



# LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Spring is here and Ridgeland is celebrating this wonderful season with more outdoor events

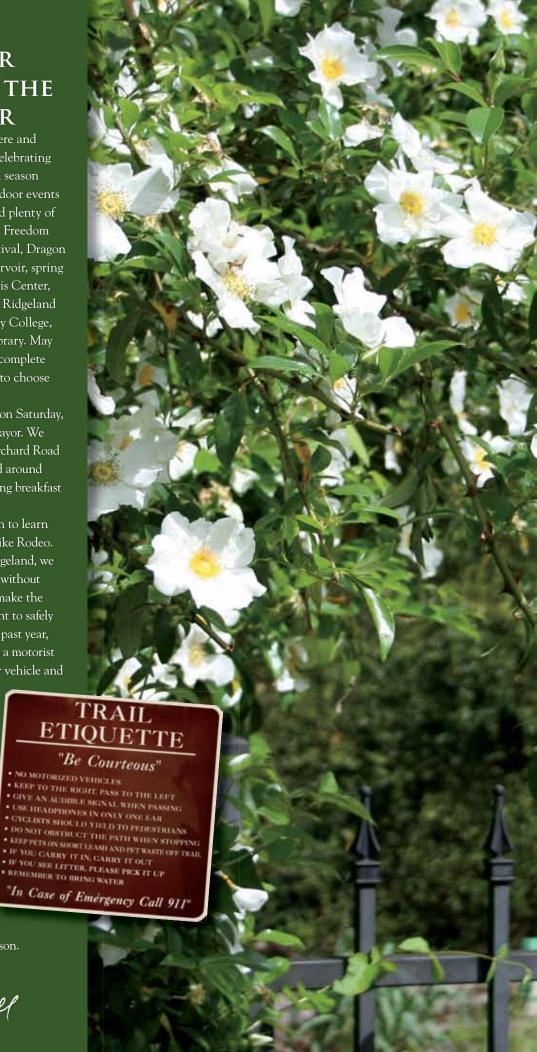
than just about anywhere. One can find plenty of activities such as KidFest! Ridgeland at Freedom Ridge Park, Renaissance Fine Arts Festival, Dragon Boat Regatta on the Ross Barnett Reservoir, spring tennis tournaments at Ridgeland Tennis Center, races of varying distances, Rumblin' in Ridgeland Classic car show at Holmes Community College, and geocaching with the Ridgeland Library. May is Bicycle Safety Month and there is a complete listing of bicycle-related events for you to choose from inside *Ridgeland Life*.

I want to invite everyone to join me on Saturday, April 30 for Ride Ridgeland with the Mayor. We will leave from Indian Cycle on Pear Orchard Road at 8 a.m. and enjoy a 20-mile ride in and around Ridgeland. Sweet Peppers Deli is donating breakfast for us at the end of our ride.

A wonderful opportunity for children to learn about bicycle and helmet safety is our Bike Rodeo. Since we enacted our helmet law in Ridgeland, we don't want to see any child or any adult without a helmet. The Ride of Silence helps to make the public aware that bicyclists have the right to safely share the same road with vehicles. This past year, the 3-foot law was enacted that requires a motorist to allow 3 feet of distance between their vehicle and a cyclist on any roadway.

Cycling has made a significant impact on my health. When I started, I weighed almost 30 pounds more than I do now. I feel much better since I began cycling and it has had a tremendous positive effect on my quality of life. Besides the health benefits, I have met many wonderful friends through cycling and these are folks that I would never had the chance to meet except for the sport of cycling. I hope that you too can get outdoors and find your way to be healthy this season.

There F. Milker

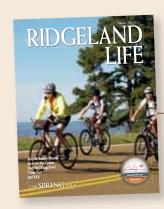




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The Natchez Trace Century Ride provides the opportunity for cyclists to enjoy a ride along the Natchez Trace with rest stops up to 100 km. This year's Century Ride is scheduled for Saturday, April 9. See RECRE8 for details.

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## BICYCLE SAFETY TO BE RECOGNIZED IN MAY

The month of May is National Bike Month. It is also recognized by proclamation in Ridgeland as Bicycle Safety Month. Several educational and recreational events during the month will entice you to hop on your bike and ride!

# Ride Ridgeland with the Mayor

When: 8 a.m., Saturday,

April 30

Where: Indian Cycle,

677 S. Pear Orchard Road,

Ridgeland

To kick off Bicycle Safety Month, Mayor Gene McGee will lead a recreational bike ride of approximately 20 miles at a leisurely pace. We will meet at Indian Cycle, 677 S. Pear Orchard Road at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 30. The route will utilize the multiuse trail and some lightly travelled roads in and around Ridgeland.

