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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 20, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3, 2004, 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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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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ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
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Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

A Proclamation by Mayor Gene Weingarten

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



2004 Is Election Year for Alabama Municipalities!

By proclamation of the Mayor, all adult persons interested in seeking elected office (mayor or town council) in the Town of Indian Springs Village may now seek to qualify.

Our Assistant Town Clerk, Jim Wyatt, is the director of elections for our town. He has the necessary forms, which will be available at each town council meeting, the first and third Tuesday evening of each month.

Details/rules for the election have been published in previous issues of *The Village Voice*, which are posted on our website. Contact Jim Wyatt (988-0327) if you have any questions.

Fourteenth Annual Fourth of July Celebration Enjoyed By All!

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

As the old song goes, "Oh, what a beautiful morning, oh, what a beautiful day" so went July 3, 2004. What a welcome relief from the gloomy skies and wet conditions of previous weeks. A more beautiful and pleasant day could not have been special ordered, with breeze-filled blue skies and no humidity!

The hard work and lengthy preparation for the annual event began weeks in advance. As usual, workaholics handled organization of the event like clockwork. Pothole crew member **Bart Trammell** spent several hours single-handedly preparing the pavilion and barbecue pit in the days leading to the much anticipated festivities. The Town Hall grounds were neatly manicured by **Paul Stephens** and **Bart Trammell**. **Bart**, **Nora** and **Jim Boyett**, and **Councilman Herb Robins** rounded up all the necessary supplies and goodies needed for a proper down-home southern barbecue. As usual, **Foster Matthews** and his son, **David**, furnished the hickory and oak wood for the barbecue pit. Tents for drinks, desserts, hot dogs, and donations were erected by **Herb Robins**, **Bart Trammell**, **Norm Bradley**, and **Bruce Benford**. Dessert hostess **Nora Boyett** made preparations for the deluge of fresh baked home-made desserts to be brought by Villagers, each one hoping to win the coveted "Best Dessert" award. The Dessert Table is the area most looked forward to by many Villagers.



Barbecue Chefs (from left) Jeff Trammell, Bart Trammell, Buzz Kelly, Scott Trammell, and Bruce Benford

The cooking crew arrived at the pit to begin cooking at 2:30 a.m. Prepared this year for consumption by hungry Villagers were 60 quartered chickens, 80 slabs of St. Louis style spare ribs, and 40 hot dogs for the kiddies. Professional barbecue chef **Bart Trammell** was once again assisted by Village chef **Buzz Kelly**, who puts everyone to shame when it comes to wielding the knife for slicing up the ribs. For the fourth consecutive year Bart and Buzz were ably assisted by backyard barbecue experts **Jeff** and **Scott Trammell**, Bart

Trammell's two oldest sons. This year Bart promoted son-in-law **Bruce Benford**, also known as a great backyard barbecue chef, from parking lot specialist to cooking specialist.

Decorations always set the mood of the event. Thursday evening I hung the flag drapes on the Town Hall's porches, while **Bart Trammell** hung two on the pavilion. Decorating committee chairperson **Nelda Kelly** was busy with eager volunteers **Alison Stigers**, **Jim** and **Nora Boyett**, **Lynn Hendricks**, and **Pat Zerkis** filling balloons with helium and decorating the tables.



The pavilion is readied for hungry Villagers.

Parade registration and coordination was handled by yours truly. As in the past, eager parade participants began assembling in the parking lot of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Valleydale Road long before 10:00 a.m. All were happily preparing for the annual parade through the Village. At 10:35 a.m., participants filed onto the streets of ISV.



The parade winds down Indian Crest Drive on the way to the town hall.

This year's parade drew a wide variety of both late model and antique vehicles. There were long-time paraders as well as first-timers, and even some from outside the Village. Though registration was requested, but not required, here is the list of this year's known participants and their vehicles.

