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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 17, 1998, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

### Agenda

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

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### Editor's Notes

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL, established October 16, 1990. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It is the vehicle for reporting the monthly deliberations of the mayor and the council in town council meetings; additionally it provides these officials and other villagers a means of communicating--it is a "voice." Expenses are covered by the efforts and donations of ISV volunteers. Deliveries are made at no charge by volunteer couriers.

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## Summit Foundation to Assist in Heardmont Fundraising

The Summit Foundation of Shelby County has added 18 new members to its Board of Directors and Advisory Board in preparation for leading the capital campaign to fund construction of The Heardmont Farm Park. In addition, the foundation has named Bill Sparks as president. Mr. Sparks retired recently as Superintendent of Shelby County Schools and was pleased to be able to continue to serve the children and families of Shelby County.

The foundation has been busy preparing proposals to private foundations for fall funding cycles and is launching the leadership gifts phase of the capital campaign soon. The foundation is proud to announce an early leadership gift from the Shelby County Community Health Foundation to help fund construction of a senior community center at the park. The gift comes just a few days after an anonymous Shelby County donor pledged another lead gift for the senior community center.

The center will be housed in an existing renovated barn with 7,000 square feet of recreational, exercise, and meeting space. Senior citizens will enjoy priority hours from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the week and will have dedicated space to make themselves at home. The senior community center is not the only component to get attention from major potential funders. The Summit Foundation hosted a site visit by Jon Strickland of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, who was pleased with the aesthetically designed system of walking trails and open spaces. Mr. Strickland will provide technical expertise to park planners on the one-mile trail system. In addition, the park may be eligible for funding through The National Recreational Trails Fund that Mr. Strickland administers.

Construction of the site continues with blasting complete for several playing fields. In fact, one baseball field has already been the site of youth games. Three more baseball and three soccer fields on the back side have been brought to grade. In all, the park will be home to three regulation-size soccer fields, six baseball fields and tennis courts. The site will also include age-appropriate playgrounds. In other words, Heardmont will serve everyone from the "sand box to our senior citizens."

The Summit Foundation of Shelby County, in partnership with the Shelby County Commission, the Shelby County Board of Education, area athletic boosters, and concerned citizens is conducting a capital campaign to fund construction of the 74-acre family recreational park, including athletic fields, the Oak Mountain High School sports complex, and a senior community center on the Heardmont Farm site on Highway 119. This is truly a public-private partnership. The park will become a crucial resource--a gathering place--in Shelby County for young children, families, senior citizens and sports teams, giving residents a new sense of community.

# Looking Back: This Old House

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Indian Springs Village prepares to begin its fourth year operating from the town hall at 2635 Cahaba Valley Road, a renovated 100-year-old farmhouse. A Christmas Open House held on Sunday afternoon, December 17, 1995, officially opened the town hall, after months of carpentry, rewiring, refurbishing, painting, ridding the grounds of several small structures, trimming trees, and decorating for the big celebration. All of this was done under the supervision and coordination of Councilwoman Patricia Crapet.

The house had been purchased in February 1995 from Casey McClellan of Leeds, who offered his family home for purchase so that the house and grounds might be preserved. The purchase price of the total package was \$100,000., payable with a down payment and five yearly interest-free installments.

Casey McClellan sets the building date of the house as between 1898-1902. It was built by his grandfather, Jim McGuire, who had married Carrie Walker, both from the North Shelby County area. Mr. McGuire basically built the house by himself. At that time he owned 38 acres and farmed, growing predominantly crops of cotton, corn, and sugar cane, which was made into sorghum molasses at the syrup mill on the farm. Next door lived his brother, Tom McGuire, who was bordered on the east by another brother, Bill McGuire. Among them the three brothers farmed over 100 acres.

Three children were born to Jim and Carrie McGuire, all in the home he had constructed. Dudley, called "Dud," was born in 1904. He and his first wife, Lorene, had a stillborn daughter and a son, Dudley, Jr., who lives on Cahaba Valley Road. Almost at retirement age Dudley married a second time to Hazel Gerald McGuire from Eclectic, AL, who lived at 248 Valley View Road at the time of her death in an auto accident in September 1997. The accident took the lives of five other Villagers ranging in ages from 69-87 and injured three others.

