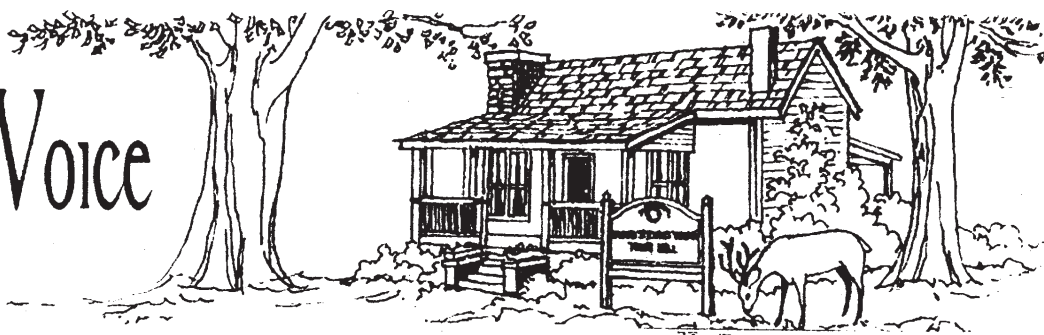


# The Village Voice



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## INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, August 17, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7, 2010 7:00 p.m.

### Agenda

- I. Mayor/Council/Committee Reports
- II. Ordinances and Resolutions
- III. Citizen's 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 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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*The Village Voice* is published the first week of each month. Articles for the September edition should be submitted by Friday, August 27, 2010. All materials submitted for publication may be edited, including **letters to the editor, which must be signed and give writer's address and phone number.** All opinions expressed in this newsletter are those of the authors of articles; any opinions expressed should not be attributed to the mayor or the council.

### Editor's Appreciation to

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

## Message from the Mayor *by Steve Zerkis*

Our traditional July 4th Celebration was a wonderful success and just a lot of fun. We had our annual parade through town followed by a beautiful flag ceremony at the Town Hall, an invocation and then the food. Everything was great, especially the pastries. Some of the pastries were unbelievable. The weather was perfect and so many people pitched in to make the day happen. Council members Brenda Bell-Guercio and Herb Robins lead the effort and did a great job. A special thanks to Sheriff Chris Curry and his staff for all the assistance they gave with traffic control. The North Shelby Fire District included one of its fire trucks in the parade. There are pictures and a couple of articles in this newsletter.

We will be holding a public hearing on September 7th to present proposals for new parking around the Town Hall, and to ask for your input. Please see the article for further information and come out to the meeting.

*The Village Voice* is your community newsletter. It's been published monthly since our town was incorporated twenty years ago to keep you, as residents, informed not only about your town government but about everything of interest happening in Indian Springs Village. If you have something of interest going on in your family, church, social organization, school or neighborhood, write up a paragraph or two, attach a photo if you have it and send to our editor, Alison Stigers. This also includes events such as weddings, engagements, births, showers, awards, parties – you name it. Your neighbors would like to read about it. You can reach Alison at [Alison@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:Alison@indianspringsvillage.org). Her fax is 949-6279 and phone is 253-1605. Please contribute.

It's “back to school” time. Please watch out for the yellow school buses and the children who are running to catch them or who are running to get home. They may not see you driving and you may not see them, so please be careful.

Now if only the temperature would drop just a little, please.....

**FREE LANDFILL DAY – Saturday, October 9, 2010**

Monday - Friday 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Shelby County Highway 70 Landfill (205) 669-4169

**ISV IS OFFERING A \$1000 REWARD** for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the theft and damage to street signs at Caldwell Trace and Castleberry Road. Contact Herb Robins at 980-9217 or [herb@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:herb@indianspringsvillage.org).

# Town Council Meeting

June 15, 2010

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All Council members were present except Brenda Bell-Guercio and Brian Stauss.

The Council reviewed the May 18 and June 1 meeting minutes. Mendel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The May financial report was presented. Robins made a motion to endorse the report, seconded by Mendel. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Robins spoke with City Engineer, Frasier Christy, regarding the detention pond fence in the Indian Gate subdivision that has not been installed yet. Christy will contact the developer, John Powell, and give him two weeks to have the fence installed. If it is not completed in the given time period, a lien will be put on the property.

