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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 19, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 2, 2003, 7:00 p.m.

Indian Springs Village Town Hall

Agenda

I. Mayor/Council Reports

II. Committee Reports

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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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

I would like to thank Mel MacKay for contributing this month's column.



Director Mel MacKay discusses the future at Indian Springs School with Miho Kubagawa '03 in front of the school's town hall. Kubagawa, of Birmingham, will attend Duke University this fall.

Indian Springs School Marks 52nd Year with Strategic Plan, New Initiatives, New Faculty

With a state championship in girls' soccer and an outstanding senior class that included nine National Merit Finalists, last year at Indian Springs School will be hard to beat.

On May 30, 58 seniors graduated from the local independent school, considered one of the top schools of its kind in the nation and serving students from across the region—and across the globe as well.

The Class of 2003 included Indian Springs resident Vernon Chaplin, named one of Alabama's top ten high school seniors by the *Birmingham Post-Herald*, and Helen Eckinger of Birmingham, one of Alabama's three Presidential Scholars. Chaplin will attend Swarthmore College, and Eckinger will attend Yale. Other members of the class will attend schools ranging from Maine to California, including Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Brown, Cornell, Penn, Middlebury, Wesleyan, Smith, Rochester, George Washington, Virginia, Alabama, Emory, Miami, Duke, Vanderbilt, Washington & Lee, Sewanee, Rhodes, Northwestern, Michigan, Washington University, Rice, the University of Denver, Pitzer, Claremont McKenna, and a host of other colleges and universities. Also represented in the college list are Berklee College of Music, the nation's premier jazz school, and Chapman University in California, where Indian Springs resident Alisdair Martin will study in its prestigious film program. (continued, p.3)

Town Council Highlights

August 5, 2003

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The first Tuesday night of the month Indian Springs Village Town Council meeting, August 5, 2003, was attended by a number of Villagers frustrated by practices in their neighborhoods not in keeping with the general serenity of Indian Springs Village.

Councilpersons present for the meeting, presided over by Mayor Gene Weingarten, were Herb Robins, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss.

The mayor reported that Russell Allison, our town attorney, had spent many hours of legal research concerning the rental of a house in the Willow Ridge neighborhood by the Dungarvin Company of St. Paul, Minnesota. The tenants are staff members, or caretakers, for the individuals with developmental disabilities also living there. These individuals were formerly housed in institutions, perhaps some for most of their lives. It is not known how many persons are occupying the one-family dwelling.

The rental agency is Rudolph Real Estate, Inc., representing the former property owner, who moved to another town after the death of her husband. The house is leased for one year. The complaints of the neighbors are that this house actually functions as a business in a residential neighborhood and that the property is unkempt--lawn is unmowed, etc.; further, many cars are parked nearby and bright lights shine into neighboring windows.

The mayor explained that the federal government is involved: Medicare funds pay for the cost of this facility through the State of Alabama, and the company is covered by the Federal Housing Authority. Dungarvin is a national company with like services in eleven other states, as well as many other communities in Alabama, so the situation is not unique to Indian Springs Village.

"Town officials are not sitting down on the job," the mayor said; "we are seeking the best way to proceed with this and other matters."

Nuisances to other Villagers are horse riding lessons being taught on Auburn Road, junked cars and equipment on Pawnee Lane, and a business in proximity to Grimes Road operating at all hours of the night.

Councilman Herb Robins reported that the long-awaited public involvement meeting on Highway 119 turnlanes would be held August 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Mary Ellen Estes Senior Citizens Center, Heardmont Park. The meeting will be held by the Alabama Department of Transportation in conjunction with the Shelby County Highway Department.

Councilman Robins, along with Steve Zerks and another Villager, attended a recent meeting of the Citizens Observer Patrol (C.O.P.) at Chelsea. The guest speaker, the Chief Deputy of the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, John Samaniego discussed the possibility of municipalities contracting with the Sheriff's Department for additional police services.

The group was assured the Sheriff's Department will continue present services to municipalities. Should a municipality want an additional deputy to work in that municipality, for example, the governing body could contract for this additional service. However, Robins stressed, this concept is just in the preliminary stages. Legislation would have to be passed in Montgomery enabling the Sheriff's Department to provide additional services on a contract basis.

Councilman Art Johnson reported that the aluminum can collection was 900 lbs. for last month and thanked all who took time to recycle and those who filled the recycling trailer with the results.

Councilman Brian Stauss deferred to Jerry Templeton, Chairman of the Zoning and Planning Commission, to report on the town's comprehensive plan.

Chairman Templeton said that the plan, as amended July 8 at a public hearing at the North Shelby Library, was unanimously supported by the Commission, which recommends its adoption by the ISV Town Council. He recommended that a public hearing be held by council after new copies of the plan, as amended, have been distributed for perusal by residents. The public hearing will be held at the Tuesday, September 16 town council meeting, 7:00 p.m., ISV Town Hall.

Aluminum Recycling - August 20

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Aluminum recycling is Wednesday evening, August 20. Please place your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. To help our volunteers identify your recycling, please use light-colored or clear plastic bags and place your recycling on the other side of the driveway from your Waste Management garbage pickup. Please tie your recycling bag with a knot. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers have to take extra time to tie them. Watch for recycling reminders along Highway 119, Indian Crest Drive, and the entrances to Homestead.

