

The Village Voice



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A Message from the Mayor

by Steve Zerkis

The Indian Springs Comprehensive Plan has been under development for the last three years. As many of you know, there have been a number of public meetings and a host of work sessions with various volunteer committees to create, review and revise this plan into a document that reflects the town's philosophy. Its purpose is to support the basic objectives of our town, which are to support, defend and enhance the peaceful environment we call Indian Springs Village.

At the town council meeting on Tuesday, November 16, the Comprehensive Plan will be presented for final approval. This will be a major milestone in our town's history. This is an open meeting and all residents are welcome to offer their thoughts and comments. The Plan as presented has some revisions and corrections but is not significantly changed from earlier drafts. It is available on the town's website, www.indianspringsvillage.org.

Your town will be using this Comprehensive Plan to identify what actions need to be taken to support our town's objectives. It won't be sitting on a shelf collecting dust. It will become the core of how we plan our town's future. That means that we will be reviewing what actions need to be taken to convert the plan's goals into results. Your mayor, council and town committees will be creating work plans, budgets and schedules as needed so that we move ahead.

The plan doesn't look to create a lot of changes in our town. That's the point. The town has carefully listened to its residents and has crafted a document that tries to maintain the philosophy of our town's current environment while adding some safeguards that will try to minimize or prevent future harm. We will be carefully reviewing current ordinances and will probably have to add some new ordinances. Where changes are necessary, we hope to make them as long as it's for the benefit of the town and its residents. But we will also work with the community to enforce our ordinances and the standards they establish so that our living environments can be defended and enhanced.

We appreciate your participation and support in this long-term process. Please volunteer your time and experience to our town's committees and commissions.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, November 16, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 2004, 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

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

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Website: www.indianspringsvillage.org

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 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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Editor's Appreciation to

Indian Springs Village couriers for hand delivery
Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing

Notice of Public Hearing

November 16, 2004, 7:00 p.m. ISV Town Hall

The Indian Springs Town Council has completed its review of the ISV Comprehensive Plan prepared by the Planning and Zoning Commission and resident volunteers. On November 16th, the residents of Indian Springs are invited to share their comments with the Town Council prior to the Comprehensive Plan going to a vote. Copies of the Comprehensive Plan are available for viewing and download on the city web site, www.indianspringsvillage.org. There will be printed copies available on the front porch of the Town Hall. You can also contact Town Clerk Shirley Church to have a copy mailed to you. Shirley can be reached at shirley@indianspringsvillage.org or 991-6148.

Town Council Highlights

September 21, 2004

By Brenda Bell Guercio, Town Council Place #2

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall. Mayor Gene Weingarten presided with Council Members Herb Robins, Art Johnson, Brian Stauss and Patricia Crapet present. The minutes from the September 7th meeting were approved as amended.

Town Clerk Shirley Church reported revenues for the month as follows: General Account: Beer Tax - \$1,187; Vehicle License - \$1,039; Real Estate License - \$8; Building Permits - \$2,438; Variance Fee - \$411; Insurance License Fees - \$551, resulting in a balance of \$63,624. The Road Fund received \$1,001.59, resulting in a balance of \$82,438. The Children's Fund has \$5,945.

Council Member Patricia Crapet reported the next meeting would be held on Monday, October 4, 2004 at which time the town's new officials would be installed by ISV's first mayor, Judge Hub Harrington. A reception will be held after the program.

Council Member Robins reported he has received two bids for paving the walking track. One bid is from Elmo Glenn General Contractors for \$10,469 and the other is from Northcut General Contractors for \$10,000. Prices include paving the track with 2-3 inches of asphalt and cleaning and repairing of needed drains. A bid to cover the track with a soft surface material is also being sought.

Councilman Robins also stated he had received the ISV Garden Club's 2005 budget request, amounting to \$1,050. This includes flower maintenance around the Town Hall and the two Town entrance signs. Several present complimented the Garden Club for the fine job it is doing.

Councilman Brian Stauss stated the website update with new contact information for new town officials should be available within two weeks. He also announced a public hearing was held at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting Tuesday, September 14, 2004 to discuss the town's comprehensive plan. There were a few minor changes, primarily verbiage clarifications. He presented a copy of the revised plan to the Council with recommendation to adopt. The Council decided to hold a public hearing to allow public input at the November 16, 2004 Town Council Meeting.

