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## *From the Mayor*

As you thumb through the pages of *Ridgeland Life* magazine, I think you will agree that it still offers a tremendous amount of information for our citizens. We at City Hall feel that it is of utmost importance to have good, quality communication with all the citizens of our City. Beside *Ridgeland Life* magazine, there are other venues to receive information about what's going on, as well as a great source for needed city services.

First, let me encourage you, if you have not done so, to subscribe to the Ridgeland E-news, which is an excellent way to get up-to-date information on happenings in the City. It only takes a few minutes to read, but can provide great benefits to you.

Another source of information is Ridgeland Alert, which allows the City to inform you when there is something going on that would require your immediate attention. Some of these items include road closings, water service disruptions and information about special events that could cause traffic congestion and detours.

Last, but not least, I would encourage you to download the City of Ridgeland app. This app is free, and, as far as I know, the City of Ridgeland is the only city in Mississippi to have an app like this at this time. You can download the app from your cell phone at [m.onetouchapp.com/app/Ridgelandms](http://m.onetouchapp.com/app/Ridgelandms), and the mobile app is designed to be compatible with all mobile devices including Apple, Android, BlackBerry and Windows platforms. By downloading this app, you can immediately use it to assist you in getting services from the City.

Again, our goal is to provide quality communication to the citizens so we can improve the quality and timeliness of the services that are provided.

I would like to congratulate the Ridgeland High School Lady Titans Soccer Team. This group of outstanding athletes just won the State 5A Soccer Championship, and this was the ninth year the Lady Titans have become State Champions. This is quite an accomplishment since Ridgeland High School has only been in existence for 11 years. Congratulations, ladies! We're proud not only for your athletic ability, but also for your academic excellence.

Finally, as springtime approaches, I'd like to encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the many recreational facilities available in the City of Ridgeland. The parks are beautiful, and the trails provide a great opportunity to get out with family and friends and enjoy good health. Let's work hard to make Ridgeland the healthiest city in Mississippi.



**Gene McGee**  
Mayor of Ridgeland

*Gene F. McGee*



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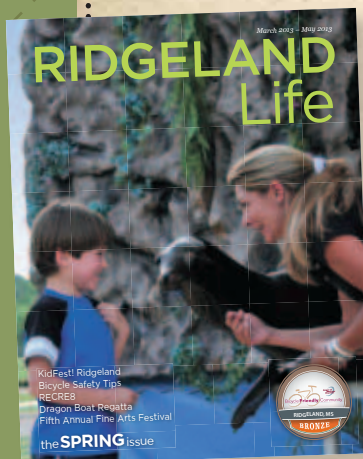
**ON THE COVER:** *Conner Collins enjoys a sea lion up close and personal at Sea Lion Splash during KidFest! Ridgeland 2012. KidFest! Ridgeland will be held at Freedom Ridge Park Apr. 13-14 and Apr. 20-21. Tickets will be available at the gate for this family fun event.*

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## Ridgeland dancers to participate in SERBA Festival

Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet is hosting the Southeastern Regional Ballet Association (SERBA) Festival in Jackson May 2-4. More than 700 dancers from across the Southeast will come to Jackson for three days of master classes, performances and scholarship auditions. Participants have the opportunity to improve their dance technique, grow in their appreciation for the art of dance and win scholarships for summer programs and college.

Instructors for master classes are top-name choreographers from across the country. Nightly performances showcase choreography and dancers from the ballet companies that participate in SERBA, a member of Regional Dance America.

The event will culminate in a gala performance May 4 at 7 p.m. at Thalia Mara Hall. Tickets for the gala performance go on sale April 1 and may be purchased by calling 601-853-4508.

Ridgeland dancers who will participate in SERBA include Anna Boyles, Laura Lee Boyles, Abigail McCaughan, Meredith McClellan, Mary Kate Shearer and Paige Westover. Ridgeland parents involved in organizing the event include committee chairs Selina Boyles, hospitality; Hazel McCaughan, ushers; Charlotte McClellan, classroom monitors; Janet Shearer, volunteer coordinator; and Evelyn Westover, silent auction.

For more information on Mississippi Metropolitan Ballet and the SERBA Festival, visit [www.msmetroballer.com](http://www.msmetroballer.com).

**Pictured below, L-R: Anna Boyles, Meredith McClellan, Paige Westover and Mary Kate Shearer are participating in the Southeastern Regional Ballet Association Festival held in Jackson May 2-4.**



## Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta Set for May 18



**Dragon Boat Regatta enters its fifth year on the Ross Barnett Reservoir at Old Trace Park in Ridgeland.**

Saturday, May 18, 2013, the Madison County Chamber of Commerce will host its fifth annual Dragon Boat Regatta on the Ross Barnett Reservoir at Old Trace Park in Ridgeland.

“We are proud to bring the only event of its kind to Madison County and the state of Mississippi,” said Paige Petersen, executive director of the Madison

County Chamber of Commerce. “It is favorable both for the community of Madison County and business in the Metro Jackson area.”

Weeklong festivities culminate on race day when teams of 25 race head to head in 40-foot-long boats. With 47 teams participating in 2012, this event is anticipated to sell out. The cost to register is \$1,200. No prior experience is required to compete. For those not participating, there will be room to watch the races and enjoy food as well as a free Kids Zone.

“I have been proud sponsor of Madison County Chamber Dragon Boat Regatta since the first year. I have sponsored the event, participated on a team, and I have also sponsored a team and WON 2012!! On all aspects, this event is a favorite. It showcases our beautiful reservoir in Madison County and brings businesses, participants and spectators together in teamwork and spirit. It is a premier event and orchestrated with fun and excitement by the Madison County Chamber,” stated Lauren McGraw, Owner McGraw Gotta Go/Gotta Jump/Waste Pro.

Winners of the 2012 Regatta include: MS Highway Patrol—first place; Ridgeland Fire Department—second place; The Club—third place; Atwood Advertising—fourth place.

Dragon Boat Racing is a 2,000-year-old tradition that initiated in ancient China. A 40-foot-long boat, adorned with a decorative dragon head and tail, holds 20 paddlers as they move in unison to the beat of their team drummer. This unique boating experience enhances work dynamics, increases employee motivation, improves communication, boosts company morale and strips away any barriers among team members. Teamwork is essential to be successful in this competition. Synchronicity is more significant than strength. A perfectly synchronized team will almost always beat a stronger, but less coordinated team.

Races are held across the U.S. in places such as Charlotte, Boston, New York and Disney World. If you are serious about gaining team unity, confidence and motivation, visit [www.paddlesontherez.com](http://www.paddlesontherez.com) to sign up.



## RIDGELAND HOSTS FIFTH ANNUAL *Fine Arts Festival*



**The Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival returns to Renaissance at Colony Park April 6 and 7.**



The 2013 Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival, formally known as the Renaissance Fine Arts Festival, will be held the weekend of April 6 and April 7, 2013. The festival will take place on the grounds of Renaissance at Colony Park Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival is a juried art show and sale. Artists are selected to participate in 12 different media categories such as clay, drawing/pastels, fiber, glass, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and wood.

Festival guests can view artwork of national artisans, enjoy delicious foods from local restaurants and listen to musical performances from local musicians. Younger audiences will enjoy *pARTicipate*, which is the children's "make and take" area. Hands-on activities presented by the Mississippi Craft Center will help pique the interest of the young art enthusiasts and continue the development of their art education.

Festival attendees can look for a new culinary aspect to this year's Ridgeland Fine Arts Festival further promoting Ridgeland as a culinary destination.

The festival was named to the Top 100 Fine Arts Fairs for 2011 by The Art Fair Source Book (AFSB) and was also named a Top 20 Event by Southeast Tourism Society.

For more information, visit [www.ridgelandartsfest.com](http://www.ridgelandartsfest.com) or contact the Ridgeland Tourism Commission at 601-605-5252.

## Expedition Natchez 1813: *Becoming "Old Hickory"*

Andrew Jackson's troops will march again from Natchez to Nashville along the Natchez Trace as portrayed by members of the 7th U.S. Living History Association and re-enactors from several states representing the Tennessee Militia of 1813. The April 12-21, 2013, event commemorates the bicentennial of the War of 1812 as it reminds the public of the role of the Natchez Trace in that war. Andrew Jackson earned the name "Old Hickory" while walking each step with his soldiers almost the entire length of the old road in the early spring of 1813.

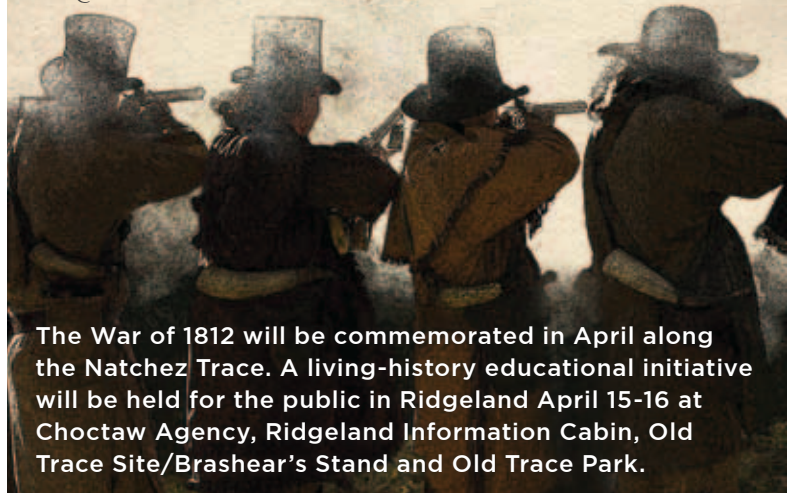
The portrayals will begin with a 6 p.m. parade in Natchez on Friday, April 12. The military parade will travel from Natchez Under the Hill to the Eola Guest House and Prentiss Club. A living-history educational initiative will be held Saturday, April 13, at Historic Jefferson College.

On Monday, April 15 and Tuesday, April 16, Jackson's Tennessee Militia will be encamped and conducting an educational initiative for the public from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Ridgeland, Mississippi, at the Choctaw Agency, National Park Service Information Cabin, Old Trace Site/ Brashear's Stand (behind the Mississippi Craft Center) and Old Trace Park on the Reservoir. The public is invited as re-enactors teach eighth-grade students valuable history lessons.

On Wednesday, the re-enactors will travel to Old Pontotoc, Mississippi, making a brief stop at French Camp. They will be encamped at Longbow Trails Thursday and Friday before proceeding through NW Alabama to Tennessee for the final event at The Hermitage Nashville home of Andrew Jackson, Sunday, April 21.

This commemoration continues a four-year partnership among the 7th US Infantry Living History Association, the Natchez Trace Parkway Association and the National Park Service. It will be the first history event to run the entire length of the Natchez Trace Parkway and incorporate both Natchez and Nashville.

For more information, visit [www.natcheztrace.info](http://www.natcheztrace.info) or email [info@natcheztrace.info](mailto:info@natcheztrace.info).



**The War of 1812 will be commemorated in April along the Natchez Trace. A living-history educational initiative will be held for the public in Ridgeland April 15-16 at Choctaw Agency, Ridgeland Information Cabin, Old Trace Site/Brashear's Stand and Old Trace Park.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### *KidFest! Ridgeland Offers Two Weekends of Fun*



**Come to KidFest! Ridgeland during April 13-14 and April 20-21.**

Making a debut at KidFest! Ridgeland this year will be LIVE Shark Encounter. One look into the eyes of a live shark and you will experience the heart-pounding awe and fascination that sharks elicit. Not only will you see a diver swim with the sharks, you may be selected out of the audience to assist in the show.