In July your recycling team members were Margie and Herb Robins, Trudy and Paul Skokol, Bo Holmes and Jackie Johnson, Bryan Bidy and Art Johnson. After the July pickup the recycling volunteers had to squeeze the cans into the trailer. Thank you for recycling and making recycling a success. In June and July Villagers recycled 900 pounds of cans. Proceeds from recycling help to fund this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

Recycling saves energy. Recycling just 48 aluminum beverage cans (or eight six packs) has the energy equivalent of one gallon of gasoline. During 2002 Americans recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve the energy equivalent of over 15 million barrels of oil.

July Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

Address, applicant, request:

Lot 5 Mountain Cove, Homer Dobbs, new residence;
2908 Oak Mountain Trail, Louis Drew, accessory

Mayor's Message (continued)

Indian Springs School

On May 29, the school's Board of Governors adopted a strategic plan for the years 2003-2008. Director Mel MacKay described the plan as "a comprehensive five-part plan with a simple goal: to insure that Indian Springs remains the top academic boarding school in the state." The school has reaffirmed its mission to offer education of the highest quality to motivated students in a setting that encourages active exploration, participation, and citizenship. The school has contracted with Ford & Associates, a consulting firm from Atlanta, on how best to execute the plan.

The 2003-2004 school year at Indian Springs School begins on Monday, August 18, with faculty and student government meetings. Boarding students, who come not only from Alabama but from nine other states and six foreign countries, arrive on Saturday, August 23, and classes begin Monday, August 25.

New this year is a two-day on-campus orientation program for the school's 33 new 8th graders. Faculty and student government leaders, including the student mayor, senior Lake Trechsel from Birmingham, welcome 8th graders and their parents on Thursday, August 21. Activities include a campus scavenger hunt, swimming in the school lake, and group activities designed to help the youngest students at Indian Springs begin their school careers as comfortably and successfully as possible.

This year the school welcomes several new members of the faculty and staff. Brooks Appelbaum (B.A., Princeton; Ph.D., Cornell) joins the English Department from Auburn University. In chemistry Teri Ard (Ph.D., Georgia Tech) moves to the high school level after a successful career as an environmental engineer for Weyerhaeuser Corp. in the Pacific Northwest.

New to the College Counseling Office is Gunnar Olson (B.A., Gettysburg), who most recently worked at Saint Mary's Hall in San Antonio, Texas. Shelby Hammer (B.A., Duke; M.A., Alabama and formerly of the Randolph School) takes on the newly created position of Associate Director of Admission and Financial Aid. Cheryl Wilson brings her expertise in art and athletics to Indian Springs from Ole Miss, and Matt Mossberg, who played centerfield for Ole Miss, has been named head baseball coach.

The newest member of the administration is Sean Reidy (B.S., Rochester Institute of Technology), the new chef-manager of the Dining Hall. Reidy's expertise includes extensive work in the restaurant and hotel industry.

ISV First Lady Is Delegate

Our Indian Springs Village First Lady, Olivia Weingarten, has returned from Minnesota where she was a delegate to the Triennial Meeting of the Episcopal Church Women of America. She serves as president of the church women of the Diocese of Alabama, and has served previously as a delegate.

Japanese Floral Design Instructor to Speak at Garden Club Meeting

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

It's been a growing summer with ample rain. This seems to have been the greenest summer in Indian Springs compared to the past when drought was the frequent topic of discussion.

In July we thoroughly enjoyed a two hour crash course in orchid growing conducted for us by Mike Clasen, owner and operator of Sarris Orchid Greenhouses in Alabaster. Such a beautiful oasis of orchids, and so close to home!

A workday was scheduled for August 7 beginning at 7:00 a.m. to tidy the town hall gardens.

This month our meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 28 at the town hall. Jane Mullins will be our guest speaker on the topic of oriental flower arranging. She is an instructor on Japanese floral designs. Members will enjoy a hands-on demonstration and will leave with their own floral piece to enjoy at home. Refreshments will be served.

All are invited to attend as we are always happy to have old as well as new Villagers join us for the fun. Call Marge, 987-4765, or Del, 987-5029, and COME GROW WITH US!

Quilters to Learn "Slice" Method

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Quilt Circle will hold their third Wednesday of the month meeting on August 20 at the town hall, beginning at 9:30 a.m. There will be a demonstration on author Bethany Reynold's "Slice" technique.

The group is welcoming new Villagers, and all bring a brown paper bag lunch to enjoy, as the meeting has no set time for closing. Last month the weather was pleasant; the group adjourned to the pavilion for lunch and "had a great time," according to Elizabeth Eastman, organizer of the Circle. Those interested in joining should call her at 985-0842.

Announcements

Training Session Is Scheduled

The next training session for new volunteers at the Wildlife Center, Oak Mountain State Park, is scheduled for Sunday, August 17, from 1:30-5:00 p.m. at the Center. Call 663-7930 to receive your volunteer information packet.

