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From the Mayor

It's 4:45 a.m. and the clock alarm sounds, waking me. It really reminds me of growing up on the dairy farm. My entire high school career I woke up in the wee hours of the morning to go milk cows.

I brush my teeth and wash my face to get myself awake, and then put on cycling clothes. I grab a good long drink of water and then head to the carport to get my bike. After checking the tire pressure, I put a water bottle on the bike and turn on my tail light (blinkly) and my computer (Garmin), and put on my shoes and my helmet which has a rechargeable light to keep me safe.

Now it's time to head into the darkness to travel 5½ miles to meet others to cycle to Highway 43 and back and get in my daily exercise (which is 26 miles). I see many animals in the dark along the way - deer, raccoons, opossums and armadillos. All are as surprised to see me as I am to see them.

As we ride along the Trace, the sun begins to rise, and ducks and geese fly over. What a beautiful sight. I get back home at about 6:30 a.m. with the satisfaction of knowing my day at City Hall will be good because I have gone to the trouble to exercise. I love Saturday morning and Sunday afternoon because I can get in longer rides of 35 to 50 miles. I don't have to get up as early, and I don't have to rush to work after my ride. My goal this year of exercise on the bike is 6,000 miles. I don't tell you this to brag (well, maybe a little) but to say that I believe that anyone can find the time to exercise and attempt to improve their lifestyle and health. This is more of a challenge to those who don't exercise to make the time to do so. You will find that you will have a better quality of life if you do.

A note about Bianca Knight (Ridgeland High Graduate), who I am sure all of you are aware, earned the gold medal in the Summer Olympics on the 1 x 400-relay team and set a new world record. I want to convey just how very proud all of us here in Ridgeland are of Bianca Knight and to congratulate her.

Speaking of school, please look out for the school zones and drive with care, so we can keep our students safe.

Gene F. McGee



Gene McGee
Mayor of Ridgeland

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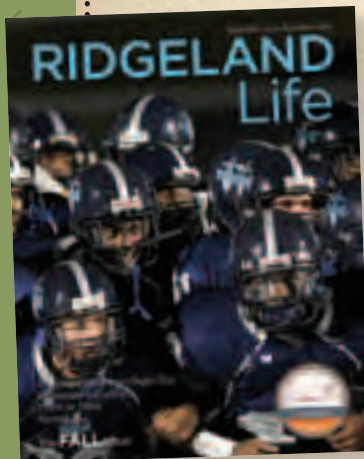
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Fall is the right time for Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out

Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out was kicked off last fall as our local version of National Night Out. City officials made the decision based on citizen input to move the event when we recognize crime prevention and police-community partnerships from August to October. This year, Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out will be held on Thursday, October 18.

Most neighborhoods get started at around 6 p.m. Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out provides an excellent opportunity to not only get to know your neighbors better, but also to get to know your elected officials, patrol officers and firefighter/EMTs better.

Ann Homer Cook, President, Montrachet Board said, "Our goal in Montrachet is to have a safe and beautiful neighborhood. One of the most important safety measures is knowing our neighbors. That is the real goal of our Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out."

Montrachet's Board arranged for Penn's catering, live entertainment and door prizes by drawing. Prior to the overall neighborhood event, neighbors were to meet with their closest neighbors at designated houses for snacks. They registered at those homes for door prizes that were later given out at the overall neighborhood gathering in the common area.

Cook adds, "Our success at Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out was due to the hard work of Marilyn Beach and Tyler Thomas and the individual street hosts. Steady community involvement from the city, residents and our sponsors helped to make it a success."

You too can have a successful Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out. If you have never held one in your neighborhood, get some tips from our local police department, other neighborhood leaders, your elected officials or <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/NNO/>.



The Ridgeland Neighbors Night Out event for Montrachet included a gathering at the neighborhood pavilion. Left to right: Wes Hamlin, Alderman, Ward 6; Ann Homer Cook, President; Marilyn Beach, Secretary; Daphne Buckley, Board Member; Tyler Thomas, Vice-President; and Jim Perkins, Board Member.



Renaissance Euro Fest 2012

The great automobiles and motorcycles of Europe will be coming to Renaissance at Colony Park in Ridgeland for the fourth annual Euro Fest. Entries in the auto and motorcycle show must be twenty-five years or older (built prior to 1988) 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, 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 on Saturday, October 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The show is open and free to the public. Last year's show brought over 15,000 spectators, which included 150 autos from five different countries and eight states.

If you are interested in entering a vehicle or motorcycle in the show, you may find an entry form on www.euro-fest.net. There is no entry fee for participants. Awards will be presented to Best Marque of 17 Different Classes, 8 Sponsor's Choice, and BankPlus Best of Show, Ridgeland Tourism "Art of It All" and Best of the Renaissance. Additionally the Mayor's Cup and the Governor's Cup will be presented to out of State entries for the Best of Show, pre 1988 and after 1988.

This year's show will start with the Renaissance Ridgeland Rolls-Royce Road Rally Drive for entries, starting at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 5 from the Hyatt Hotel at the Renaissance. The drive will go up the Natchez Trace, via Jackson Street to Highway 51 to Rice Road with a stop at Cock of the Walk for lunch and then on to River Bend Park and back. Additionally there will be a "Sunday morning, October 7th "Drive Away", ending with lunch at an auto enthusiasts weekend auto garage retreat in Braxton, MS.

For more information, please visit www.euro-fest.net or contact mike_marsh@bellsouth.net.

Trunk or Treat

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department will hold their annual Trunk or Treat fall event at Freedom Ridge Park on Thursday, October 25 from 6 pm- 8 pm. The kids 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. For admission, each family must bring a large bag of candy. 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.



Race to Good Health

Look everywhere in Ridgeland, on the sidewalks, trails, and roads and in our parks, and you will see people exercising by walking, running, or cycling. Ridgeland is definitely a health-oriented city.

Many of our local fitness enthusiasts enjoy participating in races to help them achieve their health goals. On most weekends, you can find a race either in Ridgeland or nearby.

If you think that races are not for you, think again! You don't have to be the fastest runner or cyclist to participate, just get out and get moving. The goal of a race may help provide the motivation that you need.

From September through December, there will be many different races in and around Ridgeland. Fleet Feet hosts group runs and walks every week throughout the year, and Indian Cycle hosts group rides for all levels of riders. The dates, times, and places for area events can be found in the calendar inside this *Ridgeland Life* magazine. Many are also listed on the Events Calendar at www.ridgelandms.org.



Crowds cheer on the participants in the Mississippi Walk for Diabetes.

Fall Festivals

Late October offers plenty to do in Ridgeland with two festivals, Trunk or Treat, events at Northpark Mall, and much more. Below find details about the Township and Renaissance Fall Festivals.



“Paint the Township”, 7th Annual Township Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27 • 10am – 2pm
The Township at Colony Park, Ridgeland

- Arts & Crafts
- Live entertainment
- Chili cook-off
- Pet Parade
- Pony rides
- Space jump and slide, obstacle course, bungee run and a basketball toss
- Rock climbing
- Face painting & caricatures
- Food from various vendors

For more information, visit www.thetownship.com.



Renaissance Fall Festival

Saturday, October 27 • Starts at 10 a.m.
Renaissance at Colony Park
1000 Highland Colony Parkway, Ridgeland

- Lil’ Goblins Costume Contest for children ages 1-12
- Prizes for the Scariest, Cutest, and Most Original Costumes
- Pet parade
- Spider Jump
- Jump Zone
- Face Painting
- MS Mojo Photo Booth
- Halloween Tattoos
- Concessions
- Bring lawn chairs and blankets
- Donations will be accepted for CARA

Come Walk for Wishes with Make-A-Wish Mississippi starts at 8 a.m. Please bring a donation to help grant a child’s wish. Register at www.facebook.com/mswish.

For details about the Renaissance Fall Festival, visit www.renaissanceatcolonypark.com.

“Have Two Ways Out!” During Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13

If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), one-third of American households estimate they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less. That’s why Ridgeland’s Fire Department is teaming up with NFPA during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, 2012, to urge



residents to “Have Two Ways Out!” This year’s theme focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

The Ridgeland Fire Department recommends the following tips for planning your family’s escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside in front of your home. This is where everyone can meet once they’ve escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- Have a grown-up sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator

and remind grown-ups to have your family practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

The Ridgeland Fire Department will be hosting activities during Fire Prevention Week to promote “Have Two Ways Out!” Through educational activities, residents can learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

If you would like to schedule Ridgeland firefighters to come to your school, church, daycare, retirement center, organization or place of business, call the Central Station at 601-856-7004.

To learn more about “Have Two Ways Out!” visit NFPA’s Web site at www.firepreventionweek.org

Historical Society of Ridgeland plans programs for the public

The Historical Society of Ridgeland seeks to provide programs to the public that bring Ridgeland’s history to life. The organization meets on the third Thursday of the month at the Ridgeland Public Library at 12 p.m.

Police department retiree, T.O. Taylor, has gathered a lot of historical tidbits during his 34-year tenure with the City of Ridgeland. He will share some interesting stories (and some laughs) with the public at the Historical Society of Ridgeland meeting on Thursday, September 20 at 12 p.m. in the Ridgeland Public Library.

The Wesley Chapel at the First United Methodist Church in Ridgeland was constructed over 100 years ago and has been relocated three times. Pastor Tom Sorrell will share its history at the October 18 meeting.

