



ISV Annual Fourth of July Huge Success

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

A record crowd of hungry Villagers were served at the Indian Springs Village Eighth Annual Fourth of July Picnic. Over 300 plates were sold plus children's plates and hot dog meals. The most successful July 4th event ever was held once again at the ISV Town Hall Picnic Pavilion. The fierce temperatures of the past few weeks were held at bay by some welcome passing clouds and some large fans which were rented to keep the air moving during the feasting frenzy.

The infamous Potthole Crew once again began preparing for the roasting of the 85 chickens and 100 slabs of ribs at 4:00 a.m. Barbecue chefs **Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, Buzz Kelly, and Jim Boyett** get all the credit for this year's delectable dinner. Paul served his secret sauce over the chicken, while Bart's family recipe was used for the extra meaty ribs this year. No complaints were heard from the crowd, as it is usually difficult to talk with your mouth full!

The time-consuming decorating and set-up fell to **Buzz and Nelda Kelly**, daughter, **Suzanne**, and **Connie Trammell**. Balloons were filled with helium, tables set, and bunting hung to await patriotic visitors.

At 10:00 a.m. excited parade participants arrived at the ISV Winn-Dixie Marketplace. Parade coordination was once again the job of **Tricia Crapet**, who was assisted by **Jarrett Smith** and **Joseph Crapet** in registering the participants and their vehicles. The parade, led by **Captain Chris Curry** of the Shelby County Sheriffs Department, took off about 10:40 a.m. enroute to the town hall.

This year's parade was the largest ever and drew the largest number of onlookers by far. Several late model cars and trucks were dressed in their patriotic finest, including those belonging to **Shelby County Commissioner Don Armstrong** and wife, **Virginia**, **Lou and Tommie Workman**, **Joey Nadler**, **Carolyn and Todd Smith**, **James Lynch**, **David, Jennifer, and Alan Boutwell**, **Pam Allison**, **Hub, Kathryn, and Michael Harrington**, and **Nelda and Buzz Kelly**. Innovation was the order of the day for **Terry and Dorothy Carlisle** and **Joe and Bobbie Aultman**, whose families, including several children, rode in a decorated trailer pulled by the Carlisle family's sports utility vehicle!

Always a highlight of the parade are the custom, classic, antique, and collector vehicles. Participants in this category were: **Mayor Gene Weingarten**, and wife, **Olivia**, 1959 Ford pickup; **Senator Bill Armistead**, and wife, **Emily**, 1951 Ford; **Jack and Bootsie Barry**, 1976 Cadillac convertible; **Jason Lynch**, 1970 Cutlass convertible; **Jim Wilson**, 1932 Ford touring car; **Charles Cowan**, 1934 Plymouth rumble seat coupe; **Shelby County Commissioner Ted Crockett**, and wife, **Jamie**, 1960 Cadillac convertible; **Tricia Crapet**, 1934 Ford sedan; **Michael Crapet**, 1936 Ford pickup truck; **Tom Allison**, and mother, **Helen**, in Tom's father's 1928 Ford model A; and **Debbie Kelley** in **Michael Stephens'** 1956 Corvette.

No parade is complete without the motorcycle brigade, led this year by **Michael Stephens**, accompanied by neighbor, **Rhonda Hoggle**, in his 1995 Harley Davidson Road King, with sidecar; **Steve Skokol**, 1995 Harley Davidson Bad Boy; **Vann Owens**, 1992 Suzuki; and **Buck Jones**, son of Sheriff James Jones, on his 1989 Honda Pacific Coast Cruiser. Not to be outdone, this year's younger set drove their

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Tuesday, July 21, 1998 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 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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not-so-street-legal dirt bikes, several of them for the first time, along with the bigger tough guys. **Joseph Crapet**, 1998 Honda XR-100; **David Bradley**, 1994 Yamaha RT-100; **Casey Britt**, Kawasaki KX-125; and **Beau Britt**, Honda XR-80.

Directing traffic at every turn were Shelby County's finest law enforcement deputies from the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. As with each year, bringing up the rear were the firefighters from the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District in the big lime-green firetruck.

Enthusiasm greeted paraders at every turn. Among those observed cheering from curbside were **Clyde and Fay Wood**, **Betty Grady** and daughter **Susan**, **Laverne and Bill Ramsey**, **Cathy Dudley** and children **Lindsey and Kyle**, **Alan and Jamie Wood**, **Harry, Bee, Jack and Davis Little**, **Mark, Allison, May and Katie Calhoun**, **Jerry and Patti Smith**, **Carolyn Cashion**, **Larry and Sue Deboer**, **Ray and Frances Dudley**, **Jack Mendel**, **Benton and Jean Baker**, **Ruth Snow**, and **Duane Kloewer**.