U. of A. Shelby County Website

Devonna Snuggs, president of the University of Alabama Alumni Association, Shelby County, has released the group's web address, www.uashelbyco.org. Eli Gold will speak at a September pep rally at the amphitheater across from Old Town Helena, 5:30 p.m. Thursday, September 4.

Auburn Shelby County Website

The Auburn University Alumni Association's meeting August 21 will be the annual dinner for Shelby Club members at Riverchase Country Club. Call 870-5172, ext. 3073 for details, or view their website www.shelbycounty.auburnclub.com. David Housel will be among the speakers.

Thirteenth Annual Fourth of July Celebration the Coolest Ever!

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

July 4, 2003 was heralded in by mostly cloudy skies in the morning, with beautiful sunshine prevailing in the afternoon. A nicer climate in July could not have been dreamed of, as the day was definitely one of the coolest and least humid in recent memory.

Preparation for the annual event began weeks before the actual event. So much work, but coordinated beautifully by the seasoned veteran organizers. Pothole crew members **Paul Stephens**, **Bart Trammell** and **Jim Boyett** prepared the pavilion, pit, and Town Hall grounds days in advance. For days, Bart, Paul, and Jim, along with **Councilman Herb Robins** rustled up all the supplies and fixin's required for a proper down-home southern barbecue. A special thanks to **Foster Matthews** and his son, **David**, for furnishing the hickory and oak wood for the barbecue pit. Much of the wood cutting and splitting was accomplished during a visit from "Hurricane Bill." Tents for drinks, desserts, hot dogs, and donations were erected by Jim Boyett, Herb Robins, and Buzz Kelly, with lots of enthusiastic help from **Parker Johnson**, grandson of Paul and Lola Stephens. Dessert queen **Nora Boyett** prepared for the arrival of fresh baked home-made desserts to be brought by Villagers hoping to win the coveted "Best Dessert" award, and to share with their family, friends, and neighbors.

The cooking crew arrived at the pit to begin cooking at 2:00 a.m. Prepared this year were 60 quartered chickens, 80 slabs of St. Louis style spare ribs, and hot dogs for the kiddies. The "professionals" **Paul Stephens** and **Bart Trammell** were assisted as usual by Village veterans **Buzz Kelly** and **Jerry Templeton**. At first, there was concern that Buzz would not be fully recovered from carpal tunnel surgery and be missing from the group. To put this in Southern fall-football terminology, he may have had to have been redshirted for the season. But, true to his spirit of volunteering, and with the hopes of trying to coerce the 16 ingredient "secret sauce" recipe from Bart and Paul, Buzz manned the pit as always, even without an official release from his doctor. For the third consecutive year we had the backyard barbecue expertise of chefs **Jeff** and **Scott Trammell**. Bart Trammell's two oldest sons have a combined 50 years of barbecuing experience and along with their dad's 50 plus years of grill know-how, no ISV barbecue event can be complete without them. Jeff actually cut short a beach vacation to assist and enjoy the annual camaraderie of the cooking crew. After the serving line subsided, Jeff showered, took a two hour nap, and headed back to the beach. What dedication! There is no wondering where he gets it. Paul's son-in-law, **Steve Johnson**, got through his apprenticeship with high marks and proved to be an ace rib cutter-upper!



Barbecue Chefs, Bart Trammell, with sons Scott (L) and Jeff (R).

Decorations provide the ambience of the event. Thursday evening I hung the flag drapes on the Town Hall's porches assisted, as usual, by **Joseph Crapet**. Decorating committee chairpersons **Buzz** and **Nelda Kelly** positioned themselves at their posts early on Friday morning. A slight lack of communication left the decorating team without helium this year, but, volunteers **Steve Zerkis** and **Alison Stigers** were ready to jump in with their own brand of "hot air." Also assisting with the finishing touches were **Scott Trammell** and **Margie Robins**.

For the 12th out of 13 years, parade registration and coordination was handled by yours truly. Before 10:00 a.m. eager parade participants began assembling in the parking lot of the Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Valleydale Road to prepare for the annual parade through the Village. At 10:40 a.m., participants filed onto the streets of ISV. Hopefully, everyone registered, but here is the list of this year's known participants and the vehicles that they drove.



Parade makes its way down Valley View Drive toward Indian Crest.

Patriotic flair was evident, but none so well as with the pick-up trucks in the parade. **Jack Barry, Sr.** had his big white 2000 GMC Z71 decorated and loaded down with lots of flag wavers: **Beverly, Jackson and Sara Barry; B.J., Olen, and Jessie Humphries; Steve, Parker, and Grant Shotnik; and Ken, Christopher, and Austin Pitchford.** **John Gregory** drove his 2000 Ford Ranger. Piled into a Chevy Silverado were **Martha and Mary Anne Alosi, Kendee Martin, C.J. Laird, and Gray Douglas.** As always, **Mayor Gene Weingarten** and **First Lady Olivia** were looking good in their classic 1959 Ford Pick-up. **Joseph Crapet** was looking sporty in the family's red 1998 Ford STX Flareside.

