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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 17, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 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
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A Message From the Mayor

By Gene Weingarten

The mayor's message this month centers on a letter received from Bobby Joe Seales, President of the Shelby County Historical Society, Inc., located in the 1854 Old Courthouse at Columbiana. The letter is partially printed below:

"Town of Indian Springs:

We would like to encourage each city/town in Shelby County to consider purchasing one of the engraved clay (brick) pavers for their city/town...

"The clay (brick) pavers are ready to engrave. The City of Columbiana is undergoing a main street renovation and would like to have these engraved bricks placed in front of the old courthouse. The old courthouse will be the center of attraction and should create a lot of personal interest in the project and leave a lasting legacy.

"All proceeds will go to the Shelby County Historical Society, Inc., founded January 18, 1974, which maintains the Shelby County Museum & Archives."

The Society is a non-profit organization and orders are tax deductible. Each brick in the circle measures 3 3/4" x 7 3/4" and holds three lines with 16 characters (letters/spaces) per line. Bricks may be purchased to read "In Memory" (with two lines for name), "In Honor" (with two lines for name), "Family of," (with two lines for name), or may be just a name on three lines. The absolute deadline for ordering is April 1, 2004. The cost is \$100 per brick.

If you have questions please call 669-3912 on Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and ask for Bobby Joe Seales. Or, you may visit the website: www.rootsweb.com/~alshelby/shelby.html for more details or an order form.

The city of Columbiana anticipates giving a name to the circle that will go around the old courthouse. Anyone wishing to make a suggestion as to the name for the circle may submit that suggestion with your order for the Historical Society to submit to the city for consideration.

A celebration of the 150th year of the old courthouse and the Historical Society's 30th anniversary were part of the Society's Sunday, Feb. 1, quarterly meeting, when certificates of recognition to 2002-03 officers and board of directors were presented by Judge Patricia Fuhrmeister and County Commissioner Daniel M. Acker.

Town Council Highlights

January 20, 2004

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, January 20, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided over the meeting with council members Herb Robins, Art Johnson, and Brian Stauss.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues for the month as follows: general account: Alabama Municipal Insurance refund, \$19; insurance, \$2,364; building permits, \$720; annexation fees, \$385; beer tax, \$923; business licenses, \$500; resulting in a balance in the general account of \$68,337. The road fund received \$1,099, resulting in a balance of \$75,025.

Councilman Art Johnson called for volunteers in the monthly aluminum can recycling that occurs the Wednesday night after the third Tuesday council meeting. He can use assistance, and he thanked all past participants.

Councilman Brian Stauss requested a complete set of ordinances and annexations to enable him to put these on our website and was given the go-ahead to purchase software to allow the maps of the town to be correctly incorporated into the comprehensive plan for Indian Springs Village.

Councilman Herb Robins announced that District Engineer Gary Ray is in the process of suggesting to the state that the speed limit on Highway 119 be dropped to 45 mph all the way to Highway 280. Robins stated there may be a possible delay on the turn-lane project due to federal funds involving a 5-lane proposed road from Broken Bow South to County Road 14. It is possible this project is five years away and could create a "snag" in the turn-lane project. There will be additional meetings regarding the turn-lane project. If there are no snags, bids should be submitted in the fall 2004, bids let in spring 2005, and the turn-lane project finished in spring 2006, weather permitting. Robins said that Scott Holladay would send in another request to the county for repair of a washed-out road shoulder.

Concerned about speeding drivers in the Village, Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt suggested using speed breakers or rumble strips on all roads in the town, but it was pointed out that this practice would entail liability should an accident occur. A suggestion was made that any Villager witnessing someone speeding in our town should try to get the license tag number of the car and call the Shelby County Sheriff, telephone 669-4181.

Mayor Weingarten announced that the town has been successful in collecting \$4,135 from the Birmingham Water Works for back utility taxes, and we will continue to collect taxes from them in the future. While most of Indian Springs Village receives water from Pelham, some areas are served by Birmingham.

