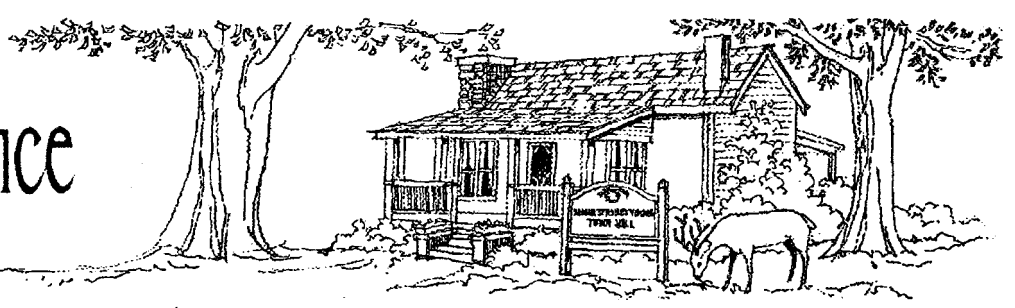


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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum

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Santa Claus is Coming to Town !



**Saturday, December 13, 2003
from 1:00 p.m. til 3:00 p.m.**

**Santa will be making a list
and checking it twice
for the names of all the good
little boys and girls of the Village !**

**Make a special memory with the
Village Santa Claus.**

**Bring the children and a camera to the
Indian Springs Village Town Hall !**

**Santa will hear holiday requests
and refreshments will be served !**

Santa is sponsored by the Crapet family.

Happy Holidays from Michael, Tricia and Joseph

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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Comments From the Commissioner

By Lindsey Allison, Shelby County Commissioner District 7

Over the course of the past 12 years, the Shelby County Commission has methodically laid a financial base that will serve the citizens of Shelby County well in the coming years. Financial policies were being established such as satisfying all debt and not incurring any additional debt.

The Shelby County Commission's goal is now, as it has been during the last 12 years, conservative management of tax payers' money. Until the last 60 days, the members of the Shelby County Commission had never envisioned that their policy of the past 12 years may literally mean the financial survival of Shelby County. With the failure of Governor Bob Riley's tax package in September, the funding of numerous state agencies has been reduced. As the newspapers have reported, there are fewer state troopers; court personnel have been drastically cut; autopsy and toxicology reports will take longer to complete--just to name a few services that are no longer provided or will not be provided in a timely fashion. Subsequently, numerous state agencies and private service providers have turned to the county commission to make up these short falls.

Consider first the all-important governmental question, "Should county government fund services that are the constitutional responsibility of the state?" Secondly, the county generally adopts the budget for the coming fiscal year every August. Such requests for extra funding have come after the planning sessions for not only the budget of the 2003-2004 fiscal year, but for the five-year plan which extends into the year 2008. It has been difficult for the Shelby County Commission to watch many worthy services reduced or terminated. It has also been frustrating to require our personnel to spread the word when necessary. However, it has been the decision of this Shelby County Commission not to subsidize these services or to provide for the extra funding requests. It was interesting to watch Jefferson County fund their court system with nearly one million dollars due to the state reduction in funds. In order for the Shelby County Commission to start such funding, other services that are the county's constitutional responsibility would have to be reduced.

Over the past 12 years it has been a tedious job to balance between the growth of the county and the new demands for services that come with this growth, with limited tax revenues, principally property and sales taxes. Consider these needs, just to name a few: funding non-profit corporations who have lost state funding in this county, a cost that

would exceed \$1,000,000, as well as a court system whose shortfall by the year 2004 will exceed \$200,000, and replace state troopers in our county with deputies, whose salaries benefits, and automobile costs exceed \$80,000 per year -- the thought is frightening. If this had to be done, all the planning of the past 12 years would have been for naught. Instead, the conservative financial planning of the past years will allow this county to survive the state woes.

Many counties in the State of Alabama depend on substantial state funding for their basic services. In essence, the state subsidizes their budgets. This has not occurred in Shelby County. The Shelby County Commission will continue its sound financial plans for the future. Such sound planning, both financially and constitutionally, will continue to better serve Shelby County and its citizens.

