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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

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A Message From Our First Lady

By Olivia Weingarten

At the request of *The Village Voice*, the wife of Mayor Weingarten has written a personal account of inauguration ceremonies of Governor Bob Riley and new State Auditor Beth Chapman and the luncheon for Patsy Riley. We are happy that many Villagers were in Montgomery to represent us.

INAUGURATION

We were up bright and early on Sunday for me to meet friends at the Cracker Barrel to journey to Montgomery for the Ladies' Luncheon for Alabama's new First Lady, Patsy Riley. What was supposed to have been a sit-down luncheon for 750 turned out to be a stand-up finger food snack for 1200 plus.

My impression of the Riley family was one of support and affection. The Governor-Elect made a short appearance to present his wife with a dozen red roses and to tell the audience that she was their family's rock of support. They brought most of hometown Ashland, AL, with them to Montgomery.

Everyone in attendance was given a candle in a glass made by a perfume company which is producing a "Gardenia" fragrance in Mrs. Riley's honor. This is the Governor's favorite fragrance.

The Mayor was in Columbiana at the inauguration of our new sheriff, Chris Curry. (See account by Councilman Herb Robins, p. 5)

Sunday evening we attended the Alabama Republican Inaugural Gala honoring all state Republican nominees and those previously elected.

Monday morning we stationed our aluminum folding chairs where we had a good view of the inaugural podium. We visited with Commissioner Lindsey Allison and Probate Judge Patricia Fuhrmeister, plus several other friends, while we awaited the ceremonies. After the swearing-in we moved our chairs for a better view of the parade. We cheered loudly for our neighbor city, Pelham, when the Pelham High School Band passed, and for Shelby County's own Beth Chapman, State Auditor, and her family, also in the parade.

After the parade we went into the Capitol to the State Auditor's office for a reception. We again visited with Lindsey and Patricia as well as Judge Patti Smith, State Auditor Beth Chapman, her husband, sons Thatcher and Taylor, and her parents; Commissioner Larry Dillard and his wife Marty; Carol Hill, wife of State Representative Mike Hill; State Representative Cam Ward and wife Julie; Planning and Zoning Commissioner Ralph Thomas and wife Shirley; State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin and husband Vann; Sheriff Chris Curry.

Attendance at the Inaugural Ball far exceeded expectations. Plans had been made for 4,000, but it was estimated that at least 7,000 showed up to see the Rileys dance. Indian Spring's own Rick Burgess and his sidekick Bubba dished out a little "humor." Randy Owens, who had been one of the Governor's

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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, RealthSouth, for production

A Message From Our First Lady, cont.

staunchest supporters, and the Alabama band entertained. After the Rileys danced, the Governor went into the audience to have his picture made with individual guests (including the Mayor and yours truly). When we left the ballroom at 11:30 p.m. he was still smiling into the camera.

Governor Riley, Mrs. Riley, their son Rob and his wife, and their daughters were friendly, poised people who seemed confident in their roles. Governor and Mrs. Riley and son Rob, who toasted his parents at the ball, all acknowledged their faith in God and wished His blessings on all of the people of Alabama.

Weingartens Have New Grandchild

The Mayor and First Lady are the proud grandparents of Julia Inzer Weingarten, born January 30, weighing 8 lbs. and 20 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Walter and Susan Weingarten.

Town Council Highlights **January 21, 2003**

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, January 21, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council member Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Brian Stauss, and Art Johnson present. Town Clerk Shirley Church presented the minutes, which were unanimously adopted as written.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues as follows: beer taxes, \$1,018.26; Alabama Beverage Control Board taxes, \$266.93; vehicle license fees, \$658.18; estate fees, \$9.31; application fees, \$85.75; Zoning Board of Adjustment fees, \$387; and Zoning and Planning fees, \$614. The balance in the general fund was \$83,351.37. The road fund garnered \$1,060.52, resulting in an account balance of \$62,641.14.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilman Herb Robins reported no new developments since the last meeting on the Highway 119 turn lane project. Councilman Brian Stauss noted that volunteers were needed for the Finance and Implementation team working on the proposed ISV Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Art Johnson asked for volunteers to help with the aluminum can recycling effort. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet is looking for someone to take over the publishing effort for an ISV Cookbook.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported that the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church on Cahaba Valley Road had been granted a variance from the Shelby County Zoning and Planning Commission for a portable building, which will be placed on the property near the Family Life Center. The variance grants temporary use for a period not to exceed two years.