Ben Jones presented to the Council the proposed placement of bollards and benches for his Eagle Scout project. There will be a meeting Friday with Jim Loper, landscape architect, to discuss the new parking lot and landscaping.

Mendel spoke with his Alagasco contact. Vertex is working on the list he gave them. Jones and Dudley suggested filing a complaint with the Public Service Commission. Mendel spoke with the USPS about allowing residents to use ISV as the city in their mailing address.

Mayor Zerkis received a census map showing the ISV borders. The maps are incorrect, but he will update them.

Zerkis gave an update on the All Hazards Mitigation Plan. He spoke with a representative of Shelby County. They have clarified the wording in the ordinance so that the City is not financially responsible but eligible to apply for available grants. A discussion followed. Mayor Zerkis will contact Chad Scroggins of Shelby County and request that he attend a council meeting in July to discuss.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

# Town Council Meeting

July 6, 2010

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. The Mayor called the meeting to order and the City Clerk called the roll. All Council members were present except Stewart Dudley.

The Council reviewed the June 15 meeting minutes. Mendel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Robins. The motion was accepted unanimously.

Mayor Zerkis said the Fourth of July Celebration was great. There were many compliments and some residents said it was the best ever. A discussion followed.

Robins reported that the lawn care service did not do a good job mowing the open areas before the event. There was a brief discussion. Robins will contact the owner to discuss.

Robins gave an update from Gary Ray of ALDOT. They are waiting on the delivery of the steel grate covers to be installed on certain culverts. Once completed, ALDOT will do a walk through and make a punch list of any remaining items to be completed or touched up before final approval of the project.

Ben Jones has had his Eagle Scout project for the Town Hall approved by the local Boy Scout chapter and is awaiting national approval.

Robins thanked Boy Scout Robert Mann for his assistance in setting up for the Fourth.

Robins reported that the Indian Gate subdivision detention pond fencing is 95% complete.

Former ISV Town Councilman Gary Dennis' son, Brandon, was killed in a motorcycle accident. Robins asked that everyone keep the family in their thoughts and prayers.

Mendel gave an update on the Alagasco issue. He spoke with a manager who said data analysis should be complete by the end of the week.

Mendel spoke with Mrs. Goodwin, USPS Manager of Address Management. She referenced an agreement with former mayor Weingarten in 2000. She stated that for the 35124 zip codes we should send them a list of ISV residents and they would be added to their database with an ISV address. There was no agreement for 35242 or 35244. She said they cannot do it because of the automated readers and mail may be lost. Mendel forwarded a list of residents in the 35124 zip code. She will update the information in approximately six weeks and mail a new agreement to Mayor Zerkis.

Mayor Zerkis reported that Chad Scroggins of Shelby County's Environmental department will attend the next meeting.

Zerkis called Cahaba Tractor and they will pick up the Kubota mower for consignment. He thanked Councilman Stauss for his work selling the lawn equipment.

Mayor Zerkis gave an update on the fire hydrant installation. The Pelham Mayor is insisting on the payment of a \$1500 impact fee per hydrant in addition to the cost of installation. Zerkis will meet with him to discuss. Chief O'Connor says the legislation the NSFD was formed under exempts them from the fees.

The NSFD Community Service program has had three meetings. They have a good volunteer base. They are now working with area churches.

Robins will contact Jim Loper about the proposed parking lot project. Zerkis would like to have a community meeting to discuss proposed changes. A discussion followed.

Zerkis asked the council members to begin thinking about the 2011 budget.

Mayor Zerkis adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly Rasco, City Clerk

# Town Hall Meeting Addresses Proposed Parking Improvements

by Steve Zerkis, Mayor

Your Town Council is looking at proposals to improve the parking around the Town Hall. The heavy rains this past winter, again, turned our grassy areas near the Town Hall into a sea of mud and certainly made parking difficult and messy for residents and guests. The proposals suggest a relatively small amount of paved parking to the side and behind the Town Hall with some low intensity lighting to improve safety in the parking area. We are also looking to improve traffic flow in and out of the parking areas. We would like to improve parking without losing much of the rural appeal of the Town Hall.