Returning this year is a festival favorite, Sea Lion Splash. This show brings out the inherent comedic behavior of sea lions. They catch and retrieve objects, do handstands, balance, dance, sing and interact with you.

Live Shark Encounter will be at the festival April 13-14 and Sea Lion Splash April 20-21. Many fun and exciting activities will return including Nylon Zoo, Backyard Circus, Kid Karaoke, Train Rides, Mutts Gone Nuts, Touch-a-Truck, Pony Rides and Cowboy Monkeys.

KidFest! Ridgeland is the most fun, affordable family adventure you will experience this year. Visit [www.kidfestridgeland.com](http://www.kidfestridgeland.com) for a complete schedule of attractions, activities, ticket and parking information. All performances, activities and attractions are included in the admission price, and parking is free.



### **Ridgeland Elections**

City of Ridgeland elections are coming up. The primary election will take place May 7 and the general election will be June 4. Any necessary runoff election from the primary will be held May 21. The polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on election days.

May 7, 2013 — Primary Election

May 21, 2013 — Runoff Election if necessary

June 4, 2013 — General Election

In 2012, the City of Ridgeland went through a redistricting process. As a result, some of the ward lines changed as well as polling locations.

Each ward has its own polling location as follows:

Ward 1 – Highland Colony Baptist Church

Ward 2 – First United Methodist Church

Ward 3 – Trace Ridge Baptist Church

Ward 4 – Colonial Heights Baptist Church

Ward 5 – Ridgeland Recreation Center

Ward 6 – Mt. Charity Baptist Church

Please view the ward map on the inside back cover of Ridgeland Life. You may view the map online as a pdf file at <http://www.ridgelandms.org/wp-content/uploads/2012-Ward-Map.pdf>. If you would like to use the GIS map viewer, go to <http://gis.ridgelandms.org/flexviewer/citymap/index.html>. Once RidgeLANDmap opens, click the “more” button at the top, click the boxes next to “addresses,” “streets” and “wards.” Then, you may zoom in on your address to determine your ward and to see the ward lines if necessary.

For questions about your ward or polling place, call 601-856-7113.

## NEWSWORTHY

### *Rice Road Trailhead Project Update*



The city’s trailhead project was under construction over the winter. A new pavilion with restrooms, picnic tables, bike racks, bicycle service stand and more will be ready for your use this spring.

The Rice Road Trailhead project is nearing completion after experiencing delays during November and December while waiting for special-order, colored concrete blocks to arrive. The blocks have since been delivered, and the walls are built. While the project experienced delays, it will be ready for your enjoyment in March.

Remaining work on the project includes installing a metal roof system, plumbing fixtures, lighting and wiring, heavy-duty picnic tables, decorative bike racks and trash receptacles, and landscaping. The existing gravel parking lot will remain closed during construction. The parking lot will be resurfaced with recycled asphalt at the end of the project. A bicycle service stand will be an added feature to the project, and will include the tools necessary for performing basic repairs and maintenance such as changing a flat tire and adjusting brakes.





**The new Jackson Street Trail Project will connect the existing trail located at the intersection of Highway 51 and Jackson Street to Trace Ridge Drive. The new trail will be constructed along the south side of Jackson Street shown in this photo taken near Trace Ridge Drive looking toward Highway 51.**

at Highway 51 and Jackson Street and riding along a scenic route that parallels the Natchez Trace Parkway to connect with local attractions such as the Mississippi Craft Center and Ross Barnett Reservoir,” said Chris Bryson, engineer, City of Ridgeland.

On Oct. 9, 2012, the Mississippi Transportation Commission (MTC) approved up to \$300,000 in Federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds to be used toward City of Ridgeland projects. The City has chosen to apply this funding to the construction of the Jackson Street multiuse path along the south side of Jackson Street.

According to Bryson, this project is part of the “2035 Jackson Urbanized Area Transportation Plan, Volume III Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities Plan.” The total estimated cost for this project is \$293,050. The associated federal funds will be administered to the City through MDOT’s Local Public Agency program.

Residents of Trace Ridge subdivision in Ridgeland who use the existing multiuse trail express their interest in the project. “As an avid user of the Trace trail, I welcome the new trail extension,” said Doug Cowart. “I typically enjoy jogging on the trail two to four times per week. Having safe access to the main trail is great for all that live in the Trace Ridge subdivision.”

Melinda Simmons said, “As a frequent user of the multiuse trails and a resident of Trace Ridge, I couldn’t be happier about the extension of the trail to Trace Ridge neighborhood. Running or cycling even that short stretch of Jackson Street during times of traffic or after dark has always made me a little bit nervous. This project is a great solution! It is already so convenient to have the trails nearby, and now, with a special trail to link the neighborhood, it will be safer for everyone to connect to and enjoy the trails.”

“My family and I would be very excited to have easier access to the trails,” said resident Lori Held. “Right now we have to drive and park to use the trails because I don’t want my three- and four-year-olds walking or riding their bikes on Jackson Street. It would be very nice and much safer to have the trail extend from Highway 51 over to the entrance to our subdivision.”

Construction on the Jackson Street multiuse trail is estimated to begin in the summer of 2014 and finish by spring 2015.

## *Jackson Street Trail Project Planned in Ridgeland*

The City of Ridgeland will be constructing an extension to the multiuse trail system in Ridgeland, Mississippi. Trace Ridge subdivision will be connected to an existing trail located on the east side of Highway 51 at Jackson Street. An asphalt path will be built along the south side of Jackson Street adjacent to Trace Station Shopping Center and extend 1/3-mile to Trace Ridge Drive.

“This multiuse path will link Trace Ridge subdivision with existing paths that run west toward Jackson Street’s pedestrian-friendly market area. Avid riders will enjoy connecting

## Help Preserve Property Values with the Correct Storage of Garbage Cans and Recycle Carts

The Community Development Department is asking for your help in preserving property values by complying with all sections of the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Ridgeland. In particular, Code Enforcement Officers have observed a growing number of violations with garbage cans and recycle carts that are being improperly stored.

Section 307.4 states that “garbage or refuse containers (and recycle bins) shall be stored behind the front line of the building (or house) and shall not be visible from the street, except when placed for collection or when stored in an open carport or garage.”

What this means is that garbage and recycle containers may not be stored in front of the house where they can be seen from the street. Many residents will place their containers behind the house. An open carport, even though you can see the containers from the street or a garage are acceptable locations for storage.

Code Enforcement Officer Drew Smith commented, “Some of our residents are having trouble finding a good location for their new recycle bin. Some residents just don’t know that containers need to be stored in accordance with the regulation.” If you have space constraints and need to exchange your recycle cart for a smaller 18-gallon recycle bin, you may contact the Public Works Department at 601-853-2027.



**Correct storage of garbage cans and recycle carts includes storing under the carport, inside the garage, or behind the house.**

## CMO Designations Earned by Ridgeland Aldermen

The Certified Municipal Officials' program, a specialized training program for municipal elected officials by the Mississippi Municipal League, is dedicated to developing efficient, effective community leaders. Participation by elected officials is voluntary. There are three levels of certification in the CMO program: Basic, Advanced and Professional.

The following Aldermen have earned Certified Municipal Official designations. They were recognized at the Mississippi Municipal League Small Town Conference held in Meridian on November 15 and 16, 2012.

**Wes Hamlin - Basic CMO**

**Ken Heard - Professional CMO**

**Kevin Holder - Basic CMO**

**Scott Jones - Advanced CMO**

**Brian Ramsey - Professional CMO**

Please congratulate these Aldermen for gaining certification to be the best community leaders they can be.



Ridgeland Aldermen have recently earned Certified Municipal Official designations through the Mississippi Municipal League. Pictured here are some of the CMO designees. From left (front) Gene McGee, Mayor; George Lewis, former executive director, Mississippi Municipal League; Scott Jones, Ward 5 Alderman and Mayor Pro Tempore; Brian Ramsey, Ward 4 Alderman; (back) Kevin Holder, Ward 3 Alderman; and Wesley Hamlin, Ward 6 Alderman. Not pictured is Ken Heard, Ward 1 Alderman.

## Ridgeland "Sow and Grow" Community Garden



The Ridgeland Community Garden is seeking sponsors and volunteers. This spring, raised beds will be installed. Fresh vegetables will be donated to those in need in Ridgeland.

The City of Ridgeland wants to be the healthiest city in Mississippi. Eating nutritious foods including fresh vegetables and fruits is an important element of living a healthy life. A Healthy Hometown Committee was formed three years ago to work toward obtaining a grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Mississippi and to offer as many opportunities as possible for its residents to be healthy.

Ridgeland resident Jerry Williams responded to the request for citizen involvement in the City's Healthy Hometown Committee the second year. When he heard about the desire for a community garden, he volunteered right away and made it his project. The city donated land next to City Hall for the garden.

Williams said, "I had completed my master gardener program and decided this project would help me earn hours toward my annual obligation. After two meetings, I was appointed project chairman."

Williams formed a committee, developed a plan and began to work on it. It took seven weeks from the initial meeting to the day plants were put in the ground.

Mike McCollum, Director of Public Works, played a large role in getting the garden plowed by staff, an irrigation system installed and soil added. David Overby, the director of finance and administration and city clerk at the time, also assisted with the project.

The garden committee developed a design, application and guidelines. Flyers were distributed around the city, and newspapers published stories. Volunteers came out to work their own beds and to keep the vegetables they raised.

The following year, the committee decided to donate the produce to MadCAAP. Several pounds of vegetables were delivered to help the needy of Madison County.

This year, plans are a little different. Vegetables will still be donated, but the committee plans to work with area churches to find local recipients of the fresh produce. Raised beds will be installed to increase the drainage and help make it a more productive garden.

If you would like to be a sponsor or volunteer in the garden, please contact Courtney Martin, receptionist, at 601-856-7113.



## Do it For the Planet. Do it for the Savings.



**Get rewarded for recycling in Ridgeland. Sign up online with Recyclebank to earn and redeem points.**

don't have your PIN, don't worry! You can request a PIN at Recyclebank.com/wm and have it sent to you via text message or mail. Once you receive your PIN, go back to Recyclebank.com/wm and enter it to complete your registration. You can also call 1-888-727-2978 to register.

### RECYCLE

Recycle all that you can with your Waste Management recycling cart; it will be collected and weighed along with your neighborhood's recycling. If you're a Recyclebank member, you'll earn points each time you bring your cart to the curb. In fact, there's a lot of ways you can earn Recyclebank points:

- Residential recycling in Ridgeland
- Referring your friends and family
- Learning about ways to green your lifestyle and taking green pledges

### REWARDS

The more points you earn, the more rewards you can get. Rewards range from magazine subscriptions to "buy one, get one" deals and gift cards to local businesses and national retailers. We believe that the Recyclebank program is a win-win for our residents, local businesses and the environment.

So don't wait another minute! You already recycle; now get rewarded for it!

We're taking big steps to make our community green. The City of Ridgeland has teamed up with Waste Management and Recyclebank to reward you for home recycling. Recyclebank rewards you for taking everyday green actions—like recycling—with discounts and deals from more than 3,000 local and national businesses. On average, Recyclebank members can earn up to \$165 in reward value through their annual recycling efforts.

Here's how it works:

### REGISTER

Simply register at Recyclebank.com/wm and follow the online prompts to verify your home address. You will need to enter a PIN, which you should have received in the mail. If you

## BICYCLE SAFETY TIPS

Spring is almost upon us and with the (daylight saving's) time change and changes in the weather, it makes for a great time to get your bicycle out. We are so fortunate to have multiuse trails that people can use and enjoy for biking, running, walking. Well, pretty much any reason to get outdoors!