A question raised during the citizens' forum was whether or not the town needed to pave the walking track. Severe storms have washed the gravel off the track in several places this winter. The matter will be discussed again at the next council meeting.

Crystal Gala Is February 22

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Crystal Gala, which benefits teachers and students in Shelby County Public Schools, is scheduled for February 22 at the Birmingham Marriott on Highway 280, 7:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Events of the evening include a cocktail buffet, dancing, entertainment by Z and the Party Factory, and a silent auction, presented by the Greater Shelby County Education Foundation (GSCEF).

The GSCEF is independent of the Shelby County Board of Education and focuses on the improvement and reform of the public school system. It sponsors teacher recognition programs, grants, partnerships, and scholarships which can change the lives of children and help teachers do a better job.

For more information about the event and ticket purchase, call Carol Buser, Executive Director of GSCEF, at 980-8604.

Parent College 2003 at OMHS

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

This year's featured speaker at Parent College 2003 is Barbara Coloroso, who will address "The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander--Breaking the Chain of Violence." Ms. Coloroso is an internationally known best-selling author and speaker.

The Parent College is a workshop designed to assist parents and teachers in dealing with parenting issues. Past issues have provided inspiration, motivation, and education on discipline, self-esteem, and learning techniques. The program is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23, from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Oak Mountain High School auditorium.

The five Oak Mountain School principals will be available for a panel discussion and question and answer period immediately after Ms. Coloroso's address. Shelby County Sheriff Chris Curry will also be available for questions.

Because of the importance of the topic, students from the middle and high schools are invited to attend so that they may have a better understanding of how to deal with certain situations. Tickets are \$5.00, and can be purchased prior to, or at the door of the event. Childcare for K-5th grade will be available for \$1.00.

Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A class in basic photography was launched at the Mary Ellen Estes Center, Heardmont Park, on February 11. George Smith, retired art and photography teacher, will conduct the class every Tuesday.

Rita Seales points out that yoga is still being taught on Mondays at 9:00 a.m.

Other activities include the showing each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 10:00 a.m. of old videos. The center is building a lending library of old videos and would welcome donations.

Other needs at the center are volunteers to teach classes. A basic computer skills teacher is needed now; Rita Seales invites those who have talents to volunteer to teach them to others.

Reservations to have lunch at the center Monday-Friday must be made one day ahead by calling 991-5742.

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Elected Representatives & Appointed Officials Listed from the Village to the National Level

Compiled by Ruth Goodwyn, Editor, *The Village Voice*

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Chris Curry Is Inaugurated

By Herb Robins, Town Council Place # 1

On January 19, 2003, Sheriff James Jones passed the law enforcement torch to the new sheriff of Shelby County, Sheriff Chris Curry. The inauguration was held at the courthouse in Columbiana. The courtroom was standing-room-only with well-wishers filling the adjacent hallways. Chris's wife Pam, along with sons Steven and Brian and Brian's wife Ashley, were present for the ceremony. The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a prayer and the singing of "God Bless America."

Sheriff Jones welcomed everyone and spoke briefly about what his tenure as sheriff had meant to him. He thanked everyone for the opportunity he had been given to serve the citizens of Shelby County. In introducing Chris, he said that there was no one more capable of serving as sheriff than Chris. Sheriff Jones said he believed that God placed special people in certain positions to achieve a purpose and that Chris would serve with honor, integrity, and diligence to achieve that purpose.

