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LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Currently, there are many projects in progress or will be beginning soon in our City. I thought it would be a good idea to let each of you know what these projects

are, why they are being done, and the projected completion date. It is apparent that some projects will impact traffic and cause some inconvenience, but all of this is necessary to continue to make improvements in our great City.

Lake Harbour Widening from Highway 51 to Northpark Drive – This project will widen the 1.6 miles of Lake Harbour Drive to five lanes from Highway 51 to Northpark Drive. Five traffic signals will be rebuilt, and it will also include a ten-foot-wide multiuse path for the entire length of the project. At this time, utility line relocation should be completed by the end of September. Once completed, we can request MDOT to allow us to bid the project, hopefully by late fall. The time frame on construction of this project is approximately two years.

Rice Road and Pear Orchard Signal – A new traffic signal with a battery backup power supply and new turn lanes in each direction is currently under construction. It should be complete, weather permitting by the first of January 2012.

New Water Line on Highway 51 - This new water line will connect the Drury Inn, Holiday Inn Express and Logan's Restaurant to our system. This project should start soon after Labor Day and should be completed in January 2012.

Old Agency Road Bridge Rehabilitation – We will replace the existing bridge over White Oak Creek on Old Agency Road. This project should be under construction in a few weeks and should be completed by the end of the year.

Lake Harbour Drive Extension from Highway 51 to Highland Colony Parkway – This project includes construction of a four-lane road with a median from Highway 51 at Lake Harbour Drive to Highland Colony Parkway. It will include a ten-foot-wide multiuse trail. We have received approval from MDOT to begin final design and anticipate this phase will take

approximately one year. Hopefully, this project construction can begin by early 2014.

The projects listed above will cost almost \$57 million. Federal or State grants will pay for \$25 million. As you can see, we are getting almost twice the dollar value for what we are spending of local funds.

The Madison-Ridgeland Interchange – The interchange will be built by MDOT, and according to our information, this project should begin by early 2012. The construction date is dependent upon some utility lines being moved by Entergy and the City of Madison, but those relocations are well under way. Once this project is built, we will have a great new interchange that will reduce some of the traffic impact on the Jackson Street/Old Agency Road area, as well as County Line Road. It will facilitate the movement of traffic, both north and south, and east and west. The cost of this project is estimated to be \$180 million with Ridgeland's share of \$5,260,000.

As you know, the City of Ridgeland has been working vigorously on our Twenty-Year Master Plan which includes two very important projects. One of those projects includes the development of a City Center on Highway 51 at School Street. The land site has been used, in the past, to make bridge beams. I'm excited to tell you that the City has purchased the property, and the former landowner is in the process of cleaning it. Since the City now owns the property, we can earnestly begin the plan of the new City Center. You will be receiving many updates on this project.

The other major Master Plan project that we are working on now is the Redevelopment of the Southeast Ridgeland Area. We will be going back to the legislature again this year, seeking special legislation to assist us with some of the funding of the infrastructure for this area. We believe this redevelopment is critical to our city, and we will not rest until this area is developed in the way the Master Plan depicts.

As you can see, there is a lot going on in our great City. I hope that anytime you have questions, you will feel free to call so that we can keep you updated on all of these projects.

Gene F. McGehee

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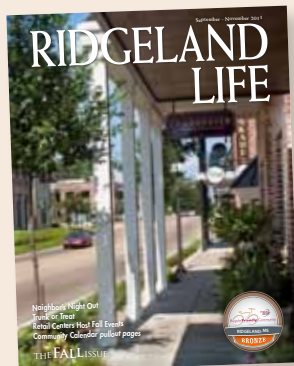
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ON THE COVER:

Olde Towne Ridgeland captured 12 Best of Mississippi readers' choice awards in Mississippi magazine this year. The Downtown Ridgeland Association has an exciting schedule of events over the next several months to give you even more reasons to come shop, dine and enjoy Olde Towne Ridgeland. Photo courtesy of Stegall Imagery.

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Fall

Fall Events Bring the Community Together

Many events this fall will be conducted outdoors, when the daytime temperatures in Ridgeland, Mississippi, become quite pleasant. The heat of summertime will have cooled down by October, and the September mornings and evenings will also be cool enough to thoroughly enjoy outdoor recreation. Numerous opportunities for getting out with friends and family as well as members of our community are outlined in the next 2 pages.

Busy Ridgeland Parks

Ridgeland's parks will be busy with children playing after school at the playgrounds or playing on the fields. Programs such as NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick or Start Smart Soccer can be enjoyed by the whole family. The Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club and the South Madison County Soccer Organization will be active in our fields this fall.



RETAIL CENTERS HOST FALL EVENTS

Northpark Mall The Second Annual *Girls' Night Out* is scheduled for Thursday, September 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Head-to-toe fashion will be the focus of this event. *Collector's Showcase* is a collector's delight set for October 20–23. This show draws all ages and has a following of regular shoppers. Northpark Mall has been holding this annual event for several years.



Mall-O-Ween is Northpark Mall's annual Kidgits Halloween event. Three- to twelve-year-old children may dress in costume and enjoy fun, games, trick or treating, and prizes at Center Court. This event will be held on October 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. *Photos with Santa* start November 12. This holiday tradition at Northpark Mall is not to be missed. Memorable photos can be captured of your child sitting on Santa's lap.

Olde Towne Ridgeland A *Costume Party/Open House* is scheduled for Thursday, October 27 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Downtown Ridgeland Association presents a calendar of exciting events for the area that has long been known as Olde Towne Ridgeland. With high quality retailers and restaurants as well as arts and crafts among all the character and charm of turn-of-the-century architecture, the original downtown area of Ridgeland is a happening place to be. Plan ahead for some exciting times this winter with the following events: *Light Up the Night Holiday Open House* on Thursday, December 1 & Thursday, December 8, both nights from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; *Downtown Ridgeland Bridal Show* on Sunday, February 5, 2012, to be held at the Mississippi Craft Center; and *Fall in Love With Downtown Open House* on Thursday, February 9, 2012, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit www.downtownridgeland.com.

Renaissance at Colony Park The 7th Annual Fur Ball presents "*Pets and the City*" at Renaissance at Colony Park on September 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. to benefit the Mississippi Animal Rescue League. For more information, tickets, or to sponsor or make a silent auction donation, please contact Rebecca Ezell at rebeccazell@bellsouth.net. *The Euro Fest Classic European Auto and Motorcycle Show* is a free event which will be held on Saturday, October 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is open to all European autos and motorcycles built prior to 1987 (25 years or older) and to newer autos of special interest. For details, visit www.euro-fest.net. The Renaissance at Colony Park's annual *Fall Festival and Kids' Costume Contest* is scheduled for October 29. As we get closer to the event, for details, check the website, www.renaissanceatcolonypark.com/index.php.



Township at Colony Park The *6th Annual Fall Festival* will be held on Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Chili Cook-Off Team Registration is accepted until October 14. The focus of this year's Festival is Arts and Crafts. Vendors of quality merchandise will be set up around the lake. Call or email Kellis Moore for more information at 601.368.9950 or kmoore@kerioth.com, or visit the Township website, www.thetownship.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS



TRUNK OR TREAT

The City of Ridgeland will host its annual Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Park on Thursday, October 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. Children may dress in costume and trick or treat from car to car. A large bag of candy per family is requested for admission to Trunk or Treat.

PLAN NOW FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Be sure to plan ahead for the Ridgeland Christmas Parade which will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, December 3. See RECRE8 in this issue of Ridgeland Life for details.

Outdoor & Active Events

Races and other outdoor events bring family, friends, and neighbors together. Race participants and their supporters can enjoy Fleet Feet's Turkey Day 8k and Pumkin Run this fall, as well as group walks and runs. Neighbors and friends get together daily to walk, run, or bike the Ridgeland Multiuse Trail. Cyclists can be seen on the Natchez Trace Parkway in Ridgeland and other popular bike routes such as Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland.



NEW SCHEDULE FOR NIGHT OUT

Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out, our local version of National Night Out, is coming up fast. In response to many requests from the citizens of Ridgeland, the Board of Aldermen signed a resolution to celebrate our own event to replace National Night Out, which has always been held in August. The inaugural Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out event is set for Thursday, October 20. Start time for this event varies from neighborhood to neighborhood but most folks are out and about by 6 p.m.

If you have not participated in a night out event in the past, now is a good time to start. "It is an excellent way for neighbors to get to know each other and their habits better," said Mike Raffield, Crime Prevention Officer. "When something unusual is occurring at a property, neighbors will know to alert the police department. That way, we can assist residents and businesses as soon as a neighbor notices the unusual activity, whether the property owner is onsite or not."

The City of Ridgeland wants to encourage not only residential neighborhoods to participate, but businesses as well. It is of benefit to businesses to get to know each other better in their "neighborhood." Crime prevention through neighborhood watch has been proven effective time and time again. So, let this new fall schedule for Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out cause you to either start or re-energize your neighborhood watch program.

Hosts, we want to hear from you! Please contact Mike Raffield at mike.raffield@ridgelandms.org if you are interested in hosting an event in your neighborhood or at your business.



