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Tuesday, August 6, 2002, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda:

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
Town Meeting Discussion

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

Looking back at The Village Voice of July, 1997, the Fourth of July "Message" is as applicable today as it was then. Can that be six years ago? As a footnote to the paragraph on voting, in our just completed election runoff, only 8% of the voters in North Shelby County showed up at the polls. And most of the world still cannot vote! Following is my first Fourth of July column:

As you read this message, our town will have already celebrated the 4th of July holiday. Our town hall and pavilion were all decked out in the red, white, and blue of Uncle Sam. Everyone ate their fill of barbecued chicken and ribs, prepared by our ever-present Pothole (plus) Crew.

The beans and slaw tasted better out of doors. Milo's tea flowed like the mighty Cahaba River. The little folks who prefer hot dogs were not disappointed. What can you say about the desserts? Just too many to describe. Can there be a better celebration anywhere? The following pages will enumerate all the folks who gave of their time and worked hard. Thanks, many times over.

But in our celebration did we overlook what the festivities were all about? Independence Day, that is what the 4th of July is about. Independence from a form of government which did not allow the citizens to participate in the decision-making process relating to their every day living. The folks even back then knew that they were better prepared to take care of themselves than was some bureaucrat thousands of miles away. What they sought, in one word, was *freedom*.

Now, some 221 years later, we may at times take our freedom too much for granted. In the just completed vote on increasing our homeowners taxes for the benefit of our school children, only 57% of the registered voters in Shelby County actually voted. Millions, perhaps billions, of people around the world don't have the right to vote. Those oppressed stand in awe of the freedom in America. Most would trade places with us in an instant.

As I read today about the change in Hong Kong from British rule to Chinese rule, the headline states that the existing government has been dissolved; that a government "appointed" by mainland China will govern until "local government can be elected." I wonder if those people who stood in front of tanks in Tiananmen Square got a chance to vote? Don't think so. Did they get to criticize their leaders? Probably not. How good is freedom? We live in the midst of it every day. Our folks can speak out, take action, protest, and write letters to the editor, all without fear of reprisal.

Take a minute today and be thankful for our freedom. It is the most important thing that we have.

Twelfth Annual Fourth of July Celebration the Best Ever!

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

A cloudy and somewhat muggy morning soon gave way to bright and sunny skies. It was definitely "hot, hot, hot," but a more beautiful day could not have been ordered, and by the time the festivities began, a nice breeze had begun to blow.

Long before the serving lines formed, preparation for the annual event had begun. So much work needed to be done. But just as in years before, the job was done, and done well. Pothole crew members **Paul Stephens**, **Bart Trammell** and **Jim Boyett** made "pit" preparations days in advance, making sure that everything was perfectly in order for cooking the ribs and chicken. For days, Bart, Paul, and Jim, along with **Councilman Herb Robins** and Paul's son-in-law, **Bob Bell**, gathered together all the elements for a proper southern barbecue such as wood for the fire, supplies of all kinds, and food...lots of food! Tents for drinks, desserts, hot dogs, and donations were erected while **Nora Boyett** prepared for the arrival of the many desserts to be baked and brought by Villagers to share with their family, friends, and neighbors.

The cooking crew arrived at the pit to begin cooking at 2:30 a.m.. Prepared this year were 60 quartered chickens, 85 slabs of St. Louis style spare ribs, and 56 hot dogs. Once again joining "professionals" **Paul Stephens** and **Bart Trammell** were Village veterans **Buzz Kelly** and **Jerry Templeton**. Word has it that the energizer bunny has nothing on these two guys.

For the second consecutive year we were blessed with help from visiting veteran backyard barbecue chefs **Jeff** and **Scott Trammell**. Bart Trammell's two oldest sons volunteered their combined 48 years of barbecuing experience with their dad's 50 years of grill know-how to help the other cooks prepare for our annual celebration. Jeff obtained most of his barbecue expertise while cooking for Little League baseball teams for over 18 years. Scott has honed his grill knowledge mostly at the Smoke Rise Baptist Church cook-outs. A third son, Paul Bryant (how did he get that name?), is a pretty fair barbecue chef, too, according to his dad. Jeff and Scott both stated that they enjoyed the fellowship so much last year with the other pit workers that they had to come back this year for an encore. We hope they liked it again this year enough to make it an annual event.