A resolution was adopted for the town to pay the cost of two fire hydrants (\$2,600) and the rental fee of these hydrants for the next three years at \$115 per year in the Indian Gate subdivision. The town will then be reimbursed for these expenditures by the developer of this subdivision.

Another resolution was passed to approve payment of grant money to the Shelby County (Oak Mountain) schools within the town which had been proposed in our budget for 2004 as follows:

High school, \$4,000; intermediate school, \$4,000; middle school, \$4,200; and elementary school, \$4,488. The money is to be used for educational purchases based on needs submitted by the schools.

Villager Phyllis Monical, representing the Willow Ridge subdivision, requested a report on the town's progress to date in refining the ordinance dealing with the definition of "family." The Planning and Zoning Commission is considering restructuring this ordinance. The appropriate steps will then be taken to have this revised ordinance voted on at our March 2004 meeting. —Based on minutes of the meeting by Town Clerk Shirley Church

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

by the

Indian Springs Village Town Council

On March 2, 2004

at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall, 7:00 p.m.

The Town Council will discuss and vote on a recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to change certain definitions and language in the ISV Zoning Ordinance. Specific details of these changes will be posted no later than February 13, 2004, on our website, www.indianspringsvillage.org and at the following four public locations: ISV Town Hall bulletin board (2635 Cahaba Valley Road); North Shelby Fire Station #2 (Caldwell Mill Road); Sunny Food Store (Highway 119 and Caldwell Mill Road); and Winn-Dixie (Valleydale Road and Caldwell Mill Road).

Emergency Task Force Set Up

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Many Villagers remember the 17-inch snow blizzard of 1993 and the Palm Sunday tornado of 1994 when Villagers helped out Villagers to chainsaw downed trees and clear the roads. With that in mind, Paul Stephens of Indian Crest (988-4672) has set up an emergency task force of which he will be a group leader with Dr. James Austin, Auburn Road (988-0439) and Gene Weingarten, Indian Crest Dr. (988-5417).

Another group will be co-chaired by Jim Wyatt and son-in-law Rusty Schenk of Indian Trail (988-0327) with Brian Stauss of Cahaba Oaks Trail (987-9997); Bart Trammell of Valley View Rd. (988-0094) will head another group with Harry Little, Valley View Rd. (991-2923) and a third volunteer; Herb Robins, Hollow Log Lane (980-9217) and two other volunteers form a fourth group. All of these Emergency Task Force members may be called to help out in the event of devastating weather.

Recycling in Shelby County

By Lindsey Allison, Shelby County Commissioner, District 7

Shelby County is in the recycling business. However, how the county evolved to its present status of recycling is of great interest. Due to the county's landfill ownership, it is required by federal law to participate in a recycling effort of some type.

Originally the county participated with a non-profit cooperative to collect limited recyclables, and that arrangement worked well until 2001. However, with volunteers unable to handle the large recycle loads and with regular garbage being dumped at the bins, the county needed to step in. The final straw was when a dead cow was dumped at the recycle bin in South Shelby County. Needless to say, the volunteers had had enough.

In 2001 the county commissioners and staff visited Morgan County to study their recycling program. This program has won numerous awards from state and federal entities for being the most efficient in collection and cost. The county learned that door-to-door pick-up in a large area is cost prohibitive. Cities, due to close quarters, are more appropriate for this door-to-door type of recycling. Having conveniently located drop-off sites that can be monitored is a more appropriate approach.

Shelby County partnered with Waste Management and arranged for six locations within the county for large recycling bins to be placed. These bins can accept all papers, cardboard, aluminum, and plastics. Currently, recycling glass is cost prohibitive in this area due to the transport cost.

The recyclables do not have to be separated when placed in the recycling bin due to a sorting process undertaken at the recycling center in Birmingham. Waste Management trades out recycling bins when they are full. If you see the bin full you can always call 669-3737 and the staff will arrange a pick-up.

Of the original six sites proposed in 2001, only two are functioning, Heardmont and Helena. Other sites have been closed due to lack of participation, the unwillingness of any sponsoring entity to monitor the site, and excessive illegal dumping. However, the two bins in operation have been very successful.