Patriotism was definitely in the air, especially with the pick-up trucks in the parade. This year **Mayor Gene Weingarten** and **First Lady Olivia** were styling in their new Chevy Pick-up. Gone, but not forgotten was the old 1959 Ford pickup that had so faithfully carried the honorable couple in all previous ISV parades. The largest turnout by a group was by the **Oak Mountain Youth Cheerleading**, who filled three pickup trucks to the brim. The exuberant girls threw tons of candy to onlookers from their festively decorated trucks driven by **Sandy Jackson**, **Steve Sayers**, and **Bob Dasher**. **David Wandrisco** drove his GMC Sierra truck, which was festively decorated and filled to capacity.

Classic cars are always eye-catchers. **Murphy** and **Paula Lynch**, who have never missed an ISV parade in their white 1970 Cutlass Supreme, were joined once again this year by Mom, **Ada Lynch**. Ada's first parade was last year and apparently she liked it so much she came back for a second time. Also along for the ride was daughter **Paula Lynch** and friend **Christy Scokel**. The **Brakhage** family was very well represented with two vehicles this year. **Dale** was once again seen in the family's classy 1989 Mach 1 Mustang, while son, **Erik**, drove a snazzy 2000 mustang convertible. **Michael Crapet** drove the family's black 1934 Ford Fordor Sedan, which has been in the parade for 13 of 14 years. Along for the ride with us this year were cousin **Kim Boackle** and daughter, **Lindsey**. Crapet family friends, **Donnie** and **Gena Moreland** from Hueytown, who were attending ISV's festivities for the first time, drove their beautiful orange and white 1955 Chevy Del Ray Coupe. **Dennis** and **Betty Swann** definitely had the crowd's attention with their gorgeous silver-blue 1964 Shelby Cobra reproduction.

The battle of the Model A rumble seat coupes was almost certainly a draw between the 1930 Ford Model A driven by **Joseph Lewellyn**, and the 1931 Ford Model A driven by Village newcomer, **Ed Carpenter**. Both original cars were heavy favorites among Villagers watching the parade and got a lot of attention from Villagers at the town hall.



Model "A" Rumble Seat Roadsters are a big attraction at the town hall.

Four-wheel-driving this year was **Joseph Crapet**, who drove his navy blue 1999 2 Door Chevy Tahoe 4WD complete with newly installed RCD six inch suspension lift. Joseph was accompanied by his cousin, **Leon Boackle**.

Looking good in the sports car category this year were **Alex** and **Stephanie Shamsuddin** in their 1984 Alfa Romeo Spider. New to the sports car arena this year was **Jim Wilson**, accompanied by granddaughter **Emma**, in a red 1986 Porsche 944. Gone, but not forgotten, is the 1932 Ford Phaeton convertible that Jim and wife Margaret drove for so many years. In the later model category of sports car were **Jim** and **Merrie Loper**, who breezed in driving a new 2005 Subaru STI with 400 horsepower. Good thing Jim is not a teenager anymore...or is he?

This year's only motorcycle entry was, as always, **Paul** and **Trudy Scokel**, on their 1995 Harley Davidson Bad Boy.



Paul and Trudy Scokel cruise through ISV on their Harley.

The Shelby County Sheriff's Department deputies were directing traffic as always. **North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District** was also well represented by **Mark Turner** and **Jason Hughes**, driving everyone's favorite signature bright green firetruck with sirens blaring. **Buddy Tyler** came in the NSFD's Chevy Command Vehicle, while **Chief Mike O'Connor** drove the official Fire Chief's SUV.



North Shelby Firefighters Mark Turner, Jason Hughes, and Buddy Tyler

The drive through the Village was beautiful, with the roads and street corners dotted with cheering patriotic spectators, many waving flags of their own. Seen among the many roadside onlookers were **Ralph Bodie, Jennifer Rucker, Bill and Laverne Ramsey, Kelli Wertz, Cheryl Hale, Jack and Rita Mendel, and Chuck and Ruth Snow.**

Directing the parade traffic and parking at the ISV Town Hall this year was **Councilman Brian Stauss**, along with volunteers **Steve Zerkis** and **Ron Luster**. **Bob, Judith, and Kate Konecny** once again manned the ticket table where donations were accepted for the ISV Environmental Fund. The Konecny family, who have volunteered their services for several years, were the first to sign up for July 4th duties this year. The Konecnys contend that it is the best way to get to see many of their friends and neighbors and meet new ones.

