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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Indian Springs Village Town Hall
Tuesday, April 15, 1997 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizens' Forum
- IV. Don Armstrong, Shelby County Commissioner

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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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

By Gene Weingarten, Mayor

Volunteers -- Who, What, and Why?

Gary Dennis serves as a town council member. His area of responsibility revolves around public service -- planning ways to preserve and maintain the quiet atmosphere and character of our unique pastoral neighborhood as much as possible and contacting other areas of the country to find out how they have been successful in these endeavors. Gary is also in charge of the utilization of the grounds behind the town hall. Gary receives no compensation for his role as a public servant. Gary is a volunteer.

Stewart Dudley serves as a town council member. His expertise in finances contributes greatly to our needs in preparing proper budgets and expenditure projections from our only sources of income: utility taxes, gas and oil taxes, alcohol taxes, and building permits. (Indian Springs Village has levied NO town taxes upon its citizens. Our 1997 budget appears in this issue.) Stewart receives no compensation as a public official. Stewart is a volunteer.

Patricia Crapet serves as a town council member. Her area of responsibility is public relations and communications. Some duties include: writing articles for, and producing, *The Village Voice*; circulation and distribution of the newsletter through a legion of couriers (who are all dedicated volunteers); organizing town events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Fourth of July Picnic and Parade, Founders' Day, and Arts, Crafts and Gift shows, and assembling the many volunteers necessary to assist with these festivities; bookings for use of the town hall and pavilion and maintenance and care of the structural demands of our town hall. Tricia also represents the town at area meetings relating to matters which will affect ISV. Tricia receives no compensation for her role as a public servant. Tricia is a volunteer.

Art Johnson serves as a town council member. His area of responsibility concerns public health and environment. Duties include: organizing volunteers for, implementing, and attending the monthly litter walks to clean up Cahaba Valley Road and Indian Crest Drive; assembling volunteers to assist with the monthly ISV Aluminum Can Recycling Program, which funds *The Village Voice*; and writing articles for the newsletter. Art directed transportation efforts during the North Shelby County Library Holiday Tour of Homes. He and his wife Jackie are always present during town meetings and functions, and always available to lend a helping hand. Art receives no compensation for his public service. Art and Jackie are volunteers.

Herb Robins serves as a town council member. His primary job is to address the maintenance of the roads within our town. ISV is responsible for the upkeep of all dedicated roads in our town that are not designated state or

county roads. The overseeing of these streets is a monumental task and is fast becoming the largest expenditure within our modest town budget. Herb has also accepted the position of Chairman of the Food Committee for the Annual Fourth of July Celebration. He serves on other committees such as the ISV grounds committee and assists with the ISV recycling efforts. Herb receives no compensation for his public service. Herb is a volunteer.

ISV has other volunteers who serve in a variety of unpaid positions. Our town clerk, Paul Stephens, keeps up with all of the paperwork for the town and makes it a personal challenge to keep the surroundings of the Town Hall spiffy. He is also a member of our illustrious Pothole Crew. Jim Wyatt, assistant town clerk, is a specialist in annexations and town history. Russ Allison serves as our town attorney and is the Chairman of the ISV Zoning Board of Adjustments. Onnie Dickerson, also an attorney, serves as the Chairman of the ISV Zoning and Planning Board, assists with annexations, and is available with his free legal expertise when called upon. Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, our town historian, is responsible for the town archives; she is also the editor of *The Village Voice*. Bart Trammell, (Mr. Dependable), is a member of the Pothole Crew, spends many hours assisting in any effort to maintain the grounds of the town hall, and is a courier for the newsletter. Jim Boyett, another member of the Pothole Crew, and wife, Nora, are always available for any task asked of them, whether it be stuffing Easter eggs, delivering their courier route for the newsletter, cooking for July 4th, building picnic tables for the pavilion, or baking goodies for ISV's many social events.