At the November 15 meeting, the Historical Society will host Percy Campbell, a local Ridgeland who will share stories about the businesses that were formerly located along Jackson Street in Ridgeland. At this meeting, the Society will introduce its Walking Tour of Ridgeland project. A map will be available for the identification of historical sites of interest that will ultimately be developed into a brochure for visitors.

Check out the Historical Society of Ridgeland in the Ridge-

land Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 1. Look for the banner on their float that aptly states, “Historical Society of Ridgeland: Telling Ridgeland’s Story”.



Historical Society of Ridgeland officers(front row L-R): Robby Carr, Treasurer; Polly Hammett, President; Eloise Gilbert, Vice President Co-Chair (back row L-R): Pat Truesdale, Secretary; Donna Dye, Public Relations; Nancy Batson, Vice President Co-Chair; Sandra Monohan, City Liaison.

Healthy Living through Nutrition *by Amanda Anderson*

Healthy living can be defined as more than just being free of sickness. It is making healthy lifestyle choices, eating nutritious food and a balanced diet, exercising, getting enough sleep and reducing stress. Some individuals choose to stop smoking or using tobacco products when they want to live a healthier lifestyle.

Eating healthy is a significant part of living healthy. It makes you stronger, increases productivity, gives you more energy, and lowers disease risks. Healthy food consists of whole grain foods, fruit, which is full of vitamins, vegetables, especially green ones, a balanced intake of omega 3, 6, and 9 fats and protein, which is the building block of muscles and needed for strength.

Carbohydrates are needed to provide energy for your body's optimum function. The healthiest carbs come from complex carbohydrates in vegetables, fruits, and whole grains. Try to limit your intake of sucrose or refined white sugar found in processed foods and desserts.

Eggs, meats, poultry, and fish as well as vegetarian options of whole grain and bean combinations provide protein. Fat from meats doesn't necessarily cause weight gain. A balance of omega 3, 6, and 9 fats help you to stay healthy. Eating healthy doesn't mean that you should eliminate fat from your diet. Nuts provide a perfect snack as a combination of fat and protein. You need healthy fats for hormone and immune function, as well as healthy brain cells. Fat in your diet helps to prevent diabetes, cancer, and heart disease. To prevent Alzheimer's and dementia, you need to eat a variety of fruits, vegetables, lean protein and healthy fats.

Below are some nutrition tips that may help you make healthy choices.

- Avoid trans fats and saturated fats. Reduce your consumption of trans and saturated fats by avoiding full-fat dairy products, red meat, fast food, fried foods, and packaged and processed foods.
- Get plenty of omega-3 fats. There is evidence that suggests omega-3 fatty acids, found in cold-water fish such as salmon, tuna, trout, mackerel, and sardines, may help prevent Alzheimer's disease and dementia. You can also supplement with fish oil.
- Enjoy daily cups of tea. Green tea may enhance memory and mental alertness and slow brain aging. White and oolong teas are also brain healthy. Drinking 2-4 cups daily has proven benefits. Although not as powerful as tea, coffee also confers brain benefits.
- Eat 4-6 small meals throughout the day, rather than 3 large meals. Eating at regular intervals helps to maintain consistent blood sugar levels. Also, avoid

refined carbohydrates that are high in sugar and white flour, which quickly spike glucose levels.

- Eat across the rainbow. Emphasize fruits and vegetables to maximize protective antioxidants and vitamins. Daily servings of berries and green leafy vegetables should be part of your brain-protective regimen. Coloring your plate with yellow/oranges, blues/purples, reds, greens and whites will help ensure that you are getting a wide range of nutrients that your body needs.
- Follow a Mediterranean diet. Eating a heart-healthy Mediterranean diet rich in fish, nuts, whole grains, olive oil, and abundant fresh produce. You can treat yourself to the occasional glass of red wine and square of dark chocolate.
- Eat a heart-healthy diet. What's good for the heart is also good for the brain, so by reducing your risk of heart disease, you also lower your risk of Alzheimer's disease.
- Choose organic to reduce harmful additives. There are some key differences between organic foods and conventional foods. Conventional farmers use chemical fertilizers to promote plant growth, spray insecticides to reduce pests and disease, use herbicides to manage weeds, and they give animals antibiotics, medications, and growth hormones to spur growth and prevent disease. Organic farmers use natural fertilizers like manure or compost, use beneficial insects and birds, and set traps for non beneficial insects and birds, rotate crops to manage weeds, and give animals organic feed, allow them to go outdoors, and use preventative measures such as rotational grazing, a balanced diet, and clean housing to minimize diseases, thus reducing the use of harmful chemicals.
- Drink plenty of water. We need water to keep our bodies and its cells hydrated and functioning properly. Sodas are not a good source of fluids for your body due to the artificial contents and sugar levels. Switch sugary drinks for water. Bottled water isn't necessary. You can filter your tap water and chill it to save money and resources.
- Go light on the salt. Although sodium is essential in small amounts for our bodies to function properly, too much can lead to diseases like congestive heart failure, cirrhosis, and chronic kidney disease. The dietary guidelines for Americans recommend limiting salt, especially if you are over 50 or have high blood pressure. Sodium-laden foods include processed and prepared foods, cold cuts and bacon, and fast foods. Eat more fresh foods and enhance the flavor of your food with herbs, citrus fruit and spices. If dining out is your thing, there are



more restaurants to choose from in Ridgeland than anywhere else around! If your favorite restaurants do not post nutrition information or offer healthy options on their menu, you may want to ask the owner or manager for some assistance. You can also conduct an internet search for nutrition information. Often, information is available online for chain restaurants including sodium content, fat grams, calories, protein, sugar grams, etc. You may also go to www.healthydiningfinder.com and view the restaurant information listed for their members. A few Ridgeland restaurants

are using this very useful program.

Making healthy lifestyle choices will not only make you look better, but it will also make you feel better. Modifying your diet in simple ways, such as eliminating sugary drinks and replacing them with water, will put you on the road to a healthier you. Incorporating physical activity into your life is also great way to improve your health. Be sure to include time for rest and relaxation, get enough sleep, and reduce stress to lower your risk for certain health concerns. This article provides a few tips for a healthy eating

regimen; so, there's no reason not to start living healthier today!

Sources: <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/organic-food/NU00255/>
http://www.helpguide.org/elder/alzheimers_prevention_slowing_down_treatment.htm.



Universal Design Playground Coming to Freedom Ridge Park

A new type of playground will soon be available for everyone's use and enjoyment at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland. A Universal Design Playground provides an area for play that goes beyond Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for Play Areas. The ADA requires the removal of physical barriers to access in play environments. While all playgrounds in all City of Ridgeland parks currently meet ADA requirements, this Universal Design will go beyond those guidelines, allowing social accessibility and the opportunity for full participation by as many people as possible regardless of their ability level.

To expand further on the concept, typical playgrounds allow, for example, a person in a wheelchair to access certain aspects or levels of the play equipment, usually from a transfer point. A playground such as the one planned for Freedom Ridge Park will allow that same person access to all levels of the play equipment through the use of ramps. Furthermore, parents with disabilities would also have full access to all areas of the play area and be able to fully participate in play with their children.

Safety surfacing includes the use of artificial turf, certified playground mulch, and poured-in-place rubber surfacing which will

allow access to all areas of the playground. All surfaces are safe with no chemical treatment or additives are allowed. Furthermore, these different surfaces will be appealing and inviting to those individuals with sensory issues. The play areas will have no rough edges or corners.

The new playground will provide a multitude of opportunities for different kinds of play: climbing, sliding, swinging, and imaginative or passive play with

area being designed simply for those with physical challenges or disabilities.

Simply put, a playground such as the one to be constructed at Freedom Ridge Park will help to break down all barriers, physical and social, and allow children and adults to play alongside each other throughout the playground. Chris Chance, Director of Recreation and Parks, said, "The City of Ridgeland has a proud history of providing recreation opportunities for children and adults of all ability levels. These services extend far beyond the corporate limits of the city, drawing participants from surrounding communities into our programs and events."

This universal design playground will be only the second of its kind in Mississippi and will draw visitors from all over the state and the region. Chance said, "I would hope that successful completion of this project in Ridgeland will inspire others to pursue similar opportunities for people of all ages and ability levels to play."

Construction of the Universal Design playground began in August. It is expected to be completed in October. If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation and Parks office at 601-853-2011.



equipment such as crawl tubes, a side step-climber, climbing walls, rockscapes, a backhoe digger, a double ring swing, giant nature rocks, slides, and zip slides. All of the features of the playground help children with developmental skills such as creative thinking, social interaction, and enhancing leg and arm coordination. Using universal design standards allows inclusion of all individuals without the feel or stigma of the

Ridgeland to Launch Smart Recycling Cart



Mike McCollum, Director of Public Works, is pictured here with the new recycling cart that will be distributed to Ridgeland households this fall.

A new residential curbside recycling program has been proposed for Ridgeland. Final contract negotiations are underway with Waste Management, Inc. Homeowners need to be aware of a few significant changes to the recycling program.

- Each household in Ridgeland will be provided with a 64-gallon recycling cart.
- Each cart will contain an RFID or Radio Frequency Identification tag that is linked to that household's address.
- An incentive program will be provided to encourage recycling. Points will be earned each time a household recycles.

"The purpose for the new recycling program," says Mike McCollum, Director of Public Works, "is to encourage higher volumes of recyclables."