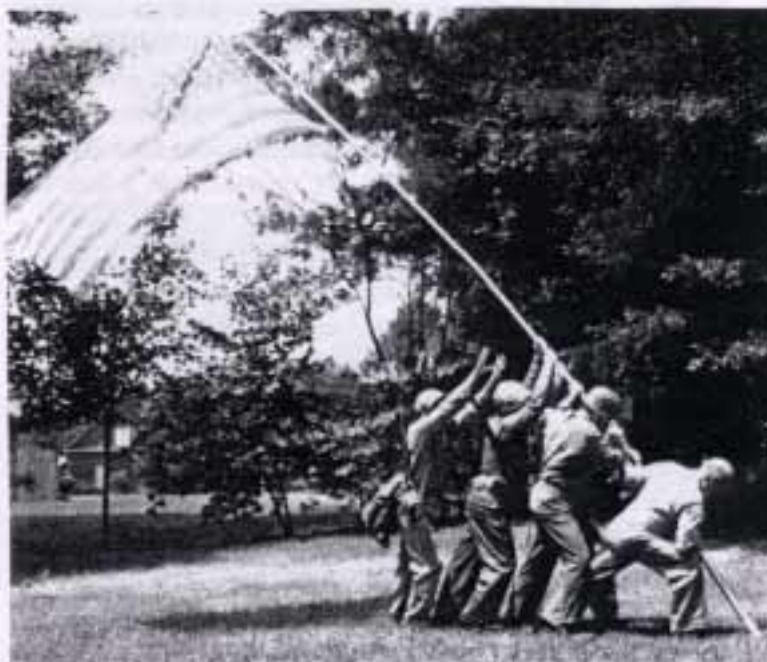


Judith, Bob, and Kate Konecny have it made in the shade.

On hand for the pleasure of all those in attendance was Disc Jockey, **Randy McDonald** of Mac's Tracks Music Service. Randy, who was previously the principal at Thompson High School, did an outstanding job playing all kinds of music to set the mood for the event. His better half, **Debbie**, assisted, taking a lot of photos of the event, which can be viewed on their website: www.macstracks.com/indiansprings.

As the crowd gathered, and the noon hour approached, Villagers were directed toward a clearing on the left side of the town hall. On cue, Disc jockey Randy McDonald began playing patriotic music, as five soldiers from the **Marine Corp League**, all dressed in green fatigues, began their reenactment of the famous flag raising over Iwo Jima. As **Doug Light, David Light, Bob Arnwine, David Holiday, and Sidney Lattarade** skillfully went about the near-perfection reenactment, it seemed as if the light breeze that began blowing as the flag was unfurled could not have been more perfectly timed. Afterward, "Taps" rang out, as the solemn crowd remembered fallen heroes of both the past and the present who had fought so bravely for our independence. In the end, hands over hearts,

the crowd respectfully sang to "The Star Spangled Banner", which rang out loud and clear. **Sgt David Holiday**, of the **Marine Colorguard Unit** from the **4-14th Marine Reserves**, raised the town's American flag, assisted by Assistant Town Clerk, **Jim Wyatt**.



Reinactment of Iwo Jima flag raising.

Upon returning to the pavilion, **Mayor Gene Weingarten**, introduced former Town Councilman **Ron Luster**, who led the group in prayer. Afterwards, the food line, which had already formed, began moving. Already in their positions on the serving lines were **Councilman Herb Robins** and wife **Margie**, **Benton, Jean**, and **Anna Grace Baker**, **Connie Trammell**, **Norm and Barbara Bradley**, **Betty Boezinger**, . Iced tea and soft drinks flowed with the help of veteran servers **Alison Stigers** and **Jane Martin**, both encore volunteers from years past.



Alison Stigers (L) and Jane Martin are pros at handling thirsty Villagers.

Nora Boyett and **Nelda Kelly** were busy collecting all the goodies brought to the dessert tent by Villagers vying for the coveted "Best Dessert" recognition award. Nora and Nelda were assisted this year by **Jackie Johnson**, **GINNY Lusk**, **Leigh Fran Jones**, and **Mary Della Moss**. This year's dessert competition was rich in fruity flavors, with the top two favorites being of blackberry and lemon origins. Always the most looked forward to attraction of the July 4th event, this year was no exception. The third ever "Best Dessert" competition was handled by two of North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District's finest.

