations; 41 sent supplies. China fought on the side of North Korea; Soviet Union gave military equipment to North Korea. Ended July 27, 1953, when U.N. and North Korea signed an armistice agreement. The U. S. supplied 90% of troops, military equipment, and supplies sent to South Korea. Casualties: about 4,000,000 including civilians. Killed: U.S. forces, 33,629; South Korean, 47,000; U. N. forces, 3,194; North Korean, 520,000; Chinese, 900,000. (Sources: *World Book Online, Americas Edition* and *Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc.*, Vol. 10, 15th ed.)

## Lt. Gov. Steve Windom to Host Event in Indian Springs Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Lt. Gov. Steve Windom will be the guest of honor at a fundraiser for the Shelby County Republican Party prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Indian Springs Village Town Council on Tuesday evening, June 19.

A barbecue dinner will be served at the pavilion behind the town hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m. The town council meeting will follow at 7:00. Lt. Gov. Windom will present a synopsis of the recent legislative session, and it is anticipated that elected officials from Shelby County will be in attendance.

"I am excited about visiting Shelby County. It is, and has been, the stronghold for our party for many years," said Windom. Shelby Countians take good government very seriously, as they should. It's always a joy and an honor to visit such a great county with such kind and conservative people."

*Windom's enthusiasm was matched by that of our mayor, Gene Weingarten, who said he felt honored that Windom chose Indian Springs Village for this event. "We will be happy to welcome him to our town," he said.*

"Having Lt. Gov. Windom present us with a first-hand synopsis of the recent legislative session is as rare opportunity for us," said Beth Chapman, Chairman of the Shelby County Republican Party, who supplied the following information:

The first Republican lieutenant governor to be elected (1998) in our state since Reconstruction. Windom served in the Alabama Senate for more than two terms and earned many honors and awards. He was named Legislator of the Year by three separate entities: the National Federation of Independent Business, the Alabama Independent Insurance Agents, and the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

Lt. Gov. Windom led the charge for tort reform legislation, which was passed in 1999. He has been instrumental in the passage of many healthcare issues, positively impacting the lives of Alabamians, specifically children and senior citizens. He has been a strong advocate of pro-business and pro-family legislation throughout the years. He has championed many conservative causes, including the defeat of a 1999 proposed lottery and the prevention of a "back door" legislative pay raise.

"People often complain that they don't know what our legislature is doing or has done in Montgomery. This is their chance to come, ask questions, and find out first-hand for themselves," said Ms. Chapman.

The event is open to the public. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. All proceeds will benefit the Shelby County Republican Party. Advance ticket purchases are strongly encouraged; tickets may be obtained by calling 987-7887.

### Burning Restrictions in Effect

Outdoor burning is restricted in Shelby County from May 1 - Sept. 30. For information on open burning regulations, contact Alabama Department of Environmental Management at 334-271-7861.

# Town Council Highlights

## May 15, 2001

*By Patricia Crape, Town Council Place #2*

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at 7:00 p.m. at the ISV Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Patricia Crape, Art Johnson, Brian Stauss, and Stewart Dudley present. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as amended.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens announced the following revenues for the month: Charter Cable utility taxes, \$3,463; auto licenses, \$415; building permits, \$1,160; beer tax, \$767; and Alabama Special Fund, \$6,403. The Alabama special fund is shared revenue from offshore gas and oil revenues and is earmarked for municipal special projects. The balance in the general fund was \$91,324. The road fund garnered \$755.92 making the road fund balance \$62,245. It was also announced that it was time to renew the town's certificates of deposit.

Indian Springs Village Webmaster Michael Felix did a slide show presentation of the new Indian Springs Village website. The website, which should be up and running sometime in June, contains facts and information about our town and copies of the monthly newsletter. As soon as the website is active, you may access it at [www.indianspringsvillage.org](http://www.indianspringsvillage.org). (see Web Page article, p.6)

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crape announced that volunteers are needed for the ISV Eleventh Annual Fourth of July Picnic. The annual event will be held as usual at the ISV Town Hall and picnic pavilion. A record crowd is expected this year. (see info p. 1-2) Councilman Brian Stauss announced that special guests and dignitaries would be issued tickets to the July 4th lunch. Councilman Art Johnson announced the need for volunteers for the aluminum can recycling program, especially those with pickup trucks and a vehicle that can tow the filled aluminum can receptacle back to the can recycling center.