"Approximately 40 to 60% of residents in Ridgeland recycled in 2011," says McCollum. "It is our hope that the larger recycling container and the rewards program will encourage even more households to recycle."

"Ridgeland is leading the way in Mississippi in the area of recycling," says Gene McGee, Mayor. "We are the first city to transition from recycling bins to carts. The new and larger recycling cart will make it easier for households to recycle more and throw

away less. By making the choice to recycle, you will help conserve resources."

How the RFID works: Each time the contractor empties the cart's contents into the truck, a sensor will record that the customer recycled that day. Then, that information is transmitted to Recycle Bank, where reward points are calculated. Customers may log on to www.recyclebank.com and check their rewards. Reward types include discounts, free offers, gift cards, and donations. Points may be redeemed at one of the many vendors affiliated with Recycle Bank.

The new residential curbside recycling program will result in a slight increase in charges to each household. For example, if the additional cost is \$2 per month per household, that's only \$24 more per year. "That's a small price to pay to help sustain our environment for future generations," says McCollum. The new recycling program also includes a rebate to the city of 50% of the profits from the recycling processor. The rebate depends on the recycling market.

If you are disabled or unable to roll your cart to the curb, you may receive assistance from Waste Management, Inc. A letter from your doctor is all that is needed.

Ridgeland's new residential recycling program will go into effect on October 1, 2012. New carts will be delivered before October 1 with some carts possibly not arriving until after October 1. Once you receive it, please start using it right away.

You will be notified by letter of changes to the recycling collection date in your neighborhood. Efforts are being made to coordinate waste collection and recycling collection for the same day.

If you are new to recycling, learn more at: <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/ttr/recycle.htm>.

In 2011, Ridgeland earned the title of Environmental Hero from the Mississippi Recycling Coalition for the city's successful recycling program.

T.O. Taylor honored with painting



T.O. Taylor retired this past summer from the Ridgeland Police Department after 34 years of service. He has worked as a patrol officer, sergeant, detective, and for the last five years of his career, he worked in court services and warrants. Pictured here with T.O. Taylor is Gwin Robertson, artist, who presented Taylor with a pastel painting of him with a patrol vehicle at his retirement party.

Robertson said, "We have been neighbors for several years and T.O. has helped me a lot, keeping a watch on my place and checking on me."

Robertson has been painting since 1988 and is past president of the Mississippi Artists Guild.

T.O. Taylor has gathered a lot of historical knowledge about Ridgeland during the course of his long career with the city. Come and listen to his stories at the Historical Society of Ridgeland meeting - 12 noon, Thursday, September 20 at the Ridgeland Public Library.

New housing development opens in Ridgeland

The Enclave at Towne Center has a vision of providing “An Affordable Convenient Community with Efficient Upscale Living.” It’s located in the City of Ridgeland off Towne Center Boulevard, one tenth of a mile from Pear Orchard Road. The minimum square footage of a home in this community is 1750, and the homes will offer amenities usually seen in homes with more than 3000 square feet. The architectural styles have not yet been announced, but they will be soon. The entire neighborhood will have lush landscaping, with a Greeter’s cottage, and entry gates with security cameras. There will be a Lifestyle Center with an outdoor kitchen, a meeting place for visitors, and a bathroom. A walking trail will be created that will be available to The Enclave residents and their guests. It will wind through the southern portion of the community. The Enclave will be a very safe and enjoyable place to live. For more information, visit www.enclaveattownecenter.com.

New Business

The following businesses have opened in Ridgeland since May 2012. Eight retail businesses, three of which are restaurants, opened in various locations since May. Seven office spaces or buildings opened throughout Ridgeland.

Miller Transport	371-B Highland Colony Parkway	http://www.millert.com/
Decoy Properties.....	419 Northpark Drive	http://www.mississippidecoys.com/
Taco Del Mar.....	398 Highway 51, Suite 90	http://www.tacodelmar.com/locations/mississippi.html
Metropolitan Bank.....	1069 Highland Colony Parkway	https://www.themetropolitanbank.com/
Bounce Palace	731 Pear Orchard Road, Suite 1	www.thebouncepalacems.com
Dr. John Henson.....	451 Northpark Drive, Suite A	
Beltone Audiology	655 Lake Harbour Drive, Suite 1300	http://www.beltone.com/
Wet Seal.....	1200 East County Line Road, Suite 138	http://www.wetseal.com/home.jsp
Mazda of Ridgeland.....	1860 East County Line Road	www.mazdausa.com/
Signa’s Grill.....	680 Highway 51, Suite E	
Green Oak Garden Center	1067 Highland Colony Parkway Suite E,	http://www.greenoakflorist.com/
John Dorsa-State Farm Insurance..	98 Highway 51, Suite 45A	http://www.jdorsa.com/
Anjou Restaurant.....	361 Township Avenue	http://anjourestaurant.net/
CPS Pools and Spa.....	120 Beaver Creek Drive	http://www.cpspoolsandspas.com/

PRIVILEGE LICENSES

your responsibility as a business owner

If you are conducting business within the City of Ridgeland, you must have a privilege license. This includes businesses being operated out of a residence. Obtaining or renewing a privilege license is your responsibility as the business owner.

There are certain businesses that are exempt from obtaining a privilege license. If you are operating a business and do not have a privilege license, please contact the City Clerk’s office immediately to obtain a license or determine if your business is exempt.

The City of Ridgeland defers to the laws of the State of Mississippi in regard to legally operating a business within the city limits. According to State Code 27-17-9, in order to lawfully operate a business, a tax shall be paid to the municipality within which the business shall operate and a license obtained for the privilege of engaging, or continuing, in business within the municipality. Business owners must apply for a privilege license, pay the associated tax, and obtain the license prior to operating a business within the City of Ridgeland.

The amount of a privilege license tax depends upon the number of employees and the type of business.

- For any service business having three or fewer employees, the annual tax is \$20.
- For any service business having more than three but fewer than eleven employees, the annual tax is \$30.
- For a non-manufacturing business, the annual tax is \$30, plus an additional assessment of \$3 for each employee over ten employees. The tax will not exceed \$150.
- For a manufacturer having eleven or more employees, the annual tax is \$80.
- For a wholesale or retail business, the amount of tax depends on the value of the store’s stock. For example, if the value of the stock is \$7000 or below, the annual privilege tax is \$20. For your store’s exact tax amount, please contact the City Clerk’s Office.

If you are a business owner and do not have a privilege license, please visit the city clerk’s office and file an application. If you have a privilege license and it is expired, please contact the city clerk’s office to renew your license. Licenses must be renewed annually.

If you have questions regarding privilege licenses, please call the City Clerk’s office at 601.856.7113 or come by. The City Clerk’s office is located at City Hall, 304 Highway 51, in Ridgeland.

Dr. Melissa Philley Hired as New ASE Principal



Pictured are (from left) Anne Avery Lunsford, Jordyn Erves, Dr. Melissa Philley, Jaylie Livingston and Julia Lynn.

At the end of May, Madison County Schools named Dr. Melissa Philley as ASE principal after Kathy Rigsby retired. Philley, who has a Ph.D. and Ed.S. in curriculum instruction, has served in the district for the past 10 years, most recently as an at-risk strategist, where she provided ongoing consultation and feedback to staff on a variety of curriculum issues such as the implementation of Common Core Standards. She also served as a dyslexia coordinator for the district, where she's worked to provide effective interventions and accommodations for students identified as having characteristics of dyslexia.

Additionally, Philley has earned several educational certifications

including an administration certification, National Board Certification and gifted education certification, among others.

"Becoming ASE's new principal is an honor, and it is a role I take very seriously," said Philley. "I fully intend to do my part to continue ASE's tradition of academic excellence."

Philley has exciting plans for the 2012-13 school year, including a project to add technology to the classrooms. "Not only will additional computers, SMART Boards and iPads excite, engage and motivate our students, they will also allow them to explore the world beyond our classrooms and our community."

Q/A with Dr. Philley:

What are your first impressions of Ann Smith Elementary?

ASE is such a happy place. The staff, students and teachers are very proud of their school, and I can see why! Our teachers are experts in classroom management and instruction. Our programs include both academic rigor and exciting enrichment opportunities. ASE is a place where ALL create warm memories and meaningful relationships.

How has your background prepared you for this new opportunity?

My research and training in instructional techniques have prepared me to lead teachers in helping all students reach their individual academic goals. Many students are above grade level, some are at grade level and others are below grade level. Our mission must be to help students attain their individual academic goals. Once those goals are met, we must make new goals and work until those are also met. This cycle should continue. No goal is too high, and no student should become stagnant in their growth.

What would you like parents to know about the upcoming school year?

Every day at ASE is important. Students must arrive on time

and come each day. We have many exciting things planned. Please get involved any and every way you can. You are always welcome here at ASE!

What's your philosophy about early elementary education?

A K2 school's focus is on foundational skills that build toward subsequent learning. It must teach students how to read, write and problem solve, but it shouldn't stop there. It should help students develop a sense of respect, responsibility and self worth. It should help students believe in themselves and their future. Time spent in school should challenge, inspire and motivate children to find the greatness that lies within them.

Tell us about your family.

My husband Benjamin and I have two daughters, Libby Lane and Layla. We also have two dachshunds, Pea Pie and Pinkey Pie.

What are your interests and activities?