All of these folks, and many more, are volunteers. Unpaid, dedicated volunteers paying their civic rent. We would be lost without them. They take pride in our town and in their service to its citizenry and set a wonderful example for all of us to follow. Thanks, volunteers!

Please take the initiative to volunteer your services to your town so that Indian Springs Village can continue to be the kind of place that we all enjoy coming home to each day.

Grass Cutters Are Needed

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

With spring's arrival the abundant new growth on the grounds of the town hall has prompted Paul Stephens to call for volunteers to keep it well groomed. Paul estimates it takes 4-5 hours to cut the grass on the three-acre plot and would like for volunteers to utilize the town's riding mower in shifts, each spending two to two-and-a-half hours on the task. Paul emphasized that reliable people are needed who would attend a meeting and volunteer to cut grass on a regular schedule. The grass may need cutting as often as weekly in the summer-time so many volunteers are needed.

The Pothole Crew will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the riding mower but does not have time to do the mowing. If enough do not volunteer, funds from our meager treasury will have to be expended to pay a lawn service to do the job. Those who feel compelled to give something back to our town, which has operated six years on a basis of voluntarism rather than taxation, should call Paul Stephens at 988-4672.

Town of Indian Springs Village Adopted Budget 1996-97

General Fund Revenues

Marcus Cable	\$ 4,500
Shelby Cable	4,500
Alabama Power Company	45,600
Alabama Gas Corporation	13,600
Pelham Water Works	5,200
Pro-rata Shares of State, County Taxes	9,200
Building Permits	1,400
Total Projected Revenues:	\$84,000

General Fund Expenditures

Property Tax -- Town Hall	\$ 300
July 4th, Easter, Founders' Day	4,500
Insurance	2,000
Office Equipment & Supplies	1,400
Repairs & Maintenance - General	1,200
Professional Fees	1,000
Recording Fees	900
Utilities	3,000
Mileage	800
Accounting Expense	2,700
The Village Voice printing expense	1,500
Improvements to Grounds	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,700
Mortgage	15,000
Total Expenditures from General Fund	\$38,000

Estimated Revenues	\$84,000
Minus Estimated Expenditures	<u>38,000</u>
Estimated General Fund Surplus	\$46,000

Road Fund Revenues

Pro-rata shares of state taxes	9,000
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Road Fund Expenditures

Estimated Road repairs and Maintenance	31,000
Shortage of Fiscal Year Revenues	- 22,000

*Does not include present balance in road fund of \$46,000.

*Portions of excess general fund revenues (approx. \$40,000) will be transferred to the road fund for future repairs and maintenance.

Town Council Highlights

March 18, 1997

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 1997, in the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present.

The minutes of the February meeting were adopted as written. Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported regular revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$604; aluminum cans, \$69; business licenses, \$100; sale of ISV logo tags, \$24; and road fund, \$723. A withdrawal was made from the general fund to establish a separate account for the ISV Children's Fund, the balance of which is \$2,861. The balance in the general fund was \$59,052. The balance in the road fund was \$47,355. Councilwoman Patricia Crapet presented a second estimate for gutters for the pavilion and parts of the town hall. The lowest bid of \$710 was unanimously accepted and the work ordered to be performed.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that he has sent a current ISV map to Shelby County Highway Engineer Randy Cole for an update on which roads the county is currently responsible for maintaining. The estimate to repair/resurface Deer Mountain Circle, Rockford Road, and Signal Trail will be included in the Shelby County road package that the county sends out for bid. The town can also bid out these roads as a separate entity.

Mayor Gene Weingarten re-presented the proposed 1997 budget to the council (see adopted budget, page 2). The Finance Committee has suggested that \$40,000 of the surplus be diverted to help build up the balance in the road fund account, leaving an estimated general fund surplus of \$6,000. The council voted 5 to 1 in favor of adopting the budget, with Councilwoman Crapet voting against the measure.