Get outside and get healthy by enjoying the spring weather on your bike with the camaraderie of fellow cyclists. City officials want to encourage Ridgeland citizens to utilize recreational facilities and parks such as the multiuse trail.

Sweet Peppers Deli will generously donate breakfast for hungry riders at Indian Cycle after the event.

### **Bicycle Rodeo**

When: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.,

Saturday, May 7

Rain 9 a.m. to 11

Date: a.m., Saturday, May 14

Where: Olde Towne Middle School, 210 Sunny-

brook Road, Ridgeland

Children are invited to bring their bicycle and helmet and have fun on their bike! League Certified Instructors by the League of American Bicyclists, Jayce and Stephanie Powell, along with Officer Brad Carter, a certified Mountain Bike Officer through the Law Enforcement Bicycle Association (LEBA), will lead the event. Bicycling advocate, Mayor Gene McGee, will kick off the event speaking to participants about the benefits of cycling safely. A bicycle course will be set up to teach bicycling skills and to play games. Bike decorating and a parade are a highlight of the event. Come out ready to learn and have fun!

### Bike to Work Week

When: May 16 – 20 with Friday, May 20 as

Bike to Work Day

Where: from home to

work

National Bike to Work Week is May 16 - 20 and Friday, May 20 is Bike to Work Day. Businesses are encouraged to participate. To assist you with planning your route, Ridgeland maps are available at City Hall, 304 Highway 51, and at the City of Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce, 754 S. Pear Orchard Road. For ideas on a successful Bike to Work Day event, go to http://www. bikeleague.org/programs/ bikemonth/pdf/national bike\_month\_guide.pdf.

Business teams who participate will receive recognition in the next issue of *Ridgeland Life*.

### Basic Maintenance Clinic

When: 6:15 p.m.,

Monday, May

23

Where: Indian Cycle,

677 S. Pear Orchard Road,

Ridgeland

Basic Maintenance Clinic provides very useful training to cycling teens and adults. Learn how to fix a flat tire and maintain your bike for its best ride. Be sure to bring your bicycle or the front wheel of your bicycle and leave prepared with the knowledge to upkeep your bike like an expert. The clinic is led by the professionals at Indian Cycle in Ridgeland.



Right: Children learn about bicycle safety at Bicycle Rodeo











# Soulshine Blues and Groove Bike Ride

When: 8 a.m., Sat., May 28
Where: Soulshine Pizza,
Township at Colony
Park, 1111 Highland
Colony Parkway

Soulshine Blues and Groove Bike Ride is a benefit for the American Cancer Society. Start your day with a bike ride leaving at 8 a.m. from Soulshine Pizza Factory. Two ride options are available: 25 and 50-mile rides. Entry fee is \$20; a portion will be donated to the American Cancer Society. Return from the ride to enjoy great food, and return the following weekend for the Soulshine Blues and Groove Festival. Free entry will be available to Heatwave participants. Contact Jayce Powell, 601-956-8383 or jayce@indiancyclefitness.com for details.

## **Group Bike Rides**

When: 6:00 p.m.,

Mondays in May Where: Indian Cycle, 677

> S. Pear Orchard Road, Ridgeland

Enjoy the experience of riding with other cyclists. Group bike rides will be led by an experienced group cyclist and employee of Indian Cycle, starting at 6:00 p.m. and lasting approximately one hour. There will be two groups, a beginner and an advanced group. Cyclists are required to wear helmets. Registration is not required. Contact Jayce Powell at Indian Cycle, 601-956-8383 for more information.

Rides started March 21 and will continue until Daylight Savings Time in the Fall.

## **Mountain Bike Rides**

When: 5 p.m., Wednes-

days in May
Where: Ridgeland Trails,

Off Giles Lane
in Madison

County off N. Livingston Road

Weekly trail rides take place on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the Ridgeland Trails. Visit the Tri-County Mountain Bike Association website for driving directions and details at www.tricountymtb.org.

### Ride of Silence

When: 6:15 p.m., May 18 Where: Northpark Mall, Ridgeland

The Ride of Silence™ is a silent bicycle ride established to honor cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways. In 2003, the first Ride of Silence™ was conducted in Dallas, Texas after endurance cyclist Larry Schwartz was killed after being struck by the mirror of a passing bus. The Ride aims to raise awareness that cyclists and motorists share the same road and to encourage respect and consideration of each other on the road.

Mississippi's Ride Of Silence™ is held in Ridgeland each year, beginning and ending at Northpark Mall. It is a free ride sponsored by the City of Ridgeland, Indian Cycle Racing, Jackson Metro Cyclists and Jackson Bicycle Advocates. Speakers will start at 6:15 p.m. at Northpark Mall and the ride will begin at 7:00 p.m.