Classic cars were very well represented. **John Prescott** drove a gorgeous red 1957 T-Bird. **Murphy and Paula Lynch**, were joined this year by Mom, **Ada Lynch**, a first-timer in the ISV parade. Mom was well taken care of though, as the Lynch's classic 1970 Cutlass Supreme has never missed a parade. **Dale Brakhage** along with son, **Erik**, caused quite a stir in their 1989 Mach 1 Mustang. This year was the second for **Teria Chastain**, who once again sparkled in her beautiful replica of a 1929 Mercedes. **David and Georgia Boutwell**, also veteran parade participants, brought their 1978 Corvette and 2002 Dodge Ram truck. The **Crapet** family's black 1934 Ford Fordor Sedan was driven by **Michael** while I took pictures from the passenger seat of the parade watchers along the way.



John Prescott looking "cool" in his '57 T-Bird

Red, white and blue was the theme for later model vehicles including the 1999 Toyota Sienna driven by **Dan Godfrey**, and the 2002 BMW M3 driven by **Anthony, Britany, and Stephanie Fox**, accompanied by **Rachel Howell**. Four-wheel-drivers this year were **Richard, Rachel, Gabrielle, and Tabitha Green**, along with **Christian Cockerham**, who drove the family 1999 Grand Cherokee. **Dale and Linda Sitton**, couriers for *The Village Voice*, drove their 2002 Jeep Wrangler. **Tim Nelson's** family drove their 1972 Jeep CJ5. **Jason and Aaron** were looking good in a 1994 Jeep Wrangler, as were **Clayton, Daniel, and Patrick**, who never have last names, in a 1978 Ford Bronco.

A favorite of parade watchers is always the flag-flying motorcycles. This year's entries included **Donna Boroughs**, on her Kawasaki Vulcan Nomad, **Paul and Trudy Seokel**, on their 1995 Harley Davidson Bad Boy, and **Richard and Karen Green** sporting their 2000 Yamaha FZ-71.

Showing off their new patrol car were **Bryan Weldon** and **Bill Cook** of the Chelsea Citizen Observer Patrol. Although **Captain Chris Curry** was out of town and unable to attend, the **Shelby County Sheriff's Department** deputies were directing traffic as always. **North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District** was also well represented by **Buddy Tyler, Scott Swann, Greg Jones, and Chief Mike O'Connor**. The signature bright green firetruck, sirens blaring, brought up the rear as in all years past.

The roads and street corners were crowded with patriotic spectators waving their own American flags at every turn. Seen among the many roadside onlookers were **Carolyn Cashion, Haskins and Mary Bowman, Bobbie Aultman, Larry, Sue, and Sue Ann DeBoer, Phil, Jennifer, Meredith, and Zac Rucker, Bill Ramsey, Mildred Wyatt, Rusty and Julie Schenk, Jerry, Becky and Kristen Stovall, and Ruth Snow** and family. **Mike DePriest** was seen leading a group of 20 excited flag waving children into position along Indian Crest Drive.



Mike Depriest leads DePriest/Shopke children to watch the ISV parade. The kids were from ISV, Inverness, Tennessee, and New Jersey.

Directing the parade traffic and parking at the ISV Town Hall this year was **Kevin Miller** and his son, **Ryan**, as well as **Bruce Benford**, son-in-law of the infamous Bart Trammell. This is Bruce's fifth year to assist with parking, insisting that this is very much a "family affair" for him and the other members of the Trammell clan. Kevin and son are also veterans, having assisted in years past with some of Kevin's scout troops.

Bob and Judith Konecny operated the ticket table where donations were accepted for the day. The Konecny family has been doing this for several years and say that it is a great way to get to see many of their friends and neighbors.

Mayor Gene Weingarten opened the festivities by directing attendees to the front of the Town Hall for the raising of the flag by the U. S. Marine Corps. Sgt David Golightly, of the Marine Colorguard Unit from the 4-14th Marine Reserves, raised the town's American flag, assisted by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt while the Pledge of Allegiance was recited loud and clear by Villagers.



Sgt David Golightly, in Marine dress blues, and Assistant Town Clerk, Jim Wyatt, raise the American flag, while Kevin Miller (L) and Jerry Templeton (R) await the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon returning to the pavilion, Mayor Gene Weingarten asked if any politicians wanted to make a speech, but 2003 not being an election year, there were no takers. Former Town Councilman Ron Luster led the group in prayer, after which the barbecue and fixins' began to be served.

Already in their positions on the serving lines were Herb Robins and wife Margie, Benton, Jean, and Anna Grace Baker, Connie Trammell, Norm and Barbara Bradley, Judy Lee, Nelda and Buzz Kelly, Ron and Sandy Luster, and Angie Sun. Even Mayor Weingarten took a turn at serving up the home-cooked vittles. Iced tea and soft drinks quenched many a Villager's thirst, with the help of veteran servers Alison Stigers and Jane Martin.

Nora Boyett, Betty Michels and Lola Stephens feverishly worked the dessert tent. This year's dessert competition was rich in delightful home-made desserts. As always, this is the biggest attraction of the July 4th event. The second ever "Best Dessert" competition was almost too tough for the judges. Two of North Shelby Fire and Emergency Medical District's finest and most dedicated firemen volunteered for the "dangerous" duty.



