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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 21, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

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

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Citizens' Forum

IV. Refreshments

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HAPPY 13th BIRTHDAY INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE!



THIRTEENTH ANNUAL FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Art Show begins at 4:30 p.m. inside the Town Hall

FREE

**Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks
and Home-Made Desserts**
**Come celebrate the founding of your town
with family, friends, and neighbors!**

Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Town Council meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

*** BRING A FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE ***

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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Town Council Highlights

September 16, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 16, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingaten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson and Stewart Dudley in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues for the month: beer taxes, \$1,197; building permits, \$788; vehicle licenses, \$439; real estate licenses, \$3; aluminum can recycling, \$180; and road funds, \$1,117. The balance in the general fund was \$76,347 and the road fund balance was \$70,665.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that at the October 21st meeting the town will celebrate its 13th birthday at the annual Founders' Day event. All were urged to attend and asked to bring a dessert to share with neighbors.

Councilmembers Herb Robins and Patricia Crapet discussed the need for more interested parties to sign up to attend the Citizen Observer Patrol (C.O.P.) organizational meeting. At least 15 to 20 persons are needed in order to get this important program off the ground in ISV. Councilman Robins also discussed the upcoming public input meeting regarding the turn lane project for Cahaba Valley Road. All citizens were urged to attend the meeting.

Councilman Stewart Dudley assured Villagers that the recent failure of Governor Riley's tax package would not affect Indian Springs Village, since the state does not provide any funding to our town.

Mayor Gene Weingarten announced that the property on Cahaba Valley Road between Castleberry and Grimes roads has been sold. The new owner is John Reese, a resident of ISV who lives on Cahaba Valley Road. Mr. Reese has not stated exactly what his plans are for the property. Mayor Weingarten also stated that the situation in the Willow Ridge neighborhood has been referred to an attorney with experience in such matters. It is hopeful that a report will be available at the next council meeting.

Villagers from the Auburn Road neighborhood once again brought to the council's attention evidence that a horseback riding business is operating on their street. The neighbors presented photocopies of a recently-acquired business card advertising services such as training, consulting, and sales, and listing Indian Springs Village as the location of the business activity. Also mentioned was an advertisement seen in a local

tack shop. Photos were presented clearly showing four horses in a pen on the property, which is less than two acres. According to neighborhood covenants (which are not enforceable by the town), only one horse per acre is allowed.

According to neighborhood spokespersons, riding lessons were taught almost daily in the summer. Riding instructions could be heard quite clearly by four nearby property owners. A major concern of the neighbors, many of whom are senior citizens, is the traffic congestion. The street is not very wide, and has been completely blocked on several occasions. The representatives of Auburn Road presented a log of traffic on the street. On one particular day, 23 visiting vehicles were logged in a half-day. Neighbors state that activity has slowed since the start of school in August.

Town Council Highlights

October 7, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, October 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingaten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson and Brian Stauss in attendance.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crapet announced that the ISV Founders' Day celebration will be October 21, 2003. All Villagers are invited to attend (Page 1). Councilwoman Crapet also announced that the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund is in dire need of donations this year, as the fund was depleted last year. Councilman Art Johnson reported having collected 600 pounds of aluminum cans in the last two months. Councilman Herb Robins reported no news on any of the ongoing or pending road construction in and around the Village. Councilman Robins presented the council with a budget request from the ISV Garden Club for upkeep of the gardens at the town hall and the sign on Cahaba Valley Road.

Councilman Johnson also told the council that the rental house in Willow Ridge is still unoccupied. Mayor Weingarten discussed a recent communication with attorneys for the town stating that the Willow Ridge situation is being researched.

Mayor Weingarten appointed Steve Zerkis to the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission. Mr. Zerkis said he was glad to be able to serve on the commission.

A decision on the town's proposed Comprehensive Plan was postponed. The council agreed to have work sessions on Monday evenings so that the plan can be thoroughly discussed before it is voted upon.