A superb effort was made in directing traffic. Dust-eating duties went to parking attendant volunteers **Brian Stauss**, **Chuck Snow**, and **Bruce Benford**.

Opening the ceremony was Mayor **Gene Weingarten**, with special guests Senator **Bill Armistead**, Shelby County Commissioners **Don Armstrong** and **Ted Crockett**, and Captain **Chris Curry**. After a few words of thanks led by Councilman **Herb Robins**, the dash for the food line was on!

Selling tickets this year were volunteers **Bob Konecny** and daughter, **Kate**. Cheerful volunteers who served scrumptious barbecue, fixin's, drinks, and desserts were **Harry Little**, **Connie Trammell**, **Madeline Johnson**, **Delores Gilbert**, **Cruce Cicio**, **Peggy Pitts**, **Olivia Weingarten**, **Betty Michaels**, **Sarah Boyett**, **Nora Boyett**, **Lola Stephens**, **Jane Martin**, **Margie Robins**, and the "**Bradley Bunch**", **Norm**, **Barbara**, **Carlye**, and **David**! A great job was done by all in keeping the plates and cups full!

As always, the most popular area was the dessert table. A huge thanks goes out to all who brought their delicious family favorite desserts to share with their neighbors. Unfortunately, not everyone could be identified, but those who left their names were: **Nora Boyett**, **Olivia Weingarten**, **Ericka Lyman**, **Aleta Lowe**, **Edna Earle Hawke**, **Eunice Huntress**, **Caroline Driskell**, **Lola Stephens**, **Connie Trammell**, **Betty Michaels**, **Frances Dudley**, **Caroline Bodie**, **Regina Cross**, **Madeline Johnson**, **Ruth Goodwyn**, and **Margie Robins**.

A big thanks goes to the **Shelby County Sheriff's Department** for the parade escort and direction, **North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District** and Chief **Michael O'Connor** for their assistance in the parade, **Buffalo Rock** for soft drinks, and **Pure-Pak Ice** for the ice and machine. A huge thanks to **Councilman Herb Robins**, chairman of the food committee, for the untolled hours that he and wife, **Margie**, toiled, pulling together every detail and the many volunteers. Our sincerest thanks goes to all who participated and attended. Community spirit is alive and well in Indian Springs Village. See your next year at the Ninth Annual Fourth of July Picnic!

Village Personals

By *Ruth Goodwyn and Patricia Crapet*

In Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the **Richard Gibson** family on the death of Richard's father, **Willie N. (Bill) Gibson**, who passed away Saturday, July 4, at age 87. Mr. Gibson was very proud that he had recently voted in Indian Springs Village for the first time. He had suffered a massive stroke four weeks ago. He was hospitalized for about ten days and then cared for at home on Pawnee Drive, where he had lived for two years with his son and family since the death of his wife, **Pearl Fowler Gibson**. Mr. Gibson was formerly a resident of Ensley and retired owner of Allied Battery. Graveside services were held Wednesday, July 8, at Oakland Cemetery. Mr. Gibson's immediate survivors are his son and daughter-in-law, **Jan**, and grandchildren **Eric**, **Jason**, and **Robyn Gibson**, all of Indian Springs Village; two sisters and a brother.

Our condolences also to **Warren and Lynn Andrews**, of 161 Pawnee Drive. Lynn's mother, **Henri-Lynn Street Hobbie**, a resident of Montgomery, passed away at St. Vincent's Hospital on June 21 after a brief illness.

Congratulations

Sean McWilliams, who soon will be entering his fourth year at Tulane School of Medicine, was recently awarded a Sigma Alpha Epsilon scholarship, one of two awarded yearly by the SAE chapter at Auburn University to graduates continuing in higher education. An additional honor was his election to the Louisiana State Medical Society's Board of Governors, with the distinction of being the first medical student to have been elected to that Board of practicing physicians. The son of **Jerry and Sherry McWilliams**, 325 Indian Trail, Sean is married to the former **Laynee Mitchell** of Mountain Brook, who is an artist. This summer he is doing extern work in otolaryngology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and at Vanderbilt University, Nashville.

Congratulations to **Hayley Allison Smith**, daughter of **Bill and Carolyn Smith** of 60 Wildwood Lane, who graduated May 9 from the University of Montevallo with a bachelor of science degree in elementary/early childhood education. Hayley will seek a career in the teaching field.

