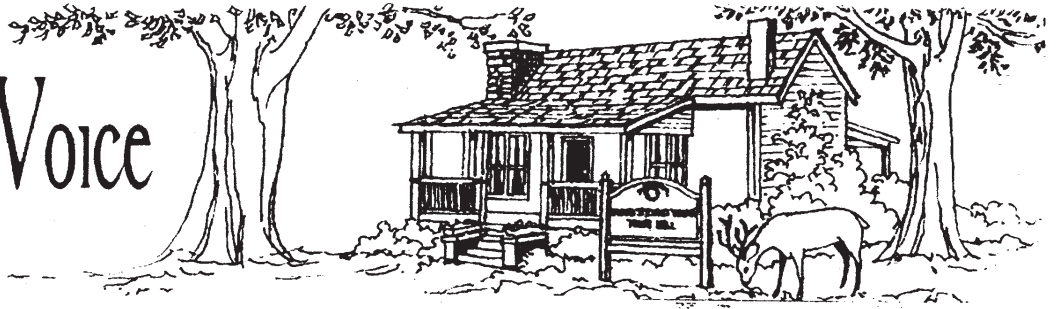


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☘ HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY ☘

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I wanted to remind everyone of our Annual Easter Egg Hunt April 4th. Thanks to Margie Robins for volunteering to chair this event. Please see additional information provided in this issue.

I know that many of you have been reading or listening to the dialogue about Oak Mountain dams and Indian Springs' continuing battle to have them inspected properly and repair or remediation performed.

Some of you are learning about this for the first time and may have questions as there are different stories and conflicting information being put out.

So I am offering if any of you want me to do a power point presentation on the state of the dams that border our town, such as at a Sunday School group or Needlepoint Club or Woodwork Group, I will be happy to do so. Also, if needed, I can arrange to take a few of you hiking up to the dams for direct visualization. Feel free to reach out to me through the Town Clerk at our Town Hall with any requests.

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

ISV MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL ATTEND MEETING HELD BY STATE PARK DIRECTOR

By Kathryn Harrington

Mayor Bell -Guercio, and council members Mendel, Harrington, and Stauss and many residents from Indian Springs Village, and around the region attended a meeting about the status of Oak Mountain State Park, on March 2, 2015, held at the Pelham Civic Center. The meeting was billed, by the Alabama State Parks Director, Greg Lein as a "listening session." To put it mildly, Mr. Lein got an ear full.

It did not take Mr. Lein, County Commissioner Lindsey Allison and County Manager, Alex Dudchock, who were in the audience, long to learn that, the more than 200 people attending the meeting, were overwhelmingly against the proposed hotel and convention center.

Indian Springs resident and President of the organization, Keep Oak Mountain Wild, Rita Jablonski-Joudan presented Mr. Lein with over 4,000 signed petitions from Alabama residents and others who use the park, expressing opposition to the development of a hotel and convention center in Oak Mountain State Park.

After Ms. Jablonski-Joudan presented the petitions, Mr. Lein was questioned by former Indian Springs Village Mayor, Hub

Harrington, about who initiated the idea of building a hotel and convention center in the park and where would the money be coming from to build it. Mr. Lein stated, without equivocation that Shelby County came up with the idea along with the City of Pelham, which annexed the park into their city years ago. Mr. Lein further made it clear that all of the money for the project would be Shelby County and Pelham money, not state money. Mr. Lein stated that if Shelby County or Pelham did put up the money for the project, it would not happen.

A member of the audience pointed out that, for the hotel to have any hope of success, as stated in Shelby's County's own feasibility study of the proposed project, alcohol sales at the hotel and convention center would have to be an integral part of the development plan. This person reminded Mr. Lein that great effort had been made to make Oak Mountain State Park a world class biking venue for children and adults alike and that with only one main road in the park, drivers under the influence of alcohol from the hotel, and people, especially children, riding bikes on that curvy, mountain road would be a disaster in the making! Someone else then stated: "What right thinking public official would even consider such an idea in this park as it is configured."