Although both sons were taught the tricks of the trade by their father, they could never glean from him all the 16 ingredients that make up his special barbecue sauce. However, Bart readily admits that their sauces are very close to imitating his recipe.



Head Barbecue Chefs, Paul Stephens, and trusty sidekick, Buzz Kelly

Decorations are what makes the celebration so festive. Wednesday night found me, along with assistants **Michael** and **Joseph Crapet**, hanging the bunting on the Town Hall porches. Decorating committee chairpersons **Buzz** and **Nelda Kelly** were up early on the 4th after having just returned from an exhausting three week vacation. This year they were assisted by daughter **Ruth Kennedy**, **Jim** and **Nora Boyett**, **Herb** and **Margie Robins**, **Alison Stigers**, **Ron** and **Sandy Luster**. Ron personally inflated and tied every balloon that would adorn the pavilion and grounds. Word has it that band-aids were required for injuries Ron sustained to his fingers from his decorating duties. The ladies spent their time decorating the tables and placing the helium-filled red, white, and blue balloons on the grounds and around the pavilion.



ISV Town Hall all decked out in patriotic spirit!

Parade registration and coordination is always my favorite job! At 10:00 a.m. parade participants began gathering in the parking lot of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Valleydale Road to register for the annual parade through the Village. By 10:40 a.m., participants were ready to head through the streets of ISV. Though some may have failed to register, here is the list of this year's known participants and the vehicles that they drove.

Patriotic flavor was well displayed but none so well as with the pick-up trucks in the parade. **Jack "Scooter" Barry, Jr.** had his big white 2000 GMC Z71 decorated and loaded down with their flag-waving children, **Jackson** and **Sara** and lots of their friends. **Georgia Ann Boutwell** was not shy on decorations or participating flag-wavers in her 1996 Chevy truck. As always, **Mayor Gene Weingarten** and **First Lady Olivia** were cruising in their classic 1959 Ford Pick-up. **Michael** and **Tricia Crapet** displayed stars, stripes, and flags on their sporty red Ford F-150 STX truck. **Ryan Hoomes** of Homewood drove his Chevy S-10 which was decorated to the hilt, and loaded to the max with flag-waving patriots.



Teria Walton's 1929 Mercedes replicar and Scooter Barry's Z71 are lined up and ready to go!

Classic cars were represented well by **David Boutwell** of Willowbrook, driving his 1978 Corvette. **Mike** and **Linda Cencula**, along with children **Michael** and **Lacey**, had a ball in the family's 1982 VW Rabbit convertible. **Murphy** and **Paula Lynch**, who never miss the parade, drove their white 1970 Cutlass Supreme, which was all decked out in patriotic colors. A new-comer this year to the parade was **Teria Walton** driving her beautiful replica of a 1929 Mercedes. **Jim** and **Margaret Wilson** drove their gorgeous 1932 Ford Phaeton, which always steals the show. Jim loves this car so much that he actually bought it twice!

Four-wheeling this year was **Scott Lukich** in his Jeep. Second year veterans **Clayton, David,** and **Trey** (no last names?) drove a 1978 Ford Bronco. It was the first parade for **Joseph Crapet's** recently acquired 1978 Toyota LandCruiser. Joseph was accompanied by **Aaron Hauser** from Willowbrook.

The late model division was headed up by **Jim** and **Merrie Loper** in their new 2002 Subaru WRX. The 300 horses under the hood had to be held back during the slowly- moving parade. And speaking of horsepower, **Councilman Stewart Dudley** drove his beautiful bright red Ferrari convertible, which definitely was the subject

of the most "ooohhh's" and "aahhhhh's" back at the picnic area. **Steve** and **Pat Zerkis'** 1991 Mazda Miata convertible was also festively decorated, as was the Saab convertible driven by **Peter, Paula,** and **Grace Baran** of Signal Trail.