When you are on the multiuse trails, please remember some of the basic trail etiquette.

- Wear bright/hi-visibility clothing
- Let people know when you are approaching them and about to pass.
- Stay hydrated. Utilize the water fountains on the multi-use trails, or bring water with you.
- Keep animals on a leash and close to you.
- Always wear a helmet when you are on a bike.
- If you listen to an iPod when you ride, run or walk, leave the left EarPod out so you can hear approaching traffic from behind you.



**Andre Nathaniel Jr., bike rodeo winner, and Jayce Powell, bicycle safety instructor, pose after Bike Rodeo 2012.**

May is National Bicycle Safety and Awareness month by the League of American Bicyclists. The City of Ridgeland is designated as a bronze-level Bicycle Friendly City by the League of American Bicyclists. There will be activities planned for the City of Ridgeland throughout the month of May, so please come join us. There will be something for everyone.

If you have wondered how you can get involved with your local bicycle clubs, check out Jackson Metro Cyclists Jackson Bicycle Advocates and, for the local mountain bike scene, Tri-County Mountain Bike Association. Bike Walk Mississippi is another great source to visit.

I hope everyone takes the opportunity to enjoy the great network of multiuse trails, roads and mountain bike trails the City of Ridgeland has to offer!

See you on the trail!!!

*Jayce Powell, local Ridgeland bicycle advocate*

## Public Schools in Ridgeland Prepare Students for Successful Future

By Jamie Logan

Public school systems are often the dark horse in any academic race. Ridgeland, in particular, may be a pleasant surprise due to the quality of education and abundance of resources. Madison County Schools, Ridgeland zone offers a comprehensive route to the future through a wide variety of programs dedicated to helping students excel. “Our curriculum is designed to meet the students wherever they are,” Ridgeland High School Principal Sharon Summers says. “By the time they leave our school, every student is college or career ready.”

Among available options at Ridgeland High School are ACT and PSAT preparation classes, college credits and tutoring, which is offered before, after and even during the school day. In each of the core subjects, general, accelerated and College Board Advanced Placement levels are available.

Ridgeland High’s “dual enrollment” program gives students the chance to get an early start on college. With this program, any senior is allowed to take classes at both the high school and Holmes Community College’s Ridgeland campus. “I love it,” Principal Summers said of the program. “It’s another way for students to earn college credit.”

Pathways, the gifted program, is unique to the lower public schools. “Pathways allows hands-on learning,” Olde Towne Middle School teacher Carla Belk says. “Students learn in a less structured environment while focusing on areas in leadership, communication, problem-solving, group dynamics and creativity, just to name a few.” Her students have hosted a school-wide mock election, presented a regular “Titan TV” broadcast and entered the MS Secretary of State-sponsored political cartoon competition. Meanwhile, at Ann Smith and Highland Elementary, Pathways teacher Ellen Litton has helped her children design their own works of art, discover the game of chess and raise more than \$400 for the local animal shelter during their “canine unit.”

Another thing that sets this school zone apart is its faculty. Madison County Schools teachers are required to attend summer workshops and recertify regularly. All are encouraged to be versatile, and assets to enhance learning are never far from their minds. The administration encourages forward-thinking by offering the latest resources such as smart boards, Mimio products and other interactive teaching technology.

Beginning next year, the RHS business department will let students pursue career paths early. By creating electives based on a student’s chosen field, be it digital videography or graphic design, an RHS student can get a jumpstart on a specific career. This career-driven elective program will enhance the student’s skills and better prepare them for life after graduation. Ridgeland’s dedicated faculty allows it to provide a plethora of options that are universally beneficial and can travel with a student to aid in college and career.



L-R: Kam’Ron White, Raven Steward, Kobe Grant and Nicole Griffith participate in a school-wide mock election at Olde Towne Middle School in Ridgeland.

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## Ridgeland Police Look Back at the 2012 Holiday Season



**Ridgeland Police boosted hours and manpower during the 2012 holiday season to meet the challenges of increased traffic in retail areas. Extra caution among shoppers aided the police.**

With 2013 well underway and Christmas 2012 behind us, I am happy to report that the City of Ridgeland had a very safe and prosperous holiday season. Starting in the wee hours while that Thanksgiving turkey was still being digested, retailers across the City were geared up to help Santa fulfill his every request. As in past seasons, the many fine retailers and eateries in the City created an influx of shoppers, an increase in traffic and sadly an increase for the propensity of criminal activity. These factors would present a challenge to even the finest of police agencies. With this in mind, RPD made the necessary adjustments in hours and manpower needed to provide the services everyone has come to expect. It should also be said that the holiday season always brings about a heightened level of enthusiasm and dedication throughout the ranks at RPD. I am again happy as in past seasons to report that the Ridgeland Police Department met the challenge.

There was something a little different about the 2012 holiday season. It seems that RPD had some welcomed help. I am not sure if it was the result of our constant solicitation, one of our crime-prevention programs or if people are just tired of being victims. Believe it or not, more people actually called RPD to report suspicious persons or suspicious activity. It seems that more shoppers left fewer valuables visible and accessible inside their vehicles. It seems that more people even secured their vehicles when left unattended. It seems that more shoppers occupied their minds less on what was on sale as they walked across the parking lot and more on what was going on around them. It seems that more retailers took a hard-line approach on shoplifting and retail fraud. No doubt, all of these actions made it impossible for many criminals to commit their unsavory deeds; for this I applaud you. I can only ask that we all continue to work together throughout the year to help maintain and even improve the quality of life in the City of Ridgeland.

There was also something else a little different about the 2012 holiday season that I hate to report. The number of crimes being committed by juvenile offenders was at an all-time high. The number of juveniles arrested for shoplifting alone was nothing less than shocking. Crime prevention starts at home, people; let's start now to reduce those numbers.

We at RPD look forward to the chance to work with you in 2013.

*Randy Tyler  
Assistant Chief of Police  
Ridgeland Police Department*

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## Grief Support Groups Available to Community

Grief is a natural reaction to a loss. It impacts us physically, emotionally and spiritually. Grief is not a onetime event. It is a process—a process that will lead to healing with the support and encouragement of others who care.

Hospice Ministries, Inc., of Ridgeland offers support groups to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Adults are invited to participate in support groups, which meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Hospice Ministries welcomes anyone to participate in support groups whether or not their loved one was a hospice patient. Many in our community are impacted by the death of a loved one. The support groups provide a place for adults to share and find support from others who are grieving a death. The groups are led by Carla Wilson, bereavement coordinator, and Joyce Burnett, assistant bereavement coordinator.

The McClean Fletcher Center, a service of Hospice Ministries, Inc., also offers grief support for children and adolescents, ages 4-18, who are grieving the death of a loved one. A support group for the children's parents or caregivers meets simultaneously. The McClean Fletcher Center's grief support program focuses on the belief that every child and teen deserves the opportunity to grieve in a supportive, nurturing environment. Grieving children and teens are offered a safe place in peer support groups where they can interact with others who have experienced similar losses, learn life-long coping skills and begin a healthy healing process. The McClean Fletcher Center helps children and teens integrate love, life and loss into their daily lives. Groups are led

**Grief support groups are available to the community through Hospice Ministries, Inc. in Ridgeland.**



by professionals and volunteers who have been trained in providing grief support to children and adolescents.

For additional information or to attend a support group, please call 601-898-1053 and ask for the Bereavement Department. Hospice Ministries is located at 450 Towne Center Blvd., off Pear Orchard Road in Ridgeland. To contact the McClean Fletcher Center or to schedule an appointment, please call 601-206-5525. The McClean Fletcher Center is located at 12 Northtown Drive in Jackson. Educational materials on various aspects of the grieving process are available upon request. All support groups are offered at no charge.

*Joyce Burnett, Hospice Ministries*

## 2013 Sponsorship Kicks Off for Ridgeland Recreation & Parks



**Want to promote your business at our well-attended Ridgeland events and programs? Contact the city's sponsorship coordinator for more information.**

As you are updating your marketing program for 2013, please take a moment to consider including Ridgeland Recreation & Parks as part of that plan. Ridgeland Recreation & Parks produces more than 40 programs and events each year. Our sponsorship program gives you an opportunity to promote your business and provides an avenue for you to become involved in the community. We utilize our marketing and promotional efforts to showcase and increase the visibility of our sponsors.

Our sponsorship program began in 2000 and has evolved and grown each year. We ask for sponsorship one time a year and spend the rest of the year promoting your business through our programs and events. Our sponsorship program can assist you in maximizing your marketing budget and increasing awareness of your company's name.

We invite you to become a partner with Ridgeland Recreation & Parks. The sponsorship program for 2013 is ready to roll—all we are missing is you! Sponsorship packages range from \$500 to \$25,000, with many levels in between. Please give me a call or send me an email, and give me an opportunity to stop by your office to discuss our program with you. You can reach me at 601-853-2011 or [Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org](mailto:Julie.Cox@ridgelandms.org).

*Julie Cox, Sponsorships/Marketing Coordinator*



## 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 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](http://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](http://www.mryouthclub.com) for more information.

## Recreation and Parks Staff

### Director

Chris Chance, CPRP, CRSS

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Gilda Carter

### Athletics

John Sidney North

### Special Events

Wendy Bourdin, CPRP

### Sponsorship

Julie Cox

### Superstar Seniors

Lynda McMahan Assink

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Hotline

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events Coordinator, Wendy Bourdin  
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### Century Ride

The Natchez Trace Century Ride will take place Saturday, May 4. This recreational bike ride offers a scenic ride for participants of all levels. This recreational ride is perfect for the beginner and, for the more experienced rider, it will present a challenge to their endurance. The Century Ride will change routes this year. For route information, please visit our website at [www.natchezcenturyride.racesonline.com](http://www.natchezcenturyride.racesonline.com).



- Program Price:** \$35
- Registration:** Now–April 12
- Late Registration:** April 13–May 4
- Late Registration Fee:** \$45
- Event Date:** Saturday, May 4
- Start Time:** 7 a.m.
- Location:** Ridgeland Recreational Center

### Bike Rodeo

This free program teaches bicycle safety and riding skills to children in a fun way. It will be offered at Old Trace Park on the same day as the Century Ride.

- Event Date:** Saturday, May 4
- Time:** 9–11 a.m.
- Location:** Old Trace Park

### KidFest



Family Fun is on as KidFest! Ridgeland takes over Freedom Ridge Park April 13-14 and April 20-21. Guests enjoy train rides, pony rides, interactive activities, shows and a real Italian family circus. All shows and activities are “up close and personal.” Guests also have the opportunity to meet some of their favorite Nickelodeon

and Nick Jr. characters. Ultimately, the objective is to provide an opportunity for parents and children to interact with each other and provide an affordable, memorable family experience. Tickets will be available at the gate. We do not accept debit/credit cards.

Enjoy a great day of family fun. Visit [www.kidfestridgeland.com](http://www.kidfestridgeland.com) for more information.

- Ticket Price:** TBD
- Location:** Freedom Ridge Park
- Date & Time:**
  - Saturday, April 13  
9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, April 14  
Noon–6:30 p.m.
  - Saturday, April 20  
9 a.m.–6:30 p.m.
  - Sunday, April 21  
Noon–6:30 p.m.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Here comes Peter Cottontail...to Freedom Ridge Park. Join us Thursday, March 21, as we welcome the Easter Bunny and several of his friends for an afternoon of fun. We will have age-specific hunts for the children. One parent per child will be allowed in the hunting area with the youngest age group, and no parents will be allowed to hunt with the older age groups.



