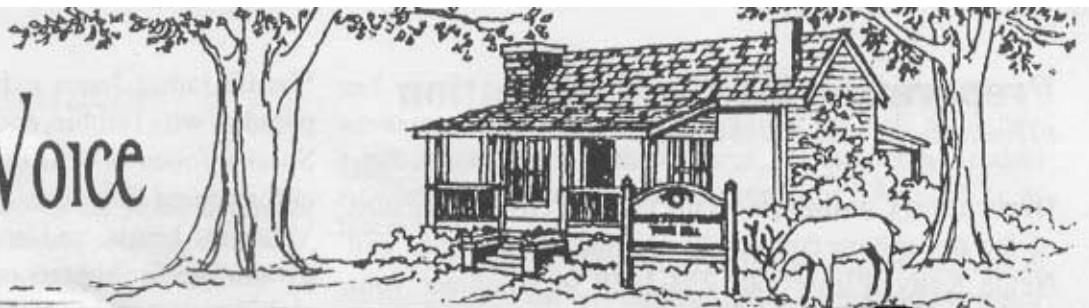


# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 2, 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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ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support  
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery  
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing  
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production

## TWELFTH ANNUAL INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FOURTH of JULY CELEBRATION

# Thursday, July 4, 2002



### Celebrate America Like Never Before!

Display the Flag in Front of Your Home

Decorated Vehicles Parade Through the Village at 10:30 a.m.

**Picnic Location:** Indian Springs Village Picnic Pavilion  
2635 Cahaba Valley Road

**Independence Day Ceremony:** Honoring our Law Enforcement Officers and Fire and Emergency Medical Personnel. 11:30 a.m.

**Barbecue Lunch:** Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

**Barbecue plates for adults and for children.** Plates will include chopped barbecue pork, barbecued ribs or chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks, and homemade desserts. Combination plates are available with chicken and your choice of ONE of the pork selections. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks available for younger children.

Donations to the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund will be accepted.

**Prize for the "BEST HOME-MADE DESSERT"**

**Music:** Provided by disc jockey Ray Halvorson, who will be playing a mixture of patriotic and popular music.

# Preparation for the Celebration

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

**Decoration Committee:** This year the co-chairpersons of the decoration committee are once again Buzz and Nelda Kelly. Please call 733-1258 to volunteer your ideas, time, and materials for this very important committee. The decorating will begin the morning of the 4th, starting at 7:00 a.m. There is so much work to be done, including blowing up balloons with helium, dressing tables with festive patriotic decorations and colors, and putting up the red, white, and blue bunting on the pavilion and house. Any and all help is needed and is greatly appreciated!

**Food and Serving Committee:** The duties of serving the hungry masses belong once again to Councilman Herb Robins (980-9217) and wife, Margie. Please call them to donate one hour of your time for one of the serving lines or to help with ticket sales. The two shifts will be from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. This is THE committee to serve on if you want to be able to see old friends and neighbors and meet new ones!

**Barbecue Committee:** Barbecue chefs are now, and have always been, Town Clerk Paul Stephens (988-4672) and Bart Trammell (988-0094). Please call either one to volunteer for this committee. Their gourmet secret sauces are the best there is! So far, no one has been able to coax the secret recipes out of these members of the Pothole Crew. This year probably will not be any different. But, if you don't volunteer, you'll never know!

**Desserts:** The crowd-pleasing favorite committee of most attendees of this yearly event is always chaired by famous cake and cookie baker, Nora Boyett. Be among those who bring their best home-baked recipes to share with friends and neighbors. ***This year, there will be special recognition for the "Best Home-Made Dessert"***. Be the first to win what will most likely become one of ISV's most coveted awards! Cookies, cakes, brownies, cobblers, and many other tasty offerings will be supplied in record amounts. Nothing that requires refrigeration, please, unless you bring your own cooler. The hot weather can make a mess of a cool masterpiece in no time! Please call Nora at 988-0466 to volunteer your culinary skills.

**Drive Through the Village:** Parade Chairperson is Tricia Crapet (985-9205) Participants are asked to assemble their decorated vehicles on the east side of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace parking lot on Valleydale Road at 10:00a.m.