Councilman Stewart Dudley presented an amendment to the ISV Zoning Regulations which would specify that all new commercial facilities be required to tie on to the county sewer system, and that all existing commercial facilities be switched to the sewer system at which

time their present septic systems become not properly operable by Shelby County Health Department standards. The council unanimously voted to waive the rules to allow for an immediate vote on the issue. The measure passed unanimously.

Speed humps were once again discussed, but the idea abandoned due to the number of lawsuits that have been against other municipal entities for damages to vehicles. The main argument against the humps came from retired North Shelby Fire Chief Winston Boutwell, who noted that these humps can also damage fire and rescue units. Chief Boutwell suggested that speed ripples, similar to those used in many places in local metro areas, such as those used on Old Montgomery Highway by 84 Lumber, be investigated. Mayor Weingarten will check with Shelby County Sheriff James Jones regarding the issue.

On The Agenda For April 15th

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Shelby County Commissioner Don Armstrong will be attending the April 15th Town Council Meeting to discuss important county issues that will affect Indian Springs Village.

Tom Owen, Director of the Alabama Youth Home, will be in attendance at the council meeting to discuss plans that he and his family have for a home for unwed mothers and foster children in his personal home in Indian Springs Village. Mr. Owen will be happy to answer any questions regarding this venture during his presentation.

ISS Breaks Ground

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Groundbreaking ceremonies for its new Town Hall were held Monday, April 7, at Indian Springs School. The \$4.5 million, 32,000 sq. ft. facility will be a performing arts center serving the school and the community.

The celebration beginning at 11:00 a.m., included remarks by Headmaster Doug Jennings, an announcement of the Town Hall campaign by the Board of Governors Chairman, brief drama and musical performances by students, followed by the groundbreaking. Student representatives of each class (8-12) wielded the shovels. A lakeside picnic concluded the celebration.

Local Author To Be Honored

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Indian Springs author Don Keith's first book, *The Forever Season*, will receive the Alabama Library Association's prestigious best fiction award on April 17 during the Association's convention at the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center. The news of this honor closely follows the release of a second novel, *Wizard of the Wind*.

A flurry of book autographing and speaking engagements, including a Birmingham Public Library luncheon in March, have kept the local resident busy as he contemplates the eight other books he is currently working on simultaneously. His "regular job" is at Tapscan in the Galleria Tower where since 1990 he has helped develop and market computer software for worldwide consumption. His current careers in writing and marketing follow more than 22 years in broadcasting.

First appearing in hardback in late 1995 and now in its second printing, *The Forever Season* is about the foreshortened life of C. P. McKay, called "Corey Phillip" by his mother as a condensed version of "Corinthians Phillipians," his birth-certificate name. C. P. comes from a dysfunctional family. He is a very bright scholar and athlete who attends mighty Sparta, a fictional SEC university in Middle Tennessee, and seems to do better at first in impressing his Pulitzer Prize-winning professor of creative writing than his head coach. The president's antebellum mansion with huge columns is on the main street running through the university, and the head coach has an imposing tower in the middle of the practice field. Readers may readily picture the University of Alabama, which Keith attended, but should not expect to encounter the gravelly-voiced person of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant, whose team is mentioned as Sparta's formidable foe. All characters in the book are purely fictional. C. P.'s mother Keith aimed to portray as a sympathetic character based on the "strong Southern woman."

Wizard of the Wind focuses on the broadcasting business, and a good portion of the book takes place in the Birmingham area. It is the story of a young man growing up during the 50's and 60's, fascinated by rock 'n' roll music, who ultimately builds a media empire. In developing this book Keith drew from his own background as an on-air personality, program director, manager, and owner of a station in Mobile. Keith has twice won the Personality of the Year Award sponsored by *Billboard* magazine. He has won numerous Associated Press and United Press International awards for broadcasting and journalism.

