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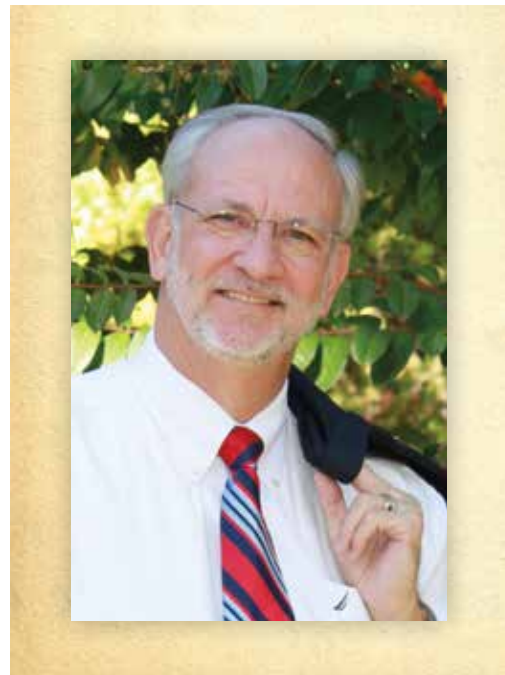
It is with great excitement that I share information with you about the latest award the City of Ridgeland has received. At our recent Mississippi Municipal League conference on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Ridgeland was named as the "Healthiest Hometown" in the State of Mississippi. This award was presented to us at the annual awards luncheon by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, and it is one of the most coveted awards that a municipality can receive in our state.

Many thanks go out to the City of Ridgeland's Healthy Hometown Committee as they have worked hard over the past year to promote healthy activities. Many individuals and organizations participated in this competition, and I want to share with each of them my deep appreciation. Our schools are very active in this program by promoting physical fitness and healthy nutrition, as well as many businesses that have special programs to promote a healthy lifestyle. I must also thank the Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department. They take pride in putting on many programs throughout the year that promote a healthy lifestyle for citizens of all ages and abilities.

You will be hearing more about a special event we will have for our City celebrating this great milestone. The City will also be receiving a check from Blue Cross Blue Shield in the amount of \$50,000. This money will be used to continue to promote healthy activities and healthy living in our City.

Again, I want to thank all the individuals, businesses and groups that worked so hard to help the City of Ridgeland receive this prestigious award. Let's continue to promote good health in our City which leads to a better quality of life.

On another note, summer has flown by and I would like to congratulate all the students that are beginning a new school year. Whether in college, high school, middle school, elementary or just starting kindergarten, I know each of you are excited about what's to come in the school year. Good luck and please know that the City of Ridgeland supports you in all of your activities, whether in the classroom or in the many activities outside the classroom.



**Gene McGee**  
Mayor of Ridgeland

*Gene F. McGee*



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**ON THE COVER:** Ann Smith Elementary students Rachel Sanders (left) and Julia Lynn are pictured leading last year's International Walk to School Day parade. More than 300 people, including students, parents, school officials, and city and community leaders, participated in the event. As a result of the school's outstanding participation in the 2012 Walk to School Day Challenge, the Mississippi Department of Transportation presented Ann Smith with the STEP IT UP Award. This year's Walk to School Day parade will take place Wednesday, October 9. Photo by Sissy Lynn.

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## ENJOY POPULAR FITNESS EVENT, *Mayor's Fun Walk*



Mayor's Fun Walk, scheduled for Oct. 23, will utilize the Ridgeland Multiuse Trail for the walk and the Ridgeland Recreational Center for refreshments and entertainment.

Let's go walking, Ridgeland...at the 2013 Mayor's Fun Walk! This year's walk will be held Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. and will begin at the Ridgeland Recreational Center with a stroll on the beautiful multiuse trail. There are no set distances, so you can walk as little or as much as you want. Walkers will return to the Recreational Center for a morning of refreshments, door prizes and entertainment. You don't want to miss this fun, fit event! Be sure to check out the Recre8 section for complete event details.

## Schedule announced for senior adult trips

Senior adults, do you like to travel but don't want to drive for hours at a time or travel alone? There are several senior adult trips planned for 2013-2014. Be sure to check out the **RECRE8** section for details!

## *Trunk or Treat*

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department will hold their annual Trunk or Treat fall event at Freedom Ridge Park Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. Children can go trick or treating from car to car where volunteers have filled their trunks with candy and prizes. There will also be games, train rides, face painting and much more. Admission is \$1 per child. Volunteers are needed to provide vehicles, candy and manpower to make this event a success. If you are interested, contact the Rec and Parks office at 601.853.2011. Be sure to check out the Recre8 section for complete event details.



The annual Trunk or Treat fall event will be held Thursday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per child. Bring your costumed children for trunks full of treats and a park full of fun.

## Madison Landing site of 2013 Bassmaster Series Open

The 2013 Bassmaster Series Open will be held on the Ross Barnett Reservoir Oct. 17-19, 2013. Launch and weigh in will take place at Madison Landing in Ridgeland Thursday and Friday and at Bass Pro Shop Saturday. This event will attract more than 200 professional and amateur anglers throughout the region. Spectators are welcome and special entertainment will be provided by Pelican Cove at Madison Landing for this event. Practice dates are Oct. 14-16, 2013. Contact the Ridgeland Tourism Commission for details at 601.605.5253 or [visitridgeland.com](http://visitridgeland.com).



# THIRD ANNUAL *Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out*

This year, the City of Ridgeland will hold its third annual Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out Thursday, Oct. 17, 2013. Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out is a way for neighborhoods to come together and for neighbors to get to know each other. This is also a time for people to meet their local law enforcement officers and firemen, as well as their aldermen.

Last year, we had 17 neighborhoods participate in this event. One of these neighborhoods was Muirwood. To celebrate, the residents of the neighborhood came together and brought food for a neighborhood cook out. They also had a dog parade, where they dressed up their pets and showed them off to the other residents.



Muirwood neighbors set out tables and food and provided balloons for children.

Representatives from the police and fire departments came and talked about safety and public awareness. When asked why they decided to celebrate Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out, Gwen Ross replied, "We felt like we needed to participate and to have the opportunity to socialize and meet our neighbors."



Pictured here celebrating Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out 2012 in Muirwood ( Left to right) Tip Johnston, Alderman-at-large D.I. Smith, Charla Dukes, Alan Stuckey, Mary Gail Holcombe, Gwen Ross and Alderman Wesley Hamlin.

Muirwood's celebrating of Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out was planned by the neighborhood's president, Charla Dukes.

Any neighborhood can participate in this event, and it's a great way to get to know the other residents of your neighborhood. Each neighborhood has a different way of celebrating and coming together, whether it be a pool party, a cook out or a dog parade. If you want to participate in this event, please contact Mike Raffield, with the City of Ridgeland Police Department, at 601.856.2121 or [mike.raffield@ridgelandms.org](mailto:mike.raffield@ridgelandms.org).



## *TOPSoccer Jamboree* SET FOR OCTOBER 16

The TOPSoccer Jamboree will take place Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Freedom Ridge Park. More than 200 special needs children and more than 400 volunteers from Madison and Rankin counties will participate. Contact Ridgeland Recreation & Parks at 601.856.2011 for more information.

TOPSoccer Jamboree is designed to provide soccer for special needs children ages 4-19.

## Races in Ridgeland

Ridgeland is home to many races, both running and bicycling, as well as training programs and walking groups. Racing groups take advantage of the Ridgeland Multiuse Trail, designated bike routes and the Ridgeland Police to help keep them safe. Below is a selection of races to choose from this fall in Ridgeland.

### Mississippi Run to Remember Oct. 19, 3 p.m.

Go to [www.racesonline.com](http://www.racesonline.com) for details or to register.

### Bikes 4 Barks Oct. 26 8 a.m.

Go to [www.racesonline.com](http://www.racesonline.com) for details or to register.

### Turkey Day 8K

Nov. 28, 7 a.m. benefiting the Ridgeland Multiuse Trail. Register at [www.fleetfeetjackson.com](http://www.fleetfeetjackson.com).

## Madison County Library Local History Collection

Are you interested in Madison County artifacts, family histories and records? If so, a wealth of information is available through the Madison County Library Local History & Genealogy Collection. On Thursday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m., speakers Presley Posey and Charles Bowering from the Flora Library will discuss the archives project available to residents on the MCLS website.

Primary sources are selected to preserve the history and culture of Madison County from the mid-1800s to the present. MCLS is building a unique historical record about local people and places that includes Madison County photographs, family histories, census records, diaries, marriage and military personnel records, newspapers, yearbooks and oral interviews.