In the county's annual report, required by federal guidelines, is this statistic: among the cities of Alabaster, Hoover (Shelby County), and Pelham and Shelby County, 8600 tons of items were recycled in 2003. If anyone knows of an appropriate site such as a school or church, the county will place a bin at that location if an entity agrees to monitor closely the situation.

The commitment to monitoring simply means checking when the bin is full and helping keep the area clean. Shelby County is in the recycling business! However, it is an evolving process, and suggestions are welcomed.

Village Recycling - February 18

By Art Johnson, Town Council Place #4

Recycling is Wednesday evening, February 18, for the entire town. Please put your recycling on the curbside before 7:00 p.m. The town of Indian Springs encourages all residents to recycle as it helps maintain clean air and water—in most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air and water pollution than making the same products from virgin materials.

To help your recycling 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 trash pickup. Also, please securely tie your recycling bag with a knot to prevent spillage. If the bags are not tied, our volunteers will have to take the time to tie them.

Your January recycling team members were Russ Favorite and Art Johnson, Trudy and Paul Skokel, Margie and Herb Robins, Bo Holmes and Jackie Johnson. Proceeds from recycling help support the printing of this newsletter, *The Village Voice*.

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

Now Here's a Solution -- If You Can Identify the Culprits

Editor's note: The "Message From the Mayor" in the January Village Voice concerning mauling of mailboxes and ruining of lawns prompted the following e-mail to the editor from a Villager.

The "trenching of lawns" article brought back memories of a discussion I had with a fellow student at the beginning of my senior high school year in Jackson, MS. I had grown up working; digging post holes for fences and mailboxes was just one of the many jobs I had. Consequently, I knew the work and sweat it takes to construct something. While I did about everything a teenager does, one thing I did not do was vandalize.

Upon seeing one of my classmates that fall, I asked how his summer went. He moaned, "Don't ask." Of course I had to ask, "What do you mean?" He began to tell me that during the previous spring he and some friends were trenching yards at night with his jeep when unknown to him, his wallet fell out. It didn't take long before he was paid a visit by the police.

"We spent the entire summer repairing every yard in Jackson, MS, that had been trenched whether we did it or not. I will never vandalize anything again," he said. "Good, I'm glad to hear it," I replied. No slap on the hand, no meaningless fine paid by his parents, no meaningless lecture, no time out, no lawsuit by parents on behalf of poor little junior, but a summer of responsibility and sweat in that hot Mississippi weather where he learned his lesson well. --Jim Loper

Garden Club to Have Armchair Trip to Tibet February 18

By Ruth Goodwyn and Gladys Price, Secretary

Villagers are invited to a special Garden Club program on Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. The regular meeting date would be Feb. 26, but it was decided to take advantage of the opportunity presented by a visit home of Susan Kelley, daughter of Ginny and Ed Lusk of Auburn Road.

Formerly a Curatorial Associate of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Susan will present an "armchair trip" to Tibet, showing and narrating slides of her botanical exploration in that region, featuring both plants and people. She spent nine summer weeks in the Hengduan Mountains, which lie at the eastern end of the Himalayan Range, an area which is one of the richest and most endangered terrestrial areas on earth. The expedition was funded by the National Science Foundation.

On January 1, 2004, Susan was named Manager of Foreign Expeditions to China and Tibet at Harvard and is no longer affiliated with the arboretum.

Susan, who lived in Indian Springs while successfully engaged in a career in music, reverted to an old love, horticulture, and earned a degree in botany at New York University. She worked at Gardens in the Woods, Framingham, Mass., before joining Harvard.

Our garden club was invited to meet with the Morning Glory Garden Club of Hoover on February 4 to hear Verna Gates, a free-lance writer often referred to as "one of Alabama's treasures." We enjoy sharing with other garden clubs.

Arbor Week is February 22-28, a date set by the Alabama Forestry Association. It's a good time to plant trees and nurture the ones we have. Keep in mind that our state tree is the longleaf pine.