NSFD firefighters, directed by Betty Michels, judge the "Best Dessert" competition.

Although we hope everyone registered their desserts, we are never certain as to whether a few slipped in un-noticed. Those registered as slaving over hot ovens and cooktops this year were Alison Stigers, who baked a delicious coconut custard pie, and Amy DePriest, who brought her Lemon Raspberry Cake. Lou Mullikin's Southern Pecan Pie in a Cake was a huge hit, as was Ginny Lusk's Coconut Nut Cake. Betty Michels always brings her special apple nut and banana nut cakes, both with caramel icing. Lola Stephens brought a Banana Pudding sprinkled with coconut shavings that was to die for. Other Villagers who who shared their special goodies were Nora Boyett, Marge Dunn, Frances Dudley, Del Levesque, Mary Della Moss, Pat Zerkis, Teri Wells, Karen Buckner, Frances, Rod, and Erin Schopke, Abigail Kawell, Tammy Heines, Karen Greene, Pam Curry, Olivia Weingarten, Peggy Pitts, Barbara Marks' granddaughters, Alex, Ava, and Maria, and April and Erin Benford.

At the long end of the competition, and though every dessert was a winner, there could only be one "Best Dessert" prize awarded. But wait! The judges could not agree on a single prize! And in the end, the two firefighters agreed that not one, but TWO desserts would claim the title of best dessert. Karen Buckner's Yellow Pineapple Orange Cake and Karen Greene's White Chocolate thingie were tied in a solid dead heat. We will try to publish the recipes from both Karens very soon.

Special thanks to **Bill Cook** and **Bryan Weldon** from the **Chelsea Citizen Observer Patrol (C.O.P.)**, who showed off their new C.O.P. car and visited with Villagers. Bill and Bryan volunteered to be "on duty" in ISV that day in order to raise awareness of the C.O.P. Program that the Village is trying to implement.



Bryan Weldon (L) and Bill Cook (R) show off the new Chelsea C.O.P. car.

Two new additions to the ISV July 4th Celebration for this year were the **ISV Garden Club Plant Sale**, and a raffle of a beautiful patriotic quilt made by **Elizabeth Eastman**, who started the new **Indian Springs Quilt Circle**. Both were great additions to the event and had very successful fund raisers for both groups. The quilt raised \$210, which was donated to the ISV Children's Fund. The lucky winner of the quilt was Villager **Del Levesque**.



Del Levesque is the prize winner. Proceeds were donated to the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund

Clean-up went smoothly with the help of **Norm** and **Barbara Bradley**, **Bart** and **Connie Trammell**, **Herb** and **Margie Robins**, **Shirley Church** and her brother-in-law, **Charles Love**, **Jim Wyatt** and **Tricia Crapet**.

Every year, a little something special is added to this small-town celebration. The fellowship of neighbors and the spirit of community is the true reason that this event is held. Approximately 250 persons attended this year to enjoy a true American tradition — a tradition with a special "small town" flavor that you can't get just anywhere. When all was said and done, the day was deemed quite a success.

Thanks so much for coming, and see you next year!

Library Programs Scheduled

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Brown Bag Luncheon for Adults

Dr. Glenda Conway will present a workshop-style demonstration for adults on August 18 at 12:00 noon in the meeting room of the North Shelby Library. "Journaling to Learn" is the title of this discussion, which will introduce the audience to "journaling as a method of recording, understanding, and reflecting upon all the knowledge we carry within ourselves."

Dr. Conway is Associate Professor of English at the University of Montevallo and a member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation speakers bureau. At Montevallo she coordinates the Harbert Writing Center and teaches classes in writing and rhetoric.

Attendees should just come and bring their own lunches. The program is free and refreshments will be served.

Storytelling Workshop for Children

An Introduction to Storytelling Workshop for children grades 3-5 will be presented on August 30 by Birmingham Storyteller Lisa Hicks.

The three-hour workshop will be from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and will include fun games, exercises, and activities designed to introduce students to the basics of selecting and performing fun stories for presentation.

Ms. Hicks is a professional storyteller with several years experience as a performer in libraries, schools, and private programs, as well as experience conducting storytelling workshops for all school ages.

This program is free to the public. Registration is required. To register, stop by the North Shelby Library during regular business hours or contact the library at 439-5509.

Summer Reading Program Is Great Success

Books Ahoy! the reading program which began May 31 and ended with a wrap-up party July 11 had 2,100 participants this year—the best year ever!

Storytime with Mr. Mac continued to draw big crowds every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., and of the 20 programs presented, the largest attendance was at the McWane Center presentation on July 12 with 145 participating. Attendance at each craft program averaged 80, the highest being 145 on June 17.



Two young boys gather at the "treasure box" to deposit their registration forms to win a prize!

Shelby County Schools

2003 – 2004 School Calendar

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Superintendent
 Evan K. Major, Jr.