Please join us for a light luncheon at the Ridgeland Library and learn what's available and how items can be accepted for publication. For more information, please visit the website: MCLS., Online Resources, "Local History Digital Collection."

Sponsored by the Historical Society of Ridgeland and Friends of the Ridgeland Library.



Ridgeland Old Town Hall, July 4, 1918

## ASA Men's Class A Adult Slow Pitch Championships Coming to Ridgeland

Ridgeland is proud to welcome, for the first time, Amateur Softball Association (ASA) Men's Class A, Men's Class D Slow Pitch and Women's Open Championships to Freedom Ridge Park Sept. 26-29. These prestigious championship tournaments are traditionally played in Oklahoma City at the ASA Hall of Fame Complex. In anticipation of that facility being under renovation this summer, ASA officials selected sites across the United States with a history of hosting top-notch ASA tournaments for these championships to be held.

Ridgeland was selected as one of the host cities based on its track record with ASA championships. Ridgeland has received the James Farrell Amateur Award of Excellence for hosting 21 of the highest rated ASA National Championships over the past 10 years. Freedom Ridge was also honored as the ASA Complex of the Year in 2007.

"With the likelihood of major renovations to ASA Hall of Fame Complex beginning this summer; ASA felt that it was in the best interest of the athletes, umpires, and spectators to relocate these tournaments at this time to ensure ample time for everyone involved to make the necessary travel and tournament plans to guarantee successful tournaments," said ASA/USA Softball Executive Director Ron Radigonda. "ASA prides itself in conducting outstanding events and the cities selected to host these prestigious tournaments have a proven track record of success. We are honored that these cities have stepped up on short notice to partner with ASA on behalf of our players, umpires and spectators."

With more than 40 teams from across the United States and high-profile national ASA coverage, this tournament is sure to expose softball players and fans to the superb amenities Ridgeland has to offer, as well as provide a boost to the local economy as our guests stay, eat and shop in Ridgeland businesses.



ASA championship tournaments are coming to Ridgeland Sept.26-29, bringing high-profile national ASA coverage to award-winning Freedom Ridge Park and the City.



# Renaissance Euro Fest 2013



Beautiful classic European automobiles and motorcycles can be viewed at the fifth annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show set for Saturday, Oct. 5.

The great automobiles and motorcycles of Europe will be coming to Renaissance at Colony Park in Ridgeland, Miss. for the fifth annual Renaissance Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show. Entries in the show must be 25 years or older (built prior to 1989) except for a selection of newer special interest autos. For European auto enthusiasts, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the beauty of British, Italian, German and many other European vehicles. If brands such as Rolls-Royce, Ferrari, Porsche, BMW, Alfa Romeo, Fiat, Jaguar, Norton, Ducati, BMW and Mercedes-Benz (to name just a few) excite your senses, then this is the event for you!

It's a perfect time of year to be outside, strolling around the Renaissance, and viewing gorgeous autos and motorcycles. This year the event will be held Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The show is open and free to the public. More than 15,000 spectators are expected to view 150 autos manufactured in five different countries, coming from eight different states.

If you are interested in entering an auto or motorcycle in the show, you may find an entry form at [www.euro-fest.net](http://www.euro-fest.net). There is no entry fee for participants. Awards will be presented to Best Marque of 17 Different Classes, eight Sponsor's Choice, and BankPlus Best of Show Newer, Ridgeland Tourism "Art of It All" and Best of the Renaissance Vintage. Additionally the Mayor's Cup and the Governor's Cup will be presented to out of State entries for the Best of Show, pre-1989 and after 1989.

This year's show will start with the Renaissance Rally Drive for entries, starting at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, from the Hyatt Place Hotel at the Renaissance. The drive will travel on the back roads, exploring the bridges of Madison County, with a lunch stop and then back to the Renaissance. Additionally, there will be a Sunday morning, Oct. 6 "Drive & Fly In," traveling to the Byram Airport, just outside of Jackson, for an additional showing of autos and vintage/experiential aircraft.

For more information, please visit [www.euro-fest.net](http://www.euro-fest.net) or contact: [mike\\_marsh@bellsouth.net](mailto:mike_marsh@bellsouth.net). 601.946.1950.

## Dive Rescue International Trainer Series to be hosted by Ridgeland Fire Department

The Ridgeland Fire Department will be hosting the Dive Rescue International Trainer Series in September 2013. The series is designed to provide public safety divers with the training to become instructors. Courses that will be offered include: Dive Rescue I, Dive Rescue II, Med Dive, Public Safety Scuba Instructor, Dive Rescue I Trainer and Dry Suit Diving Trainer.

Students wishing to attend any of these courses must register with Dive Rescue International and meet the prerequisites for each course. All students must be a member of a public safety agency. Registration is available on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call (800) 248-3483 ext. 18 or visit [www.DiveRescueIntl.com](http://www.DiveRescueIntl.com). Locally you may contact Ridgeland Fire Chief, Matt Bailey at 601-856-7004.



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# RIDGELAND SELECTED AS MISSISSIPPI'S *Healthiest Hometown*

By Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation

The City of Ridgeland has been selected as Mississippi's "Healthiest Hometown" in the fourth year of the Healthy Hometown program, presented by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation. The selection was based on the city's application, as judged by a panel of known health and wellness champions from around the country. Ridgeland will receive a \$50,000 grant from the Foundation to support ongoing community health initiatives.

Ridgeland's community-wide efforts are supported by partnerships among schools, churches, businesses, civic organizations and local government officials. The city is home to nearly 15 miles of recreational trails, more than any other city in the state. It hosts several high profile athletic events throughout the year, including the Heatwave Triathlon and the Natchez Trace Century Ride. Several local churches support health and fitness programs designed to encourage regular physical activity. The city also promotes health and wellness opportunities through its website and recognizes residents who are committed to healthy living.

The City of Brookhaven was selected as a Healthy Hometown for its population category (5,001 to 14,999 residents) and the City of Starkville was selected in its population category (50,000 or more residents). Each of these communities will receive a \$25,000 grant to continue their wellness efforts. The winning municipalities were announced Wednesday (July 17, 2013) at the Mississippi Municipal League Annual Conference in Biloxi.



Members of the Healthy Hometown Committee are pictured in the Ridgeland Community Garden, with the certificate awarded to the City of Ridgeland for the 2013 Healthiest Hometown in Mississippi. (From left, back) Wes Tankersley, Warren Herring, Mike McCollum, Renee Buckner, Jerry Williams, Jayce Powell, Judy Johnson, Mina Thorgeson and Sandra Rives Monohan. (From left, front) Alison Wood, Marilyn Beach, Lynda Assink, Mayor Gene McGee, Katy Tillman and David Johnson.

encourage communities to promote healthy lifestyles and to provide financial rewards to those who have demonstrated the most progress. The grants are used by the communities to further ongoing community wellness initiatives. Healthy Hometown winners are chosen based on select criteria, including having a tobacco-free ordinance, helmet laws and more.

To learn more about the Healthy Hometown Awards and this year's winners, visit the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation website at [www.healthiermississippi.org](http://www.healthiermississippi.org).

"We are extremely proud of the progress Ridgeland has made in creating a healthy community for its residents," said Sheila Grogan, Executive Director of the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation. "Their efforts will help ensure a higher quality of life for residents and will serve as a positive example for other municipalities around the state."

Judges for the 2013 Healthy Hometown program were Tara Costa, Season 7 finalist of NBC's "The Biggest Loser" and national health advocate; Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett, who launched a citywide health initiative resulting in almost 50,000 citizens losing a combined 1,000,000 pounds; and Chris Waddell, the most decorated male skier in Paralympic history and the first paraplegic to summit Mount Kilimanjaro unassisted.

The Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation established the Healthy Hometown Awards in 2010 to



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### RECYCLE

Recycle all that you can with your Waste Management recycling cart; it will be collected and weighed along with your neighborhood's recycling. If you're a Recyclebank member, you'll earn points each time you bring your cart to the curb. Other ways you can earn Recyclebank points: refer family and friends and learn about ways to green your lifestyle and take green pledges.

### REWARDS

The more points you earn, the more rewards you can get. Rewards range from magazine subscriptions to "buy one, get one" deals and gift cards to local businesses and national retailers. We believe that the Recyclebank program is a win-win-win for our residents, local businesses and the environment. So don't wait another minute! You already recycle, now get rewarded for it!