Keith grew up in Springville, in St. Clair County, and recalls days as a child when feeding the fish (carp) in a spring-

fed lake there was a favorite pastime. In high school he was a National Merit Scholar and an athlete, but a knee injury ended hopes of a collegiate football career. From 1966-70 he attended the University of Alabama, where he received a degree in broadcasting and film communication with a double major in literature. His wife, Charlene, is his high school sweetheart from Springville. Their son, Andy, also graduated from the University of Alabama and a daughter, Erin, is a freshman this year. A second son, Gary, who plans to be a registered nurse, began his higher education at Jefferson State.

The Keiths have lived in the Indian Springs area for about 11 years. On the book jacket of *The Forever Season* his home is given as Pelham. On the book jacket of *Wizard of the Wind* his home is given as Indian Springs Village. There is no "Don Keith" listed in the phone book, and he was contacted after some sleuthing. Jim Wyatt, assistant town clerk, was then called to find out where "Redstick Road" is located. It is surrounded by Indian Springs Village. Keith's perplexity as to his actual place of residence is shared by many local residents, with the boundaries of Hoover, Pelham, Birmingham, and ISV so interwoven and often interspersed with islands of just "North Shelby County," belonging to no municipality. Certainly the Keith family does not live in Pelham -- no more than ISV residents with a 35242 zip code live in Birmingham. I assured Mr. Keith that Indian Springs Village would be glad to claim him and his family as residents and left enough petitions for annexation for his household and those of nearby neighbors.

Shelby County Art Association

By Patricia S. Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Shelby County Art Association will be holding its annual Spring Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, May 3, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the New Hope Cumberland Presbyterian Church Community Activity Center on Highway 119 and Double Oak Lane. All are welcome to attend the juried show. All items exhibited will be for sale. Contact Betty Grady (988-0165) for additional information.

Free Days at Shelby Landfill

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

ISV residents get ready for spring cleaning! Clean out those basements, attics, and garages and hurry on down to the Shelby County landfill for two free days of dumping all you ever wanted to get rid of but were afraid to set out for Waste Management!

May 3 and June 7 have been declared free days by the Shelby County Commission, who routinely set aside two days per year for free landfill services. Debris must be residential or household, and is limited to delivery in one-ton trucks or less.

The Village Voice Begins 7th Year

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

It is hard to believe that our community newsletter, *The Village Voice*, is now entering its seventh year as the informational voice of ISV. The newsletter has been referred to as the tie that binds our community, keeping us close to each other as friends, neighbors, and town residents. It informs us on issues facing our town from within, as well as from forces outside its borders that have the ability to affect our town.

The brainchild of a group of the original candidates for ISV's first town council, the then-unnamed newsletter's concept was originally thought of as a vehicle to inform town citizens of what was to be on the agenda of monthly meetings. This concept was put into play during the first campaign for office after the incorporation of Indian Springs Village and was part of the campaign platform for those who ran for office on the pro-incorporation platform. Following the swearing-in of these first elected officials in February, 1991, a meeting was held between myself, Dr. Ruth Goodwyn, and our first volunteer editor, LaVerne Ramsey. Thus, *The Village Voice* was born and became a reality within a month, the first edition being published on April 2, 1991.

The purpose of *The Village Voice* is to communicate by reporting on deliberations of the council, happenings and issues in the county and elsewhere that are of importance to Villagers, and daily goings-on in the lives of ISV citizens, as well as to chronicle in a journalistic record the history of our community and its citizens. This communication gives our community a cohesiveness that is enviable throughout the county and elsewhere. The community spirit in ISV is said to be greatly nurtured by our community newsletter.

The Village Voice is a totally volunteer effort. It is written and delivered, and information gathered and sent in, by volunteers. The printing is funded by volunteers who donate money or who participate in recycling aluminum cans in our village. The production of *The Village Voice* has come at great financial expense to those who have bought the computer equipment to produce and print the newsletter each month, as well as to upgrade this equipment in their continuing efforts to donate time and energy necessary to generate a community resource of this calibre.