Flag wavers **Paul** and **Trudy Scokel**, who never miss an ISV parade, came once again on their 1995 Harley Davidson Bad Boy. **John Gregory**, with son **Mason** in tow, cruised on their Harley Davidson Sportster Deluxe, as did **Richard** and **Rachel Greene** on their 2001 Yamaha. Shelby County's finest were, as always, most helpful during the parade. Sheriff James Jones and wife Debbie, who have always led the pack, were excusably absent due to the birth of their first grandchild a couple of days prior. **Captain Chris Curry** eagerly stepped up to do the parade honors. Each year, the **Shelby County Sheriff's Department** deputies are the glue that holds the parade together. A special thanks to Captain Chris Curry and the deputies who always direct traffic at all ISV intersections while the parade weaves through the town. **North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District** was also well represented by the official NSFD SUV, a paramedic unit, and a bright green firetruck, bringing up the rear as in all years past.

The roads were crowded with patriotic spectators waving American flags at every turn. Seen among the many roadside onlookers were **Scott Howell, Duane Kloewer, Carolyn Cashion, Clyde** and **Fay Wood, Jamie Wood, Haskins** and **Mary Bowman, Bobbie Aultman, Dorothy Carlisle, Betty Grady, Larry, Sue,** and **Sue Ann DeBoer, Jack Barry, Sr., Phil, Jennifer, Meredith,** and **Zac Rucker, Jan Garrett, Ralph Bodie, Bill Ramsey, Bill** and **Susan Bezkor** and family, **Mildred Wyatt, Rusty** and **Julie Schenk, Jerry, Becky** and **Kristen Stovall,** and **Chuck** and **Ruth Snow** and family. One interesting and refreshing sight was that of an unidentified lady on horseback with large American flag trailing. Only in ISV, folks!



Gene and Olivia Weingarten's 1959 Ford pickup and other decorated vehicles at the Town Hall after the parade.

Parking director at the town hall this year was **Bruce Benford**, son-in-law of Bart and Connie Trammell. Bruce has been happy to volunteer for this job for the last three or four years and did a great job of handling the parade participants' arrivals at the town hall grounds and the parking of Villagers and other guests. The "donation" table for the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund was staffed by **Bob, Judith, and Kate Konecny**.

Mayor Gene Weingarten opened the festivities by directing attendees to the front of the town hall for the raising of the flag by the U. S. Marine Corps. **Sgts. Lewis and Golightly**, of the **Marine Colorguard Unit** from the **4-14th Marine Reserves**, raised the town's American flag, after which **Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt** led everyone in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.



Hungry Villagers wait patiently in line for barbecue and fixin's.

Lined up and ready for the onslaught of hungry Villagers were volunteer servers **Councilman Herb Robins** and wife **Margie**, **Benton** and **Jean Baker** and daughter **Anna Grace**, **Leigh Fran Jones**, **Connie Trammell**, **Delores Gilbert**, **Bob** and **Diane Bell**, and **Norm**, **Barbara** and **Carlye Bradley**. Tea and soft drinks flowed with the help of veteran servers **Alison Stigers**, **Jane Martin**, **Jason Stephens**, and **Warren Jones**. **Olivia Weingarten** ran the hot dog tent with ease.

Nora Boyett, **Betty Michels**, **Lola Stephens**, and **Ginny Lusk** had their work cut out for them at the dessert tent. There was an air of great anticipation over this year's desserts. As everyone knows, the home-made desserts are always one of the biggest attractions of the July 4th event. The first ever "Best Dessert" contest certainly brought out the best in our Village ladies this year. Competition was almost too tough to judge. And to make sure that the judging was absolutely fair and impartial, two of Shelby County's finest were chosen for the honors. Deputy **Robin Ozley** and Deputy **John Parker** eagerly rose to the occasion, even after having feasted on delicious barbecue for lunch.