Assistant Town Clerk Jim Wyatt reported a hole on Auburn Road that needs repair to avoid washout of part of this road. He also asked the status of the sewer line extension to be placed on Indian Trail. The Mayor reported this is on a county road, and

the survey is in the planning stage. If pursued, a public hearing will be held, and a building permit will be needed from the Town to install this sewer line.

Mayor Weingarten will contact Sheriff Chris Curry and invite him to attend the November 2, 2004 meeting to discuss the Sheriff Department's program that would provide for the county to contract with municipalities to furnish law enforcement services.

Cingular Wireless representatives West Burn and Rick Shaw requested approval for a variance to replace the existing 75 foot pole at Oak Mountain High School with a 100 foot pole to allow installation of equipment for better coverage in the ISV area. Everything will be maintained the same other than the height of the pole. This request has been approved by Planning and Zoning, and Council Member Herb Robins made a motion to accept this request contingent on the written approval from City Engineer Marty Martin. This was approved.

A brief discussion was held regarding an earlier public meeting at Spain Park High School pertaining to the widening of a portion of Valleydale Road in Hoover to five lanes.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.

Zoning Board of Adjustments Variance Request Results

by Brian Stauss, Chair, Zoning Board of Adjustments

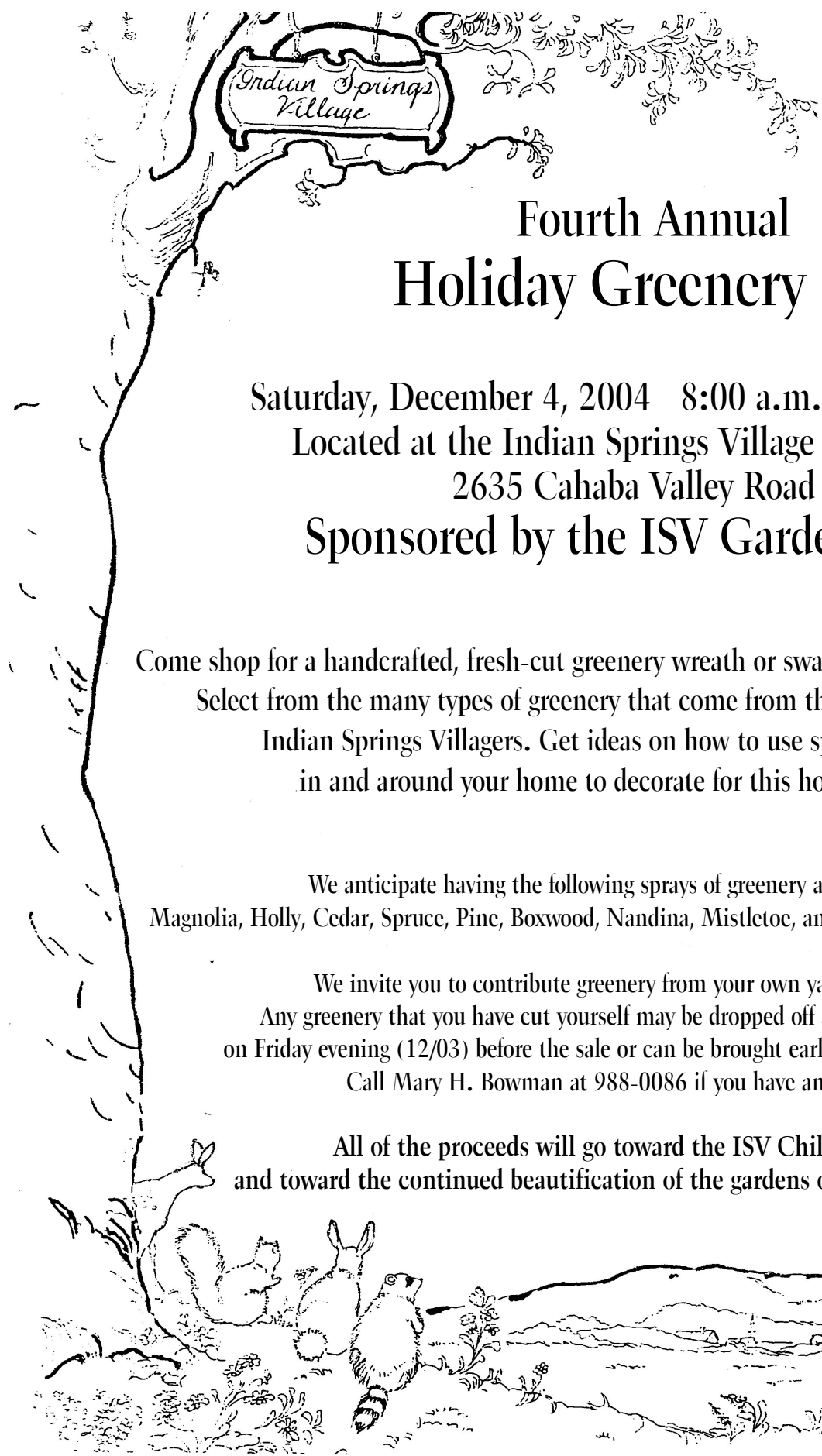
The ZBA heard two requests at their October 28th meeting. The first request was from Champion Windows requesting a rear setback variance for the Jack Kelley residence at 5152 Hollow Log Lane. Mr. Kelley plans to build a sunroom on the rear of his home. The sunroom will sit 12 feet inside the rear setback. The variance was granted. The second request was from Glenn Sidle requesting a rear setback variance at his residence, 2470 Cahaba Valley Road. A proposed carport extension at the rear of his residence will sit 20 feet inside the rear setback. The variance was granted.

