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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda April 15:

I. Mayor/Council Committee Reports

II. Ordinances and Resolutions

III. Jay Jerman, COP program in Chelsea;

Sheriff Chris Curry

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Tenth Annual Indian Springs Village Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 19, 2003

3:00 p.m.

(Rain date: Easter Sunday, April 20, at 3:00 p.m.)

Location: Indian Springs Village Town Hall
2635 Cahaba Valley Road

Editor's Notes

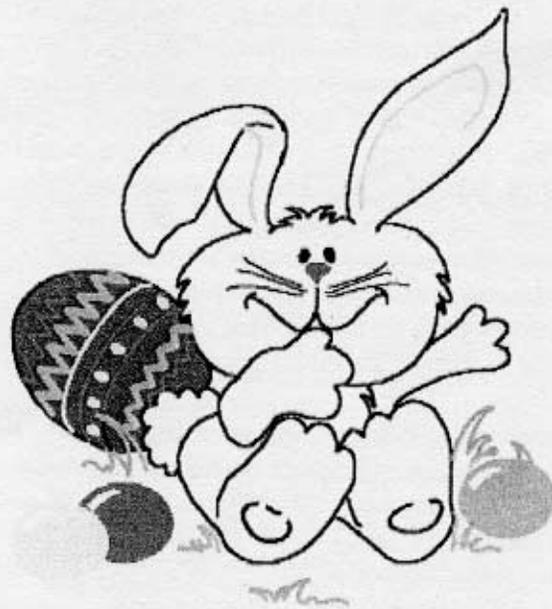
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ISV aluminum can recyclers for their support
Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing
Tricia Crapet, RealtySouth, for production



All children thru age 12 are invited to participate.
Bring your own basket.

Hundreds of eggs stuffed with candy, trinkets, and
CASH PRIZES!!

A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

About six weeks ago, I received a phone call from a gentleman saying he was a writer for *The Washington Post*. Naturally, I thought someone was pulling my leg. When he said his name was Gene Weingarten, then I really knew it was a "big kidder." Turns out, he was being truthful. Over the next couple of weeks, we talked for several hours. He asked me a thousand questions. And when he said he was going to do a column on yours truly, I was skeptical. But, darned if he didn't.

Knowing that no one in Shelby County reads *The Washington Post*, I relaxed my guard. But then one of my kids said, "Dad, if the folks in the county happen to pick up on this column, you will be drummed out of the state." So, discretion being the better part of valor, I decided to put on my life vest and bare all. The column is in this issue of *The Village Voice*. I don't know whether to be complimented, or offended. Let me know what you think. (See page 3.)

On Agenda for April 15 Meeting: COP Program and Sheriff Chris Curry

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Jay Jerman of Chelsea, originator and director of Chelsea's Citizen Observer Patrol (COP) will explain the impact of the program, now in its fourth year in Chelsea, at the April 15 town council meeting.

COP volunteers provide a visible police presence in a community, one of the best deterrents to crime. Volunteers receive training provided in part by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and donate time in three-hour shifts as trained observers in the community. They are uniformed, have badges, magnetic roof lights (green) and magnetic COP emblems for their vehicles. Chelsea has almost 30 COP volunteers, almost half of them women.

With the sheriff's department currently impacted throughout the county because so many officers have been deployed to serve with the military in the Middle East, volunteers for the COP program are especially needed to help provide protection for citizens.

Councilman Herb Robins recently attended a COP Recognition and Appreciation Banquet in Chelsea, and would like to see the program implemented in Indian Springs. (See *Village Voice*, March 11, 2003, p.3.) He warns that Jay Jerman's enthusiasm is "contagious"!

Results of April 8 Zoning & Planning Hearing

At the town council meeting April 15, or thereafter, the council will learn the results of the Zoning and Planning Commission's hearing on Tuesday p. m., April 8, regarding requests for approving a Re-Zoning and a Special Exception use application for a parcel of land located across the street from the North Shelby Fire Station on Caldwell Mill Road. Under the town's regulations and the Code of Alabama, as amended, the Zoning and Planning Commission will hold a public hearing to consider requested actions, and then make a recommendation to the town council, typically at its next meeting.