We would appreciate your thoughts and input on this project. We will have a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. to describe the proposals and get your input. We hope you will attend.

## Building Permits

submitted by Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: Wynlake Construction Inc.  
Owner: Urmish Patel  
Address: 255 Cahaba Oaks Trail  
Proposed Use: Renovation and Addition

Applicant: Wade Faulkner  
Owner: Wade Faulkner  
Address: 111 Swann Drive  
Proposed Use: New Home Construction

## Garden Club Enjoys Antarctica Slides; Tour of ISS Garden/ Orchard

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

In the middle of a three-day heat wave with daily temperatures above 100 degrees F., members of Indian Springs Garden Club on Thursday evening, July 22, enjoyed a slide presentation on Antarctica, which surrounds the South Pole, with its average summer temperature of -17.6 degrees F.

The presentation was made by Dr. James Lowery, retired, former University of Alabama at Birmingham Director of Management Support Services for 32 and a half years. It focuses on two expeditions made by Dr. Lowery and his wife, Peggy, who was present at the meeting, with Dr. Jim McClintock, marine chemical ecologist and invertebrate zoologist. Dr. McClintock is an Endowed Professor of

Polar and Marine Biology at UAB, and has been involved in 12 research expeditions to Antarctica since 1983. The two expeditions James and Peggy Lowery featured in the slide show were January 2006 and December 2009, both summer months in Antarctica.

Occupying about ten percent of the world's surface, Antarctica contains 90 percent of the world's ice and, in the summertime, it is almost one-and-a-half times the size of the USA.

The "White Continent," Antarctica has no permanent residents and no indigenous inhabitants. Settlement is limited to those at summertime scientific research stations and tourists.

Though rich in the surrounding islands, plant life on the continent is almost non-existent, with Antarctic pearlwort and Antarctic hairgrass well-known; also species of moss, lichen and algae. Members were treated to picture after picture of penguins, penguins and penguins, and birds such as the albatross, petrels and cormorant; also species of whales, seals and orcas. "Cold, windy, quiet and clean" were descriptive words of Antarctica, also called "the land of perpetual twilight."

Earlier in the month, July 8, on another hot, sweltering day, Garden Club members chose late in the afternoon to visit the organic garden/orchard on the campus of Indian Springs School. Biology teacher Bob Pollard took them through the gardens of heirloom tomatoes, cucumbers, different kinds of squash, okra and corn. All of these vegetables are harvested weekly and sold at the Pepper Place Saturday Market in Birmingham. Five students are on campus helping plant, tend and harvest, and they have already sold "tons of vegetables" this summer. As each crop dies out, it is replaced; acorn squash has already been planted to harvest this fall when students return. Swiss chard is provided for the school's dining hall all year long.

Professor Pollard also spoke on sprays and pruning of their fruit trees such as Asian pears, Gala apples, peaches and other fruit trees. Mushroom compost and other compost from local horse farms are used in the Fertile Minds Learning Garden, the name of the organic garden and outdoor laboratory.

## TOPS Weight Loss Support Group Meetings

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is a non-profit, non-commercial weight-loss support organization with thousands of associate chapters in the United States and Canada.

TOPS will meet every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at St. Francis Episcopal Church on Highway 119 in Indian Springs. For more information, call 620-0602.

Another TOPS group meets at St Francis Church at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday. For information, call 995-2166 or 408-9340.

# July 4th Parade Through ISV *by Steve Zerkis, Mayor*

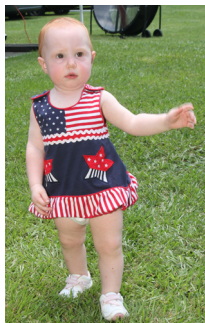
Did you get to drive in or see our parade? It was fun for everyone, both in the parade and everyone who came out to watch. Patsy bought and threw out bags of candies. We had a lot of vehicles in the parade. Most registered to be in it and a few even joined in as we drove along. Everyone was welcome.