Additional details can be read in the ZBA meeting minutes, located on the city website. www.indianspringsvillage.org.

Final Reminder

by Bart Trammell, Administrative Assistant

The deadline for changes to the BellSouth white pages is rapidly approaching. You still have time to get that listing changed to Indian Springs and it takes just a few minutes to get it done. Dial 557-6500 and select the option to speak with a Customer Representative. Tell them that you wish to change your LISTING to Indian Springs.



Indian Springs
Village

Fourth Annual Holiday Greenery Sale

Saturday, December 4, 2004 8:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Located at the Indian Springs Village Town Hall

2635 Cahaba Valley Road

Sponsored by the ISV Garden Club

Come shop for a handcrafted, fresh-cut greenery wreath or swag for your home or mailbox. Select from the many types of greenery that come from the yards and gardens of Indian Springs Villagers. Get ideas on how to use sprays of greenery in and around your home to decorate for this holiday season.

We anticipate having the following sprays of greenery available for sale: Magnolia, Holly, Cedar, Spruce, Pine, Boxwood, Nandina, Mistletoe, and other special types of greenery.

We invite you to contribute greenery from your own yard for this sale. Any greenery that you have cut yourself may be dropped off at the ISV Town Hall on Friday evening (12/03) before the sale or can be brought early that Saturday morning. Call Mary H. Bowman at 988-0086 if you have any questions.

All of the proceeds will go toward the ISV Children's Fund and toward the continued beautification of the gardens of the ISV Town Hall.

The Town's Birthday Presents

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

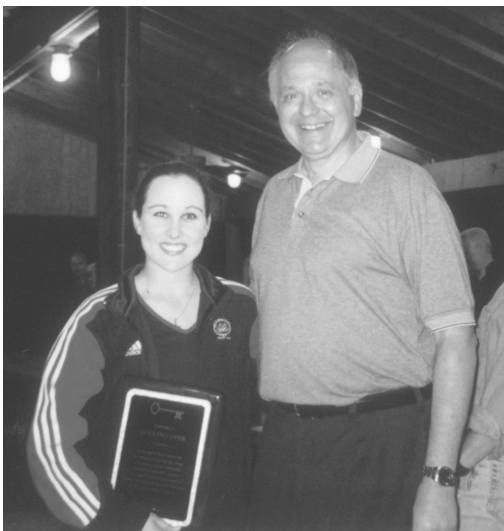
Founder's Day this year was on October 19. As a town, every year we throw a birthday party for ourselves and this year was no exception. The weather was not being nice. You might remember we had heavy showers with lightning and thunder almost up to dinner time at 6:00 pm so the turnout was less than expected but I think everyone who came had a great time.

Our special guest was Collyn Loper who participated in the summer Olympics in Athens. She was given a plaque and a key to our city as a recognition of her accomplishments. Collyn and her family have lived in Indian Springs since she was two and she is a senior at Oak Mountain High School. Her specialty is trap shooting. She came in fourth in this Olympics, so only three people in the world were able to out shoot her in this event. We are all very proud of her personal accomplishment.