## *Title VI Policy Statement*

The City of Ridgeland, under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes, ensures that no persons in the City of Ridgeland shall, on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any programs or activity it administers. Any person who believes he or she has been discriminated against should contact:

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## SPONSORSHIP 2014

*By Julie Cox, Sponsorships and Marketing Coordinator, Recreation and Parks*

Now is the time to think about sponsorship for 2014. You can become a Ridgeland Recreation & Parks partner for as little as \$500 and that includes an ad in this magazine! Our sponsorship program gives you an opportunity to promote your business and provides an avenue for you to become involved in the community. Please give me a call or send me an email and give me an opportunity to stop by your office to discuss our program with you. You can reach me at 601.853.2011 or *Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org*. Partner with us and get your company name in front of THOUSANDS of people!



Sponsors of the Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department have plenty of opportunities to advertise their business to a wide audience.

## Retire tattered or worn flags through the Girl Scouts

Local Girl Scouts have a project titled, "Nothing Tattered, Nothing Torn." This is the perfect time of year to respectfully retire your worn flags. If your flags are tattered, worn or faded, please drop them off at **A Complete Flag Source**, 5295 I-55 North, on I-55 Frontage Road, to be retired by the youth in our communities.

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## Recreational facilities

### Freedom Ridge Park

*235 West School Street* - Freedom Ridge Park, a 50-acre athletic facility, is located on School Street just behind the Ridgeland Police Department. The park features four lighted adult regulation softball fields, four lighted regulation soccer fields, four picnic pavilions two playgrounds including a universal playground for use by individuals with physical disabilities or limitations, two concession/restroom buildings, a lighted walking trail and a maintenance facility.

Each of the four pavilions at Freedom Ridge Park is available at an hourly rate of \$15 for residents, and \$25 for non-residents. The security deposit, our "clean-up insurance," is \$100.

### Ridgeland Tennis Center

*201 McClellan Drive* - The Ridgeland Tennis Center, a full-service public facility operated by tennis pros, is located at 201 McClellan Drive, off Highway 51. The center is home to 17 lighted, hard tennis courts, men's and women's locker rooms, a 2,000-square-foot covered porch for viewing, and a fully stocked tennis pro shop.

### City Hall

*304 Highway 51* - Ridgeland City Hall is home to four soccer fields during the soccer season. During baseball season, this property converts to three T-ball fields.

### Ridgeland Recreational Center

*137 Old Trace Park* - The Ridgeland Recreational Center is housed in a two-story rustic lodge overlooking the Ross Barnett Reservoir. Daily activities for Superstar Seniors as well as nightly classes for all ages take place during the week in this facility.

### Friendship Park

*475 Lake Harbour Drive* - Friendship Park is a multi-purpose neighborhood park facility. With a large lighted pavilion, a one-mile lighted walking/jogging trail, a fitness court, playground equipment, and restroom facilities, the park accommodates many and varying needs.

The pavilion is available for rental at an hourly rate of \$15 for residents, \$25 per hour for non-residents, with a security deposit of \$100. Park hours are 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Wolcott Park

*349 McClellan Drive* - Wolcott

Park, a 40-acre athletic facility, is located on McClellan Drive, off Highway 51. It features seven lighted baseball/softball fields, a playground, 14 batting cages, two bull pens, two concession/restroom building and a maintenance facility.

## Youth Organizations

### South Madison County Soccer Organization

SMCSO is a non-profit organization providing an opportunity for the youth of our area to participate in soccer. Visit [www.smcsoc.com](http://www.smcsoc.com) or call 601-898-1996 for more information.

### Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club

MRYC is a community organization providing an opportunity for youth in our area to participate in baseball, softball, tackle football, cheerleading and basketball. Visit [www.mryouthclub.com](http://www.mryouthclub.com) for more information.



## SPECIAL EVENTS

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### Trunk or Treat

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks will hold Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Park Oct. 31, 2013. Volunteers will fill their trunks with candy and prizes. The will go trick or treating from car to car. Other activities will include games and face painting. Trunk or Treat is for ages 12 and under only.



#### Volunteers Needed for Trunk or Treat

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department needs volunteers to provide vehicles, candy, and manpower to make our seventh Trunk or Treat a success. If you are interested, please contact our office at 601.853.2011.

- Program Price:** \$1 per child 12 and under
- Event Date:** Thursday, Oct. 31, 2013
- Event Time:** 6 -8 p.m.
- Location:** Freedom Ridge Park



### Ridgeland Christmas Parade

The Ridgeland Beautification Committee would like to invite all residences, businesses, and civic organizations to participate in the Ridgeland Christmas Parade. There is no cost to enter the parade and it is a great way to show your holiday spirit as we kick off the Christmas season. The parade begins and ends at the Holmes Community College Campus on Ridgeland Avenue. The parade travels through the historic Olde Towne Subdivision and then to W. Jackson Street before turning on to Sunnybrook Road and finishing back at Holmes Community College.

Registration forms will be available Oct. 1. Registration is open until Dec. 3, 2013.

- Start Time:** 2 p.m.
- Event Date:** Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013
- Location:** Olde Towne Ridgeland

### Christmas Decorating Contest

The Ridgeland Beautification Committee will be awarding prizes to the top Ridgeland residents and businesses that decorate their homes or businesses for the Christmas season. The top two winners in the business category will win awards. Residences will be judged in the following categories: Overall, Door and Porch, Business, Judges' Choice and Children's Choice.



To ensure the Ridgeland Beautification Committee judges your home or business, call 601.853.2011. The judge date will be Monday Dec. 9, 2013.

## ATHLETICS

Athletics Coordinator, John Sidney North  
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### MRYC Basketball

The Madison Ridgeland Youth Club will be holding fall basketball registration for the upcoming season for boys and girls grades K5-12. Games and practices will be held at areawide Madison County schools. The participant will receive a jersey with their registration fee. Please visit [www.mryouthclub.com](http://www.mryouthclub.com) for the most current information.

- Registration:** October-November
- Fee:** TBA
- Location:** TBA

## NFL Punt Pass and Kick

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks, in conjunction with the NFL, will be hosting the annual punt, pass and kick competition Saturday, Sept. 14 at Freedom Ridge Park. Registration will be held 9- 9:30 a.m. The competition will be for boys and girls ages 6-15. There will be five age groups: 6/7, 8/9, 10/11, 12/13 and 14/15. The top scorer in each age division will advance to the sectional meet to be held in Jackson. This is a free event and open to all boys and girls ages 6-15. The winners at the sectionals will advance to the Team Championship in New Orleans.



**Event Date:** Saturday, Sept. 14  
**Start Time:** 9 a.m.  
**Location:** Freedom Ridge Park

## SUPERSTAR SENIORS

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Ridgeland Recreation & Parks' 50'S Plus September Program - Travel Show Brunch

Join us for a special travel presentation by Collette Vacations. We will enjoy seeing the sights and sounds of a trip planned for 2014 to South Dakota. We will also enjoy a delicious breakfast brunch!

Call Lynda at 601.856.6876 to reserve your seat.

**Program Price:** Free  
**Event Date:** Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013  
**Start Time:** 9:30 a.m.

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## The Mayor's Fun Walk

Join us for the Mayor's Fun Walk this year. Mayor Gene McGee will lead us on an easy (light) walk using the beautiful multipurpose trail. You may walk as little or as much as you want. We will return to the Ridgeland Recreational Center for refreshments, door prizes and musical entertainment! We will also have sponsor exhibit booths for you to visit. Errol Dee will be our entertainment. He will be singing your favorite melody of "Walking" songs! Make plans to attend this fun event.

**Program Price:** No Charge  
**Event Date:** Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013  
**Time:** 9 – 10:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Ridgeland Recreation Center

## Crochet Afghan Raffle

Tickets are on sale for a beautiful crochet . Raffle tickets are \$5. You may purchase your tickets at the Ridgeland Recreation & Parks Office or the Ridgeland Recreational Center, beginning Sept. 3, 2013. Drawing will be held at the Superstar Seniors' Turkey Feast Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013. Judy Thompson handmade this beautiful quilt and donated it to the Ridgeland Superstars Seniors' programs.



**This beautiful handmade quilt can become yours through a raffle drawing. Tickets go on sale Sept. 3 for only \$5.**

Raffle donations will be used to buy exercise equipment for the Ridgeland Recreation & Parks' Superstar Seniors Exercise & Fitness Classes.

## Superstar Seniors' Turkey Feast

Join us for our annual Turkey Feast. We will have a delicious Thanksgiving lunch and great entertainment. Our entertainment this year is a Mississippi group, One Way Quartet. Check out their website [www.onewayquartet.org](http://www.onewayquartet.org). Seating is limited. Please purchase your ticket at Ridgeland City Hall or the Ridgeland Recreational Center.