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission, presented the council with a petition by Farley Moody to annex property located at 5236 Caldwell Mill Road into the town. Moody also had made application to the board to have this property, which is located behind the Winn-Dixie shopping center, re-zoned from E-1, residential, to O-9, preferred commercial. The property is presently being used as Moody's law office. The council voted unanimously to accept the petition to annex, and subsequently, voted unanimously to re-zone the property. Also presented to the council was a petition by Powertel Communications for a cellular tower antenna to be co-located with others presently on the tower located on property owned by Wrendon Davis on Cahaba Valley Road. The petition was approved unanimously.

Bobbie Aultman came to the council representing the Oak Mountain High School majorettes, who are doing a community service project and fund raiser. The young ladies have volunteered to be in the July 4th parade, do a two-minute routine at the picnic, and to bus tables during lunch for tips. The council and villagers in attendance approved of their offer.

## ISV Recycling - June 20

*By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4*

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, June 20, at 7:00 p.m. For easy visibility, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags and place them on the other side of your driveway from your trash. Spilled cans can be very time-consuming for our volunteers to pick up and re-bag, so it is important to tie each bag with a knot. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

In May the recycling volunteers were Trudy and Paul Skokel, Wayne and Laura Jones, with assistance from daughter Allie (short for Alexandria), Margie and Herb Robins, Bob Durbin and Art Johnson. Accolades to Brian Stauss for bringing the recycling trailer to the town hall.

While used aluminum beverage cans remain the most recycled item in the U.S., other types of aluminum, such as aluminum siding, gutters, storm window frames, and lawn furniture, can also be recycled. About 62 percent of America's aluminum is being recycled, yet, more than one million tons of aluminum containers and packaging (soda cans, TV dinner trays, aluminum foil) are thrown away each year.

Recycling aluminum is so easy---just rinse and store until the next recycling day. Please, we can only recycle aluminum. Recycle only aluminum: no steel cans, no glass, and no trash. Recently we have found a hypodermic needle, trash, glass and steel cans mixed with the recycling. Our volunteers are instructed to leave any recycling that contains any non-aluminum items.

By recycling aluminum, you will be helping to complete the recycling loop---an aluminum can recycled today will be back on the grocery shelf in about 90 days. For more information on recycling, or if you feel you should be giving something back to the community and would like to join the recycling team, please call 988-3217.

### Aluminum Recycling rate level in 2000

Americans recycled 62.6 billion aluminum cans in 2000, for a beverage can recycling rate of 62.1 percent, or nearly two of every three aluminum cans. This is down slightly from 1999, which was 62.5 percent. The number of aluminum cans produced in 2000 fell by 1.3% to 100.8 billion from an industry high of 102.2 billion in 1999.

## Wildlife Center Wing Dedicated

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

The new Anne G. Miller Raptor Wing of the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, Oak Mountain State Park, was dedicated recently. The donor had stipulated that the wing be named for the founder and Executive Director of the Center, who has been called "a pioneer in wildlife rehabilitation." The Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is housed in the old Park Restaurant, and the new Raptor Wing is where hawks, owls, and other birds of prey are cared for to prepare them to return to nature. The owls and hawks cannot see visitors peering through the one-way glass.

In the woods below the center, in the "Treetop Nature Trail," raptors which cannot be returned to nature for some reason are housed in high compartments on an elevated walkway. **At this time of year volunteers are desperately needed to care for the many wildlife babies brought in. To volunteer please call 663-7930.**

## Garden Club Has "Plant Swap"

*Hi Villagers,*

Our May Garden Club meeting was fabulous! We had the pleasure of spending the evening with the Inverness Garden Club. Their president, Mary Jo Quintana, is a master gardener, as is our own Ginny Lusk. They had so much information to share regarding all the plants we swapped that night, often elaborating upon what each gardener explained as she described her plants and their care. It was a lot of fun and very informative, and we all went away with something new to add to our yards!

Our next meeting, June 28, will be a field trip. We are planning to drive to Jemison to see the "Petals from the Past." If anyone is interested in joining us, please let us know.

If you have any new neighbors, please call Mary Hearn at 995-2166. We continue to welcome new neighbors and hope they enjoy living here as much as we do.

Happy Spring!

*Phelan Webb, President*

P.S. Mark your calendars for the fern show at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on June 20. The plant sale will be from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., with lectures by fern experts at 1:30, 2:30, and 7:00 p.m. Dr. Jim Lacey of Florence will tell about his newest book, *Lost World in Alabama Rocks*, at 3:30 p.m. Ginny Lusk and other volunteers were recently shown on *Good Day Alabama*. Fox 6, preparing for the fern show.

## Adopt-A-Mile

*By Brian Stauss, Town Council Place #3*

We are all proud of our community and want visitors passing through to leave with a positive impression.