Sheriff James Jones, who has missed only one of our parades, wife Debbie, and son, Buck, will lead the parade. Sheriff Jones is retiring from public service and law enforcement this year, but will always have a place in Villagers' hearts, and in our annual ISV Fourth of July event! The firefighters of the North Shelby County Fire and Emergency Medical District will bring up the rear with sirens blaring! The parade is an ISV tradition. If you have never participated, this should be the best year ever!

**Parade Route:** The parade will begin at the Winn-Dixie parking lot and head south down Caldwell Mill Road, passing Willowbrook and the Oak Mountain Intermediate and High Schools, turning right onto Highway 119, then right onto Valley View Road, left of Indian Crest Drive. The vehicles will circle Wildwood Lane and Highgate Hill, return to Indian Crest, hitting Arrowhead Lane, to Highway 119, where it turns right. Next left will be Mountain Vista, left on Brookgreen Lane, left on Indian Trail, right onto Highway 119 for the last leg to the town hall grounds. Watch the fun from your own front yard, street corner, or come on down to the town hall and wait for the big arrival.

**Parking Committee:** Volunteers are needed to assist in the parking at the town hall. Please call Brian Stauss (987-9997) to volunteer. Parking will be on-site in designated areas only. **Do not park on side streets.** This is disturbing to neighbors, and since there is plenty of room at the town hall it is not necessary to park elsewhere.

**Location:** The celebration will be held on the grounds of the Indian Springs Village Town Hall at the picnic pavilion, 2635 Cahaba Valley Road. Visitors and guests should conduct themselves appropriately. No alcoholic beverages are allowed on municipal property.

**Post Event Clean-Up:** As with all things ISV, clean-up is a volunteer activity. After all the food is gone and the socializing is over, there is still much work to do. Trash must be bagged and decorations carefully removed, so please hang around to help with these chores. It's no different than clearing the table at your own home after a meal. Somebody has to do it! Besides, it's a great way to burn off those unwanted calories from the dessert table!

**This is ISV's largest event. Without volunteers, this and all other events would not be possible. Please pick a committee that interests you and call to offer your much-needed services. Thank you, and see you there!**

## ***A Message From the Mayor***

*By Gene Weingarten*

*The following article comes to us from a fellow resident. Our future is dependent on the youth of America. It is quite an honor to be a participant in the People to People Ambassador Program, and we congratulate Sarah on her appointment. We know that she will represent the USA well and carry the message of the greatness of America.*

Hi! My name is Sarah Kloewer. Thank you, Mayor Weingarten, for allowing me this forum to share with my fellow residents of Indian Springs! I am among a delegation of high school students selected by the People to People Student Ambassador Program to visit Australia and New Zealand this summer. In this most prestigious role, I will have the honor of representing my country and my hometown to the people of Australia and New Zealand.

As Student Ambassadors my delegation will spend three weeks learning about the government, economy and culture of Australia and New Zealand through activities such as briefing at embassies and ministries, discussions with industry and trade officials, site visits to the headquarters of international organizations, and meetings with youth clubs. We will receive an overview of the cultural heritage of each country during visits to major historical sites and performances of ethnic music and dance. We will travel to Bundaberg, Moreton Island, Coffs Harbour, and Sydney, Australia and to Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington, Christchurch, and Methven, New Zealand.

As part of our experience we will have home visits with host families. Host families include their American guests in everyday activities, enabling the Student Ambassadors to gain a firsthand understanding of the way people live and work in other cultures.

My fellow Student Ambassadors and I were selected on the basis of recommendations, school references and personal interviews with members of a screening committee. Since being accepted into the program, I have been responsible for preparing for the project by attending orientation meetings in our area and studying background material on the countries and organizations we will visit.

The Student Ambassador Program is operated under the auspices of People to People International, a nonpolitical, private-sector organization founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to further international goodwill and understanding. An international network of People to People chapters in nearly 60 American cities and 35 countries assist program administrators in arranging home-stays and educational activities.

Young Americans have served as Student Ambassadors since 1963. As a result, many former Student Ambassadors have been inspired to pursue international careers in business, law, government service, and teaching. Alumni of the program have reported their overseas experience and the maturity

and world awareness they gained provide a competitive advantage for university acceptance as well as a new appreciation for life in America. Outstanding Student Ambassadors are also eligible to apply for future service as interns.