ISVCF Needs Donations

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

T'is almost the season to be jolly...and generous! Since the inception of the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund (ISVCF) in 1994, Villagers have generously welcomed the opportunity to give to those who are less fortunate than themselves. The fund, started by ISV's first mayor, Hub Harrington, gives our community the means to focus on the spirit of giving and allows us to help families with children in our Oak Mountain schools who are unable to fulfill the hopes and dreams of those children during the holiday season.

Indian Springs Village works with the counselors at Oak Mountain, who provide us with a list of needy families. The children's "wish" lists for "Santa" are also provided, as well as any other need that the family has. After receiving the information, volunteer shoppers take the lists and go shopping. In the past, ISV has assisted from 12 to 22 children and their parents per year.

The fund is made up wholly by donations from Villagers, and provides clothing, toys, and in some cases food, for families whose children attend Oak Mountain schools. The fund not only provides holiday cheer, but has in the past has provided school supplies, eyeglasses, electrical repairs, and money for field trips for children during the year.

All of the money donated to the ISVCF--every cent--goes to the needs of the children. There are no administrative costs, and all our shopping is done by volunteers. We even negotiate a special discount with local stores so that the donations go even farther.

Make this a joyous season for families who can use a helping hand. Your donation will be an investment in a child's future, who otherwise might not have the chances for happiness that our own children are so fortunate to experience every single day.

This year, celebrate the season the way it was meant to be celebrated -- by giving to others via the ISVCF. Send your donations to: Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, c/o Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, Alabama 35124. No amount is too small, OR too large! You can also volunteer to shop for the children by calling Margie Robins at 980-9217. You will be glad that you did!

Musical Tricks & Treats at ISS

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The second of the Gateway Concerts by the Alabama Symphony Orchestra will be Saturday, November 1, at the Concert Hall on the Indian Springs School campus, beginning at 8:00 p.m. An "other-worldly evening of ghostly gems" will include a salute to Alfred Hitchcock, featuring *Funeral March of a Marionette* and music from *Psycho*. Also on the agenda are Mussorgsky's *Night on Bald Mountain* and Berlioz's *March to the Scaffold*. For information and tickets please call 251-7727.

Founders' Day Art Show

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In addition to celebrating the 13th birthday of Indian Springs Village on Tuesday, October 21, Villagers will have the opportunity to peruse a versatile array of fine art by local artists.

The art show will be inside the town hall and will begin at 4:30 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m., according to Jamie Wood. The very brief town council meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. outside in the pavilion, followed by our picnic.

Mary Louise Beck, Dianne Epperson, Julie Wyatt Schenk, Mildred Wyatt, and Jamie Wood will be the featured artists.

Mary Louise Beck is a gifted potter whose unique pottery is utilitarian and also decorative. **Dianne Epperson**, Oak Mountain Middle School art teacher, will display her beautiful, representational oil paintings as well as some black and white photography.

Julie Wyatt Schenk is the author of an eight-book series entitled *Julia's Journey*, which is loosely based on her adventures as a 10-year-old new to the Indian Springs area. Julie will be available to autograph books, and her mother, **Mildred Wyatt**, who did the illustrations for the *Julia's Journey* series, will have a few of her original Impressionist paintings on display. She will also have some signed prints.

Jamie Wood will have some of her oil, Impressionist-style paintings inspired by her travels abroad.

Plan to get to the celebration early or stay later so as not to miss the opportunity to see this display by local artists.

Garden Club to Share Stories

By Del Levesque, Vice-President

In September we attended the program at our North Shelby Library by the Extension Agent Nelson Wynn on the topic of fall gardening. Last year the ladies enjoyed a slide presentation from the Birmingham Museum of Art called "Art in Bloom." We are happy to pass on that they will be having a wonderful presentation this year at the Birmingham Museum of Art on October 24-26. Beginning Friday, October 24 through Sunday, October 26 visitors can enjoy unique and gorgeous floral arrangements by over 60 designers from the area who interpret selected works of art in the museum. Special guests will be Princess Giorgiana Corsini of Florence, Italy, and four leading floral designers of the southeast. For ticket information call 254-2571.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall. All members are encouraged to bring their personal story about a plant they have received from a friend. "Pass along" plants are always a welcomed treasure by a gardener. If they thrive and mature as the friendship deepens with time, the plant becomes very special. Please bring along your personal plant story to share with our members. You may bring along a picture or sample of your treasured plant.