Nativity Exhibit on Display

Come enjoy a Crèche (Nativity) display with over 200 scenes of Christ's birth from around the world. Rejoice in the Christmas music of several community choirs. The crèche exhibit runs from Thursday, December 4th to Sunday, December 7th. Times are, Thursday from 7 to 9 pm, Friday from 4 to 9 pm, Saturday 1 to 9 pm, and Sunday 1 to 6 pm. The public is invited to attend this free celebration of Christ's birth in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, located on Highway 119 across from Indian Springs Village Town Hall. For more details, please call 982-0905.

Fall Fever Hits the Village

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Once again, fall fever has hit Indian Springs Village. Those bearing the brunt of the "fever" had their mailboxes bashed in or torn down. Street signs also fell victim to the vandalism. This recent wave of the excretion of teenage hormones took place in October around the time of Oak Mountain High School's Homecoming celebrations.

Tampering with mailboxes is a federal offense, punishable by law with hefty fines, as well as jail time. Make sure your teenagers know that if they are identified as having participated in this offense, they will be in some very hot water!

The vandalism last month is nothing new to our town and other surrounding areas. This is something that happens periodically. ISV offers on a continuous basis a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons who willfully destroy public and private property of this kind in ISV. Contact any town official for information.

Town Council Highlights

October 21, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the town hall pavilion on October 21, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. The 13th Annual Founders' Day celebration began with an art show by ISV and other local artists, followed by dinner with lots of hamburgers, hot dogs, fixin's and homemade desserts for everyone. Presiding over the meeting and festivities was Mayor Gene Weingarten, with councilmembers Art Johnson, Herb Robins, and Brian Stauss present. No financial report given, and the minutes were waived by the council.

Outgoing ISV Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman Jerry Templeton presented the council with the final plat for the Indian Gate subdivision located on Caldwell Mill Road, just behind and up the hill from the Winn-Dixie Marketplace shopping center. The plat, which had been approved by the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission, was contingent upon the owner/developer obtaining an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$50,000 for providing any necessary road repairs in the subdivision prior to dedicating the roads to ISV. The motion to approve the plat was unanimous.

In other business, Mayor Gene Weingarten appointed current ISV Planning and Zoning Commission member Wayne Jones as the new Chairman.

In closing, Mayor Weingarten outlined the town's accomplishments during the past 13 years, and thanked several tireless workers for their contributions and unpaid service hours to the town. The meeting was adjourned to continue enjoying the food and fellowship.

Town Council Highlights

November 4, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present. Due to the absence of Town Clerk Shirley Church, there was no financial report given. The minutes of the previous two meetings were adopted as corrected.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that some users of the town hall are not following the rules properly. Councilwoman Crapet stated that if these violations continue, all use that is not specifically municipal will be discontinued.

Councilwoman Crapet reported having received some donations for the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, but that more donations were desperately needed.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that the next aluminum can pickup will be on Wednesday evening, November 19th. Volunteers are needed to assist in the can pickup. Councilman Johnson also noted that the house in Willow Ridge that is rented by the Dungarvin Corporation continues to remain unoccupied.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that there was nothing new on the status of the roads in and around ISV. Also noted by Councilman Robins was that the owners of property located at the intersection of Caldwell Mill Road and Cahaba Valley Road are cutting timber and, due to the swampy terrain, had brought in dirt to help logging trucks make an access road. Town engineer Marty Martin is working with the property owner to insure that there is no environmental damage done to the creek area surrounding this activity.

Councilman Stewart Dudley and Mayor Gene Weingarten presented the council with the proposed budget for the next fiscal year. All items were discussed and the budget will be voted on at the next council meeting.

Shelby County Commissioner and Villager Lindsey Allison was in attendance to discuss specific grant needs for the Oak Mountain schools. Shelby County gives Park and Recreation Grant Program funds to all Shelby County schools based on specific needs and requests for the funds. Allowed on a yearly basis per school in the county is a sum of up to \$30,000 for schools that are not located within municipal city limits, and \$15,000 for schools that are located inside cities and towns. Due to the fact that all Oak Mountain schools are located in the town, Commissioner Allison said that in essence, these schools are unable to receive the maximum benefit from the county. Commissioner Allison noted that in many cases, other cities in the county help make up some of these lost funds by having grant programs of their own in which they basically "piggy-back" on the county for these school projects. Commissioner Allison asked that the town consider implementing such a program as well. The current proposed budget does allow for a total of \$16,000 to go toward a program such as this.