Going all-out for this year's event was **Betty Michels**, who baked six cakes for the enjoyment of Villagers. Betty always brings my personal favorites -- apple nut and banana nut cakes, both with caramel icing. But this year she outdid herself in the kitchen! **Lola Stephens'** banana pudding sprinkled with coconut shavings was a real treat as was **Frances Dudley's** delicious lemon pie. Other Villagers who slaved over hot stoves making goodies for our celebration were **Ginny Lusk**, **Leigh Fran Jones**, **Jennifer Rucker**, **Mary Hearn**, **Olivia Weingarten**, **Alison Stigers**, **Pat Curry**, **Mary Anne Alosi**, **Mary Bowman**, **Rachel Greene**, **Del Levesque**, **Marge Dunn**, **Carolyn Driskill**, **Frances Schopke**, **April** and **Erin Benford**, **Malak McNinch**, **Alleta Lowe**, **Malcolm Miller**, and **S. Trammell**.



Sgts. Lewis and Golightly, in Marine dress blues, raise the American flag

In an introductory speech at the pavilion, **Mayor Weingarten** spoke with great reverence about the events of September 11, 2001. Plaques were then presented to the **Shelby County Sheriff's Department** and to the **North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District** in appreciation for their dedication and excellent service to our community. Present to accept the mementos were **Captain Chris Curry** of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and **NSFD Board of Trustees president Jim Wyatt**. A plaque for out-going **Sheriff James Jones** was also presented, with Captain Curry accepting on Sheriff Jones' behalf.

The floor was next given to singer, composer, and musician **Marc Thompson**, who led everyone in "God Bless America." Village voices rang loud and clear, and you could see American pride shining forth from the faces of our friends, neighbors, and family members as they sang along. After a blessing offered by former Town Councilman **Ron Luster**, the food line, which had already formed, began briskly moving along.

Clean-up was swift with the help of **Bob and Diane Bell, Herb and Margie Robins, Norm, Barbara, and Carlye Bradley, Bart and Connie Trammell, Warren and Leigh Fran Jones** and their children **Ben**, age 9, and **Linley**, age 6. The Jones's niece, **Mary Katie Papageorgio**, from Greece, also did an excellent job of unstaking the parking areas and gathering balloons.

Each year, the town spends about as much, or more, than it takes in from revenues for this annual event. Revenue for ISV is not now, nor has it ever been, the reason for having the ISV Fourth of July celebraion. The fellowship of neighbors and the spirit of community is the only reason that this event is held. Approximately 340 persons were served food this year. But most importantly, those 340 people came together as one: one community, in one county, one state, and one nation -- under God, and under our American flag -- to celebrate the fact that we can and do have life, liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness for all.

Thanks so much for coming, and see you next year!

Marc Thompson, Frances Dudley, and others wait their turn in the dessert line, while Nora Boyett and Betty Michels dish out the goodies.

Though every dessert was a winner in its own right, there could only be one "**Best Dessert**" prize awarded. And in the end, the two deputies agreed whole-heartedly that the **Lemon Creme Cake** baked by **Nora Boyett** was indeed due the top honor. Nora, a bit taken aback by the award, tried to get the deputies to pick an alternate first place winner to no avail. In fact, their second choice was also one of Nora's delights. If anyone wants the recipe, just give Nora a call at 988-0466. She says it is a little hard to explain the exact recipe "in writing" - a dash of this, and a bit of that - , but she will try over the telephone.

No Burn Policy Still In Effect

By Patricia Crape, Town Council Place #2

Every year during the months of May through September, the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District enacts a policy prohibiting all outdoor burning. This is done in compliance with Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) regulations. The burning of untreated wood, tree trimmings, brush or plant growth generated from clearing or maintenance of land, and any construction materials is strictly prohibited.

Though the summer has thus-far been fairly plentiful in rain, the air quality of our area is still at risk during the summer heat, especially with the recent humidity factor having been as high as it has been. So far this summer, we have experienced several moderately unhealthy air quality days, according to local meteorologist's reports.

If you must dispose of such items, please consider mulching your flowers, trees, and shrubby trimmings.

Nora Boyett wins first-ever "Best Dessert" award

When the day's festivities were done, and after all were fed and satisfied, there were still a few ribs, a little chicken, some beans and some odds and ends from the dessert table untaken. The delicious leftovers were spirited over to two of the North Shelby Fire and Emergency District's fire stations and given to our dedicated firefighters and paramedics, who were most appreciative.

Direct specific questions to the ADEM office at 942-6168. All unauthorized burning may be reported to the North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District's non-emergency number 991-6439. Thank you for being a considerate neighbor, and for being concerned about our environment.