Even though, at 15, I am one of the youngest students in my delegation, I am very much aware of the magnificent honor bestowed on me by being selected for this trip. One of the many requirements for my eligibility is that I compile a picture album so I can share my life with the people of Australia and New Zealand. I will be very proud to say I live in Indian Springs Village and will welcome the opportunity to share the values, customs, precepts and principles we hold dear to our hearts.

Would you like to help me with this trip? My greatest need is your prayers! We will leave June 8 and return June 30, and, during this time, I will covet your prayers for me and the other Student Ambassadors and our Delegation Leaders as we go on this mighty adventure!

### **Notice: All ISV Citizens**

*By Gene Weingarten*

**The census just completed reported the number of residents in ISV as 2,225. Yes, we are over the 2,000 mark. Under the laws of the State of Alabama, the rules have changed. We now must have two city council meetings a month. Beginning in July we will meet on the first and the third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m., ISV Town Hall.**

### **Aluminum Recycling - June 19**

*By Art Johnson, Town Council Place No. 4*

The next aluminum recycling will be Wednesday evening, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use white, blue, or clear plastic bags with the tops tied with a knot. Place your recycling on the other side of your driveway from your Waste Management pickup. Watch for ISV recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

In May your recycling team volunteers were Trudy and Paul Scokel, Margie and Herb Robins, Sharon Durbin, Jackie Johnson, Bryan Bidy and Art Johnson.

Please join your neighbors and get into the recycling habit. When you collect aluminum cans, foil or aluminum pie tins for recycling, you not only help the environment, you also help support *The Village Voice*, as proceeds from recycling help pay publishing costs.

If your family is not currently recycling, please join the growing number of Villagers who recycle. For more information on recycling, or if you would like to volunteer for the recycling team, please call 988-3217.

# Town Council Highlights

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, May 21, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Herb Robins, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Stewart Dudley present. Minutes of the previous two meetings were adopted as written.

Town Clerk Paul Stephens reported revenues for the month were: beer taxes, \$914; business licenses, \$75; vehicle licenses, \$383; building permits, \$2,895; Charter Cable quarterly payment of license fees, \$3,916; and road funds, \$996. The balance in the general fund was \$84,428. The balance in the road fund after a payment of \$19,771.50 for resurfacing of Highgate Hill and Choctaw Lane was \$54,930.

Committee reports were as follows: Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the cancellation of the Easter Egg Hunt due to rain was unfortunate, but that the prize-filled eggs were being stored in a climate-controlled area and would be ready for next year's event. Councilman Art Johnson reported that the recycling crew was in need of volunteers to fill in when regular volunteers take summer vacations.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that the Highway 119 turn lane project had been temporarily delayed. All survey work and plans are complete and have been submitted to the Alabama State Department of Transportation. The DOT is reviewing whether or not the project should fall under the submitted use of "intersection improvement," or the more stringent category of "roadway expansion." The guidelines for right-of-way acquisition are different for each category, with roadway expansion requiring more right-of-way and sometimes the moving of utilities.

Councilman Robins also reported that the Valleydale Road three-laning contract has been let and utilities are being moved. The Southlake to Caldwell Mill Road section will take approximately 180 working days to complete once it is started. Councilman Robins also reported that the sprinkler system at the town hall had been rerouted due to the construction of the wheelchair access ramp.

Mayor Weingarten reported that the official town census has put our population over the limit for our once-per-month meetings. Section 11-40-6 of the State of Alabama Code requires municipalities of over 2,000 residents to have regularly scheduled council meetings twice

per month. The implementation of a second meeting per month will begin in July.

A group of citizens concerned about the illegal burning, dumping, and burying of possibly toxic items within town limits asked the council to investigate recent incidents witnessed by several citizens. Councilpersons Art Johnson and Herb Robins will check on the matter and refer it to the proper authorities at the Alabama Department of Environment Management.

Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the Indian Springs Village Zoning and Planning Commission presented the council with a plot plan of a change in boundaries for vacant property on Valleydale Road adjacent to the storage facility and on the west side of the new brick office building next to Compass Bank. The boundary change, which was approved by the ISV Zoning and Planning Commission at their May 14th meeting, does not change any of the commercial property's available uses, just the lot line.