Following tremendous applause for both, Chris thanked everyone for their support and for giving him the honor and opportunity to serve the citizens of Shelby County as their sheriff. The oath of office was administered by Judge Al Crowson, after which Sheriff Curry introduced his new chief deputy as well as other administrative officers. Judge Crowson administered the oath of office to these officers as well as all deputies in attendance.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony, which gave everyone an opportunity to congratulate Sheriff Curry and to thank James for his many years of service to the county as Chief Deputy and as Sheriff. We could not have been better served. We were blessed with a sheriff who conducted himself with honor and integrity and grew the department into a first class law enforcement organization. We have been blessed again with a new sheriff with the same honor, integrity, and dedication.

During the reception I gave James a hug, and after I got my breath back from his hugging me, I thanked him for all he had done for our county and our town. I told him that he had raised the bar pretty high for Chris. His response was, "Chris will raise it even higher." And he will.

Income Tax Help Continues

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

At the North Shelby Library the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) trained volunteers continue to prepare income tax returns for those needing assistance. The program is open to anyone with low to moderate income with special emphasis for those 60 years and older. The free program is offered on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please call the library at 539-5555 for an appointment. Bring with you your 2001 tax return and 2002 tax information.

Library "Friends" to Meet

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Friends of the North Shelby Library organization will hold their quarterly meeting in the library meeting room at 5:30 p.m. on February 26, 2003. All members are encouraged to attend. The upcoming annual meeting and nomination of officers for the coming year will be the topics of discussion.

ISV Recycling - February 19

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, February 19, at 7:00 p. m. Please put your recycling in a white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bag with the top tied with a knot. Place it on the other side of your driveway from your trash pickup. Please, no steel cans or glass.

In January the recycling team volunteers were Brian Stauss, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Pat and Russ Favorite, Margie and Herb Robins, Bo Holmes, and Art Johnson. In December and January we collected 410 pounds of aluminum.

For new residents interested in participating in the town's aluminum recycling program, curbside recycling collections are currently available to all residents of the Village. The curbside collections are done on a monthly schedule. The Village recycling program is an all-volunteer community project, and proceeds from recycling help to fund this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Garden Club Begins New Year

By Marge Dunn/Del Levesque

Our first gathering of 2003 took place at the town hall where everyone enjoyed a delicious soup and salad supper along with fellowship. Our annual business meeting followed; we welcomed our two newest members, Linda McCullough and Jennifer Bondi. That brings our total membership to 17 ladies.

A creative club yearbook was presented by Del Levesque, vice-president, which included digital camera photos from her garden as well as one from the Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

It was proposed an approved to mail out welcome packets to new Villagers. These would include a welcome letter from Mayor Gene Weingarten, a history of our Village, a Village government directory, and a garden club information letter. Also enclosed will be a self-addressed stamped postcard to mail to Mary S. Bowman if someone wants further information on our garden club.

Maintenance of our town hall "garden quilt" was discussed. Members are looking forward to a colorful spring.

Mary H. Bowman will keep the ladies informed of any wildflower "digs" that will come up this spring. This is done in the interest of preserving Alabama's plant treasurers.

Our next club function in lieu of the regular fourth Thursday meeting will be a field trip on Saturday, February 22. Members will depart from the town hall at 9:30 a.m. for a trip to Petals From the Past in Jemison, AL. Antique garden roses will be the topic of discussion.

Even though our January meeting night was the COLDEST of this winter, everyone left with enthusiasm and were filled with the great warmth this garden club gives to each of us. If you would like to "come grow with us," please call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029.

Training Session for Volunteers

The next training session for new volunteers is scheduled for Sunday, February 16, from 1:30 - 5:00 p. m. at the Wildlife Center in Oak Mountain State Park. To receive your volunteer information packet call 663-7930.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED ZONING HEARING

The town of Indian Springs Village will consider a Re-Zoning application and a Special Exception Use application to rezone land in Indian Springs from E-1 single family to B-1 Commercial for the construction of a Convenience Store and Six-Pump Texaco Gasoline Station. The property is located on the North side of Cahaba Valley Road at the intersection of Caldwell Mill Road (on the Northeastern side). It is generally across the street from the North Shelby Fire Station. The hearing has been rescheduled to MARCH 11, 2003 and possible hearing before the Town Council on or after MARCH 18, 2003. The Board of Zoning Adjustment will hear the Special Exception Use on or after MARCH 11, 2003.

