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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's 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 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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Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
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Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

If you have driven by our Town Hall lately, you may have noticed a dumpster in the rear. Work has started on a couple of renovation projects for the interior of the building. The first project is the complete renovation of the bathroom. The old tub and shower area is being removed along with decades old plumbing and electrical wiring. The new bathroom will be more comfortable and convenient but will have some of the appearance of an older style bathroom in line with the age and period of the house. A second project is the replacement of the rear entry door and the installation of new flooring in the kitchen, rear entry area and bathroom. New hot water systems will be installed in the kitchen and bath that are more energy efficient and cost less to operate. Some of the trim in the kitchen will be replaced to make it appear more in line with the original front part of the house. Nothing else in the kitchen will be changed. Our excellent cabinets, counters and such will remain as they are.

What this means is that our Town Hall will not be available much for the next four or five weeks while this work is completed. Meetings of your Town Council and other town committees will still be held as scheduled.

As with any older building, we need to invest in maintaining its condition. The good news is we do have a well constructed Town Hall. I spoke with one of the carpenters this past weekend on site and he was impressed with the quality of wood used in constructing our Town Hall. He said it would be very difficult to find that quality of wood today. Another bit of good news, he did not see any damage or deterioration of the structure of the house itself. You know that old saw about “They don't build them like they used to.” Well, it seems to apply here.

Our annual Founders' Day will be the “open house” for the changes made to the Town Hall. I invite everyone who can to come down on that day around the third weekend in October and join us for the Town's birthday party.

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer.

**A reminder to sign up for the ISV Recycling Program at
recycleISV@yahoo.com or call 222-1079 and leave a message.**

FREE LANDFILL DAY

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Shelby County Landfill, Columbiana, AL

Mon-Fri 6:30am-4:30pm, Sat 7:30am-3:30pm Phone: 699-3737

Town Council Meeting

July 1, 2008

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mayor called the meeting to order. The City Clerk called the roll and noted the presence of Council Members Mayor Steve Zerkis, Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brian Stauss, Stewart Dudley and Brenda Bell-Guercio. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell also attended.

The Council reviewed the minutes of the June 17, 2008 council meeting. Stauss made a motion to accept, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Stauss reported that the Zoning Board of Adjustment met on June 30. Four of the five board members were present, the minimum number allowed for voting. Buzz Manning owns the property behind The Antique Attic and adjacent to Oak Mountain Elementary School. There are two residences on the property, Manning lives in one and his son and family live in the other. Manning would like to add an addition to his son's house.

Robins thanked the Council for their prayers and support in the passing of his mom. He also thanked them for the Japanese maple given to him in her memory.

Robins reported that he recently met with Chief O'Connor. He would like signs similar to the Town Hall sign for the fire department, but larger and with the fire district logo in place of the Indian Springs logo. The Chief also asked about a sign for Station No. 3. That station is six miles from Town Hall next to the Meadowbrook Post Office. Mendel expressed reservations about a sign for this station. Robins said he will get pricing before any decision is made.

Robins will meet with Jim N Nick's on Thursday regarding food service for the Fourth of July. He will also pick up the barrel fans and set up the tents. John Easton, a member of Boy Scout Troop 96, will be assisting him.

Mendel reported that two more CD's are maturing on July 7; one each for the general fund and the road fund. He would like to re-invest them for one-year. The current CD's are earning 4.75%. Dudley made a motion for Mendel to re-invest the CD's at 4%, seconded by Stauss. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Bell-Guercio reported that she spoke with the Elliotts who live in Pelham. Bishop Creek runs through their neighborhood and they are interested in helping with the clean up. Bell-Guercio told them they are waiting until winter to resume clean-up. The Elliott's said that the creek floor was discolored at times and had an oil slick look. There are industrial businesses nearby. They reported this to the City of Pelham and Mayor Bobby Hayes had the City come clean out the creek in their subdivision.