We also recognized several of our residents who have recently retired from their elected or appointed offices with the village. Gene Weingarten, Tricia Crapet and Art Johnson have recently "retired" after many years of serving the people of Indian Springs as mayor and council members. Dr. Ruth Goodwyn also retired as editor of our Indian Springs Village *Village Voice*. They all helped create our town and brought her to where she is today. The plaques they received can only begin to express our thanks for all the effort and heart they have given to Indian Springs.

The big surprise of the night was provided us by Tricia Crapet. Although Tricia was out of town and couldn't be there herself, she asked her neighbor and friend, Lindsey Allison to present a gift to ISV of its new Town Flag. It's a beautiful design with the town's logo centered on a dark green field. We appreciate all the efforts made by Tricia and others in the design and graphics work that went into creating the flag, and thank her for this beautiful gift. We will be very proud to display our new flag in the town hall.

The food was great, from the hamburgers and chili made and served by Bart Trammell and the gang, to the wonderful desserts brought by so many of our residents. We also had the opportunity to recognize several of our deputy sheriffs who attended. It was a great birthday party.



Collyn Loper with Mayor Steve Zerkis

Heardmont Senior Center

The Senior Center at Heardmont Park is looking for someone to work for them twenty hours a week part-time. For more information please call them at 991-5742.

The Senior Center will be closed on November 25 and 26, Thanksgiving Day and the day after.

Vicious Dogs in Town

We have had several calls complaining about dogs running loose and being aggressive and even vicious to residents. If this occurs, you should call the Shelby County Sheriff's office immediately and they will dispatch a deputy. If the deputy determines if the animal is vicious toward people, he/she will then contact the Shelby County Animal Control to capture the animal. Your dog could be sweet and gentle at home but may be very aggressive toward other people and animals. Residents in ISV have been attacked and bitten. Please take care to keep your animal under positive control. Its a long drive down to Columbiana to get your animal, and there will be fees to be paid. That's assuming the animal's owner can even be identified. Please be considerate of your neighbors and help keep this a safe community.



Russ Allison presents the new flag donated by Tricia Crapet



The Siddle family, new ISV residents, with Gene Weingarten

Edward T. Goodwyn

Edward T. Goodwyn, age 79, passed away Monday, November 1, at his home in Indian Springs after a 14-month battle with lung cancer. He had been associated with the ceramics industry since graduation from the University of Alabama in 1951.

Services will be held Saturday, November 6, at Southern Heritage Funeral Chapel with visitation at 1:00 P.M. and the funeral service at 2:00. Graveside service will follow at the Southern Heritage Cemetery.

Mr. Goodwyn was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Sylvester and Thella Quattlebaum Goodwyn of Warrior; his brothers, Leon Goodwyn of Jasper; O.J. "Joe" Goodwyn of Montgomery; and sister, Dorcie Jewel Goodwyn, Vestavia Hills.

He is survived by his wife of almost 53 years, Betty Ruth O'Rear Goodwyn, a native of Jasper; a brother, Ulysses V. Goodwyn, Shoal Creek; a sister, Elaine Goodwyn of Mount Royal Towers; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Born in Cordova, AL, Mr. Goodwyn lived much of his youth in Sipsey and was educated in Walker County schools and in Douglasville, GA, where he engaged in high school football, baseball, basketball, and track. In the U.S. Army he served (15 Dec. 1943–13 April 1946) in the 537th Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion and the 723rd Railway Operating Battalion, seeing action in France and Germany.

His start in the ceramics industry was in Ohio, where he did research and development as chief ceramics engineer for Stark Ceramics, Inc., East Canton. He became a refractories sales representative for H.K. Porter Company and the Geo. K. Moss Co., Birmingham. He formed his own sales and service company, Goodwyn Refractories Co., Inc., in 1985.

Residents of Indian Springs since 1974, he and Ruth were very active with a small core of citizens in the development and incorporation of Indian Springs Village in 1990. He was a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church. In 1998 he made a bequest to the University of Alabama to honor a former professor of ceramics, and he was a loyal Crimson Tide fan. An organic gardener, he was known for his love of the outdoors and wildlife.

