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INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 7, 2016 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 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.”

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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.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Opening day of the Indian Springs Village Farmers Market was a huge success! Kudos to the ISV Farmers Market Board! C.J. Guercio and Amber Ross were there working hard to make sure all went well. The vendor offerings were great, and people were standing around visiting and sharing what they had purchased. I bought Shelby County honey, pottery, zucchini, cucumbers, peaches, jam, muffins, and homemade doggie treats.

My grandchildren loved making jewelry at one of the booths, but even more, they loved our Garden Club's booth. They spent most of the morning gluing flowers onto butterfly cutouts that you could then slip on your finger and pretend they were flying. Our Garden Club ladies will be there the last Saturday of every month. New vendors will come and there will be some rotation. Kona Ice was there this time, and I believe coffee, boiled peanuts, and maybe scones are scheduled in the coming weeks.

Another exciting development in our Village is the opportunity to establish an Indian Springs Village Kiwanis Club. In late July there will be an informational/interest meeting for the community to attend. Our goal is to have at least 25 charter members. Brian Rodgers, who is a teacher at Indian Springs School and already a member and officer in Kiwanis Club, will be one of our charter members and help us get established.

Finally, as an animal lover, I would like to notify our residents of the Shelby County Humane Society's upcoming “Bark and Wine” on Saturday, July 23 at Greystone Country Club. Jake and I enjoyed this event last year and won some terrific prizes in the auction. Please consider going. For more information, go to their website or call 216-3303. That is it for now. Have a Lovely Summer!

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

April 19, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, April 19, 2016. Council Chairman -Pro-tem Robins called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present except Mayor Bell-Guercio.

The minutes of April 5th and Special Meeting of April 7th, 2016 were reviewed and accepted as written.

Councilman Mendel presented the financial statements for March 2016. Mendel pointed out that the financials represent the half year mark. Revenues received are close to the annual budget and expenses are right on target per budget. After review, Mendel made a motion to accept the March financials as presented. Councilperson Harrington seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Councilman Stauss reported the sweet gum tree has been cut and sawed. The wood needs to cure for a year, therefore, we need to find a place to store it.

Council Robins informed the council that he had been in contact with Scott Holladay who is in charge of the county roads. He reported that Timber Hill Road and Old Mill Court are scheduled for paving this year. He will notify ISV of their portion of the cost prior to work.

Councilman Trammell presented the third of the eleven step process of annexing 2634 Valleydale Road. Trammell made a motion to suspend the rules and the roll call vote was unanimous. He then made a motion that the council consider the third of the eleven step annexation request as presented. Harrington seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Trammell also reminded the council their Statement of Economic Interest is due the end of April.

Robins stated for the meeting attendees that the council had approved the bid from Bennett Building, Inc. and the multi-purpose building is underway. Wayne Jones and he met with environmental engineer Michael Cox of Cox Environmental & Hydrologic Monday and went over field line/septic tank placement, etc. He wanted to thank Warren and Wayne Jones for cleaning out and moving the two storage buildings. Also, thanks to Amy Easton for organizing in order to efficiently store everything until the new building is built.

Brandi White, a member of the Farmer's Market Board presented the designs for the banners and signs.

Robins adjourned the meeting at 7:32 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

May 3, 2016

The Indian Springs Village Town Council met Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Mayor Bell-Guercio called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Town Clerk called the roll and all council members were present except Councilman Brian Stauss.

The minutes of April 19th were reviewed and accepted as written.