**Program Price:** \$5 (Tickets sold in advance)  
**Registration:** Tickets on sale by Oct. 14  
**Event Date:** Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013  
**Time:** noon–1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Highlands Presbyterian Church



## TRIPS

### Gorgeous Georgia's Bavarian Country & Mountain Fall Festival Trip

This will be one of the foliage tours you can imagine. We will visit the quaint village of Helen known as the Bavaria of the South. We will enjoy Mountain Folk Lunch and Georgia Mountain Fall Festival. Attractions, activities, crafts, demonstrations, and a Pioneer Village plus an entertaining Music Show will be included. There will be a surprise bonus on our third day as we head home. Call or email Lynda for more information.

- Program Price:** Call or email for trip brochure
- Registration:** Now until Sept. 9
- Event Dates:** October 17-19, 2013

### Wonderland Of Lights & 1800'S Texas Village Trip

A colorful holiday getaway as we head to the Lone Star State to enjoy fascinating Historic Jefferson. The small town has been meticulously maintained like it was in the 1800s – old-time houses, brick streets, river port, horse-drawn carriages, taverns, shops – and is decorated for the season. We will dine on a light Lone Star Lunch, as a local guide shows us highlights during the Texas of Yesteryear Tour.

We will ride a few miles to Marshall where experiences start with dinner at our favorite café. We're in the town famous for its Wonderland of Lights. The local guide makes sure we don't miss a thing. Afterward, we will have a restful night at the hotel. As we go home, another bonus - a surprise that you will enjoy. (Subtract \$15 if reservation is made no later than Sept. 20)

- Program Price:** Call or email for trip brochure
- Registration:** Now until Sept. 20, 2013
- Event Dates:** Dec. 9–10, 2013



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## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

All monthly programs will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Trace Park, unless otherwise indicated below.

### Ridgeland City Garden Club

The Ridgeland City Garden Club meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Enjoy lunch, informative/exciting programs, and sharing the love of gardening with many friends. Call Nannette Sullivan at 601.856.6784 for more information.

- **Sept. 3:** Dr. Dirt (Leon Goldsberry) a delightful gardener/artist from Edwards, Miss. (Meet at the Ridgeland Recreational Center)
- **Oct. 18:** Field trip to Fall Flower and Garden Fest in Crystal Springs, Miss.
- **Nov. 5:** Holiday decorating at Mostly Martha's Floral Designs in Ridgeland, Miss.

- Program Price:** \$20 (Yearly dues)
- Event Dates:** Sept. 3, Oct. 18, Nov. 5
- Start Time:** 11 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Tuesday



Pictured Left to right - Nanette Sullivan, President; Mary Ellen Garner, Treasurer; Virginia Eidson, Secretary; Dolores Nader, Vice President. Photo by: Tom Sagar



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## Bridge

Bridge games are held the fourth Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center overlooking the Reservoir. It provides a beautiful setting for an afternoon game. The player with the highest score wins first prize. Reservations are required four days in advance. Please call Lynda at 601.856.6876 to reserve your chair. Please arrive at 12:45 p.m. to receive your nametag. Game starts promptly at 1 p.m.

**Program Price:** \$1 each (for prize)  
**Event Dates:** Sept. 26, Oct. 24  
**Time:** 1 – 4 p.m.  
**Day of Week:** Thursday

## Thread, Yarn, Crochet & Coffee Group

Bring your own needles, yarn, thread and handmade project the second and fourth Mondays at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fellowship, coffee and work on your project. It will be a great time of “show and tell” as you work on your own masterpiece. Call or email Lynda for more information.



**Program Price:** No Charge  
**Event Dates:** Sept. 9 & 23, Oct. 14 & 28, Nov. 11 & 25  
**Time:** 1:30–3 p.m.  
**Day of Week:** Monday

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

*All weekly programs will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Trace Park, unless otherwise indicated below.*

### Agape Men’s Coffee Group

Join a group of men that meets every Wednesday morning at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Enjoy coffee, good fellowship and good friends. Call Earl Beck at 601.668.2322 for more information.

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Day of Week:** Wednesday



## Country Line Dancing

Learn the dance steps that are popular everywhere. In this class, you’ll discover a variety of line dances. It’s great fun, good exercise, and you don’t need a partner. Classes will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Darlene Epple is the instructor for the class. Call or email Lynda for more information.

**Program Price:** \$40/month or \$10/week  
**Times:** Beginners Class, 6 –7 p.m.  
 Advanced Class, 7 –8:30 p.m.  
**Day of Week:** Monday

## Men’s Bible Study

Men’s Bible Study meets every Tuesday at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. It is a nondenominational Bible study for men only. Enjoy an in-depth study of God’s Word. Bob Shirley is your teacher. Call Earl Beck at 601.856.4252 or 601.668.2322 for more information.

**Time:** 9–10:30 a.m.  
**Day of Week:** Tuesday

## Painting Pals

Is it hard for you to paint and/or draw at home? Bring your own supplies and enjoy painting at our Ridgeland Recreational Center overlooking the Reservoir. It’s an ideal setting to paint or draw. Call or email Lynda for more information.

**Program Price:** No cost  
**Time:** 1:30–3:30 p.m.  
**Day of Week:** Tuesday

## Painting With Pastels

Have fun learning all about pastels, the technique of painting with pastels, pastel over watercolor underpainting, wet and dry method, working from photographs, photographing your finished paintings, and protecting and framing your pastel painting. This class is open to all levels from beginner to advanced. Your instructor is Cecilia Baker.

The instructor will provide the following: table easels, pastel paper and backboards (can be purchased at each session), drawing equipment and tape available at all times. Feel free to bring your own equipment. Register now by calling Cecilia Baker at 601.856.1802 or email b1108@live.com.

**Program Price:** \$65/month  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.–noon  
**Day of Week:** Friday



## Zumba

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a Zumba Fitness Class every Thursday, at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness program that blends Latin music with contagious, easy-to-follow dance steps. The Zumba program borrows from the following dance styles: Cumbia, Salsa, Merengue, Mambo, Flamenco, -Cha, Reggaeton, Samba, belly dancing, Bhangra, hip-hop and Tango. Your instructor is Renata Gil. Renata is from Brazil and has her roots in Brazilian or Latino music. She is a certified instructor in Zumba. To register, please call or email Lynda.

- Program Price:** \$5 per participant/per class
- Start Date:** Ongoing
- Time:** 1 – 1:45 p.m.
- Day of Week:** Thursday

## SEASONAL PROGRAMS


### Balance & Fall-Proof Your Life

Are you ready to improve your balance and be as healthy as you can be? Whether you are 65 or 85, a daily exercise program involving specific fall prevention exercises is important. Your muscles have lost some mass and your joints may be stiff, but you can do slow, controlled, low intensity movement to help ease the discomfort you experience daily. If you have had a history of falling, now is the perfect time to exercise and regain your balance with more control than ever.

Sign up for this class that's the latest in fall prevention, balance exercises and Total Body strengthening that will keep you ONE STEP AHEAD in improving your life. Always consult your physician before beginning any exercise program. For class by calling or emailing Lynda.

- Registration:** Now until Sept. 18, 2013
- Event Dates:** Class begins Sept. 18, 2013
- Program Price:** \$30 for six week course/or \$8/class
- Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Day of Week:** Wednesday

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## Tai-Chi Fusion On The Reservoir

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a Tai-Chi Class at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Tai-Chi has become an increasingly popular form of physical exercise around the world as a basic exercise program and as a complement to health care methods. A few of the benefits include increased flexibility and reduced risk of injury, focused breathing and concentration, improvement of mind-body connection, greater strength and stamina, better balance and stability, improved posture and stress reduction. Pre-registration is required by calling or emailing Lynda.



- Registration:** Begins Now until Sept. 11, 2013
- Event Dates:** Class begins Sept. 11, 2013
- Program Price:** \$30 for six week course or \$8/class
- Time:** 11-11:30 a.m.
- Day of Week:** Wednesday

## Restoration & Relaxation Yoga

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a Yoga class for beginners. This is a great class for those who are beginning an exercise class or rehabbing from an injury. Offered at a slower pace this class will focus on the basics of yoga, breathe work & movement. These gentle movements will not add stress to the joints. A sense of well-being will come from breathing and gentle yoga stretches. This class will help you let go of the everyday stresses of life. Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For more information and to register, call or email Lynda.

- Registration:** Begins Now until Sept. 16, 2013
- Event Dates:** Class begins Monday, Sept. 16, 2013
- Program Price:** \$5/class
- Time:** 11 –11:30 a.m.
- Days of Week:** Monday and Friday

## Yoga For Flexibility, Fitness, and Fun

Join us for this class. Lisa Newman is the instructor, and she will guide you through gentle stretching and strengthening exercises for your whole body. This class is for those who have had some experience with yoga. Standing poses will be introduced as well as strength poses.