Bell-Guercio reported on the Fourth of July Celebration. The parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. at Winn Dixie. Tricia Crapet will put up the Town Hall bunting. Rasco has a

vendor who can pressure clean the Town Hall. Mayor Zerkis approved. Ron Luster will do the prayer. There will also be a memorial for Judge Tommy Snowden.

Stauss reported that he sent the Fourth's VIP invitations out one and a half weeks ago.

Lynn Hendricks, president of the Garden Club, modeled the t-shirts they are selling as a fundraiser for the Garden Club and the Children's Fund. They are fifteen dollars. Zerkis thanked Hendricks and complimented her on the design of the t-shirts. Robins donated several ISV car tags for the Garden Club to sell.

Zerkis reported that Highway 119 was closed last weekend. The Town was not told until Friday. Some residents received letters taped on their front doors, others did not. There was discussion about how this was communicated. ALDOT said they called Pelham police and fire, but not North Shelby Fire or the Town. The mayor contacted North Shelby Fire and they arranged for fire and emergency support from a neighboring city. He contacted Gary Ray of ALDOT who apologized for the poor communications.

Dudley said we need to coordinate with Gary Ray to notify residents if and when their driveways will be blocked for an extended amount of time. This will be a bigger problem when school starts. We need to ensure access especially for residents with health issues.

He spoke with the crew chief and reported that they are breaking old pipes and having to cut the water off briefly. Zerkis and Robins will stay in communication with Gary Ray. Bell-Guercio suggested getting a copy of their schedule to keep up with their timeline.

Stauss is running an article again in *The Village Voice* to encourage residents to sign up for online delivery of the newsletter and city news.

Ginger Street presented bids from contractors and a draft drawing of the bathroom and new flooring for the rear entry and kitchen. She suggested changing the baseboards throughout the house and got quotes for that.

Acton Plumbing did not recommend a tankless water system because it would not support large gatherings. They suggested a twenty gallon electric tank to service the bathroom and kitchen with a two and a half gallon back up unit. The electrician, Duke Farmer, said he will give a quote when a decision is made on the water heater. Stauss would like more research on the tankless system. Mayor Zerkis asked Ms. Street to check into the free water heater program from Alabama Power. Stauss asked about the timeline. Crapet won't book any large groups during construction. There was discussion about dimensions. Trammell asked Crapet if the total cost would be more than \$7,500.00. She said yes, but it will be broken into three projects.

Mayor Zerkis presented the AT&T agreement. He said it is the same one reviewed a few months ago. The City Attorney, Russ Allison, has reviewed and approved the agreement. AT&T will provide Public, Education and Government (PEG) access on two channels.

Mendel and Stauss asked if the City would be paid a franchise fee. Zerkis said AT&T is offering five percent. Charter pays three percent. There was a discussion about the history of Charter increasing and decreasing the franchise fee. Trammell stated AT&T is paying all cities five percent. Dudley made a motion to approve the agreement, seconded by Mendel. The agreement was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the recycling program. To date, he has received 80 emails and approximately 140 cards with 90% of those in favor of the program. We need 50 percent of residents to sign up for the program. Several subdivisions outside of ISV asked about annexation to be part of the recycling program. ISV is not requiring annexation, but will be glad to allow the other subdivisions to join our program.

Municipal elections will be held August 26. Rasco distributed the Statement of Candidacy form to each council member to be completed and notarized. Mayor Zerkis presented a draft ordinance to appoint an absentee ballot manager in the event there is an election. Rasco told Zerkis that the law states, "The city clerk shall be the absentee ballot manager." Zerkis stated that if there is an election, he would prefer paper ballots.

Mayor Zerkis recognized Life Scouts Michael Thompson and Kevin Jenkins who were attending the meeting to earn their Citizenship in the Community merit badges. Thompson and Jenkins are members of Briarwood's Boy Scout Troop 254.

A resident on Auburn Road wanted to know his rights in confronting a neighbor on noise and nuisance issues that affect his quality of living and property value. He wanted to know if there was an ordinance in place regarding junk in people's yards. Also what recourse does he have if he confronts his neighbor and there is no cooperation.