Congratulations to **Michael Luster**, son of **Ron and Sandy Luster** of Indian Trail, in receiving his master's degree with a 4.0 grade point average in social work from the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, this summer. He is employed with Children's Hospital as a liaison Tri-County Mental Health Authority.

Accolades to **Ron Luster, Jr.** who received his bachelor of science degree in management information systems from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Ron, who is employed at Birmingham Excavating Company as the MIS manager, is also the son of **Ron and Sandy Luster**.

Also to be congratulated is **Karen Luster Eddins**, who received her master's degree in business administration from Middle Tennessee State University in Nashville this summer. Karen is employed with Hospital Corporation of America in Nashville and is the daughter of **Ron and Sandy Luster**.

Welcome Newcomers

The Village now has a full-fledged celebrity within its midst! We are proud to welcome **Rick and Sherri Burgess**, who are new residents in the Indian Crest area. We can't reveal the exact address where the Burgess family resides, as Rick is half of the popular, number-one-rated morning radio show team of *Rick and Bubba* (billed as "the two sexiest fat men alive") on The New Q-103.7 FM. The show airs between 6 and 10 a.m. Monday through Friday, with Rick often mentioning "the Village" during broadcasts. If you would like to catch a glimpse of the infamous Rick, you can catch him on his web page www.rickandbubba.com or just hang out down at the ISV Winn-Dixie, which Rick proudly boasts that he visits frequently. The Burgess family comes to the Village from the Gadsden area. Sherri is employed at WBRC Fox 6. Rick and Sherri have two children, **Brandy**, 8, and **Blake**, 7, who is quite a good baseball player. Rick and Sherri are expecting another blessed event around February! New house, new baby, they always say. Congratulations and welcome to ISV!

New Arrival

The population on Brookgreen Lane is exploding! **Jack (Scooter) and Beverly Barry** are now the proud parents of a bouncing baby girl. **Sara Elizabeth** was born on June 9th at Brookwood Hospital, weighing 6 pounds and 19 inches long. Sara has a brother, Jackson, 2. Proud grandparents are Jack and Bootsie Barry, also of Brookgreen Lane.

Town Council Highlights

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, June 16, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with Council members Herb Robins, Art Johnson and Stewart Dudley present.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$879.98; building permits, \$857; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$715.95; commercial vehicle license, \$212.43; and road funds, \$803. The balance in the general fund was \$82,865 with the road fund balance being \$73,382. Approximately \$5,100 was spent from the capital expenditures (offshore oil revenues) account for the walking track. Driver's Mart made a donation to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund of \$200 as thanks for the use of the pavilion for a company picnic arranged by employee and ISV citizen Rusty Schenk.

A petition for the annexation of the several properties contiguous to ISV's boundaries was presented by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt. Property owners who were petitioning to join the town were: Danon and Elizabeth Massey, 49 Red Stick Road; James and Nancy McClendon, 147 Red Stick Road; and Daniel and Sharon Smart, 185 Red Stick Road. The council voted unanimously to suspend the rules to allow for a vote, with the council voting unanimously to accept the annexations.

Heritage Deadline Is Extended

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The deadline for submitting family and topical stories for *The Heritage of Shelby County, Alabama* has been extended to July 31, John Walker, chairman of the project, has announced. He stressed that **all** residents, former residents, and those with roots in Shelby County may submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be published free in this unique book, Volume 58 in the Heritage series of each Alabama county. If your ancestors were in the county previous to 1890, you may submit a 1,000 word article with two photographs.

What to write about? To help you get started, below are guidelines published in a brochure by the Book Committee:

-Write about your ancestors: why and when they came to Shelby County; give birth, marriage, and death dates.

-Write about yourself and your family; childhood, school days and other events; jobs, residences, hobbies, and pastimes.

-Write about anything you can tell future generations of their ancestry.

No genealogical charts or tabular material can be used, and articles cannot harm or embarrass another individual.

Your article must be double-spaced typed or word processed on bond paper. The word count and sources of information (examples: census or military records, or family documents), along with your name and address must be given at the end of the article. If you just can't trim your article to the required 500, or 1,000 words in the case of a pioneer, you may pay for the additional words at 10 cents per word.

Regarding photographs, the committee will accept 35 mm color, black & white, and studio quality prints, but no Photostats, poor quality laser, or faded Polaroid prints. Print size may be up to 8" x 10", but all will be reduced to 2 1/2" x 1 3/4" unless you pay \$12.50 for the published picture to be full-column width. To identify your photo, on the back place a return address label with your telephone number included, or print information on the photo back in felt tip pen. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your photo's return.