Town Council Highlights

June 18, 2002

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Weingarten presiding. Present were Councilpersons Patricia Crapet, Brian Stauss, Art Johnson, and Herb Robins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved unanimously. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported monthly revenues were the following: building permits, \$2,895; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$829; automobile licenses, \$383; zoning fees, \$1,552; beer taxes, \$1,225; business licenses, \$100; and road fund, \$1,079. The balance in the general fund was \$86,000. The balance in the road fund account was \$56,052. The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund garnered a \$100 donation, making the balance in the fund \$1,403.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crapet discussed the need for volunteers for the Fourth of July Picnic. Councilman Herb Robins, chairman of the food committee, asked for volunteers to man the serving line. Councilman Art Johnson reported on the need for volunteers for the ISV aluminum can recycling program. Summer vacations have left some temporary vacancies on the crew. Councilman Brian Stauss announced that the new "Webmaster-in-Training" for the ISV website will be daughter Emily, an eighth grade student at Oak Mountain Middle School.

Councilman Herb Robins also reported on construction projects for local roads. Utilities are presently being moved for the widening of Valleydale Road. The project should take approximately 180 days to complete. The Alabama Department of Transportation is still reviewing the turn lane additions for Highway 119 to determine whether the project is an intersection improvement or a roadway expansion.

Shelby County's Environmental Manager, Mr. Kelley, has been contacted regarding illegal dumping and burying within ISV town limits. Mr. Kelley has been in contact with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) regarding the complaint.

Darrell Meyer from KPS spoke to the council and Villagers in attendance regarding the findings of the study

for long range planning for ISV. Mr. Meyer gave the council a preliminary report to look over and stated that he attended the July 9th ISV Zoning and Planning meeting to present the report to the Z & P committee.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet suggested that the second town council meeting of the month, which is mandatory by State of Alabama law for towns of a population of over 2,000, be on the first Tuesday of each month. The current meeting day of the third Tuesday of each month will still be used.

Town resident Danny Bedgood spoke to the need for ISV to find a way to implement a gun control ordinance. Mr. Bedgood, who lives off of McGuire Road, has had two dogs shot within his own fenced yard. One pet was killed, while the other has a pellet lodged in an inoperable area. Mr. Bedgood states that this could just as easily have happened to a child. Other citizens in attendance were concerned about this matter as well. Since ISV falls under the auspices of Shelby County's laws, there is no prohibition for the discharge of firearms. There is, however, a law that prohibits recklessly endangering others by discharging firearms.

Town Council Highlights

July 2, 2002

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting was held on Tuesday, July 2, 2002, at the town hall beginning at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Gene Weingarten presiding. Councilman Herb Robins was the only council member present, thus there was no quorum and no business conducted. Also present were Town Clerk Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, and Betty Michels.

Indian Springs Village Logo Tags

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

A must-have for every ISV resident is the official ISV logo tag. The very distinctive oval-shaped tag can be spotted easily. Just the other day, July 2, to be exact, our family was on the way to Fort Morgan for a little side tour before coming home from a fishing trip to Orange Beach, and I spotted a burgundy Chevy pickup truck coming towards us with an ISV tag on the front. Just goes to show, you never know when you may run into a neighbor! The tags can be purchased at Neil's Pharmacy or by calling Town Clerk Paul Stephens. The cost for the tag has been lowered from \$8 to \$5 for a limited time.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

New Reporter for Homestead Subdivision

The Village Voice is fortunate in having a new reporter for the Homestead Subdivision, Jana Hagan, who called to our attention that Mrs. Lois Pate, a Homestead resident, had passed away. Jana and her husband, Paul, live at 5121 Hollow Log Lane with their four boys, whose ages are 14, nine, five, and three. The rest of her address is Birmingham, AL 35244, the address for Homestead. Her phone number is 980-9419; E-mail: byzx4nblsd@aol.com She looks forward to receiving from Homestead residents newsworthy items, and so does *The Village Voice*.