He stated that the neighbor rides dirt bikes day and night on their own property and the public street. He has called the Sheriff multiple times and has also discussed the issue with the offending neighbor. Crapet and Jim Wyatt gave histories of past issues with this neighbor. Dudley said that the Council can assist if it is a noise and nuisance issue.

Mendel stated he has never been made aware of this situation in the four years he has served on the Council. The Mayor agreed that the Council was not aware of other complaints. Dudley stated that a complaint about noise and nuisance has been presented to the Council and that we will have the City Attorney issue a cease and desist letter, as per the Zoning Ordinance, after a public hearing of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

Mayor Zerkis stated he will contact someone in the Sheriff's office. Additional nuisance issues about horse manure, flies and the smell from the property were presented by other residents. These could be considered as possible health and safety issues that the County could get

involved with. One resident stated that there are too many horses for the property size as governed by the neighborhood covenants.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Town Council Meeting

July 15, 2008

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and called the roll. Council members attending the meeting were Herb Robins, Jack Mendel, Brenda Bell-Guercio and Brian Stauss. Administrative Assistant Bart Trammell was also present. City Clerk Kelly Rasco arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Stauss made a motion to defer approval of the July 1 meeting minutes until the next meeting, seconded by Bell-Guercio. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mendel presented the June Financial Report. He noted that approximately \$10,700 in CD third quarter interest accruals were recorded. Further, revenues through the third quarter have already exceeded the annual budget. Stauss made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins met with Richard Adkins and Chief O'Connor to discuss the signs for the fire stations. They reviewed the existing signage at each of the three stations. Adkins will provide a quote via fax for the three signs. Robins clarified with O'Connor that the Council had not made a decision to purchase a sign for Station No. 3.

Resident Jim Wyatt commented that the deer on the new town entry sign at Homestead was white and offered to paint it gray to match the other signs. The Mayor and Council approved.

The Mayor was contacted by Bill Lawson, Indian Highlands Homeowners Association president, who requested neighborhood watch signs to be posted due to a recent burglary in that neighborhood.

Zerkis told Robins that the Murphy property on Spring Garden Street has a drainage problem that needs to be fixed.

Mendel asked Rasco if procedures were followed for collection of the donations for the Fourth of July Celebration. She responded, "yes, but the tickets have not yet been reconciled."

Mendel reported that he had rolled over the Regions CD to a 54 month CD at 4% with a one time withdrawal with no penalty. There was discussion about different rates advertised recently.

The audit is complete except for a few minor details. The auditor will review the findings with Mendel and Hollie Johnson on July 31. The auditor will attend an upcoming council meeting and present the findings to the Council.

Zerkis asked the Council to begin thinking about what to include in the FY 2009 budget.

Bell-Guercio said she received good comments about the Fourth Celebration. Zerkis asked if there was anything that needed to be changed for next year. She suggested two serving lines.

Stauss contacted Teklink, a local web hosting company, about moving the website and email accounts but hasn't received a quote yet. He asked the Council if he should proceed with this now or wait until the current hosting fee expires. After a brief discussion, the Council agreed he should move it now.

Stauss reported the new priest at Our Lady of the Valley has the deed and will send it to us. Resident Tricia Crapet commented that there was a notice in the church bulletin that the columbarium was on hold due to issues with ISV. Stauss explained that a portion of the church property on which the columbarium would be constructed needs to be rezoned.

Zerkis gave an update on the fire truck financing for the North Shelby Fire District. He and Chief O'Connor will be meeting with representatives from the Bank of New York to see what rates they can offer.

Zerkis noted that the Highway 119 project is underway. A resident commented that during the utility line move, the contractor planted grass but did not remove debris. Zerkis asked Robins to contact Carl Musselman, the project engineer.

Zerkis met with Thomas McDaniel, a federal government engineer, regarding the drainage through the Town Hall property. He will present an approach and cost estimate shortly to widen the creek so that the water will flow to Hwy 119 reducing flooding of the grounds.