Announcements

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

"No Burn" Policy Effective May 1

From May 1 - September 30 Shelby Countians are forbidden to burn yard waste--sticks, leaves, etc.-- and no burning can take place in the clearing of land for construction. For information from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management on open burning restrictions you may call 334/271-7861 or use this website: www.adem.state.al.us.

"Free Days" at Shelby County Landfill

This Saturday, April 12, and October 18 have been designated as "free days" at the Shelby County Landfill. Shelby Countians can bring their truck loads between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Operators of the landfill ask that you drive across the scales just so they can keep track of how many take advantage of these "free" days. On the second "free" day of last year 835 truck loads were dumped at no charge.

Wildlife Training Scheduled for April 13

Help with animal care, educational tours, emergency telephone response, carpentry, and office work is needed at the Wildlife Center at Oak Mountain State Park. A training session for new volunteers will be held Sunday, April 13, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Wildlife Center. To receive your volunteer information packet call 663-7930.

Garden Club to Visit in Alabaster

By Marge Dunn, President & Del Levesque, Vice/President

It is a colorful time of year for gardeners! We have participated in wildflower digs, rescuing plants on property in the Springville area, and transplanting them into our flower beds.

It was great to visit the backyard gardens of Ginny Lusk. She has a great variety of wildflowers and native plants, many of which were in full bloom. In addition garden club members were treated to refreshments that included homemade banana-nut bread. The members appreciate Ginny's knowledge that she shares with all in a very humble and unassuming manner.

We have worked on the town hall spring garden project and have enjoyed the fellowship that goes along with it.

Our next program will be on Thursday, April 24, when we visit the woodland garden of Nell and L. O. Ferris in Alabaster. Those planning on attending need to meet at the town hall on time in order that we can leave by 6:30 p.m. It takes about 25 minutes to get there. This should be an interesting experience since the couple are in their 80's and still very active as gardeners.

We hope that our neighbors are enjoying their own gardens as much as we are. Springtime is a gardener's delight. Come grow with us! Call Marge at 987-4765 or Del at 987-5029 if you have any questions.



Below the Beltway

by Gene Weingarten

WRITING A COLUMN in a weekly magazine is a pretty good gig, but it has one big drawback. You can never take a vacation. Sure, you could always find a guest columnist, but you know how that goes: One day you're giving a break to some young hotshot like Hank Stuever, and the next day they've renamed your column "Hank's World."

So I've been vacationless for two years now—and I saw no end in sight until the other day, when a reader e-mailed me a tip so improbable I thought he had to be mistaken. He wasn't. Excited, I consulted directory assistance and made a phone call:

Gene Weingarten: May I speak to Gene Weingarten?

Gene Weingarten: This is he.

Gene Weingarten: Hi. My name is Gene Weingarten.

Gene Weingarten: This is he.

Gene Weingarten: No, I mean I'm Gene Weingarten.

Gene Weingarten: That's your name, too?

Gene Weingarten: It is. I'm a writer for *The Washington Post*. Would you be interested in writing my column when I'm on vacation?

Gene Weingarten: Ha ha.

Gene Weingarten: No, really. The *Post* doesn't allow ghostwriters, but with you doing it, it wouldn't be a lie! It's easy—mostly I just make fun of things, like little hick towns.

Gene Weingarten: I live in Indian Springs Village, Alabama. Population 2,250.

Gene Weingarten: I see. Well, I also make fun of politicians.

Gene Weingarten: I'm the mayor.

Gene Weingarten: I see. Well, what the heck. That's probably not a problem. I'll bet that even though I sound like Ratso Rizzo and you sound like Jethro Bodine, we have a lot in common.

Gene Weingarten: Could be. I've never met another Gene Weingarten.

Gene Weingarten: Neither have I. Are you a funny guy?