"Spring Into Art" at OMES

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Spring Into Art," a fundraiser for Oak Mountain Elementary School, will be held Saturday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the school. For this day of hands-on crafts and games for children ages 5-9, bring your children to paint, cut, paste, and design with a variety of paints, paper, ceramics, clothespins, and wire. Also on schedule are games, inflatables, cake and coke walks, and food. Adults will enjoy strolling through the silent auction. In all, it's sure to be a great day of fun for the whole family.

Are You Prepared for Terrorism? Important Information for ISV

By Patricia S. Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

Skies are clear and beautifully blue over Indian Springs Village. Suddenly, the weather alert siren sounds. Next, radio and television programs are interrupted. What in the world is going on? Is this some kind of mistake? Did I miss something about a "test" alert? Or could this be our worst nightmare--a terrorist attack?

Not yet, thankfully, but if it were, are you and your family prepared? Immediately following the attacks of September 11, 2001, a short list of preparations was printed in *The Village Voice*. There is no possible way for our town to inform Villagers of all the necessary things to do in case of nuclear or chemical attack. The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued new warnings this week to the public sector to get prepared - **NOW**.

In an effort to help the public get prepared, DHS and FEMA have put together a fantastic booklet, as well as websites, which outline extensively what steps to take. I have checked both websites www.dhs.gov and www.fema.gov, which are excellent. Copies of *Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness* are available through the FEMA Publications warehouse (1.800.480.2520), FEMA publication [H-34](#). You may also print it directly from the website. The booklet also covers other disasters such as tornadoes, blizzards, and floods.

Be prepared! This motto is not just for Boy Scouts anymore.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Performs in Super Bowl

Sarah McCoy (pictured below), an Oak Mountain High School student, performed in the pre-game activities at the Super Bowl in San Diego on January 26. Sarah, age 16, is the daughter of Mike and Rose Lipscomb of 5524 Double Oak Lane. Her performance was with American All-Stars, Inc., a 150 member team comprised of exceptional dance, drill, and cheer participants selected from across the country. The team also participated in the half-time show.



Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

As a Tiger Cub, Mason T. Gregory set his long-term sights on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. Following in his older brother's footsteps, Mason completed the Eagle requirements in near-record time, reaching Eagle in November of his eighth grade year at Oak Mountain Middle School.

Mason is a member of Troop 538 and looks forward to joining Venture Crew 5 at Christ Church United Methodist in May. His parents are John and Claire Gregory of 376 New Hope Mountain Road.

Mason was determined to finish his Eagle requirements this year to qualify to participate in the March 2003 Eagle banquet. Thus far he has earned 30 merit badges and has held a variety of leadership positions within the troop. Earlier this year he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, having been selected by his peers for this scouting honor, earned the World Conservation Award, and sailed the Florida Keys as part of BSA's Florida High Adventure Sea Base Program.

Mason's Eagle service project was completed at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center at Oak Mountain State Park, under the oversight of Ms. Anne Miller, facility director. The project included the construction of an outdoor observation area alongside the Center's backyard garden, and included installation of a split-rail fence, construction of a new heavy-duty bird feeder, placement of several large stepping stones, and the covering of an unauthorized trail in an adjacent area.

Through his future Venture Crew membership, Mason intends to earn bronze and gold palms, which are awarded to Eagle Scouts for their continued participating in scouting.

Welcome New Villagers

A big welcome to David and Susan Burns, along with daughter Emily, who have just moved to 5528 Double Oak Lane. The Burns family comes to the Village from Meridian, Mississippi.