Regarding the municipal election, six statements of candidacy were received for six positions. The current officers will be re-elected.

Crapet and Street began a presentation on the bathroom remodeling, but the Council made the decision to adjourn and continue the discussion in a work session.

Trammell requested that Zerkis contact Alex Dudchuck to have a dead elm on the Town Hall property cut down.

Trammell addressed the Council and told them there will be a required organizational meeting on November 3, 2008. He asked that they each review the current council rules and procedures and make recommendations for changes prior to the meeting.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

Found

Three plastic lounge chairs – one blue chair, one green chair and one red chair. Left at the Pavilion during the July Fourth Celebration or a short time after. If they belong to you, call Bart Trammell (988-0094) and arrange to pick up the chairs.

Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Sunset Pools
Owner: Jimmy Mulvaney
Address: 125 Bent Tree Acres
Proposed Use: Pool

Applicant: Shoemaker Pool Service
Owner: Craig White
Address: 869 Jasmine Hill Road
Proposed Use: Pool

Thanks again, Neighbors

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

As grass cutting season comes to a close, a special thanks to Mr. A. J. Pitts and Mr. Jeffrey White for maintaining the grass around the Leyland cypress trees on the eastern border of the town grounds.

These good neighbors have always cut the grass in this area and it is greatly appreciated.

Interested in Volunteering?

If you would like to volunteer your time to deliver *The Village Voice*, two routes are still open:

- **Spring Garden Street and Alpine.** Currently we are without a courier for this route – your help is appreciated in filling this vacancy.
- **Merrivale Lane and Valleydale Court off Valleydale Road**

Please contact Alison Stigers at villagevoice@indians-pringsvillage.org or 949.6258 for details.

Found

Found on Indian Crest Drive, lost by runner? Apple iPod - owner to call and identify. Call the McBrides @ 437-0678.

Car Keys at Bedside

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

For some extra security, put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get into your house, press the Panic Button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and your car horn will sound.

It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Most newer vehicles have a remote electronic system to open and lock car doors. Test it yourself. It should go off from most everywhere inside your house and will usually keep on honking until you turn it off. If the car alarm goes off while someone is trying to break into your house, chances are they will not stay around. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a darkened parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. If you can unlock your car doors from a distance, you can also set off your alarm.

Alabama Wildlife Center Asks for Volunteers

by Lee McDonald, Outreach Coordinator

Alabama's wildlife needs your help! Volunteers are needed at the Alabama Wildlife Center to provide care for this year's orphaned and injured wildlife so they can return to the wild. Call 663-7930 or log on to www.awrc.org for more information about the next training session on Saturday, September 20, 2008 at the Alabama Wildlife Center located in Oak Mountain State Park.

Audubon Teaches Nature 2008-2009 Program at the Alabama Wildlife Center

WHO: Alabama Wildlife Center, Birmingham Audubon Society, Friends of Oak Mountain State Park and Oak Mountain Interpretive Center present the 2008-2009 Audubon Teaches Nature series.

WHAT: Programs on the following topics:

October 19	Bats
November 16	Birding for the Fresh Air Family
January 18	Birds on Parade
February 22	Keeping Birds Wild
March 29	Amphibians and Salamanders
April 26	Wildflowers

WHEN: About 1:30 p.m. guests arrive and gather in the front observation room for cider and cookies. At 2:00 p.m. guests convene in the auditorium for an hour presentation which begins with general announcements from Birmingham Audubon Society, Friends of Oak Mountain State Park, Oak Mountain Interpretive Center and the Alabama Wildlife Center. The announcements are followed by a featured speaker and informal nature walks. During the program guests will have the opportunity to learn more about the topics listed and to ask questions of the speakers. Speakers will vary from month to month, sharing valuable context for this program.

WHERE: Alabama Wildlife Center, 100 Terrace Drive, Pelham, inside Oak Mountain State Park.

WHY: To raise environmental awareness of native flora and fauna.