Participants may want to join both classes Restorative and Relaxation Yoga and Yoga for Flexibility, Fitness and Fun for only \$10! Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For more information, call or email Lynda.

- Registration:** Now until Sept. 16, 2013
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Ann Smith Elementary is a kindergarten through second-grade school serving the Ridgeland attendance zone of the Madison County school system.



## Calories for a cause: chocolate sales yield new playground

Resistance is futile when an adorable Ann Smith student comes around selling World's Finest Chocolate candy bars and almonds. If you were one of the many who indulged last fall during Ann Smith's annual fundraiser, thank you. Your little treat paid to replace the second grade playground with new, state-of-the-art equipment. The new playground was installed at the beginning of the school year and encourages exercise and creative play. The fundraising efforts of the Ann Smith PTO pay for updates to the playground equipment every couple of years. The annual fall fundraiser is going on right now. Remember, calories for a cause don't count. Thank you for your support.

## New assistant principal comes home to Ann Smith

For Eric Brooks, coming to Ann Smith Elementary was coming home. Brooks, new assistant principal and longtime Ridgeland resident, is working in the community where he lives for the first time in the 21 years of his career. Among his many responsibilities at Ann Smith are assisting Dr. Melissa Philley with classroom observations and helping her with day-to-day operations of the school.

After graduating from Tougaloo College, Brooks started teaching in Jackson Public Schools. While working on his master's in education administration at Jackson State University, he was given the opportunity to work as the dean of students at a middle school in Jackson.

"I learned a lot as the dean of students from the principal and assistant I was working with. It was on-the-job experience—more than I could ever get from the classroom or textbooks," Brooks explained. "It was a wonderful segue into my position as assistant principal."

Brooks spent the 2012–2013 school year as the principal of McNeal Elementary in Canton. The previous six years, he was the assistant principal at Madison Middle School. As a leader of both teachers and students, Brooks says his philosophy is to be the example.

"I wouldn't ask anyone to do something I wouldn't do or haven't already done," Brooks said. "Leadership is a service. If I see a paper lying on the ground, I'll reach down and pick it up. I won't just tell another student to do it. I hope they see my behavior and know that I take pride in the school and are inspired to do the same."

This assistant principal by day is sometimes a DJ by night and on weekends. Before deciding on a career in education, Brooks had started taking classes in mass communications with the hopes of becoming a radio personality. Although he soon decided that education was the better career path for him, he enjoys playing disc jockey for weddings and parties of friends and family. He also enjoys spending time with his daughter, Kennedy, a second-grader at Ann Smith; his wife, Tiffini, a social studies teacher at Bailey Middle School in Jackson; and his 11-year-old son, Dylan. Brooks' and his wife are expecting another girl, due in October.



**Eric Brooks will be the new assistant principal at Ann E. Smith Elementary. He is a longtime Ridgeland resident who seeks to inspire students at Ridgeland's K-2 school.**



**Kennedy Brown was the top seller for last year's fundraiser. Thanks to her, and all the other students who participated in the chocolate sale, Ann Smith was able to install new equipment on the second grade playground.**



## CURRICULUM + COMMUNITY = *Student Success*

Ann Smith takes pride in its academic strengths. A balanced approach to literacy ensures that each student exits second grade on or above grade level in both reading comprehension and writing. The integration of technology enhances students' academic experience. And as experts at using assessments to make data-driven instructional decisions, ASE teachers are able to individualize the academic goals of their students. Proof of ASE's stellar academic performance is in their test scores. The second grade MAP scores for both reading and math are equivalent to the highest score under the state's accreditation rating.

"Teachers use whole-group, small-group and one-on-one instruction to ensure that each and every student reaches their goal for reading and math," explained Dr. Melissa Philley, ASE principal. "It is exciting to see that many of these goals are above the state's grade-level expectations, yet our teachers are able to provide instruction that challenges our students performing above grade level."

Of course, not all aspects of an education can be quantified by a test, and something that sets Ann Smith apart is a sense of community. Parental and community support enriches the students' academic experience as much as any lesson plan. Parents are welcomed and encouraged to visit Ann Smith to eat lunch with their student or read to their child's class. Teachers keep parents on top of daily classroom activities and student behavior. Parents and family members are invited to a variety of activities throughout the year, such as the back-to-school picnic, the Thanksgiving feast, student plays, Mississippi day and circus day.

Community leaders, local businesses and churches also play an important role at Ann Smith. They rally around the school and its efforts to encourage health, wellness and academic success. They support the school with their time, money and donations, making events like Walk to School Day, Titan Tone Up and Titan Trot 5K and Fun Run possible.



Emily Thomas joins her son Brent on the first grade field trip to the Natural Science Museum.

## *Upcoming events at ASE*

**Sept. 3: Mazzio's Night.** A portion of all sales at the Ridgeland Mazzio's will go to the ASE PTO.

**Sept. 29-Oct. 5: Barnes & Noble Book Fair.** There'll be special story time, an art show and other events. Be sure to tell them you're with Ann Smith and a portion of your purchase will go to the PTO.

**Oct. 1: Mazzio's Night.** A portion of all sales at the Ridgeland Mazzio's will go to the ASE PTO.

**Oct. 9-11: Titan Spirit Week**

**Oct. 9: Walk to School Day.** Join the parade. Walk to School Day is an annual event celebrated worldwide.

**Oct. 10: Homecoming parade and Titan Funland** at Ridgeland High School

**Oct. 16: Teacher luncheon**

**Oct. 24: Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Park**

**Nov. 5: Mazzio's Night.** A portion of all sales at the Ridgeland Mazzio's will go to the ASE PTO.

**Nov. 11: Veterans Day Reception**

**Nov. 22: Thanksgiving Feast**



Who's got spirit? Ann Smith kids! RHS cheerleaders get the crowd pumped for the homecoming game.

# 2013-2014 PTO Board

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## Welcome back, old friends and new neighbors

We would like to welcome all our families to Highland Elementary for the start of the 2013-14 school year. We are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities the year will bring. Our highly trained faculty and staff emphasize academic excellence, providing differentiated instruction to meet the needs of every learner. Additionally, the school expects positive behavior, promotes physical fitness, encourages community service, and invites parents to become involved through HES events, fundraisers and other PTO-sponsored activities. It's going to be a great year!

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## STUDENTS CONNECTING THROUGH NATURE AND ART

Natural learning environments support creativity and problem-solving, improve academic performance and reduce stress. At Highland, we're fortunate to have a unique location like no other in the area. Nestled in a serene, wooded location on Brame Road off Highland Colony Parkway, the school provides easy access to Ridgeland neighborhoods, businesses and attractions.

Several years ago, Dock Daniel, former P.E. instructor, changed the face of the school by applying for grants for fitness initiatives. The campus features a shaded quarter-mile walking path that winds through pine trees, funded by a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield; a fitness area with Project Fit America equipment; an outdoor amphitheater-style classroom designed by local architect Scott Morgan and built by PTO volunteers; a beautiful learning garden maintained by Mrs. Lori Flood's third-grade class; and the very first elementary school fruit orchard in the state donated by Mississippi Urban Forest Council. Students often see deer, turkey and other wildlife wandering behind the school.

Additionally, the inside of the building emphasizes creativity and a love of the arts. Our lobby features a City of Ridgeland mural, painted by a local artist, highlighting all of the points of interest in our city. Our library has been enhanced with a colorful reading zone and a beautiful artwork display created by volunteers. And the front office, decorated with colorful paintings and a glass collage, provides a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

We're proud of our school, both inside and out, and we encourage members of the community to stop by and take a look.

## School recognized for commitment to fitness

Physical fitness among students is a priority at Highland Elementary. And it's no surprise the Governor's Commission on Physical Fitness & Sports honored the school with the silver-level award in the Excellence in Physical Education Certification Program for the 2012-13 school year.

"Our school is known for its focus on fitness," said Marilyn Naron, HES principal. "We have a full-time physical education teacher who has our kids up moving every day. We promote to students the use of our walking trail, which is also available for the community to use after school hours. And we have a great playground loaded with equipment to build strength and physical fitness."

This annual award, available to both public and private schools, officially recognizes a school's commitment to a quality physical education program. Schools that are recognized serve as examples to other schools and school districts throughout the state to inspire others to strive for excellent professional standards and high-quality physical education programs.



## BELK ASSOCIATES *Lend a Hand*

Highland Elementary has a new picnic table, two bookshelves and a colorful new mural, thanks to a Belk volunteer service project held at the school in May.