## Garden Club to Visit Vineyards

By Marge Dunn/Del Levesque

Members of the Indian Springs Garden Club enjoyed a visit May 18 to Rudy Allarde's Railroad Garden at the Allarde home on Cahaba Valley Road. It was so nice to be so graciously welcomed to his creative ingenuity.

Our May meeting consisted of a plant exchange held at the town hall pavilion. Members of the Heatherwood Garden Club joined us with some unusual plants to share. On June 1 some members went to St. Clair County for a plant dig. Interested persons may contact Mary Bowman at 988-0086 for information on future digs.

The town hall "living quilt" (patches of gardens tended by Garden Club members) is progressing nicely with the help of the upgraded sprinkler system. Members worked in the early cool hours of the morning on Monday, June 3. They planted two butterfly bushes, one crepe myrtle, two oakleaf hydrangeas and one bottle bush buckeye.

On June 19 the public is invited to attend the fern sale at the Birmingham Botanical Gardens from 1:00 - 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 there will be a free lecture by Barbara Jo Hoshizaki, president of the American Fern Society.

On June 27 members are invited to meet at the town hall at 8:30 to depart on time to do some blueberry picking at Morgan Vineyards in Harpersville. Following this there will be a tour of the vineyards and the wine processing plant. Please bring a picnic lunch to enjoy. As you can see, we are having a wonderful time, so please come and GROW WITH US! Any questions, please call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029.

## VILLAGER PROFILE:

### *Rep. Mary Sue McClurkin (R)*

*By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor*

"The Lord has taken good care of me," said Indian Springs Villager Mary Sue McClurkin concerning her battle with cancer.

Although she had received a clean bill of health after a mammogram in February, through self-examination she discovered a lump in her breast April 1. She had a single modified radical mastectomy and removal of some cancerous lymph nodes on May 6. More treatment is to follow: various types of chemotherapy for cancer in the lymph nodes. For six months she will go to Shelby Baptist Medical Center at Alabaster for treatment once every three weeks; after that she will take the medication orally for six months.

Mary Sue does not anticipate that the treatment will interfere in any way with her duties as state representative for Shelby County nor the many boards on which she serves, nor her activities as wife and mother of three. Instead, she has taken on another job--that of advocate of self-examination by women to detect breast cancer, since her own self-detection may have saved her life. She urges all women (and men) to visit the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation website at [Komen.org](http://Komen.org) and at [BreastCancerinfo.com](http://BreastCancerinfo.com) for information.

Mary Sue and her husband, Van, sold their business in November 2001 which they had operated for 17 years. Through Riverchase Business Brokers, where Mary Sue worked for a time, they bought Alabama Butane Co. in 1985 and became propane gas distributor, wholesaler, and retailer of service and appliances from four locations, Lincoln, Tarrant, Wilsonville and Abbeville, AL. Mary Sue was Vice-President of the company. Van, the company's President, was also and still is, a contract engineer.

The many boards on which Mary Sue serves include the Baptist Health System Board of Trustees; Business Council of Alabama Board; board for pediatric rehabilitation; Briarwood Christian School, Samford University, Christian Women in Leadership, Auburn University College of Human Sciences; and Women's Philanthropy Board.

Mary Sue grew up in Abbeville, in Henry County. She graduated from Abbeville High School and Huntington College, Montgomery. She holds a master's degree in education from Auburn University; Van graduated from Auburn in civil engineering. Through mutual friends the two met while she was at Huntington in January 1971 and were married the following December. By then she was teaching school in Montgomery. She later worked as a supervising teacher in the Jefferson County system's Head Start program.

Their first place of residence in this area was an apartment in Indian Wood, and in 1973 their first son, Burt, was born. Van was working at Southern Services. He and other civil engineers at his company developed Indian Forest Estates, where the McClurkins moved in 1974. This 27-acre develop-

ment off Indian Crest Drive and New Hope Mountain Road was one of the earliest subdivisions in this area and necessitated going before the Shelby County Planning Commission and bringing water from Birmingham.