Neighbors on Alpine Way asked the council if there are any town violations occurring on their street from the placement of farm equipment and supplies, as well as commercial cable equipment and supplies, along right-of-way by a neighboring property owner. The neighbors brought several photos of items lining the road outside the property owner's fenced lot. The neighbors also noted that non-licensed motorized vehicles being driven by pre-teen non-licensed drivers is also prevalent on their street. The council urged the neighbors to report these incidents to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

So You Want to Use the Town Hall

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

So, you want to reserve the ISV Town Hall...well, there are rules that govern the use of this municipal facility. These rules **must** be adhered to by all Villagers who use this wonderful town resource. With the use by Villagers of the town hall at an all-time high, it is time to get tough on abusers of "the rules."

Every person who reserves and uses the ISV Town Hall receives a copy of "the rules" via fax or e-mail. These rules are in existence for the purpose of allowing the use of the town hall to all Village residents at **no charge**. These rules are in existence so that users of the town hall will know that they must be responsible for the property while they are using it. These rules exist so that Villagers will know the manner in which the facility is to be used and maintained by those who reserve it. No problem, except when someone receives "the rules" and does **not** follow them, or just chooses to ignore them.

I am the **only** contact person for the ISV Town Hall. Every reservation **must** go through me, and no one else. I wrote the rules, with the suggestion and help of those persons who maintain the town hall and grounds. The rules and explanations for them are quite to the point. The problems lies in when those reserving the facility do not read and follow "the rules." This leads to excessive phone calls asking such things as where to pick up the key, when to pick up the key, if there are tables, if there are supplies, if things can be hung on the walls,...the list is long, and the calls are many. All of these things are addressed in "the rules," some even in red print. Believe me, I know when someone has **not** read the rules by the questions that they ask. If the rules are not read, how can they be followed? And, if the rules are not followed, what steps should be taken?

This too, is outlined in "the rules," which are very easy to follow with minimal effort. If you break "the rules," you will not be allowed to reserve the facility **ever** again. And believe me, there are those who know this all too well.

The number one rule that gets "broken" deals with trash and garbage. If the one and only Waste Management receptacle at the Town Hall is full, you **must** take your garbage away from the premises. Period, end of story. This seems to be a problem for some users. If this is a problem for you, do **not** reserve the Town Hall.

The next rule most often abused is a biggie: the key. The key to the town hall is to be picked up just prior to the actual use of the facility. That means on your way to your meeting, luncheon, card game, or family reunion, not the day before, not several hours earlier just because you were passing by and

thought you would go ahead and retrieve it, not anytime other than your **appointed** time. The appointed time is the time that a user is given to pick up the key, and this time is listed on their copy of "the rules."

Lately, there have been several instances of people picking up the key to the town hall at unauthorized times. This has resulted in the key not being available to some users with reservations earlier than the person who picked up the key at the **wrong** time. There have also been instances when users have not returned the key on a timely basis, resulting in users not having the key for later functions. When this occurs on a weekend, it is a big problem, as I am not always available at a moment's notice to issue a substitute key or to find the original key and have it returned in time for subsequent users. There was even an instance on Monday, October 20, 2003, when someone who did not even have a reservation picked up the key and never returned it. Of course we have no idea who this person is. Only they know whether or not they still have the key to the town hall that is on the green curly-corded key chain. If this little reminder strikes a chord with someone, please, by all means, return the key.

Another of "the rules" that is often broken is the displacement of the furniture, both inside and outside the town hall and pavilion area. You must put these areas back the way they were prior to your use of the facility. That means if you move any furniture or picnic tables, put them back where you found them. If you had enough time to move them in the first place, you surely have enough time to put them back. Our maintenance crew for the town hall are all senior citizens. They should not have to re-position the heavy furnishings that users of the town hall have not put back where they are supposed to be.

Another rule for use is that the person making the reservation must live in the Town of Indian Springs Village, and must attend the function for which they have reserved the facility. Please do not have Aunt Sally from Saginaw call to "rent" the town hall. As soon as I hear the word "rent," I know Aunt Sally does not live here. We do not "rent" the town hall. Villagers, and **only** Villagers can reserve it for use, and there is no charge, and never has been.