Another reminder: The "Fall Fiesta" plant sale will take place again this year at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens on Sunday, October 19 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

As always we invite members and interested Villagers to COME GROW WITH US! Call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029

Dungarvin Representatives Address Willow Ridge Concerns

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

Neighbors in the Willow Ridge community of Indian Springs Village attended the September 9, 2003 meeting of the town's Planning and Zoning Committee to get answers to their many questions regarding a home in their neighborhood that is currently rented to the Dungarvin Corporation for the purpose of housing persons with developmental disabilities. Frustration mounted as town officials and neighborhood residents came away from the meeting with more questions than answers.

Dungarvin representatives Sandra Galeinore and Carrie Cobode attended the meeting to address concerns of the Planning and Zoning Committee, town officials, and residents regarding several disturbances at 113 Willow Ridge Drive. The Shelby County Sheriff's Department and the North Shelby Fire District had been called to the home, and on at least two occasions, residents of the rented facility were observed being forceably removed from the premises by deputies. Though many direct questions were asked about the incidents, few direct answers were given, apparently due to privacy issues and confidentiality restrictions. The sentiments of the neighbors who attended was that the answers were "canned" generalizations, rather than specifics relating to the incidents in question.

Some of the more factual information given was about the Dungarvin Corporation and their national "privately owned, for profit" organization, which operates in 12 states, serving 1700 residents in facilities like the one in Indian Springs Village. Dungarvin is licensed to operate in Alabama by the State of Alabama, Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (DMHMR), which has the sole ability to certify these types of agencies for operation in the state. According to Dungarvin, the home, which is licensed to house three individuals, is not considered a "group home" and does not require a license as such. For group home status, there must be more than three individuals living in the facility. Dungarvin has certification for a total of six homes in the Jefferson-Shelby area, with three residents per facility.

Residents of the home are selected by the DMHMR. These residents have various degrees of mental retardation and other developmental disabilities and are selected based on individual case records. The individuals are "transferred" from traditional mental health facilities to neighborhood

"homes" in order to be slowly mainstreamed into normal social living conditions. Most, if not all of the time, the residents are not related to each other. The residents live in neighborhood "home" atmospheres and perform tasks related to daily living. Transportation is provided for the completion of tasks such as grocery shopping. Vocational and employment opportunities are also undertaken when applicable. A team of case workers, directors, and representatives evaluate the individuals before placing them in these types of living arrangements. According to Dungarvin representatives, the company has the right to decline support to any individuals who they feel do not fit in a neighborhood setting.

The funding for these services comes from state and federal matching funds, Medicaid waivers, and is subsidized by each resident's social security.

In many cases, the rented properties are altered for fire and safety management. A general contractor was hired through the rental agency to perform the work on the home on Willow Ridge Drive. Smoke and fire detectors, as well as emergency lighting, are just a few of the minor alterations that have been added. Neither Dungarvin, Rudolph Real Estate, nor the general contractor applied for any type of building permit for alterations to the property. General home maintenance, such as lawn care and housekeeping, are supposed to be done by the staff or contracted out. One of the complaints from neighbors was that yard at the house, which consists of two acres, was neglected for months.

The staff for the Willow Ridge facility consisted of two workers on each eight-hour shift, 24 hours a day. The staff receives five hours of training in preparation for being in charge of a "home" with up to three individuals who are almost always on medication and who have "various degrees" of mental retardation.

There were two individuals residing in the Willow Ridge Drive facility prior to their removal in August. When asked why the residents were removed from the facility, all Dungarvin representatives would say was that "the living arrangement no longer fit the needs of the individuals" housed there.

In summation, ISV Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Jerry Templeton stated that Dungarvin had failed to acquire a license to operate a business in the town and had not applied for a building permit to alter the property.

Since the removal of the two residents in August, there has been no one living at the house and no activity there.

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The Chairman of our Zoning and Planning Commission, **Gerald Templeton**, has announced his retirement from that position. Jerry has served since October 1997. Many issues have come before the commission during these six years. Some have been very controversial, requiring great amounts of leadership and patience. Keeping in mind that the chairman, and all the commission members, serve without pay, and that they are required to relinquish many hours from their private lives, we owe them a debt of gratitude.