Although we hope everyone registered when bringing their desserts, we are never certain as to whether a few slipped in un-noticed. Those who registered and are known to have brought desserts are: **Mary S. Bowman**, who baked a to-die-for-caramel cake, **Judith Konecny**, whose French Chocolate Bundt Cake was still warm when it arrived, and **Pat Zerkis**, whose strawberries that were hand-dipped in chocolate disappeared immediately. **Amy DePriest's** Hawaiian Sunshine Cake was as pretty as it was delicious, and **Carolyn Bodie's** pecan pie went before I even got to the table. **April and Erin Benford's** Star Spangled Cookies looked as good as they tasted. **GINNY and Ed Lusk** surprised everyone with fresh watermelon! **Betty Michels** always outdoes herself, but this year, especially so. Betty was unable to attend, but sent 5 of her best homebaked desserts to share with townspeople. Other Villagers who who shared their special goodies were **Brenda Guercio**, **Leigh Fran Jones**, **Alison Stigers**, **Frances Schopke**, **Jamie Wood**, **Carolyn Driskill**, **Dee Burr**, and **Mary Della Moss**.

This year the desserts were withheld from the throngs of sugarholics until the judging was complete. And though every dessert was a winner, there could only be one "Best Dessert" prize. **Paula Buckner's** Indian Springs Village Blackberry Jam Cake was the choice of the discriminating judges, with **Nora Boyett's** Lemon Cake a real close second. We will try to acquire the recipe from Paula for publication in *The Village Voice* soon.



Nelda Kelly serves Best Dessert winner Paula Buckner a piece of her cake

For the second year, the ISV July 4th Celebration has been blessed with a special plant sale held by the **ISV Garden Club**. This year the "flowery fare" was indeed a welcome element of the festivities.



The ISV Garden Club holds a special sale with a special mascot (below)



Once again, there was a raffle of a beautiful patriotic wall quilt made by **Elizabeth Eastman** and the **ISV Quilters Guild**, with the funds donated to the **ISV Children's Fund**. The lucky winner of the quilt was Villager **Judith Konecny**.

Special thanks to **Norm and Barbara Bradley**, **Bart and Connie Trammell**, **Warren, Leigh Fran**, and the **Jones children**, **Herb and Margie Robins**, **Jim and Nora Boyett**, **Art Johnson**, and **April Benford** for clean-up.

The celebration of our country and the spirit of community are the reasons that this event is held each year. Approximately 200 persons attended this year, each one happy to participate in a special "small town" event. Thanks so much for coming, and see you next year!

A very special "thanks" to **Laverne Ramsey** for taking photos of the festivities for our archives and for this publication.

Town Council *Highlights*

June 15, 2004

*By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2 and
Bart Trammell, Assistant Administrative Assistant*

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the Town Hall on June 15, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting was Mayor Gene Weingarten, with councilmembers Stewart Dudley, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Herb Robins, and Brian Stauss present. In the absence of Town Clerk Shirley Church, the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting was waived.

Mayor Gene Weingarten reported the following revenues for the month: business licenses, \$25; vehicle licenses, \$492; beer taxes, \$1,200; and real estate license fees, \$1.66. This resulted in a general fund balance of \$63,623. The road fund received \$1,133, resulting in a road fund account balance of \$80,289. The ISV Children's Fund balance was \$4,710.

In committee reports, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported on the upcoming Fourteenth Annual ISV Fourth of July celebration. The event will be held on July 3rd due to the 4th's falling on Sunday. Volunteers are needed to help with the event. Councilman Brian Stauss requested volunteers to help park cars and stated that all special invitations for county and state officials had been mailed. In an effort to rekindle interest in the ISV Adopt-a-Mile program, Councilman Stauss reported that participants in the June 19th clean-up effort will get a free barbecue plate at the town's July 4th celebration.

Councilman Stewart Dudley reported that the Alabama legislature had recently passed legislation that could affect municipalities. A full report will follow as soon as details are available.