I love reading and spending time with my family. We love Ole Miss and enjoy "Groving" with our friends. We are also proud members of Broadmoor Baptist Church.

A conversation with Sharon Summers on Ridgeland High



Reprint (portion) from July 12, 2012 *Northside Sun* newspaper. Written by Katie Eubanks.

Sharon Summers is the new principal of Ridgeland High School (RHS). She takes the place of Lee Boozer, who was the school's first and only principal since it was founded in 2002. Summers has worked at RHS since 2006, when she started as a teacher and administrative intern under Boozer. She was an assistant principal at RHS from 2008 to 2012. Summers recently spoke with *Sun* staff writer Katie Eubanks about her new role as head principal.

What did you learn as an administrative intern that prepared you to be an assistant principal, and now principal?

"I learned to be reflective, and how to deal with different situations - even just to be introduced to different situations that can occur. I think a lot of times our job as administrators is to protect teachers from things that could interfere with them in the classroom."

In what ways did Mr. Boozer shape the culture of RHS?

"Basically, the culture of the school

is the primary responsibility of the administration. Your value system, the things you enforce, the things you promote - that's going to create that culture.

"[Mr. Boozer] promoted the idea that we're all in this together, and, 'It's a great day to be a Titan.'"

Are there new things you want to promote, in terms of the school's identity? How do you continue to create that culture in a school that's still young?

"A lot of times when new leadership comes in, everything's changed. That is not my intention at all.

"The things we have in place, we've been very successful with. You want to keep those things and enhance those things."

What's the first challenge you're taking on as principal?

"I have to let the community know that the relationship they've had with the school will always be there. People tend to be apprehensive about the unknown. I have been here [at RHS], but not in this position.

"I have to reassure the parents and the staff that our values and standards won't be compromised."

Are there any projects or challenges Mr. Boozer was working on that aren't finished, or that you want to continue?

"Yes, just promoting RHS within the community. A lot of good things are happening here, but not everyone in the area is informed. That will be one of the big projects, just making sure word gets out.

"With the development of technology such as the Web site, which we've done and will continue to do, that makes it that much easier."

What do you think is the greatest challenge facing Ridgeland High School?

"It's not just Ridgeland, but education in general. We're in a time

of great transition, adapting to new curriculum and national standards."

You mean the Common Core standards? I hear they're pretty lengthy.

"Well curricula in general is lengthy. The Common Core actually pares down other standards we've had, but it allows us to go deeper. It narrows your focus, but it lets you go deeper in that area.

"So we've got to change our mindset in this country about education. We're all becoming specialists now.

"Forty-eight states have adopted [the Common Core]. Therefore, because we do live in a global society where a student might move across the country and change schools, this would allow us to keep that child at the same level in the same class and know what information they should come to us with.

"Some states are further along in the [implementation] process and have been doing it for two years now, because they got the grant money earlier. This will be our first year. It's required for the '13-'14 school year, but we're going to start this year.

"And this won't replace the state testing. It will be in conjunction with it."

What are you most looking forward to when classes start back?

"My students. I'm very student-centered. I love to see the light bulb come on. I love conversing with students in the classroom and asking them questions.

"That was one of the 'complaints' I had, if you will, from my classroom [when I was a teacher]. They'd say, 'You always have another question!'

"But they're more engaged when they know I'm engaged.

"And I'm looking forward to the excitement of a new school year. I can't sleep the night before school starts, just like a kid going to school for the first time."

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, 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 10:00 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 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 25. 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 25
- 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 vehicles, 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 26.

- Start Time:** 2 p.m.
- Event Date:** Saturday, December 1
- 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 on December 10 with a rain date of December 11.

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.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 Department, in conjunction with the NFL, will be hosting the annual punt, pass, and kick competition on Saturday, September 15 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 15
- Time:** 9 a.m.
- Location:** Freedom Ridge Park

SUPERSTAR SENIORS

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

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 multi-purpose 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! Make plans to attend this fun event!

Program Price: No Charge
Event Date: Tuesday, October 23
Time: 9–10:30 a.m.
Location: Ridgeland Recreational Center

Superstar Seniors' Turkey Feast

Join us for our annual Turkey Feast! We will have a delicious Thanksgiving lunch and great entertainment. Bill Clark www.billclarklive.com (singer, humorist, and pianist) and Andrew Ishee www.andrewishee.com (phenomenal pianist and entertainer) will be our special entertainment. The Southern Gospel Music Association has also recognized Andrew Ishee as one of the top five pianists in America. 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 starting October 15
Event Date: Thursday, November 8
Time: 12 noon–1:30 p.m.
Location: Highlands Presbyterian Church

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

Conversational Spanish Course

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering Conversational Spanish at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. This class is for those who have had some Spanish or some knowledge of the Spanish language. You will practice conversational Spanish as well as reinforce the basics of the Spanish language.

Ila Alvarez-Hallmark will be your instructor. Ila is from Mexico! She has been a department head nurse for many years in the United States. She has also been an interpreter for Partners of America, and has served many hours as a volunteer translator. Register now by calling Lynda at Ridgeland Recreation & Parks, 601.856.6876. We must have 8 participants in order to have the class.

Program Price: \$100
Registration: Now until September 10
Event Dates: September 11 – September 26
Time: 1:30–3 p.m.
Day of Week: Tuesdays & Wednesdays

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. Our speakers for the months of September through November are as follows:

September 4 Felder Rushing
October 2 Judy Thompson, “Secrets of seed saving and propagating plants through seeds”
November 6 (Meet at Michaels in Madison, MS) Mary Beck will share her expertise on making wreaths and tablescapes.
Program Price: \$20 (Yearly dues)
Event Dates: September 4, October 2, November 6
Time: 11:00 a.m.



Ridgeland 50'S Plus September Program – “A..B..C..D's of Medicare & Musical Entertainment”

Come and join us on the first Thursday of September at the Ridgeland Recreational Center for good food, fellowship, and fun! Come to an educational event on Medicare. Call Lynda at 601.856.6876 to reserve your seat.

Program Price: Free (Bring a large serving or vegetable or salad.)
Event Date: September 6
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Ridgeland 50'S Plus October Program – “A Little of This, A Little of That”

Join us on the first Thursday in October at Ridgecrest Baptist Church as Rick Clarke and Alderman Scott Jones of Mayberry Ministries present a great music and comedy variety show featuring a tribute to Andy Griffith, as well as classic comedy routines from the old Jack Benny and Johnny Carson TV shows. Call Lynda at 601.856.6876 to reserve your spot.

Program Price: TBA
Event Date: October 4
Location: Ridgecrest Baptist Church (Gym)
Time: 11:30 a.m.

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 1st 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: TBA
Event Date: October 4
Location: Ridgecrest Baptist Church (Gym)
Time: 11:30 a.m.

Thread, Yarn, Crochet & Coffee Group



Bring your own needles, yarn, thread, and crochet project to the Ridgeland Recreational Center on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fellowship, coffee, and work on your handmade project. It will be a great time of “show and tell,” as you work on your own masterpiece. For more information, call Lynda at 601.856.6876.

<i>Program Price:</i>	No Charge
<i>Event Dates:</i>	September 10 and 24, October 8 and 22, November 26
<i>Time:</i>	1:30–3 p.m.

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.



<i>Time:</i>	9:30 a.m.
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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 Lynda at 601.856.6876 for more information.

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

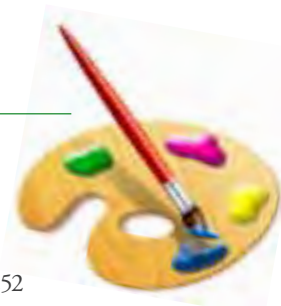
Men’s Bible Study

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.

<i>Time:</i>	9–10:30 a.m.
<i>Day of Week:</i>	Tuesday

Painting Pals

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.



<i>Program Price:</i>	No cost
<i>Time:</i>	1:30–3:30 p.m.
<i>Day of Week:</i>	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.)

Register now by calling Cecilia Baker at 601.856.1802 or email b1108@live.com.

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

Tai-Chi Fusion On The Reservoir

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 from now until September 12..

<i>Event Dates:</i>	Class begins September 12
<i>Program Price:</i>	\$5/class
<i>Time:</i>	11-11:30 a.m.
<i>Day of Week:</i>	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 from now until September 12.

- Event Dates:* Class begins September 10
- Program Price:* \$10 per participant/per class
- Time:* 11 a.m.–12 noon
- Days of Week:* Monday and Friday



Zumba

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-Cha-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 Lynda at 601.856.6876.

- Program Price:* \$5 per participant/per class
- Start Date:* On-going
- Times:* 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
- Day of Week:* Thursday

TENNIS

Ridgeland Tennis Center, 201-A McClellan Drive
 Phone: 601.853.1115
 Directors: Cheryl Harris and Susan Toler
The largest public tennis facility in Mississippi.

Tournaments

Juniors

- October 5-7* Ridgeland Fall Jr. Novice
- October 20-21* Chick-fil-A Jr. Open State Champs

Adults

- September 28-30* RTC NTRP Benefit Classic
 The Benefit Classic entry fees and sponsorship funds go toward improvements for the Ridgeland Tennis Center.
- November 30-December 2* RTC NTRP State Champs



RTC Fall Junior Program

Ages 10-18

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m.
 Start date: Tuesday, September 4
 Cost: \$120 per 4-week session
 Drop-in rate: \$20 per day.
 Instructor: Robbie Creveling


Ages 9 and under

Call 601.853.1115 for information
 Private, semi-private, and group lessons available
 Instructor: Cheryl Harris

Additional

Lessons available for all ages and ability levels
 Please call RTC at 601.853.1115 for more information concerning programs and activities offered at the largest public facility in the state.