Among other questions from the crowd to Mr. Lein were; what business did Shelby County have using county tax payers money to compete with private enterprise by building a private hotel in the park; there are hotels all around the park, usually only half full, according to the State and



County's own research, what makes the government think it can run a hotel any better? A question that drew loud applause was; if it was such a good idea, why doesn't the City of Pelham just build a hotel right across the street from the Pelham Civic Center where there is plenty of land and an existing conference center instead inside the park boundaries? This comment was followed by laughter when another person commented that the meeting was taking place in an existing conference center, owned by the City of Pelham, and within a stone's throw of the entrance to the state park, he went on; the County and Pelham want to build a conference center in the park that would put Pelham in competition with itself - "typically government thinking"!

Someone else asked Lein how the project could be stopped. When Lein did not provide an answer, another attendee stood up and said to the crowd, if the project was to be stopped everyone needed to hold the county commissioners responsible and let the commissioners hear the voices of all in the room and the 4,000 petitioners represented as well.

Only one or two out of the entire audience made comments in favor of a hotel. Lein was asked when a decision would be made about the development being built and he said sometime in the upcoming year.

HOW SAFE ARE OAK MOUNTAIN STATE PARK'S DAMS?

By Martin Reed Al.com

Indian Springs Village Mayor Brenda Bell-Guercio and others are seeking the assistance of state lawmakers to persuade Oak Mountain State Park managers to authorize an engineering study concerning the integrity of four earthen dams at the park.

Bell-Guercio in a letter last week to state lawmakers representing Shelby County's legislative delegation outlined her concerns about the safety of the dams at Alabama's largest state park, which sits next to her municipality with schools located nearby.

"If you have ever seen the destruction and loss of life and property a dam break can cause, you will understand why I urge you to support ... in demanding a professional inspection by an independent qualified engineering firm then to have proper and complete remediation performed before any disastrous consequences could occur," the mayor stated in her letter.

Bell-Guercio noted the possible availability of a grant that would allow the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers to perform the structural inspections at no cost. She stated that Alabama State Parks Director Greg Lein has refused to allow the inspections because they would give the perception of a problem at the park.

In a statement provided to AL.com, Lein said Oak Mountain State Park's dams are safe and they pose no problems.

"We have had several different engineers inspect the dams at Oak Mountain State Park due to a few concerns and questions that we received from some local citizens. After inspection, not only did the engineers say that the dams were structurally sound, but went a step further to say they wish dams today were constructed with the same structural integrity as these when they were first built," Lein said.

He continued, "Again, multiple engineers have examined all four dams at Oak Mountain and stated they are in no way, shape or form a danger to our park guests or citizens or communities bordering Oak Mountain State Park. Nonetheless, this did not seem to satisfy a few citizens, so I voluntarily worked with Shelby County to remove trees from the dams to further satisfy the concerns of a few."

He concluded by saying, "Furthermore, Shelby County is currently in the process of completing an inundation study in response to the concerns that have been voiced. The bottom line is that we feel confident -- after multiple inspections by a number of different engineers -- that the dams are safe and structurally very sound and hope others will accept the information provided to us, not as our personal opinion, but the opinion of professional engineers."

The concerns from Bell-Guercio, Indian Springs Village Councilwoman Kathryn Harrington and others represent an ongoing issue brewing over the past few years concerning the safety of the dams, the construction of which dates back several decades.

"We need an independent qualified professional in dam engineering to inspect every aspect of these dams," Harrington said in an interview.

Alabama does not have a mandatory-inspection law and safety program for dams.

Indian Springs Village officials pointed to efforts that removed trees and brush in the past year from one of the dams. But they pointed to other concerns including cracks in spillways, vegetation growing out of crevices, a wall separating from one structure and more.

"This is supposed to be mowed and cleared," Harrington said about one dam, pointing to a photo showing the structure covered with vegetation. "You can't tell if there's anything that can impair the integrity of the dam if you can't see the face of the dam."

She noted that some of the dams were built possibly 70 or 80 years ago by the Civilian Conservation Corps. Back then, "There was a little bit of farm land and some cows out here. Most of it was wide open wooded land with very few population. This is a major population center right now with school children that could possibly be in the path of a flood if a dam fails. Certainly it would be destructive," she said.