Gene Weingarten: I read the comics pages.

Gene Weingarten: There you go. You could write about the comics. What's your favorite strip?

Gene Weingarten: "Garfield."

Gene Weingarten: The comics probably aren't the best topic. What else do you like?

Gene Weingarten: I like contemporary music.

Gene Weingarten: Me, too!

Gene Weingarten: John Philip Sousa, for example.

Gene Weingarten: John Philip Sousa?

Gene Weingarten: Yes, marching music. I love marching music. Also Frank Sinatra, Glenn Miller. I'm 68, To me, that's contemporary.

Gene Weingarten: You know, all that *really* matters is that you share my sort of smart-alecky view of the world.

Gene Weingarten: I'm not a cynic.

Gene Weingarten: You don't have to be. You just have to think like one. For example, complete this sentence: *When I watch George W. Bush give a speech, I can't help thinking that . . .*

Gene Weingarten: . . . he's doing a great job!

Gene Weingarten: Ah.

Gene Weingarten: I hope *The Washington Post* isn't mired in negativism.

Gene Weingarten: Certainly not!

Gene Weingarten: You know, in this part of the world, *The Washington Post* is in the same category as the *New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*. Y'ever hear the phrase "liberal"? Well, we're a very conservative bastion. Down here, we see a couple of fellers with their feet up playing checkers, sittin' drawin' welfare, well, we take a dim view of that.

Gene Weingarten: Actually, politics is boring. You know, the best sources of humor are the eternal verities, like birth and death. Everyone can identify with things like that. A humor columnist just needs to look at it with a sense of mischief. Let's try one more exercise.

Gene Weingarten: Okay.

Gene Weingarten: Complete this sentence: *Every so often, when attending a funeral, I get the urge to . . .*

Gene Weingarten: That's easy.

Gene Weingarten: All right!

Gene Weingarten: Cry.

Gene Weingarten:

Gene Weingarten: The mood just gets to me, you know?

Gene Weingarten: Gene, I'm not sure you have what it takes to be a humor columnist.

Gene Weingarten: Why?

Gene Weingarten: You're a really nice guy.

Gene Weingarten: I'm sorry.

Gene Weingarten: It's okay. Don't feel too bad.



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Stand Up for America Speech

By Beth Chapman, State Auditor

Editor's note: Recently the Shelby County Alabama Legislative Delegation hosted a "Stand Up for America" rally at the Pelham Civic Center. More than 1,200 attended, including featured speakers Chief Justice Roy Moore, Adjutant General Mark Bowen, and Alabama State Auditor Beth Chapman of North Shelby County.

Mrs. Chapman's remarks resulted in five standing ovations, tremendous applause, reprints on the Internet and in newspapers all over the USA, readings of the speech over radio stations, letters from servicemen and women, numerous e-mails of appreciation to Mrs. Chapman, etc. Below is her speech:

"I'm here tonight because men and women of the United States military have given their lives for my freedom. I am not here tonight because Sheryl Crowe, the Dixie Chicks, Martin Sheen, George Clooney, Jane Fonda or Phil Donahue sacrificed their lives for me.

"If memory serves me correctly, it was not movie stars or musicians but the United States Military who fought on the shores of Iwo Jima, the jungles of Vietnam and the beaches of Normandy.

"Tonight, I say we should support the President of the United States and the U. S. Military and tell the liberal, tree-hugging, Birkenstock-wearing, hippy, tie-dyed liberals to go make their movies and music and whine somewhere else.

"After all, if they lived in Iraq, they wouldn't be allowed the freedom of speech they're being given here today. Ironically, they would be put to death at the hands of Saddam Hussein or Osama bin Laden.

"The movie stars say they want to go to Iraq and serve as 'human shields' for the Iraqis. I say let them buy a one-way ticket and go.

"No one likes war. I hate war! But the one thing I hate more is the fact that this country has been forced into war--innocent people have lost their lives--and there but for the grace of God, it could have been my brother, my husband, or even worse, my own son.