The town hall and grounds are municipal property. I do not know of any governmental entity that allows its citizens **free** use of such a facility and still pay no deposit, no municipal taxes, or no dues of any kind. The bottom line here is that if these abuses continue, the practice of allowing ISV citizens the use of the town hall and grounds will become discontinued.

Please do not be the Villager who facilitates this loss of such a valuable and usable asset to the ISV community and its citizens. Respect "the rules" and the town hall so that all may come to enjoy its use.

ISV Children's Fund Update

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

Donations for the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund have begun trickling in. The fund, which was depleted last year, is quite low and in need of a money transfusion. Though the number of children and families that will be helped this year by our Village is not yet known, we are sure that the numbers will be plentiful.

In hopes of being able to handle all the needs of these families whose children attend the Oak Mountain schools, once again your donations are requested.

As always, 100 percent of the ISVCF funds are used directly for the benefit of these children who are in need. Every cent donated will purchase food, clothing, and toys for these children who otherwise would receive almost nothing at this special time of the year. There are no administrative fees or costs and all of the shopping is done by volunteers.

Thus far, donations have been received from: **Madeline Johnson, Michael and Janet Roper, Clyde and Fay Wood, James and Barbara Wood, Renee and Sam Brown, Tate Family In Memory of Dorothy Tate, and Rhonda Lusco** courtesy of the **DiGiorgio Family** who held a reunion at the town hall and made a donation to the fund to show their appreciation for having been able to use such a fine facility.

We thank these kind Villagers who have reached into their hearts and their wallets and pulled out some money so that the town can help pull off a little miracle for some needy children in our area.

Won't you please show your community spirit and send a donation made payable to: The Indian Springs Village Children's fund (ISVCF); c/o Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road; Indian Springs, Alabama 35124.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Permits are listed by address, applicant, request:

Lot 1 Mountain Cove, Dobbs Realty, new residence;
5529 Double Oak Lane, John Miller, house addition;
80 Brookgreen Lane, Moates, new barn;
Caldwell Mill Road, Oak Mountain High School, concession stand.

NSFD to Get Thermal Imagers

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District has received a grant of \$24,000 from the 2003 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program administered by the U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

The grant will purchase three thermal imagers for the NSFD, Fire Chief Michael O'Connor said. He explained that thermal image cameras allow firefighters to see when visibility is non-existent. It cuts searching time by firefighters for possible occupants of a burning structure from 10 minutes down to two minutes, he said. The Birmingham Fire Department has four thermal imagers in use.

The award is part of \$750 million being distributed to over 7,000 fire departments in the U. S. in 2003.

"Firefighters play a key role in safeguarding America, and these fire grant funds provide first responders with the resources necessary to protect our communities from all hazards," said Michael D. Brown, Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Emergency Preparedness and Response. "I join President Bush and Secretary Ridge in applauding our nation's firefighters and share their commitment to ensuring that first responders have the proper equipment, resources, training and support to fulfill their responsibilities."

FEMA became part of the U. S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1 of this year.

Craft & Bake Sale Is December 6

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Alabama Wildlife Center is having its annual Christmas craft and bake sale on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the center's headquarters in Oak Mountain State Park. Visitors can purchase unique and handcrafted items and baked goods while viewing wildlife and learning about the rehabilitation process. All proceeds from the sale will help the Wildlife Center accomplish its mission of caring for Alabama's injured and orphaned native wild life.

That mission is accomplished through the work of volunteers, who are needed to help with animal care, educational tours, emergency telephone response, carpentry, or office work. The next training session for new volunteers is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, from 1:30 - 5:00 p. m. at the Alabama Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Oak Mountain State Park. To receive your volunteer information packet please call 663-7930.

Pearl Harbor to Be Topic

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Hawaii, December 7, 1941: An Eyewitness Account" will be presented on December 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the North Shelby Library by Joan Nist, Professor Emerita at Auburn University and a member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation speakers bureau.

Nist tells of her experience living in Hawaii on the "day which will live in infamy." She describes the shock felt as she watched the destruction of Wheeler Air Field and saw a lone Japanese plane fly close and low. She discusses the following months of blackout and carrying gas masks, and the first mass fingerprinting of U. S. citizens; the ten-day, nine-ship convoy back to San Francisco; and stateside experiences upon return, from rationing to working in a small war plant and for the Army Department of Transportation. Displays include some original prints of Navy photos of the Pearl Harbor destruction and propaganda papers dropped over Japan in 1944-45.