We are now in the process of reviewing the comprehensive plan that Zoning & Planning has submitted to the city council. Jerry and his group, along with a number of Villagers, worked long and hard on this document. It will be the blueprint for the future of Indian Springs Village. Our thanks and appreciation to him for many years of dedicated and sincere work that has benefited ISV. Our town is fortunate to have the involvement of people such as Jerry Templeton.

Filling the rather "large shoes" of chairman will be a Villager, Wayne Jones. Wayne is an attorney who is moving his office to within walking distance of the town. Well, almost. He will be on Valleydale Road. Besides his own family, Wayne's brother and dad live in the town. His understanding the philosophy of Indian Springs Village will make for a smooth transition.

Village Recycling - October 22

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, October 22. Please place your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help recycling volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management garbage pickup. Please securely tie your recycling bag with a knot to prevent spillage. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers will have to take time to tie them. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

Your September recycling team members were Pat and Russ Favorite, Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Bo Holmes and Art Johnson. Proceeds from recycling help to fund this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

There are environmental benefits to recycling aluminum cans, and we encourage Villagers to contribute to a sustainable environment by purchasing and recycling aluminum cans. Recycling is easy and saves energy. Recycling 48 aluminum beverage cans is the energy equivalent of one gallon of gasoline. During 2002 Americans recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve the energy equivalent of over 15 million barrels of oil. If all the aluminum cans produced in 2002 had been recycled, the energy savings would have doubled to 30 million barrels.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

These requests for September were approved:
1333 Indian Crest Drive, Raymond Kurttz, utility shed;
145 Cherokee Trail, Keith Moon, front porch;
398 Indian Crest Drive, David Leonard, porch enclosure;
Mountain Crest Estates, Randy Goggans, review water lines.

Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Quilt Circle Donates Quilt

The Amelia Center next to Childrens Hospital was the recipient of a quilt prepared by members of the Indian Springs Quilt Circle at their last meeting, Sept. 17. (The Quilt Circle meets every third Wednesday of the month.) Making the request for the quilt was Rosalind Griffin of Indian Springs, who was present at the kick-off breakfast when the quilt was displayed at the Amelia Center. The center, affiliated with United Way, is a grieving center which provides counseling for parents who have lost a child and for children who have lost a parent. Elizabeth Eastman, who organized the circle, said they were proud to donate the quilt, which required a lot of cooperation and work among the members.

Congratulations to Lindsey Allison

The Village's own Lindsey Allison, Shelby County Commissioner, was appointed chairman of the Commission for 2004 with Larry Dillard of North Shelby as vice-president. Ms. Allison has previously served as chairwoman.

Holiday Happenings at OMIS

On Sunday, December 6 (mark your calendars now!), a pancake breakfast will be held from 7:00-11:00 a.m. at Oak Mountain Intermediate School. Activities will include a basket auction, holiday shop, sweet shop, Santa pictures, children's choirs, *A Christmas Carol* excerpts, and Dance South dance company performances. Call the school, 682-5220, for details and pancake tickets.

School Population Facts

From the Oak Mountain Elementary School publication, *The Oak Leaf*: Superintendent Evan Major presented the school with the attendance award this month and gave these facts: Our school system has grown from 7,000 to 23,000 students. "We used to be able to say that we were growing by about 600 students per year, enough to have to build a new school per year to hold them. This year we grew by 1,000!"

**The next meeting of
THE WILLOW RIDGE NEIGHBORHOOD
will be held on
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, AT 7:30 P.M.
Indian Springs Village Town Hall
PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND!**

We are working together as neighbors

NSFD Celebrates 25th Year

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District, established October 1, 1978, held its twenty-fifth anniversary celebration on Sunday, October 5, at Oak Mountain High School. October 5 was also the first day of Fire Prevention Week, which ended October 11.