Through the years Ben and Daniel were born, in 1976 and in 1980. All three sons attended the Briarwood Christian School and the oldest two are Auburn University graduates; Burt with a bachelor of science in industrial psychology and Ben with a degree in marketing. Ben is currently a sales representative for Bodine Office Furniture Company. Burt, who worked for the family business until it was sold, is now in the job market. He is single and lives in Cahaba Heights.

Recently married, Ben and his wife, Andy, live at Sterrett. She teaches at Oak Mountain Elementary School. Daniel, born in 1980, is now a senior and a football player at Samford University.

And how did Mary Sue get launched into politics?

Since college days she has been interested in government and politics. In 1982 she was the first Executive Director of the Pelham Chamber of Commerce and worked out of her home until the city officials found her office space at Pelham City Hall. She has worked through the Republican Party to recruit citizens to run for office. Finally somebody posed the question to her, "Why don't you run?"

Well, by then Daniel was a senior at Briarwood Christian School. She and Van were facing the "empty nest syndrome." She thought it over. She was concerned about the rising cost in taxes, both business and personal. As a mother and former school teacher, she was aware of the problems in education. She decided to take the challenge. She won in her first run for office in 1998 as representative of District 40, of which Indian Springs Village is a part.

When talking with Mary Sue, it is evident that her faith in God is very important to her. She strongly believes in integrity and character being evidenced in government, and considers representing citizens a position of service, not self-service.

## **Walking for Breast Cancer**

*By Ruth Goodwyn*

You may have seen Villagers Trudy Skokol and Paula Lynch walking the streets of ISV each morning. They are training for the **Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk**. In October they will walk 60 miles from Lake Lanier to Atlanta in an effort to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research. Each evening they will sleep in tents in the "mobile city" with 3,000 other participants walking for the same cause. Would you please consider making a fully tax-deductible donation to help them meet their goal? Donate the amount that's right for you by making your check payable to **Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk** and mailing it to: Skokol/Lynch, 170 Pawnee Drive, Indian Springs, AL 35124.

If you wish to make a donation by credit card or installment payments, call Trudy Skokol (985-4065) or Paula Lynch (987-7607) for more information. Also, please visit the website, [www.BeThePeople.com](http://www.BeThePeople.com) to see more about the event.

## Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

### In Memoriam

The valley lost another pioneer on June 3 with the passing of **Olivia Harrell Brashier**, age 85, at University Hospital following a heart attack. June 3 was the 68th anniversary date of her marriage to F. F. Brashier, who died about four years ago and had retired from U. S. Steel. Mrs. Brashier had been with the Indian Springs School cafeteria for many years, retiring about 9-10 years ago when Mr. Brashier became ill.

Mrs. Brashier lived on Cherokee Trail, within a mile of the Indian Springs First Baptist Church. There she had spent many years working with the youth of the church and was one of its oldest members. Visitation was Wednesday evening June 5, at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel, with the service the next day at the church. She was buried in the adjoining Indian Springs Cemetery, the final resting place of many early settlers.

Survivors are three sons, F. E. Brashier and his wife Mary of Clay; Roy Brashier and wife Gurvis of Fultondale; Michael Brashier and wife Deborah of Texas; 11 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brashier's mother-in-law was Mattie Brashier McGuire. Survivors in Indian Springs include one sister-in-law and two brothers-in-law, half-siblings to F. F. Brashier: Jack McGuire, who lives with the sister, Lorene Bailey, on McGuire Road, and Gene McGuire of McGuire Lane. Gene's son Jack (a nephew to the deceased) also lives on McGuire Road. Villagers extend sympathy to the survivors of this resident who had lived about one-half century in this area.

### Congratulations

**Dr. Samuel O. Jones, IV**, is now Major Jones after a recent promotion at Lackland Air Force Base. The son of Leta Jones of Choctaw Lane, Sam is finishing his internal medical residency and in July will begin a fellowship in cardiology. He and his wife, Leslie, live in San Antonio, TX.

### Leaving Indian Springs

**Terry and Bonnie Murphy**, daughter **Mandy**, 14, and son **Allen**, 11, are still saying their good-byes to neighbors in Homestead. The Murphys moved into their new home in the Brook Highland subdivision north of 280 on June 3, regrettably leaving Indian Springs. Mandy and Allen will still be in the Oak Mountain school district, a factor which figured heavily in their choosing of a new place of residence.