Come cheer on the Titans Titan games are a great way to spend some time in your community supporting your hometown team. This fall, football games and halftime shows bring excitement and camaraderie to all ages. The Homecoming Community Parade and Pep Rally will be a festive occasion with floats, homecoming court, bands, and performers. Please refer to the Schools section of *Ridgeland Life* for more school news.

RIDGELAND FEATURED ON HGTV

Ridgeland was highlighted as “One of the Best 100 Places to Live” on the HGTV show *My House is Worth What?* A considerable amount of Ridgeland’s newly developed commercial property was shown, in addition to the expansion of the bike trail. The show featured real estate expert, Amber Johnson, and Ridgeland resident, Rochelle Culp. Culp is Program Director for the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Madison, Yazoo, and Holmes Counties.

Culp’s property was the emphasis for a segment, *Visualizing Value*, on the show. Ms. Culp received praises for the room addition and improvements she made to her home. The show experts determined that she significantly increased the value of her home. Mrs. Johnson is a real estate agent in the Jackson Metro area. She has been featured on several HGTV shows.

The show aired on Monday, July 11, 2011.



HGTV featured Ridgeland and one of its homes on *My House is Worth What?* Pictured (left to right): C. Rochelle Culp, property owner, Kendra Todd, show host, and Amber Johnson, real estate expert.

RIDGELAND - INCREDIBLE SHOPPING, DINING, AND FUN IN ONE PLACE



From the famished diner to the finicky shopper, from the wistful sportsman to the weary traveler, Ridgeland has the answer.

Ridgeland has over 1,400 quality hotel rooms and more than 140 restaurants featuring anything from casual, family friendly venues to fine, white-tablecloth dining experiences.

Enough food, for sure, to sustain some serious shopping, for which Ridgeland is known.

The Renaissance at Colony Park, an old-world design lifestyle center, is home to upscale shopping, an array of special events, and various dining options. Northpark Mall holds more than 130 department stores, specialty shops and restaurants.

Ridgeland also offers several other specialty shopping malls, boutiques, and antique stores, all within minutes of one another, including: Antique Mall of the South, Centre Park, Trace Station, School Street Crossing, The Promenade, The Township at Colony Park, North Regency Square ...and more on the way!

Ridgeland’s shopping fare includes hand-painted dinnerware, original artwork, collectibles, culinary appliances and gadgets, fashions for women, men, and children, and imported items from the Orient, just to name a few.

For relaxation and recreation, there is the Ross Barnett Reservoir at Ridgeland’s doorstep, bounded on the north by two more of the area’s great attractions, the Natchez Trace Parkway and the Mississippi Crafts Center.

The Parkway, a national scenic byway and All-American Road, explores the state’s history and highlights its natural beauty, while the Crafts Center features work by local artisans. Also meandering along the Parkway is the 18-mile-long Multiuse Trail.

The Reservoir is the site of national and regional fishing tournaments, weekend regattas, and a slew of festivals held on its scenic banks. It is a beautiful and popular playground for adults and children alike as well as boaters, skiers, anglers, picnickers, bird watchers, and campers.

Finally, one of Ridgeland’s newest attractions, the Viking Cooking School, offers students from young to old cooking classes and demonstrations with homework you will want to take home!

With all there is to see and do, the best way to explore it all is to visit Ridgeland Tourism Commission’s website, www.visitridgeland.com. We hope to see you soon!

Gene McGee, Mayor, and Alan Hart, Director of Community Development, pose with the City of Ridgeland’s Tree City USA sign. Ridgeland has been awarded Tree City USA for the third consecutive year in 2011.





DINING OUT

Best Catfish – Cock of the Walk

Best Steak – Shapley's

Best Blue Plate – Primo's Cafe

Best Italian – Amerigo

Best Seafood – AJ's on the Lake

Best Iced Tea – McAlister's Deli

Best Deli – Newk's

M List: Best Deli – McAlister's Deli and Sweet Peppers Deli

M List: Best Pizza – Soulshine Pizza Factory

M List: Best Hamburger – Five Guys Burgers and Fries

M List: Best Breakfast – Primos Cafe

M List: Best Tamales – Shapley's

M List: Best Sushi – Little Tokyo & Sakura Bana

M List: Best Cornbread – Cock of the Walk

Best of Mississippi in Ridgeland

Ridgeland Businesses captured 18 winning positions in Mississippi magazine's reader-voted survey, titled the Best of Mississippi. The M List revealed 25 Ridgeland businesses that earned the position of runner-up to the winner in their respective category. The complete list can be found in the July/August issue of Mississippi magazine.



GETTING OUT

Best Hiking Area/Destination – Natchez Trace National Scenic Trail

M List: Best Farmer's Market – Fresh Way Produce

SEEKING OUT

Best Resale or Consignment Shop – Repeat Street

M List: Best Resale / Consignment Shop – From Our House to Yours

Best Place to Find Trendy Fashions – Libby Story

M List: Best Place to Find Trendy Fashions – Material Girls

Best Yard and Garden Shop – Callaway's Yard & Garden Shop

M List: Best Yard and Garden Shop – Martinson's Garden Works

Best Gift Shop – Hearron Fine Gifts

Best Source for the Well-Dressed Man – Kinkade's Fine Clothing

Best Source for the Well-Dressed Woman – CoatTails

M List: Best Source for the Well-Dressed Woman – Ballins, Ltd.

Best Mother-of-the-Bride Shop – Ballin's, Ltd.

M List: Best Mother-of-the-Bride Shop (2) – Barbara's Boutique and CoatTails

Best Kitchen Shop – The Everyday Gourmet

M List: Best Kitchen Shop – The Choppin' Blok

Best Day Spa – Aqua the Day Spa

M List: Best Day Spa – Body Anew Medical Spa

Best Place to Pamper a Pet – Diva Dog

M List: Best Place to Find Art – Southern Breeze Gallery and Jackson Street Gallery

M List: Best Place to Find Great Furniture – Summerhouse

M List: Best Place to Find Collectible Home Accessories – Chandelier

M List: Best Place to Find a Floral Arrangement – Petals & Pails

M List: Best Place to Find Children's Apparel – Lemon Meringue

M List: Best Place to Find Shoes & Accessories (2) – CoatTails and Shoe Gallery

M List: Best Bridal Shop – CoatTails

M List: Best Place to Find New Jewelry – B. Fine Art Jewelry

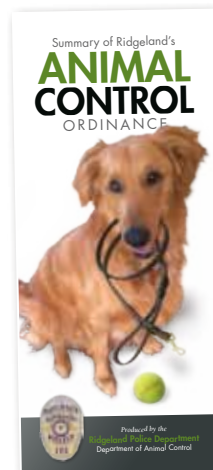
M List: Best Place to Find Great Baby Items – Smitten Gift Boutique

M List: Best Stationery Shop – Jodie Badon

M List: Best Salon – Watercolor Salon

NEW BROCHURE SUMMARIZES ANIMAL CONTROL LAWS

The City of Ridgeland has developed a new informational brochure about its animal control laws. The Ridgeland Police Department provides animal control services and enforcement of the animal control ordinance for our community. They are responsible for protecting animals from neglect, injury, abuse and inhumane treatment while protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the public. A summary of the laws pertaining to animals in Ridgeland are included, as well as information about banned dogs, penalties, and who to contact for more information. Brochures may be obtained from City Hall, the Ridgeland Police Department, and the Animal Control Officers. For more information and services, please call 601.856.2121 or e-mail AnimalControl@ridgelandms.org.



The City of Ridgeland wishes to thank citizen volunteer, Tom Sagar, for his tireless efforts and contribution of time and talents to the development of this brochure.

SOW AND GROW COMMUNITY GARDEN TO CONTINUE INTO THE FALL

The Ridgeland “Sow & Grow” Community Garden is a new venture that began this spring as a project of the Community Garden Subcommittee of the Ridgeland Healthy Hometown Committee. Due to the combined efforts of community volunteers, an area on City Hall property was prepared for gardening, and the project was promoted through local newspapers.

The project could not have happened without the time, talents, and energy of Jerry Williams, a Ridgeland resident who fills his retirement with maintaining his home landscape, serving as Homebound Coordinator for First Baptist Jackson, and spending time with his grandchildren and family. Anna Brandon, local volunteer and active senior, Mike McCollum, Director of Public Works, and David Overby, City Clerk and Director of Finance and Administration, also contributed free time to the project.

“The summer garden has been a success, especially for a new venture,” said Jerry Williams. “All the garden beds



Alex Burton, Cub Scout with Pack 184, shovels soil for planting.



Ricky Marcellus shows some of the harvest from Cub Scout Pack 184’s garden.

were taken on the initial offering, and a great variety of vegetables were raised.

“Some of the gardeners had been gardening all their life and some were novices, brand new to gardening,” adds Williams. “We had senior citizens and retirees, two Cub Scout packs, one Alderman, members of a homeowners’ association, and individuals. Overall, 18 beds were worked. The homeowners’ association even decorated their garden with a birdhouse and flowers. Master Gardeners were available as advisors.”