In support of that goal, we decided to participate in the Adopt-A-Mile program many years ago. Mile 20 of Highway 119/Cahaba Valley Road (between Spring Garden and Cahaba Oaks Trail) is the responsibility of the citizens of Indian Springs Village to maintain. I noticed recently that our mile is in need of some upkeep.

A work detail has been scheduled for Thursday evening, June 21, at 7:00 p.m. to walk our mile and pick up trash. Three or four volunteers are needed for one hour. Refreshments will be provided. We'll meet at the town hall and walk south to Spring Garden. Please call me at 987-9997 (home) or e-mail at [brian.stauss@vul.com](mailto:brian.stauss@vul.com) to volunteer.

## ISS Academic Team Is Tops

The 16-member Academic Team at Indian Springs School was first in the state and first among small schools around the country at the recent Knowledge Master Open. The ISS team defeated 396 other teams to win the national title.

## Around the Village

### Building Permits Approved

In May these building permit requests were approved by Marty Martin, Town Engineer:

375 Bishop Lane, Bishop, house addition

219 Highgate Hill, Moon, renovation, deck

485 Bent Tree Acres, John Vinsant, siding, pool, new deck.

### Accolades

A special thanks to Bob Blain who so graciously donated labor and material to set permanent line markers on our northern property line. Mr. Blain was the surveyor of record when we purchased in 1995 the land and house which became our town hall. He recently re-surveyed this property so that we would have an updated record of our property lines.

### New Member of Zoning & Planning Commission

Foster Matthews of Foxfire Circle has been named to the Zoning and Planning Commission. He replaces Ruth Goodwyn, who has served on the commission since February 1991.

## Indian Springs Village Web Page

*By Brian Stauss, Town Council Place #3*

Our new web site, [www.indianspringsvillage.org](http://www.indianspringsvillage.org), should be up and running by the time you read this. Our resident webmaster, Michael Felix, did an outstanding job designing, building, and implementing the web site. Michael's work on the web site was one of many projects he completed towards his goal of attaining Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America. Over 100 hours of work went into building the web site and it shows! Thank you, Michael, for your community service to Indian Springs Village.

Michael graduated from Oak Mountain High School this spring and plans to attend the University of Alabama - Huntsville this fall. We are in need of a volunteer webmaster to maintain the web site content each month and design some additional functionality into the site. If you are interested, please call me at 987-9997 (home) or e-mail at [brian.stauss@vul.com](mailto:brian.stauss@vul.com).

## Village Logo Clothing

*By Brian Stauss, Town Council Place #3*

I have been asked about how to order clothing, particularly golf shirts, with the ISV logo. We do not have an inventory of clothing items, nor do we have art work on file with any apparel companies. If there is sufficient interest in ordering logo clothing, I will be glad to put the order together. Please call me at home (987-9997) or e-mail [brianstauss@vul.com](mailto:brianstauss@vul.com) if you are interested.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Patricia Crapet, and Bonnie Murphy

### Condolences and Congratulations

**Mildred Owen**, known to many Villagers as Sandy Luster's mother, passed away recently following her 87th birthday. In her later years she had been confined to South Haven Nursing Home in Hoover; previous to that she had lived in the Luster home for 12 years. She was originally from Gadsden.

About the time of her mother's death, **Sandy and Ron Luster** welcomed two more grandsons, making their total of grandchildren now seven. To **Ron Luster, Jr., and wife, Amy**, of Shades Crest Road was born on April 27 a son, Michael Reed Luster. **Daughter Karen and husband, Pat Eddins**, of Cahaba Valley Road welcomed Cole Patrick on May 9.

### Other New Babies

**Rick and Sherri Burgess** are now the proud parents of James Broderick, born at Brookwood Hospital. "Brody" will be joining siblings Blake, Brandy, and Brooks in their Indian Crest area home. Our congratulations to the ever-growing Burgess family!

Congratulations to **Chris and Mary Dickey** on the birth of their son, Robert Samuel, born April 10 at St. Vincent's Hospital, weighing 8 lbs., 10 ozs. The Dickeys live at 5132 Hollow Log Lane in the Homestead Subdivision. They also have a three-year-old son, James.

**Wayne and Laura Jones**, 230 New Hope Mountain Road, welcomed new son, Winn Michael, 9 lbs., 7 ozs., on June 1. Also in the Jones family are Allie, 3 1/2, and Sierra, 20 months. Proud grandparents are Don and Anita Jones of Choctaw Lane.