The department store celebrated its 125th anniversary by dedicating 125 days of service in the local communities where the company operates. Belk provided 10 associates who volunteered for two hours at the school, assembling, sanding and waterproofing a picnic table; painting artwork; and assembling the two bookshelves. Volunteers also donated books for the school's library and two handmade blankets. The project was coordinated through a partnership with the nonprofit organizations Points of Light Institute and HandsOn Network.

Local Belk director of operations Dwain Dillard and other volunteers enjoyed their time together serving the community. "It's been a wonderful experience for Belk to be a part of this," said Dillard. "We look at it like it's just one more step toward everything the mayor and the City of Ridgeland have done to develop and support their schools. It just couldn't make us happier to be a part of it."

Highland students, staff and PTO members gave Belk volunteers a warm welcome. Students stopped by throughout the morning to tell the employees "thank you," children in one classroom made cards and drew pictures for volunteers, and a fifth-grade class sang a special song to entertain them. Even Mayor Gene McGee stopped by to show his appreciation to the volunteers.

"It was very well-organized; we were very impressed," explained Dillard. "Everyone from PTO volunteers to the administration of the school gave us everything we needed. I strongly encourage other people to volunteer."



Pictured are (from left, front) Haiden Lowery, Juan Chacon, Kymtaeshia Snow, Anna Voth, Timothy Smith; (middle) Cassandra Williams, Mae Gladney, Kimberly Michael, Keonna Simmons, Debbie Bradberry, Kristi Stutzman, (back) Dwain Dillard, Mayor Gene McGee, David Banks, Randy Lynn and Jonathan Jones. Not pictured: Cindy Edwards and Bobby Jones.

## Fall Movie Night

At Highland, we understand the importance of building community. That's why we host Movie Night each fall as a way to foster relationships among our families. Be sure to join us Friday, Sept. 13 at 7:30 p.m. as we watch a movie on the big screen, while relaxing under the stars. This community event is free, and we encourage families to bring their own snacks and beverages, as well as lawn chairs or a blanket. It's a great opportunity to get to meet other HES families!



## *New staff members*



Highland is pleased to welcome new faculty and staff members for the 2013-14 school year. (Back, from left) Marianne Mooney, fourth-grade teacher; Denia Hampton, special education; Megan Kash, fifth-grade teacher; Dr. Terry Johnson, fifth-grade teacher. (Front, from left) Frances LaPlant, fourth-grade teacher; Annette Reiter, fifth-grade teacher; and Riffany Ridley, reading tutor. Not Pictured: Shanita McDonald, fourth-grade teacher; Leigh Hinton, literary specialist; and Treneé Walton, special education.

## 2013-14 PTO Board promotes parental involvement

At Highland Elementary, parental involvement is strongly encouraged. If you'd like to become more involved in the PTO, please contact any of our PTO board members listed below.

- Co-Presidents: Carrie Blount (cokerblount@aol.com) & Jan Richardson (arichert@bellsouth.net)
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- VP of Parental Involvement: Marion Carpenter

## Relay Recess inspires students to lead healthier lives

In May, HES students participated in Relay Recess, a cancer education program and fundraiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. During the weeklong program, students learned about some of the causes of cancer and steps they can take to reduce their cancer risk and lead healthy lives. The program culminated with Relay Recess assemblies, where American Cancer Society representatives reinforced what students learned about cancer. Special guest speaker Kelsey Carroll, a cancer survivor from Madison, shared her inspiring story about being diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer, in her wrist at the age of 18 and how she overcame the disease.



Pictured are (from left, front) Francis Lam, Shelby Alting, Fulton Lamar, Daniel Lynn, Alexandra Melendez; (back) Erin Freeman, community representative with the American Cancer Society, and Kelsey Carroll.



## Highland's 2013-14 PTO Board

Pictured are members (from left, back) ToShunda Washington, Christy Westby-Gibson, Tim Bermond, Jan Richardson, Kesha Kirchoff; (front) Christina Lowry, Karen Baker, Carrie Blount, Harriet Carter and Sissy Lynn. Not pictured are Marion Carpenter, Tammra Cascio, LaShaunda René and Jennifer Ward.



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# OTMS TECHNOLOGY STUDENT ASSOCIATION *Recognized At National Conference*

The Technology Student Association (TSA) (tsaweb.org) is a national competition circuit for middle and high schools, creating an opportunity for each school's best technology students to compete against one another. Olde Towne Middle's TSA group attended the 2013 National Conference in Orlando June 28-July 2, 2013 with hopes of having fun competing and proving their talents on a national level.

Olde Towne Middle School staff launched the first middle school chapter in the Madison County School system this year. Students worked their way through district and state competition to earn a place at the national competition in Orlando, taking five state champion teams and individuals to compete in Electronics, Structural Engineering, Tech Bowl (tech trivia), Techno Talk and Video Game Design.

Teacher sponsors Bill Richardson, Sheila McGraw, and Tammy King led the group, training up to the moment students entered the competition rooms. The greatest moment of the trip was when, in the conference room with more than five thousand other TSA competitors, Olde Towne's name was called as a national finalist! McKennley Wilson and Parker Goff were paired up with a team from Alabama to build a component in the Techno Talk division.

The TSA website describes this competition: "Participants (two teams of two members each per state) demonstrate the ability to work together in teams of randomly paired students in order to build and replicate a structure using limited communication." Each pair of students, which included one each from OTMS and Alabama could only communicate with the other team via text messages. One pair had the instructions while the other pair had the parts to build the component.

This event had 239 teams: McKennley and Parker placed as the ninth team in the nation, cheered on by the entire Mississippi delegation. Eighth-grade TSA students are now looking forward to competing at the high school level as they move on to Ridgeland High School. Mr. Richardson summarized their upcoming challenge, "All the events will be at an even higher level of complexity, but these students are the best of the best in our eyes."

If your middle-school students have an interest in technology and science, be sure to explore OTMS as a schooling option, so they don't miss out on these unique opportunities.



Olde Towne Middle School Student Technology Association (STA) participants with their advisor, (from left) Mr. Bill Richardson, McKennley Wilson and Parker Goff in Orlando, Florida at the national STA competition. These incredible students placed ninth in the nation in the "Tech Talk" division.

## *Olde Towne Middle leadership recognized as Madison County's finest*

Olde Towne Middle School principal Allen Lawrence and PTO president Sandra Saddler have been recognized by Madison County Schools for their outstanding leadership. Lawrence was named Madison County's 2012-2013 administrator of the year. At the May meeting of the Madison County School Board, Saddler was recognized as the Madison County district parent of the year.

"This well-deserved recognition of both Mr. Lawrence and Ms. Saddler, underscores all of the exciting things happening at Olde Towne Middle. Under Mr. Lawrence's leadership and with the help of capable, enthusiastic parents like Ms. Saddler, Olde Towne has seen a transformation to technology, student engagement and academic achievement," says superintendent Ronnie McGehee.

Lawrence ensures that all students are challenged in the classroom and engaged through a variety of extracurricular activities. He encourages students to explore individual interests and develop a sense of achievement.

Saddler, who has served as PTO president and vice president of fundraising, has helped Lawrence meet his goals over the last three years. She has been a driving force in the PTO's contribution to technology upgrades and in volunteer support of teacher and student activities.

One of Lawrence's priorities has been education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Strong STEM programs, increased academic rigor and advanced classes for high-achieving students have produced positive results. Please see adjoining article about the nationally ranked Technology Student Association, which exemplifies this commitment.

Olde Towne Middle obtained the second highest scale score in the state on the 2012 Algebra I test. The Technology Student Association won eight district and six state titles in categories like construction engineering, electronics and video game design.

The Elite Science Team and the Radio and Technology Club continued the only middle school space program in the state. This year they successfully completed their third near-space balloon launch. Their balloons reach an average altitude of 75,000-95,000 feet, collecting data and photographs during the mission.

Superior performing arts programs at the school match the strong STEM program, providing a wonderful balanced curriculum. Students participating in band and choir have opportunities to improve their musical skills in the classroom, to perform in the community, and to compete at the local, state and national festivals.

Chamber Choir, a mixed ensemble of seventh- and eighth-grade students, won best in class at Riverland Music Festival in Pearl. During spring break at Festival Disney in Orlando, the choir garnered a golden Mickey for best overall middle school choir, all superior ratings and best in class middle school ensemble.



**OTMS Principal Allen Lawrence (left) was named Madison County's 2012-2013 administrator of the year and PTO president Sandra Saddler (right) was named Madison County district parent of the year.**

The Olde Towne Middle School band rated all superior at the state festival this spring. That made 17 straight years of all superior ratings.