Katie Guerin, Librarian of North Shelby Library, along with Savanna Kitchens, Children's Librarian, presented the council the plans for the library's Summer Reading Program. Ms. Guerin noted that many additional activities have been added this year. She also expressed thanks and asked Indian Springs Village for their continued financial and community support. Councilman Robins suggested an increase in the annual contribution. Councilperson Harrington made a motion to suspend the rules, Robins seconded and the roll call vote was unanimous. Robins made a motion that Indian Springs Village contribute \$2500 to North Shelby Library for the Summer Reading Program and/or any other need that should arise and that the ISV budget for that category be increased by \$500. Harrington seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio recognized Roger Reuse and his attorney, Michael Odom, along with Town Engineer Frazier Christy and began discussions with regard to Mr. Reuse's subdivision request that was previously tabled. Councilman Trammell questioned Mr. Christy as to whether or not the request met the subdivision regulations due to the conditions of the periodically wet/dry lake. Mr. Christy stated "periodically" is not defined in the ordinance, however, the ordinance gives him the authority to interpret meanings and Mr. Christy stated that his definition of "periodic" as stated means 50%. Mr. Christy further stated and that until Mr. Reuse can show evidence by date stamped photography that the lake is dry 50% of the year, he will not recommend approval of the request. Bell-Guercio asked if Mr. Reuse would like for the council to table the request until such evidence can be produced. Then Mr. Reuse's attorney, Michael Odom, made a request to be heard which was granted by Bell-Guercio. He then stated he felt the application did meet the subdivision regulations, and he asked council to vote on the application. Harrington asked for clarification as to whether he wanted it tabled to afford them the opportunity to obtain additional evidence to support their application, and he responded "no". Bell-Guercio then asked if he was sure because council was trying to allow them time and opportunity to bring additional information to the council. He declined and

asked that the council vote on the application. Harrington moved that the subdivision request be denied, at this point in time, based on the information by the Town Engineer, that the land area does not fit the definition as described in our subdivision regulations. Trammell seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Chief Tyler reported that the Fire Department had 129 calls in April. Forty-nine were fire related and 80 medical related. He advised that work is still on-going as they test the fire hydrants. He advised that if the water is dark give it about 30 minutes and it will clear.

PAZ chairman Wayne Jones advised that the committee may have another subdivision to consider in the near future but nothing presently.

Councilman Robins informed the council that after meeting with Cox Environmental & Hydrologic, they have completed the field analysis and the application was delivered to the Shelby County Health Department for approval for the new multi-purpose building septic tank and field lines.

Robins reported that he began efforts to get responsible parties to clean up the vacated property located at 2644 Buckboard Road in July of last year. There are five large pine trees that are dead and present an imminent danger to adjoining properties and their residents. The Mayor and City Attorney are in agreement that action is required by ISV if property owners do not alleviate the problem immediately. Harrington made a motion that the Council direct the City Attorney to begin legal action to allow ISV to solicit contracts for tree removal and property clean up at the expense of the property owner, along with any legal fees/court costs incurred by the City. Trammell seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Trammell presented the fourth of the eleven step process of annexing 2634 Valleydale Road. He made a motion that the council consider the fourth of the eleven step annexation request as presented. Councilman Mendel seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Bell-Guercio informed the council that she had been in touch with Ferris Ritchey, City Attorney, concerning a fee schedule. He advised that he would only charge a reduced hourly rate if he had document/court work to perform, otherwise he would continue with his pro-bono work.

Bell-Guercio adjourned the meeting at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Joan Downs, Town Clerk


NOTICE OF ELECTION OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 11-46-21, 11-46-22 and 11-46-24, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 23, 2016, an election for the purpose of electing a mayor and a town councilmember for each of five (5) town council positions numbered position one, position two, position three, position four, and position five for the town of Indian Springs Village, Alabama will be held, and that all registered and qualified electors of the state, who reside within the corporate limits of Indian Springs Village, Alabama, have resided therein for 30 days or more immediately preceding the date of the election, and who are qualified to vote in the county precinct which embraces and covers that part of the corporate limits of the town in which the elector resides, will be authorized to participate in the election.

The polls will be open at the Town Hall from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. If necessary, a run-off election will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2016.

Any qualified elector who will have resided within the municipality for a period of at least 90 days on election day may qualify to run for office by filing the appropriate forms and paying any appropriate fees, as otherwise provided by law.

The Municipal Elections Manager (Town Clerk) will begin accepting Statements of Candidacy at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. No Statement of Candidacy for this election will be accepted later than Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 5:00 PM.