**This event is for ages 1-10 only.**

- | <i>Ages</i>              | <i>Hunt Times</i> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 year old–2 years old   | 6 p.m.            |
| 3 years old–4 years old  | 6:10 p.m.         |
| 5 years old–6 years old  | 6:20 p.m.         |
| 7 years old–10 years old | 6:30 p.m.         |

- Program Price:** No Charge
- Event:** Thursday, March 21
- Time:** 5:30 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Location:** Freedom Ridge Park

### Ride of Silence

The Ride of Silence™ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15. This special event seeks to build awareness of the importance of sharing the road safely for cyclists and motorists. Participating cyclists ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the ride. The ride begins and ends at Northpark Mall. Arrive at 6:15 p.m. for important speakers and announcements. Ride starts at 7 p.m.

- Program Price:** No charge
- Location:** Northpark Mall
- Event Date:** May 15
- Start Time:** 6:15 p.m.



## Household Hazardous Waste Day

As part of Ridgeland's effort to keep our community clean, the City of Ridgeland will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day Saturday, May 11, 8 a.m.–noon at Holmes Community College on Ridgeland Avenue.

Items for collection include: old paint cans, automobile motor oil, batteries (dry cell, marine or automobile), tires, herbicides, pesticides, TVs, computers and old printers. Residents in the area should bring items to Holmes Community College Saturday, May 11, 2013.

Compressed gas cylinders, fire extinguishers, medical waste or explosives will NOT be accepted. Chemicals should be brought to the site by private vehicles. Chemical containers may not be larger than 5 gallons or 50 pounds, and it is preferable that chemicals be in their original containers or clearly marked for identification purposes.

This cleanup is for residents of Ridgeland and Madison County. No business waste will be accepted.

## Heatwave Classic Triathlon



The 28th annual Heatwave Classic will take place Saturday, June 1. This triathlon is quickly becoming a race favorite among tri-athletes in the Southeast. In its seventh year in Ridgeland, the Heatwave Classic is sure to surpass last year's participation number. More than 400 participants from across the country are expected to descend on Ridgeland to compete for the top prize in the various age groups.

Participants will take to the water at 7 a.m. at Madison Landing and swim .5 miles. After completing the swim, participants will ride 24.5 miles along the scenic and historic Natchez Trace Parkway. After the ride is complete, participants will embark on a 10K run on the heavily shaded Ridgeland Multiuse Trail. For more information, call the Ridgeland Recreation and Parks office at 601-853-2011 or visit the Heatwave Classic website at [www.heatwavetri.racesonline.com](http://www.heatwavetri.racesonline.com).

**Program Price:** Individual \$75; after May 2 - \$85  
Relay Team \$135; after May 2 - \$145  
\$10 Single-event USAT insurance per participant

**Registration:** Now-May 30  
(Registration will close Wednesday, June 1)

**Event Date:** June 1, 2013

**Start Time:** 7 a.m.

**Day of Week:** Saturday

**Location:** Old Trace Park

## PROGRAMS

Phone: 601-853-2011 • E-mail: [wendy.bourdin@ridgelandms.org](mailto:wendy.bourdin@ridgelandms.org)



### Dog Obedience

The Jackson Obedience Training Club (JOTC) will offer puppy, beginner and advanced dog obedience classes. The six-week class will teach obedience commands of heel, sit, down, stay, come and a few other commands that you will use in everyday life with your pet.

The JOTC is a nonprofit organization that was established in 1969 and is licensed by the American Kennel Club.

Puppies must be 3-6 months old. Dogs for the beginner class must be at least 6 months of age or older. In order to be in the advanced class, your dog must have completed the beginner class. Proof of vaccination by a licensed vet is required.

Two sessions will be offered in the spring. Classes for Session #1 will begin Tuesday, March 5. Session #2 registration will be held March 18-April 22. Classes for Session #2 will begin Tuesday, April 30.

**Program Price:** \$75  
**Program Area:** Adult  
**Registration:** Session #2 March 18–April 22  
**Start Date:** Session #1 March 5  
Session # 2 April 30  
**Start Time:** 7 p.m.  
**Day of Week:** Tuesday  
**Location:** Ridgeland Recreational Center

### iCan Bike (formerly Lose the Training Wheels Bike Camp)

iCan Bike is designed to assist children and/or adults with varying forms of disabilities, as well as able-bodied children who may be struggling due to fear or other factors, to learn to ride a bicycle without the use of training wheels. The iCan Bike camp uses adapted bicycles to help would-be bike riders overcome fear and lack of balance.



Camp will take place at Ridgeland High School, June 3-7. Campers will attend daily 75-minute sessions. The camp fee is \$75. Participants may register at the Ridgeland Recreation and Parks

office located in City Hall. Space is limited, so register early.

Volunteers are needed to assist campers. For more information, contact Ridgeland Recreation & Parks at 601-853-2011. More information on the iCan Bike program is available at [www.icanshine.com](http://www.icanshine.com).

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$75
<b>Registration:</b>	Opens April 1
<b>Location:</b>	Ridgeland High School
<b>Event Dates:</b>	June 3-7
<b>Start Time:</b>	Varies

## ATHLETICS

Athletics Coordinator, John Sidney North  
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### Adult Softball

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department will be offering a men's open league (six Homerun limit), a men's commercial league (three Homerun limit) and a men's church league. All games will be played at Freedom Ridge Park in Ridgeland. The leagues will be open to the first 24 teams in each division. ASA sanction rules will be in play for the leagues. We will offer 12 games for each league.

Register at Ridgeland City Hall during office hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact John Sidney North at 601-853-2011.

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$500
<b>Registration:</b>	March 4-15

### Start Smart Baseball

Start Smart Baseball is a developmentally appropriate introductory program for children ages 3 to 5 years old that prepares them for organized tee ball and baseball in a fun, non-threatening environment. Start Smart Baseball will meet for six one-hour sessions. Parent participation is required. Each child will receive a bat, ball, glove, koosh ball, mondo koosh ball, a Start Smart participant manual and a T-shirt. A minimum of 10 participants is required in order for the class to make. A maximum of 20 participants will be allowed. Child must be 3 by Sept. 1, 2012.

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$70
<b>Registration:</b>	March 4-15
<b>Program Dates:</b>	April 9-25
<b>Start Time:</b>	6 p.m.
<b>Days:</b>	Tuesday and Thursday
<b>Location:</b>	Freedom Ridge Park



## SUPERSTAR SENIORS

Senior Adult Coordinator, Lynda McMahan Assink  
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*All Superstar Seniors Programs take place at the Ridgeland Recreational Center unless otherwise specified.*

## WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Agape Men's Coffee Group

All men are welcomed every Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m. for a men's coffee group. Enjoy fellowship, storytelling, jokes and coffee at the Ridgeland Recreational Center.

<b>Program Price:</b>	No Charge
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Wednesday

### Balance & Fall-Proof Your Life (A Prevention and Balance Exercise Class for Optimum Senior Health)

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering BALANCE & FALL-PROOF YOUR LIFE Exercise Class for senior adults. This class will teach you the latest in fall prevention and balance exercises. It will also help in Total Body strengthening that will keep you one step ahead on improving your life. Class will meet every Wednesday (for 6 weeks), 11:30 a.m.-noon. Cost of the class is \$8/class or \$30/ 6 weeks. Register for class by calling Lynda at 601-856-6876 or email [lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org](mailto:lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org).

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$8/class or \$30/6 weeks
<b>Start Date:</b>	TBA
<b>Times:</b>	11:30 a.m.-Noon
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Wednesday

### Country Line Dancing

Learn the dance steps that are popular everywhere! In this class you'll discover a variety of line dances. It's great fun, good exercise and you don't need a partner. Classes will be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center located at Old Trace Park. Darlene Epple is the instructor for the class.

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$40/month or \$10/weekly
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	Beginners Class, 6 p.m.-7 p.m. Advanced Class, 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Monday



## Men's Bible Study

A Men's Bible Study meets every Tuesday at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. It is a non-denominational, in-depth study of God's Word. Call Earl Beck at 601-668-2332 for more information.

<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Tuesday

## Painting Pals

Is it hard for you to paint and/or draw at home? Bring your own supplies and enjoy painting at our Ridgeland Recreational Center, located at Old Trace Park, overlooking the reservoir. It's an ideal setting to paint or draw!

<b>Program Price:</b>	No cost
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Tuesday



## Painting With Pastels

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering 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, protecting and framing your pastel paintings. Professional artist, Cecilia Baker, is your instructor. Instructor will provide the following equipment: Table easels will be provided, pastel paper can be purchased at each session, backboards can be purchased, small set of pastels can be purchased, and drawing equipment and tape available at all times. (Please feel free to bring your own equipment and painting supplies.) Register now by calling Cecilia Baker at 601-856-1802 or email B1108@live.com .

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$65/month
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	9:30 a.m.–noon
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Friday

## SuperStar Seniors' Walking Club

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is sponsoring a walking club for senior adults. Come dressed to walk outside as we meet every Tuesday and Thursday morning at the Ridgeland Recreational Center.



Class will not meet if it is raining or freezing (32 degrees or below).

There is no charge for this class! Register now by calling Lynda at 601-856-6876.

<b>Program Price:</b>	No Charge
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	10 a.m.–11 a.m.
<b>Day of the Week:</b>	Tuesday and Thursday

## Tai-Chi Fusion on the Reservoir

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a Tai-Chi Fusion on the Reservoir every Wednesday morning. Tai-Chi has become an increasingly popular form of physical exercises 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, improved mind-body connection, greater strength and stamina, better balance and stability, improved posture, stress reduction and much more.

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$8/per class or \$20/4 weeks
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	11 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Wednesday

## Yoga for Flexibility, Fitness & Fun

Join us every Monday and Friday for Yoga for Flexibility, Fitness & Fun! 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 your physician before beginning any exercise program.

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$10 per participant/per class
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	11 a.m.–noon
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Monday and Friday

## Zumba

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks is offering a Zumba Fitness Class every Thursday, at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Zumba Fitness is a Latin-inspired dance-fitness program that blends Latin music with contagious, easy-to-follow dance steps. The Zumba program borrows from the following dance styles: Cumbia, Salsa, Merengue, Mambo, Flamenco, Cha-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.

<b>Program Price:</b>	\$5 per participant/per class
<b>Start Date:</b>	Ongoing
<b>Times:</b>	1 p.m.–1:45 p.m.
<b>Day of Week:</b>	Thursday



## MONTHLY PROGRAMS

### 50s Plus

Come and join us on the first Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Everyone bring a large covered dish and enjoy good food, fellowship and fun! Programs/Speakers for March, April and May will be announced in our monthly newsletter.

Call Lynda to make your reservations at 601-856-6876.

**Program Price:** No Charge

**Event Date:** March 7, April 4 and May 2

**Times:** 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Day of Week:** Thursday

### Bridge

Bridge games are held the fourth Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center overlooking the reservoir. It provides a beautiful setting for an afternoon game. The player with the highest score for the month receives a prize. Reservations are required four days in advance. Please call Lynda at 601-856-6876 or 601-853-2011 to reserve your chair. Please arrive at 12:45 p.m. to receive your nametag. Game starts promptly at 1 p.m.

**Program Price:** \$1 each for prize (winner)

**Dates:** March 28, April 25 and May 23

**Times:** 1 p.m.–4 p.m.

**Day of Week:** Thursday

### 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 and how to join the Garden Club. Our speakers for the months of March–May:

March 5 - Plant Swap—Please bring two plants to swap (Members only)

April 2 - Tour of Eudora Welty Gardens,

Lunch “on your own” at Market Bites in Fondren

May 7 - Tour of Mynelle Gardens—“The Flowers of the Bible.”