In Memoriam

Graveside services were held May 23 at Southern Heritage Cemetery for **Mrs. Lois M. Pate**, age 80, of 5125 Hollow Log Lane, Homestead. A retiree from Birmingham City Schools, she was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church. Visitation was held the previous evening.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Robert Murray Pate. Survivors include two sons, Don, of Cropwell, AL, and Ron, of Portland, OR; a daughter, Mrs. Linda Simmons of Hoover; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy Holland, Tuscaloosa.

Jennifer Ward in Summer Musical

Jennifer Ward of Indian Forest Trail will perform in the University of Alabama at Birmingham Summer Musical Theatre. She will perform in *A Summer Story* July 18 - 20 at the Serote Theatre, Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center on the UAB campus. This is the second year she has attended their workshop, auditioned, and performed. Jennifer is a sophomore at Oak Mountain High.

SCHS To Hear Genealogist

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Nora Gable Essman, who has researched the Essman and Gable and several other Shelby County families, will be the guest speaker at the Sunday, August 4, quarterly meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society.

A native Shelby Countian, Essman now lives in West Blocton and is an employee of the Protective Life Insurance Co. She serves as Secretary on the Historical Society's Board of Directors.

The title of her presentation is "Just Diggin' up Bones." The Historical Society meets upstairs at the Shelby County Museum & Archives (1854 Old Courthouse) in Columbiana. The meeting will begin at 2:00 p. m. and is open to the public.

Friends to Hold Book Sale

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Friends organization of the North Shelby Library will hold a book sale beginning Monday, July 29, and closing Friday, August 2. Making plans for the sale was on the agenda for the Friends meeting July 9 at 5:30 p. m.

Preceding that meeting was one beginning at 4:30 p.m. to make plans for a wine and cheese party and art sale in October. Jamie Crockett, Chairman of the New Ideas Committee, has called for volunteers to help in the event. Dr. Ed Burns, President of the Friends, can be reached at 991-3797 if you would like to help with these fund-raisers to benefit the library.

Babysitting Workshop at Library

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The American Red Cross will hold a babysitting workshop at the North Shelby Library on Tuesday, July 23, from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. for youth ages 11 to 15.

Drinks will be provided, but attendees must bring their own lunches and snacks. The cost of the course is \$25.00, which must be prepaid. For more details, please call the library, 439-5500.

Aluminum Recycling - July 17

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place No. 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, July 17, at 7:00 p.m. To help identify your recycling, please use white, blue, or clear plastic bags with the top of each tied with a knot, and place your recycling on the other side of your driveway from your trash pickup. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

The recycling team welcomes Bo Holmes. A grateful "thank you" for volunteering. In June the recycling volunteers were Pat and Russ Favorite, Trudy and Paul Scokel, Margie and Herb Robins, Bo Holmes, and Art Johnson. The total aluminum recycling picked up in ISV in May and June of this year was 510 lbs. Special thanks go to Brian Stauss for helping transport the recycling trailer. For more information on recycling or to volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

Collyn Sets Goal for Greece

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Collyn Loper of Indian Springs called home at 224 Cahaba Oaks Trail Saturday morning to report that she had completed her final round in international trap at the World Shooting Championship match in the Lahti region of Finland near Helsinki. Even though she finished 23rd out of 52 *women*, Collyn was not disappointed.

After all, this was her first competition in the *women's* division, a division usually slated for those 21 years old and up. Collyn, who just turned 15, is the youngest member of the USA Olympic Shooting Team and has always competed as a *junior*. In April of this year, Collyn competed in the selection match to determine who would represent the USA in Finland. At the end of the match, Collyn had won the *women's division* and the *juniors' division*, which, according to the USA Olympic Shotgun Coach, is very unusual.

It was determined that Collyn would represent the US in the *women's* division. Collyn now feels that it was a good decision. It gave her exposure to the women who she hopes will be her competition for the 2004 Olympics.

In Cairo, Egypt, in May 2001 Collyn represented the USA in the World Championships at the *junior* level and earned a bronze medal for placing third, despite that being her first time to compete at an international event.

What is the path to the Olympics? Collyn will practice, practice, practice. She also must compete in the Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 selection matches, hoping to have the best cumulative score that will earn her the berth to the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, Greece.