Joan Downs - Town Clerk
5-24-16
Date

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26th ANNUAL

*Punky the Clown
Face Painting
Children's Games*



INDIAN SPRINGS
VILLAGE

*Bring a homemade
dessert to be
judged!*

Fourth of July Celebration

Monday, July 4, 2016

Indian Springs Village Pavilion

Celebrate America, ISV Style!

Parade, Independence Day Ceremony, Barbeque Lunch and More!

Parade Registration: Be set up and ready to register at 10:00 a.m. at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market (corner of Valleydale and Caldwell Mill) parking lot on Valleydale Road.

Decorated vehicles will begin their route through the Village at 10:30 a.m. Parade will proceed up Caldwell Mill Road and make a right turn on Indian Crest Drive. The parade will then turn left on New Hope Mountain Road and continue to the end where it meets Miller Circle. It will go right until it reaches Indian Crest again and turn left and continue on Indian Crest. The parade will make a right turn on Wildwood to High Gate and circle back to Indian Crest. Then it's on to Arrowhead and Highway 119. A right on 119 and left turns on Mountain Vista, Brook Green and Indian Trail to Highway 119 again. A right turn on 119 will take us to the Town Hall. (It is suggested that especially slow vehicles join the parade somewhere around Valley View Drive and Fox Fire Circle.)

Independence Day Ceremony: Flag raising ceremony will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Barbecue Lunch: Served from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Barbeque plates for adults and children. Plates will include choices of delicious barbeque pork, ribs and chicken, slaw, baked beans, buns, drinks and, of course, homemade desserts.

Donations for the Indian Springs Village Environmental Fund will be accepted.
Music will be provided, featuring a mixture of patriotic music and hits from the past.

Volunteers Needed for Fourth of July BBQ

Help is needed:

- with set-up and cleanup
- directing parking from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- with parade registration at the Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market (corner of Valleydale and Caldwell Mill) at 10:00 a.m.
- to serve at the dessert and drink tables.

Most importantly, don't forget to bring homemade desserts for all to enjoy!
Yours may receive a Special Recognition Award for the "Best Homemade Dessert"

Please call Joan Downs 982-1755 to offer your services

GARDEN CLUB HAS ANNUAL PLANT EXCHANGE

by Ruth Goodwyn, Publicity Chair, Indian Springs Garden Club

The Indian Springs Garden Club members met at the Town Hall Pavilion for their annual plant swap on Thursday evening, May 26, with one guest present, Leigh Fran Jones, sister-in-law of Laura Jones.

President Mickey Farmer made a few announcements, and Eleanor Bennett gave the devotional before the “swapping” began. Members were each to bring one good plant and be prepared to explain its needs and growing habits. Numbers were drawn and plants chosen in numerical order.

Members had also been requested to bring extra plants to share, and these were placed on a separate table. In order to choose from this table, you had to first make a donation to the Indian Springs Village Children’s Fund.

Refreshments were enjoyed, including a pound cake brought by Eleanor Bennett and huge blackberries picked from her own yard by Marge Dunn, as well as crackers and dips.

In other news, the Garden Club will have a booth at the Saturday Farmers’ market beginning Saturday, May 28. The Farmers’ Market will be open the fourth Saturday of each month, June through September, at the Baptist Church on Cahaba Valley Road, beginning at 8:00 a.m. At the Garden Club booth will be brochures on various topics about home gardening, etc., from the Alabama Cooperative Extension System available to market shoppers. Also, a simple children’s craft activity about butterflies that goes with the Butterfly Gardens brochure. Robyn Morris is working on a Facebook page for our club, as well as a flyer. Liz Alosi is working on a Saturday Market topic about bees.

The June 23 meeting will be held at President Mickey Farmer’s home, beginning at 6:30 p.m.



INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE FARMERS MARKET

The Indian Springs Village Farmers Market opened Saturday, May 28th on the site of the Indian Springs Baptist Church on Cahaba Valley Road. You can visit the Farmers Market each Saturday from 8-12, local vendors will be selling a variety of locally grown produce. Please come out and support this new community event!



Treat yourself to farm raised vegetables and fruits, breads and treats, jams and jellies, dog treats and other locally produced food items.