A second death from the same auto accident was that of Hazel Gerald McGuire's sister-in-law, Flora McGuire Cox, born in 1909 and the second child of Jim and Carrie McGuire. "Aunt Pet," as she was affectionately known to the family, lived on McGuire Road at the time of the accident involving the "Golden Girls," a group of friends from this area who often traveled together. Flora McGuire Cox is survived by a son, Gene, who lives in Gardendale.

Ruby McGuire McClellan, the third child born in 1913 to Jim and Carrie McGuire, lived in the McClellan house her entire life. In the 1920's she married T. J. McClellan, a

brother to Ida May McClellan Bishop, who lives on Bishop Lane. By the time Ruby was 38 and T.J. was 40, they had given up on having children of their own. Then a son, Casey, was born. The couple had stayed in her childhood home to take care of her father, her mother having died when Ruby was in her teens. Her father died in 1961.

Susan McClellan, wife of Casey, has said that the entire McGuire family was remarkable for their vigor and enthusiasm and for continuing working when "up in the years," many of them at Indian Springs School. Dudley, the firstborn, was for many years a keeper of campus grounds and in charge of maintenance at the school. His death, when he was in his 70's, resulted from an auto accident. His sister Ruby worked in the kitchen of the school, as did Ida Bishop and others from this area. Susan McClellan worked as an assistant to librarian Sybil Baird Deering before the birth of Angie, now 23 and in nursing school at Jefferson State Junior College. Daughter Erin is a ninth grader at Moody High School, St. Clair County. Casey is a designer for Raytheon Engineers & Constructors, Inc. on Highway 280 S. Casey and Susan have lived most of their married life in Leeds, her hometown.

Casey's mother, Ruby, died at age 79 in 1992. All of the 38 acres had been sold except the 3.3 acres on which the family home was situated.

As to what happened to the original 100 acres owned by the three brothers? Back in the 1950's Tom, who owned the middle acreage, decided to sell and moved to Ragland, AL, where he bought another farm. Bill lived on his land until he died in the 1970's. His daughter, Ruth McGuire Allen, who now lives in Florida and has remarried, sold the land to Dr. Robert Slaughter, except for a small parcel of land fronting 119 on which a small house sits, now rented.

Councilwoman Crapet, who spent the better part of 1995 on the renovation, has said that of all the projects during ISV's first eight years, she was most proud of the purchase and renovation of the McClellan House. "The possibility of losing this town landmark to make way for newer construction was unthinkable," she said. "The transformation from old house to town hall was anything but smooth, especially considering the mixture of renovation and restoration involved. With the help of many Villagers and non-Villagers alike, who tackled the project with great enthusiasm, the town hall was, and continues to be, a resounding success. The town hall is a wonderfully unique facility and a great community resource for our small town and its citizens."

While no celebration on the scale of the 1995 Open House has since been held, after every December town council meeting Villagers have remained to enjoy refreshments provided by volunteers, the Christmas decorations, and the camaraderie of friends.

## Creek Culture Is Reviewed

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The lifestyle and culture of the Creek Indians of Alabama was the topic at the Shelby County Historical Society meeting November 1 at the Museum & Archives Building, Columbiana. Dr. Tom O. Caldwell, Secretary, has reported.

J. B. "Butch" Fuller, a native Alabamian of Creek descent, displayed native costumes, ornaments, and multiple items from the early days of the Creeks, showing how they lived. Dispelling the misconception of the "dirty Indian," the speaker related how part of their culture was to take a bath every day. Even an infant born one day received a bath the next. An early rifle, flintstones, a demonstration on how to start a fire, baskets, and coffee beans all helped to show the Creek lifestyle and culture. Surprisingly, tea was the Creeks' favorite drink and was made from "cakes" of tea. A red wooden stick usually carried by early warriors helped designate them as warriors and earned them the name, "redsticks."

Mr. Fuller is a noted speaker and author and has taken a leading role in the Native American Festival held each year at Mound State Monument. He is also featured at the Tennessee State Fair each year in Nashville.

## Old Vision Now Realized

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"Now we have a wonderful facility to showcase these talents," began Douglas Jennings, Headmaster of Indian Springs School at the opening celebration of the Town Hall at Indian Springs School on October 25. In his welcoming remarks Mr. Jennings recalled the vision of the school's first headmaster, Dr. Louis Armstrong, which has come true after 48 years.