Board Members:

Lee Doebler
 Steve Martin
 HC (Trey) Ireland, III
 Allen Rice
 Peg Hill

Jul 4 Fri 4th of July Holiday (Offices Closed)
 Aug 7 Thur New Teacher Orientation
 Aug 8 Fri New Teacher Orientation
 Aug 11 Mon Institute/Local School Workday (No Students)
 Aug 12 Tues Teacher Workday (No Students)
 Aug 13 Wed 1st Semester Begins, Full Day for Students
 Sep 1 Mon Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Sep 15 Mon Local Professional Development (No Students)
 Oct 13 Mon ... System Professional Development (No Students)
 Oct 16 Thur System-Wide Parenting Day
 Nov 11 Tues Veteran's Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Nov 26-28 . Thanksgiving Holidays (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Dec 19 Fri 1st Semester Ends, Students Dismissed at Noon
 ½ Teacher Workday, Schools Close at 3:15 PM
 Dec 22- Jan 2 WINTER HOLIDAYS
 Jan 5 Mon Teacher Workday (No Students)
 Jan 6 Tues Local Professional Development (No Students)
 Jan 7 Wed 2nd Semester Begins, Full Day for Students
 Jan 19 Mon . ML King, Jr. Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Feb 16 Mon President's Day (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Mar 22-26 Spring Break (Schools & Offices Closed)
 Apr 9 Fri Mid-Spring Holiday (Schools Closed)
 Apr 12 Mon Mid-Spring Holiday (Schools Closed)
 May 7 Fri 2nd Inclement Weather Day
 May 10 Mon 1st Inclement Weather Day
 May 25 Tues 2nd Semester Ends, Schools Close at 3:00 PM
 May 25 Tues High School Graduation
 May 26 Wed Teacher Workday (No Students)
 May 31 Mon Memorial Day (Offices Closed)

First Semester 86 days Second Semester 89 days
 Total Instructional Days 175 Total Teacher Days 182

TESTING DATES

July 21-25 Graduation Exams
 First 4 Weeks of School State Assessments for K-2
 September 22-26 Graduation Exams
 December 1-5 Graduation Exams
 February 24, 2004 State Writing Assessment-Grades 5 & 7
 March 8-12, 2004 Graduation Exams
 April 13-16 Stanford Achievement Test 10

GRADING PERIODS

Period Ends	# Days	Grades Sent Home
1 st Period October 3	41	October 10
2 nd Period December 19	45	January 9
3 rd Period March 12	46	March 19
4 th Period May 25	43	*May 25

*Some schools may hand deliver report cards on the last day of school. All others will be mailed as soon as they are available.

Dates of school holidays are in **red**
Red circles indicate dates of institute, professional development, and teacher workdays.
Red squares indicate inclement weather make-up days.

January 2004						
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June 2004						
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Village Personals

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In Memoriam

Marvin Lee Balch, age 66, Birmingham, retired member of the Indian Springs School faculty, passed away on July 10. He taught math at the school from 1967-2001. A native of Kalamazoo, MI, and a graduate of Western Michigan University, he served in the Marine Corp from 1955-1961. He was a member of the National and Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics and a Methodist by faith.

Among his survivors are his wife, Lynn Balch, a son in Sacramento, CA, daughter, Stacey Unger and husband Tim of Alabaster; and a step-daughter and her husband of Commerce, GA. The family requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or to the charity of your choice.

A memorial service was held at Southern Heritage Chapel on July 15, following visitation at the funeral home the previous evening. There will be a memorial service at Indian Springs School at a future date.

Agnes L. Matthews, age 63, of 5534 Timber Hill Road, died August 1 at the Shelby Baptist Hospital with her husband, John A. Matthews, at her side. She suffered from cancer.

Mrs. Matthews was a graduate of Mary Washington College, University of Virginia, and taught with the Virginia school system for 15 years.

Funeral services were held August 5 at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church, with burial in Southern Heritage Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with a Wake Service at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Valley.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in her honor to the building fund of Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church.

Michael Roper, age 72, of 209 Auburn Road, passed away from cancer on August 6. He was born in Birmingham, England, December 31, 1930. He retired from U. S. Pipe and Foundry after 20 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; a daughter, Alison; and a son, Lindsay.

A memorial service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 8 at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel, with the family receiving friends from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations made in the name of Michael Roper be made to the Bruno Cancer Center, Attention: Katherine Puckett, 810 St. Vincent's Drive, Birmingham, AL 35205.

Villagers extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends of the deceased.

Collyn Loper Wins Competition

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Collyn Loper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Loper of Cahaba Oaks Trail, this month won the women's trap event in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, clinching an Olympic berth for the U. S. women's team. She was the only woman representing the U. S. to compete in the trap shooting event.

Recently, at Ft. Benning, GA, she competed against women from all over the U. S. and Canada and earned a perfect score--25 out of 25.

The Oak Mountain High junior, who is blind in her right eye, has been shooting since she was 10 years old. She has two more competitions, October and April selection matches. If she has the highest score in both matches, she as an individual will represent the U.S. in 2004 at Athens, Greece.

Boy Scout Holds Book Drive

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Almost 500 books and videos were collected for the North Shelby Library by Grant Frederick, Boy Scout Troop 555, as his Eagle Scout project.