Says McGehee, "We are extremely proud of all they have accomplished at Olde Towne Middle School and look forward to all the great things to come!"

## *Olde Towne Middle School 2013-14 PTO*

Parent volunteers are welcome and encouraged to be involved at OTMS. There is no cost to join the OTMS PTO.

President: Debbie Best [dbestmom1@bellsouth.net](mailto:dbestmom1@bellsouth.net)

Secretary: Joyce Huskey

Treasurer: Justin McCreary

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## Olde Towne Middle cheerleading success

The cheer squad comprised of 15 seventh and eighth graders won six first place trophies and superior ratings at the Universal Cheerleaders Association competition in Starkville. The OTMS team was the only All-Superior squad, receiving blue ribbons in all categories and Camp Champs. Three girls received All-American: Leah Bishop, Lilliam Camacho, and Kala Horne. The cheerleaders are coached by Kandace Belk. Their Sponsor is Carla Belk and assistant sponsor is Jennifer Quinn.



(Top row) Eighth graders Rosie Andrews, Leah Bishop, Sarah Lunsford, Samantha Perkins, Lilliam Camacho and Kaia Horne. (Bottom row) Seventh graders Shaniah Long, Angel Johnson, Allie Ishee, Faith Brock, Kayla Carter, Kendall Wilson, Jasmine Alexander and De'Aeria Flowers.

## OTMS Band welcomes new staff

OTMS welcomes Mr. Kraig Goreth as the new assistant band director for Ridgeland bands. Arriving from Texas, he has extensive experience teaching instrumental music from the elementary through college level. He received a bachelor's degree in music from Eastern Illinois University and a masters in music from University of Mississippi. He continued his graduate studies at University of Southern Mississippi.

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### Moffat named director of bands



Pictured left to right: Kirby Mitchell, Lauren Slay, Mr. Keith Moffat, DeRosia Roskelley and Maci Thomas.

Keith Moffat has been named director of bands at Ridgeland High School. Moffat previously served as band director at Olde Towne Middle School for 16 years. During Moffat's tenure, which began when the school opened in 1996, his bands received all-superior ratings for every competition entered.

For the past 11 years, Moffat worked with the Ridgeland High School band in conjunction with Jay McArthur, who recently retired. The Ridgeland band community's motto is "Excellence is a habit." "The band community looks forward to continuing its distinguished musical tradition under Mr. Moffat's direction," says parent Jan Richardson.

"It is indeed a thrill and an honor to be named as the new director of bands for Ridgeland," says Moffat. "I feel re-energized and excited to continue the superior standards that have always been a part of the Ridgeland Bands. It's going to be a great school year!"

### *RHS band members participate in international championship*

Four members of the Ridgeland High School band were selected for the Mississippi Lions All-State Band. In July they traveled to Hamburg, Germany to compete. The Mississippi delegation won the international competition for the 29th time, more than any other state.



Left to right: Pictured from left are Martin McCandless, Natalene Vonkchalee, Dylan Keveryn and Meredith Owen.

### *Community Parade and Pep Rally*

The annual community homecoming parade and pep rally will be held Thursday, Oct. 10. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with your Ridgeland neighbors. Food vendors will be set up prior to the parade on the RHS campus.

The grades spend the beginning of the week working on and building their floats, based on a theme voted on by students, to showcase in the parade. A panel of judges is selected to decide on a winner for each of the three categories: elementary school level, middle school level and high school level. The winner will be announced that night in the stadium, following the pep rally. The evening will conclude with a fireworks display. Check with the school office for more details closer to the event date.

## RIDGELAND HOMECOMING SET FOR OCT. 11

Ridgeland High School homecoming will be celebrated Friday, Oct. 11. The Titans will square off against Vicksburg at 7 p.m. For a complete Ridgeland Titan football schedule, visit the school's website at [www.madison-schools.com/rhs](http://www.madison-schools.com/rhs)





The Ridgeland High School PTO Executive Board and Council includes: (back, from left) Janet Shearer, public relations; Jonnette Moss, president; Katherine Lanford, secretary; Nancy Rawls, RHS administrative assistant; Teague Burchfield, assistant principal; Tim Dowdy, assistant principal; Sharon Summers, principal; (front, from left) Bobbie Blackwell, membership; Stacy Lea Anderson, special events; Elizabeth Bowen, new-comer greeter; Angie Chance, fundraising; Sophia Mack, staff appreciation; Vicki Slay, fundraising; Sandra Saddler, membership. Not pictured are: Evelyn Edwards, past-president; Tabitha Clifton, treasurer; Cathy Beasley, fundraising; Marissa Baldwin, do-right scholarship; Jan Richert, do-right scholarship.

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The Veritas School's Varsity Girls Track team was the MAIS 2013 Class A State Champions. This is the sixth State title in eight years for the Lady Lions. Pictured are (from left) Steve Spinks- Athletic Director, Sage Bowman, Maryanna Story, Nydia Tillis, Sydney Hughes, Laciuss Caddle, Taylor Warriner, Monica Williams, Sophie Hughes, Bailey Woods, Kiara Harris and David Caddle- Head Coach.

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Holmes Community College offers workforce training at the McGowan Center located at the Ridgeland campus. Courses include human resource management, supervisory/leadership, communication, writing, customer service and a wide variety of computer classes. For a listing of current classes, go to <http://www.holmescc.edu/workforce/classes/index.aspx>.





## ARTIST CORNER *September & October*

### “The Two Sides of Charles E. Smith”

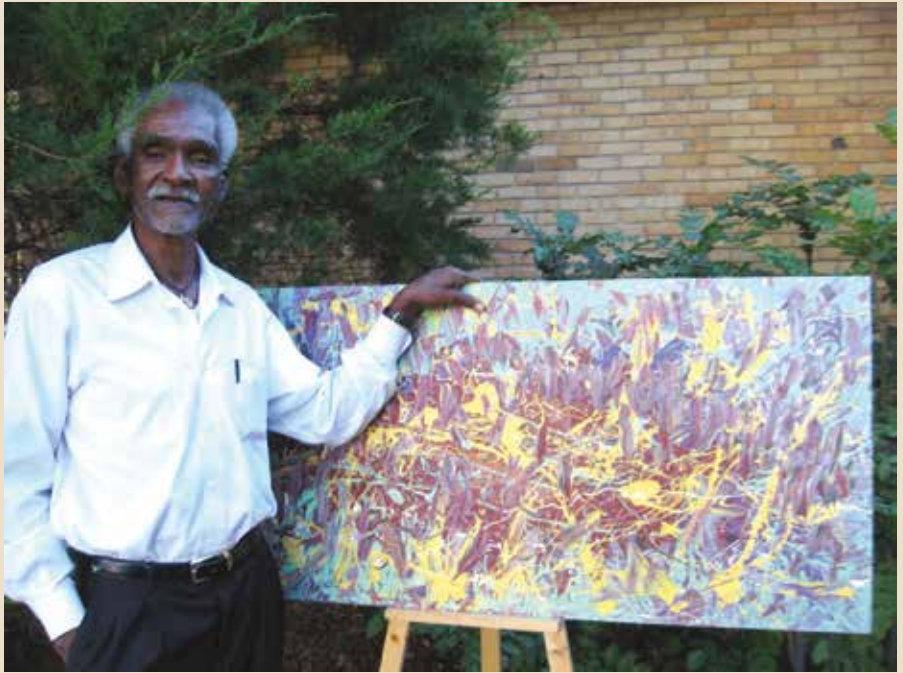
Charles E. Smith first discovered the artistic gift God wanted him to use to inspire others in the 1940s. However, it wasn't until 1981 that he began using those gifts to express himself.

Smith was born in , Miss. and has lived in Brandon for the past 28 years. The talented 71-year-old said, “Anything you do has to have passion; otherwise, it won't have life, growth or beauty.” Smith is married to his wife Melbah, and has two grown children, ages 27 and 28.

He remarked that living in Madison, Wisconsin for 18 years was instrumental in developing his artist identity. He worked as a playwright and credits Madison's “intellectual environment” with altering his thinking. Smith used wooden canvas and frames for all his drawings and paintings, a technique he had not seen other artist use.

He enjoys working with acrylics, creating art stands with no nails, and designing wooden sculptures. Recently, Mr. Smith was awarded “Best in Category” for his painting featured at the 2013 Cotton District Arts' Festival, Starkville, Miss.

His popular contemporary pieces showcase vibrant colors on both sides of a wooden panel. Of the exhibit's title, “The Two Sides of Charles E. Smith,” he says, “There are two sides to all of us. There's a negative and a positive.” His passion is to go where he has never been and to change the way people look at art.