A member of the Auburn University faculty from 1972-1992 in Educational Media, Nist is a specialist in children's and youth literature and has taught at universities in Indiana, Michigan, and Texas. She received a research stipend to the International Youth Library in Munich, Germany, and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship to the University of Connecticut. She was recognized by the Alabama Library Association; she has received travel scholarships to China and the Soviet Union and has presented papers in the USA, Canada, England, and Australia.

For more information about this program, please call 439-5555.

Children's Programming

Continuing in November for North Shelby's youngest library visitors and their favorite grown-ups are Toddler Tales, P. J. Storytimes, and Mr. Mac, all with stories, songs, snacks, and fun!

Toddler Tales meets at 10:30 a.m. three times this month, including Nov. 17, for toddlers and their families.

All ages are welcome for P.J. Storytimes each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. through Nov. 20.

Storyteller Mr. Mac will be at the library every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. for all ages.

Library Hours

Last month's *Village Voice* reported that the library had extended hours on Mondays and Tuesdays of each week. We regret the error. Actually, the hours were extended on Mondays and Thursdays. The new hours are as follows

Monday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The library will be closed on November 27, Thanksgiving Day, and on Friday, November 28; reopening on Saturday, Nov. 29.

Greenery Sale Plans Are Made

By Marge Dunn, President, ISV Garden Club

We had a wonderful turnout of 15 members for our October meeting. Yes, we are growing in numbers and enthusiasm. We enjoyed delicious refreshments provided by Mary Lynn Hendricks and Malik McNinch.

We continue to agree our purpose is to have fun and share our joys of gardening and fellowship. With an increased emphasis on teamwork, each member will share the responsibilities.

Our next gathering will be Saturday, December 6, at the ISV Town Hall for our annual Holiday Greenery Exchange and Sale. By a unanimous vote we decided a portion of the greenery sale proceeds will be donated to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. Always a "fun" holiday project, the greenery sale will help us focus on the spirit of giving. (See back page for details.)

Eleanor Bennett has invited all Garden Club members to her home Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 p.m. for our Christmas party. We will bring luncheon food to share--and with so many good cooks we're sure to have a variety of holiday dishes. We'll also have a gift exchange following the "Crazy Santa" style.

We wish a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your families as we count our many blessings. Questions about the Garden Club? Call Marge at 987-4765.

Village Recycling - November 19

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, November 19. Please place your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help your 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. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and Homestead entrance.

Your October 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 support the printing of *The Village Voice*.

Recycling hint: Don't forget to recycle aluminum pie tins, like those you get when you purchase Keebler or Nabisco ready-made Graham Cracker pie crusts. Rinse clean and recycle.

Another important reason to recycle: It helps maintain clean air and water. In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air and water pollution than making products from virgin materials.

**THE NEXT MEETING FOR THE
WILLOW RIDGE DEVELOPMENT
WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOV. 17
in the ISV Town Hall at 7:30 p.m.
Please try to attend. Your input is important.
WE ARE NEIGHBORS WORKING TOGETHER**

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In Memoriam

Marjorie "Margie" Holland Kurtts, age 72, of North Shelby County, passed away September 30. She lived at 5408 Caldwell Mill Road for 29 years and is the sister-in-law of Raymond E. and Mary Alta Kurtts of 1333 Indian Crest Dr.

She is survived by sons Samuel Joseph Kurtts of North Shelby and Robett Dell Kurtts of Hoover; two granddaughters; also three brothers, including Douglas L. Holland and his wife Lynne of Pelham.

Funeral services were held Friday, October 3 at Ridout's Elmwood Chapel with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Welcome Newcomers

In the case of Dewey M. Watts, Jr., it's a matter of coming home. The son of Margaret Kessler, Watts and his wife, Martha, returned to his childhood residence at 86 Arrowhead Lane from Inverness. Watts remembers as a young boy the architect's drawings, then the building of the house, which the Kesslers moved into in 1957, back when traffic on Cahaba Valley Road was an occasional vehicle.