Councilman Art Johnson reminded citizens that the aluminum can recycling program needed volunteers. Anyone interested in assisting in this effort should call Art.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported that the Iwo Jima flag-raising re-enactment was scheduled but somewhat up in the air due to the National Guard's being called up to go to Iraq. The deployment date for troops from the area would be released soon, and Jim was certain that there would be enough soldiers for our flag-raising ceremony.

Mayor Gene Weingarten reported having delivered State of Alabama ethics forms to all councilpersons.

Mayor Weingarten introduced Wayne Jones, Chairman of the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission, who gave a brief synopsis of the proposal for a gas station/convenience store on Cahaba Valley Road by the barber shop across the street from the trailer park. Danny Bowers made a brief statement to the effect that he had made his presentation to the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission and to the Town Council in prior hearings. The Mayor then stated that he had received opinions from the town attorney and from the chair of the P and Z and that both opinions indicated that the town could proceed with the proposed annexation/zoning request.

It was agreed that the council needed an interpretation of "gas island," before they could proceed with Mr. Bower's request. Mayor Weingarten asked Marty Martin, town engineer, to give his interpretation of "gas island," after which discussion began which resulted in an opinion that Mr. Bowers might need to obtain a couple of variances from the ISV Zoning Board of Adjustments regarding the number of pumps, islands, and square footage of floor space in the building. In addition to these concerns, there was a discussion about the Alabama Beverage Control Board (ABC) issuing beer licenses, as well as a law relating to a service station being placed within 300 feet of a public assembly. The question of loitering was posed by Councilman Brian Stauss, to which Mr. Bowers noted that this problem would be swiftly dealt with by managers of the store.

Mr. Bowers asked the council for a vote, but it was the contention of the council, as voiced by Councilman Stewart Dudley, that all the facts had not been clarified, therefore the council was uncomfortable voting on the proposal. Councilman Stewart Dudley made a motion the all ambiguous definitions be cleared up and that all aspects of the proposal be sent to each councilperson in writing. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Councilman Brian Stauss asked Mr. Bowers for a list in writing and stated that he would get the list to all the council members as soon as received.

The meeting was adjourned following a citizens' forum in which representatives of Oak Ridge and Parkside neighborhoods (both of which lie just outside of the town limits of ISV) made comments of the information received.

July 6, 2004

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the Town Hall on July 6, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting was Mayor Gene Weingarten, with councilmembers Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Herb Robins present. No financial report or minutes were read.

In committee reports, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet discussed the town's successful Fourth of July celebration. Both Councilwoman Crapet and Councilman Herb Robins thanked the numerous volunteers for their hard work and dedication to making the event a success. Councilman Robins stated that several new volunteers had joined veterans this year in the effort.

In other business, Councilman Robins discussed a proposal that he had received from Shelby County Sheriff Chris Curry that would allow ISV to contract with the Shelby County Sheriff's Department to have a deputy on site in the town. If the town chose to enter into a contract, it would provide us with one deputy and vehicle for patrolling ISV for an eight-hour shift at a cost of approximately \$60,000 per year. The deputy would be able to enforce any ISV ordinances, as well as give traffic citations within the town. Ninety percent of the fines, plus ten percent of the court costs would go to ISV to help offset some of the expense. The Shelby County district court would handle all ISV cases. The contract, drafted by Shelby County attorney Butch Ellis, is thus far not mandatory.

July 6, 2004 Town Council Highlights (con't)

Councilman Art Johnson announced that he will not be seeking a fourth term of office. Councilman Johnson stated that it was a hard decision, but a necessary one. He also discussed discontinuing the ISV aluminum can recycling program, due in part to lack of volunteers, but mostly due to the drop in aluminum prices. Previously, revenues from the cans was approximately \$150 per month, but with falling prices, the town was only making about \$50 per month.

A work session was scheduled tentatively for July 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. for the council to work on the still-pending ISV Comprehensive Plan. After the re-working of the plan, it will go back to the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission for another look, after which the committee will once again refer it back to the council, who, by law, must hold another public hearing. The content of the plan basically has not changed, but there has been some re-wording and clarification of terms.

