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ISV July 4th Picnic a Rousing Success Largest Crowd Ever Enjoys Celebration

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Independence. July 4th is the anniversary of our country's adoption of the Declaration of Independence, freeing our ancestors and ourselves from the tyranny of others. *Webster's New World Dictionary* defines independence as "the state or quality of being independent; freedom from the influence, control, or determination of another or others." This is what our ancestors fought so bravely to achieve over 219 years ago. The right of self-determination has played a great part in enabling our country to be the greatest in the world and has allowed Americans to be able to live the dream of freedom.

Independence. The concept behind the incorporation of the Town of Indian Springs Village is not unlike the concept our forefathers had for our country. Why live under the rules of others who are far removed from our community, who are uninvolved in local community issues, who would wreak havoc on the quality of life in our community, and whose lives are untouched by the making of poor decisions that affect and impact our neighborhoods all too closely? Why pay exorbitant taxes for the "privilege" of doing so?

Independence and self-determination. These are the basic reasons for the incorporation of Indian Springs Village and perhaps why our town chooses to celebrate Independence Day with such fervor.

For those of you who attended the Indian Springs Village Fifth Annual Fourth of July Parade and Picnic Celebration, my sincere appreciation and congratulations for making this the biggest and the best event ever. For those of you who were unable to be with us to help celebrate our country's 219th birthday, my condolences. You missed a great party!

Events like this don't just happen. A vast amount of planning and scheduling is required in the coordination of all of our town events. This is accomplished through the donations of time, talent, energy, and expertise of many Indian Springs Village residents. The Fourth of July is, of course, our largest annual function, thus it takes a great number of volunteers involved in many hours of preparation to ensure that this event is successful.

The big day arrived with a threat of thunderstorms. So what else is new for ISV? At 4:00 a.m. the hickory fire was started in the pit by **Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, Jim Wyatt, Jim Boyett, and Ron Luster**, who were chicken chefs for the day. The first of 100 chickens was put on the grill around 8:00 a.m. for that ever so slow cooking that is truly southern-style barbecue.

At 7:00 a.m. the sleepy campus of Indian Springs School began to come alive, much like a bed of ants with work to be done. The decorating committee of **Tricia Crapet, Nelda and Buzz Kelly**, daughter, **Suzanne**, and mom **Mamie Kelly**, began blowing up the three gross of red, white, and blue balloons with helium. **Ron Luster** and **Jim Cochran** hung bunting while **Herb Robins, Dorothy Carlisle, Bobbie Aultman, and Rita Mendel** tied bouyant balloons to the tent, trees, and fence posts.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs School Town Hall
Tuesday, July 18, 1995 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

Editor's Notes

The *Village Voice* is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The primary purpose of this newsletter is to report the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings as well as to give the mayor and council members the opportunity to communicate with the electorate. In addition, your editor's hope is to foster a spirit of community and cooperation along with fun and fairness. Good neighbors need less legislation. Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are also made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

Address letters to the editor and appropriate news articles to: Olivia Weingarten, Editor, 1617 Indian Crest Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124 (988-5417). Newcomer information should be reported to Patricia Crapet (985-9205).

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Please help by contributing to the ISV Children's Fund. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Our thanks this month goes to Ilene Holmes, whose business, Holmes Clothiers in River Hills Shopping Center, has made a donation to the fund. It is our hope that this first donation of the year will be followed by many more from ISV citizens, their businesses, or their employers.

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Town Council Highlights

June 20, 1995

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The Town Council of Indian Springs Village met on June 20, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall of Indian Springs School. Mayor Hub Harrington presided over the meeting, with council members Ron Luster, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of May meeting were adopted as written. Town Clerk Paul Stephens was out of town; therefore no financial report was given.

Mayor Hub Harrington presented the council with a long-awaited bill from Shelby County for the federally mandated and unfunded Clean-Water Act. Since Bishop Creek is a branch of the Cahaba River, the collection and monitoring of water through our town is required by the federal government and is being performed by Carr and Associates, an engineering firm chosen by the county. The \$10,742 bill for phases 1 and 2 are payable to the county as budgeting allows.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported having been in close contact with the Alabama Emergency Management Administration (AEMA) regarding our refund from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA). Officials in Montgomery stated that there have been no problems noted regarding the \$22,000 coverage submitted by ISV and that the claim is being audited by FEMA. Hopefully the 85% refund will come within the next 30 days.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented a petition for annexation by contiguous property owners, Howard and Barbara Manning. The property at 5620 Cahaba Valley Road next to Oak Mountain Elementary School includes their business, Attic Antiques. The property was annexed by unanimous consent of the council after a unanimous vote to suspend the rules.

Councilman Ron Luster is continuing talks with the county regarding speed limit and other signage for Indian Trail. County Commissioners Don Armstrong and Lindsey Allison are assisting Luster in his efforts to obtain the needed signage.

In Sympathy

By Councilwoman Patricia Crapet

Indian Springs Village extends heartfelt condolences to the family of John Hauser, 512 Miller Circle, who passed away on June 18 following a brief illness, at the age of 70.

Though a resident of the Village for less than a year, Mr. Hauser will be long remembered as a person who became immediately involved in our community, attending town functions and council meetings, volunteering his time and energy to help collect aluminum cans each month, and generously donating both food and money to our ISV Children's Fund last December. His cheerful attitude and ever-present smile will be missed by all.

Survivors include his wife, Rena, daughter, Mims Adams, and a son, Ray Hauser, all of Shelby County.

Deepest sympathy is also extended to the family of David Michael Lusco, 24, who died June 19. He was an Eagle Scout, a member of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, and was employed by Shook and Fletcher.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lusco; two brothers, Keith and Bobby Lusco, all of Indian Springs Village; a sister, Leslie Leopard of Alabaster; and his grandfather, Robert Fowler of St. Louis Mo.

Is Search of... ISV Memorabilia

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Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, official Indian Springs Village Historian, is assembling pictures, newspaper articles, and other artifacts for a scrapbook concerning the first five years of Indian Springs Village. She especially needs pictures of the original swearing-in ceremonies of our mayor and council at the Indian Springs School library. Also on the list are pictures from both Easter Egg Hunts and Founder's Day festivities.

Any pictures of activities or other memorabilia concerning our town will be welcomed for inclusion in the scrapbook, along with identification of persons portrayed. Please call Ruth at 988-0896 if you have any items you would like to have included in the ISV archives.

Lost and Found

If you attended the July 4th Picnic and lost your ladies red vest decorated with flags please contact Ralph or Caroline Bodie at 985-4345.

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