This exhibit will feature new plantings throughout the garden consisting of flowers, shrubs and trees that grow in the Holy Land and are referenced in the Bible

**Program Price:** \$20/for the year to join the Ridgeland Garden Club

**Event Dates:** March 5, April 2, May 7

**Day of the Week:** Tuesday

**Location:** Ridgeland Recreational Center



### Thread, Yarn, Crochet & Coffee

Bring your own needlework (needlepoint, cross-stitch, crochet, knitting, etc) the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of needlework and meeting new friends.

**Program Price:** No Charge

**Dates:** March 11 & 25, April 8 & 22, May 13

**Times:** 1:30 p.m.–3 p.m.

**Day of Week:** Monday

## TENNIS

Ridgeland Tennis Center,

201-A McClellan Drive

Phone: 601-853-1115

Directors: Cheryl Harris and Susan Toler

*The Ridgeland Tennis Center is the largest public tennis facility in Mississippi.*



### Junior Tournaments

**March 1–3** Spring Junior Novice

**March 9** Grand Prix 10 & Under Junior Tournament

**April 27-28** Aquafina/RTC Jr. Open State Championship

### Adult Tournament

**April 6-7** Wheelchair Tournament

### RTC Spring Junior Program

**Ages 10–18**

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-6 p.m.

Cost: \$120 per four-week session

Drop-in rate: \$20 per day

Instructors: Robbie Creveling and Macy Price

**Ages 9 and under**

Call 601-853-1115 for more information

Private, semi-private and group lessons available

Instructor: Cheryl Harris

### Lessons

Lessons available for all ages and ability levels. Please call Ridgeland Tennis Center at 601-853-1115 for more information.



## ANN SMITH ELEMENTARY

Grades K-2 • 306 S. Pear Orchard Road  
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Ann Smith Elementary is a kindergarten through second-grade school serving the Ridgeland attendance zone of the Madison County school system.



### Therapy Dogs Serve at Ann Smith Elementary



Darby visits Ann Smith Elementary School

Ann Smith Elementary has some special friends named Darby and Betsy, who help our counselor, Judi Sharpe. While these friends are the same age as many of the students, they come to school with their owner, Carol Beasley, to do special work. Darby (8) and Betsy (4) are therapy dogs, certified by Therapy Dogs International (TDI). Therapy dogs provide emotional support to people in various circumstances. They differ from service dogs in that service dogs are more highly trained to provide services like search and rescue, medical and guide dog services, to name just a few. Any breed of dog can become a therapy dog as long as they can pass the certification, which includes ensuring the dog has an ideal temperament for this type of work. Mrs. Carol Beasley's dogs are both accustomed to being around children. They are happy getting petted or doing simple tricks.

Studies have shown that contact with therapy animals can bring great comfort and reduce anxiety. Currently the dogs attend small-group sessions led by the counselor and the children love them. Books (usually including a dog) may also be read to the students. In the past Mrs. Beasley and one of the dogs have worked one-on-one, reading with a child. Children who may be self-conscious reading out-loud in front of peers can read to Darby or Betsy; this creates enthusiasm for reading and building their self-esteem. Mrs. Beasley, Darby and Betsy welcome invitations to visit children in any classroom or other setting at Ann Smith. Recently, they visited Mrs. Litton's Pathways classes to educate the students about therapy dogs.

Mrs. Beasley has a personal connection with Ann Smith; she has had grandchildren at the school for the past seven years, and her daughter, Dixie Livingston, serves as PTO president. Ann Smith Elementary is very thankful for the volunteer services provided by Mrs. Beasley, Darby and Betsy.



### Titan Trot

Highland Elementary and Ann Smith are hosting Titan Trot, a 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run on March 2. The race will take place at Ann Smith Elementary, 306 S. Pear Orchard Road in Ridgeland. The Titan Trot is open to the public. For information and online registration: [www.titantrt5k.org](http://www.titantrt5k.org)

**Registration begins  
at 8 a.m.**

**Fun Run - 9 a.m.**

**5K - approx. 9:15 a.m.**



Mrs. Amy Beard in the new computer laboratory at Ann Smith Elementary.

### New Computer Laboratory

A beautiful, new computer laboratory opened at Ann Smith Elementary in January. Computer classes have been added to student schedules to complement weekly PE, music and library classes. While computers have been used at the school for various activities and testing for years, the computer laboratory offers opportunities for our students to develop more complex computer skills.

Mrs. Amy Beard, a new faculty member, teaches the computer classes. She is a happily married mother of three, who brings years of experience and a kind and patient manner to the classroom. Students learn how to sit at a computer properly, surf the Internet safely, keyboarding skills and word processing. Time is also spent on educational websites that complement the students' curriculum.



## Six-Week Titan Tone Up a Success

Ann Smith and Highland Elementary teamed up to promote physical fitness among students with a new six-week fitness program called Titan Tone Up. The program, which just concluded, encouraged all students to achieve 60 minutes of physical activity a day, as recommended by the American Heart Association (AHA).

Students recorded the physical activities they participate in outside of school, including activities like playing outside, sports and yardwork. The children's goal was 270 minutes of exercise each week. When time at recess and P.E. was considered, that gave students a 60-minute-per-day average, as recommended by the AHA. Participation rates were high; students, parents, staff and administrators enthusiastically embraced the Titan Tone Up challenge.

Marci Williams, a PTO board member at Ann Smith, fitness instructor and personal trainer, designed and chaired the Titan Tone Up. Community sponsors, crucial to the success of Titan Tone Up, include The Bounce Palace, Fitness Lady, Great Harvest Bread Company, St. Dominic's, BankPlus, WalMart (Ridgeland), Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition, Planet Fitness, Peak Solutions, Skinnys-a nutrition studio, Ridgeland Fire Department, First Baptist Ridgeland Weekday Ministry, City of Ridgeland, Mississippi Children's Museum, Clif Bar, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, Tiger-Rock Martial Arts and Jennifer Ward Graphics.

At Ann Smith, we are committed to teaching our students how to live healthy, active lives; Titan Tone Up succeeded in creating a new exercise habit for a lot of our students and their families.

### Calendar of Events

<b>MARCH 2</b>	Titan Trot 5K, 1-mile fun run Registration: 8 a.m. Race: 9 a.m. Open to the community. <a href="http://www.titantrt5k.org">www.titantrt5k.org</a>
<b>MARCH 11-15</b>	Spring Break
<b>MARCH 29</b>	Good Friday
<b>APRIL 1</b>	Easter Holiday
<b>APRIL 3</b>	Kindergarten Registration
<b>APRIL 12</b>	Earth Day Play
<b>APRIL 23</b>	Spring PTO meeting and Art Show
<b>APRIL 26</b>	Field Day
<b>MAY 23</b>	Last Day for Students-60% Day

## Coach B, P.E. Teacher and Juggling Coach, Retiring



Coach B teaching juggling.

Mr. Richard Blaumuller, aka "Coach B" will retire after 18 years at Ann Smith Elementary School. Instead of the traditional focus on team sports, Coach B's P.E. program incorporates strength, stretching, balance, endurance and hand-eye coordination through the use of medicine balls, dumbbells, fitness balls and resistance bands. Coach B also introduces students to juggling. He believes if you can teach children to juggle, they'll have the hand-eye coordination to play any team sport. Juggling also improves, physical fitness, balance, rhythm and reflexes, and it enhances learning skills by helping to develop patience, persistence and self-discipline. Coach B learned to juggle when he was 30, and he thinks the earlier a child learns the better!

Each year, a juggling team is chosen from second-graders who master basic juggling skills in class. These students go on to master three and four scarf cascades, balls, spinning plates, juggling while balancing on a balancing board and juggling in groups. They will amaze the crowd with a performance at the spring PTO meeting.

Coach B not only teaches fitness, he has also competed as a powerlifter for many years, holding state and national titles and records. He will compete in Texas this summer. Coach B will be missed at Ann Smith Elementary, and we wish him the very best in his retirement and future endeavors.



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### Arts for Autism

April is National Autism Awareness Month, and Highland's Hands is taking this opportunity to host Arts for Autism on Friday, April 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. The event will include a silent auction, an art sale, cupcake walk, inflatables for the kids and a concession stand. It's going to be a fun night for the entire family, while also raising funds for and increasing awareness of Autism Speaks, the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization. Last year, Highland's Hands raised more than \$2,000 for this worthwhile organization.

We are in need of silent auction items valuing \$20 or more. If you'd like to make a donation or you would like to help us secure donations from local businesses, please contact Savannah Perry at [sperry@madison-schools.com](mailto:sperry@madison-schools.com).

### Titan Tone Up



Pictured during the Titan Tone Up kickoff rally are (from left) Carlton Young; Massion Westby-Gibson; Reagan Lunsford; Zoe Robertson; Madison Nickelberry; (back) Jeff Cole, P.E. coach; and Rochelle Culp of the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition.

Tone Up possible: BankPlus, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Mississippi, The Bounce Palace, Clif Bar, Fitness Lady, First Baptist Church of Ridgeland Weekday Ministries, Great Harvest Bread, Jason Griffin TaeKwonDo, J. Ward Design Studio, Mississippi Children's Museum, Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition, Peak Solutions, Planet Fitness, The Ridgeland Fire Department, Skinny's Nutrition Studio, St. Dominic Hospital and Walmart.

Over the past six weeks, our students have been participating in Titan Tone Up, an incentive-based fitness program designed to help elementary students in Ridgeland get 60 minutes of physical activity a day as recommended by the American Heart Association. In January, the Mississippi Tobacco-Free Coalition presented kickoff rallies at Highland and Ann Smith to get the program jump-started. During Titan Tone Up, students recorded their physical activity on fitness logs, and students who achieved at least 270 minutes of activity outside of school each week received prizes from local businesses. Thanks to the following sponsors for making Titan

### MSU Space Cowboys to visit HES

The Mississippi State Space Cowboys Rocket Design Team will visit fourth-graders at HES on March 8. The Space Cowboys will be presenting information about space, technology, rocketry and other STEM topics. Students will have the opportunity to observe rockets and take part in a rocket activity. The Space Cowboys are an undergraduate student organization competing for NASA's University Student Launch Initiative. The competition requires teams from across the U.S. to build a high-powered model rocket, complete design reviews and ultimately launch this rocket at the annual competition in Huntsville, AL, in the spring.

### Titan Trot



To conclude Titan Tone Up, our PTO has partnered with Ann Smith Elementary to host Titan Trot, a 5K run/walk and 1-mile fun run, which will be held at Ann Smith on Saturday, March 2. Registration starts at 8 a.m. The fun run will begin at 9 a.m., with the 5K immediately following. The proceeds of the race will be split between both schools' PTOs. For more information or to register online, visit [www.titantrtrot5k.org](http://www.titantrtrot5k.org).



Highland's Hands, a community outreach club at Highland Elementary, raised more than \$1,300 selling Christmas ornaments through their "Caring For Christmas" project. Of the money raised, \$1,200 went to Madison County H.O.P.E. for Kids, a local nonprofit organization that provides healthy essentials to families in Madison County facing economic challenges. The rest went to purchase a goat and two chickens for World Vision, an international humanitarian organization dedicated to working with children, families and communities worldwide by tackling the causes of poverty and injustice. Pictured are a few members of Highland's Hands (from left, front) Daniel Lynn, Brea Davis, Ariyana Jones, Daniel Jones, Brandon Shed, Robert Cascio; (back) Garrett Harley, Zion Nason, Savannah Perry (sponsor), Gai'Brielle Smith, Katherine Villa and Nimrat Kaur.