SEPTEMBER 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle
2 	3 St. Jude 5K, 8 am, Township at Colony Park, Ridgeland Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle 'Trekkin' The Trace, 7:30 am-3:30 pm, Old Trace Park, Ridgeland	4 Ridgeland City Garden Club, 11am, Ridgeland Rec Center Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland JMC Tuesday Evening Nissan Parkway Ride, 5:45 pm, behind Lenny's on Waterford Square in Madison	5 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails	6 50's Plus, 11:30am, Ridgeland Rec Ctr Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet JMC Thursday Evening Ride from Soulshine, 6 pm, Soulshine Pizza	7 RHS vs. Kosciusko, 7:30 pm, Kosciusko	8 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland The Bridge 5K, 8 am, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Madison Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle, Ridgeland
9	10 Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle, Ridgeland	11 Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland JMC Tuesday Evening Nissan Parkway Ride, 5:45 pm, behind Lenny's on Waterford Square in Madison	12 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Poker Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails	13 Mining your memories, 1:30 pm, Ridgeland Library Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland JMC Thursday Evening Ride from Soulshine, 6 pm, Soulshine Pizza, Ridgeland	14	15 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle, Ridgeland NFL Punt, Pass, and Kick, 9am, Freedom Ridge Park
16	17 Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle, Ridgeland	18 Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library JMC Tuesday Evening Nissan Parkway Ride, 5:45 pm, behind Lenny's on Hwy 463 Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	19 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails	20 Historical Society of Ridgeland, 12 pm, Ridgeland Library Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland JMC Thursday Evening Ride from Soulshine, 6 pm, Soulshine Pizza, Ridgeland	21 RHS vs. Canton, 7 pm, Titan Stadium (RHS) 	22 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle, Ridgeland MS Baptist Healthplex Cyclists Curing Cancer, 7:30 am- 3:30 pm, MS Baptist Healthplex, Clinton
23 Friends of Ridgeland Library Book Sale, 9 am - 4:45 pm 30	24 Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle, Ridgeland Titan Spirit Week	25 Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library JMC Tuesday Evening Nissan Parkway Ride, 5:45 pm, behind Lenny's on Hwy 463 Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland	26 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Pub Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails	27 Preview book sale party, Friends of the Ridgeland Library, 4pm-6:45pm Titan Funland and Homecoming Parade, Ridgeland High School Denim and Diamonds, 6 pm, Jackson County Club	28 Friends of Ridgeland Library Book Sale, 9 am - 4:45 pm Kidgis When I Grow up, 2pm-4pm, Northpark Mall RTC RTRP Benefit Classic Tournament, Ridgeland Tennis Center RHS Homecoming	29 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Millie D's Kid's Run, 10 am, Fleet Feet Wellfest 5K run/walk, 8 am, Jackson Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle High School Day/Education Expo, 10am-6 pm, Northpark Mall

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	1 Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle Friends of Ridgeland Library Book Sale, 9 am - 4:45 pm	2 Ridgeland City Garden Club, 11am, Ridgeland Rec Center Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Friends of Ridgeland Library Book Sale, 9 am - 4:45 pm	3 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Walk to School Day, Ann Smith Elem. Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails Friends of Ridgeland Library Book Sale, 9 am - 4:45 pm	4 50's Plus, RRC, 11:30 a.m. Group Run, 6 pm	5 Mississippi State Fair-MS Fair Grounds, Jackson Renaissance Ridgeland Rolls-Royce Road Rally, 11 am, Renaissance	6 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Chapel of the Cross 5K, 8 am, Chapel of the Cross, Madison EuroFest, 10 am- 6 pm, Renaissance at Colony Park, Ridgeland Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle
7 MS Bike to the Battlefield, 7:30 am, Baptist Healthplex in Clinton Mississippi Walk for Diabetes, Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance, 2 pm, Watkins Drive, Jackson Fire Prevention Week Mississippi State Fair, Jackson	8 No school for students Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle Fire Prevention Week Mississippi State Fair, Jackson	9 No school for students Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Fire Prevention Week Mississippi State Fair, Jackson	10 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Poker Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails Fire Prevention Week Mississippi State Fair, Jackson	11 Mining your memories- writing life stories, 1:30 pm, Ridgeland Library Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Girls' Nite Out, 6 pm - 8 pm, Northpark Mall Fire Prevention Week Mississippi State Fair, Jackson	12 Fire Prevention Week Mississippi State Fair, Jackson RHS vs. Callaway, 7 pm, Titan Stadium (RHS)	13 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle Financial Fair, 12-4pm, Northpark Mall Mississippi State Fair, Jackson
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21 	22 Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle	23 Mayor's Fun Walk, 9-10:30a.m., Ridgeland Rec Center Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	24 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails	25 Bridge Game, 1-4pm, Ridgeland Rec Center Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet Trunk or Treat, 6-8 pm, Freedom Ridge Park	26 South Central Regional Fishing Championship, 7 am, Ross Barnett Reservoir Ridgeland High School vs. Yazoo City, 7 pm, Titan Stadium (RHS)	27 Paint the Township, 10 am-2 pm, Township Colony Park Renaissance Fall Festival, 10 am Kidgis Malloween Pirate Adventure, 2-4pm, Northpark Mall Trick or Treat, 5pm to close, Northpark
28	29 Group Ride, 6 pm, Indian Cycle	30 Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	31 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library Pub Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet Mountain Bike Ride, 5:30 pm, Ridgeland Trails	Please view our online Events Calendar at ridgelandms.org for the most up-to-date events and information. *RRC stands for Ridgeland Recreational Center located at Old Trace Park on the Ross Barnett Reservoir.		

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	2 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle Finger Football Tournament, Northpark Mall	3
4	5	6 Ridgeland City Garden Club, 11 am, Ridgeland Rec Center Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland	7 Santa's Arrival and Breakfast with Santa, Northpark Mall Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library	8 Mining your memories – writing life stories, 1:30pm, Ridgeland Library Turkey Feast, 12noon-1:30pm, Highlands Presbyterian Church Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	9 	10 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet, Ridgeland Flower Power 5K, 9 am, The Township at Colony Park Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle
11	12 	13 Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	14 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library	15 Historical Society of Ridgeland, 12 pm, Ridgeland Library Group Run, 6 pm, Fleet Feet Business After Hours, 5-7pm, Performance Rehab	16 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast, Ann Smith Elem.	17 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle
18	19 Thanksgiving Break for Madison County schools	20 Thanksgiving Break for Madison County schools Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet	21 Thanksgiving Break for Madison County schools	22 Thanksgiving Day Thanksgiving Break for Madison County schools Turkey Day 8K, Fleet Feet	23 Sounds of the Seasons starts, Northpark Mall Thanksgiving Break for Madison County schools 	24 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet Lake Caroline 15K Run/Walk, Lake Caroline Marina, Gluckstadt Road Bike Ride, 7 am, Indian Cycle
25	26	27 Rising Readers, 4:30pm, Ridgeland Library Group Walk, 6 pm, Fleet Feet Olde Towne Middle School Band Christmas Concert, 7 pm, RHS Auditorium	28 Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 am, Ridgeland Library	29 Group Run, 7 am, Fleet Feet	30 RTC NTRP State Champs Tournament, Ridgeland Tennis Center	

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Utility billing by e-mail started in August. If you would like to receive your city utility bill by e-mail, download and complete the electronic billing form on the city's website and return it to us. Go to http://www.ridgelandms.org/wp-content/uploads/Electronic_Billing_Form.pdf

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Community Garden Gives Back

The Ridgeland Sow and Grow Community Garden was busy all summer harvesting vegetables for MADCAAP, Madison Countians Allied Against Poverty. If you would like to get involved, contact Jerry Williams at jerry-1123@comcast.net.

Make plans now for the Ridgeland Christmas Parade to be held on Saturday, December 1 at 2 p.m.



The Gallo Show
6am-9am weekdays



The J.T. Show
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The Mike Huckabee Show
1pm-3pm weekdays



The Marshall Ramsey Show
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Important Dates

SEPT. 3

No School - Labor Day

SEPT. 6

World's Finest Chocolate
Fundraiser Kickoff

SEPT. 24-28

Spirit Week

SEPT. 27

Homecoming Parade at RHS

SEPT. 28

RHS Homecoming

OCT. 3

Walk to School Day

OCT. 8-9

No School for students-
Columbus Day/Prof.
Development

NOV. 16

Kindergarten
Thanksgiving Feast

NOV. 19-23

No School - Thanksgiving
Break

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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.



ASE Welcomes Dr. Melissa Philley as Principal

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Melissa Philley as our new principal. Not only does Dr. Philley bring with her lots of valuable experience and academic certifications, she also projects an enthusiasm that is contagious!

“Dr. Philley’s credentials and experience in reading education, gifted education and curriculum make her an excellent choice as ASE’s new principal,” said Madison County Schools board member Janet Shearer. “I look forward to her leadership.”

Dr. Philley has lots of exciting ideas, including a project to add technology in the classrooms. She is a wonderful addition to our team of expert teachers and staff.

Please see the “Newsworthy” section at the front of the magazine to read more about Dr. Philley.