On March 5 and 6 our garden club members will be working at the town hall from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Villagers may stop and get free seeds and small seedlings from the gardens, as they are being thinned out.

Garden Tip of the Month

It's time to plant poppies, candytuff, cornflowers and larkspurs, after a rain.

Also, clean your garden beds by removing all weeds, dead limbs, and broken branches.

Free Mulch Available

Dee Park of 248 Valley View Road and her husband, Nathan, have a gigantic pile of leaf mulch from their mulching machine. The mulch is about three or four years old. It is free to Villagers for the asking. Please call 733-0553 to make arrangements to take advantage of this offer.

Library to Hold Book Sale

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

The North Shelby Library will clean out a four-year accumulation of donated books and books weeded from the library collection at a book sale Saturday, February 28.

A five-member committee from the Key Club of Oak Mountain High School is planning the sale, and with the help of others in the 75-member club, they are advertising the sale, moving, organizing, and pricing books, and will conduct the sale, being held in the downstairs meeting room to your right as you enter the library. The sale will start early, at 8:00 a.m., and will go on until 3:00 - 4:00 in the afternoon. The committee is experienced, having conducted previous book sales.

Carol Farr, Acting Director of the library, is amazed at the enthusiasm and willingness to work shown by the members, who are doing this project for community service credit at school. "They work on Saturdays and after school; school will be closed for President's Day and they will be here hard at work," she said. The meeting room will be blocked off every afternoon starting February 23 for the Key Club members to work.

The donated books for sale are usually books given to the library which duplicate titles the library already has in its collection; the ones weeded will be duplicate copies of titles no longer on the "best-seller" lists. For the sale, the books are being moved from an upstairs unfinished room to the downstairs meeting room where they will be more accessible to the public.

Tax Forms Available

Forms for filing income tax are available on the second floor of the library in the reference area.

New Books for Gardeners

A \$500 donation was presented to Acting Director Carol Farr by the Shelby County Master Gardeners' Association to purchase gardening books for the library. The donation is the result of a December sale at the library of handmade ornaments, wildlife treats, gift baskets and other items crafted by Master Gardeners. Two other libraries in the county system, at Montevallo and Columbiana, were host libraries for the event.

It's Time to Spring into Art

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

Oak Mountain Elementary School is having its "Spring into Art" festival on Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This fundraiser for OMES is a day of hands-on crafts and games for children ages 5 - 9. Parents are invited to bring the children to paint, cut, paste, and design with a variety of paints, paper, ceramics, clothespins, and wire. Also available will be games, inflatables, cake and coke walks, and food. Susanne Lawson, Chairman, assures that adults will enjoy strolling through the silent auction and bidding on a variety of wares.

Town Council *Highlights*

February 3, 2004

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at the Town Hall on February 3, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. Presiding over the meeting was Mayor Gene Weingarten, with councilmembers Stewart Dudley, Patricia Crapet, Art Johnson, Herb Robins, and Brian Stauss present. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Chief Financial Officer Paul Stephens announced that the town is shopping for the best rate on certificates of deposit. Councilman Stewart Dudley suggested that the town wait until after the G7 meeting later in February. (The G7 are Deputy Finance Ministers from the "Group of Seven" countries now meeting in Dubai, India.) There was no financial report given.

In committee reports, Councilwoman Patricia Crapet reported that the Indian Springs Village Children's Fund had received a few more donations since Christmas, and reminded everyone that the fund is used year-round, and not just for Christmas presents. Councilwoman Crapet discussed that the next social "event" for the town is the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Some of the prizes have already been obtained, with the rest being ordered sometime later this month. Volunteers are needed to help with the event.

Councilman Brian Stauss stated that all current issues of *The Village Voice* are now on the ISV website, and that all information for the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission has been updated as well. Councilman Stauss reported that he had received calls from citizens wanting to purchase ISV logo tags for their vehicles. The tags are available at Neil's Pharmacy on Cahaba Valley Road.