Many gardeners participated in order to grow vegetables for their own food. However, Cub Scout Pack 184, Highlands Presbyterian Church, grew and harvested vegetables for MadCAAP (Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty), scheduling deliveries and pick ups of produce as it became ready for harvest.

While the summer garden is ending, a fall garden will begin. “If you would like to start a garden, it’s not too late to claim a garden bed in the Ridgeland Community Garden,” according to Williams. Current gardeners will have a right-of-first-refusal on their garden bed for the fall.

“Most of the summer gardeners have

spent a lot of money, time, and effort adding amendments to their beds,” said Williams. “So, we feel it is best if the fall gardeners are responsible for tilling up their existing beds and reworking them to their best advantage.”

The Mississippi State University Extension Service is a good resource for garden information. According to the Extension Service, September plantings could include broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, lettuce, and turnips. Collard greens, beets, mustard greens, and spinach can be planted in October.

“Fall is an exciting time to garden because the temperature is cooler. We expect great participation for the fall garden,” said Williams.

We will have a contest this fall for the Best Maintained Garden. This contest will be judged by an independent panel. The contest will not be based on amount of production, but on maintenance of the garden. We will have prizes for all fall garden participants. Contact Jerry Williams at jerry-1123@comcast.net or call City Hall at 601.856.7113 to get on the list for garden bed assignments.



A TALE OF CANTERBURY

Canterbury, a subdivision located off Richardson Road in Ridgeland, is full of beautiful homes and courteous neighbors, much like the castles and courtly knights of old England. Located behind brick walls covered in ivy with Old English lettering on the signage, along with an approach from historic Old Agency Road with its overhanging trees, you feel like you are driving into a countryside English estate.

Canterbury is a nice size with approximately 67 homes, small enough to get to know many of your neighbors, but privacy is easily available, too.

Established in 1993 with many more recently built houses, you have a variety of ages to the homes and the beauty of some mature landscaping. It is a safe haven in its location in Ridgeland, but a gate adds a sense of security enjoyed by residents.

“My husband, John Kassel, and I have been living in Canterbury for the past seven months since our marriage,” said Kaye Hankins Kassel. “I built my home here because of the location, security, and the small number of homes. Neighbors are considerate and maintain their property. We have a beautiful clubhouse for the homeowners’ use as well as a pool.

Kassel adds, “The City of Ridgeland has been very considerate to keep the city’s property properly maintained which helps our property value. And shopping is just around the corner, so all in all, it is a great place to live.”

You can fully immerse yourself in the high quality of life here in Ridgeland. The Township and Renaissance are very close by. There is quick access to the highway and all parts of the metro area, plus everything else that Ridgeland has to offer. An added bonus, if you have children attending St. Andrew’s, the school is right next door. The popular multiuse trail adjacent to the Natchez Trace Parkway is across the street. “The new trails have been a big deal for us; we can just walk over,” said Spencer.

Spencer shares that his family “moved in from Madison. We lived in Jackson in the past. We just loved the convenience. We love getting to run down the hill to the Renaissance. It is easy to get on the interstate and get downtown and wherever you want to go. The location is a big plus. I work in Ridgeland, attend church in Ridgeland, and live in Ridgeland!”

According to Spencer, “We do have about three undeveloped lots available in Canterbury for sale. If someone wanted to build in this square footage range, we would be a great place to do it.” The minimum is 2,800 square feet. Interested persons may contact property manager, Angie Robinson, for more information at Specialty Management Services at 601.605.8380. Also, be sure to visit the neighborhood’s website to learn more at <http://canterburyridgelandms.home.comcast.net>. If you decide to take a pilgrimage to Canterbury, be sure to share your tale with us along the way.



A home on Windsor Court in Canterbury.



“There are a lot of nice people living in Canterbury. You don’t feel like you’re living in the middle of a metro area. You feel like you are living in a small community, but you have all the convenience of the city.”

- Clark Spencer, resident and Homeowners’ Association President for the past two years.



FALL LANDSCAPING WILL REDUCE STORMWATER RUNOFF

As the leaves begin to fall, this may be a good time to clean out your flower beds, thin out overgrown plants, and transplant perennials and trees. Fall is an excellent time for transplanting because the weather is cooler and plants are not using as much water. Just be sure to not move a plant that is still in bloom.



Photos courtesy of the Huffington Post.

Most perennials can be moved by simply digging a large shovelful of soil and roots with the plant and placing it in the new location. While relocating perennials, remember this is also a good time to divide those that are overgrown. If the plant has outgrown its area, remove half the plant, leaving the other part to fill in the area. Dispose of any deceased plant material.

Once perennials have been moved, water thoroughly the first few weeks, when the top two to three inches of soil becomes dry. Applying about three to four inches of mulch (choose from straw, mulched leaves, or wood shavings) around perennials when transplanting in the fall keeps soil temperatures more consistent and helps hold moisture, thus reducing the amount of water needed once the plant becomes established in its new location.

Allow plants to become established before fertilizing—plants moved this fall may not need fertilizing until next spring. Overfertilization is a common problem, and excess fertilizer can soak into groundwater or contaminate rivers or lakes. Use slow-release fertilizers on areas where the potential for water contamination is high, such as sandy soils, steep slopes, compacted soils, and edges of water bodies. Do not apply pesticides or fertilizers before or during rain due to the strong likelihood of contaminating stormwater runoff into public waters.

With the falling leaves, be sure to keep storm gutters and drains clean. Decomposing vegetative matter can clog storm systems and result in property damage as well as flooding. Prevent erosion and runoff by restoring bare patches in your lawn or covering them with mulch.

These are some simple landscaping tips you can use to help the City of Ridgeland reduce environmental impacts on public waters.

A message from the City of Ridgeland Community Development Department and Public Works Department



LITTERING RESULTS IN FINES IN RIDGELAND

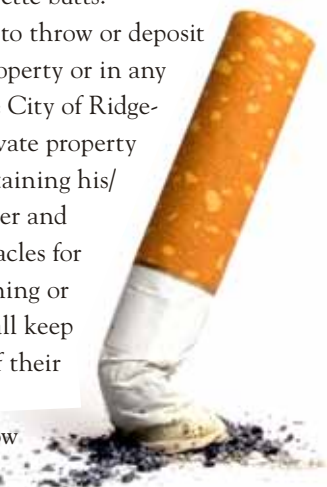
The City of Ridgeland has an Anti-Litter Ordinance. It addresses garbage, refuse, rubbish, and waste material which can create a danger to public health, safety, and welfare. State Statute 97-15-29 also makes it unlawful to litter. Fines for littering violations in Ridgeland are \$223.50 or \$250 for ignitable substances such as cigarette butts.

It is against the law to throw or deposit litter on any private property or in any public place within the City of Ridgeland. The owner of private property is responsible for maintaining his/her premises free of litter and utilizing private receptacles for collection. Persons owning or occupying property shall keep the sidewalk in front of their premises free of litter.

No person shall throw or deposit litter in any public place except in public receptacles. No person shall throw or deposit litter in any body of water. Please remember that litter washes into the storm drains and enters our waterways.

Litter should not be thrown from a vehicle. Trucks or other vehicles should be loaded so that the contents do not blow out and deposit litter upon any street or public place. Wheels or tires should not deposit mud, dirt, and litter onto any street or public place.

Any person found violating any provision of the local or state ordinance is committing a misdemeanor in the City of Ridgeland and shall be fined or imprisoned, or both. The Ridgeland Police Department has increased its efforts in litter violation enforcement. Please do your part to help preserve the quality of life in Ridgeland and prevent harm to the public health, safety, and welfare by using waste receptacles instead of littering.





Rape, Aggression, Defense Courses to be Offered

The City of Ridgeland will be offering free Rape Aggression Defense (R.A.D.) courses this fall. R.A.D. is a national program of self-defense tactics and techniques taught for women only. Ridgeland is the only municipal department in the state offering this program.



According to www.rad-systems.com, the goal of R.A.D. is to provide realistic self-defense options to women, regardless of their physical conditioning. Students at all levels of ability, age, experience and strength will be provided with techniques and information that can be effectively used from the first day of class. R.A.D. is not a martial arts program, nor does it require students to be athletes in training to succeed.

Every student receives a manual for reference and practice. Once a student has completed a R.A.D. program, their signed manual becomes a ticket for free lifetime return and practice with any R.A.D. instructor in the U.S. and Canada. R.A.D. is the only self-defense program endorsed by the International Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators.

Officer Jonathan Wolfe with the Ridgeland Police Department is a nationally certified R.A.D. Instructor with 15 years of law enforcement experience. He will be leading the courses in Ridgeland. "It will be a very fun and informative class with practical uses. It teaches women how to get away from a situation." During the course, the students experience hands-on simulations with the instructor in a padded suit. This 12-hour course will be taught over four days at two host locations. Students must attend the entire course in order to graduate. Please contact Officer Wolfe at 601.502.6040 or 601.856.2121 for further information about R.A.D.

The Club,
511 Lake Harbour Drive

Sept. 10, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sept. 11, 12-3 p.m.
Sept. 17, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
Sept. 18, 12-3 p.m.

Ridgeland YMCA,
888 Avery Boulevard

Sept. 24, 12-3 p.m.
Sept. 25, 1-4 p.m.
Oct. 1, 12-3 p.m.
Oct. 2, 1-4 p.m.