ASE students, parents, city leaders and members of the community walk along the multi-use trail during last year’s Walk to School Day.

our students to learn about pedestrian safety as well as the benefits of becoming physically active. Details will be posted on our website, www.madison-schools.com/ase, closer to the date. *In case of rain, the event will be postponed to Friday, October 12.

Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 3

Did you know that last year Mississippi had the highest rate of participation in the country for International Walk to School Day? And ASE is proud to be participating again for the second year. The morning will start off with a parade to school, where students will have the opportunity to walk to school with their parents, city and community leaders, and other special guests. Throughout the morning, all ASE classrooms will have a designated time to walk outside for 20 minutes. Walk to School Day is a wonderful chance for

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ASE PTO Executive Board welcomes and encourages all ASE parents to be involved in the Ann Smith Elementary community. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities and family events throughout the year, including teacher appreciation events, school plays, field day, fundraising participation, a food drive and landscaping projects. We always have fun, and parent participation is important to the school and to your child. We can’t wait to meet you! Please contact us with any questions.

Exceeding Expectations in the Classroom



Pictured are second-graders from Kimberley Neal's class (from left) Kimberly Arellano, Sydney Slaughter, Jack Culver, Natalie Bretheim and Ayden Summers.

Based on the calculations from the testing, our second-graders earned a score that is the equivalent of a STAR status, the highest rating under the state's accountability system. And this year, our students scored an average of more than 15 points higher overall than they did last spring!

"The results of our MAP tests are proof of our belief that our instruction should support and challenge each student at ASE," said ASE principal Dr. Melissa Philley. "Our teachers are experts in their field. They are able to make data-driven decisions to move each and every child to the next level."

Spirit Week/Ridgeland High School Homecoming

ASE students will celebrate Spirit Week September 24-28. Each day, students will show their school spirit in support of Ridgeland High School's homecoming football game. Before the community homecoming parade on September 27, the PTO at ASE will offer activities for the kids. Be sure to come out to the homecoming game on Friday, September 28 to help us cheer on our Titans as they take on the Lanier Bulldogs. It's a great way for Ridgeland public schools and our community to come together!



During Spirit Week last year, RHS cheerleaders, football players and band members held a homecoming pep rally at ASE. Pictured are (from left, back) RHS cheerleader Tori Watson, Rachel Sanders, Mia Penner; (front) Cam'ron Carpenter, Kaden Perry, Jay Pugh and RHS cheerleader Lauren Franklin.

Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast

One of the highlights of the year, the annual kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast will be held on Friday, November 16 on the school grounds. During the morning, parents are invited to watch their kindergartners participate in fun and games such as Indian dancing, craft-making, storytelling and relay races. Following the activities, there will be a potluck feast of traditional Thanksgiving dishes in the school courtyard.



Box Tops for Education

ASE will be collecting Box Tops from specially marked products to help raise money. The school receives 10 cents for each Box Top redeemed. If you'd like to help collect Box Tops, simply clip them on the dotted line, save them in an envelope and have your children bring them to their teacher. Community members are encouraged to participate; please give Box Tops to any ASE Titan you know or drop them off in the school office.

Fall Fundraiser/World's Finest Chocolate

Our fall fundraiser kicks off Thursday, September 6. We will be selling a variety of World's Finest Chocolate, including the very popular boxes of chocolate-covered almonds. 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. Fundraising money is used for a variety of projects such as classroom enhancements, cultural events for students and playground equipment.

Trunk or Treat

ASE will be passing out candy during Ridgeland's Trunk or Treat on Thursday, October 25 at Freedom Ridge Park. Be sure to stop by to see us!



Pictured at last year's event are (from left) Emma Stokic and Savanna Phung.

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Welcome to Highland Elementary

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to our families at HES this year. Whether you're transferring from Ann Smith, new to Ridgeland or to public school in general, or if you're a returning family, we're so glad you're here. We have lots of exciting things in store for the upcoming school year. We have outstanding academic opportunities, which have been enhanced through the adoption of Common Core Standards; a strong focus on health and wellness among our students and families; and exciting enrichment opportunities such as our Highland's Hands community outreach program and our new speed-stacking club. It's going to be a great year!

Highland Elementary Forms Health Council

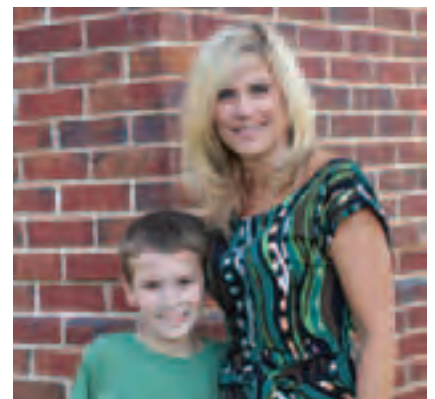
On April 5, 2011, HES sent three representatives to the School Health Index Training Session, sponsored by the State Board of Education Office of Healthy Schools, held at the Clyde Muse Center, Hinds Community Center-Rankin Campus. Dock Daniel, former P.E. teacher; School Nurse Tammy Pace; and parent Jan Richardson attended. A School Health Council was formed based on recommendations from the Health Index Training Sessions. All schools in Mississippi are moving toward fulfilling state requirements for a School Health Council and the development of a tailored local school wellness policy for each school. Areas of focus include nutrition, physical activity and health education. Initiated by Coach Daniel, the group is comprised of school staff, parents and community members, including Marilyn Naron, HES principal; Penny Tumminello, school counselor; Cindy Goodwin, interventionist; D.I. Smith, Ridgeland alderman at large; Pace; Sharon Thompson, SFNS, child nutrition director; and Richardson. Highland's wellness committee is developing the school's wellness policy with the goal of continually improving and promoting health, nutrition and physical activity. Studies show significant academic benefits can accompany these healthy lifestyle changes. For more information, visit www.healthyschoolsms.org/ohs_main/initiatives/school_wellness_policy.htm.

Did You Know?

- We were the first elementary school in the state to plant a fruit orchard.
- We have a beautiful outdoor classroom designed by parent volunteers.
- We have two outdoor movie nights for our families.
- We have a walking trail and Project Fit America equipment at our school.
- We have Mimio Teach interactive devices in every classroom.
- We have a school speed-stacking club.
- We participated in Leadership Madison's "Let's Have a Ball" program.
- We raised money for Angel Tree and the Mississippi Autism Association.
- We have a Positive Behavior Incentive Program.
- We are launching the third- through fifth-grade implementations for Common Core State Standards this year.
- We have the largest ELL population in the district.
- We have 100 percent highly qualified teachers.

HES PTO Co-President Named one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women

Our PTO co-president, Tammra Cascio, was recently named one of Mississippi's 50 Leading Business Women by the *Mississippi Business Journal* for 2012. This prestigious recognition is given to honor the achievements and contributions of women in business from across the state. Tammra is an attorney for Gulf Guaranty Life Insurance Company and is an involved parent, serving on the PTO boards at both Highland and Ann Smith. She was named ASE's parent of the year for the 2011-12 school year. Tammra leads a successful career but always finds time to volunteer, whether it's in the community or through the legal profession. Congrats, Tammra!



Teacher Additions

We are pleased to welcome the following teachers to HES:



Pictured are new teachers (from left) Kristy Wagner, Dottie Abrams, Allyn Self, Craig Whitfield, Jeff Cole, Timothy Bermond, Melissa Levy, Diane Anthony and Mary Ann Murphy. Not pictured: Sommer Welgos and Neomi Green.

Mary Ann Murphy – fourth-grade SPED resource teacher

Mary Ann Murphy has eight years of teaching experience, previously having taught at Madison Central High School. She received her degree in speech education from Mississippi State University.

Melissa Levy – fifth-grade/math teacher

Melissa Levy received a B.S. in criminal justice and an M.S. in rehabilitation services at Jackson State University. She also received a master's in elementary education from Mississippi College and an Ed.S. in education leadership from the Oakland University of Michigan. She comes to HES after teaching fourth grade at Woodville Heights in Jackson.

Jeff Cole – P.E. teacher

A recent graduate from the University of Southern Mississippi, Jeff Cole received his degree in K-12/physical education. Our third-graders will recognize Coach Cole from last semester, when he did his student teaching at Ann Smith. He was also a student under Coach B when he attended Ridgeland Elementary years ago.

Diane Anthony – third-grade teacher

Diane Anthony brings to Highland more than 30 years of teaching experience. She received a Bachelor of Arts and master's degree from Southeastern Louisiana University. She taught in Louisiana for 10 years and most recently

in Jackson Public Schools.

Timothy Bermond – fifth-grade/language arts teacher

A former fifth-grade math teacher at Canton Elementary, Timothy Bermond joins Highland as a fifth-grade language arts teacher. He received a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Southern Mississippi and a master's in teaching at Jackson State University.

Allyn Self – SPED teacher

Allyn Self comes to Highland from East Oktibbeha County Elementary, where she taught first and fifth grades. She received a B.S. in elementary education and a master's in special education from Mississippi State University.

Kristy Wagner – fifth-grade language arts teacher

Kristy Wagner is beginning her teaching career at Highland. A recent honors graduate from Delta State University, she received her degree in elementary education and was named to the President's List.

Craig Whitfield – fifth-grade math and science teacher

Craig Whitfield is another brand-new teacher. Also a Delta State University graduate, she received her degree in elementary education with an emphasis in art. Whitfield made the Dean's List in 2012.