TALES FROM THE HALL...Doin' It Right

by BJ Scharath

What Villager has attended more town council meetings than anyone else, either as observer or councilman? And who is an avid Bama football fan who didn't miss attending a Bama home game from 1954 until the end of the 2012 (58 consecutive years) until age and health caught up with him? Why, none other than Bart Trammell! The day I met Bart, it was 90 degrees, but a soft breeze was blowing through the Pavilion and it was cool and comfortable. As soon as we sat down, Bart nodded his head around and said "I take a lot of pride in this building". He went on to say that he and three other "Pot Hole Crew" members built the Pavilion; after going to Oak Mountain State Park to look at their pavilions, he and the other three friends got materials, designed the structure and built not only the Pavilion but the BBQ pit and tables as well. I looked at the sturdy trusses and the clean, simple design and could understand why he was justifiably proud.

Bart currently sits on the Indian Springs Village Town Council; it is his first term in office. He has been a part of the Village since before it was even a designated town. Bart and his wife bought their property in the mid 60's. They bought all the land they could afford back then and have been in the same location ever since. Bart told me about "the early days" when groups of people would gather to talk about pros and cons of forming a town. Most people back then had moved "to the country" because of the beauty of the land and abundant wildlife. A major impetus for forming a town was to preserve that beauty from being lost to commercial growth and development, as surrounding communities began to sprawl into the valley. There were many meetings to talk about those pros and cons and many of them occurred at the Indian Springs School. I asked Bart about the name of our town, and in his forthright way he said he was in favor of just Indian Springs, but got overruled in favor of Indian Springs Village. He thought it was to distinguish the town from the school. Then he laughed and said it wasn't the first time he had been overruled. He went on to say that the biggest change since those early days was the number of people moving in, and the increase of traffic on HWY 119. He thought one issue facing villagers in the future would be the challenge of dealing with increasing people and more traffic, and still trying to preserve the beauty of the land. Another issue was that the mayor and council members were all volunteers, and just like a church, it

was the same small group of volunteers doin' the doin". He used to mow the grass at the town hall until he just physically couldn't do it anymore. He used to be one of four members of "The Pot Hole Gang" who drove around the Village literally fixing pot holes until he couldn't physically do it anymore. He used to cook all the meats for the July 4th Town Hall event, and women would bring homemade cookies and deserts. He thought that singular activity helped bring together a spirit of community and belonging among villagers that doesn't happen now that the food is outsourced.

Bart had been in the Air Force and later spent thirty years at US Steel. He said he was a stickler for rules because of his Air Force duties and subsequently dealing with the union and Federal Government almost on a daily basis. If you have rules, you should follow them. Otherwise, don't have a rule. It's the right thing to do. And, as one would expect with a philosophy like that, he believes you should speak your mind and vote your conscience even if you have a viewpoint that is not popular or will be overruled, because it's the right thing to do.

Doing the right thing must have been something he learned early in life. Bart told me about the time as a young teenager when he and a friend were walking the rails just outside of Anniston. They came across a broken rail, and Bart said he knew it could be catastrophic if a train tried to cross the broken rail. He directed his friend to go in one direction and he went in the other, listening for an oncoming train. Bart said he heard the whistle of a passenger train (back then you could tell from the whistle whether it was a passenger or freight train). He took off his sweaty ragged shirt and stood in the middle of the track, waving his shirt to get the attention of the train engineer. He was able to stop the train and tell the engineer about the broken rail. He said that train sure was big up close, but he just knew he had to stop the train, because it was the right thing to do. When he got home, his daddy was mad at him because he thought Bart deserved a monetary reward. Bart said he didn't do it for a reward; he did it because it was the right thing to do. About a month later the train engineer came to his home and presented him with a shiny new twenty dollar bill. Bart suspects his Daddy may have had something to do with that, and the engineer probably had reached into his own pocket for the bill. Maybe so, maybe not; it was the right thing to do. Makes me proud to call such a man neighbor. Thank you Bart Trammell, for doin' it right!

what's cooking

Berry Bliss Cake

If you're not a baker (or don't want to crank up the oven), a no-bake berry cake is, indeed, bliss for your next patriot event. Wouldn't mind seeing this at our July 4th Celebration, it could win the prize!!!!