MY HELMET SAVED MY LIFE

I am truly thankful that my husband, Colonel Roland Manuel, Sr., applies his favorite Army standard "Lead by example" as he wears his headgear and gloves when riding. For years, he has insisted that my son and I do the same. We do.

I recall reading a cycling article that stated, "In the United States, helmets save one life per day." I am so grateful that on June 2, 2011, "It was my day."

My husband and I completed our routine evening ride along the beautiful multipurpose trail at Ridgeland, Mississippi. We took a break to sit by the water, then headed home less than 5 minutes away. Accidents are unexpected and can happen any time. What happened next was just an accident involving human error, equipment, and environment. As best we can figure, I rode through a patch of "Mississippi Gnats" (little flying buggy things) which impaired or distracted me. I probably hit my front brake and flipped over my bike. I hit the pavement head first. My headgear cracked but held together. I received serious lacerations and scrapes to my forehead and the right side of my face that required extensive surgeries with more to go. My right shoulder, right hip, left knee and both wrists were badly injured. Through it all, I know it would have been worse if I were not wearing my headgear.

We are grateful that Ridgeland, Mississippi, is bicycle friendly. Even more so, wearing a cycling helmet is required law and enforced by our Mayor and police officers. With this little note, my husband and I plan to take an active role in advocating cycling safety. We truly believe my helmet prevented more serious injuries and possibly saved my life.

Manda Manuel



Helmets may be obtained at the Ridgeland Police Department, located at 115 W. School Street. Ask for the Patrol Sergeant or Corporal on duty to assist you with the proper fit for optimal safety. For tips on how to get your loved ones to wear a helmet and prevent injuries, go to the Brain Injury Association of Mississippi website, www.msbia.org.



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, 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, \$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

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 bullpens, two concession/restroom buildings 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.smcsso.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 for more information.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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TRUNK OR TREAT

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department will hold Trunk or Treat at Freedom Ridge Park on October 27. This event will be for the entire family. Volunteers will fill their trunks with candy and prizes. The kids will go trick-or-treating from car to car. Other activities will include a train ride and face painting.



- Program Price:* Large bag of candy for admission (per family)
Event Date: Thursday, October 27
Time: 6–8 p.m.
Location: Freedom Ridge Park

Volunteers Needed for Trunk or Treat

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

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 Station subdivision and then to Jackson Street before turning on to Sunnybrook Road and finishing back at Holmes Community College. Registration forms will be available on October 1. Registration is open until November 28.

- Start Time:* 2 p.m.
Event Date: Saturday, December 3
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. We will judge businesses and award the top two winners. We will judge residences in the following categories: Overall, Door and Porch, Religious, Judges' Choice and Children's Choice. To ensure the Ridgeland Beautification Committee looks at your home or business, call 601.853.2011. The judge date will be December 5 with a rain date of December 6.

PARADE OF LIGHTS – FLOATING CHRISTMAS PARADE

This unique opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season will be one you will not want to miss. Come out and see the lights dance off the water of the Ross Barnett Reservoir. You may view the parade from Old Trace Park. If you are interested in entering a boat in the parade, please contact our office at 601.853.2011. There is no cost to enter, and all size boats are welcome and encouraged to participate. Deadline to enter a boat is Wednesday, December 1.

- Program Price:* No Cost
Event Date: Saturday, December 3
Rain Date: December 4
Start Time: 5:30 p.m.
Location: Old Trace Park

ATHLETICS

Athletics Coordinator, John Sidney North
Phone: 601.853.2011
E-mail: john.north@ridgelandms.org

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 area-wide Madison County schools. Participants will receive a jersey with their registration fee. Please visit www.mryouth-club.com for the most current information.

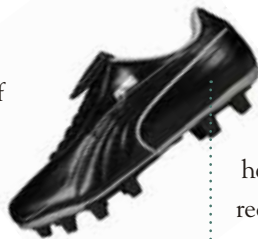
- Registration:* October–November
Fee: TBA
Location: TBA

START SMART SOCCER

Start Smart Soccer prepares children ages 3–5 for organized soccer in a fun, nonthreatening environment. The program



helps parents teach their children a variety of soccer skills including kicking, passing, and running/agility. The class will meet for six one-hour sessions. Parent participation is required. Each child will receive a soccer ball, a Koosh soccer ball, four cones, a participant's manual, and a t-shirt. A minimum of 10 participants is required in order for the class to meet. A maximum of 20 participants will be allowed. (To participate, a child must be 3 by September 1, 2011.)



- Program Price:* \$70
- Registration:* August 22–September 2
- Event Dates:* September 12–29
- Start Time:* 6 p.m.
- Days of Week:* Monday and Thursday
- Location:* Freedom Ridge Park

NFL PUNT, PASS, AND KICK

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department, in conjunction with the NFL, will be hosting the annual punt, pass, and kick competition on Saturday, September 17 at Freedom Ridge Park. Registration will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The competition will be for boys and girls ages 6–15. There will be five age groups as follows: 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 is 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, September 17
- Time:* 9 a.m.
- Location:* Freedom Ridge Park

SUPERSTAR SENIORS

Senior Adult Coordinator, Lynda McMahan Assink
Phone: 601.856.6876
Email: lynmac53@yahoo.com

SPECIAL EVENTS

MAYOR'S WELLNESS WALK

Join us on Wednesday morning, October 26 for our annual Mayor's Wellness Walk at Northpark Mall. Come and enjoy morning refreshments and a health/fitness program.

Our theme this year is "Happy Feet!" Come and hear specialists in the field of foot care. We will also have free health screenings. Participate in a noncompetitive walk and receive a free t-shirt. Call Lynda at 601.856.6876 for more information.

- Program Price:* No Charge
- Event Date:* Wednesday, October 26
- Time:* 8:30–10:30 a.m.
- Location:* Northpark – Center Court

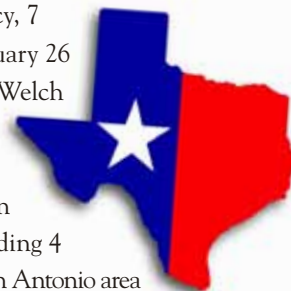
SUPERSTAR SENIORS' TURKEY FEAST

Join us for our annual Turkey Feast. We will have special entertainment and great food! Seating is limited. Please call Lynda at 601.856.6876 to make your reservations.

- Program Price:* \$5
- Registration:* October 1 - November 4
- Event Date:* Thursday, November 10
- Time:* 12 noon–1:30 p.m.
- Location:* Highlands Presbyterian Church

TRIP TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Welcome Neighbor Group presents a trip to San Antonio, TX, for \$589/person, double occupancy, 7 days and 6 nights, from Sunday, February 26 to Saturday, March 3, 2012. Jo Anne Welch has planned this fantastic trip.



- Price includes:*
- Motorcoach transportation
 - Lodging for 6 nights including 4 consecutive nights in the San Antonio area
 - 10 meals including 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners
 - Guided tour of San Antonio
 - Cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District
 - Visit to the famous Alamo and IMAX Theater presentation: "Alamo...the Price of Freedom"
 - Visit to the Institute of Texan Cultures and San Antonio Missions
 - Tour of LBJ Ranch, And much more!

For more information and a brochure, please call Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$589*. To sign-up, please pay \$75 (checks only). *Price per person, based on double occupancy. Add \$180 for single occupancy. Final Payment due on January 6, 2012. Checks made payable to Diamond Tours. Insurance is available.



Registration: Now (Final payment due Jan. 6.)

Event Dates: Sunday, February 26–
Saturday, March 3, 2012

Departure: 8:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS TRIP TO BRANSON

We will be joining Broadmoor Baptist Church for a trip to Branson. Join us for an unforgettable adventure. We'll be staying at the Hilton Promenade Hotel located in Branson Landing. We will see Clay Cooper's Country Express Show, The Miracle of Christmas, The Sanders Family Christmas, The Hughes Brothers Show, and Tony Orlando. For more information and a brochure, please call Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$675 (Twin), \$645 (Triple), \$625 (Quad), \$850 (Single)

Registration: \$100 deposit due by October 5, 2011

Event Dates: Monday, December 5–
Thursday, December 8

MEMOIR WORKSHOP FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Your story is important, not only to yourself, but also to your family and the world at large. Let teacher Ellen Ann Fentress guide you as you put your memories on the page in a supportive, introductory workshop. Ellen Ann Fentress's essays have been featured in the New York Times, Wilson Quarterly and Oxford American, along with national literary journals. Her work has appeared locally on Mississippi public radio, and in the Clarion Ledger and Mississippi magazine. She also teaches creative nonfiction in two popular classes in the Millsaps College Community Enrichment series. Join us at the Ridgeland Recreational Center every Monday morning to participate in this informative workshop. Register now by calling Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$50

Registration: Now until October 3

Event Dates: October 3–24

Time: 10:30 a.m.–12 noon

Day of Week: Monday

BEGINNING CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH COURSE

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department is offering Beginning Conversational Spanish at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Beginning Conversational Spanish

is a five-week course meeting every Monday afternoon. The cost is \$75. This class is great for those who want to begin learning the Spanish language, as well as for those who would like to brush-up on their Spanish. Eva Romo will be your instructor. Eva is from Mexico. She has a degree in marketing from Mexico. She has also worked 12 years in customer service with a Mexican airline. She has served many hours as a tutor and as a volunteer translator. Register now by calling Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$75

Registration: Now until September 12

Event Dates: September 12–October 10

Time: 1:30–3:00 p.m.