The Valleydale/Caldwell Mill Road Winn-Dixie manager donated bags, which Grant hung on doorknobs with a letter to North Shelby residents to please put donations in the bag and place them back on the doorknob. Grant and his fellow scouts picked them up two weeks later. The letter, copies of which were donated by the UPS store, contained a "wish list" provided by the library.

In the picture below are Gib Frederick, Grant's father, Trevor Denkers, Michael Farnsworth, Brandon Burkhardt, Jeff Burkhardt, Grant (in blue jeans), and Ryan Burkhardt, all unloading books at the North Shelby Library. The library placed labels on the books and videos as added to the collection which read "Grant Frederick's Eagle Project, Pack 555, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints."

Grant is the son of Gilbert and Kim Fredrick of 122 Goel Road (next to Homestead Subdivision).



Grant Frederick and others carry in books donated to the North Shelby Library

Town Council Highlights

June 17, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, June 17, 2003 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, Steward Dudley, and Brian Stauss present.

Town Clerk Shirley Church presented the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted as corrected. The financial report was announced as follows: building permits, \$450; beer taxes, \$1,125; business licenses, \$100; Birmingham Racing Commission, \$761; vehicle licenses, \$369; and real estate licenses, \$6. The balance in the general fund was \$83,135. The road fund received \$1,069, resulting in a balance of \$67,404 in the road fund account. In addition, the town now has four \$100,000 certificates of deposit.

Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that volunteers were needed for the Fourth of July event. Councilwoman Crapet also mentioned that a new grocery store was opening across the street from the ISV Winn-Dixie Marketplace on Valleydale. Mrs. Crapet reminded Villagers that the new store and shopping center are not in ISV, but are instead in the city limits of Hoover, making the taxes at that location 8 percent, as opposed to the low 5 percent tax in Indian Springs Village shopping areas. Villagers were urged to continue to support those businesses within ISV's borders.

Councilman Brian Stauss reported that the ISV website, www.indianspringsvillage.org, has been updated with all issues of *The Village Voice*, as well as a copy of the latest proposed Comprehensive Plan. A hearing on the plan was scheduled for July 8, 2003. Councilman Stauss also announced that he had received a quote for smoke and fire detection system with battery backup, sirens, panic button, and sensors, as well as auto dial functions for the Town Hall. Additional bids will be taken before a contract is let.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that there was still no additional news on the Cahaba Valley Road turnlane project. A public hearing will be scheduled for August. Regarding the speed limit reduction on Cahaba Valley Road, Councilman Robins reported that State of Alabama Highway Engineer Gary Ray had stated that the Birmingham District Office has approved a 45 mile per hour speed limit. Final approval from Montgomery is still pending.

Councilman Robins also reported having attended the Chelsea C.O.P. meeting. The council hopes to have a similar program set up in ISV within the near future.

Councilman Stewart Dudley reported that he is reviewing the tax package that is to be voted on by Alabama citizens in September. It is still unclear at this time how the the Town of ISV will be affected as a municipal entity.

Mayor Gene Weingarten announced that ISV has been asked to nominate one citizen for the Shelby County Board of Equalization. The position deals with property tax appeals and volunteers should

contact the mayor or any council member with questions.

Residents of the Willow Ridge neighborhood brought their concerns to the council regarding a business entity's having rented a single family dwelling in that neighborhood for the purpose of running a business. The council has asked Zoning Board of Adjustment Chairman Russ Allison to look into the matter.

Town Council Highlights

July 15, 2003

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, July 15, 2003 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.

The minutes of both the June 17, 2003 and July 1, 2003 meetings were adopted as amended. Town Clerk Shirley Church gave the following financial report: Receipts: beer tax \$1,135; real estate fees, \$1; vehicle licenses, \$595; and ISV July 4th barbecue, \$1,392. The general fund balance was \$76,729. Road fund receipts: \$1,118; resulting in a balance of \$68,533. The Indian Springs Village Children's Fund received \$210 from the July 4th raffle of a quilt made and donated by Elizabeth Eastman.

In committee reports, Councilman Art Johnson announced that since there had been no aluminum can collections in a couple of months due to the weather, volunteers would be needed to help with the July pickup, which is expected to be quite heavy.

Councilpersons Herb Robins and Patricia Crapet thanked everyone for helping with the July 4th event. Both also reported on their visit to the last C.O.P. meeting in Chelsea. The Chelsea program has proven to be quite an asset to their community, and all the council members are hoping that enough interested volunteers come forward to begin a program for Indian Springs Village.

Councilman Robins also reported that Villager and Boy Scout Kevin Tice will construct a bridge at the Town Hall that will go over the creek to the walking track on the west side of the property. This project has been approved for Kevin's Eagle Scout badge. The council is looking forward to working with Kevin on his project.

Updates on the status of the operation of certain businesses along Cahaba Valley Road within the town limits of ISV were given by Mayor Gene Weingarten. The businesses, which are located in the area of Grimes and Castleberry roads, are reportedly operating into the wee hours of the night on occasion. Complaints from neighbors regarding the time of operation, as well as the type of business being run on the property are presently being addressed by ISV attorneys. Councilman Herb Robins requested that the council be presented with copies of all correspondence regarding the matter at the next meeting.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt suggested that ISV contact Shelby County officials to pursue contracting with them to pick up and dispose of dead wildlife along town streets and roads. Animals

killed by vehicles can be very unpleasant to remove without the proper equipment, which the town does not have. The council agreed to pursue the service.