Since Homestead was annexed Bonnie has been a courier for *The Village Voice* and also a reporter for the newsletter. Three Homesteaders, Debra Nelson, Allison Stiegers, and Mary Ann Lovell, are taking over her route of over 100, but a reporter is still needed. (Please call Ruth Goodwyn at 988-0896 to volunteer.) We wish the Murphys well in their new residence but will sincerely miss them.

### Glasses Found

A pair of reading glasses, presumed to have been left at the town hall, have been turned in. The gold wire-rimmed Foster Grant 1.25 strength glasses can be claimed by calling Tricia Crapet's voice mail at 802-2753, or e-mail [ISVillage@aol.com](mailto:ISVillage@aol.com).

## ISS Celebrates Its 50th Year

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs School Concert Choir opened the celebration of Indian Springs School's 50th anniversary, Friday evening May 31, which continued through Alumni Day, June 1.

"We are celebrating 50 years of faculty commitment to outstanding academics, to the development of young men and women in and out of the classroom, and to a sense of community that for many of us is as strong as any we have ever witnessed," said James Scott '75, Alumni Council President, in the spring edition of an Indian Springs School publication.

Carlisle Towery '55, president of Great Jamaica Development Corporation, a nonprofit corporation founded in 1967, was presented the Outstanding Alumnus Award. Other activities included a tribute to soccer coach Ray Woodard and the official dedication of Woodard Field. A dinner-dance at the Pine Tree Country Club which featured a performance by the Alumni Choir was the final event Saturday evening.

The school opened in the fall of 1952 with 100 boys enrolled under the leadership of Dr. Louis Armstrong, who served until 1972. Dr. Joseph Jackson was headmaster 1972-1987, and Douglas Jennings took over the helm in 1987. Throughout the years the school has evolved from a male boarding school to a coed predominantly day school with about 75 percent day students and 25 percent boarding students. A new director, Melville MacKay, III, will assume duties in July to replace Mr. Jennings, recently named headmaster at Park Tudor School, Indianapolis.

## NS Library Board Openings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The terms of Steve Zerkis of Indian Springs and Mary Sue Ludwig on the North Shelby Library Board of Trustees will be expiring this September. Both Zerkis and Ludwig, appointed to fill vacancies occurring, have indicated that they desire to continue their service to the library. If no one challenges them, they will automatically remain on the board for four-year terms ending Sept. 30, 2006.

If anyone challenges them by qualifying, an election will be scheduled for September 10, according to the Library Director.

Packets, which include a petition and other paperwork which must be filed by July 15 with the Shelby County Probate Court, are available at the library's business office.

## Heardmont Happenings

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A new class in yoga started June 3 and is being taught every Monday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Community Center. The instructor is Ms. Elvie Moon, who advises attendees to wear comfortable, stretchable clothing and to bring an exercise mat. On Thursdays, 11:00 - 12:00 noon, Hal Clark is teaching a class on the healthy way to eat.

On the second Wednesday of each month at 12:30 p.m. Becky Brasher of Harrison Regional Library will meet with the Book Club. The popularity of Mexican dominoes, described as a lot faster and more fun than regular dominoes, keeps growing. Now two tables (six to a table) are busy on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 a.m., and time may be set aside on Fridays for this fast-moving game.

## The Alabama Veterans Memorial

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Names of the over 11,000 Alabamians who paid the ultimate price for freedom in 20th Century wars are etched on the inner walls of the temple of the Alabama Veterans Memorial. The names are categorized by the five wars fought on foreign soil and then by the county where the patriots were inducted or joined the service, then by alphabetical last-name order.

If the county was not verified, the name is in the "at large" section at the end of each war. If a name has been inadvertently omitted, it can be added. The temple is the final destination when visiting the memorial off I-459.

In the courtyard leading to the temple is the regiment of columns where stories, letters and artwork about Alabama veterans and Alabama's 22 Metal of Honor recipients and their families have been cast in metal and mounted in relief. (The Erwin, Lawley, McLaughlin Medal of Honor Highway from Indian Springs Village to Leeds, where the three are from, is named for three of these heroes.)