Day of Week: Monday

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

RIDGELAND 50's PLUS

Come and join us on the first Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center for good food, fellowship, and fun! Programs/speakers for September–November:

September 1 – Rick Courtney, “Essential Estate Planning: The Basics – Plus Some!”

October 6 - Lisa Leavell, “Memories in Melodies”

November - See Turkey Feast

Tickets may be purchased at the Ridgeland Recreational Center and/or Ridgeland City Hall. Call Lynda to make your reservations at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$5

Event Dates: September 1, October 6,
November – See Turkey Feast

Time: 11:30 a.m.

Day of Week: Thursday

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 for the month receives a 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: September 22, October 27
Time: 1–4 p.m.
Day of Week: Thursday

CROCHET & COFFEE GROUP



Bring your own needles and yarn. Enjoy coffee and crocheting every second and fourth Monday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of coffee, crochet, and meeting new friends.

Program Price: No Charge
Event Dates: Sept. 12 and 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 14 and 28
Time: 1:30–3 p.m.
Day of Week: Monday

RIDGELAND QUILTERS

Don't you just love a handmade quilt? Quilts become family heirlooms and special gifts of significance. The Ridgeland Quilters wants you to join them, whether you are just learning or are an experienced quilter. Come and share sewing tips, project ideas, and quilting work.

Ridgeland Quilters meets on the first Monday of each month. We love to see any quilts you have completed. Bring your work for "show and tell," and please bring any projects you are currently working on, needles, material, patterns, etc. For more information, call Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: No Charge
Event Dates: October 3 and November 7
Time: 1–3 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. 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. Darlene Epple is the instructor for the class. Call Lynda at 601.856.6876 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

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

Ladies' Bible Class is a verse-by-verse study of God's Word. Individuals from various backgrounds are welcome. This study will help you apply Biblical truths to everyday life. The class will be finishing the last three lessons of "Connecting with God," A Guide to Prayer in the month of September. After that, the class will begin a 10-week study on "Philippians," Share My Joy in Christ.

Program Price: No Charge
Start Date: September 8
Day of Week: Thursday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday. 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 center overlooking the Reservoir. It's an ideal setting to paint or draw! Call Lynda at 601.856.6876 to let her know you are coming.

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 beginners 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.) For more information and to register, please call Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$65/month
Time: 9:30 a.m.–12 noon
Day of Week: Friday

TAI-CHI FUSION ON THE RESERVOIR

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department is offering a Tai-Chi Fusion on the Reservoir every Wednesday. 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 are: 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, stress reduction, and much more. Pre-registration is required by calling Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$5/class
Time: 11-11:30 a.m.
Day of Week: Wednesday

YOGA FOR FLEXIBILITY, FITNESS, AND FUN

Join us every Monday and Friday for yoga! Lisa Newman is the instructor, and she will guide you through gentle stretching exercises for your whole body. Tight muscles can cause discomfort and even contribute to injuries. Taking this class will also help with stress reduction and aid in relaxation. Join this class today! Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For more information, call

Lynda at 601.856.6876.

Program Price: \$10 per participant/per class
Time: 11 a.m.–12 noon
Days of Week: Monday and Friday

TENNIS

Ridgeland Tennis Center
 201-A McClellan Drive
 Directors: Cheryl Harris & Susan Toler



TOURNAMENTS

October 7 -9 Ridgeland Fall Junior Novice
Oct. 29 - Oct. 31 Chick-fil-A Junior Open State Champs

Please call 601-853.1115 for more information or go to www.mstennis.com.

LESSONS

Private, semi-private and group lessons for children ages 4 – 9 and older are available. Contact Cheryl Harris at 601.853.1115.

Adult lessons are also available. Call 601-853.1115.

Junior Drills for ages 10 – 18 are led by instructor, Robbie Creveling at the Ridgeland Tennis Center. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 – 6 p.m. Classes begin on Tuesday, September 6. Cost is \$120 per 4-week session. Drop-in rate is \$15 per day.

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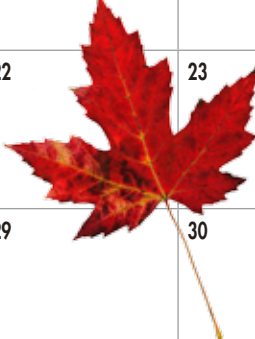
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Registration ends for Start Smart Soccer	3 
4	5 Labor Day	6 Rising Readers Fall Program begins, Ridgeland Public Library, 4:30 p.m. Ridgeland Garden Club, 11:00 a.m.	7 Mother Goose on the Loose Fall Program begins, 10:30 a.m.	8 Bilingual Story Time begins, 4:30 p.m. Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, Ridgeland High School	9 Ridgeland High School Homecoming Game v. Kosciusko, Titan Stadium	10 R.A.D. Course, The Club, 511 Lake Harbour, 11 a.m.
11 R.A.D. Course, The Club, 511 Lake Harbour, 12 p.m.	12 Start Smart Soccer, Freedom Ridge Park, 6 p.m. Ridgeland Public Library Closed all week for Inventory	13 OTMS home football game, Titan Stadium	14 	15 Historical Society of Ridgeland, Ridgeland Public Library, 12 p.m. Girls' Night Out, 6 p.m., Northpark Mall	16 HES Outdoor Movie Night	17 NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick, 9 a.m. KIDSRUN by Fleet Feet Sports, 10 a.m. R.A.D. Course, The Club 511 Lake Harbour, 11 a.m.
18 R.A.D. Course, The Club, 511 Lake Harbour, 12 p.m.	19	20	21	22 Bridge game, Ridgeland Rec. Center, 12:45 p.m. Denim & Diamonds, a Ladies Night Out	23	24 R.A.D. Course, Ridgeland YMCA, 888 Avery Blvd., 12 p.m.
25 R.A.D. Course, Ridgeland YMCA, 888 Avery Blvd., 1 p.m.	26 Crochet and Coffee Group, Ridgeland Recreational Center, 1:30 p.m.	27	28 Fall fundraiser kickoff for ASE Pub Run by Fleet Feet, Soulshine, 6 p.m.	29	30	

OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale (through Oct. 6), Ridgeland Public Library R.A.D. Course, Ridgeland YMCA, 888 Avery Blvd., 12 p.m.
2 R.A.D. Course, Ridgeland YMCA, 888 Avery Blvd., 1 p.m.	3 Memoir Workshop for Senior Adults, Ridgeland Recreational Center, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	4 Ridgeland Garden Club, 11:00 a.m.	5 Walk to School Day for Ann Smith Elementary	6 Ridgeland 50's Plus, Ridgeland Recreational Center, 11:30 a.m.	7 RHS vs. Starkville, Titan Stadium	8 ASE 5K Frolic and Fun Run EuroFest Car Show, Renaissance at Colony Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
9 Fire Safety Week 	10 No school for Madison Co. School students Crochet and Coffee Group, Ridgeland Recreational Center, 1:30 p.m.	11 OTMS vs. Carthage, Titan Stadium Madison County Mystery Readers	12	13	14	15 KIDSRUN by Fleet Feet, 9:30 a.m.
16	17	18	19	20 Collector's Showcase, Northpark Mall Historical Society of Ridgeland, 12 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours	21 RHS vs. Neshoba, Titan Stadium 	22 National Drug Awareness Red Ribbon Week Fat Tire Festival, Ridgeland Trails, 12 p.m.
23 4th Annual McGee Lungbuster Race and SCRCs Final Race, Ridgeland Trails	24 Crochet & Coffee Group, Ridgeland Rec. Center, 1:30 p.m. Mall-O-Ween, 5-8 p.m., Northpark Mall	25 OTMS vs. Rosa Scott, Titan Stadium	26 Mayor's Wellness Walk, Northpark Mall - Center Court, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Pumpkin Run, Fleet Feet Sports, 6 p.m.	27 Downtown Ridgeland Halloween Costume Party Trunk or Treat, Freedom Ridge Park, 6-8 p.m.	28	29 Township 6th Annual Fall Festival Renaissance Fall Festival and Children's Costume Contest
30	31					

NOVEMBER 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Ridgeland Garden Club, 11:00 a.m.	2	3	4 Registration ends for Superstar Seniors' Turkey Feast RHS vs. Provine, Titan Stadium	5
6 	7 Ridgeland Public Library closed through Nov. 22 for renovations Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show, RHS	8	9 	10 Superstar Seniors' Turkey Feast, Highlands Presbyterian, 12 p.m. Barnes & Noble Book Fair for ASE	11	12 Santa photos, Northpark Mall
13	14 Crochet and Coffee Group, Ridgeland Recreational Center, 1:30 p.m.	15	16 	17 The Great American Smokeout Historical Society, City Hall Board Room, 12 p.m. Ridgeland Chamber Business After Hours,	18 ASE Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast	19
20	21 No school for Madison County School students through Nov. 25	22 	23	24 Thanksgiving Turkey Day 8K, Fleet Feet Sports	25 Sounds of the Season Concert Series, Northpark Mall	26
27	28 Crochet and Coffee Group, Ridgeland Recreational Center, 1:30 p.m.	29	30 			

LOOK AHEAD – December

- 1** – Light Up the Night Holiday Open House, Olde Towne Ridgeland
- 3** - Ridgeland Christmas Parade, Olde Towne Ridgeland, 2 p.m.
- 4** – Parade of Lights – Floating Christmas Parade, Old Trace Park, 5:30 p.m.
- 5** – Christmas Decorating Contest
- 8** – Light Up the Night Holiday Open House, Olde Towne Ridgeland





SPIRIT WEEK/ RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING

ASE students will celebrate Spirit Week beginning September 6. Each day, students will show their school spirit in support of Ridgeland High School's homecoming on Friday, September 9. It's a great way for Ridgeland public schools and our community to come together!