On a beautiful Sunday afternoon, the nationally-known Indian Springs School Concert Choir delighted the capacity crowd in the concert hall with their first performance in the new facility. Dr. Timothy Thomas is the choir director; pianist is Alina Voicu, a new faculty member. Solo performances were included and members of the cast for the fall theater production gave a preview of *You Can't Take It With You* to be performed November 12, 13, and 14 at 8:00 p.m. Refreshments were served in the student lounge, and Indian Springs students conducted tours of the new building.

## OMES to Hold Holiday Market

The third annual Holiday Market will be Thursday, November 19th from 5:00 until 8:30 p.m. at Oak Mountain Elementary School. If you have a hobby, home business, etc., and want to exhibit, call Tori Andrich, 408-9511, or Kay Mundy, 408-4246 for details and booth reservations. Dinner and entertainment will be available.

## ISV Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

Don't forget the annual show will be held on Saturday, December 5th at the ISV Town Hall. Several vendors have already signed up to sell their beautiful holiday treasures. For more information, see flyer enclosed. Please attend and help make this event a success!

## Town Council Highlights

October 20, 1998

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion was the site for the Eighth Annual Founders' Day celebration which was held on Tuesday, October 20, 1998 beginning at 6:00 p.m. After a wonderful meal of hamburgers, hot dogs and home-made desserts, Villagers remained for the council meeting. All council members, Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Gary Dennis, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley, were present, with Mayor Gene Weingarten presiding.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$787; building permits, \$295; vehicle licenses, \$349; and road fund, \$770. The balance in the general fund was \$84,988, with the road fund balance being \$77,411. Senator Bill Armistead surprised the Village with a check for \$1,000. from discretionary funds. The funds will go toward construction of a planter to go around the flag pole.

After discussion on a request from Indian Springs School for donations toward their Town Hall project, the council voted unanimously to return \$5,000. to the school from the funds collected when the school purchased a building permit.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt presented petitions for annexation of contiguous properties by owners James and Wendy Gilmore, 936 Copena Drive, and Jon Derrick and Nancy Hopkins, 939 Copena Drive. The council unanimously suspended the rules to allow for a vote on the petitions, adopted unanimously.

A big thanks goes to the Villagers who brought desserts to share with their neighbors and to the Potthole Crew--Paul Stephens, Bart Trammell, Jim Boyett--for their usual cooking-out skills!

## NS Library's New Technologies

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The site for the new North Shelby Library is being prepared for construction to begin on the building, with a projected completion date of Summer 1999. As has been the case in its ten-year history, the Library continues to include new technologies to provide patrons with instruction and access to an extraordinary amount of information, research, and entertainment.

Internet access, word processing, Powerpoint and office programs are all available. Encyclopedias and atlases include the latest *Encarta* encyclopedia on CD-ROM, the detailed world atlas, the 1998 edition of *Encarta Virtual Globe*, and Microsoft's *Expedia Trip Planner 98* and *Expedia Streets* to help you pinpoint routes, calculate mileage, view travel guides containing regional articles and national park information.

Several general interest magazine, periodical and newspaper indexes are available on CD-ROM, which you may search by topic, keyword, or title. Some of them include full text articles from the various databases. Medical and health indexes are also available. The *Encarta Research Organizer* helps students keep organized while they complete term papers and research projects.

# ISV Recycling Is November 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place # 4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, November 18. Please place your bagged aluminum cans on your driveway before 7:00 p.m. To help us identify your recycling, please use white, blue recycling, or clear plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot and placed on the other side of your driveway from your trash. Recycled plastic grocery bags are also excellent for the smaller contributions. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead. In October, your ISV recycling volunteers, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon and Bob Durbin, Bill, Patti and Ashley Weems, Jackie and Art Johnson, collected cans. New recycling volunteers are still needed, so please call Art Johnson at 988-3217 if you can help.

## \*\*\* Public Notice \*\*\*

Representative Mike Hill has called a meeting for a public hearing regarding fire districts in Shelby County to be held Thursday, November 19, 1998. The hearing starts at 1:00 p.m. at the Shelby County Services Building, 1000 County Services Drive, Pelham. The meeting will be in the community room on the first floor. All villagers are urged to attend.