Bell-Guercio's report she created for state lawmakers includes a copy of a September 2013 letter from Martin Engineering Company Inc. President Thomas Martin of Alabama to the mayor that expressed concerns about the dams' safety and recommended an evaluation conducted by engineers.

"The probable loss of life and property damage, from a broad overview of the dam locations, should make this a high priority," according to Martin's letter.

Lein in a letter to Bell-Guercio dated August 2013 responded to concerns about one particular dam at the park that was deemed "functionally sound" but had trees along the embankment "recognized as being undesirable."

"While our review of this information suggests no immediate problems with Oak Mtn. Lake's dam or spillway, we recognize that this is an aged structure that could experience problems possibly resulting from catastrophic weather events," Lein wrote in 2013, noting that Department of Conservation and Natural Resources staff would address the matter.

Last year Pelham Mayor Gary Waters and Bell-Guercio expressed concerns at a



Pelham City Council work session about the safety of the park's dams and the need for an inundation study to determine areas that would be in the path of a dam failure.

Shelby County government last November announced it would pay to create the inundation study and emergency-action plan concerning what would happen with a dam failure at the park. The document will include an emergency operation plan dealing with various scenarios.

Chad Scroggins, Shelby County's manager of development services, said in an interview that a subsidiary of Michael Baker International engineering firm is developing the study with support from the University of Mississippi's National Center for Computational Hydroscience and Engineering.

"They said these are very well-built dams," Scroggins said about personnel involved in the study. He added the inundation study, which should be completed in May, does not include a structural analysis of the dams.

Bell-Guercio cited concerns with the potential development of a hotel and conference center at Oak Mountain State Park without an engineering study of the dams. "How can they even think about building a hotel and putting all these people up there when they don't know if the dams are safe?" she said.

Harrington agreed: "If the county has got money to spend, spend it on safety first. It's a gem. Let's make it shiny before" building anything else at the park.

O.M.S.P. NATURALIST SPEAKS AT GARDEN CLUB MEETING

By Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

Emily Cook, Oak Mountain State Park Naturalist, from Pelham, told of the activities and attractions of the nearby park when the Indian Springs Garden Club met Thursday evening, February 26, at the Town Hall.

At 9,940 acres, Oak Mountain State Park is the state's largest park, making up the northeast quadrant of the city of Pelham. Ms. Cook, who said she had always been involved in the outdoors—hunting, fishing, etc.—has a background in science and a degree from Jacksonville State University. She has been Park Naturalist at Oak Mountain since 2007.

Created in 1927, the park was originally 940 acres. From 1934 to 1941, improvements to the park were made by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) and the Works Progress Administration (WPA). Remnants of this era, such as foundations and bridges, often made of stone which had been quarried from within the park, still remain. In 1943 the National Park Service deeded approximately 8,000 acres it had acquired in the 1930's.

Further improvements beginning in 1971 were development of the golf course, pro shop, cottages, administration buildings, the demonstration farm and campgrounds.

The petting farm was mentioned as being a major attraction especially for children. An assortment of animals and birds are available at the petting farm to see and interact with. She talked about the Alabama Wildlife Center, which receives injured or orphaned animal species, cares for them, and when possible, returns them to the wild. Another attraction is the Treetop Nature Trail, an elevated boardwalk with housing for birds of prey which, for some reason, cannot be returned to the wilderness.

Golfing, picnicking, three lakes for fishing, camping, hiking, playgrounds and equestrian trails were also mentioned, as well as the eight large pavilions that can be reserved for private events.

Of special interest to the gardeners (who are always looking for plants the deer don't like) were the controlled bow-hunts conducted in the park during deer-hunting season by the Bow Hunters of Alabama. Such hunts have kept the deer population at an acceptable level. Last year 69 deer were killed. (Ms. Cook is also qualified to teach classes in archery.)

The deer hunters also give back invaluable information as they will count how many bucks, does, and fawns they see, as well as coyotes, so park officials can have some idea of the park's population.