The Kesslers were proprietors of Kessler's, an up-scale women's apparel store in the then-new Vestavia Hills Shopping Center. Margaret Kessler passed away in February 2001 and Daniel Kessler remained in the home until his death two years later, almost to the day, in February 2003. Margaret Kessler, in particular, was very active with the Indian Springs Civic Association, an organization formed with the purpose of securing zoning, and later water, for the area.

The Watts have a daughter, Dr. Amy Bentley, who resides with her husband at Thorsby and practices internal medicine in Clanton.

Relatively new residents at 605 Miller Circle are Alina Voicu, piano teacher and accompanist at Indian Springs School and Daniel Szasz, concertmaster of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. The Szasz children are Angela, 9, and Alex, 10, who attend Oak Mountain elementary and intermediate schools. Dr. Voicu says that they have been enjoying their new home and hope to get to know lots of people from the Village.

Congratulations

Gil Weingarten, grandson of Mayor Gene and First Lady Olivia Weingarten, was among record-setters at the October Alabama High School Athletic Association state meet at the James E. Martin Aquatics Center at Auburn University. The Oak Mountain High School swimmer broke a five-year mark in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 1:55.15.



Mary Sue McClurkin, R-District 43, presents a check for \$5,000 in community grant money to Alain Gallet, president, North Shelby Library Board of Trustees. Looking on are Darryl Heritage, Library Director, and Steve Zerkis of Indian Springs, trustee.

Past Players Iron Bowl Event

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The first annual former heroes Iron Bowl challenge fundraiser will be held at SportsBlast on Highway 280 on November 19th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., the Wednesday night before the Iron Bowl.

The event is sponsored by Phyllis and Jerry Templeton of Making Strides of Alabama, Inc., a non-profit foundation they started to help kids with cerebral palsy and other motor dysfunctions, and good friends Nancy and Randy Campbell. Templeton reports that the response from past players and local sponsors has been amazing—over 30 past University of Alabama and Auburn University football players will be there. Matt Coulter from WJOX is the emcee. There will be a silent and live auction, raffles, games, and barbecue for the whole family.

You can get tickets at an area Publix or by calling Jerry Templeton, 968-8349.


Reminders

The Quilt Circle will meet the third Wednesday of this month, November 19, at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, 9:30 a.m. Members should bring a sack lunch and beverage and handiwork to "show and tell" and/or to work on.

The Sunday, Dec. 6, pancake breakfast will be held at Oak Mountain Intermediate School, 7:00 - 11:00 a.m. Activities will include a basket auction, holiday shop, sweet shop, Santa pictures, children's choirs, *A Christmas Carol* excerpts, and Dance South dance company performers. Call the school, 682-5220, for details and pancake breakfast tickets.

*There are wonderful people
Who give from their hearts
in thoughtful and unselfish ways;
So willing to share,
help out, or be there
No matter how busy their days...*

--Emily Matthews



Indian Springs
Village

Third Annual
Holiday Greenery Sale
Saturday, December 6, 2003
~ and HOLIDAY BAKE SALE ~

8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Located at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall

2635 Cahaba Valley Road

Sponsored by the ISV Garden Club

Come shop for a handcrafted, fresh-cut greenery wreath or swag
for your home or mailbox.

Select from the **many types of greenery** that come from the yards and
gardens of Indian Springs Villagers. **Get ideas** on how to use sprays of
greenery in and around your home to decorate for this holiday season.

**Enjoy a Wonderful homemade holiday treat
from the Bake Sale**

*We anticipate having the following sprays of greenery available for sale:
Magnolia, Holly, Cedar, Spruce, Pine, Boxwood, Nandina, Mistletoe,...and other
special types of greenery*

We invite you to contribute greenery from your own yard for this sale. Any greenery that
you have cut yourself may be dropped off at the ISV Town Hall on Friday evening (12/05)
before the sale or can be brought early that Saturday morning.

If you would like to contribute
your greenery, but are unable to trim it yourself, please contact Mary H. Bowman at 988-0086.
She will come trim greenery for the **first** 3 callers. Also, please call if you have questions
about the types of greenery needed or how to cut it.

~All of the proceeds will go toward the ISV Children's Fund and toward the
continued beautification of the gardens of the ISV Town Hall.~