## ISV Children's Fund

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

Once again, the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund will be used to purchase food, clothing, and toys for needy children who attend Oak Mountain Schools. This is the sixth season for the fund which has been a huge success thanks to villagers.

Imagine a child awakening on Christmas morning to find absolutely nothing from Santa. Surprisingly enough, this occurs all too often. And not just in other cities or areas, but here in North Shelby County. Bad circumstances can befall anyone at anytime. The counselors at Oak Mountain Schools have supplied ISV with the names and needs of children for the past six years, and will continue to do so this year. With their help, and most importantly yours, these families will have a joyous and happy holiday.

**Remember, 100% of your donations go toward this very needed project,** with unpaid volunteers doing the tedious shopping. If you are interested in assisting in this project in any way, please call my voice mail 802-2753. Send your donations to The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund, c/o Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, Alabama 35124. Thank you in advance from the children and their families.

## Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet, Ruth Goodwyn, and Bonnie Murphy

### Welcome New Baby Villagers

Tom and Jenny Maxwell of 1370 Indian Crest Drive are the proud grandparents of Mason Garrett Cole, born Friday, July 3, at University Hospital, UAB. Born to Christi and Jeremy Cole of Morris, AL, he weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 22" long. He was welcomed home by his sister Alissa and his brother Chase. Other grandparents are Jim Chalmers of Morris and Jim-Bob and Pat Cole, also of Morris.

Congratulations to Fred and Julie Sijgers of Homestead on the birth of their first child, a daughter, Allison Maria, born on Saturday, October 17th at Brookwood Hospital. Allison weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

### Welcome New Neighbors

Homestead welcomes new neighbors Alison Stigers and her father, Arly Stigers, to 5110 Split Rail Trail. The Stigers moved to ISV from Trussville. Alison is employed with Vineyard Brands, makers of fine wines from around the world.

A warm welcome to new villagers Barnie and Carla Beasley, who now reside at 109 Old Post Road. The Beasleys, who come to ISV from Sylvania, Georgia, have two children, Brian and Heather, both of whom are in college. Barnie is employed with Southern Nuclear as Vice-President in charge of the Vogtle Project. Carla, formerly a business owner, is currently enjoying their new home and the peaceful and quiet village atmosphere.

### Accolades

Many thanks to Jenny Maxwell for kind words concerning *The Village Voice* and for a generous donation. Publication of the newsletter is possible because of the work of the aluminum can recyclers, those who make the monthly rounds to pick up and deliver the cans to the recycling center, and those who make donations. To all we are very grateful.

A grateful thanks goes to Guy and Judy Dill, 125 Star Trek Drive, for their generous donation to cover expenses of purchasing additional gravel for the walking track. The track has now settled and some additional limestone was needed to fill in some gaps. Thanks for having community spirit!

### Congratulations

Gloria Lester of Homestead has been chosen the Shelby County Volunteer of the Year by the Literacy Council of Central Alabama. Gloria made a career of teaching and upon retirement found that the desire to teach was still there. She began volunteering at Central Alabama Community College's Adult Education Program in Pelham where she has handled her volunteer efforts with extreme dedication and has been an enormous help to her students. Thanks, Gloria, for making a difference in the lives of others.

### Local Guy Goes National

ISV resident and morning radio dee-jay extraordinaire Rick Burgess has just returned from Chicago where he and partner Bill "Bubba" Bussey have been guests on *The Jenny Jones Show*. Rick and Bubba, as they are known on their station WQEN, (103.7) were voted the most popular morning radio personalities on a poll held on Jenny Jones internet site. The twosome were part of a small segment featuring three other morning radio groups from Philadelphia, Tampa, and Little Rock. The show will air on November 24th on WABM Channel 68. (Check your cable company for the cable channel number.) As if this were not enough, the producers of *The Jenny Jones Show* liked Rick and Bubba so much that they have invited them to come back on Friday, November 13, for another taping where they will be judges in a talent show, supposedly resembling a "gong-show" type of format. According to the producers of the program, Rick and Bubba will be a part of the show for an entire hour on that day. Good luck and break a leg, guys!