An annexation petition was brought to the attention of the council by Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt. After waiving the rules to allow for an immediate vote on the petition, Ray Harold and Gayle Craft of 677 New Hope Mountain Road, whose property is contiguous to the town, were approved for annexation by unanimous vote.

Mayor Gene Weingarten reported on the status of a house in the Willow Ridge neighborhood of ISV. Neighbors are concerned that zoning regulations having been broken due to the fact that the single family residential property has been rented by a corporation who is running a group home at that location. Mayor Weingarten stated that Zoning Board of Adjustments Chairman Russ Allison is investigating the complaints and will give the council a recommendation soon regarding any course of action that the town should take to protect the zoning. Several Willow Ridge neighbors were in attendance and voiced their concerns regarding the situation since it is apparent that the leasees are running a business, which is not licensed in ISV, out of a residential home. There have been complaints in other areas of ISV regarding additional unauthorized businesses being conducted out of homes.

Be a C.O.P.! ISV Needs YOU!

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

Now is the time for all good men, and women, to come to the aid of their town! I realize this sounds a little bit like a famous quote from the Revolutionary War, but the concept still rings true today.

A great opportunity to make ISV an even better place to live (if that's even possible) has come our way. The Citizen Observer Patrol Program (C.O.P.) is operational nationwide in many communities just like ours. The City of Chelsea has had their program in effect for four years and the difference it has made in the community's well-being and desirability has truly been remarkable. Crime is down and the C.O.P. presence has been documented in many ways as having been of great assistance to the Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

The strictly volunteer program asks volunteers to make a small commitment of three hours per week to help insure the safety of our community. The basic function is to patrol the Village, much like the Sheriff's department does, in a C.O.P. marked vehicle, keeping your ears and eyes open for suspicious activities. On occasion, C.O.P. patrols will be asked to assist in traffic control for accidents. Volunteers will undergo extensive training by the Shelby County Sheriff's Department in how to perform this function, as well as a law enforcement traffic and driving classes.

No weapons will be carried by C.O.P. volunteers. A direct-connect radio phone to the Sheriff's Department will be used by each patrol. All patrols will be in pairs, with no volunteer being alone on patrol at any time.

An informational meeting will be announced for some time in September. For information, or to volunteer, please call Councilman Herb Robins (908-9217) or e-mail me at ISVillage@aol.com.

F.Y.I. on Recycling

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council, Place # 2

Tired of arriving at the recycling bins at Heardmont Farms and finding them full, with no space for your recycling contributions? If this happens to you, please call Shelby County to report the full bins and they will make a pickup. The number to call is: 669-3737.

Village Personals

By Patricia Crapet and Ruth Goodwyn

Welcome Newcomers

A very warm welcome to Jonathan and Sherri Dunn, new residents of 940 Copena Drive. The Duns come to the Village from Helena and are "looking forward to a long and enjoyable life in Indian Springs Village". Jonathan is a community educator for Care First Home Health Care, traveling Jefferson, Shelby, Tuscaloosa and Bibb counties, while Sherri is the human resources director for Family Care's Riverchase corporate office. The pride and joy of the Dunn family is son, Spencer, 23 months old, who just loves to be outdoors and playing with his toy trucks and trains! The family is very involved in camping, going to the beach, and attending outdoor music festivals and concerts. The Duns are members of Valleydale Baptist Church. We welcome them and hope to meet them soon at an ISV function or meeting!

In Memoriam

Stephen T. Blackburn, age 53, of 1115 Indian Crest Drive, passed away August 8. He was a member of the Alabama Bar Association and the American Society of Professional Engineers.

Funeral services were held August 11 at Southern Heritage Chapel with burial in the Southern Heritage Cemetery. Visitation was held Monday preceding the service. Immediate survivors are his wife, Rhonda Hoggle Blackburn and a daughter, Jeremi Blackburn, of Indian Springs; a daughter, Stephanie Blackburn of Tuscaloosa; his mother, sister and brother-in-law of Cherokee, AL.

In lieu of flowers the family requested that donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Association.

Lost Dog

A Welsh Corgi named "Pub", male, red/gold/white in color and wearing a thick leather collar with a plate on it, has been missing since July 27. The dog is new to the Indian Crest area and is not yet familiar with his surroundings. Please Help! If you see "Pub," please call 444-9930.

Complaint Filed Concerning Missing Statue

Del Levesque, who with her husband, Bob, live at 115 Willow Ridge Lane, discovered that a small statue of a raccoon was missing from their fenced-in yard. The statue apparently became missing between 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Monday when no one was at home; it was discovered to be missing Tuesday morning, Aug. 12. She called the Sheriff's Department and a Deputy investigated. The gate to the fence which surrounds their yard and swimming pool is now padlocked. Del was distraught because the statue had sentimental value and because someone evidently trespassed on their property.