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Town of Kingston Springs, Tennessee

THE KINGSTON SPRINGS SUITE TO BE RELEASED SINGER/SONGWRITER JIM CASEY TO VISIT KINGSTON SPRINGS JUNE 7th

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In October 1972, acclaimed songwriter and Kingston Springs resident Vince Matthews recorded an album paying homage to small town life and his home in the rural town twenty miles west of Nashville. The collection of songs highlight local residents and area landmarks, and featured well known artists and contributors such as Johnny Cash, Kris Kristofferson, Shel Silverstein, and Cowboy Jack Clement. The album was performed at the Kingston Springs Elementary School before a crowd which included Johnny Cash but has not been released until now. The *Kingston Springs Suite* is a production of Delmore Recording Society in Nashville, Tennessee and has recently been featured in the May 2015 edition of *Rolling Stone Magazine*. Matthew's friend Jim Casey helped write and produce the album, and played a major role in salvaging the material.

"*The Kinston Springs Suite* was just destined for another age," explained Casey. "The impact of these songs and stories is much stronger today than 40 years ago. Vince and I truly loved Kingston Springs and our neighbors. It was a golden age and this story belongs to them."

Cash described the album as "a laid-out slice of life as lived and learned by a laid-back country picker who knows and loves and understands the people like you'll find at Kingston Springs."

Mr. Casey will return to Kingston Springs on Sunday, June 7th to discuss the music, meet fans and old friends, and to play selections from the album. Mr. Casey will be at the Town of Kingston Springs Activity Center at L.L. Burns Park from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. L.L. Burns Park is located at 501 Park Street, Kingston Springs, TN 37082. Light refreshments will be served. In the spirit of the picnics and parties of the era, everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share. CD's and LP's will be available for purchase and autograph.

"The creation and release of this album proves what an impression Kingston Springs can leave. This Town is undoubtedly the best small town in Tennessee." explained Mayor Tony Gross.

Mr. Casey will also be featured as a panelist during an event entitled, "God Save Kingston Springs: Kris, Cowboy, Shel, and the Great Train Wreck of 1973" at the Country Music Hall of Fame at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 6th. For more information, please visit: <http://countrymusicHalloffame.org>.

For more information on Jim Casey's visit please contact City Manager Mike McClanahan at (615) 952-2110 Ext. 15, or citymanager@kingstonsprings-tn.gov. For more information on the *The Kingston Springs Suite* please contact Delmore Recording Society's Mark Linn at delmorerecordings@gmail.com, or visit delmorerecordings.com.