AND: Weekend admission to Oak Mountain State Park is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 6 to 12, \$1 for senior citizens 62 or older. There is no admission charge for the program at the Alabama Wildlife Center.

Alabama Wildlife Center Shares Wildlife Hotline Information

submitted by Janet Byars

Trained staff members address wildlife issues 13 hours each day, 365 days each year

WHO: Alabama Wildlife Center, Oak Mountain State Park, Pelham, AL, the state's oldest and largest rehabilitation center.

WHAT: Hotline number staffed 13 hours, 365 days each year, not listed in the current directory, but an important number to have nearby! (205) 621-3333. Line is staffed from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. every day of the year.

WHEN: The line is staffed 13 hours each day, 365 days each year. When you get a recorded message, please leave your name, number and question. A trained staff member will return your call in 30 minutes or less. Baby season for raptors, songbirds and mammals runs from January through November; calls to our hotline peak April through August when these three programs overlap.

WHERE: Trained staff of the Alabama Wildlife Center answer questions from callers throughout the state.

WHY: Many times, folks have a wildlife emergency situation that needs attention—fast! The Alabama Wildlife Center has a system which has been in continuous operation since 1982. The AWC wants to make sure that the public knows where to find help effectively.

Fall Festival and Blessing of the Animals

by Mickey Farmer and Gwen Kaminski

Join us on Saturday, October 4, 2008 from noon – 4:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church, 3545 Cahaba Valley Road, for the Fall Festival and Blessing of the Animals where we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, Francis of Assisi, and show love and appreciation for our pets and animal friends. The Blessing of the Animals, Reverend Neil Kaminski officiating, will be at 4:00 p.m.

The community is invited to bring their pets – be they dogs, cats, reptiles, fish, birds, hamsters, horses, all critters are welcome!

The Festival will include children's activities, food (hot dogs and drinks), eco-friendly booths and displays offered to raise awareness of groups, agencies and organizations that promote good stewardship of the earth, and offer aid and compassion to animals.

In Memoriam

Raymond Edward Kurtts, 73, Indian Springs Village, AL, died peacefully at home on Sunday, 10 August 2008, following a long illness. He was born 14 May 1935, to the late Rose Veitch Kurtts and Joe Kurtts Sr. He graduated from John Carroll High School, class of '53, and from Auburn University (then Alabama Polytechnic Institute) in 1957 with a Bachelor's degree in Building Construction. At the time of graduation from Auburn, he was also commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was honorably discharged as a Captain following his designated time of service. He began his career in the construction industry with Joe Kurtts, Contractor, at an early age, and along with his brother, the late Joe Kurtts Jr. and his dad, built many of the early Catholic Churches in the state of Alabama. He also worked for the late Charlie Mann, General Contractor and A.G. Gaston Construction for many years. He was the Project Manager for the development of Birmingham Green, the Five Points South development, as well as the Homewood Revitalization Project. He was a lifelong member of the Auburn Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Mary Alta Kurtts, Indian Spring Village, AL; daughters, Kristina Jaenisch (Holger), Toney, AL, and Kathy Kurtts, Indian Spring Village, AL; grandchildren: Melinda Alley, Hoover, AL, Tiffany Benfield (Ron), Huntsville, AL, and Cpl. Ian Alley, Ft Hood, TX; great-grandchildren: Mark-Edward Sullens, Jasmine Sullens and Maya Sullens, Indian Spring Village, AL; three sisters: Dorothy Schultz, Wylam, AL, Evelyn Voytanovsky, Hueytown, AL, and Marion Camp, Huntsville, AL, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A Memorial Mass celebrating his life was held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday 15 August 2008, at OLV in Indian Springs Village, Monsignor Paul Rohling officiating. The family would like to express its profound gratitude to the medical staff of Fresenius Dialysis Center, Cahaba Valley Parkway, Pelham, AL, for the superb care they rendered and also to the staff of Hospice Complete for their comforting care. In lieu of flowers, the family is accepting donations. Southern Heritage Funeral Home directed. *(Reprinted from The Birmingham News)*

September Happenings

by Allison Yeager, North Shelby Library Children's Librarian

Special Programming

September, 1st-30th: "National Library Card Sign-Up Month." Stop by the library and get library cards for the whole family! In addition, all children who get library cards during the month of September will receive a library "starter kit". Just present your new card to a librarian in the Children's Department.