All 25 North Shelby firefighters from the three stations received awards, depending on years of service, including Michael O'Connor, named Fire Chief in 1995 after joining the fire district in 1982 and working his way up through the ranks. In addition, many district residents were recognized for their roles in the establishment of fire service in this area and working as volunteer firefighters. The Hoover and Pelham fire departments, which cooperate closely with North Shelby, were on call during the program, lasting until 4:00, to take calls which would ordinarily come to North Shelby.

During the first hour attendees were treated to renditions by the Oak Mountain Middle and Oak Mountain High school jazz bands, playing such favorites as "Stars Fell on Alabama" and Glenn Miller tunes.

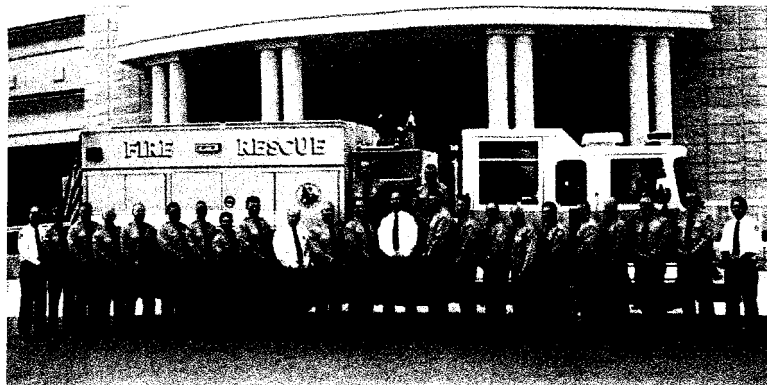
Jim Wyatt, president of the North Shelby District's Board of Trustees, gave the welcoming address and introduced the trustees: Martha Geyer, vice-president; Sally Cox, vice-president; Charles Waldrop, treasurer; and Dodd Adair, secretary. Wyatt, Geyer, and Waldrop all live in Indian Springs.

Following the *Star-Spangled Banner* and the Pledge of Allegiance, the Rev. Clarke Skelton, minister of the Indian Springs Baptist Church, gave the invocation. This was followed by a sketch of the early efforts in establishing a fire district and its history given by Winston Boutwell, our first fire chief, who served from 1978 until 1995. Chief Boutwell had previously served 28 years as head of the Pritchard, AL, fire department.

Figuring prominently in early efforts to establish a fire district were Jim Wyatt and Jack Van Pelt, who is now deceased. Martha Geyer and others in her New Hope Mountain Road neighborhood were very instrumental in bringing awareness of the need to the forefront, and Mrs. Geyer, who has been a trustee since 1978, was given a crystal, engraved bowl in recognition of her dedication.

The recipients of big leather Firefighter Presentation Helmets, two black and one white, were Trustee Charles Waldrop and Firefighter Robert S. King and Battalion Chief Dennis Cooke. Waldrop has 25 years of service, first as a volunteer firefighter and then trustee. White helmets are given to firefighters of rank with years of service.

Diane Alexander, a long-time administrative assistant who re-joined the fire district in April, was also recognized. After the awards ceremony all were ushered into the auditorium for a picture-making session. On schedule at 3:00 p.m. were visits to the fire trucks parked outside, including the newest state-of-the-art truck with equipment to produce foam, more effective than plain water in putting out fires.



North Shelby Fire & Emergency Medical District personnel gather for celebration at Oak Mountain High School

At the center of the refreshments tables were two sheet cakes decorated with replicas of fire engines, donated by Bruno's of Inverness, which also contributed substantial hors d'oeuvres and beverages for the occasion.

Trustee President Jim Wyatt said that he was "thrilled with the crowd that showed up." He added that NSFD expects to continue giving good service, and he would like to invite residents to attend the trustee board meetings. The board meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station No. 3, Meadowbrook.

Those signing the guest book numbered 275, including Sheriff Chris Curry, Commissioner Lindsey Allison, Mayor Gene Weingarten and First Lady Olivia, and Tommy Snowden, former probate judge of Shelby County who was very helpful in the formation of the fire district.

FIRE PREVENTION PRACTICES

Fire Prevention (FPW) week has come and gone, but with the nippy mornings we have increasingly had lately, it seems fitting to repeat some of the principles of the FPW campaign including the slogan: "When Fire Strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!" Two simple but life-saving lessons are these: (1) Install smoke alarms and test them regularly and (2) Develop and practice home fire drills.