Garden Club News

by Gladys Price, Indian Springs Village Garden Club

The holiday Season is soon upon us. There will be no monthly meeting in November or December on the fourth Thursday as our routine evening. We are busy preparing for our 4th Annual Holiday Greenery Sale.

Plant Swap? Anyone interested in a Perennial, Shrub or Tree Swap? I have Nandina shrubs and Liriope (monkeygrass) to share. Call Marge Dunn at 987-4765 if you are interested in coming to dig these items in her yard.

Zoning Board of Adjustments

Council Member Brian Stauss has been appointed as chair of the Indian Springs Village Zoning Board of Adjustments. He is replacing Russ Allison who has done an excellent job of heading this board since its creation. Russ will continue as City Attorney. Steve Zerkis is also joining this board.

Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is a time to honor all veterans of the armed services. It is also a day to be proud that we are citizens of a nation made great by the sacrifices and dedication of all our military personnel, both home and abroad. Please take a few moments to honor our veterans. When you meet a vet, thank him or her for their service to our nation. Don't let their service be forgotten.

Community Information

Please let us know of things that are happening in your family that you'd like to share with your town. This includes activities of various clubs, scouts, schools, seniors etc. We'd also appreciate knowing about births, new and departing residents, illnesses, loss of loved ones. And another things, your thoughts and opinions are very valuable. Please share them in the form of a "letter to the editor" of our *Village Voice*. Alison Stigers is the editor of the *Village Voice* and you can email her at Alison@indianspringsvillage.org or send to her address as listed on the first page.

New Business in Indian Springs

by Alison Stigers, Editor

Larry Horton has opened a produce market at 3195 Cahaba Valley Road in Indian Springs Village. Formerly called Pelham Produce and located in that town, the new store is now called Larry's Produce Market at Indian Springs. The store carries fresh produce from farms in Chilton County, a range of Amish specialty items such as butter and cheeses, and staples such as bread and milk, with plans to sell Christmas trees during the holiday. Hours of operation are Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., except on Wednesdays, closing at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Horton was raised in Calera and attended high school in Montevallo; he has farmed all his life and currently lives in Columbiana. When asked how he chose Indian Springs Village for his new store, he said "it's a neat neighborhood, everyone is so friendly."

Volunteers for Boards and Commissions

There are several vacancies on ISV commissions and boards. If you are interested in volunteering to serve your community in this or any other capacity, please call the mayor at 733-9935. This is a volunteer town and your help and participation is important and appreciated.

Indian Springs School Receives \$2-Million Grant to Create Malone Scholars Program

by *Shelby Hammer, Director of External Affairs, Indian Springs School*

In one of the largest gifts since Indian Springs School's founding, the Malone Family Foundation of Denver awarded the school \$2 million to create the Malone Scholars Program. The purpose of the Malone Family Foundation is to provide gifted and talented students with limited financial means access to quality independent education.

With the grant, Indian Springs will be able to select and educate more students in the top five percent of their class who would not otherwise be able to afford independent education. The goal of the foundation in funding high schools is to open doors for these students to earn scholarships to the nation's top colleges and universities.

Each year since 2000, the Malone Foundation has selected three schools to receive grants. Indian Springs becomes one of eleven schools nationwide to have been awarded these funds – and the first boarding school.

This grant provides funding for a new program, designed by the school and outlined in a grant proposal first submitted in 2003. The school will make the first Malone Scholars awards for the 2005-2006 school year. Specifically, the school aims to identify and support students from Alabama and across the southeastern United States. This program is designed to recruit, identify, and enroll gifted students with limited financial resources. Malone Scholars must meet the program's academic requirements, write an essay on the benefits of education, and satisfy established national guidelines for financial need.

The school will name six new students as Malone Scholars, and two current ISS students will also be awarded scholarships. Current students must have at least a B+ average in their high school coursework and a 1200 on the SAT I combined. Students who wish to be considered will submit an essay on the relationship between education and an improved society. They too must demonstrate financial need.

These scholarship funds are available to both day and boarding students. The school anticipates that the average award in the first year will be \$12,000.

A Two-Year Process

The Malone Foundation does not accept unsolicited proposals. Instead, the foundation screens schools that have outstanding academics, a strong college placement record, programs for gifted and talented students, and a commitment to financial aid. The foundation also considers the size of a school's endowment. Schools with smaller endowment funds are more likely to receive grants from the foundation.