The council passed a motion unanimously requiring Mayor Gene Weingarten to post an official notice of election per the Code of Alabama 1975 Section 11-46-22.

Volunteers Clean Adopt-a-Mile

By Brian Stauss, Town Council Place # 3

A big thank you! to Bart Trammell, Herb Robins, and Dale Brakhage for coming out on a hot, muggy Saturday morning (June 19) to clean up the ISV Adopt-a-Mile.

We collected five bags of trash, didn't get hit by speeding cars, and earned a complimentary world-famous barbecue lunch at the Independence Day celebration.

Our town is cleaner for our residents and visitors, thanks to these guys.

Where Do You Live?

By Bart Trammell, Town Administrative Assistant

Villagers, it's time to let your fingers do the walking in the white pages. Seems as I have made this subject an annual event in hopes that you will take a moment and look up your OWN phone listing in the white pages. Do you have a listing in Pelham? Helena? or maybe Slippery Rock? If your mailing address is Indian Springs, AL 25124, then hopefully you will have your listing changed to Indian Springs. Remember, the listing in the phone book has no bearing on your mailing address. Understandably, our neighbors with a Birmingham mailing address may not desire to change their listing, but if your mailing address IS Indian Springs, take the proud step and dial 557-6500. Stay on the line and select the option where you can speak with a real human being. Tell the customer representative to "change my LISTED address to Indian Springs."

There should be no charge for this change of listing. Remember, this is a change of listing and not a change of address. If you have any questions concerning your call to BellSouth, or if you want additional information, call Bart Trammell at 988-0094.

Citizens Qualify To Run for Office

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

As of presstime, July 12th, the following citizens have qualified to run for elected office in the Town of Indian Springs Village:

For the position of Mayor: Steve Zerkis

For Town Council Place 2: Brenda B. Guercio

For Town Council Place 4: Jack Mendel

For more information, please contact Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt (988-0327).

Meals on Wheels Needs Help

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Villager Gail Williamson of Miller Circle has called attention to the need by Meals on Wheels for volunteers to deliver meals from Heardmont Senior Services, Heardmont Park, to homebound senior citizens. Presently three routes originate at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Center--Heardmont, Riverchase, Meadowbrook. People are on the waiting list to receive meals. The routes are set up now so a team has to deliver only once a month except for the fifth week of the month, and that week is taken care of by a few people.

If you feel this is something you would like to do to help our homebound citizens, please contact Sue Tedford at Shelby Senior Services, 669-3828, Margie Payne at Heardmont, 991-5742, or Gail Williamson at 995-0274.

Garden Club Enjoys Herbs Demo

By Marge Dunn, President and Gladys Price, Secretary

At the garden club meeting the last Thursday of June we had a wonderful evening of fellowship, good food, and interesting information shared by our own Malak McNinch. She is a native of Persia (Iran) and went into wonderful detail about their traditions of cooking with herbs. She brought and showed us how to assemble an appetizer tray of breads, cheese, vegetables, nuts, and herbs--a delicious combination.

Malak printed out and shared with us many of her favorite recipes. The generous use of herbs in seasoning rice, vegetables, and meat is an art. Our delicious salad buffet featured dishes we each had prepared with herb seasonings. We concluded that growing herbs is fun, but eating the end products combined with the good fellowship is even more enjoyable.

The Garden Club members enjoyed our participation in the town's Fourth of July patriotic celebration. We brought colorful cut flowers from our yards and some potted plants. It was our pleasure to sell these and several angel trumpet plants donated by Alvin Hawk. They promise to be spectacular bloomers. Thank you to all fellow Villagers who supported our flower shop. The Indian Springs Village Childrens' Fund was the recipient of a \$154 contributions as a result of the flower sale.

Our next meeting will be July 22, the fourth Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. We will not meet at the town hall as we usually do, but at St. Francis of Assissi Episcopal Church just down the road. Refreshments will be served. Our own Mickey Farmer will lead us in a hands-on class in flower arranging. She will provide supplies for us to work with. An attendance count will be needed in order to provide enough supplies. Please RSVP to Marge Dunn at 937-4765.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In Sympathy

Villagers extend sympathy to **GINNY LUSK** of Auburn Road in the sudden passing of her sister, **CYNTHIA CUSHMAN** of Helena, on June 17; also to **COUNCILMAN BRIAN STAUSS** whose mother, **NATHALIE L. STAUSS** of Bowling Green, KY, died on June 28.