Writing, producing, gathering the information, and laying out the newsletter is not an easy task, taking many hours of preparation each month. We call it a labor of love. *The Village Voice* is not a requirement by federal, state, or county law. It is a voluntary effort by your mayor, council, editors and staff to communicate with ISV's citizens. It is a tradition, **not a guarantee**, that will hopefully continue with future officials and town volunteers. Meanwhile, we are, and have always been, happy to bring *The Village Voice* to you.

Easter Egg Hunt Successful

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

It was 11:55 a. m. The hunt would begin promptly at 3:00 p.m. The weather could not be more beautiful -- sunny, light breezes, perfect temperature. All was right with ISV and the world. But wait...the pristine day was suddenly shattered by a frantic voice mail message from Bee Little...the prize eggs had not yet been stuffed! Armed with mobile phone and telephone book, I head for the field where the frantic call for HELP goes out to Villagers all over ... " We have a disaster! Meet us at the field -- and hurry!"

Descending on the scene to stuff eggs, set up the prize tables, and lay out the field were volunteers Kathryn Harrington, Sharon Dennis, Linda and Sarah Kloewer, Danny Bedgood, Patti Weems, Becky and Kristen Stovall, Gene Weingarten, Kathy Dudley, Michael, Tricia and Joseph Crapet, Art and Jackie Johnson, Jim and Nora Boyett, Ruth Goodwyn, and Ruth Snow. After an intensive effort, all eggs were stuffed and ready to disperse in the field, and unbelievably, with time to spare!

When the clock struck 3:00 p.m., none of the young participants were aware that there had been any kind of panic button pressed. They were only interested in who would win the cash, beanie babies, and live bunny that awaited them. With the drop of the red flag by Mayor Weingarten, the children were off! It was quite a sight to behold. Of course, not quite sure of what to make of all this excitement was the group of those under two years old, many of whom were attending their first Easter Egg Hunt. One had to notice that Victoria Grant got the hang of it very quickly and even began "borrowing" eggs from another young lady's basket!

Before long, the prize tables were being besieged by eager winners. The grand prize, a live lop-eared bunny went to Adriana Taylor, Indian Highlands. Cash prizes of \$25 were won by Taylor Fischer, Wyngate; Gil Weingarten, Heatherwood; Joseph Crapet, Brookstone Estates; and Carlee Gustin, Altadena South. Prizes of \$10 were awarded to: Adriana Taylor and Morgan Anglin, Indian Highlands; Brandon Simmons, Spring Garden; Colter Longshore, Brookgreen; and Sarah Kloewer, Indian Crest. Prizes of \$5 went to Ross Pritchard, Signal Trail; Tessa Rainey and Mandy Murphy, Homestead; Jessica Fulghan, Pelham; Kyle Dudley, Cabaha Valley Road; Joseph Crapet, Brookstone Estates; and Vivian Brown, Double Oak Lane. One dollar in cash went to Tyler Ayala, John Henry Bedgood, Andrew Goodwin, Alan Murphy, Thomas Lochlin, Elizabeth Ray, Moriah Snow, and Sophia Dagher.

As with everything done in ISV, a few volunteers did the work for the many who attended the event. A big thanks goes to Bee Little for prize selection and organizational efforts. Thanks to Eleanor Bennett, Betty Michels, Connie Trammell, Tricia Crapet, Lorraine and Alex Cerfolio, and Nora Boyett for stuffing the eggs with candy and prizes and to those who helped on council night, among whom were Gary Dennis, Bart Trammell, Art and Jackie Johnson, Buzz and Nelda Kelley, and others. Thanks also to the Hoover Office of Johnson-Rast & Hays for the white real estate stakes used in laying out the areas for the different age groups. There of course would have been no hunt if it were not for the generosity of Bob and Sally Thompson and Ron and Sandy Luster for use of their two 3-acre fields on Highway 119. As always, a wonderful time was had by all.

Next Recycling Is April 16

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

The next aluminum can recycling is Wednesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m.. Please place your aluminum cans in white or clear plastic bags and secure the top of each bag with a knot. Then for easy identification by our volunteers, put them on the other side of your driveway opposite the normal Waste Management collection.