"On December 7, 1941, there are no records of movie stars treading the blazing waters of Pearl Harbor.

"On September 11, 2001, there are no photos of movie stars standing as 'human shields' against the debris and falling bodies from the World Trade Center. There were only policemen and firemen--underpaid civil servants who gave their all with nothing expected in return.

"When the *USS Cole* was bombed there were no movie stars guarding the ship--where were the human shields then?

"If America's movie stars want to be human shields, let them shield the gang-ridden streets of Los Angeles, or New York City; let them shield the lives of the children of North Birmingham whose mothers lay them on the floor each night to shelter them from stray bullets.

"If they want to be human shields, I say let them shield the men and women of honesty and integrity who epitomize courage and embody the spirit of freedom by wearing the proud uniforms of the United States Military. Those are the people who have earned and deserve shielding!

"Throughout the course of history, this country has remained free--not because of movie stars and liberal activists but because of brave men and women who also hated war. However, they lay down their lives so that we all could live in freedom. After all--'What greater love hath no man ... than he lay down his life for his friend', or in this case, his country.

"We should give our military honor and acknowledgement and not let their lives be in vain. If you want to see true human shields, walk through Arlington Cemetery. There lie human shields, heroes, BRAVE Americans who didn't get on television and talk about being human shields--they were human shields.

"I thank God tonight for freedom--those who bought and paid for it with their lives in the past--those who will protect it in the present and defend it in the future.

"America has remained silent too long! God-fearing people have remained silent too long!

"We must lift our voices united in an humble prayer to God for guidance and the strength and courage to sustain us throughout whatever the future may hold.

"After the tragic events of Sept. 11th, my then 11-year-old son said terrorism is a war between us and them, and if you're not one of us, then you're one of them.

"So in closing tonight, let us be of one accord, let us stand proud, and let us be the human shields of prayer, encouragement and support for the President, our troops, and their families and our country.

"May God bless America, the land of the free, the home of the brave, and the greatest country on the face of this earth!"

SCHS to Hold Cookout

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

A cookout, buggy rides, and entertainment by the Wilson Hill Band are in store for members of the Shelby County Historical Society at their next quarterly meeting on May 4.

Bobbie Joe Seales, President, emphasizes that visitors are also welcome to attend the no-charge event, to take place across the street from the 1854 Old Courthouse in Columbia in a city parking lot under a huge tent. Hours are between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Wilson Hill Band, which played last Fourth of July at American Village, features banjo and fiddle players, among others, who sing music characterized as "Old Time" by Seales. The rides offered around the courthouse will be in a horse-drawn renovated buggy.

ASO events at Indian Springs

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Alabama Symphony Orchestra Gateway Series presents "Music & Royals" Saturday, April 19, at the Indian Springs School Concert Hall. Associate Conductor Christopher Confessore will lead the symphony in presenting musical gems by four knights of the British Empire, featuring principal ASO oboist, James Sullivan.

"Music & Blockbusters" will be presented Thursday, May 8, at the concert hall. This will be an all-Beethoven program, including the beloved Fifth Symphony.

Both concerts at the ISS Concert Hall begin at 8:00 p.m. For tickets call the Symphony box office at 251-7727.

Town Council Highlights

March 4, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Patricia Crapet, Brian Stauss, Art Johnson, and Herb Robins present. The minutes were approved as corrected. No financial report was given.

Councilmember Patricia Crapet announced that a few donations to the ISV Children's Fund were trickling in, but that the fund was completely drained and more was needed to replenish it. Councilwoman Crapet also discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt to be held at the town hall on April 19th.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that he is in the process of getting bids on a smoke-fire detection system for the town hall, and expects to have estimates soon.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that he had attended a function of the Chelsea Citizen Observer Patrol program. The impressive program, developed in Florida, has been active in Chelsea for four years. Chelsea citizen volunteers have logged over 10,000 service hours and are trained by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department. The radio-equipped volunteers (men and women) have uniforms, badges, and magnetic roof lights and emblems for their cars. Most recently, the Sheriff's Department rewarded the Chelsea COP program with a "retired" patrol car for use in the program. The council will investigate implementing this successful program for ISV.