Dottie Abrams – speech language pathologist

Dottie Abrams has two years of experience as a speech language pathologist, but this year is her first time to teach in the school system. She received a B.S. degree from Mississippi University for Women and a master's degree from Jackson State University.

Sommer Welgos – third-grade teacher

Summer Welgos is in her seventh year of teaching, previously having taught at McLeod Elementary in Jackson. She received her B.S. from Belhaven University and her master's degree in administration and educational leadership from Jackson State University. Welgos is already familiar with HES, as she did her student teaching at Highland six years ago.

Neomi Green – third-grade teacher

With more than 10 years of teaching experience, Neomi Green joins HES after teaching fifth-grade reading in Jackson Public Schools. She received her undergraduate degree from Jackson State University, a master's degree from Mississippi University for Women and an Ed.S. degree from Mississippi State University.

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During Spirit Week last year, HES students dressed in their favorite jerseys. Pictured are (from left) Zion Nason, Milton Smith, third-grade teacher Savannah Perry and Landen Lee.

Spirit Week

Ridgeland High School's homecoming will be Friday, September 28. To help drum up support, we will be participating in Spirit Week starting September 24. Throughout the week, our students will dress up according to the particular theme of the day. We'll also be designing a float for the homecoming parade held at RHS on Thursday, September 27. Go, Titans!

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OTMS Cheerleaders Earn Awards

The Olde Towne Middle School seventh- and eighth-grade cheerleaders recently attended UCA cheer camp at Mississippi State University. After two months of intense practices, the



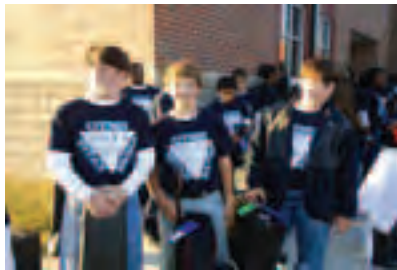
squad received second place in Home Pom Dance, third in Camp Cheer and all around Superior Squad. Eighth-grade cheerleaders-Japhia Jefferson, Raven Stewart, Nicole Griffith and Lamiorkor Lawson were selected as All-American Cheerleaders. Congratulations, girls, on all your hard work!

(From left, back) Japhia Jefferson, Lamiorkor Lawson, Samantha Perkins, Raven Stewart, Liliam Camacho, Lexi Briggum, Alexis Sizer, Kaia Horne; (Front) Rosie Andrews, Sarah Lunsford, Nicole Griffith, Katie Ramsey, Leah Bishop.

Sponsors: Carla Belk, Blair Porter • Coach: Kandace Belk

Mass Band Night

Mass Band Night will be held this year on October 12 at the Ridgeland High School vs. Callaway Game. All bands in grades 6th – 12th will be performing. Mass Band Night is an annual tradition of the Ridgeland band program, and always promises to be an exciting evening for OTMS band students as they perform for the fans on the field in Titan Stadium for the first time. Mark your calendars now, and make plans to attend. Pictured above are OTMS band students, Parker Rogers, Blake Baldwin and Brooks Italiano, as they prepare to take the field at last year's event.



Christmas Concert

Olde Towne Band students will hold their annual Christmas Concert on Tuesday night, November 27 in the Ridgeland High School Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is free, and the public is invited.



DAR Good Citizenship Awards

DAR Good Citizenship Awards for 2012 include: sixth-grader, Lauren Wells; seventh-grader, Kelvin So; and eighth-grader, Lauren Slay. These OTMS students received awards from the Magnolia State Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Students of the Year

OTMS announces students of the year for 2012 sixth-grader, James Chatmon; seventh-grader, Mary Kate Shearer; and eighth-grader, Natalene Vonkchalee.



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RHS Announces New Principal

RHS proudly announces Sharon Summers as the second principal. Mrs. Summers is no stranger to RHS as she has served as assistant principal at the school for the past four years. We are so proud of Mrs. Summers and are looking forward to a great year under her leadership.

Please see the “Newsworthy” section at the front of the magazine to read more about Mrs. Summers.

RHS Welcomes New Assistant Principal

RHS welcomes Teague Burchfield as our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Burchfield comes to RHS with 11 years in educational experience. We are excited to have him join our RHS family.



RHS 2012 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (Sept-Nov)

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
September 7	Kosciusko	Away	7:30 p.m.
September 21	Canton *	Home	7:30 p.m.
September 28	Lanier * (<i>Homecoming</i>)	Home	7:30 p.m.
October 5	Starkville *	Away	7 p.m.
October 12	Callaway *	Home	7 p.m.
October 19	Neshoba Central *	Away	7 p.m.
October 26	Yazoo City *	Home	7 p.m.
November 2	Provine *	Away	7 p.m.

* Region 5A-2 Games
 Head Coach and Athletic Director: Kenny Burton



Congratulations to Bianca Knight, RHS Class of 2007, Gold Medalist in the 1 x 400 meter relay with world record time! We are proud of you!

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If you desire to learn more about classical Christian education, contact our office and ask for a Discover Book. It's our gift to you. If you believe academic excellence is a priority for your family and you do not wish to compromise on true biblical integration in all areas of learning, look no further. Come join the Veritas community and partner with us in building the next generation of leaders to think and live Biblically.

To find out more about our community, visit us on the web at www.TheVeritasSchool.org or call 601.713.1555



The Veritas Lady Lions Track Team captured the 2012 MAIS Class A State Championship. This is their 5th State Track Title in 7 years. Front row: Laci Caddle, Sophie Hughes, Sydney Hughes, and Bailey Woods, Back row: Jesse Blakemore- Assistant Coach, Sage Bowman, Taylor Warriner, Steve Spinks- Athletic Director, Rose Turner, Maryanna Story, Kiara Harris, and Dr. Steve Blakemore- Head Coach.



The Veritas Drama Department's spring musical was a production of "Forty-Five Minutes From Broadway" featuring the music of George M. Cohan. Front Row: Chilah Smart, Eryn McCarthy, Sam Ross, Alexis Grace, Camille Dent, Middle Row: Kendall Clarke, Mollie Coker, Hannah Lowery, Phillip Carr, Back Row: Carmen Sanders.

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- Photography
- Society of Human Resource Management
- Supervisory/Leadership Classes



At The Veritas School's Academic Honors Assembly students were recognized for their achievement. Pictured are students who received awards in math subjects: Emily Grace Wheat, Lance McTaggart, Bailey Smith, Robbie Pierce, Connor Bluntson, Brooks Coker, Case Hutchinson, and Ziyun Scott.

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Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Preview Party is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 27, 4 pm to 6:45 pm. First day of sale will be on Friday, Sept. 28, 9 am to 4:45 pm and will continue through Wednesday, Oct 3.

New Staff at the Ridgeland Branch



Rob Fox joins the staff of the Ridgeland branch. Rob is a native of Canton and a graduate of Belhaven College. For the past 20 years, he has had the great privilege of working in the entertainment industry. In 1994, he earned an MBA in Arts Administration from Oklahoma City University, and in 1997 joined PlayMaker Repertory Company, the professional theatre housed on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. As theatre producer, Rob has worked with some of the top theatre artist of our times, including the likes of Mark Wing-Davey, Kathleen Nolan, Eva Marie Saint and Douglas Spain. Rob is also an ardent student of History and enjoys genealogical research. While living in the Tar Heel State, he developed a keen interest of that region's Colonial and Revolutionary past. In addition, Rob is an avid dog lover and can often be seen walking his beloved shepherd mix Bax.

Curious About These Boxes? Looks like Fun!

Do you like the fun of unpacking boxes when you don't know what treasures you may find inside? Do you enjoy working with others who are dedicated to a worthy cause? That's just some of what is in store for you when you are a Friends of the Ridgeland Library Volunteer! Donations that come in to the library every week are sorted, packed away and stored by volunteers until it is time for the Big Event.

Twice a year, the Friends' Volunteers unpack and arrange the donated treasures for the public to peruse, enjoy, and purchase (at very reasonable prices). Funds raised at the Book Sale are used to purchase needed items for the library and to sponsor programs for both children and adults. Supporting the Ridgeland Library is one of the best community service opportunities available!

The fall sale is just around the corner--from September 28 to October 3. Volunteers are needed to help with storing the donations, setting up the sale, and assisting with the actual sale. Volunteering has its benefits--you get the first look at what will be available during the sale! Volunteering is an enlightening experience: you learn about books, authors, and subjects that you may not have even been aware existed. Plus, the volunteers are among the nicest, interesting, most giving, and fun-loving people you will meet!

Interested? The Friends of the Library are interested in you! Sign up to volunteer at the circulation desk at the Ridgeland Library or contact Sara Jane Hope at sjhope@comcast.net.



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Artist Corner Exhibiting September & October Emily Guthrie Ferguson

Emily Guthrie Ferguson was born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi. She developed a love for painting, drawing and illustrating at an early age and took art lessons whenever she could. She worked as a professional artist over the last 14 years, starting at an upscale toy store as their in-house artist,



then as a graphic designer in a sporting goods store. She has painted murals, designed logos, brands and other material for restaurants, organizations, churches, fraternities, sororities and the Ole Miss Athletic Department. She believes that her greatest tool as an artist is her eye for color.