The competition for the grant involved the entire school community. The school submitted a proposal, outlining the new Malone Scholars program. Director Mel MacKay and Director of Development Gisèle Crowe collaborated on a proposal in the winter of 2003. They also enlisted the help of development

professional Betsy Hunter, parent of Allen Hunter '06, who honed and refined the draft. Although that proposal was not accepted, the foundation remained interested in Indian Springs, and the proposal was resubmitted by the school a year later.

When Cathie Wlaschin, Malone Foundation Administrator, first read about Indian Springs, she was impressed with the average SAT score and the number of AP courses offered. That ISS students are encouraged to pursue independent study also made the school attractive.

Indian Springs' budget includes \$625,000 for financial aid. This money is distributed to students who have met the criteria for admission and satisfy the national requirements for financial assistance. During the 2003-2004 school year, 59 students, over 22% of the student body, received financial aid. These aid awards allow the school to enroll students who contribute in the classroom and to the community as a whole.

Because the benefits of a generous financial aid program are so great, the school wanted to pursue an avenue that would allow it to expand its reach and resources. The school's commitment to financial aid is clear in the Strategic Plan, which states that the school will "seek scholarship funds specifically for the purpose of enrolling boarding students from families which could not otherwise afford independent education." The grant from the Malone Foundation fulfills that objective.

The Campus Visit

Wlaschin contacted the school in the winter of 2004 to arrange a meeting during the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) conference in Montreal. She and Jonathan Horn, Dean of Academics, discussed the value of independent education in general and of an Indian Springs education in particular. Horn particularly emphasized the diversity and warmth of the ISS community. He said, "The most important part of the conversation was that as a school, we have the desire to bring people from across the spectrum into the school-community. We want to provide the opportunity for students to have this kind of education, particularly people who need help paying the tuition."

In March, Wlaschin flew from Denver to visit the campus. During her day at Springs, she met with administrators, faculty, and students. She attended classes and listened to a choir rehearsal, experiencing the school's excellence, diversity, and commitment to making this education available to all qualified students.

The school's revived boarding program was particularly influential in Wlaschin's decision. She found that Indian Springs students truly appreciate their informal time with friends and faculty. Floyd Howard '04 moved her with the story of how his friends in the Dorm Circle helped him celebrate his birthday. Boarding students have the opportunity to know each other and their teachers so much better in a residential setting.

Gifted students certainly have great opportunities at Springs. The number of faculty members with advanced degrees gave Wlaschin confidence that talented students can push themselves farther. Students who are interested in arts and athletics also have the opportunity to pursue their goals.

The student government based on the concept of the school as a town pleased Wlaschin. She has visited many schools with an emphasis on student government, but none who conceptualize it in the same way. The structure of commissioners serving with a mayor

struck her as unique. Wlaschin continued, "The students are getting a great civics lesson."

Perhaps most important was the diversity and openness of the community. Allen Eskridge '04 and Lake Trechsel '04 emphasized the strength in diversity and the absence of established cliques. In some schools, Wlaschin worries that Malone Scholars would struggle socially, but she had no concerns about that problem at Springs. She said, "Kids on financial aid feel wonderfully welcome and feel no discrimination."

Added to the mix are the beautiful campus, administrators who teach, and an energetic director. Wlaschin said, "Indian Springs is a real oasis for gifted students in this region."

North Shelby Library November Schedule

by Rachel Hodges, Children's/Teen Librarian

North Shelby Children's/Teen Department

November Happenings

The library will be closed 11/24-11/26 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Mondays, Nov. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

Toddler Tales @ 10:30 & 11:30 am

~Special guest storyteller Amy Hogan on 11/22 (only @ 10:30)

~The Story Bus will be visiting us again on 11/29 (only @ 10:30)

Wednesdays, Nov. 3rd, 10th, and 17th

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!) @ 10:30 am

Thursdays, Nov. 4th, 11th, and 18th

P. J. Storytime @ 7 pm

Join us November 15-20 to celebrate Children's Book Week~~Let's Book!

~Play our "First Lines" contest throughout the week to enter a raffle drawing!

~Family Story Night on Tuesday, November 16, from 4-4:30 featuring "Native American Stories."

~Take Flight with Reading! Join us for paper airplane construction with a pilot from the Southern Museum of Flight, Thursday, November 18, from 4-5.