Councilman Art Johnson addressed the need for volunteers for the recycling program. Councilman Johnson reiterated that it only takes about one hour per month to help with this program.

Mayor Gene Weingarten re-introduced a proposal for the council to provide up to seven defibrillators for the Oak Mountain schools. Two students from area schools had experienced cardiac arrest and were saved by defibrillators at their schools. The council voted unanimously for the proposal.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt announced that he had received four requests for new business licenses in ISV.

County Commissioner Lindsey Allison was in attendance and reported that the county is re-negotiating rates with Waste Management, which could result in a small reduction in garbage pickup fees.

Boy Scout Jason Miller from Troop 254 attended the council meeting as part of the requirement for attaining Eagle Scout status.

March 18, 2003

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided, with council members Art Johnson and Herb Robins present. Absent were Stewart Dudley, Patricia Crapet, and Brian Stauss.

Since a quorum was not present, no business could be conducted. Town Clerk Shirley Church gave the financial report for the past month:

Revenue received: Vehicle licenses (Jan.), \$369 and (Feb.) \$556; real estate license fees, \$5.00 and \$6.00; insurance (a fee mandated by the state which has to be paid to ISV), \$3,128; business licenses, \$100; beer tax, \$1,000 and \$900. The balance in the general fund is \$182,653. Road fund receipts were \$1,042; the balance in the road fund is \$64,832. The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund balance is \$440.

A discussion followed concerning the town's finances and the best means of investing the assets we have, namely, certificates of deposit with Union State Bank. Paul Stephens, CFO for the town, was not present.

Art Johnson reminded those present about recycling on Wednesday night, March 19. Herb Robins reported that there was no news from District Engineer Gary Ray regarding the speed study in Indian Springs Village nor on the turn-lane program. He reminded all that Jay Jerman will speak at council meeting on April 15 concerning the Citizen Observer Program (COP) now in use in Chelsea. Herb reported that he had two citizen volunteers already toward implementing a program in ISV.

Councilman Robins needs a good volunteer to help out with the Fourth of July barbecue, and he mentioned the need for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 19. He complimented members of the Garden Club for the weeding, trimming, and planting done at the entry sign on 119 west of the Village and around the town hall.

Steve Zerkis, North Shelby Library Board of Trustee member reminded everyone of the reception at the library on Sunday afternoon, April 6, for new director Darryl Heritage.

April 1, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, April 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. In the absence of Mayor Gene Weingarten, Councilman Herb Robins presided over the meeting. Councilmembers Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss were present. In the absence of Town Clerk Shirley Church, there was no financial report given.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that he had received one bid from Southern Construction on the Smoke/Fire detection system for the town hall. Other bids are still being sought.

Councilman Art Johnson spoke to the need for volunteers for the ISV aluminum can recycling program. Aluminum cans are collected on the Wednesday night after the town's third Tuesday council meetings to defray cost of printing *The Village Voice*.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet said that volunteers are needed for the Easter Egg Hunt. Assistance is needed for hiding the eggs and for handing out prizes.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the ISV Zoning and Planning Committee will finally hear the re-zoning request for property located at the corner of Cahaba Valley Road and Caldwell Mill Road. There had been several postponements by the applicants in order for them to have all requested items for the commission. If granted, and subsequently approved by town council, the proposed change would allow for a Texaco service station and convenience store.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that Sheriff Chris Curry and Jay Jerman will be in attendance at the next ISV council meeting to discuss the Citizens Observer Patrol (COP) program.

Boy Scout Kevin Tice attended the council meeting with a request for ideas for a 100-hour service project for his Eagle Scout requirements. Councilmember Brian Stauss agreed to help Kevin implement a plan to help him achieve this goal.