Congratulations to Ashley

Ashley Weems, daughter of Bill and Patti Weems of Indian Trail, was one of the 28 junior high school students from across the nation to participate in the 2004 University of Alabama Capstone Summer Honors Program. For this honors program students with high academic achievement are selected to attend the University of Alabama and enroll in college classes for a summer term.

Ashley will be a senior at Oak Mountain High School in the fall where she is enrolled in the Advanced Placement degree program. She is also a member of the OMHS Math Team, National Honor Society, National Math Honorary, Youth Leadership Shelby County, Youth Legislature, Future Business Leaders Association, and Gifted Student Program.

Recycling Gets a Boost

As part of earning their World Conservation badge, several Cub Scouts from Pack 538, Asbury Methodist Church, and Pack 532, Helena Methodist, collected aluminum cans at the Shelby District Cub Scout Day Camp at Oak Mountain State Park, June 7-11. Ben Jones of Star Trek Drive headed this project and donated all the cans to the Indian Springs Recycling program to help our community. Ben is the son of Warren and Leigh Fran Jones.

Farewell to Carolyn; Welcome to Arla and Bill

Carolyn Cashion has been saying goodbyes to neighbors as she is moving to Pelham to live in a one-level house. About 17 years ago, she and her husband, Gene, moved to 114 Skyline Drive. After Gene passed away four and a half years ago, she has felt the need to move to a smaller dwelling. Her home has been purchased by Arla and Bill Stark. He is retired from the Veterans' Administration; she from Parisian. Residents of Hoover for 34 years, they are glad to move near daughter Mona and husband, Jess. (A grandson says he can get from his house to theirs in two minutes.) While Carolyn will be missed, we welcome the Starks to the Village.

June Building Permit Requests

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Requests approved are listed by address, applicant, request:

McGuire Road, Keith Russell, new SF residence
Lot 14 Indian Gate, George Crain, new SF residence
4957 Cahaba Valley Trace, Ken Jones, interior renovation
Lot 16 Indian Gate, Kerry Carter, new SF residence
477 Arrowhead Lane, Emmett Construction, pool
248 Valley View Road, Park, house addition

Villager Publishes 12th Book

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Author Don Keith of Redstick Road has collaborated with Ken Henry to write the story of one of history's most fabled submarines, the *USS Archerfish*. Just released by Forge Books, *Gallant Lady* has been named a Featured Selection of the Military Book Club. An audio book version on compact disc and cassette tape will be released in October.

Gallant Lady describes *Archerfish* as a typical World War II diesel submarine, but, as the authors note, she seemed to turn up in the picture anytime history was being photographed. She sank the largest vessel ever sent to the bottom by a submarine, the Japanese aircraft carrier *Shianao*, in one of the war's most dramatic sea assaults. Among other things, she and her crew accidentally discovered the deepest point in the Atlantic Ocean, survived a near-catastrophic onboard fire, an earthquake, played a bit part in a movie, and had the U. S. Navy's only all bachelor crew, a bunch dubbed "The Playboys of the Pacific." Her crew also performed a secret mission that led to victory in the Cold War.

The authors agreed to an ambitious appearance schedule, doing signing dates and interviews. The itinerary included visiting a number of military installations and attending submarine veterans' reunions and conventions in support of the book.

NSL Schedules Computer Classes

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Introduction to Word" will be taught by Reference Librarian Michelyn Reid at the North Shelby Library from 8:30 - 10:00 a.m. on these Tuesdays and Wednesdays: July 13, 14, 20, and 21.

"Word II" will follow on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, same time, on July 27 and 28 and August 3 and 4. Next will be "Introduction to Power Point" on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, same time, on August 10 and 11, and August 17 and 18. Call 439-5510 to register.

NSL Circulation Is Up

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Carol Farr, acting director of the North Shelby Library reports that in June, 2004, the total circulation of books and materials was 19,863. This is 3,871 items higher than the circulation for June, 2003.