- 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) JELL-O Vanilla Flavor Instant Pudding
 - 3/4 cup cold milk
 - 1-1/2 cups thawed COOL WHIP Whipped Topping, divided
 - 1 cup each fresh raspberries and sliced strawberries
 - 1/4 cup blackberries
 - 1 pkg. (10.75 oz.) frozen prepared pound cake, thawed
 - 1/4 cup orange juice
1. Beat pudding mix and milk with whisk in medium bowl 2 min. Stir in 1 cup COOL WHIP. Combine berries; reserve 1/2 cup.
 2. Cut cake into 3 layers.
 3. Brush cake layers with juice.
 4. Stack cake layers on plate, filling each layer with half each of the remaining berries and pudding mixture.
 5. Top with remaining COOL WHIP and reserved berries.



Send us your favorite recipe; we would love to share it with everyone. Please send recipes to leighwhatley@gmail.com and include Village Voice Recipe in the subject line.



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT SPECIAL EQUESTRIANS

If you like horses, the outdoors, and helping people, we have the perfect opportunity for you. We welcome you to join our volunteer team of over 240 volunteers at 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). Volunteers must be 14 years or older. Call or email today to attend one of our Volunteer Training sessions:

Wednesday, June 8th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Saturday, June 11th, 9:00 – 11:00 am
Tuesday, June 14th, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Summer classes will begin June 21st and continue through July 30th. For specific times and dates please visit our website at Specialequest.org

Training sessions will take place at our facility on the campus of Indian Springs School. To reserve a spot at the training session or to find out more information, please email: volunteer@specialequest.org, call: 205-987-9462 or visit our website ww.specialequest.org



EAGLES SHATTER RECORD BOOKS WITH UNDEFEATED SEASON

by Kyle Parmley, 280 Living, May 17, 2016

Oak Mountain completed the repeat to finish off a dominant season, winning the Class 7A boys soccer state championship on May 14, at John Hunt Park in Huntsville, for the second consecutive season. The Eagles went up to Huntsville over that weekend and defeated Huntsville in a grueling shootout victory before capping the season off with a 2-1 win over McGill-Toolen in the championship game.

“It was kind of scary, because they definitely weren’t walkover teams,” Oak Mountain head coach Dan DeMasters said.

The semifinal game was deadlocked at 1-1 at halftime, and both teams grinded through the second half and two overtimes without another goal to force a shootout. The Eagles were fortunate enough to win the shootout 5-3 and move on to the final. In the final, a first-half goal and an add-on early in the second half gave the Eagles a two-goal lead. McGill-Toolen scored late in the contest, but by then, it was too late.

The Eagles finished the season 28-0-2, and left DeMasters searching for words. “I was stuttering,” DeMasters said of his postgame interviews. “I didn’t have words to describe it. It’s an unbelievable feeling.”

Throughout the season, the Eagles scored 85 total goals, compared to just 13 for their opponents. They pitched 19 shutouts, and tied the school record for the most wins in a season.

“The guys did a really good job of just staying on task,” DeMasters said. “We had some bad games along the way, but they re-focused well. We had a really good class of seniors.”

Oak Mountain has now won six state titles in the last 12 seasons, and has appeared in the state final in each of the last six seasons. Even going through such a historic season, the Eagles were able to remain keyed in on the task at hand.

Of any undefeated talk, DeMasters said, “We really did keep it to the side. That was my job to stop the talking about the records and undefeated and all those sorts of words. If you focus on the things that won’t get you where you want to go, it gets you off task.”

DeMasters said, “I can’t say enough how proud of I am of this 2016 team. To not only win back-to-back state championships, but also to do it in the fashion in which they did it, it certainly was a season we will never forget.

“They played together and bonded together better than any team I have ever coached and I think this is something that goes over looked when creating a team. Our talent in addition to our team unity, made us unique, and this uniqueness created a special season.”

OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL EDUCATOR NAMED VEX IQ TEACHER OF YEAR

by Erica Techo, 280 Living, May 25, 2016

Oak Mountain Middle School teacher Sherri Whitehead was named the VEX IQ teacher of the year at the 2016 VEX Worlds robotics competition.

The competition, held from April 20-23 in Louisville, Kentucky, brings together robotics teams from around the world. This year’s competition included nearly 1,000 teams from 400 qualifying tournaments that occurred around the world between June 2015 and March 2016.

Whitehead has taught the Project Lead the Way STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) course at OMMS for the past two years and sponsors six teams at the school. She was introduced by OMMS student Khaled Zuaiter as the winner of the VEX IQ Teacher of the Year award at the competition.

“The Teacher of the Year award is recognized as an educator who is passionate about learning and shows true leadership and dedication to his or her students,” Zuaiter. “Our teacher exemplifies these ideals and is a role model to our team.”

All of OMMS’s six robotics teams qualified for the Alabama VEX competition, and two teams moved on to VEX Worlds, even though it was the program’s first year.

“It was under her leadership that our school joined the VEX IQ challenge this year for the first time with six teams,” Zuaiter said. “With her guidance and careful instruction, our teams have learned to think critically about the work we are doing and solve problems on our own.”

Zuaiter added that Whitehead’s encouragement and efforts to help the team secure supplies through fundraising efforts helped push team members to do their best.

“Her willingness to take time from her personal life to share her knowledge encourages each of us to use the skills we

have to succeed in robotics and beyond,” he said.



OAK MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL NAMED METRO WRESTLINK COACH OF THE YEAR

“Toughness, discipline, confidence, and self-reliance,” these are just a few of the valuable life lessons learned from wrestling according to Jay McGaughy, 8th grade Social Studies teacher and wrestling coach. Watching Coach McGaughy instill these life-long character traits in young men is just one of many reasons he was selected by his peers in the Metro South Conference as the *2016 Metro Wrestling Coach of the Year*. Coach McGaughy has been involved with wrestling since 2001 when he instituted the program at OMMS.

McGaughy believes that wrestling allows most any student, regardless of physical stature, a chance to compete. Wrestling is all about timing, skill, and determination to learn the techniques. Wrestlers are also required to maintain their focus for months, another positive experience related to wrestling. An additional highlight of coaching, according to McGaughy, “is the sheer joy seen on the face of a novice wrestler who wins his first match and is overwhelmed by his personal accomplishment.”

OMMS had 33 wrestlers during the 2016 season and ended the season with a 34-1 record. The team won each of its tournaments including the St. Nick Invitational, Homewood Christmas Duals, Shelby County Scuffle, Hewitt Trussville Duals, Elmore County Duals, and the Metro South Championship.

INDIAN SPRINGS SCHOOL JUNIOR EARNS PERFECT SCORE ON ACT

Indian Springs School junior Davis Tyler-Dudley '17 has earned a perfect score on the ACT college entrance exam. Tyler-Dudley achieved the perfect 36 on April 8, his first time to take the test. The odds of achieving a score of 36 are extremely low. Among the 1.92 million students who took the exam as members of the graduating class of 2015, only 1,598—or .08 percent—earned a composite score of 36, according to data provided by ACT.

“Earning a perfect score on this nationwide test is no easy feat,” says ISS Director Gareth Vaughan. “We are extremely proud of Davis and believe that this accomplishment celebrates his aptitude, broad skill set, and love of learning. It also represents well our students’ commitment to excellence in the classroom and beyond.”



The ACT includes tests in English, math, reading, and science as a way to measure what students have learned in high school. Each test is scored on a scale of 1-36, and a student’s composite score is the average of the four test scores.

