



A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

I hope those impacted by the March tornado are beginning to get their lives back together. I know many still have a lot of work to do to get their houses fixed, but I do hope that Indian Springs' effort to assist in storm debris removal has helped to make the job a little easier and less costly. We committed just under \$400,000 of our reserve to help our citizens. This does not count the numerous hours that were donated by residents including council members and board members to oversee the process. Being willing to help our neighbors in times of need is a large part of what Indian Springs Village is about, and what makes it such a great place to live.

In fact, according to a recent survey by Niche reported on al.com, Indian Springs ranked number 3 in best suburbs in Alabama to raise a family. Key factors looked at included quality of local schools, safety, affordability, and access to amenities. We ranked behind Homewood and Madison, but above Hoover, Vestavia, Mountain Brook, Pelham, Helena, Chelsea, Alabaster, and Calera to mention a few nearby cities.

I hear people are loving our new street signs! They do look good and help brand our village.

I am so glad to see people getting out and about now. Enjoy the summer, hopefully without the need for masks!

Sincerely,
Brenda Bell-Guercio

FROM THE DESK OF THE TOWN CLERK

Our annual Fourth of July celebration is once again cancelled, but come October, we will be celebrating Founder's Day in a BIG way! Stay tuned for updates as we get closer to the time.

It is so nice to see all the new street signs installed.... it gives our town such a cohesive look! Thanks to all who worked on this project.

Congratulations to all our Oak Mountain graduates! You persevered through an interesting year. It truly defines your character! Good luck in your future endeavors!

Respectfully,
Joan Downs

*Editor's Appreciation:
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.*



IN SYMPATHY



Steve Vaughn

Steven Goodwin Vaughn, 61, of Indian Springs, Alabama, was the oldest child of Jake Ronald Vaughn and Margaret “Peggy” Newell Goodwin Vaughn. Steve was born October 12, 1959 and passed away peacefully May 22, 2021 surrounded by his family and pastor. In addition to his parents, Steve is survived by his three sisters, Meg Vaughn Swain (Doug), Valerie Vaughn, and Vickie Vaughn Cason (Buzz). He was a devoted big brother and fiercely protective of his sisters. Steve also leaves behind three children, Laura, Hunter, and Maggie, and son-in-law, Dane – all of whom he loved dearly although he never called them by their given names. He was famous for giving people he liked nicknames – which may or may not have made sense. He was incredibly proud of his children, and he loved their mother, Elizabeth.

In later years, Steve rebranded himself as “Pops.” He considered his grandchildren, Ella James (4) and Reed (2) to be the best things Laura and Hunter ever did for him. Ella James – or “Schnitzel” as he more commonly referred to her – was the light of his life. They shared a special bond and were two overly articular peas in a pod. Steve was known for his sense of humor and had a gift for never meeting a stranger. He was a character with true zest for life. Steve was a loyal friend and leaves behind too many wonderful relatives and friends to list for fear of missing someone. He enjoyed a lifelong career in landscaping until he entered the hospital on May 2, 2021. He was an avid golfer, enjoyed hunting and collecting Truck Trader magazines and phone books (a family inside joke). He was happiest when surrounded by his family on Smith Lake.

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IN SYMPATHY



Jimmy Winn

Dr. Jimmy "Jim" Winn, 85, of Ohatchee, went to his heavenly home on April 10, 2021, after a fall and a short stay in the hospital. He will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, and life-long educator.

Dr. Winn was born to L. C. and Daisy Bell Winn in 1935. He graduated from Ohatchee High School and earned a degree from Auburn University in Agribusiness. Dr. Winn proudly served his country and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel of the Army Reserves. He married his loving bride, Ramona Thompson Winn, whom he affectionately referred to as "Tupie", in 1962.