Topical articles basically may concern the histories of businesses, schools, or churches, important happenings or special events in the county. The maximum wordage for topical articles is 250 and one picture, unless the church, club, or organization was established prior to 1890. In that case, 500 words and two pictures may be submitted. Articles and pictures are to be mailed to the Shelby County Heritage Book Committee, P. O., Box 515, Columbia, AL 35051. Questions may be answered by Ruby Payne, Family Chair (669-6075) or by John Walker, Committee Chair (822-0591).

Aluminum Recycling Is July 22

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Aluminum can collection is Wednesday, July 22 at 7:00 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 the bags on your driveway (opposite house-hold trash). If we missed your pickup, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

In May and June Indian Springs recyclers recycled 660 pounds of aluminum. This brought the six-months total to 1940 pounds, ten pounds per month short of 2000 pounds. Last month, your ISV recycling volunteers were Margie and Herb Robins, Bill and Patti and Ashley Weems, Jeremy Gaskins, Rebecca Gaskins, Jackie and Art Johnson.

Thank you again for recycling. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and entrances to Homestead.

Volunteers Needed

The recycling program has grown steadily over the past six years and continues to grow. The ISV recycling program is a volunteer community project, and new volunteers are desperately needed to meet current and future needs. Volunteers are needed for approximately one hour per month on the Wednesday following the Indian Springs Town Council meeting. We also need standby volunteers to fill in for regular volunteers. Recycling teams work in pairs, one driver and one person to pick up the cans and place them in the bed of the pickup or trailer. Volunteers with a pickup or trailer are especially needed. To volunteer, please call Art Johnson at 988-3217.

Aluminum Facts

The first all-aluminum beverage can appeared on grocery shelves in 1963. The act of recycling used cans soon followed in 1968. One million pounds of aluminum cans were recovered that year, an amount that is melted in about four hours today. Tossing away a 12-ounce aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out six ounces of gasoline.

ISV Walking Track Info

By Olivia Weingarten

The ISV walking track behind the town hall was designed, engineered, and constructed by Indian Springs Village citizens for use by ISV citizens. Four complete laps around the track equal one mile. About one-fourth of the track is in the shade, which helps in 100 degree weather. This was a high priority for the community and much effort was put into its development. Let's put it to good use. See you there at 7:30 a.m.!

Ballet Workshop July 18-25

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Alabama Ballet Company will be "in residence" at Gorham's Bluff, Pisgah, AL, for a week in July, providing performances, master classes, and workshops for children at least eight years of age.

All events will be held at the Ballet Tent at Gorham's Bluff on the Tennessee River, a two-hour's drive from Birmingham. Classes and workshops under Director Wes Chapman will culminate in a gala performance and bluffside gourmet picnic at 8:00 p.m., Friday, July 24. For reservations or information call the Alabama Ballet office, 252-2475.

Many area residents, Amy Sandusky of Wildwood Lane among them, lend support to the Alabama Ballet Company and have participated in past programs sponsored by this organization.

Library Ground-Breaking; Book Sale

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Ground was broken Wednesday, June 17, for the new North Shelby Library on Highway 119 near the Oak Mountain schools. Library Director Nancy Sims Donahoo expects the land will be cleared in the next few weeks for the 26,260 square foot facility, expected to open June 1, 1999.

Among those attending were members of the Board of Trustees with Ann Tharpe of Shoal Creek, president, presiding at the ceremony. Rep. Mike Hill, Commissioners Don Armstrong, Larry Dillard, and Lindsey Allison were present, as were members of the Friends of the Library Board, Town Councilman Art Johnson, Bee Little, and Ruth Goodwyn, along with Olivia Weingarten, who is serving on the library's Campaign Fund Committee and also represented our mayor.

On Saturday, July 25, many interesting books will be available at bargain prices at a used book sale. Hours of the sale are 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the conference room of the library, located at 7030 Meadowlark Drive off Highway 280 South, behind Wal-Mart.

ISV Seniors Group

By Olivia Weingarten

The ISV Seniors welcomed new neighbor, Pat Favorite, to their June luncheon. Pat and her husband, Russ, reside at 1655 Indian Crest Drive, formerly the home of Andy and Wanda Carter. Also joining the group was Mayor Gene Weingarten and grandson, Grant. The seniors will meet for lunch again on the fourth Thursday, July 23. Due to the heat, the meeting will be held inside the town hall. Make plans to bring your most delicious dish, and a neighbor!