In international trap shooting--the Olympic standard--clay targets are ejected from one of 15 machines at angles of 45 degrees to either the right or left at about 70 miles per hour. This is far faster than clay discs thrown in American trap shooting. American trap angles are about 32 degrees and move at about half the speed of international trap. Southern Skeet and Trap Club in Irondale, where Collyn practices, has a machine that simulates international speeds. Before this machine was installed, Collyn made regular trips each Saturday and Sunday to Atlanta to practice.

During the next 12-18 months, Collyn will become very focused on her goal to represent the USA in Greece. But she has to work harder than most competitors. To look at Collyn you would not know that she is blind in her right eye. In competition she wears stylish protective glasses with the right lens darker to keep glaring light from throwing off her aim.

Born without an optical nerve or retina in her right eye, Collyn, naturally right-handed, trained early to use her left eye and left arm and hand in shooting. Athletic and outgoing, Collyn has no peripheral vision and thus cannot participate in sports where something would be thrown at her. Her introduction to trap shooting began when her father, Brian, started throwing wooden discs for her to hit with her BB gun. She started firing shotguns at age seven and is also good at golf, two sports her father decided would be more suitable for her situation.

Collyn Loper shoots for the 2004 Olympics

Collyn also loves to travel. Before arriving in Finland, she spent two weeks in Suhl, Germany, shooting international trap with other USA Olympic Team members. Collyn will be welcomed home to Indian Springs this week by her parents and 16-year-old sister, Olivia. She will soon enter 10th grade at Oak Mountain High School, where she is a part of the gifted program.

Garden Club/Welcome Committee Bluebird Presentation July 25

By Marge Dunn/Del Levesque

Patsy Scott, who with her husband Mark are trail coordinators for the John Findlay III Bluebird Trail, will be our guest speaker for our July 25 meeting. Village residents are invited to view a slide presentation on these beautiful birds and how you can help them in your neighborhood.

The John Findlay III Bluebird Trail is located in southern Jefferson and northern Shelby counties. Much of the trail is located in Oak Mountain State Park and along Highway 119, extending east to Lake Purdy from the Indian Springs School. It was started in 1977 with only seven nesting boxes, and by the time of Findlay's death in 1995 the trail had grown to 170 nesting boxes. Today the trail has fledged over 12,600 bluebirds.

As trail coordinators Mark and Patsy, with the help of their two sons, David, 18, and Michael, 16, check weekly during the nesting season, record how many eggs are hatched, etc., for trail records. They are among 12 other volunteers who monitor the trail, and enjoy educating people about bluebirds and training volunteers. The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m., Indian Springs Village Town Hall; afterwards a regular Garden Club business meeting will be held.

Members enjoyed their outing to the Morgan Creek Vineyards on Thursday, June 27. After picking blueberries, we had a tour of the wine processing plant. The proprietor graciously invited us to eat our lunches brought from home in one of the air-conditioned facilities. We then went on to see the beautiful flower gardens of Mary Jo Quintana. She generously gave some of her plants to us after we had refreshments in the cool shade of her yard.

On Monday, July 1, we gathered at 6:00 a.m. at the town hall to do some weeding for the Fourth of July celebration. Some members brought more plants from their gardens to put in. Little by little, things are really taking on the "garden quilt" effect we plan to achieve.

In other news, Garden Club members are reminded to mark their calendar for the August 8 field trip to Anniston to see the gardens of Hayes Jackson, Calhoun County extension agent. He has a collection of plants from the Orient.

We invite newcomers to attend our meetings to learn about our garden club and to GROW WITH US. For information call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029.

Building Permit Requests, June

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

These requests were approved:

Address, Applicant, Request

151 Skyline Dr., Kevin Miller, driveway addition

419 New Hope Mtn. Rd., Wildwood Construction, det. gar.

1130 Spring Garden St., Billingsley Homes, Inc., storm shelter

877 Indian Crest Dr., Van Pelt, barn.

Town Hall Reservation Procedure

By Patricia Crape, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Hall is a great resource for residents. The Town Hall and Picnic Pavilion are routinely used by citizens for bridal and baby showers, birthday parties, Sunday school dinners, club meetings, bunko, girl and boy scout meetings, athletic team parties, and family reunions just to name a few. With all this "popularity" comes the need for rules and procedures to follow when reserving this wonderful town asset.