### Have You Seen "Maggie?"

Maggie is a small (about 4-5 lbs.), "adorable," orange, long-haired tabby about four years old that disappeared around Mother's Day from the home of **Leo and Susie Cahalen** of 400 Indian Trail. Her sister cat, Samatha, a calico, and the rest of the family are anxious about what has happened to Maggie, a "barn" cat that can be identified by her collar provided she hasn't lost it. If you see Maggie or know of her whereabouts, please call the Cahalens at 982-0967.

### Welcome Newcomers

**Jennifer and Keith Blanton** moved in April to 145 Cherokee Trail from Greystone with their son, Christian, 9, and daughter, Hope, 3, and dog, Walter. They really like "country living not too far from the city." Keith is a building inspector who works for the city of Vestavia and Jennifer drives a van for UPS. She is originally from Adamsville while Keith has lived in Ononta and Center Point.

## Library Hearing Is June 14

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Once again the Director of the North Shelby Library and members of the Board of Trustees will meet in Columbiana at the Courthouse for a hearing, this time with a lawyer representing the library present.

In May the library anticipated meeting requirements stipulated earlier by Probate Judge Patricia Fuhrmeister at a hearing to determine the viability of calling for another election to raise annual library district fees from \$15 to \$40, residential, and from 1.75 to 2 mills, commercial. Library personnel were caught by surprise with a motion filed days before the May 16 hearing by Attorney Bill Dunn on behalf of nine Dunnivant residents. These claims were made concerning the petition filed Feb. 2, 2001, in the motion.

The act that established the library district does not authorize an election on the question of proposed service charges; the library's petition of Feb. 2, 2001, failed to certify whether the proposed increase and the current charges in effect would provide for the interest and maturities of all outstanding debt of the district; the petition failed to contain an accurate report of the nature and extent of library services to be rendered if the petition is approved; further, the "Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama, lacks jurisdiction to enter an order calling an election pursuant to the purported Petition filed on or about Feb. 2, 2001."

The library board provided information requested by Judge Fuhrmeister at the hearing last month. Director Michael Jones felt that the judge seemed satisfied with their presentation. Attorney Bill Dunn did not make a presentation to the court concerning the nine Dunnivant residents' objections because the library board did not have a lawyer present and were advised that the law did not allow them to represent an entity, such as a library, in a legal proceeding. A continuance was requested and granted. John McBrayer, who has an office in Pelham, will represent the library at the June 14 meeting, 10:00 a.m., Shelby County Courthouse, Columbiana.

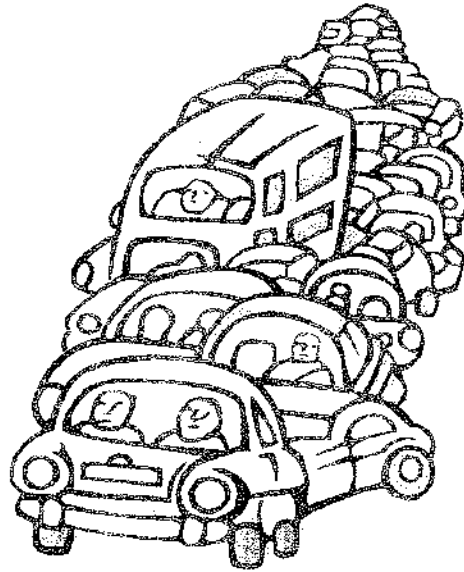
## New Library Trustee Named

The North Shelby Library Board of Trustees has appointed a new member to fill the seat vacated in March 2001. Wanda Carruthers was selected from six applicants to complete the term which expires in September 2004.

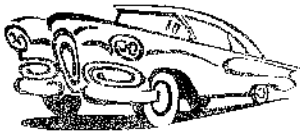
Carruthers has lived in Shelby County since December 1999. She is a graduate of Rhodes College with a master's degree from the University of Memphis. She is a self-employed technical writer and marketing consultant and has served as managing editor of *The Community Messenger* since January 2001. "I am excited and honored to be serving as a member of the Board of Trustees," Carruthers said.



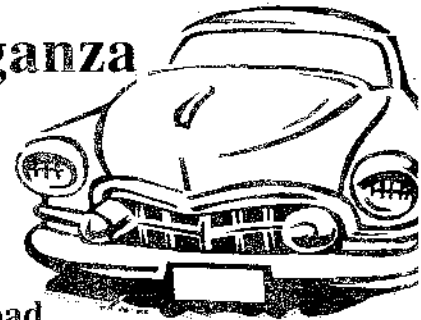
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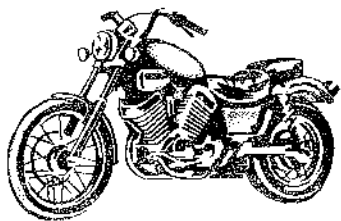


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