Last month on a cool Wednesday evening, volunteers Patti Weems and daughter Ashley, Margie and Herb Robins, Cappy Potter and Art Johnson collected 260 pounds of aluminum cans. Ashley has been helping out since November, but became a full-fledged member of the recycling crew when she substituted for her father, Bill Weems, last month.

Recycling not only protects the environment, it also helps pay for the printing of *The Village Voice*. Please contribute. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

Spring Cleanup - April 19-26

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Make plans to join thousands of Alabamians for the annual "Don't Drop It on Alabama" statewide Spring Cleanup on April 19-26. Each year Alabamians from all walks of life join together to make our great state a cleaner and more beautiful place for everyone. Alabama's Spring Cleanup has become one of the largest statewide cleanup efforts in the nation.

You can participate in one of three ways. Either join the official cleanup crew on April 19, or recruit a neighbor and walk one of your neighborhood streets (or streams) removing any litter that might be there. And finally, I am asking every household in the village to take a few minutes during the week of April 19-26 to remove any litter on your property. Please help insure that every street in the town is kept free of litter and blight. Thank you for your support.

Helping improve your town's appearance is a fine way to exercise good citizenship. Please volunteer, and with your assistance we can make a real difference. If you have any questions, please call me at 988-3217.

The March 22nd Adopt-a-Mile was attended by volunteers Jim Boyett, Cheryl Rast, and Art Johnson. These hard working people picked up the litter along 119 and then headed for Luster/Thompson field, the site of the Easter Egg Hunt. I would like to thank every citizen who invested time and energy during the last twelve months and made our town a cleaner, and therefore more beautiful, place for all the citizens of Indian Springs. In June the Indian Springs Adopt-a-Mile will start its seventh year.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In Sympathy

Ima Jean Fleming, wife of MacDonald Fleming, a member of the faculty at Indian Springs School, suffered a fatal heart attack at their Pelham home on February 27. Villagers extend sympathy to her husband and other survivors, which include two sons, a daughter, and several grandchildren. Mrs. Fleming taught at Southminster Day School in Hoover and was planning to retire at the end of this year. The Flemings are well known in the community, having lived on campus at Indian Springs School for many years. Mr. Fleming was one of the original teachers on the faculty when the school opened in 1952, and although retired, still teaches part time.

New Son Arrives

Cheryl and Darrell Chamblee of 925 Valley View Road announce the birth March 12 of Morgan Cole, who weighed in at 7 1/2 lbs. and measured 21 1/2 in. Other than suffering sleep deprivation, the parents are doing well and enjoying the new baby. It will be remembered by those who participated that the Chamblee home was one of four in Indian Springs on the Holiday Tour of Homes in December.

Have You Seen Zeke?

Zeke, a muscular male who is the "sometime" cat "belonging" to Ed and Ruth Goodwyn of Choctaw Lane, has not appeared at mealtime since the middle of March. He is about 12 lbs., two and a half years old, brindle, with almost-black stripes down the back, white-breasted, has white "cottonball" cheeks, and a very small white tip on his tail. He has a large head. The Goodwyns think Zeke has another "owner" and hope he is well and being taken care of. If you should know Zeke's whereabouts, please call 988-0896.

Confederacy Service April 20

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Sunday, April 20, is the date of the Confederate Memorial Day Service held jointly by the Shelby County Historical Society and the Sons of the Confederacy, Shelby County camp, commanded by Ronnie Simmons of Columbiana. The 12th annual service to be held at the old Confederate Cemetery at Shelby Springs will begin at 2:30 p.m., Dr. Tom O. Caldwell, Secretary of the Society, has announced. Dr. Rondel Rumburg, pastor of Old Dominion Baptist Church on Valleydale Road and a historian who authored *Stonewall Jackson's Verse*, will be the main speaker at the services to honor those who died for the Confederacy. "Muster" cookies, an easy-to-do traditional staple made of sorghum molasses, will again be one of the desserts at the refreshment table.