Emily has a BA Liberal Arts in Art, Psychology and Human Development from the University of Mississippi. She resides in Madison with her husband, Heath, and one year old son, M.G. She is the very proud aunt of Alex, Annie, Emily & Molly O'Reilly, who all attend Madison Station. Emily is a Realtor with Nix-Tann & Associates, certified home stager, event planner with Kendall Poole Event Planning, freelance graphic designer, artist and stay-at-home-mom.

Exhibiting November And December Lenore B. Barkley and Edna Richardson

Lenore Barkley and Edna Richardson are enjoying retirement with a paint brush in their hands. Creating art has become a passion for both of them in their Vicksburg home studios.

Edna's love of gardening and nature is evident in her art subjects which include flora, fauna, and people in street scenes. She'll also be exhibiting colorfully painted bird houses in addition to art on canvas and recycled school desks.

Fun and zany with bright colors describes Lenore's style of art. She paints on glass, roofing felt, canvas, and various other materials. Weaving papers and collage pieces add to the variety of art she enjoys creating...always something different.

The works of both artists can be found in shops and galleries in Vicksburg and the Jackson area.



Summer Reading Program Was A Success

The Madison County Library System recently wrapped up another successful Summer Reading Program. Our theme this year was “Dream Big—Read” for families and “Own the Night” for teens and tweens. Popular family programs at the library included puppeteer Peter Zapletal who entertained us with the story “Princess and the Pea,” magician Tommy Terrific, and “Night Tales,” featuring the puppet show “Stellaluna,” performed by the Madison County Library Children’s Specialists! Popular teen and tween programs included a Ghost Story Writing workshop and a Zine-making workshop! We also had Creative Arts Club for our elementary school kids! Ridgeland had over 220 children, tweens, and teens register for the Summer Reading Program! Thank you so much for your support and we will see you in the fall!



Peter Zapletal’s puppet show was based on the story, “The Princess and the Pea”.



“Night-Time Tales” story time program included the “Good Night, Good Knight” skit, performed by Stephanie Jurss and the Madison County Library children’s specialists.

Fall Programs

Rising Readers

This is a fun story time program for 3-7 year olds. We meet on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. The program includes stories, songs, flannel board activities, movement, and a craft. The dates for Rising Readers are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 4
- Tuesday, September 11
- Tuesday, September 18
- Tuesday, September 25
- Tuesday, October 2
- Tuesday, October 9
- Tuesday, October 16
- Tuesday, October 23
- Tuesday, October 30
- Tuesday, November 6
- Tuesday, November 13
- Tuesday, November 20 – OFF FOR THANKSGIVING!
- Tuesday, November 27

Mother Goose on the Loose

This story time program is for 0-2 year olds. We meet on Wednesdays at 10:30 am.

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 and movement activities.

The dates for Mother Goose on the Loose are as follows:

- Wednesday, September 5
- Wednesday, September 12
- Wednesday, September 19
- Wednesday, September 26
- Wednesday, October 3
- Wednesday, October 10
- Wednesday, October 17
- Wednesday, October 24
- Wednesday, October 31

- Wednesday, November 7
- Wednesday, November 14
- Wednesday, November 21 – OFF FOR THANKSGIVING!
- Wednesday, November 28

For more information

Please call the library at 601-856-4536 or check our online calendar at www.mcls.ms for information on additional programs offered at the Ridgeland Library this fall. We look forward to seeing you all at the library this year!

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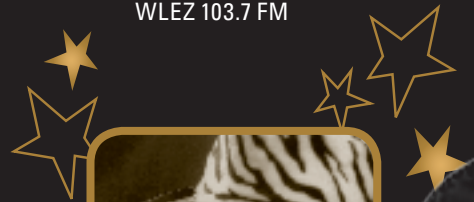
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This year, Denim & Diamonds, the Ridgeland Chamber's annual "ladies night out", takes a musical journey back to the glory days of Motown – the sound that defined a generation and left an indelible stamp on the heart, soul and mind of fans worldwide.

With its theme, *Celebrating the Golden Years of Motown*, Denim & Diamonds will be held Thursday, September 27 at the Country Club of Jackson, 345 St. Andrews Drive.

The evening includes a networking reception and fabulous silent auction beginning at 6 P.M. with delicious dinner and electrifying entertainment featuring the Motown Sound beginning at 7:30 p.m. Each guest will receive a very special keepsake as a memento of the dynamic gala.

Tickets are \$65 per person and may be purchased by VISA, MasterCard, cash or check by calling the Ridgeland Chamber at 601-991-9996.

Mo'Money, one of the hottest, most versatile get up and dance, rock the house party bands, named 2012 Entertainer of the Year by the Jackson Music Awards, and recording artist Tonya Youngblood, named 2012 Female Vocalist of the Year, will transport guests back to another era when Motown hit songs like "You've Really Got a Hold on Me", "Heat Wave", "Dancing in the Street" and "Tracks of My Tears", ruled the airwaves.

The legendary Motown Record label was founded by Berry Gordy, Jr., a former boxer and Detroit car assembly line worker on April 14, 1960.

"My dream for a hit factory was shaped by principles I learned on the Lincoln-Mercury assembly line. At the plant, cars started out as just a frame, pulled along on conveyor belts until they emerged at the end of the line –

brand spanking new cars rolling off the line. I wanted the same concept for my company, only with artists and songs and records. I wanted a place where a kid off the street could walk in one door an unknown and come out another a recording artist – a star!", said Gordy whose recording company, soon known as *Hitsville*, was open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, cranking out hit after hit.

Throughout the Sixties, the sheer number of chart-topping artists, musicians and groups produced by Motown defied comprehension: Martha and the Vandellas, Smokey Robinson and the Miracles, The Temptations, The Four Tops, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Gladys Knight and the Pips, The Jackson 5, Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye. They all became part of the Motown Sound.

And, throughout the Sixties, Motown produced a catalog of songs that cannot be rivaled: "Papa Was a Rolling Stone", "Where Did Our Love Go?", "Baby Love", "Reach Out, I'll Be There", "Ain't Too Proud to Beg", "I Can't Help Myself", "Mercy, Mercy Me", The Way You Do the Things You Do", and the list goes on.

They were simple love songs that told simple stories, often in joyously happy or heartbreakingly sad ways.

From the tender beginnings of romance to the heartbreak of good-bye, Motown's legendary songwriters and performers captured all the nuances of love in what became some of the most beloved songs of our time.

Motown Records, the "Pride of Detroit" and the "Sound of Young America", left behind an unequalled legacy of popular music that was both sophisticated and streetwise, achingly emotional and the epitome of cool.

Although five decades have come and gone since the glory days of Motown, the Motown Sound lives on in the heart, soul and mind of a new generation of music fans.

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October 18

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Community Awareness Committee

Fourth Monday - 5:30 p.m.

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3rd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

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

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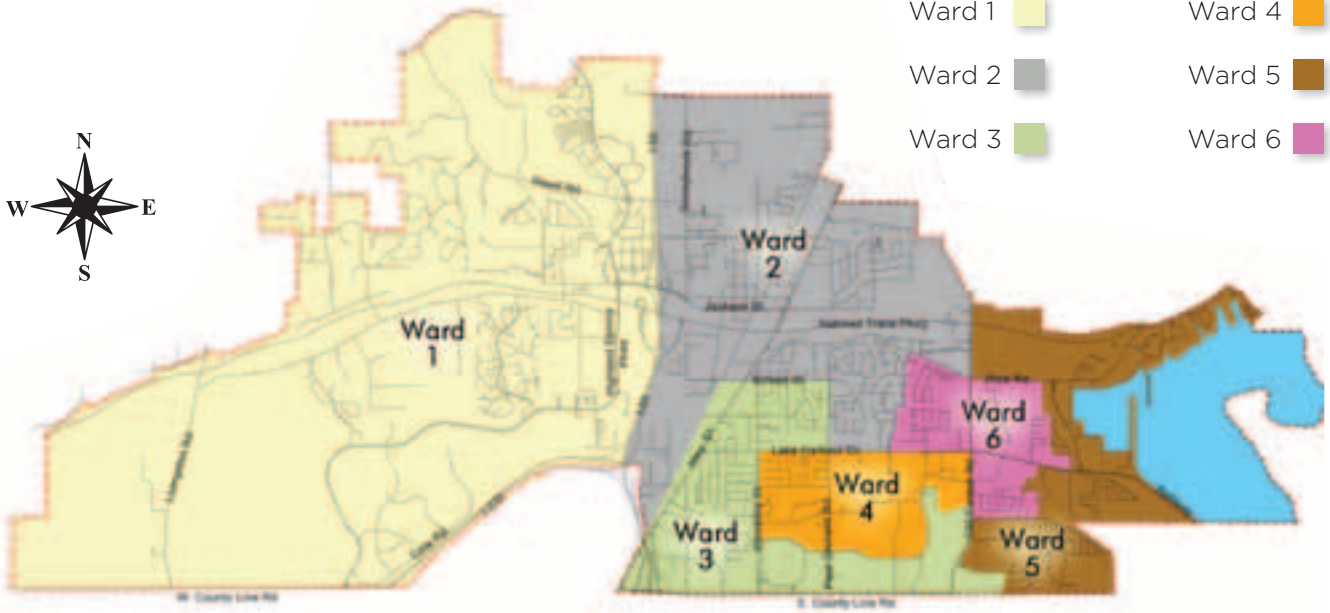
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