Who was there? Well, there was a yellow Corvette with a large US flag driven by Dan Lee; a white Lexus convertible driven by Rita Mendel with Betsy and Holly Moats riding on the back; a red 1954 Buick two-door hardtop driven by Ronald Owens with Jeff, PJ and Bo Dixon along for the ride; a bright red Miata with Donna Williamson and Donald Norwood; Mr. Jim Burette's green F-100 Ford truck with members of the Bell, Stephens and Lowing families aboard; a Corvette with Dana Thrasher; a Mustang convertible with Christy and Brian Kind and Brandy Skinner; a '73 Corvette with Trudy Socket and Barbara Mosley; a 1995 Harley "Bad Boy" with Steve Socket; a nice black F-150 truck with Mr. & Mrs. Richard Greene and family including grandchildren Mary Ella, Oliver, Annabella, Lance, Christian, Rachael, Thomas, Tabitha and Gabrielle; a black Mustang with Peggy Crossman Bailey, Anna Crossman, Dickie and Kathy Gilmore; a very hot Shelby Cobra with Jeff Lee and Molette Durham; a black motorcycle with Joe and Dinah Lee; a dune buggy with Logan and Lynlee Thrasher; a 2009 red Smart car driven by Nola Stans; a 2007 Silverado silver diesel truck with Pam Allison; a 1966 milano maroon Corvette with Tom Allison; a gold BMW with Steve and Pat Zerkis who led off the parade; a black GMC Tahoe with Sheriff Chris Curry and his family; another Tahoe with Chief Deputy John Samaniego and his family; a big, yellow fire truck from the North Shelby Fire District and numerous patrol cars from the Sheriff's Department. We even had a few vehicles that joined in as we drove by.

Biggest vehicle? The fire truck. Best fuel economy and cutest? The Smart car. Loudest? The Shelby Cobra. Most unique? The dune buggy.



## ISV 4<sup>th</sup> 2010



*Photos this page courtesy of Joe D. Lee. Thank you!*



## Celebrating the 4th of July in Indian Springs Village

by Brenda Bell-Guercio, Council Member



The parade started the celebration winding through our Village with spectators lining the route. A special “Thank You” to our Fire and Sheriff Departments for their help with this event. Upon arrival at the Town Hall, we were pleased with a reenactment of the flag-raising on Mount Surabachi during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World War II. Jim Wyatt graciously arranged this moving rendition performed by Marine veterans. The Mayor then led us in the flag-raising ceremony followed by a prayer given by Ron Luster.



And then the feasting began! While we ate mouth-watering BBQ provided by Jim ‘N Nicks, we continued to be entertained with great music provided by Randy McDonald of Mac’s Tracks. The Garden Club again did a spectacular job of decorating the Pavilion, and the residents of Indian Springs outdid themselves this year with homemade desserts. Another special treat was the donation of Free Donut certificates by Alisa Belcher from Dunkin Donuts.



The best homemade dessert contest was judged by our Marines and Firemen, including Lt. Ken Gilliam, John Ames USMC, FF Shendarrius Perdue, Bob Arnwine and Ray Barry. Winners were as follows:

5th Place – Anita Jones for “Grandma’s Cobbler”

4th Place – Jenny Pittman for her Fig Cake

3rd Place – Rick Buckner with his Strawberry Pie

2nd Place – Alison Stigers for Fruit Pizza

1st Place – Kate Jones with a Red, White and Blue Cobbler.

If any of you would be willing to share your winning recipes, please send them to Alison at *The Village Voice*, [Alison@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:Alison@indianspringsvillage.org).

Thanks to all our volunteers including, but not limited to, Rita and Jack Mendel, Pat Zerkis and Mayor Steve Zerkis, Margie and Herb Robins, Kelly Rasco, Alison Stigers, Patsy Strozier and all the Garden Club, Bob Konecny and daughter Kate and son-in-law, Ron Luster, Jim Wyatt, Jake Guercio, Jane Martin, Wayne Jones and family and our Fire and Sheriff Departments.