Tyler-Dudley credits many of the skills he has learned at Indian Springs for his success on the test. “I didn’t do any test prep specifically for the test because I had already taken the PSAT, which seemed really good preparation,” he says. “With everything I have learned at Indian Springs, I viewed this as my test run to see what I needed to do to improve.” Tyler-Dudley was in AP U.S. History class when he received the email from ACT with the results of his score. “I clicked on it, saw the score, and stepped out of class,” he says. “I texted my parents to tell them and went back to class. My parents were very happy, but both stayed calm about it, which I appreciated. They took me out to get a steak that night for dinner.” Also “very, very happy” with the test results, Tyler-Dudley feels that the score reflects just one part of who he is. “I don’t devote everything to studying. Academics has always been a focus for me, but I feel at Indian Springs, it’s just something that is a part of my life. My mom tells me I need to be a Renaissance man, so I try to live up to that.”

A past participant of the University of Alabama Capstone Leadership Academy for high school students and current elected member of Springs’ Student Government and Judiciary, Tyler-Dudley also serves as co-captain of Springs’ state champion Mock Trial Team, which will compete in the 2016 YMCA National Judicial Competition in August in Chicago. Passionate about languages, he placed first in impromptu speaking at the 2016 state Spanish Convention. He has taught himself German and for fun practices Russian, Arabic, Italian, and Portuguese with classmates who are native speakers. Next year, he will serve as an officer for Springs’ acclaimed Concert and Chamber choirs.

He hopes that his achievement on the ACT will help him get into a selective college, where he plans to pursue a career in international relations or international business.

“Getting this score will give me more opportunities in the college search process, and I expect that it will be very helpful in making it possible for me to find and attend one of my top choice universities,” he says.

He doesn’t believe, though, that standardized tests provide the most definitive measure of his—or any student’s—intelligence, work ethic, or abilities. “My score is not a status symbol to me,” he says. “It’s simply a tool that I hope will make the next couple of years a little less stressful for my family.”

MIRACLES ON THE MOUNTAINSIDE – SNOWMASS, CO

By Donald Lehman, US Marine Corps (retired)

In early April, I had the pleasure of witnessing amazing feats performed by some incredible individuals. The Disabled American Veterans organization (DAV) and VA sponsored the 30th annual Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass, Colorado. There were approximately 400 disabled veterans from all over the US, skiing, snow shoeing, snowmobiling, curling, playing ice hockey, scuba and kayak instruction (in the hotel pool!) and just plain having a great time. There was no feeling sorry for themselves or one another, everyone was their new best friend and the entire week was as festive atmosphere of any event that I've ever attended.

We were awoken each morning at 7:00 AM by the volunteers bringing sleds to the staging area for the paraplegic skiers directly below our hotel window. There were staging areas set-up for both wheelchair and stand-up skiers. I saw a lot of blind skiers and even one skier with four prosthetics, both arms and legs. There were many wheelchairs to watch out for and service dogs of all kinds. It was all about what they could do, not what they could not. My brother Bill was one of them, a combat wounded Vietnam Marine veteran who had suffered a very rare “spinal stroke” in 2014. Although partially paralyzed from the chest down, he has been a poster child for someone who does not give up and fights for everything worth living. Four of us, Bill, I and two others had skied together for over 10 years before his stroke and one of the things on his “bucket list” was to get back on the mountain and ski, one of his loves. So that is exactly what we did! The first day on the sled (see pictures below) was somewhat frustrating, but with a little fine tuning by his coaches and getting the hang of it, he mastered it and the rest of the week was history.



First sled run down the mountain!



Bill on the podium, final day with his 3 ski buddies (DAV staff on the far left and right).



Coaches Jason and Scoot getting Bill ready to go for the day.

One last thing, I can't say enough about the many volunteers at this event; probably 3 or 4 for each of the 400 veterans on the mountain. These people were amazing, not only in giving their time, but providing a tremendous service supporting our country's heroes. My brother and I plan on being at the 31st Winter Sports Clinic in Snowmass next year. If anyone would like more information on this wonderful event, check out the DAV website at www.dav.org or email myself at don.lehman1@gmail.com. They also hold an annual summer sports clinic in San Diego.

NORTH SHELBY LIBRARY

JUNE 2016



ADULT PROGRAMMING

The Rise and Fall of Atticus Finch

Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 p.m.

My Mississippi Story – Dee Green

Friday, June 10 at 3:00 p.m.

***Paint and Pour**

Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Movie Night

Friday, June 17 at 7:00 p.m.