Dr Winn taught at his alma mater, Ohatchee High School from 1965-1969, was principal of Alexandria High School from 1969-1974, and was appointed Assistant Superintendent for the Calhoun County Board of Education in 1974. During his tenure, he earned his doctorate in Education Administration and Leadership from the University of Alabama. In April of 1983, Dr. Winn was appointed Superintendent of Calhoun County Board of Education, where he retired in July 1996. Dr. Winn also was an adjunct professor at Jacksonville State University and served on many volunteer boards. Dr. Winn was a longtime faithful member of Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Anniston, which he served a deacon and on various other committees. He especially loved the greeting committee and helping others.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Terry Winn; daughter, Laura Jones (Wayne); three grandchildren, Allie Jones Crane (Jake), Sierra Jones, and Winn Jones.; brother, George Winn (Ann) of Ellijay, GA; and several nieces, nephews, and many more family and friends that will love and miss him.



Sue Ellard Martin

Sue Ellard Martin passed away April 8, 2021. She was born on December 24, 1934, in Birmingham, Alabama to Otis Douglas Ellard and Lucile Day Ellard. Sue graduated from Woodlawn High School She graduated from Auburn University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Master of Education in Elementary Education at Auburn University and earned her Educational Specialist (EdS) in Early Childhood Education from Samford University.

Sue met her husband, Harold Lindbergh "Lindy" Martin, while they were both working on the staff at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly in Ridgecrest, North Carolina. They married on June 11, 1955, and celebrated 62 years of marriage.

During her career, Sue held numerous teaching positions, including at Brookwood Forest Elementary School, where she retired from after 21 years of service.

Sue was a member and served in many ways in church life at Dawson Memorial Baptist Church and later at Mountain Brook Baptist Church.

She is survived by her six children: John Lindbergh Ellard Martin (Sally), Sue Ellin Martin-Curley, Lumary Elizabeth Papageorgiou (Dimitrios), LeighFran Martin Jones (Warren), David Douglas Martin (Nicole), and Daniel Christopher Charles Martin, twelve grandchildren: Drexel Martin (Caitlin), Alexandra Martin Dillard (Keenan), Melanie Curley Chakwin (Joey), Chris Curley, Mary Katie Papageorgiou, Benjamin Jones, Linley Jones Frye (George), Julian Martin, Isabella Martin, Ilsa Martin, Hawkins Martin, and Zella Martin, and one great-grandchild, Fox Frye.



INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB

Submitted by B.J. Scharath

Well, the Ides of March certainly had nothing compared to the Winds of March in Alabama...with March winds howling and leaving a path of destruction and grief right down Highway 119. Too close for comfort! Not at all in keeping with the gentle nature of those who attend Garden Club!

Although the meeting for March got canceled due to Mother Nature having a bit of a fit, the April meeting made up for it when members gathered at the Pavilion for an old fashioned plant swap.

Members and visitors alike brought plants pulled from their yards to give away and/or swap for other plants. There were ferns, tomato plants, Lenten Roses, Solomon's Seal, Spiderworts, Alabama crotons, Oregano, and small succulents wrapped in wet paper, stuck in bottles, bags and buckets. No one went home with what they brought, and even some who didn't bring anything to share went home with something to plant.

May showers indeed brought May flowers and Garden Club members took a field trip to Petals From the Past in Jemison, where owner Jason Powell provided education and insights on growing plants in Central Alabama. Jason is always a popular speaker and so knowledgeable about what does well in Central Alabama and what doesn't. The June meeting is a planned field trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens (BBG) for a guided walking tour hosted by BBG's own Jason Kirby.

You do not have to be a member of the Indian Springs Garden Club to join the group for this informative and picturesque tour of BBG... just contact President Robyn Morris, 28arete@gmail.com, if you are interested.



Left to Right: Loading up plants to take home, the Petals from the Past courtyard, and Jason Powell talking plants.

EDITOR'S NOTES

The Village Voice is the official organ of Indian Springs Village, AL – established October 16, 1990 – and is published four times per year. The mission of this newsletter is to foster a spirit of community and co-operation. It provides our elected officials and other Villagers a means of communicating – it is a “voice.” All materials submitted for publication may be edited.

INDIAN SPRINGS VILLAGE UPCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 6, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 3, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 7:00 p.m.