Lisa Moats of Highgate Hill was welcomed as a visitor and prospective member by President Liz Alosi. Refreshments were brought by volunteers, and devotions and prayer were given by Eleanor Bennett. Two pamphlets about Oak Mountain State Park and Alabama Parks were distributed.

The next meeting of the Garden Club will be March 26 (the fourth Thursday of the month) at the Town Hall, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cameron Strouss, from Calera, of the Deep Roots Apothecary will tell us about "Weeds Every Gardener Should Know and Love."

PLANNING AND ZONING ACTIONS

By Wayne Jones, President Planning and Zoning

An application was filed by Wayne Scotch of Scotch Homes and Land Development Group, Inc., with Shelby County Development Services to subdivide a parcel of land located in unincorporated Shelby County. The subdivision is being called Laurel Grove with an entrance planned on County Road 14 (Cahaba Valley Trace) near Swan Drive.

The project consist of 13.43 acres with 12.41 acres being located in unincorporated Shelby County and 1.02 acres being located in Indian Springs Village. The subdivision will create 10 residential lots, reserving the Indian Springs Village property for a common area to include the subdivision entrance and signage.

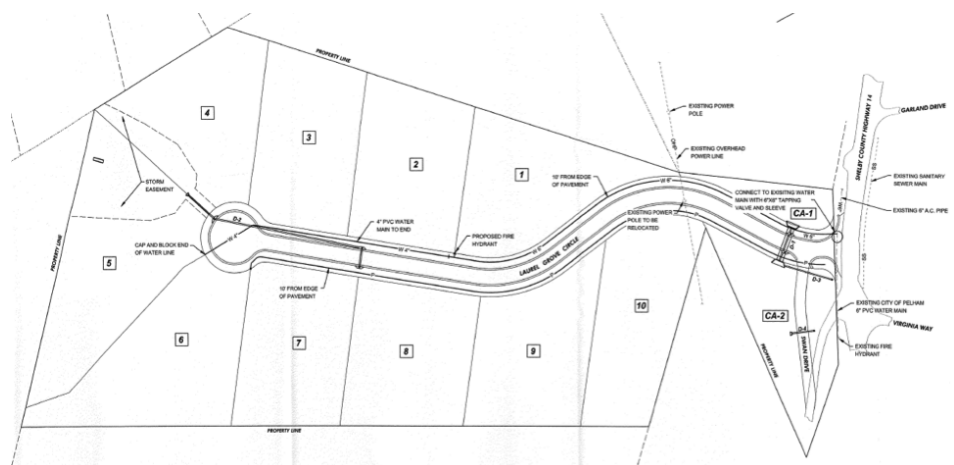
In addition to presenting his proposal to Shelby County's Planning Commission the Developer presented his plans to the Indian Springs Village City Council. In response to the concerns of several Indian Springs Village residents the Council requested that the developer provide additional information regarding traffic, storm water runoff and possible wet land development concerns. Several council members, the mayor and the City Engineer, Frazier Christy have walked the property and met with the Core of Engineers to resolve these concerns. Council Member Herb Robbins and Frazier Christy attended

the County Hearing on March 2nd when the subdivision was conditionally approved subject to Indian Springs Village approving the sign and access road.

The developer has provided the city with a letter confirming that no residences will be built on the Indian Springs Village lot and Duane Pritchett of Environmental Design Studio, Inc. has provided the Landscape design and entrance sign plans. In response to possible traffic concerns the developer agreed to realigned Swan Drive to intersect Laurel Grove Circle for access to Cahaba Valley Trace.

The proposed road, Laurel Grove Circle, is identified as a private road and must be constructed to meet County Standards with valley style curbs and gutters. With his adjustment of the elevation of the proposed roadway this should redirect storm water runoff to a detention area behind the southern most lots.

According to the Shelby County Planning Commission the property is located within the Cahaba River Basin and is within the area that is subject the Phase I Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit issued to Shelby County by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The subdivision has been directed by the Shelby County Planning Commission to use Erosion Control, Sediment Control and Storm water Management in accordance with Best Management Practices to prevent sediment from entering drainage ways or streams.



TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 3, 2015:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, February 3, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 and all council members were present.

The minutes of January 20, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Deputy Leigh Stockman reported only false burglar alarms and abandoned car incidents occurred since last meeting.

Fire Chief Tyler was not present but Bell-Guercio reported 57 fire and 91 medical related calls in January.

Councilman Robins presented Tom Townsend with Reliance Technologies, Inc. who demonstrated the video security system he is proposing to ISV for the Town Hall. Tom answered questions following the demo and the council thanked him for his time and tabled the decision until the next meeting.

A representative from OMHS Athletic Booster Club was present and updated the council on the athletic program at the school. A golf tournament (fund-raiser) is scheduled May 3rd and the council agreed to publish details in The Village Voice prior to the event.

Frazier Christy, Town Engineer, presented the request by Wayne Scotch, Jr for approval of a final plat which divides 12.05 acres of land into ten residential lots to be known as Laurel Grove Subdivision. The ten lots are within the Shelby County jurisdiction. Only a small parcel at the entrance of the subdivision is within the ISV city limits. The same request was submitted to the Shelby County Planning Commission for approval. SCPC will not grant approval until ISV approves the request due to the parcel of land that could affect an ISV landowner with regard to flooding. Both parties presented their case. It was determined by the council that the Corp of Engineers should assess the issues from a flooding and wetland perspective. All parties, including a representative from the council, should be present at the site meeting. The matter was tabled until after the meeting with the Corp.

Robins reported he and the Town Clerk met with Shelby County EMA January 21st concerning the update of the 2010 All Hazards Mitigation Plan. He reported that a meeting with Bell-Guercio and Wayne Jones will be held on February 5th to start work on the update. Robins also reported that he has a meeting with Wayne Jones and Amy Easton on February 4th regarding initial planning of a multi-functional (storage, restrooms, meeting area) building behind the pavilion.

Councilperson Harrington reported The Village Voice is now being mailed and she thanked Councilman Trammell for his work on providing addresses. She also noted that Jim Wyatt's wife Mildred, a founder of the town, has passed away and asked for continued prayers for the family.

Councilman Stauss reported the issue with parking that was blocking a public street discussed at the January 20th Council meeting has not corrected itself after all. Therefore, he advised the council that a letter from the Town Attorney will be sent.

Randy Jaudon, ISV resident and Executive Committee member of KOMW (Keep Oak Mountain Wild) advised the council that a photo session set by 280 Living is scheduled for Friday February 6th, at the stables in OMSP. He asked for attendance and support for the efforts of KOMW to protect and preserve OMSP.

Bell-Guercio outlined her meeting with Greg Lien, Director of State Parks for the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources with regard to the decommissioning of the corrugated pipe at the OMSP lake dam. She advised Mr. Lien that ISV would be willing to partner with the DCNR concerning this current safety issue however, the council is still adamant that the four dams within the park be inspected by a professional engineering group that would include a hydrologist, structural engineer and geotechnical engineer. Bell-Guercio discussed with Mr. Lien the grant available from the Army Corps of Engineers to inspect the dams at no cost. His response was that "it put the premise out there that the dams are unsafe." The discussion concerning the financial support of the decommissioning of the pipe continued with regard to the pros and cons of such support by ISV. Councilman Mendel called for the question. Harrington

made a motion that they suspend the rules and vote on the issue. Stauss seconded and a roll call vote was taken. The results were:

Bell-Guercio-yes
Robins-yes
Mendel-yes
Harrington-yes
Stauss-yes
Trammell-yes

Harrington made a motion that a not to exceed \$10,000 contribution be made to the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to assist financially only, with the decommissioning of the corrugated pipe at the lake dam in OMSP. This assistance will be a onetime event only. Robins seconded the motion. The motion was approved with five yeas and one nay.

Chandler Norman of Boy Scout Troop 71 attended the council meeting in order to achieve his citizenship badge.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

February 17, 2015:

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, February 17, 2015. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 and all council members were present except Councilperson Harrington.