Home fires occur between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.--when most people are sound asleep. Fifty percent of fire fatalities occur in structures with non-working batteries in detectors. "So, to reduce your risk 50 percent, be sure you change your batteries," Fire Chief Michael O'Connor said. He recommends changing batteries in your smoke detectors on the day you change your clocks from daylight-saving to regular time, and vice-versa.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends interconnecting alarms in all bedrooms so that when one alarm sounds, they all do. Also recommended is planning with your family your best escape route and an alternate route and practicing them routinely. When the smoke alarm goes off, you should leave right away using one of your two preplanned escaped route--and not go back inside for any reason.

Library Hours Increase Oct. 20

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Board of Trustees has increased the hours of operation of the North Shelby Library on Mondays and Tuesdays. The library will now be open until 8:00 p.m. on Monday nights and will open at 10:00 a.m. instead of 12:00 noon on Tuesdays.

Library Receives "Grant" Money

Shelby County State Representative Mary Sue McClurkin of Indian Springs has increased the North Shelby Library fund-raising total by \$5,000 in "community grant money," often referred to as "pork."

The check was presented on October 1 to Alain Gallet, president of the Board of Trustees. On hand for the presentation were Steve Zerkis, Indian Springs, a member of the Board; Carol Farr, associate director of the library and Darryl Heritage, director.

The money given to the North Shelby Library was the only non-school-related grant presented by McClurkin, who in 2002-2003 has used grants to contribute to purchasing materials for reading programs at Helena and Valley intermediate and Meadow View elementary schools and for assisting Oak Mountain High School purchase library books and toward a fund-raising goal to keep the library accredited.

Programs for Toddlers, Children

"Toddler Tales" is a program for those two years old and their lap partners (parents) at 10:30 a. m. on Monday, Oct. 6, 13, and 20. "Spiders and Bugs" is the topic for Oct. 20. The limit is 15 toddlers; there is no registration and you may sign in at the door.

All ages are welcome at "P.J. Storytimes" at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays October 2-30, at which time children may come dressed in pajamas. Topics for Oct. 16-30 are "Pumpkins," "Creepy Crawlies," and "Spooky Storytime."

Mr. Mac continues his reading times every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., which is open to all ages. Stories, music, crafts, and snacks will be available at the Halloween party Oct. 29.

Genealogists to Hold Seminar

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Alabama Genealogical Society, Inc. will hold its all-day fall seminar Saturday, October 18, at the Alabama State Capitol Auditorium, Montgomery. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. and adjournment at 3:30 p.m. The featured speaker is J. Mark Lowe, author, national lecturer, and full-time professional family history researcher.

The subjects of the seminar lectures are "Land Barons or Dirt Farmers: Finding Land Transactions," and "Finding Your Landless Ancestors" in the morning and "Locating the Wanderer" and "Smith vs. Jones, et al; a Closer Look at Court Records" in the afternoon.

"Martha Matilda" to Appear and Election of Officers for NSHS on November 2

By Ruth Goodwyn

Dr. Carol Padgett, author of *Keeping Hearth & Home in Old Alabama: A Practical Primer for Daily Living*, will speak at the November 2 meeting of the Shelby County Historical Society, 2:00 p.m., upstairs in the Shelby County Museum & Archives, Columbiana. In addition the election of officers for 2004-2005 and two members of the Board of Directors to serve 2004-2009 will be held.

Dr. Padgett will appear in authentic dress as her own great-grandmother, Martha Matilda, who was born just before the Civil War and came of age during an era when "advice literature" proliferated. She will reconnect members of the audience with "wit, wisdom, and ways of yesterday in a lighthearted, entertaining, and edifying talk sprinkled with 19th century advice," according to Bobby Joe Seales, association president.