Councilman Stauss reported that the ISV Planning and Zoning Commission is working on re-wording the term "family" in the ISV Zoning Regulations, and that a public hearing on the subject will be held soon. A recommendation will then go to the council for a vote.

Building Permits Approved

By Marty Martin, Town Engineer

In January, building permits were issued for the following, listed by address, applicant, request:

- Lots 11, 12, 13, and 15 Indian Gate, Carter Homebuilders, new residences
- 133 Willow Ridge Drive, Holmes, detached garage
- 6 Pawnee Drive, Billy Sims, rebuild greenhouse

**Indian Springs Village logo
vehicle tags
are available at Neil's Pharmacy
1573 Cahaba Valley Road**

ISVCF Donations Continue

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus ... and he is represented by generous Villagers who took the time to give to the ISV Children's Fund so that others less fortunate could receive. Those who have recently made donations are: **Indian Springs Garden Club, Mountain Heating and Cooling**, owned by Paul and Gina James, Carolyn Cashion, Don and Anita Jones, Bob and Judith Konecny, Warren and Sally Ruden, Terry and Dorothy Carlisle, Scott and Jan Arledge, Alan and Karen Thompson, Ken Bush and his company, BankWare; Jerry, Patty, Shelly and Jared Smith, Betty S. Thrasher and Family, Undivided Ministries, Linda and Terry McCartney, Jim and Margaret Wilson, Allen and Deborah Riha, Michael and Donna Bruno, and Danny and Vicki Williams. The "Bunco Babes," who meet monthly at the town hall, sent in a donation via Villager Laneyl Owens. A donation was made in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Paul W. Skokol III, as well as a donation in memory of Herman E. Sellers.

We thank those who have sent in these donations, as well as those who have already been recognized for their efforts. Please continue to send donations to: ISVCF, c/o Patricia Crapet, 370 Valley View Road, Indian Springs, AL, 35124. Remember, this is a fund that provides for these children year-round, and not just for Christmas. Thank you, so very much, from the children and their families.

Urgent Plea For Easter Egg Help

By Patricia Crapet, Town Council Place # 2

Seems like only yesterday that the old Easter Bunny was hiding those eggs for our precious (and sometimes precocious) children to find! But, it was nearly a year ago, and well, it's time to get ready for that furry little fella once again. This year will be the 11th year for the ISV Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Since the event began, the town has hidden over 25,000 eggs stuffed with candy and prizes, all of which were eagerly found by our excited children.

This year, more than ever, I am going to need a lot of volunteers. I am desperately in need of a co-chairperson to help. There is much to do, with stuffing the eggs just a small part of the picture. There is much more to this event than stuffing eggs. Prizes must be ordered, unpacked, numbered, divided into groups, and categorized. Volunteers are also needed to deliver, set up, and give out the prizes. The field must be laid out by age group and the eggs distributed as evenly as possible.

I cannot overstate the need for volunteers. If enough do not come forward, the event may be cancelled. To volunteer, please call my voice mail 802-2753. Thank you in advance.

Park Deer Health Still a Problem

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

To a point the recent hunt to thin out the deer herd at Oak Mountain State Park was successful, but the park officials were not pleased that only 26 were killed by the 70 bow hunters who had been carefully screened before they were allowed to participate in the two-day, first-time-ever hunt. Firearms and fireworks are prohibited in Alabama's state parks.

The fear of Villagers that wounded deer would stagger out of the park to die in their yards did not happen. Jimmy Shivers, Park Superintendent, said that all deer wounded were located and contained within the park.

Meetings will be held by the Alabama Department of Conservation to decide what course to take to alleviate a problem that has been for decades in the making, Shivers said. All avenues will be talked about, with management of habitat being the ideal solution. The hunt did confirm that the deer were underweight, basically due to a lack of food, and other valuable information was collected.

Burning has been suggested as a means of cleaning out the underbrush and allowing for growth of vegetation the deer feed on. A combination of burning and thinning the herd is probably the best course to follow, Shivers speculated. But park officials are endeavoring to find a solution to improve the well-being of the deer and the environment.