Saturday, September 6th – 1:00-2:30 p.m.: "The Backyardigans: Mighty Match-Up." The Backyardigans find themselves on Mount Olympus playing a basketball game, in the City of Atlantis racing dolphins, fixing up a ranch in Outer Space, and finally playing with a dinosaur pup in the Stone Age! This interactive movie is sure to entertain the

whole family! All ages. Refreshments served.

Monday, September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – 3:15-4:15 p.m.: "Sit, Stay, Read!" A non-profit organization through Hand-in-Paw dedicated to providing volunteer services to children. "Sit, Stay, Read!" brings children together with specially trained dogs to help them gain more confidence in their reading abilities in an individual setting at the North Shelby library that is supportive, relaxed and furry! All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, September 23rd – 4:00 p.m.: "Beary Happy Fall Y'all Magnet!" Celebrate the start of fall with a southern style magnet that you can enjoy all season! Registration begins Tuesday, September 16th. All ages. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Tuesday, September 30th – 12:30-1:30 p.m.: "Home-school Hangout: All About Alabama!" We'll learn about famous Alabamians, state history, and lots of facts and trivia about our great state! Bring your lunch and we'll provide the drinks and cookies. Ages 8-11. Registration required. Call or email the Children's Department at 439-5504 or NorthShelbyYouth@gmail.com for more information.

Story-Time Programming

Toddler Tales

Mondays, September 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th – 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Registration begins Monday, September 25th. Ages 19-36 months. Registration required. Call the Children's Department at 439-5504 to sign-up.

Baby Tales Story Time

Tuesday, September 9th – 10:30-11.15 a.m.

A new story time designed especially for babies and their caregivers. Stories and music provide interaction for the babies and time for caregivers to talk and share with each other. No siblings please. Ages: Birth to 18 months. Registration required. Registration begins Tuesday, September 2nd. Call the Children's Department at 439-5504 to sign-up.

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, September 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th at 10:45 a.m. All ages. No registration required.

P. J. Story Time

Thursdays, September 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 7:00 p.m.

All ages. No registration required.

Teen Scene

Teen Book Pick of the Month – Now You See Her by Jacquelyn Mitchard

Hope is an aspiring actress at an arts high school and wants all the attention, but does she go too far when she stages her own abduction?

The Month of May – Online Book Club

Want to find another teen book to read? Join our Online Book Club and receive portions of a teen book each week through your email! Sign up at www.northshelbylibrary.org to get started!

A Ranger Among Us

by Selene Vaught

Thirteen year old Indian Springs resident and 8th grader at Oak Mountain, Austin Vaught, graduated from Hawk Mountain Ground Search & Rescue School at the Ranger Training Facility of the Civil Air Patrol's Pennsylvania Wing's Operations Section, a unit of the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary. Located in Kempton, PA, Hawk Mountain Ranger School (HMRS) is the longest running Search & Rescue School in the nation. For over 50 years, it has provided some of the best wilderness search & rescue training to its cadets and senior members throughout the country. HMRS is the most intense and rewarding summer activity that the Civil Air Patrol has to offer.

In 1946, Congress granted a charter to Civil Air Patrol (CAP), charging its members with three missions. First, CAP was to promote aviation. As years passed, that mission expanded to include aerospace education as well. Second, CAP was to provide a training program to support the nation's youth (ages 12-18) in contributing to society and preparing for successful adult lives. Finally, CAP was to continue its emergency services, comprised of search and rescue and disaster relief missions.

On Friday, July 11th, Cadet Austin Vaught left the Bir-



mingham Airport for Allentown, PA on his first unaccompanied flight. Dressed in his Battle Dress Uniform (BDUs), C/Vaught was met by Transportation Security Administration personnel for release to the HMRS staff. One last call to mom, Ms. Selene Vaught, to say he made it safe was the last she would hear his voice for the next nine days.