In her life as Martha Matilda Dr. Padgett publishes a monthly column, "Martha Matilda's Homilies of Hearth & Home: 19th Century Advice for 21st Century Readers" in several Alabama historical magazines and is currently making her national debut in the first-ever video history of the Farmer's Almanacs. The speaker received her B.A. degree in Psychology from Birmingham-Southern College and her Ph.D. degree in clinical psychology from the Catholic University of America. She holds positions with St. Vincent's Hospital, University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Samford University.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor



Haley Smith is now Mrs. Tom Mullins
Her bouquet was of red roses

Bill and Carolyn Smith, 60 Wildwood Lane, announce the marriage of their daughter, Haley, to Tom Mullins of Vestavia. Haley is a lifelong resident of Indian Springs. The marriage ceremony took place August 9 at Gabrella Manor, Roebuck. After honeymooning at Napa Valley in California, they are at home in Greystone. A graduate of Auburn, he is a sales representative for Morin Activators in Pelham. Haley is a food broker for Damon Foods. Her alma mater is Montevallo.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Wedding Bells Ring for Emily Bell



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew D. Casey

Fay Emily Bell, daughter of Brenda and Jake Guercio of Cahaba Valley Road, and Matthew Dillon Casey of Mobile were wed Saturday, August 23, at 7:00 p.m. The ceremony took place at the Birmingham Museum of Art with Rabbi Harvey Winokur and Pastor Stephen Jones officiating.

The reception was held there also, followed by dinner and dancing until 12:00 midnight when the couple left by horsedrawn carriage for their honeymoon trip to Bermuda. The couple is now at home in Birmingham.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, Emily met her future husband at the University of South Alabama where she was attending medical school and he was there on a baseball scholarship. She is now a medical resident in internal medicine at the Baptist Medical Center. Matt is a law student at Jones Law School in Montgomery.

Villagers will remember Emily as Miss Shelby County of 1993-94, representing us in the Miss Alabama pageant, among other duties.

ISV Is Setting for Film

Indian Springs Village was recently the location for a film written and produced by resident Anna M. Stansell of 5530 Timber Hill Road.

Ms. Stansell, with ItWorks Productions, LLC, said the film, which tells how the Birmingham-based company, Networker 2000, was started, was commissioned for their national sales convention held in Birmingham. With less than two months to complete the task, Ms. Stansell chose her home for most of the shooting. A car scene was also filmed on a neighboring street, Bishop Lane. She also produced a play version of *Banker's Story* about Networker 2000, a company that teaches members how to do stock options and websites.

Of her first professional film, Ms. Stansell said, "I was thrilled to have the opportunity to show off Indian Springs....I won't be surprised if other filmmakers are attracted to the area."

Welcome Newcomers

Randal and Brenda Snook and their three children now make their home at 2500 Willow Brook Circle. They are not exactly newcomers since they moved to Willow Brook from Homestead Subdivision, where they had lived about five years. Their three children, Martin, 12, Patrick, 11, and Baxley, 9, all attend Briarwood Christian schools. Randal is the owner of FitzMartin, a marketing and advertising firm.

Residents of about three months at 141 Willow Ridge are Bryan and Michell Bailey, who moved here from St. Petersburg, FL. He is the new district manager for National Auto Parts Association (NAPA), and Michell is occupied at home with their three children. Evelyn is only two years old; Leann, 13, attends Oak Mountain Middle and Quinlan, 7, is enrolled at Oak Mountain Elementary School.

Now living on New Hope Mountain at 58 Paleo Place are James Lee and Cynthia Masdon and their two children, Will, 6, who is enrolled in kindergarten at Oak Mountain Elementary and a nine-months-old daughter, Avery. The Masdons moved to Indian Springs from Cahaba Heights and have lived in the Birmingham area for ten years. Both are graduates of the University of Alabama (where Cynthia was a cheerleader). Dr. Masdon is an ear, nose, and throat specialist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Cynthia is a sales consultant for Pfizer, Inc.

Congratulations to Gold Cup Winner



Winner Joseph Crapet with one of his Summer Series trophies

Joseph Crapet, son of Michael and Patricia Crapet of 370 Valley View, won the 1st place overall trophy for his 250cc class for the entire Gold Cup Summer Racing Series at MillCreek Motocross Track. Joseph, who began racing this year, beat several seasoned riders up to age 40 who have been racing for many years. (Patricia says his winning makes it worth not having had grass in their yard for the past four years!)