Pictured on Crazy Hair Day are (from left) Hunter Westby-Gibson, Tyler Jackson, Ethan Livingston, and Zain Smith.

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ANN SMITH ELEMENTARY

Grades K-2 • 306 S. Pear Orchard Road
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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.



EXCELLENCE IN THE CLASSROOM

At Ann Smith Elementary, our goal is to create a positive learning environment from the very beginning. When our children first walk through the doors, they feel welcome and are encouraged to excel in the classroom.

Academic excellence is a long-standing tradition at ASE, as shown by the results of our Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing received in the spring. The MAP test is a universal screener required by the state of Mississippi and a tool the Madison County School District uses to measure growth and progress in the classroom. District officials use second-grade test results as an indicator for how the lower elementary schools will do on the MCT2 test, which begins in third grade.

Based on the calculations from the testing, our second-graders earned a score that's the equivalent of a STAR status, the highest rating under the state's accountability system.

"We're so thrilled with the results of this year's MAP testing," said ASE principal Kathy Rigsby. "It speaks well for our teachers, our parents, and, of course, our students. It just goes to show that our students are well-prepared in the classroom and will be successful in the future."



In the spring, all of the second-grade classes at ASE were honored with a pizza picnic to celebrate the results of the MAP testing. Pictured are (from left, back) Gabriel Eastman, Nimrat Kaur, Preston Priest; (front) Brendan Burage, Ethan Gilbert, Heaven Gordon, and Makayla Marley.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 5	No school – Labor Day	Oct. 8	ASE 5K Frolic and Fun Run
Sept. 6-9	Spirit Week	Oct. 10	No school for students
Sept. 9	RHS Homecoming	Nov. 10-12	Barnes & Noble Book Fair
Sept. 28	Fall fundraiser kickoff	Nov. 18	K.G. Thanksgiving Feast
Oct. 5	Walk to School Day	Nov. 21-25	No school – Thanksgiving



Pictured are (from left) Camryn Willis, Reed Cascio, Rachel Parr, Jabari McClenty, and Nolan Ainsworth.

KINDERGARTEN THANKSGIVING FEAST

One of the highlights of the year, the annual kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Friday, November 18 on the school grounds. During the morning, parents are invited to watch as their kindergartners participate in fun and games such as Indian dancing, craft-making, storytelling, and relay races. Following the special activities, there will be a potluck feast of traditional Thanksgiving dishes in the school courtyard.

“The Thanksgiving Feast is an annual event you don’t want to miss,” said Dixie Livingston, ASE PTO Co-President. “Our teachers and staff do a wonderful job creating an exciting, fun experience for students. It’s something they’ll always remember from their time at Ann Smith.”

FUNDRAISING

FALL FUNDRAISER/ WORLD’S FINEST CHOCOLATE

Our fall fundraiser kicks off September 28. We’ll be selling a variety of World’s Finest Chocolate, so be on the lookout for more information which will be sent home with students, or check out our website, www.madison-schools.com/ase, for details.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

ASE will be collecting Box Tops from specially marked products to help raise money. Each Box Top is worth 10 cents of free money for the school. If you’d like to help collect Box Tops for ASE, simply clip them on the dotted line, save them in an envelope, and turn them in to the school office at the end of each month.

PAPA JOHN’S PIZZA NIGHT

On the first Tuesday of each month, order Papa John’s pizza to help raise money for ASE. For every \$10 you spend, \$2.50 is donated to the school. Just call the Ridgeland Papa John’s at 601.853.1951 to place your order, and be sure to say you’re calling for Ann Smith Elementary.

Thank you for supporting our youngest Titans through these important fundraisers. The money we raise is invaluable as we continually strive to make improvements to our school, support our teachers, and enhance our students’ educational opportunities. The money we raised last year was used to make upgrades to our playground, which is something we will continue to do over the next few years.

COMMITMENT TO A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

At ASE, we’re proactively teaching our students the benefits of making healthy lifestyle choices. Last year, through MSU’s Body Walk exhibit, our students learned the importance of good nutrition and being physically fit. And this fall, we’re pleased to be bringing two great events to encourage physical activity.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

ASE will be encouraging students to walk to school in observance of International Walk to School Day. All students who participate must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult. We will be working with the City of Ridgeland to ensure the safety of our students as they walk to school.

ANN SMITH 5K FROLIC AND FUN RUN – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

ASE is hosting a 5K run/walk and one-mile fun run on Saturday, October 8. “We’re really excited about hosting our first-ever 5K,” said ASE kindergarten teacher and PTO board member Allison Ruhl. “It’s going to be a fun community event and also a great way to promote good health in our students and their families.”

Plans are currently underway for both of these events, so be sure to check our website, www.madison-schools.com/ase, for details.





HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY

Grades 3-5 • 330 Brame Road
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Third-grade students from Lori Flood's classroom use strength bands donated by the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition.

HIGHLAND ELEM. RAT FIT CHALLENGE

Highland Elementary school teacher, Lori Flood, encourages physical fitness in her classroom. To help the students develop core muscles, she incorporated the fitness ball for seating instead of using desk chairs during the 2010-11 school year.

Rochelle Culp with the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition of Madison, Yazoo and Holmes Counties conducted a RAT (Reject All Tobacco) Fit Challenge. The students were put through a strength and cardio obstacle course and were taught RAT program yoga poses, all while being educated about tobacco.



Highland Elementary was chosen by the Mississippi Urban Forest Council to be the site of the first fruit orchard on a school campus in Mississippi several years ago. Our pear trees are ready to be harvested!

2011-12 PTO BOARD MEMBERS

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HES parents interested in joining the PTO Board as Vice President or VP of Fundraising may contact Debbie Best at the school at 601.853.8103.

HES OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

We invite the community to the second annual outdoor movie night, scheduled for September 16. Admission is free. Snacks and Titan spirit items will be sold. Proceeds benefit Highland Elementary. Seating is available in the outdoor amphitheater, or bring your own chair or blanket. A family friendly movie will be shown (title to be announced).

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF AND FACULTY AT HES

Highland Elementary would like to extend a warm welcome to new staff and faculty members for the 2011-12 school year.

D'Ann Adams joins us as the 3rd grade pathways (gifted) teacher and administrative intern. The 5th grade receives a new teacher, Kay Thompson. Lisa Peloquin is a teacher assistant to SPED.

Other staff changes at HES include former 4th grade teacher, Karen Humphreys, who will serve as this year's school librarian. Former resource teacher, Jennifer Britt, will be teaching 4th grade. Cindy Goodwin, former interventionist, will be school instructional coach. Amanda Webb, who got married over the summer, will now be known as Amanda Giuffria. Best wishes!





OLDE TOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades 6 – 8 • 210 Sunnybrook Road • 601.899.8730

www.madison-schools.com/otm

2011 OTMS Football Schedule

Date	Opponent	Grade(s)	Location
Aug 30	JJ McLain	8	away
Sep 6	Germantown	7-8	away
Sep 13	Nichols	8	home
Sep 20	Yazoo City	7-8	away
Sep 27	open		
Oct 4	Velma	8	away
Oct 11	Carthage	7-8	home
Oct 25	Rosa Scott	7-8	home

OTMS home football games are played at Ridgeland High School. At press time, admission was \$5 per person. Additional OTMS sports schedules will be available online at <http://www.madison-schools.com>.

OTMS WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS

New teachers at Olde Towne Middle School include: Clare Agostinelli, 6th grade Language Arts; Jennifer Gainey, Resource; Michael Howell, 6th grade Social Studies; Chelsea Knight, Resource; Jody Ray, 7th grade Language Arts; Emily Rich, Choir Director; Susan Siegal, 8th grade Language Arts; Lori Spann, 8th grade Language Arts; and Chellie Thames, Algebra.

CHEERLEADERS EARN AWARDS

OTMS cheerleaders received a superior squad award as well as 2nd place in division dance and cheer at cheer camp this summer. Kameron Shook earned the spirit award, and Japhia Jefferson was chosen for the All American Cheer Squad.