C/Vaught spent the duration of the training outside in the same conditions as he would a "real mission". He participated in multi-day field training exercises testing his acquired skill and endurance, starting each day at 0515 hours (5:15 am) and ending well into the night. While doing things the "Ranger Way", he survived intense physical fitness training, search techniques and operations, crash site procedures, navigation and map reading, equipment use, team mobility, hiking, survival and woodsmanship. Other classes included moral leadership, character building, casualty evacuation and rappelling. He was challenged everyday to take charge of difficult situations in order to become part of a working team. With primitive conditions, survival gear and rationed food, C/Vaught endured the elements and achieved what most youth his age will never experience.

On July 20th, Lt. Vaught and her youngest son drove to Pennsylvania to show their support. The excitement built as graduation time approached. A glimpse of her oldest son would make her feel at ease as she searched the many faces. Low and behold, the cadence of the Charlie Squadron filled the air. All Cadets in BDUs and orange ranger caps made it somewhat difficult to identify the only Alabama Cadet in the school. There, in front, covered in grime from the nine days in the wilderness, was a very focused and proud young man. C/Vaught graduated as Ranger 3rd Class having worked hard to help earn his group the acclaimed title of "Honor Squadron".

C/Vaught is a member of the Bessemer Composite Squadron at the Bessemer Airport. He has been in CAP for over one year and upon return from HMRS earned a promotion to Cadet Senior Airman. When asked what he liked best at HMRS this summer, he replied "Making new friends and challenging myself." When asked if he'll return again next year, he said "Perhaps! It's the hardest thing I've ever done and some said it was more intense than enlisted boot camp."

Although Bessemer CAP would love to have an Expert Ranger in its ranks, they are proud of C/Vaught's achievements which will prove to be very beneficial on future missions and to his community. To learn more about the Civil Air Patrol, visit www.BessemerCAP.com or call Lt. Vaught, Deputy Commander for Cadets at 516-7089.

Garden Club Reviews Visitations

by Ruth Goodwyn,

Publicity Chair – Indian Springs Garden Club

Members of the Indian Springs Garden Club unexpectedly toured another garden when they met August 28 at the John and Patsy Strozier home on Arrowhead Lane. The Stroziers' backyard is surprising in size and contains beautiful plants, including some of the hydrangeas grown from seed that Mr. Eddie Aldridge of Aldridge Gardens planted for the garden club at an earlier meeting.

The group gathered in the garden. There plants to be exchanged or sold by members to each other were placed on tables. Members then gathered inside in front of a huge TV screen to view colored photographs Patsy had taken and set to music of the gardens of Fay and Bill Ireland at Shoal Creek; the snowflake hydrangea garden at Sardis, AL, belonging to Aldridge Gardens; the Birmingham Botanical Gardens fern glade; with pictures from the Stroziers' garden interspersed. An additional treat was pictures of the Dunn Family Reunion cruise, brought by Marge Dunn, taken along the western coast of the United States and Canada, ending in Alaska, shown by laptop computer.

Members at the onset of the meeting expressed condolences to our president, Lynn Hendricks, who was not present, on the recent loss of her sister.