For details contact Jayce Powell at Indian Cycle, 601-956-8383.



# RIDGELAND HOSTS 3RD ANNUAL FINE ARTS FESTIVAL

100 of America's finest artists will feature artwork that is available to purchase at the 3rd Annual Renaissance Fine Arts Festival on April 2-3, 2011. The festival will be on the grounds of the Renaissance at Colony Park on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is free.

The Renaissance Fine Arts Festival was named to the Top 100 Fine Arts Fairs for 2011 by The Art Fair SourceBook (AFSB).

In comparison to the first Renaissance Fine Arts Festival in 2009, 73 artists were featured with 7.500 festival guests, with 80 artists and more than 10,000 guests in 2010. The festival shows signs of growth with 90 artists secured from 24 different states for 2011.

Festival guests can view artwork of national artisans, enjoy delicious foods from local restaurants and listen to musical performances of Jazz, Blues, Bluegrass and MS Indie Folk Rock.

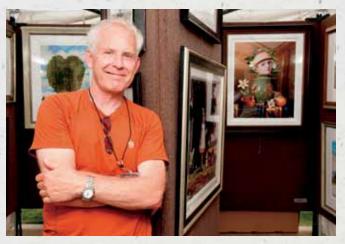
The Renaissance Fine Arts Festival is a juried art show and sale. Artists

are selected to participate in 12 different media categories such as jewelry, clay, photography, sculpting and painting.

Artistic director for this event, H.C. Porter of H.C. Porter Gallery of Vicksburg, Miss., said the festival is a wonderful

addition to the Ridgeland community and offers a unique way of bringing quality fine arts to everyone in a fun and approachable way.

"The Renaissance Fine Arts Festival brings to Ridgeland and Central Mississippi the opportunity for our community to gather in a casual outdoor



Michael Mazdo of Excelsior, MN, 2010 Best of Show Winner, will be exhibiting once again in this year's show.

setting around museum-quality artists for important hands-on education and conversation," Porter said.

Porter said she is most looking forward to presenting a broad range of artwork from around the nation to the eager public, as well as allowing them to meet the artists for one-onone conversations in a setting that is not intimidating, but rather casual and interactive.

"If you are interested in collecting art, curious about art or want a funky piece of jewelry, the Renaissance Fine Arts Festival is an excellent place to begin your art education and collection," Porter said. "In a short period of time, you can see a wide range of works in a huge variety of prices from our juried artists from around the nation."

Festival organizer, Bob McFarland of McFarland Productions in



The 3rd annual Renaissance Fine Arts Festival is being held in Ridgeland's Renaissance at Colony Park. Over 90 of America's finest artists offer artwork that is creative, inventive, unusual and unique.

Ridgeland, Miss., said more artists applied to participate in the Renaissance Fine Arts Festival this year than in the past two years.

In 2009, artists from 25 states submitted applications to participate. For 2010, 30 states were represented among the applicants, with 33 states submitting applications for 2011.

McFarland said this year the festival is focused within the Renaissance at Colony Park rather than on the perimeter of the shopping center.

"I think the architectural beauty and ambience of the Renaissance at Colony Park will provide an improved experience for our guests," McFarland added.

Younger audiences will enjoy pARTicipate which is the children's 'make and take' area. Hands-on activities will include designing t-shirts and hat-making. Children will also make whimsical puppets and create masterpieces out of clay.

Corduroy Bear and Wild Thing will appear for story-telling at Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

The Renaissance Fine Arts Festival was developed in 2009 by the Ridgeland Tourism Commission to provide art enthusiasts with the opportunity to purchase artwork and to interact with artists in an informal and relaxed setting. Its goal has been achieved – to offer tourists more reasons to visit Ridgeland while generating a positive economic impact for the city.

An opportunity to be a festival sponsor is available to companies or organizations who would like to promote their brand at this contemporary visual art show that will showcase the state's widest selection of artwork. Sponsors are guaranteed the highest exposure with their company or organization logo on all printed festival materials and promotional broadcast airtime.

To become a festival sponsor, contact Doyle Warrington at doyle@visitridgeland.com or Rochelle Hicks at rochelle@visitridgeland.com. To learn more about the 3rd Annual Renaissance Fine Arts Festival, visit http://renaissanceartsfest.com/ or contact the Ridgeland Tourism Commission at 800-468-6078.



pARTicipate! is our "make and take" hands-on art activities area where the creations are only limited by the imagination. All activities are ongoing throughout the festival.