According to literature distributed at the education center, the first building encountered at the park, since 1900 the State of Alabama has enlisted more military volunteers per capita than any other state in the union. Visiting the memorial is humbling, and gives you a sense of pride concerning these brave men and women who answered the call of self-sacrifice to protect our way of life.

The park and memorial opened Memorial Day 2001. According to the literature it is open seven days a week from 10:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day (also Easter Sunday). You may call 298-0045 to make sure the days and times have not changed and visit the website, [www.alabamaveterans.com](http://www.alabamaveterans.com).

To get to the memorial, travel Interstate-459 north beyond Highway 280. A huge American flag can be seen through the trees to alert you to get ready to turn right on the Liberty Parkway exit. Then turn left, cross the overpass, and look for the Memorial entrance, which will be on your right. From the education center a landscaped walkway leads you through the woods to the courtyard where the flags of the five branches of service, columns, and temple are located. Wheelchairs are available at the education center for the walking-impaired.

The five surviving siblings of a family of seven children, we recently visited the memorial as a family to find the name of our oldest brother, who was killed in action at a faraway place called Anzio beachhead in January 1944. There it was: World War II: Walker County: Lecil E. O'Rear. It was a very touching moment.

## Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Address, Applicant, Request:

5105 Hollow Log Lane, Herbert Johnson, accessory building

260 Highgate Hill, Bryan Baker, pool renovation

Lot 2, Mountain Cove, Homer Dobbs, new residence

2692 Valleydale Road, Interstate Sign, change sign

## ISV Tags on Sale

They really are **on sale**; the price has been reduced because of over-ordering. Indian Springs Village tags, with the colorful logo created by Julie Wyatt Schenk, will be on sale at our annual Fourth of July Barbeque at a reduced price of \$6.00 each. The tags are also available for \$6.00 at Neil's Pharmacy, Cahaba Valley Road, and from Town Clerk Paul Stephens, whose telephone number is 988-4672.

## Village Personals

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### Chef Zerkis Has Special Assignment

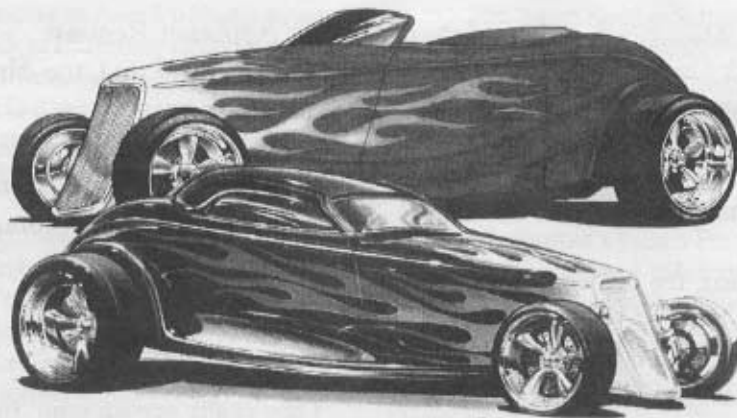
Christina Zerkis, a chef in New Orleans, daughter of Steve and Pat Zerkis of 5300 Mountain Park Drive, was recently selected for a special assignment by Chef John Besh, for whom she has been working at Restaurant August for most of the past year. Prior to that, she worked for Chef Susan Spicer at the Bayona Restaurant.

Christina has been sent to work for a year for Chef Karl-Josef Fuchs, who earned two Michelin stars as the chef of the Spielweg Romantik Hotel in Munstertal, Germany. Chef Besh had also worked for Fuchs some ten years ago and selects one person a year for this unique opportunity.

Munstertal is a small alpine village located in the mountains of the Black Forest in the southwest portion of Germany and is very close to the borders of both France and Switzerland. The cuisine offered includes the regional influences of those countries. The restaurant itself is located in an old country inn that includes the original farmhouse and barn that have been remodeled into a hotel. Chris is happily working and settling into her new environment, her parents report. She says she is introducing the restaurant to the fun of Cajun cooking.

Steve and Pat are looking forward to visiting her in the fall.

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