Please call well in advance of your intended date. There is no charge to ISV residents for use of the Town Hall facilities, and it is **not** available for use by non-ISV citizens. This means that "Aunt Rita" from Roebuck cannot reserve the ISV Town Hall. We do not "rent" the facility to anyone who does not live **in** the Village.

Reservations are on a first-come basis. The Town Hall is being used frequently, and several groups have standing reservations for certain days of the month **every** month. Please try to reserve well in advance so an alternate date can be picked should your first choice already be taken. **And just as importantly, if you do make a reservation and need to cancel it, call to cancel immediately.** Others may need that date and time.

All reservations should be made via e-mail to "ISVillage@aol.com" or by calling 802-2753, which is my voice mail number. Please do not call my home number, as I do not always get these messages, especially if the phone is answered by a teenager! Please call on weekdays, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.. No phone call inquiries for reservations will be returned on weekends. Please leave your name, phone number and date that you are planning to make a reservation for, as well as what type of function you are planning to have at the town hall. Your call will be returned in plenty of time for your reservation plans to be finalized.

Upon confirmation of your requested date and time of use, a copy of the rules for use of our town facilities will be faxed or e-mailed to you. Thanks so much for making this process an easy one for everyone.

Rules for Use of the Indian Springs Village Town Hall Building

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place 2

Along with procedures for reserving the ISV Town Hall, there are also rules to follow during the use of the facility. The town hall is over 100 years old and much of the building cannot be replaced. It is a great resource for all the citizens in the Village and the greatest of care must be taken by everyone who uses the facility.

Please observe the following rules when using or visiting the Indian Springs Village Town Hall.

1. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the town hall, at the pavilion, or on the grounds of the property owned by the Town of Indian Springs Village. No smoking inside the town hall.
2. Only Indian Springs Village residents may reserve the town hall and/or pavilion and grounds. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis.
3. No reservations will be made to anyone under the age of twenty-one (21).
4. The key to the town hall will be issued just prior to the function it is reserved for. In special circumstances, the key can be issued earlier, but no more than 24 hours prior to a function. It is the responsibility of the user to pick up and return the key. The key must be returned immediately following use of the facility.
5. User is responsible for set-up and clean-up. The town council meeting room must be returned to its original seating format before leaving. No upholstered furniture may be taken outside. The kitchen is not equipped with a disposal, therefore, all garbage must be bagged and taken to the outdoor trash receptacle. If the receptacle is full, excess trash must be taken away from the premises by the user.
6. A minimum clean-up fee of \$100 will be charged to users who do not properly dispose of their garbage or trash after using the facility.

7. No items will be furnished. User must bring garbage bags, plates, cups, utensils, etc. All items belonging to the town must remain on the premises and not be removed for any reason.

8. If additional chairs, tables, or equipment are needed, it will be the responsibility of the user to furnish these items.

9. No decorations, posters, streamers, etc., will be fastened to the sheetrocked walls, windows, or ceilings. No open flames are allowed inside the building or on the porches or ramps.

10. The building and grounds must be thoroughly cleaned, all doors locked, and all lights turned off before leaving.

11. Certain functions require additional security. A sheriff or off-duty police officer may be required to be on duty at the expense of the user. This applies to all functions where traffic is impacted with a lot of cars entering and/or leaving the town hall. All teenage functions require a parent and an officer in attendance.

12. Parking is allowed on grass beside and behind the town hall. No parking or driving on or over the bridge behind the pavilion. Please obey the Handicap Access parking beside the ramp in the back of the town hall.

13. No pets allowed inside the town hall.

14. If you break anything, you will be charged for replacement costs.

15. Facility will be inspected after each use.

16. Abuse of the rules will result in disqualification for future use.

It is understood that in consideration for the use of these premises that the Town of Indian Springs Village, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and/or citizens disclaim any and all liability for the safety of the premises. The person or persons utilizing these premises does (do) so at their own risk and agree(s) to hold harmless the Town of Indian Springs Village, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and/or citizens from any and all liability, injury, or claims that may result from the use of said premises.