TITAN TV

Tune into Titan TV to learn more about life at OTMS. Produced by students in Mrs. Carla Belk's classes, episodes can be found on the OTMS website <http://www.madison-schools.com/site/Default.aspx?PageID=4099>.



STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to the 2010-11 Students of the Year: 6th grader, Jacob Neill; 7th grader, Juliette Richert; and 8th grader, Martin McCandless.

RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Grades 9-12
586 Sunnybrook Road
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CHILI COOK-OFF NOVEMBER 7

The 4th annual RHS Chili Cook-Off will be held Monday, November 7 in conjunction with the RHS Talent Show. The Chili Cook-Off is sponsored by the RHS Boys Soccer Team and is one of their major fundraisers for the season. Each year the cook-off grows in popularity with outside groups competing including churches, other athletic teams, parents, and students. Team entry fee is free.



Anyone wishing to sample the chili can join us in the RHS cafetorium. Admission tickets are \$5 per person and include a spoon, drink, dessert, and unlimited samples of all the chili. For more information, contact Regina Italiano at 601.573.8522.

Talent Show The Ridgeland High School Talent Show is a fundraiser for the yearbook. It will be held on November 7, and it is open to the public.



FALL AT RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Fall at Ridgeland High School brings football games, pep rallies, band performances, homecoming, talent show, and many more memorable experiences for our students and community. Please review the schedule below so that you don't miss an event at RHS this fall. Also, please enjoy the photos from a selection of last year's events.



Titans celebrate a football game victory in 2010, another winning year for RHS.

SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Home games are listed below.

- Sep. 1 RHS vs. Yazoo City
- Sep. 1 RHS vs. Clinton
- Sep. 13 RHS vs. Canton
- Sep. 13 RHS vs. Richland
- Sep. 15 RHS vs. Callaway
- Sep. 22 RHS vs. Provine
- Sep. 27 RHS vs. Lanier
- Sep. 29 RHS vs. Morton
(Senior Night)



FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Home games are listed below.

- Sep. 9 RHS vs. Kosciusko (HC)
- Oct. 7 RHS vs. Starkville
- Oct. 21 RHS vs. Neshoba
- Nov. 4 RHS vs. Provine

LADY TITAN VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Home games are listed below.

- Sep. 8 RHS vs. Yazoo City
- Sep. 15 RHS vs. Warren Central
- Sep. 20 RHS vs. Lanier
- Sep. 27 RHS vs. Callaway
- Sep. 29 RHS vs. Starkville



Alisha Bell, Lauren Franklin, and Shelby Huff were named "All-American" during their summer cheerleading camp. The squad also earned Superior Squad Award and received the Traditions Award, which is a GREAT honor.

HOMECOMING PARADE AND PEP RALLY

This annual communitywide event to rally around our hometown team is set for Thursday, September 8. Come out whether or not you have children in school to enjoy the Titan Spirit!



The Homecoming Parade features floats from each grade. Pictured here is the 2010 Juniors' Float with students Haley Britt, Rebecca Brown, Shelby Barham, Haley Hegwood, Emily Raffield, and Elena Doering (exchange student).)



Pictured here are Homecoming Queen 2010 Kristen Lee and Shelby Huff.



Homecoming 2010 maids pictured here are Shelby Huff, Lauren Franklin, Millie Adams, Linh Nguyen, and Tiree Wilson.



Lions Band 2010 members shown here include LaDarius, Cody, Matt, Davien (back row) and Erin, Mary, Carrie (front row).

LIONS ALL-STATE BAND

The Mississippi Lions All-State Band is comprised of the absolute best high school band students Mississippi has to offer. They go through a very stressful two-stage tryout. The band has won the International Championship 28 times over the years. They have performed all over the world on every continent.

Last year, Ridgeland had four band students make the band, and they won the International Championship in Sydney, Australia. Marguerite O'Brien, Mary Moffat, Matt Cheek, and Carrie Betts were in that group.

This year, Ridgeland had seven students who made the band (a record number). They also won the International Championship in Seattle, Washington. They were Carrie Betts, Mary Moffat, Erin Tackitt, Davien Watkins, Matt Cheek, Cody Morrow, and LaDarius Smothers.

2011-2012 TITAN PRIDE EXECUTIVE BOARD

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10th Grade/Girls' Soccer Reps: Cyndi & Lavon Huff
10th Grade/Girls' Basketball Reps: Gary & Evelyn Edwards
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innovative scheduling option allows students to make full-time progress toward their goals in half the time.

For more information about Holmes Community College HYBRID course offerings, please visit our website at www.holmescc.edu or call 1.800.Holmes.4.

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WHAT IS CLASSICAL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION?

Modern education focuses on teaching subjects. Classical educators focus on teaching students the tools for learning in preparation for further study of subjects after high school. "For the sole end of education is simply this: to teach men how to learn for themselves; and whatever instruction fails to do this is effort spent in vain." (Dorothy Sayers, *The Lost Tools of Learning*, 1947).

While students at classical schools do study the same subjects as students in non-classical schools (history, math, science, English, etc.), they are required to study logic, Latin, and rhetoric, also. Classical education uses a methodology, referred to as "The Trivium" which organizes learning around the maturing capacity of the child's mind. The Trivium consists of three stages: grammar (grades 1-4), logic (grades 5-8), and rhetoric (grades 9-12).

In the grammar stage, the student's mind is ready to absorb information and facts (rules of phonics, spelling, grammar, poems, math facts, stories of history, and literature, etc.). By fifth grade, the child's mind begins to think analytically. Middle school students (logic stage) are less interested in finding out facts than in asking "Why?". In the logic stage, a child begins to pay attention to cause and effect, to the relationships among different fields of knowledge, and to the way facts fit together into a logical framework.

The final phase of classical education, "rhetoric stage," builds on the first two. At this point, the high school student learns to write and speak with force and originality. The student of rhetoric applies the rules of logic learned in middle school to the foundational information learned in the early grades and expresses his conclusions in clear and elegant language.

For more information on classical education, visit the following website: www.welltrainedmind.com/classical-education/

What makes a Christian classical school distinct is the use of The Trivium in conjunction with all subjects being taught from a Biblical worldview.

Specifically, the grammar phase of classical Christian education corresponds to knowledge, the logic phase to understanding, and the wisdom phase to rhetoric.

The grammar phase is supported by Romans 12:1-2 with "the transformation and renewal of the mind" setting the foundation in the revealed and absolute truths of God as found in Christ, the Scriptures, and all Creation. The logic phase continues by further training students to discern truth from error and falsehood. Logic fulfills Colossians 2:8 by developing sound reasoning "to see to it that we are not taken captive by hollow and deceptive philosophies which depend on human tradition and the basic principles of the world." Grades 9-12 culminate with rhetoric and wisdom manifested by winsome and eloquent students who think and speak wisely for the glory of our God. The taking captive of every thought and making it obedient to Christ is the goal in training students classically for true academic excellence (2 Corinthians 10:5).



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VERITAS LANGUAGE STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Students at The Veritas School were recognized at the annual Academic Honors Assembly. One of the categories of awards is for foreign language, and the following students were presented certificates for excellence by Rebecca Fulwood (far left), Latin & Logic teacher: Camille Dent (Latin II), Maryanna Story (Latin II), Grace Fillingane (Latin II), Nina Carraway (Latin I), and Tarsha Paris (Spanish).



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ARTIST'S CORNER

Long Exhibiting September and October

Photo realist portraitist, Roger Leonard Long, is known for super-realistic, life-like portraits in graphite and color pencil. Long has achieved with pencil what few artists do.

His portraits have the distinction of appearing to live and breathe. His work will be on exhibit at the Ridgeland Public Library during the months of September and October.

Long is also renowned locally as an established dancer choreographer. Together, he and his wife, Tena, operate Go Long Productions (est. 1999). Roger's

website is www.go-long-productions.com. You may view his profile on Facebook at Roger Leonard Long-artist.



Above: Mother and Child by Photo Realist Portraitist, Roger Leonard Long

NEWS

Library Closed September 12-17

The Ridgeland Public Library will be closed September 12-17 for inventory, weeding and shelf-reading the collection. Withdrawn items will include outdated books, materials no longer of interest or in demand, unnecessary duplicates, and worn or mutilated material. Weeding is tough but necessary, especially with space at a premium. While the branch is closed, the other MCLS branches will be open for your convenience.

Ebooks Coming

The Madison County Library System, in an ongoing effort to make new formats available to library patrons, will be adding ebooks to the collection. With increasing interest from the community, MCLS began to investigate the possibility of bringing ebooks to the community. The library system has offered downloadable audio books to patrons for the past several years. The ebooks will be made available through our website and the user interface will be similar to the current interface used for downloadable audio books. The file formats to be purchased include epub and pdf. Check



Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Support the Ridgeland Public Library and join us for the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale, October 1-6. The Member Preview Party will be held on Thursday, September 29, prior to the public sale, from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Book donations are welcome and tax receipts are available. If you would like to volunteer to organize the sale, please contact Nan Crosby, 601.856.4536.

Books for the entire family! L-R: Melanie, Samantha, Frida and Roberto Lopez of Ridgeland.