SEPTEMBER 2008

HEARDMONT PARK SENIOR CENTER

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Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 HEARDMONT PARK CLOSED for LABOR DAY	2 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 1-2 Line Dancing w/Doris, Sue & Bert	3 9-12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch	4 10-11 Exercise Class w/Donna 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Lunch	5 9:15-10:15 Beg. Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing w/Chris 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Lunch
8 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-12 Mah jongg 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Canasta *6-8 Square Dance Lessons*	9 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 1-2 Line Dancing w/Doris, Sue & Bert	10 9-2 Bridge Tournament 12:00 Lunch 1:30-3 Computer Class- Internet Favorites	11 10-11 Exercise Class w/Donna 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Lunch	12 9:15-10:15 Beg Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing w/Chris 12:00 Lunch 7-9 Dance/Social w/Jerry Seals
15 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-12 Mah jongg 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Canasta *6-8 Square Dance Lessons*	16 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 12:15-12:45 "Change your Water-Change Your Life" 1-2 Line Dancing w/Doris, Sue & Bert	17 9-12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch	18 10-11 Exercise Class w/Donna 10-4 Games & Fellowship 11:15-12 Reminiscing w/Becky Harrison 12:00 Lunch	19 9:15-10:15 Beg. Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing w/Chris 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Lunch
22 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-12 Mah jongg 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Canasta *6-8 Square Dance Lessons*	23 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 1-2 Line Dancing w/Doris, Sue & Bert	24 9-12 Bridge Club 12:00 Lunch	25 10-11 Exercise Class w/Donna 10-4 Games & Fellowship 12:00 Quarterly Luncheon	26 9:15-10:15 Beg Line Dancing w/Chris 10:15-11:15 Int. Line Dancing w/Chris 12:00 Lunch 7-9 Dance/Social w/Ray Newman
29 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 10-12 Mah jongg 12:00 Lunch 12:30-4 Canasta *6-8 Square Dance Lessons*	30 10-11 Exercise w/Janice 11-12 Bible Study 12:00 Lunch 1-2 Line Dancing w/Doris, Sue & Bert	*Square Dance Lessons are \$3 per lesson/ per person*	<i>You MUST sign yourself up to attend day trips.. They are 1st come 1st serve!!!</i> <i>You MUST sign up for the computer classes. Space is LIMITED!</i>	Shelby County Fair is September 15-20, 2008 Columbiana Tuesday, the 16th is Senior Night at the Fair

Sale of T-Shirts Bearing ISV Logo

by Ruth Goodwyn, Town Historian

March 12, 1991, was the first council meeting of newly-incorporated Indian Springs Village, held at the Indian Springs School Town Hall. As early as the third council meeting, May 14, Mayor Hub Harrington announced a design competition to produce a town logo to be suitable for signs, stationery, etc., and T-shirts. Rita Mendel was appointed chairman of the design selection committee, and entries were to be submitted to Councilwoman Patricia Crapet, who would conceal the identities of the artists and submit the entries to Mrs. Mendel.

Immediately at the end of the next council meeting, the selection committee allowed those present at the meeting to help with the decision, and the winner was Julia Wyatt Schenk, daughter of Jim and Mildred Wyatt, who had married Russell Schenk in December 1990. (They were the first couple to marry in the new town.)

A special edition of *The Village Voice* carried an order form for ordering the new T-shirts with the ISV logo in time for our Fourth of July celebration. In response to numerous requests, LaVerne Ramsey, first editor of our monthly newsletter, interviewed Julia, who has lived in this valley most of her life. Explaining why she chose the motif, Julia said, "I believe that we are all caretakers of our properties, just as we are caretakers of our families, and, by the same token, just as we must not choose to harm our property or its families or inhabitants. I feel that deer are representative of all families in this valley, and I hope that people who pass through our town might look at our sign and realize that families – all families – are important and precious to us."

"It seems appropriate that Julia's design was chosen," LaVerne wrote. "It beautifully expresses her love for the village while it captures the spirit of nature and family." (*Village Voice*, July 9, 1991, p.4).

Later editions of T-shirts were sold – made of sky-blue material; then a special edition for Fourth of July on white with red, white, and blue logo design – but the new edition is the first one in many years. It is of forest green 100% cotton and, in addition, has "Life is Good in the Village" printed on back. Available in all sizes, the T-shirts are obtainable from Indian Springs Garden Club members Eleanor Bennett (985-7746), Marge Dunn (987-4765) and President Lynn Hendricks (988-0099). If the one you call does not answer, leave a message with your name and telephone number. All proceeds from T-shirt sales go directly to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund. Upon request, the T-shirt(s) will be delivered in time for our Founders' Day celebration.