## Madison-Ridgeland Young Singers wins big in Vicksburg

The Madison-Ridgeland Young Singers (MRYS), an auditioned show choir primarily made up of students from Highland Elementary School, recently won their division in the V105.5 Christmas Caroling Contest held at the Vicksburg Convention Center.

The choir competed against 10 other singing groups in their age group on two different nights before winning the competition and receiving a huge trophy.

"These talented young singers left everything on the stage and gave it their all," said HES music teacher Lou Ann Evans. "The competition helps the students to put forth their very best effort."

This group of third- through fifth-grade singers began practicing weekly at the Madison Center for the Arts in October and started performing in December. In addition to competing in the Christmas Caroling Contest, MRYS has also performed at the Old Capitol, at Christmas on Ice, as well as for the entire student body at Highland.

"These students are a very attentive and disciplined group," said Evans. "Their hard work has definitely paid off."

During the spring, MRYS will sing the National Anthem at sporting events and will perform in an end-of-year concert as well as at other community events.

Evans, who began teaching music at HES at the beginning of the school year, is a vocal major from Mississippi State University and has more than 20 years of experience in elementary music education. She is the director of the Madison-Ridgeland Young Singers, which is open to students in the Madison-Ridgeland area.

## Fourth-grade teacher receives national "Classroom Hero" honor

This Christmas, HES fourth-grade teacher Brenda Hill received an unexpected gift when Lonnie Clifton, an independent distributor for McKee Foods, presented her with a \$300 VISA gift card. McKee Foods, which manufactures Little Debbie snack cakes, recently held a sales competition where the top salesperson in each region got to nominate a local teacher to receive a "Classroom Hero" award. Clifton won the competition in this region and selected Hill to receive the gift card from McKee Foods and the recognition that goes along with it.

Clifton chose Hill based on her excellent leadership in the classroom and her Christian values. "Mrs. Hill is in great company because both of our children have had wonderful teachers at Ann Smith and Highland," said Clifton.

Hill taught Clifton's daughter Sarah, now a junior at Ridgeland High School, when she was in fourth grade at Highland. He was particularly impressed with Hill's commitment to her students both inside and outside the classroom. Clifton often noticed Hill at his daughter's sporting events, as well as the extracurricular activities of her other students.

"Seven years ago, I would see Mrs. Hill at the softball fields watching her students play," explained Clifton. "This past spring, while watching my 11-year-old son Cameron play baseball, guess who I saw moving from game to game watching her students play? Mrs. Hill truly cares about her students."

Hill was one of only 47 teachers in the entire nation selected for this honor. "I'm not surprised that Mr. Clifton chose Brenda for this award," said HES Principal Marilyn Naron. "She does all those extras that kids and parents never forget. Looking into the stands and seeing your teacher cheering you on at an event is so special! Brenda Hill is very deserving of this recognition."



Fifth-graders at Highland Elementary participated in Science Fun Day in December. Led by Dr. John Hunt, professor of teacher education at Mississippi College, the event included hands-on, interactive science activities designed to excite and inspire students. Parent volunteers, teachers and Ridgeland High School mentors demonstrated various science principles through simple projects. Pictured are (from left) Camille Kelly, Johnna Woodson, Mallory Tyson and Chloe Martin.

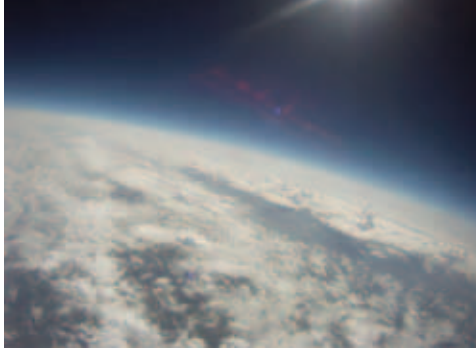


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### *Near-Space Balloon Launch*



**Launch Date:** April 13, 2013

**Time:** 8 a.m.

**Location:** OTMS

The OTMS Radio and Technology Club and the Science Team Elite have the only successful ongoing space program in the state as far as we are aware. Our objectives are to engage students in STEM-related hands-on learning activities, promote critical-thinking skills

needed to solve future issues, increase science awareness with real-world applications, develop sound experimental designs and conduct quantitative analysis to aid in scientific skill development. The endeavors to reach space are led by Bill Richardson and Bobby Robinson. This year's launch includes designing temperature sensors, Arduino data-gathering microprocessors, subzero battery tolerance, biological tolerances, bacterial gathering and survival rates, as well as the study of ascent rates and balloon path predictions. Continuing research includes stratospheric research on cosmic rays utilizing Geiger-counter data logger and particle-detection film.

### *Mr. Lawrence Named Administrator of the Year*

We would like to congratulate OTMS Principal Mr. Allen Lawrence on being named Madison County School's Administrator of the Year. OTMS PTO, faculty, staff, students, parents and city officials celebrated Mr. Lawrence's achievement with a pep rally and special presentations.



Mayor Gene McGee presents Mr. Lawrence with the key to the City, and proclaimed it "Allen Lawrence Day" in the City of Ridgeland.



A pep rally was held in celebration of Mr. Lawrence's achievements.

### Math and Science Competition

A number of students from OTMS have been invited by RHS Mu Alpha Theta Club to attend the Math and Science Competition and compete in the Algebra 1 division. The competition will be held at the MS School for Math and Science in Columbus on February 28. "The Algebra 1 students at OTMS are the best we have in Ridgeland," said Ms. Tackitt, RHS club sponsor.

### Upcoming Test Dates

- WIDA ACCESS–April 1-30 (ELL students)
- Science Test (Grade 8)–May 1 (Make-up testing: May 2)
- Subject Area Test 2 (SATP2)–Algebra I–May 8 (Make-up testing: May 13)
- Mississippi Curriculum Test, 2nd ed. (MCT2)–May 14-16 (Make-up testing: May 17)

A large number of parent volunteers are needed to serve as proctors. Please contact OTMS to volunteer.

### OTMS Dates to Remember

**March 14-17**

OTMS Choir will attend-Festival Disney

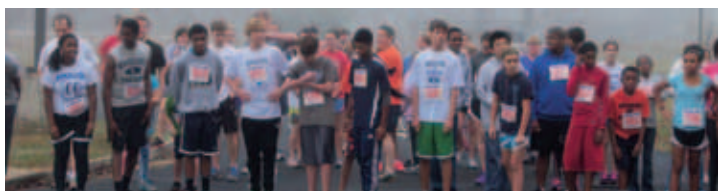
**March 21**

Ridgeland will host the Central MS Band Concert @ RHS

**April 25**

OTMS Spring Band Concert @ RHS auditorium

## Titan 5K Hosted by OTMS Radio and Technology Club



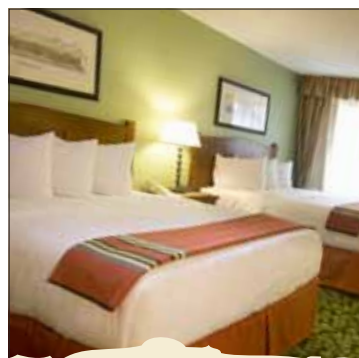
The inaugural Titan 5K, hosted by the OTMS Radio & Technology Club, was held Dec. 7. We were excited to have approximately 55 walkers/runners in our first-ever 5K. Money raised will be used for technology projects and the annual balloon launch.



Pictured are (from left) Coach Michael Howell, Coach Allen Maret, Cam Woodall, Maranda Eversol, Alex Parsons, Alex Sterling, Clara Agostinelli, Xavier Keyton and Milton Smith.

## 2013 Titan Jr. High Baseball Schedule

March 4	vs. NWR	5 p.m. DH	@ NWR
March 7	vs. Yazoo City	4 p.m. DH	Titan Park
March 21	vs. Brandon	4 p.m. DH	@ Brandon
March 25	vs. St. Andrew's	4:30 p.m. DH	Titan Park
April 1	vs. Yazoo City	4 p.m.	@ Yazoo City
April 4	vs. St. Andrew's	4:30 p.m. DH	@ St. Andrew's
April 11	vs. NWR	5 p.m. DH	Titan Park

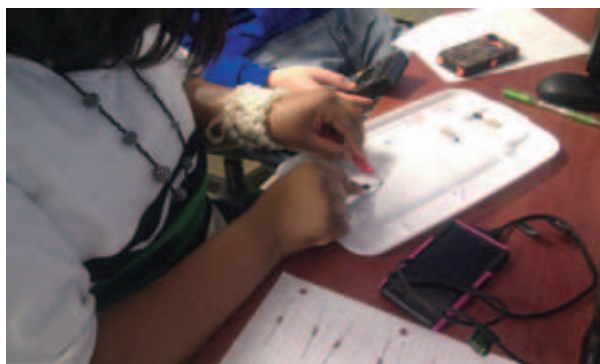


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## Technology Students Association News



Olde Towne Middle School attended the MS Central District Technology Students Association (TSA), a national student technology association, in Jackson on February 1. Students competed in categories such as flight endurance, electronics, structural engineering, speech, digital photography, videogram design, tech bowl, problem-solving and many others. The students that placed in first through fourth places will move on to the state championships in March in Natchez. All competitions are based around technology skills and applications.

## Congratulations to the students who participated in the TSA District Conference!

### FIRST PLACE

1. Zachary Blanchard - Tech Bowl
2. Randy Townsend - Tech Bowl
3. McKennley Wilson - Tech Bowl
4. Zachary Blanchard - Structural Engineering
5. Jarrett Huddleston - Digital Photography
6. Randy Townsend - Electrical Applications
7. Steven Ramsey - Flight
8. Victoria Green - Prepared Speech

### THIRD PLACE

1. Loni Gardner - Structural Engineering
2. Destiney Robinson - Structural Engineering

### FOURTH PLACE

1. Kelvone Bostic - Problem Solving
2. Isaac Livingston - Problem Solving
3. Sabrina Ramirez - Flight
4. Reece Dent - Electrical Applications
5. Bree Berryman - Career Prep



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### RHS Paints the Township

RHS art students excelled in the Paint the Township Art Competition sponsored by the Kerioth Corporation and local Township restaurants.

Winners are (left to right)

Harley Sexton, first in Soulshine's "Blues" category; Aneisha Ates, second in Soulshine's "Blues" category; Ashley Rudd, first in Sombra's "Mexican Fiesta" category and Gabby Goodloe, first in Anjou's "Night in Paris" category. Each of the winners was given a cash prize.

RHS students also participated in the St. Dominic's Martin Luther King Program, a program in which artists from local high schools in Jackson and the surrounding area were invited to compete. RHS was represented by Brianna Douglas who won second place, Eric Ocslon who won third place and Gabby Goodloe who won Honorable Mention. All three RHS students were honored to attend both the program and a luncheon that followed.



### RHS Star Student and Teacher

The Ridgeland High School Star Student and Star Teacher have been announced. Pictured is Star Student Mary Allison Hopkins with Star Teacher Allen Marett. Mr. Marett has also been named RHS Teacher of the Year.

Pictured are (from left) Academic Competition members (back) Jacob Logan, Zahra Faizi, Devin Lott, Khalid Manzoul, (middle) Juliet Richert, Jamie Logan, Justin Ryan, Michael Nguyen; (front) Natalene Vonkchalee, Sydney Griffith, Sophia Tran, Gabby Arceo, Sean Murray and sponsor David Wilbanks. This extracurricular club excels at combining knowledge of literature, mathematics, pop culture and many other categories. They have recently participated in tournaments hosted at Mississippi College, Ole Miss and Madison Central.