The minutes of February 3, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Prior to the meeting, Fire Chief Tyler gave a preview of the new Battalion Chief car. Chief Tyler reported the old Expedition was 11 years old and was sold for \$7300. He also reported that due to the cold weather more fireplaces will be used. He explained that most pre-fab fireplaces are for decorative purposes only and when used for heating purposes the higher the risk for house fires. He is going to send a safety article to Councilman Stauss so he can send out an E-Blast to residents and also to Harrington so that it can be published in The Village Voice.

City Attorney Ferris Ritchey was in attendance and gave an update on the pending Andrews lawsuit. The judge has issued a stay until March 31, 2015 and at this point, if no action has been taken by the property owner, ISV can take

measures to secure the property against safety issues. Any expense incurred by ISV can be included as a lien against the property and when the taxes are paid or if property is sold the expense for such action can be recovered by ISV.

Councilman Robins presented the bids for the video security system. Stauss made a motion that the Reliance Technologies proposal for a five camera system as described in his proposal for \$4721 and not to exceed \$5000 be accepted as proposed. Councilman Mendel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Robins also discussed with the Council his conversation with Adam Lather with regard to an Eagle Scout project for the Town Hall. It was determined that a project to address the positioning of a new mailbox and an apron into the driveway be considered as an Eagle Scout project.

Robins also advised the Council that Tom Creasy has a letter from the previous owner of his home verifying that the gate ISV removed from the public road was included in the sale of the property to Mr. Creasy. The Council concluded that if Mr. Creasy signs a letter agreeing to the previous council conditions (completely remove the existing gate post, keypad and hardware; not reinstalling the gate on any public road or right of way in ISV; release ISV staff and representatives from any liability in this matter), then the gate will be released to him.

January financials were presented by Mendel. Mendel made a motion they be accepted as presented and Stauss seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion concerning revenues not being received by the Town was had and Bell-Guercio appointed Councilman Trammell and Stauss to head up a revenue committee in order to investigate and obtain any revenues due ISV.

Trammell brought to the attention of the Council that a section of our Zoning Ordinance has been left out. A discussion followed and the matter tabled until further inquiry is made.

Bell-Guercio asked the Council to consider becoming a member of the Greater Shelby County Chamber of Commerce.

Previously, municipalities were not accepted as members but this has changed.

Bell-Guercio also informed the Council that an ordinance must be passed adopting the current National Building Codes in order for our Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan update to be completed. Work is ongoing with the plan.

Randy Jaudon discussed with the Council what he encountered when he went to OMSP and took pictures of the dam.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Downs, Town Clerk



NFHS AWARDS DAVID DIPIAZZA 2014 COACH OF THE YEAR

By Halle T. , Editor-in-chief Oak Mountain High School Eagle Eye

David DiPiazza, head coach of the Lady Eagles Soccer Team, was named the 2014 National Federation of State High Schools Coaches Association Coach of the Year for Alabama. The NFHS recognizes coaches at the state, sectional, and national levels.

This is Coach DiPiazza's first year at Oak Mountain. "I've been at John Carroll Catholic High School for the past 14 years coaching the boys' and the girls' soccer teams over there. I've been the varsity boys coach for 12 years and the girls coach for the last 3," he said. "I am Honored to receive this award"

INDIAN SPRINGS EASTER EGG HUNT COMING SET FOR APRIL 4TH

By Margie Robbins

All with little ones and not so little ones should mark your calendars since Easter is early this year and overlaps spring break. The ISV Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday April 4th at 3pm.

Volunteers will meet Saturday at the Town Hall pavilion & field behind it at 9am to mark the age groups areas, put out signs, distribute and hide all the 2000+ eggs and get the pavilion ready for the afternoon.

The children & parents should arrive around 2:30-2:45 and take pictures w/ the Bunny and wait for the hunt to begin. We will have the gate closed that goes over the bridge until the hunt is officially open. The Mayor will make an announcement to welcome everyone and get the festivities started.

The hunting part is usually over in about 10 minutes and then the kids come back to the pavilion to check their eggs for prizes or candy. Every child will go through a toy line and is eligible to get one of each toy, candy, & gift, etc. that we have on hand.