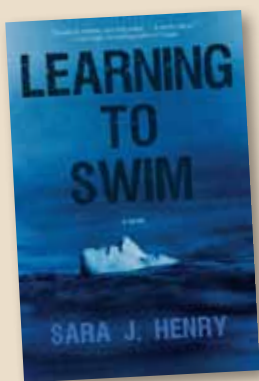


Sara J. Henry - Author

Madison Co. Mystery Readers to Skype with Mystery Author

Join the Madison County Mystery Readers as they skype with a mystery author on Tuesday, October 11 at 10:20 a.m. Sara J. Henry will speak about her newest suspense thriller, Learning to Swim. Sara has been writing since age 5, when she wrote her first "short story." She graduated from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and Carleton University in Ottawa, Ontario. She now lives on a dirt road in southern Vermont with at least one too many dogs.

"If I blinked, I would have missed it."—With these words, first time novelist Sara J. Henry hooks the reader right from the start.



Learning to Swim is a remarkable debut and gives us a protagonist we can both like and admire. According to reviewer, Reed Farrel Coleman, "Learning to Swim is a gut-wrenching, heart-thumping twist of the knife. A compelling tale of mystery's holy trinity: love, loss, and betrayal. Take the plunge."

Join us and meet Sara Henry, as you won't be disappointed.

CHILDREN'S SECTION

Summer Reading Program

The Madison County Library System recently wrapped up another successful Summer Reading Program! The Ridgeland Public Library served over 150 children and 40 tweens and teens. Popular family programs at the library included storyteller Doris Jones; magician Mr. Nick, traditional storyteller and magician storyteller; storyteller Autumn MorningStar; and dancers Nicole Marquez and Greta Bates! The cooking program with chef Eric Peters from Babalu's was a favorite among the tweens and teens, and the 3rd-5th graders loved the Zumbatomics workshop with Melissa Ragazzi! We had so much fun going around the world this summer, and we are so glad you all could join us for our journey!



Greta Bates teaching kids at the Ridgeland Public Library how to belly dance.



The kids at the Ridgeland Public Library enjoy a magic show put on by magician, Mr. Nick.



FALL READING PROGRAMS



Elana Galambus has fun assisting Doris Jones with a story.

Rising Readers

This story time program is for 3-7 year olds! It meets on Tuesdays, at 4:30 p.m. and will begin September 6. The program will last about 45 minutes, and will include stories, songs, flannel board activities, and arts and crafts. Refreshments may be served. The dates for Rising Readers are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 6
- Tuesday, September 13
- Closed For Inventory
- Tuesday, September 20
- Tuesday, September 27
- Tuesday, October 4
- Tuesday, October 11
- Tuesday, October 18
- Tuesday, October 25
- Tuesday, November 1
- Tuesday, November 8
- Closed For Renovations
- Tuesday, November 15
- Closed For Renovations
- Tuesday, November 22
- Off For Thanksgiving
- Tuesday, November 29



Mother Goose on the Loose

This story time program is for 0-2 year olds. It meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and will begin September 7. Mother Goose on the Loose is an interactive program between children and their caregivers. We sing Mother Goose rhymes, play musical instruments, read stories, and do flannel board activities. This program will last about 30 minutes. Refreshments may be served. The dates for Mother Goose on the Loose are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 7
- Wednesday, September 14
- Closed For Inventory
- Wednesday, September 21
- Wednesday, September 28
- Wednesday, October 5
- Wednesday, October 12
- Wednesday, October 19
- Wednesday, October 26
- Wednesday, November 2
- Wednesday, November 9
- Closed For Renovations
- Wednesday, November 16
- Closed For Renovations
- Wednesday, November 23
- Off For Thanksgiving
- Wednesday, November 30th

Bilingual Story Time

This story time program is for 3-7 year olds. It meets on Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. and will begin September 8. This program is mostly in English, with a few Spanish words introduced throughout the program. We will have stories, songs, finger plays and craft projects! This program will last about 45 minutes. Refreshments may be served. The dates for Bilingual Story Time program are as follows:

- Thursday, September 8
- Thursday, September 15
- Closed For Inventory
- Thursday, September 22
- Thursday, September 29
- Thursday, October 6
- Thursday, October 13
- Thursday, October 20
- Thursday, October 27
- Thursday, November 3
- Thursday, November 10
- Closed For Renovation
- Thursday, November 17
- Closed For Renovation
- Thursday, November 24
- Off For Thanksgiving

Children's Department to Undergo Renovations in November

The Ridgeland Public Library will be closed November 7-22, to update the children's department and to create additional space. The staff will remove all the children's books, replace the carpet, add additional shelving units, paint the walls, and return the books back to the new units. The project will be funded by the Madison County Library System. We appreciate your patience during our renovation and hope you'll enjoy your updated children's area.

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Vince's formula for success is one that he has carried with him since 1971. "It's the Rock n' Roll music for sure," Vance said. "But, really, you give your audience the greatest songs ever written, throw in some of my own cool hits, add in the finest musicians playing those songs, get three beautiful, talented girl vocalists in cheerleader outfits grabbing people out of the crowd and bringing them on stage and top it off with a funny guy with an 18-inch pompadour, who does a dozen characters in an hour and a half, a guy who really knows how to get the party started and you have something totally irresistible."

As a recording artist, Vance has



released twenty singles, ten albums and two bona-fide national number one hit songs: "All I Want for Christmas is You", which was the number one country Christmas song and the most requested song at Christmas during 1989-2002 and "Bomb Iran", written during the Iranian Hostage Crisis.

In January 2005, Vince Vance & the Valiants were chosen to perform in Washington, D.C. for the State of Louisiana celebrating President George

W. Bush's Inauguration. The following June, the group was inducted into the Louisiana Music Hall of Fame.

Vince Vance travels with fifty complete costume changes, a case of hairspray and three hair dryers, forty pairs of sunglasses, fifteen bowties, twelve cummerbunds, ten scarves, eight feather boas, twenty gold chains and necklaces, fourteen pairs of shoes and three pairs of boots.

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CITY MEETINGS

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6 p.m.
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Architectural Review Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday - 6 p.m.
Bill Dicken - Chairman
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Beautification Committee

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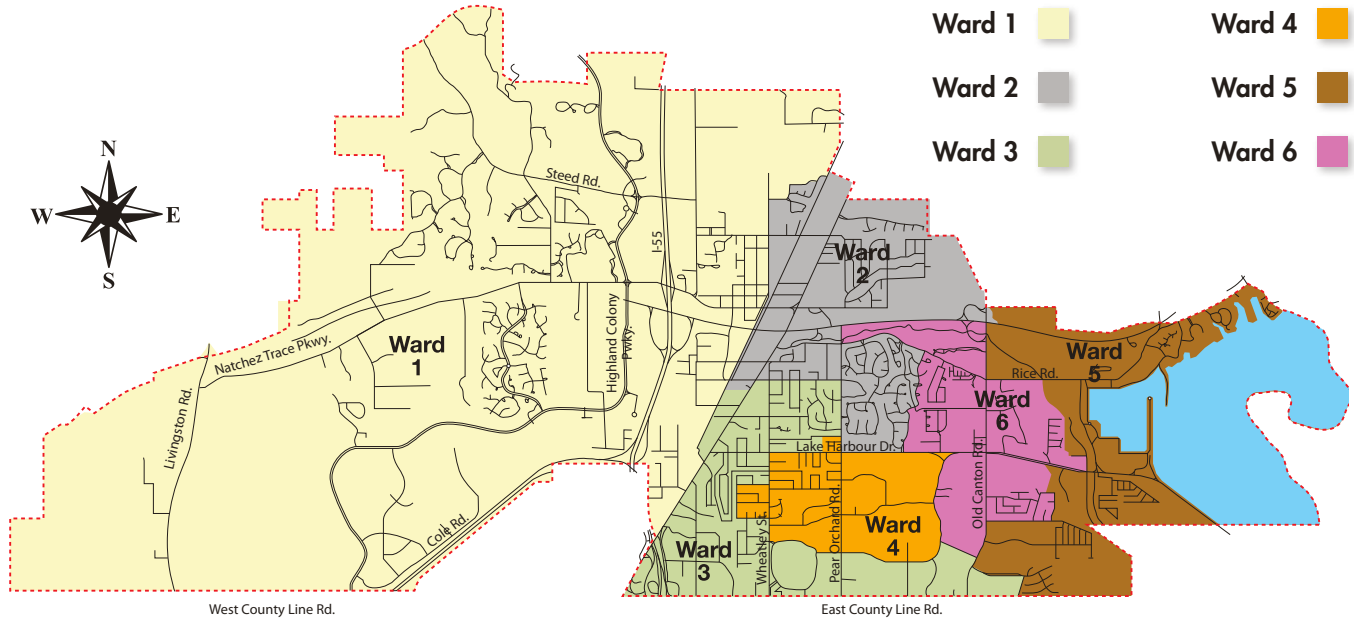
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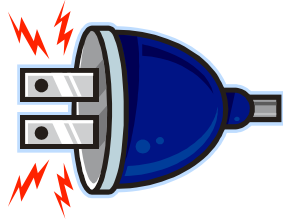


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