According to *The Heritage of Shelby County, Alabama*, the history of the park dates back to the 1920's when, during prohibition, a push to get rid of moonshining was made by the Federal Department of the Interior. Land around Pea Vine Falls, 850 acres, became federal property designated as the Oak Mountain Demonstration and Recreation area. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) had a federal work project there, and the infrastructures of the park were built in the 1930's. Oak Mountain was one of the six CCC parks in Alabama. Many of the existing buildings, the trail systems, and classic stone work are still present.

In the 1950's the Department of the Interior decided the property to the state, and it was designated as Oak Mountain State Park. During the Wallace administration more land was obtained in 1972 and the 10,000 acre park was modernized and became the largest state park in Alabama.

To expand its borders, the city of Pelham annexed the state park by a vote of the Alabama Legislature on March 27, 1990; the law signed by Governor Guy Hunt on April 3, 1990, according to a spokesperson for the city of Pelham. Pelham provides police and fire protection, but does not run the park. Pelham police patrol roads around the park, but not inside the park, unless they are requested to do so by park rangers. Speed limits inside the park are set by Pelham, which has provided additional street lights inside the park.

Sick List

January and February have been tough months for many Villagers with the following being reported sick: Madaline Johnson, 680 Valley View Rd., at home recuperating from recent surgery; Ginny Lusk, Auburn Rd., and Frances Dudley, Cahaba Valley Rd., both recovering from surgeries; John Dunn, Cherokee Tr., preparing for hip replacement; Jack Dean, Pawnee Ln., suffering lung cancer, and Ed Goodwyn, Choctaw Lane, preparing for lung cancer surgery.

Around the Village

By Ruth Goodwyn, Editor

In Memoriam

Villagers extend sympathy to the Howard and Jewell Beasley family of Grimes Road in the death of her mother, Olier Marie Hill, age 93, on February 3 at the Beasley home.

Other survivors are a daughter of Danville, CA, a son, Bobby H. Hill and his wife Ruth of Birmingham, eight grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

The funeral service was Friday, February 6, at Jefferson Memorial Trussville Chapel with burial in Jefferson Memorial Gardens East.

Welcome Newcomers

Now at home at 570 Valley View Road are Dr. John Fiveash and Laura, their triplets and the triplets' nanny. The Fiveashes moved here from Homewood and have been in the Birmingham area for about five and a half years.

Dr. Fiveash is a radiation oncologist at the University of Alabama at Birmingham; Laura just received her doctoral degree in maternal and child health at UAB, and the nanny is in school when she is not caring for Jake, Nick, and Hannah, who will be three years old in April. Considered part of the family, Mary Docchi, formerly of Brazil, has been with the Fiveashes for a year and a half. She just finished a language program at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, and hopes to become a physical therapist.

We welcome the family to Indian Springs Village

A Thank-You Note

Bart and Connie Trammell of Valley View would like to thank all their friends and neighbors for their thoughts and deeds during Bart's recent hospital stay and rehabilitation.

Also deserving thanks is Davis Plumbing Co., Inc., for their quick response to adjusting the kitchen water supply at the ISV Town Hall, Bart reported.

Announcements

Quilt Circle to Regroup for 2004

Elizabeth Eastman, organizer of the Indian Springs Quilt Circle, reminds all members of the third Wednesday meeting on February 18. Members meet at the town hall at 9:30 a.m. and bring sack lunches, as here is no set time for adjournment. The group needs to reorganize and establish priorities, Elizabeth said. If interested in joining, call 985-0842.

Conference on Marriage

Alan and Jamie Wood of Indian Springs, who have been married 20 years and are the parents of two children, will participate in a marriage enrichment conference for couples on February 20-21 at the Inverness Vineyard Church on Valleydale Road. If interested in attending the Friday night and Saturday conference, please call 980-1690.

The Wildlife Center, Oak Mountain State Park, will hold a training session for volunteers Sun., Feb. 15, 1:30-5:00 p.m., at the center. Call 663-7930 to volunteer.