Some of the eggs have gifts such as prizes, McAllisters or Shanes gift cards in their eggs. This year, Marge Dunn and Alison Stigers have volunteered to redeem the gift certificates and cash for us. They will be set up at the end of the pavilion (away from the toy line). The area for this will be clearly marked.

After all the festivities are completed there is always cleanup of the pavilion, field, trash, etc. We welcome all the help we can get for this task. It seems that everyone leaves after these events thinking

someone else will stay to help clean up. Please, if you attend, take a few minutes stay and help with this part of the event.

We look forward to good weather for the hunt and happy children!!

FIVE INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL SENIORS NAMED FINALISTS IN 2015 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

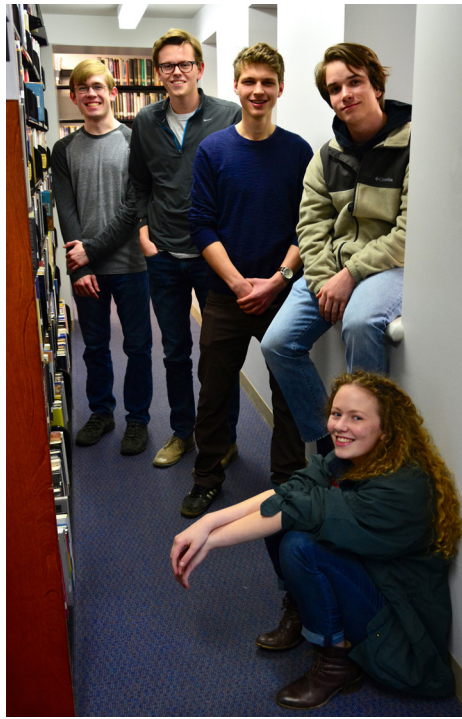
INDIAN SPRINGS, Ala. - Five Indian Springs School seniors have been named Finalists in the 60th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Sebastian Black '15, Eli Cohen '15, Ashley Leader '15, Tristan Trechsel '15, and Ethan White '15 were selected based on their achievements on the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), high SAT scores, strong academic performance in grades 9-12, extracurricular and volunteer achievements, and personal essay.

The distinction places them in a group of about 15,000 students nationwide (representing less than 1% of graduating seniors) competing for 8,300 Merit Scholarship awards to be presented later this spring based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments.

“We are proud of these outstanding students and delighted to see their hard work, dedication, and exceptional abilities celebrated through this important recognition,” says ISS Director Gareth Vaughan.

Indian Springs School is a national leader in coed boarding and day education in grades 8-12. Founded in 1952 and located just south of Birmingham, the school seeks to develop in students a love of learning, a sense of integrity and moral courage, and an ethic of participatory citizenship. For more information, please visit indiansprings.org.



(from left to right): Sebastian Black '15, Ethan White '15, Eli Cohen '15, Tristan Trechsel '15, and Ashley Leader '15

SYDNEY SLAUGHTER IN TOP TEN FOR MISS ALABAMA OUTSTANDING TEEN

Sydney Slaughter recently competed for the title of Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen at a pageant in Sylacauga. Forty two poised and talented young ladies from all over the state competed in categories of fitness, talent, interview, and evening gown competition.

Sydney is the daughter of Rodney Slaughter and granddaughter of Betty Slaughter. She is a sophomore at Briarwood Christian High School. Her platform is a Salute to Veterans and is special to her because her grandfather, General Robert Slaughter, influenced her to be patriotic as a very young child. After his death, she has continued her work to honor veterans. A longtime student at Birmingham Dance Theater, Sydney did a ballet on point to Strangers in the Night.

Each contestant gets to choose a young girl to be their Rising Star and go on stage with her. Sydney's Rising Star is Belle Casey, a 7 year old student at Oak Mountain

Elementary School and daughter of Emily and Matt Casey of Indian Springs.

Congratulations to Sydney for her accomplishments!