### Lady Titans win 9th State Championship

On February 2, our girls soccer team defeated South Jones 1-0 to win their ninth 5A State Championship at the state tournament held in Clinton. "I couldn't have asked for a better group of soccer players," said Coach Jonathan Branch. "There was no denying these girls from a championship. It was a great experience coaching them." Senior Mary Ashton Lembo added, "Ending our last season by continuing the dynasty and winning our school's ninth state championship is a great accomplishment. I'm so proud to have been a part of this program and thrilled at how it ended." Both Ridgeland High School and the entire community are exceedingly proud of our Lady Titans and the rich tradition that they bring to this program.

### COMING EVENTS

Spring Break  
March 11-15

RHS Prom  
April 7

RHS Graduation  
May 20

Final Exams  
May 20-23

### Titans Baseball 2013 Varsity Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Place
Fri.	3/1	Mountain Brook	Noon	Madison Central
Sat.	3/2	Desoto Central	5:30 p.m.	Brandon
Tues.	3/5	Provine	5 p.m.	Grove Park
Fri.	3/8	Provine	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Sat.	3/9	Warren Central	11 a.m. JV/1 p.m. V	Warren Central
Mon.	3/11	Desoto Central	7 p.m.	Titan Park
Tues.	3/12	Oak Grove	7 p.m.	Titan Park
Wed.	3/13	South Jones	5 p.m.	Titan Park
Tues.	3/19	Callaway	5 p.m.	VA Field
Fri.	3/22	Callaway	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Sat.	3/23	Pearl	10 a.m. JV/Noon V	Pearl
Tues.	3/26	Lanier	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Thurs.	3/28	Lanier	5 p.m.	Grove Park
Fri.	3/29	Germantown	11:30 a.m. JV/1:30 p.m.V	Titan Park
Tues.	4/2	Callaway	5 p.m.	VA Field
Fri.	4/5	Lanier	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Sat.	4/6	St. Andrew's	10 a.m.	St. Andrews
Sat.	4/6	Newton County	12:15 p.m.	St. Andrews
Tues.	4/9	Provine	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Fri.	4/12	Clinton	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Sat.	4/13	Brandon	11 a.m. JV/1 p.m. V	Titan Park
Tues.	4/16	Madison Central	5 p.m. JV/7 p.m. V	Titan Park
Sat.	4/20	Terry	11 a.m. JV/1 p.m. V	Terry, MS

### Ridgeland High School Fast Pitch Softball 2013 Schedule

Day	Date	Opponent	Location
Fri.	3/1	Vicksburg	Home
Tues.	3/5	Natchez	Away
Thurs.	3/7	Florence	Home
Tues.	3/19	Natchez	Home
Thurs.	3/21	Brookhaven	Home
Tues.	3/26	Pearl	Away
Thurs.	3/28	Germantown	Away
Tues.	4/2	Germantown	Home
Thurs.	4/4	McComb	Home
Fri.	4/5	Terry Tournament	Away
Sat.	4/6	Terry Tournament	Away
Tues.	4/9	Brookhaven	Away
Thurs.	4/11	Pearl	Home
Fri.	4/12	Richland Tournament	Away
Sat.	4/13	Richland Tournament	Away
Tues.	4/16	McComb	Away
Fri.	4/19	Terry	Away

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are the award winners with their advisor (from left) Mary Katherine Miller, Mrs. Mickie Harwell, Grace Fillingane and Bailey Smith.

The Veritas School sent a delegation to the 2012 Mississippi Senior Youth Legislature. Youth Legislature is held at the State Capitol and students participate in a mock legislative session. The entire nine-person Veritas delegation was nominated to receive awards. Three students were awarded “Outstanding Legislator.” Pictured

Registration is open for enrollment for the 2013-14 school year. Visit:

**TheVeritasSchool.org**

and select the “Admissions” tab for more information or contact the school at 601-713-1555 to schedule a tour.

Members of the 2012-13 Veritas Boys Soccer team included: (front row) Jackson Duckworth, (second row) Thomas Gardner- Head Coach, Brandon Dorsey, Kendall Clarke, David Potvin, Sam Ross, Caleb Gibson, Brooks Coker, (back row) Daniel Powell, Robbie Pierce Nicholas, Andy Haynes, Lance McTaggart, Jonathan Dolansky, Tim Weiland, and David Roberston. Not pictured: Phillip Carr and Caleb Storck.



The Veritas School Drama Department will present the musical “Mulan, Jr.” on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. in the school theatre. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children, with a \$20 family maximum.

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### Artist Corner

Debi Porter Lewis



Debi Porter Lewis's paintings will be on display at the Ridgeland Library throughout April and May.

Most people know Debi Porter Lewis as a yoga instructor and owner of Joyflow Yoga Studio in Ridgeland. What most don't know is that Debi took art lessons from kindergarten through college. She then took a 30-year break, and now she's back to her art with a passion. Her paintings explode with color and texture, and sometimes a bit of glitter when necessary. Her favorite subject matter is animals, pet portraits and mythical creatures, as well as yoga and inspirational-related.

Debi has a liberal arts degree in American studies from the University of Southern Mississippi, with a bit of music, art and philosophy thrown in. She resides in Flowood with her husband Kevin and two almost-grown boys, Ben and Sam. Up until now, Debi has put her creativity into sewing, teaching yoga, writing and playing the flute. She is now excited to show you her artwork. She will have both originals and prints on display and for sale at the Ridgeland Library throughout April and May, and is happy to do commissioned pieces as well. Her goal in all these endeavors is to inspire and bring joy.

## Madison County Mystery Readers – Favorite Mysteries of 2012

If you like mysteries and would like to participate in stimulating and friendly discussions, the Madison County Mystery Readers meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Ridgeland branch. Facilitator Jean Gamble provides a list of books by new authors or established authors for discussion. This is an informal group that welcomes new members.

### Jean Gamble

11/22/63 – Stephen King  
*Gone Girl* – Gillian Flynn  
*The House of Silk* – Anthony Horowitz  
*Trust Your Eyes* – Linwood Barclay  
*The Professionals* – Owen Laukkanen  
*Iron House* – John Hart

### J C Patterson

*Gone Girl* – Gillian Flynn  
*Creole Belle* – James Lee Burke  
*The Rope* – Nevada Barr  
*Into The Darkest Corner* – Elizabeth Haynes  
*Phantom* – Jo Nesbo

### Janis Roberts

*Into The Darkest Corner* – Elizabeth Haynes  
*Broken Harbor* – Tana French  
*Trust Your Eyes* – Linwood Barclay  
*Gone Girl* – Gillian Flynn  
*On Borrowed Time* – David Rosenfelt

### Carolyn Pope

*15 Seconds* – Andrew Gross  
*Iron House* – John Hart  
*The Expats* – Chris Pavone  
*Trust Your Eyes* – Linwood Barclay  
*Gone Girl* – Gillian Flynn

### Anne Carsley

*Dominion* – C. J. Sansom  
*Never Look Away* – Linwood Barclay  
*Trust Your Eyes* – Linwood Barclay  
*The Crown* – Nancy Bilyeau  
11/22/63 – Stephen King

### Wilma Blair

*The Drop* – Michael Connelly  
*Explosive Eighteen* – Janet Evanovich  
*Turning Angel* – Greg Iles  
*Cold Pursuit* – T. Jefferson Parker  
*Special Circumstances* – Sheldon Siegel

### Charlotte Anding

*Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* – Tom Franklin  
*Don't Ever Get Old* – Dan Friedman  
*Broken Harbor* – Tana French  
*Mystery* – Jonathan Kellerman  
*Faces of the Gone* – Brad Parks

### Sue Stewart

*Gone Girl* – Gillian Flynn  
*Dead Aim* – Thomas Perry  
*Blood Money* – Thomas Perry

### Lee Mills

*The Stranger You Seek* – Amanda Kyle Williams  
*Kind of Blue* – Miles Corwin  
*The Girl Next Door* – Brad Parks

### Rosemary Taylor

*A Wanted Man* – Lee Child  
*Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* – Tom Franklin  
*Some Kind of Peace* – Camilla Grebe and Asa Traff  
*A Case for Solomon* – Tal Mcthenia and Margaret Dunbar Cutright

### Glenda Cox

*Lethal* – Sandra Brown  
*Backfire* – Catherine Coulter  
*The Racketeer* – John Grisham  
*The Witness* – Nora Roberts



PROGRAMS



It's tax time. Volunteers will be available at the Ridgeland Library to help you.

**Need a Hand Filing Your Tax Returns?**  
*AARP Tax-Aide volunteers prepare tax returns, ease clients' anxiety. All for free!*

Tax assistance will be available at the Ridgeland branch beginning February 4-April 15, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., on Mondays. Preparers will assist people who are 55 or older with their 2012 returns.

**Welty at Home:  
A Look Inside the Welty Collection  
Wednesday, April 17, noon-1 p.m.**

In "Welty at Home: A Look Inside the Welty Collection," Alanna Patrick and Betty Uzman will present a selection of readings from Eudora Welty's correspondence that illustrates Welty's love for her house and for her hometown of Jackson, Mississippi. The talk will highlight not only Welty's sense of humor, but also some of the unexpected treats that await the researcher in the Eudora Welty Collection. Please call to make a reservation since a light luncheon is provided. The free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Debbe Tilman of Clinton leaving with a stack of books. The spring book sale starts April 25 for Friends of the Library.

**Friends of the  
Library Spring  
Book Sale**

The Friends of the Ridgeland Library Book Sale Committee requests that you read through your "To Read" stack, cull your book, CD and DVD collections, and consider making a donation to the April Book Sale. The sale is slated for April 26 to May 1, with a Preview Night for Friends of the Ridgeland Library members on April 25. This sale continues to be a community

favorite and truly helps our library to upgrade its collections, technology and furnishings. Become a Friend of the Ridgeland Library by becoming a member, making a generous book donation and/or joining us in April for the semiannual sale.

**"Mining Your Memories—  
Writing Family Stories"**



Pictured are (from left) Elaine Blaine, Iley Mohammed, Mary Brewer and Gloria Lightwine - Mining Your Memories.

Have you ever thought about writing your most memorable personal experiences to give as a family gift? Facilitator Vivian Newkirk prods minds with questions and suggestions that spark the memory. Students learn through exploration and write experiences that play a pivotal role in growing up. The spring series will cover the middle school years to young adulthood. The free classes are offered on March 14, April 11 and May 9 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Ridgeland Library. If you are interested in attending, please email Vivian Newkirk at [nykudzume@yahoo.com](mailto:nykudzume@yahoo.com).



## CHILDREN'S NEWS

## Meet Cindy Graves, the Ridgeland Library's new Children's Specialist!



Cindy Graves, Children's Specialist at the Ridgeland branch is an expert at instilling a love of books in children.

loves hugs, hearing children laugh and seeing the "love light of learning" on smiling faces, young and old! We are all looking forward to working with her, and she will be a great addition to the Ridgeland community. Be on the lookout for her programs for children and young adults this spring. Storytimes formerly known as Rising Readers and Mother Goose on the Loose will continue to be offered in addition to new programs for older students; check our website for dates and times. Next time you visit the library, be sure to stop by and say "hi" to Mrs. Cindy!