~Family Movie Afternoon. Join us for snacks and prizes Saturday, November 20 from 12-1:30 pm.

Visit our website www.northshelbylibrary.org for more details or call 439-5504!

2004 Legends Iron Bowl Challenge - Wednesday, November 17, 5:30-9:00 p.m. at the Pelham Civic Center to benefit Making Strides. More information at www.makingstrides.org.

Help support the North Shelby Library during Children's Book Week (Nov 15-21, 2004) while getting an early start to your holiday shopping!

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Present this voucher at time of purchase at Barnes & Noble during Children's Book Week, and part of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Department at the North Shelby Library.

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And don't forget to visit the library during this week for fun and prizes to celebrate the joy of reading!

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Please contact Rachel with any questions or comments at 439-5504.

And visit our website www.northshelbylibrary.org

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Horticultural Program at North Shelby Public Library

by *Natasha Hanna, Library Staff*

It couldn't have come at a better time. A few short weeks after the wrath of Hurricane Ivan, The Alabama Urban Forestry Association held it's first program, Trees for Your Home, on September 28th at the North Shelby Public Library. Shelley Green, the Executive Director of the AUFA, along with her colleague, Mike Zarichnak, an Alabama Power arborist led an enthusiastic group of 20 library patrons and community members in a seminar on tree health and planting. With so many trees uprooted all over the state, the value of this type of program was incalculable.

Carol Farr, Director of the North Shelby Public Library, organized the event, which also featured a brown bag lunch. Guests shared drinks, food and enthusiasm with each other as they learned such essential topics on knowing your site when choosing trees, how to select quality nursery stock and plant it for the best results, as well as the importance of timely and proper pruning.

The highlight of the event came after the seminar, as Mrs. Farr, Ms. Green and Mr. Zarichnak took the program outside for



a demonstration. Choosing a location in the southwest corner on the library's land, the group assisted in planting a beautiful red maple tree, a generous donation from the organization. All the participants contributed in the planting, taking turns digging, fertilizing and essentially planting the new tree.

All of the guests had an enjoyable time, and one remarked that he couldn't wait to come back next year and chart the tree's progress. This was a sentiment that was echoed by all the guests, and also by Mrs. Farr.

"I'm very excited about our lovely new tree, and thankful to the organization for contributing such a lovely specimen to our beautifully landscaped library. We will all enjoy watching it grow, as it goes along with the new developments and growth of our library," Mrs. Farr stated.

Community members are welcome to come by and see the new tree and to do some browsing through the library's extensive collection of gardening and landscaping books.

Carlisle is National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist

Adam Carlisle was named as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist. The designation is earned by high scores on the Preliminary SAT National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Adam is a senior at Oak Mountain High School, and the son of Terry and Dorothy Carlisle of Mountain Vista. The National Merit Finalists will be announced in January.

Stitcher's Delight at ISV Town Hall

By *B.J. Scharath, Villager*

The Cahaba Lily Chapter of ANG (American Needlepoint Guild) hosted an all day stitching class on Saturday, October 23rd, turning the Town Hall into a Stitcher's Delight. Fourteen members attended the event, bringing their magnifiers, lights, needles, colorful threads, and canvases on wooden frames to spend a day learning to do 4 Way Tent, Amadaus, Sprat's Heads stitches, and more. It's not just the plain needlepointing of our grandmothers anymore! The teacher for the event was Emily Caneer, from Big Spring Chapter of ANG out of Huntsville. She taught a design she created, called Midnight Puzzle, a beautiful collection of stitches and threads that would entice anyone to pick up a needle and canvas and start stitching, regardless of needlepointing experience with decorative stitches. Although most attendees do not live in the Village, they were all complimentary of the beautiful setting of the Town Hall, and amazed that such a facility was available for anyone living in Indian Springs.

ANG is a non-profit organization whose purpose is educational and cultural development through participation in and encouragement of interest in the art of needlepoint. Needlepoint is defined as any counted or free stitchery worked by hand with a threaded needle on a readily countable ground. Membership is open to all stitchers, amateur and professional, novice and experienced, and everything in-between. The only criteria for membership are a love of needlepoint and a desire to learn more about this popular art. Check out www.needlepoint.org for more information, or contact B.J. Scharath at BJscharath@charter.net if you are interested in joining the local chapter.