IN SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Indian Springs resident, John Strozier, and his family on the passing of John's mother, Clara Mote Strozier. Mrs. passed away on March 7, 2015, at the age of 94. Mrs. Strozier was a resident of Vestavia. She graduated from Shades Cahaba School and was one of the pioneers of Shades Mountain. Mrs. Strozier was a member of Shades Mountain Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for approximately 40 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel W. Strozier. She is survived by 2 sons, S. Woody Strozier (Nancy) and John Strozier (Patsy); a daughter, Elaine Sharman (Mike); 2 brothers, Walter and William Mote; 2 sisters, Mary Herren and Betty Bowen (Al); 8 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews and a special friend, Mavis Gates. The family requests anyone wishing to provide a remembrance for Mrs Strozier give donations to thier local charity.



Oak Mountain High School
Athletic Boosters, Inc.

17th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, May 1st – Inverness Country Club 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
1 Country Club Drive, Birmingham Al, 35242

This 4-person scramble event will award prizes based on a handicap scoring system. Check-in, breakfast and driving range will begin at 6:45 a.m. We can accept credit cards.

Cost: \$100 per Player – Team \$400 **Deadline is April 17th**

Fee includes golf, breakfast & lunch, on-course refreshments. Mulligans, putting contest tickets and spirit wear will also be sold on tournament day.

Player's Name/Email Address	Handicap/Avg Score	Telephone Number
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3		
4		

If you are a single or don't have a complete team, we'd be happy to make you a team.

Hole Sponsor signs are \$100. Specify sign info below:

Checks can be made out to OMHSAB (we can also accept credit cards) and mailed to the address below. If you have any questions or would like to email your registration, please contact

Brian Fuller, 205-243-1572, blfuller@southernco.com.

A Special thank you to our **Gold** Sponsor - SouthWest Water Company



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Indian Springs Village & Heardmont Park Senior Center **March 2015**

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BUILDING PERMITS

Frazier Christy, Town Engineer

Applicant: SELF-w/Elect-Primary
Electric, LLC
Owner: Walter & Shelia Henley
Address: 830 Valley View Rd.
Proposed Use: Defined Driveway

TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 17, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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Directory Number is 982-1755
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please contact Amy Easton.
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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.”

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Mildred Wyatt for the masthead drawing. Although Mrs. Wyatt has passed away this acknowledgement will continue in honor of the contributions of Mrs. Wyatt and her family to the Village Voice and the town of Indian Springs Village.

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NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY EVENTS MARCH 2015

hoopla coming in March!

North Shelby Library card holders will soon have access to thousands of movies, television shows and music albums all available for mobile and online streaming access through a new partnership with hoopla digital. Watch the library's website for more information about the launch date and how to access our newest service.

(* requires registration)

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Valentine Craft

Stop by the Children's Department in January to pick up a craft to take home or make in the department.

Meet Author of 'Imogene in New Orleans', Hunter Murphy

Sunday, March 1st from
2:00pm – 3:00pm

*Vegetable Gardening 101

Monday, March 16th from
10:30am – 12:00pm
(\$5, limited space)

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Spring Craft

Stop by the Children's Department in March to pick up a craft to take home or make in the department.

Lego Club

Saturday, March 7th from
10:00 – 11:30am

*Newbery Pie Book Club

Monday, March 9th at 6 pm
Wednesday, March 11th at 1pm

*Pete the Cat Book Club

Tuesday, March 10th at 4pm

*Homeschool Hangout: Hoop for Fitness

Wednesday, March 18th at 1pm

Spring Break Craft Day

Tuesday, March 31st

STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

*Toddler Tales

Mondays, March 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at
9:30 and 10:30am

*Baby Tales

Tuesdays, March 3rd and 17th at 9:30am

Mr. Mac (Storyteller Extraordinaire!)

Wednesdays, March 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th
at 10:45am

*PJ Story Time

Thursdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and
26th at 6:30pm

TEEN PROGRAMMING

Gaming

Fridays, March 6th, 13th, & 20th
at 3:30-5:45 pm

Anime Night

Monday, February 9 at 6 pm

Local Author Book Signing

Sunday, March 15th at 2pm

Recent Oak Mountain graduate and author Anna Kathryn Davis will be at the library to talk about and sign her newest book, [The Claimed](#).