Citizens Rod and Lisa Dodson addressed problems that they are having with a business located next to their home on Grimes Road. The council agreed to look into the matter.

Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In Memory of Mr. Renshaw

Mrs. Shirley Renshaw of Skyline Drive is recovering from the loss of her husband, **William W. "Bill" Renshaw**, who passed away Sunday, March 9, after a long battle with cancer and heart problems. She would like to thank all her neighbors and church family for their thoughtfulness and kindness exhibited toward her during his illness and since his demise.

Mr. Renshaw was a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and choir member of North Shelby Baptist Church, 4100 Belcher Drive. A graduate of the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a degree in accounting, he was a systems analyst and had retired after 21 years from the UAB Health Services Foundation. The funeral service was at North Shelby Baptist with burial in Elmwood Cemetery.

Other survivors include a son and daughter; three grandchildren, and a sister.

Congratulations to New Eagle Scout



Daniel Friday, son of Dr. Ken Friday and Carolyn Friday of 5323 Mountain Park Circle, has earned the highest rank in the Boy Scouts of America, Eagle Scout.

To achieve the distinction of Eagle Scout, a scout must have served in a troop position of leadership for two years, earned 21 merit badges, been a scout in planning and completing a service project, and must have completed six previous rank advancements.

Dan is remembered for his recent landscaping project at the North Shelby Library when he planted over 68 shrubs and trees on the library grounds. At age 13, he is one of the youngest Eagle Scouts in America.

A member of Troop 254 sponsored by Briarwood Presbyterian Church, he has also attained the Webelos Arrow Light Award and served the troop as historian, scribe, and instructor.

A Boy Scout for three years, Dan is a member of the football and tennis teams at Briarwood Christian School; he loves other sports and drawing. His older brother Ben is an Eagle Scout; he has a younger sister, Mary Ann.

His Eagle Court of Honor will be held on April 13.

Congratulations on New Grandchild

Villagers **Danny and Vicki Williams** of 1200 Indian Crest Drive are elated to announce the birth of their very first grandchild on March 10 at 6:24 p.m. **Clayton Daniel Cunningham** weighed in at 6 lbs., 6 oz., 19.5 in. long. His parents, daughter Cheri Cunningham and husband Jim of Pelham, are doing fine. The proud grandparents expect little Clayton to be visiting often on Indian Crest Drive.

Congratulations to National Arts Finalist



Matthew Pittman Austin, age 18, grandson of Bill and Jennie Pittman of Arrowhead Lane, has been named a national finalist in the 2003 National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) competition. Matthew is the son of Dr. Jesse ("Ace") and Dockery Pittman Austin of Montgomery and a senior at the Montgomery Academy, where he is an Honors student.

The NFAA Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS) program identifies and rewards exceptional student artists, graduating high school seniors, from across the country. There were more than 7,000 applicants nationwide, and subsequent winning competitions

NFAA is the exclusive nominating organization to the Commission on Presidential Scholars, allowed to nominate up to 50 ARTS finalists, from which 20 will be chosen as Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

If chosen as a Presidential Scholar in the Arts, Matthew will travel to Washington, D. C., in June 2003. There the 20 young artists chosen, who are also outstanding in scholastic achievement, will join the 121 Academic Presidential Scholars for National Recognition Week. The week includes a White House-sponsored Medallion Ceremony, and in Matthew's case, since he is in the visual arts category, the opportunity to have his works displayed in a Washington, D. C. -area museum.

Since a January elimination win in Miami, Matthew has received numerous awards, been a spokesperson for NFAA at schools in Tennessee and Kentucky, and has had his works exhibited in numerous places, including studios, and the Washington office of Congressman Terry Everett.

Interested in a Quilting Bee?

Elizabeth Eastman, Indian Forest Road, would like to know if there is interest in establishing an Indian Springs Quilting Bee/Guild, to meet once a month. Stressing that you don't have to be a "big time" quilter to join, Elizabeth asked to have calls from interested persons. Her phone number is 985-0842; e-mail: eeastman@bellsouth.net.