Hope you all had a wonderful and safe Fourth of July, and you will join us again next year!

*Photos this page courtesy of LaVerne Ramsey. Thank you!*



# SHELBY COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2010 – 2011 School Calendar

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July 5.....Independence Day Observed (Schools & Offices Closed)  
 Aug 4-6.....New Teacher Orientation  
 Aug 9.....Teacher Workday (No Students)  
 Aug 10..... Institute/Local Professional Development (No Students)  
 Aug 11..... Local Professional Development (No Students)  
**Aug 12..... 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Begins, Full Day for Students**  
 Sept 6 ..... Labor Day (Schools & Offices Closed)  
 Oct 11 ..... Teacher Workday (No Students)  
 ..... (½ Teacher Workday, ½ Professional Development)  
 Oct 21 ..... System-Wide Parenting Day  
 Nov 11 ..... Veterans Day Observed (Schools & Offices Closed)  
 Nov 24-26..... Thanksgiving Break (Schools & Offices Closed)  
 Dec 17..... 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Ends, Students Dismissed at 1 P.M.  
 Faculty and Staff Dismissed at 3 P.M.  
 Dec 20-Jan 3..... Christmas Holidays  
 Jan 3 ..... Teacher Workday (No Students/Offices Open)  
 Jan 4 ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins, Full Day for Students  
 Jan 17 ..... M.L. King, Jr. Birthday (Schools & Offices Closed)  
 Feb 21..... Presidents Day/1<sup>st</sup> Inclement Weather Day  
 ..... (Schools & Offices Closed Unless Needed as Make-up Day)  
 Mar 14-18..... Spring Break (Schools & Offices Closed)  
 Mar 21..... Teacher Workday (No Students)  
 ..... (½ Teacher Workday, ½ Professional Development)  
 Apr 22..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Inclement Weather Day  
 ..... Schools Closed Unless Needed as Make-up Day/Offices Open)  
**May 26..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Ends, Schools Close at 3 P.M.**  
**High School Graduation**  
 May 27 ..... Teacher Workday (No Students)  
 May 30 ..... Memorial Day (Schools & Offices Closed)

First Semester **86** days                      Second Semester **94** days

### TESTING DATES

July 12-16.....Graduation Exams  
 September 20-24 ..... Graduation Exams  
 October 13..... PSAT  
 December 6-10..... Graduation Exams  
 February 16-22..... State Writing Assessment-Grades 5, 7, & 10  
 February 28-Mar 4..... Graduation Exams  
 March 22-April 1..... Stanford Achievement Test 10 and Alabama  
 Reading and Math Test – Grades 3-8  
 April 4-6..... Alabama Science Assessment – Grades 5-7  
 May 2-13..... AP Exams

### GRADING PERIODS

Period Ends	#Days	Grades Sent Home
1 <sup>st</sup> Period October 8.....	41	October 15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Period December 17.....	45	January 7
3 <sup>rd</sup> Period March 11.....	47	March 25
4 <sup>th</sup> Period May 26.....	47	*May 26

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

- Dates when students are not in school are in bold & italic.
- circles indicate dates of institute, professional development, and teacher workdays.
- squares indicate inclement weather make-up days.

Board Approved February 19, 2009  
 Revised May 14, 2009

## Business License Update *submitted by Kelly Rasco, City Clerk*

The following businesses were issued a new 2010 license in June and July: Beaumont Construction, Inc., Wynlake Construction, Advanced Electric Co., Inc. and Alabama Heating and Cooling.

Please remember that if you are having any remodeling, renovation, landscaping or other related improvements or repairs done on your property that your contractor needs an Indian Springs business license before work can begin. For more information, contact Kelly Rasco, City Clerk, at [kelly@indianspringsvillage.org](mailto:kelly@indianspringsvillage.org) or 981-1808.

## August Happenings *by Cecelia Dean, North Shelby Library Youth Services Department*

You may have noticed there is not a lot going on at the library this month. That is because we are taking a much needed break after Summer Reading and preparing for the remainder of the year. Keep an eye out for more fun events coming up in September.