Artist Charles E. Smith's work will be featured at the Ridgeland Public Library during September and October.

## Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

**Preview party: Thursday, Oct. 17**

**Sale: Oct. 18 – 23**



Book Sale Volunteers, Debra & David Meibaum-Nelson and Sara Jane Hope

It's time to “Bag a Book” at the Fall Book Sale, scheduled for Oct. 18 – 23. We offer gently used hardback and paperback books in every genre.

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## CHILDREN'S SECTION

By Cindy Graves, Children's Specialist

### “Dig Into Reading” Summer Programs



Audrey Tuynes, Grand Prize winner for Ridgeland's summer reading challenge.

The Ridgeland Branch had nearly 550 participating in programs for children and teens. These programs were successful in part due to incredible teen volunteers, community businesses and individual sponsors. Our programs would not have run as smoothly without their gifts of time, funding and resources. Parents, thank you for considering Madison County Library System for your student's service hours. Students, thank you for your hard work and for shining so brightly. Sponsors, many thanks for your continued generosity! Now, we're already 'bubbling' over 2014's summer emphasis "Fizz, Boom, Read!"

## FALL PROGRAMS

**Ridgeland Readers:** This is a fun story-time program for 3-7-year-olds. The program includes stories, songs, flannel board activities, movement and occasionally a craft.

Program will be on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. starting September.

Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Nov. 5, 12, 19

\*\*Please note: There will be no program Tuesday, Nov. 26, in observance of the holidays.

**Baby Bookends:** This story-time program is for 0-2-year-olds. We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Mother Goose on the Loose is an interactive program for children and their caregivers. We sing Mother Goose rhymes, play musical instruments, read stories, and do flannel board and movement activities. The dates for Mother Goose on the Loose are as follows:

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Nov. 6, 13, 20

\*\*Please note: There will be no program Wednesday, Nov. 27 in observance of the holidays.

**FAMFUN Family Programs:** Each event is for the whole family and will be held from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Octoberfriends:** Meets Thursday, Oct. 31 for your library alternative or prequel to your trick-or-treat outing featuring Mrs. Doris Jones, Storyteller.

**Teen Time:** This program is for 7- 12 graders. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. Program offers volunteer opportunities and features game twists, comic swaps, snacks & more. Prizes are always a possibility!

Sept. 5, Oct. 3, and Nov. 7.

**Art Junction:** This program is for 1- 5 graders. We meet on the third Thursday each month from 4 -5 p.m. Program focuses on a new project at each meeting. Please check calendar listing for event details: Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21.

## What's new at the Ridgeland Library?

Check out from our new seed lending library! See Mrs. Cindy to dig into our box of seed packets. From your harvest, renew our catalog resources by bringing us some of YOUR seeds. Plant some family fun for food, beauty and the environment!

Don't forget to check the official event calendar at [www.mcls.ms](http://www.mcls.ms) for further details, updated dates and times, and more programs throughout Madison County. Visit us on Facebook too! If you have any questions about programs, contact Cindy Graves at (601) 856-4536 or [cgraves@mcls.ms](mailto:cgraves@mcls.ms).

An opportunity to review: What did you think about the last book you read? We would love to hear your thoughts. Please submit your book reviews to Mrs. Cindy at the Ridgeland Library. Anyone in grades three and up can participate.



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**September 19**

**Denim & Diamonds**

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7:30 p.m. - Dinner &  
Entertainment

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**October 17**

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**November 21**

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**December 3**

**Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**

Colonial Heights

Baptist Church

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**December 12**

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# the RADIO PEOPLE





# Relay For Life

The Ridgeland Chamber Rangers teamed up with the American Cancer Society for “Ropin’ Up A Cure for Cancer,” Friday, May 31 at the Renaissance at Colony Park. The Chamber raised funds benefiting the American Cancer Society which will go toward medical research.



Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee and Erin Freeman, Community Representative, Mid-South Division for the American Cancer Society, review the night's activities.



Jan Collins, Executive Director of the Madison County Business League, joins in the fun at Relay for Life.



Ridgeland Chamber President Carla Palmer Allen, CPA Realty, holds a lumniaria in memory of her dad, Frank Wilson, Sr.



Tina Lakey, CenterPoint Energy; John Dorsa, State Farm Insurance and Eddie Hopper, Office Products Plus help out with the event.



Ridgeland Chamber Rangers Team Rosa McIntyre, HUB International Gulf South, welcomes the Ridgeland Chamber's team to Relay for Life.



Pat Bruce of Flora keeps to the “Ropin’ Up A Cure” theme and dresses in cowgirl attire. Pat was one of many Ridgeland Chamber volunteers who helped raise money for the American Cancer Society during Relay for Life.

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**Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting**

*1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6 p.m.*

Work session is held on Mondays prior to Board Meeting - 6 p.m.

**Architectural Review Board**

*2nd & 4th Tuesday - 6 p.m.*

Bill Dicken - Chairman

Phil Ayers, Karen Bishop, Ron Blaylock, Donald Pendergrast, Glenn Ray, Alex Ross, Connie Suber

**Beautification Committee**

*First Monday - 5:30 p.m.*

Jamie Freeman, Peggy Gauthé, Peggy Horne, Phyllis Parker, Lea Anne Stacy

**Community Awareness Committee**

*Fourth Monday - 5:30 p.m.*

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**Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee**

*3rd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.*

Larry Anderson, John Evans, Jay Harris, Wayne Jimenez, James Freeman, Jerry Neill, Gabe Coker

**Zoning and Planning Board**

*Thursdays, the week of Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting - 6 p.m.*

Bernie Giessner - Chairman

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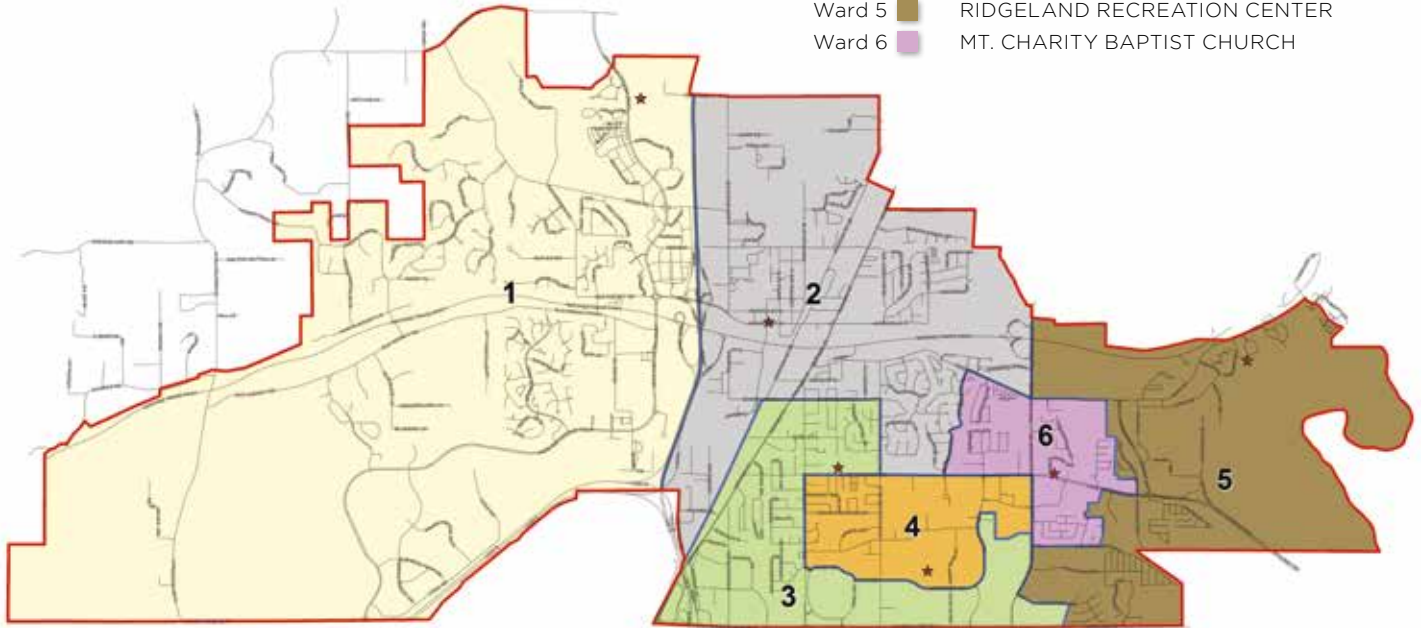
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