## Ridgeland Readers

Ridgeland Readers is a fun storytime program for three- to seven-year-olds on Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. The program will last about 45 minutes, and it will include stories, songs, flannel board activities and an art craft. Scheduled upcoming dates for Ridgeland Readers are: **March 5, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 9, April 16, April 23, April 30.**

## Baby Bookends

This storytime program is for infants to two-year-olds on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and is an interactive program between children and their caregivers. We sing rhymes, introduce toys and various musical instruments, read stories, and do flannel board and movement activities. The program lasts about 30 minutes. Scheduled upcoming dates for Mother Goose on the Loose are: **March 6, March 20, March 27, April 3, April 17, April 24.**

\*\*Please note: There will be no Baby Bookends Storytime on April 10.

## Art Junction

This program, which focuses on creativity with reading and writing twists, is for third-through sixth-graders and meets on the first and third Thursdays each month from 3:30 to about 4:30 p.m. Scheduled upcoming dates for Art Junction are: **March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18.**

## Teen Time

This program is for seventh- through 12th-graders, or any teenage student, and meets on the second and fourth Thursdays each month from 3:30 to about 4:30 p.m. This activity focuses on pop culture and current events. Scheduled dates for Teen Time are: **March 14, March 28, April 25.**

\*\*Please note: there will be no Teen Time Program on April 11.

## FamFun

On months having a fifth Thursday, we will offer events open to the whole family. FamFun events are from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and the remainder of this year's scheduled events are: **Family Picnic on May 30, B2SB (Back to School Blowout) on August 29, -Fall Harvest on October 31, and a very special Christmas program.**

\*Refreshments may be served on occasion. Please communicate with the children's specialist regarding any food allergies you or your child may have.

\*\*Also, the library will not have any of its regularly scheduled programs the week of March 11-16 due to Spring Break. Additionally, to prepare for our June Summer Reading Program, storytimes will be canceled for the month of May!





## Ridgeland Chamber Celebrates "Ridgeland and All That Jazz!"

Some 300 business leaders and city officials packed the Hilton Jackson's ballroom, celebrating Ridgeland's economic growth and development during 2012 and honoring volunteers for their dedicated service to the Chamber and City.

With its theme, "Ridgeland and All That Jazz!," the Chamber's banquet featured the Jackson All-Stars and award-winning musician Raphael Semmes and the Mississippi Live Jazz Combo.

2012 Chamber President Greg Starnes of Trustmark National Bank said the Chamber topped off a strong period of growth in 2012. He noted the Chamber's 900-plus membership, over 70 ribbon cuttings and community service activities such as Make A Difference Day which this year raised money for the American Cancer Society.

"2012 marked the 19th Anniversary of our Chamber," Starnes said. "We have reached many milestones over the last 19 years. Today, we are recognized across the metro area as an organization with momentum, constantly setting new goals and offering fresh, innovative programs."

Outgoing Chamber President Starnes passed the gavel to 2013 President Carla Palmer Allen of CPA Realty, LLC.

"Our 2013 theme is Celebrating 20 Years of Business Development, and this year we will place renewed emphasis on helping businesses succeed by offering networking opportunities that encourage our businesses to do business with each other. We will also focus on ways to better help our smaller businesses promote their products and services and spread their message throughout Madison County and beyond. This year, we will also devote major attention to Ridgeland's top-rated school system by working with PTOs and school officials. We will showcase all the many reasons why we believe, 'everyday is a great day to be a Titan!'"

Ridgeland Chamber volunteers were honored for their contributions to the Chamber and the City of Ridgeland.



CITY OF RIDGELAND  
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COMMERCE

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### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS 5-7 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21**  
Hyatt Place Ridgeland  
1016 Highland  
Colony Parkway

**Thursday, April 25**  
Belk and Northpark Mall  
1200 East County  
Line Road

**Thursday, May 16**  
Golf Tournament  
Lake Caroline Golf Club

### 2012 Award Winners

**Diplomat of the Year**  
Meghan Elder, Hilton Jackson

**Volunteer of the Year**  
Kristy Daniels, Regions Bank

**Community Service Award**  
Adam Malone  
Adam's Playground

**Business of the Year**  
The Township at Colony Park  
*A Kerioth Corporation  
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**City Maker**  
Jerry Williams

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Jackson All-Stars band leader David Schommer leads the Second Line Mardi Gras Parade. Raphael Semmes and the Mississippi Live Jazz Combo are part of the awards banquet festivities.



2012 City Maker Award • Jerry Williams of Ridgeland was named City Maker 2012, Ridgeland's highest award, by Mayor Gene McGee.



Ridgeland's First Lady Jane McGee; Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee; Tina Lakey, CenterPoint Energy; and Ridgeland Chamber Executive Director Linda Bynum.



Business of the Year • Clint Herring of Keriorth Corporation, center, receives the Ridgeland Chamber's 2012 Business of the Year Award for his urban development, The Township at Colony Park. Presenting Herring with the award are from left Andrew Mattiace, Mattiace Properties and H. C. "Buster" Bailey, H. C. Bailey Companies, both recipients of the 2011 award for their development, Renaissance at Colony Park.



2012 Ridgeland Chamber President Greg Starnes of Trustmark National Bank, passes the gavel to 2013 Ridgeland Chamber President Carla Palmer Allen of CPA Realty, LLC.



Diplomat of the Year • Meghan Elder of the Hilton Jackson is named 2012 Ridgeland Chamber Diplomat of the Year by Trizell Hardin of Trustmark National Bank who received the award in 2011.



Volunteer of the Year • Kristy Daniels of Regions bank, left, is named 2012 Ridgeland Chamber Volunteer of the Year by Shelia Jackson of BankPlus who received the award in 2011.



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Community Service Award • Adam Malone, the inspiration and driving force behind the construction of Adams Playground, a fully accessible playground for all children located at Ridgeland's Freedom Ridge Park, receives the Ridgeland Chamber's 2012 Community Service Award from Michele Austin of Repeat Street who received the award in 2011. Looking on is 2012 Ridgeland Chamber President Greg Starnes of Trustmark National Bank.

Adam is the youngest person to ever receive an award given by the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce.

*Cinderella  
had the glass slipper, but you  
have the glass staircase!*

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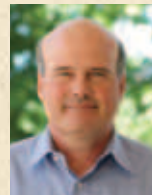
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### City Meetings

#### Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting

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

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

#### Architectural Review Board

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

Bill Dicken - Chairman

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

#### Beautification Committee

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

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

#### Community Awareness Committee

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

Janie Boyd - Chairperson

Chad Carr, Peggy Gauthé, Shirley Gill, Dawn Hall, Scott Higginbotham, Lee Hutchings, Drew Malone, Mike Smith, Darlene Turner

#### Contractors Board of Adjustment and Appeals

Lantz Kuykendall-Chairman

Terry Evans, Ronnie Hales, David Pursell, Steve Rimmer, Ricky Skeen, Clay Sutherland, Leroy Tubbs, Keith West

#### Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee

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

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

#### Zoning and Planning Board

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

Bernie Giessner-Chairman

Michelle Caballero, Philip Huskey, Mark Irby, Walter Cox, Larry Miller, Julius Murray

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**Chuck Gautier**, Ward 2 . . . . . 601-856-1291

**Kevin Holder**, Ward 3 . . . . . 601-856-1950

**Brian Ramsey**, Ward 4 . . . . . 601-506-1979

**Scott Jones**, Mayor Pro Tempore, Ward 5 . . . . . 601-856-6861

**Wesley Hamlin**, Ward 6 . . . . . 601-454-0353

### City Directory

**Animal Control**  
animalcontrol@ridgelandms.org . . . . . 601-856-2121

**Anonymous Tip Line**  
(*criminal investigations division*) . . . . . 601-853-2006

**City Hall/Mayor's Office** . . . . . 601-856-7113

**Community Development Department**  
(*development, property maintenance, zoning, signs, permits*) . . . . . 601-856-3877

**Community Police Officers**  
(*residential/neighborhood concerns and service*) . . . . . 601-502-6040 & 601-940-9030

**Court Clerk**  
(*traffic violations, misdemeanors and fines*) . . . . . 601-853-2001

**Emergency** (*police and fire dispatch center*) . . . . . 9-1-1

**Finance and Administration**  
(*business licenses, elections, meeting minutes, budget, public records*) . . . . . 601-856-7113

**Fire Department**  
(*non-emergency calls, safety education programs*) . . . . . 601-856-7004

**Police Department**  
(*non-emergency calls, public safety concerns*) . . . . . 601-856-2121

**Public Works Department**  
(*roads, garbage, recycling, water, storm water*) . . . . . 601-853-2027

**Recreation and Parks**  
(*special events, athletics and program registration, park information*) . . . . . 601-853-2011

**Utility Billing Department** (*water, sewer, garbage and recycling billing*)  
utilitybilling@ridgelandms.org . . . . . 601-856-3938

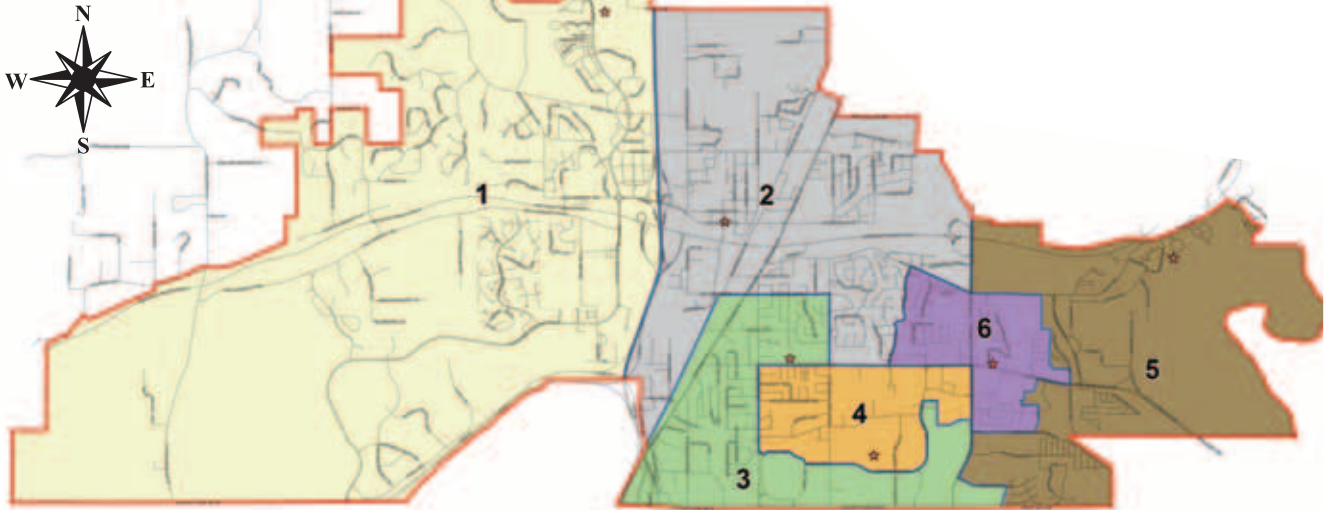


# RIDGELAND ALDERMEN

To learn more about your elected representatives, go to [www.ridgelandms.org/elected-officials/](http://www.ridgelandms.org/elected-officials/).

*Please note the new ward lines and polling locations for the upcoming City of Ridgeland elections.*

WARD	POLLING LOCATION
Ward 1	HIGHLAND COLONY BAPTIST CHURCH
Ward 2	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Ward 3	TRACE RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ward 4	COLONIAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
Ward 5	RIDGELAND RECREATION CENTER
Ward 6	MT. CHARITY BAPTIST CHURCH



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