### Story-Time Programming

**Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)**

**Wednesdays, August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th at 10:45 a.m.**

All ages. No registration required.

### Teen Scene

**Teen Book Pick of the Month - *Sea* by Heidi R. Kling**

Still haunted by nightmares of her mother's death, fifteen-year-old Sienna Jones reluctantly travels to Indonesia with her father's relief team to help tsunami orphans with their post traumatic stress disorder—something Sienna knows a lot about. Since her mother's plane went missing over the Indian Ocean three years before, Sienna doesn't do anything if it involves the ocean or planes, so this trip is a big step forward. But the last thing she expects is to fall for Deni, a brooding Indonesian boy who lives at the orphanage, and just so happens to be HOT. When Deni hears a rumor that his father may be alive, Sienna doesn't think twice about running away with him to the epicenter of the disaster. Unfortunately, what they find there could break both their hearts. (*From Product Description*).

### The Month of August – Online Book Club

Want to find another teen book to read? Join our Online Book Club and receive portions of a teen book each week through your email! Sign up at [www.northshelbylibrary.org](http://www.northshelbylibrary.org) to get started!

### In Memoriam



The citizens of Indian Springs Village extend deepest heartfelt sympathy to former ISV Councilman Gary Dennis and his wife Sharon upon the death of Gary's eldest son, Brandon, age 37. Brandon was killed tragically in a motorcycle accident on Highway 280 on the evening of July 3, 2010. A loving son, brother, father, uncle and friend, Brandon, who was raised in Indian Springs Village, was a lover of life and of the outdoors. Brandon cherished his family and more than anything else, loved being Dad to his son, Kadin. Brandon was preceded in death by his mother, Rhonda Dennis. Other survivors include sisters Ashley, Katie, Jessie and brothers Jonah and John. A service was held on Monday, July 5, 2010, at Church of the Highlands in Riverchase, with a private graveside service several days later for family members at Southern Heritage.

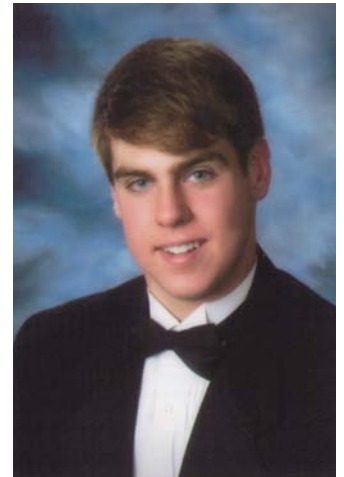
## Special Equestrians Seeks Volunteers

*by Jaime D. Laird, Volunteer Coordinator*

If you like horses, the outdoors and helping people, we have the perfect opportunity for you. Please join the force of over 200 volunteers that assist with Special Equestrians. Special Equestrians is a therapeutic horseback riding program for people with physical, mental or emotional disabilities. All levels of experience are available (no horse experience necessary); just attend one of our Volunteer Training sessions on Tuesday, August 24th from 5-7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 26th from 6-8:00 p.m. or Saturday, August 28th from 9-11:00 a.m. Training sessions will take place at our facility on the campus of Indian Springs School. Please email: [volunteer@specialequest.org](mailto:volunteer@specialequest.org), call: 205-987-9462 or visit our website [www.specialequest.org](http://www.specialequest.org) for more information.

## Villager Named Salutatorian

Villager Jeffrey Nathaniel Holmes (Nathan) was named Salutatorian of the 2010 graduating class of Briarwood High School. Nathan is the son of Jeff and Mona Holmes and the grandson of Ed and Ilene Holmes and Bill and Arla Stark, all of Indian Springs Village. Nathan scored a 33 on his ACT and was voted most likely to succeed. He received the President's



Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence, attended Alabama Governors School, received the Outstanding Student Award for AP Integrated Calculus and AP Statistics and played varsity baseball. Many Villagers know Nathan for his area canned food drives to help support Oak Mountain Missions.