***Color Therapy**

Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Living the Gluten Free Lifestyle – Presented by Carol Key from The Funky Muffin

Thursday, June 30 at 10:00 a.m.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Summer Reading Kickoff Party

Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Music With Anna Moo

Monday, June 6 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Miss Kit's Bubble School

Monday, June 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Kickoff

Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Nature's Olympians

Monday, June 20 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Family Ice Cream Social

Thursday, June 23 from 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

***Stuffed Animal Sleepover**

Friday, June 24 drop off from 4 – 6 p.m.

Skip Cain, the Magic Guy

Monday, June 27 at 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

***Craft Days**

Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 20, & 28 between 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Family Movie Days

Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23, and 30

STORY TIME PROGRAMMING

***Toddler Tales**

Mondays, June 6, 13, and 20 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.

***Baby Tales Story Time**

Tuesdays, June 7 and 21 at 10:00 a.m.

***Sensory Story Time**

Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.

Family Story time with Mr. Mac

Wednesdays, June 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 10:45 a.m.

PJ Story time

Thursdays, June 2, 9, 16, and 30 at 6:30 p.m.

TWEEN PROGRAMMING

***Sporty Picture Frame** (ages 8-12)

Wednesday, June 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Movie Matinee (ages 8-12)

Wednesday, June 15 at 2:00 p.m.

***Teen Writing Workshop** (ages 8-12)

Wednesday, June 18 from 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

***Tie Dye T-shirts** (ages 8-12)

Wednesday, June 22 at 2:00 p.m.

***Magic Workshop with Skip Cain** (ages 8-12)

Monday, June 27 at 4:30 p.m.

***Lego Car Derby Race** (ages 8-12)

Wednesday, June 29 at 2:00 p.m.

TEEN PROGRAMMING

***Wii Tournament**

Thursday, June 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Open Gaming

Fridays, June 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 3:30 pm

Computer Animation Workshop Applications Due

Thursday, June 9

***Computer Animation Workshop**

Monday, June 13 – Friday, June 17 from 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

9th Annual Fear Factor Food Challenge

Thursday, June 9 at 6:00 p.m.

Anime Night + Art Challenge

Monday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Tech: What's Inside

Tuesday, June 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Nerf Wars

Thursday, June 16 at 6:00 p.m.

***Teen Writing Workshop**

Saturday, June 19 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

***Tuesday Tech: Holograms & Google Cardboard**

Tuesday, June 21 at 2:00 p.m.

***Brushes & Slushes**

Tuesday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, June 23 at 6:00 p.m.

***Learn Magic with Skip Cain**

Monday, June 27 at 4:30 p.m.

***Tuesday Tech: 3D Printing**


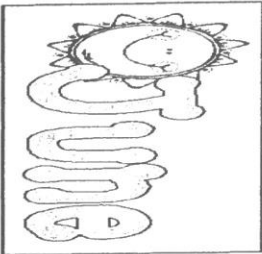
Tuesday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Just Move: Frisbee

Thursday, June 30 at 6:00 p.m.

***Registration Required**

JUNE, 2016
 Heardmont Park Senior Center
 5452 Cahaba Valley Road Birmingham, AL 35242

Take MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CENTER CLOSED SHELBY COUNTY PICNIC (American Village) See sign up</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p>9-10 Zumba Gold 10-11 Intermediate Line Dancing 11-12 Beginning Line Dancing</p>	
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<p>27 9:30-10:30 Tai Chi 9:30- 12 Mah Jongg 10:30-2:30 – Canasta</p>	<p>28 10-10:45 Aerobics 10:45-11:30 Aerobics 11 Bible Study 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12 LUNCH BINGO AT REHAB SELECT</p>	<p>29 9-12 Bridge 12 LUNCH</p>	<p>30 10:00-11:00 Aerobics 11:00-11:55 Aerobics 10-2 Bingo & Board Games 12- LUNCH</p>	<p>Center hours are: Monday-Friday 9-3 pm Phone : 991-5742 Fax: 991-5657 Email: heardmontparksc@gmail.com</p>