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# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL TO HOST ARTS FESTIVAL, FUNDRAISER

t. Andrew's Episcopal School
Parents' Association will host
Arts on the Green, a two-day
festival of the arts, on St. Andrew's
Episcopal School's North Campus on
Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland.

"Arts on the Green is one of the Parents' Association's largest fundraisers," says Vickie Snypes, chair of Arts on the Green. "There is much to be excited about at St. Andrew's, including the addition of our state-of-the-art science and art building."

The festival will take place Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 17, from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Lake Sherwood Wise on St. Andrew's Episcopal School's North Campus. The festival will feature works for sale by local artists and craftsmen as well activities for the entire family.

"As parents, we want to encourage

creativity, making Arts on the Green the perfect venue," adds Snypes. "Make plans to join us for this unique festival. Enjoy browsing works of area artisans or participate in an art workshop or two. There will be something for all ages. Help us celebrate art, music, family and community!"

Saturday's lineup includes Lil Saints Paint with Ellen Langford and Tony Difatta and a nighttime screening of the movie *Up*, sponsored by Sal and Mookies. Sunday's special events will feature Paint, Play and Create with Easely Amused and a performance by St. Andrew's 8th grade drama class of William Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Other attractions include food, live music, shopping, and a children's carnival.

Trustmark Bank will serve as presenting sponsor for the event. The





festival is free to the public; however, special event ticket sales are available online. St. Andrew's Episcopal School is a co-education college preparatory day school serving 1200 students on two campuses in Jackson and Ridgeland. For more information, log onto stapresents.com or contact Vickie Snypes at vsnypes@aol.com or by calling 601-927-2318.



1st row (seated, L-to-R) Lorna Chain, Staging, Sharon McCreery, Sponsors. 2nd row (L-to-R) Lisa Dyess, Special Events; Lauren Benner, Exhibitors, Melanie Morgan, Publicity. 3rd row (l-to-R) Vickie Snypes, Chair; Kellye Montjoy, Co-Chair; Jennifer Stribling, Entertainment; Wendy Mullins, Volunteers.



Ridgeland business, Easely Amused, is hosting Paint, Play and Create as part of Sunday's events during Arts on the Green. Pictured here is owner, Bridget Tisdale, in the studio located at 7048 Old Canton Road.







**Top:** Showmanship abounds as circus performers engage the audience during the Zoppe' Italian Family Circus.

**Above:** See monkeys herd sheep as they ride on the backs of border collies during the Cowboy Monkey Rodeo.

**Right:** Children from the audience may dress up and be circus performers in the "World's Greatest Backyard Circus".

# Five Days of Affordable Family Fun

Family Fun is on as KidFest! Ridgeland, presented by M&F Bank, takes over Freedom Ridge Park April 15-17 and April 22-23. 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 such as Dora the

Explorer and Diego (April 15-17) and SpongeBob Squarepants and Patrick Star (April 22-23).

New this year, the City of Ridgeland's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held during KidFest! Ridgeland on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. 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 are \$10 at the gate, but coupons for \$3 off the regular admission price are available at www.kidfestridgeland.com. All performances, activities and attractions are included in the admission price. See Recre8 or visit www.kidfestridgeland.com for additional information.



Go to www.kidfestridgeland.com for schedules, events and a \$3 off coupon!

# **EVERYONE WINS** WITH THE TITAN TROT

The Highland Elementary PTO has developed a winning plan for everyone in Ridgeland and the surrounding areas. The Titan Trot, a 5K event, will help raise money for school projects at Highland and help obtain a grant that will provide a shade canopy and reprieve from the sun for students on the playground. This also brings up the opportunity for adults to participate in an event that can serve as a fitness-enhancing venture and a potential life-changer. Titan Trot is scheduled for Saturday, April 9 with registration at 7 a.m.

A 5K is short for 5000 kilometers using the metric system. 5000 kilometers convert to 3.1 miles. The 5K is a very popular distance event and you can find one just about every weekend. However, many people think about the distance of 3.1 miles and automatically assume that they could not possibly cover that distance. There is a fear that the distance is too great, but deeper down, the fear is one of failure. However, the human body is an amazing machine that is wonderful at adapting for survival. Unfortunately (or fortunately) we do not have to rely on our bodies for survival anymore in our lush technology-filled environment, so an event covering 3.1 miles of distance seems very foreign and ridiculous, yet it can be the beginnings of a life changed.

Whether you are thinking about accepting the challenge of your first 5K or you have done hundreds of them, we all get the same things out of it, just in different doses. We all feel the sense of a job well done and accomplishment. We set a goal for ourselves and persevere towards that goal, setting aside time each day to work on our goal and discovering that we have found ourselves again in the process. We are facing fears of failure through the process and begin to discover that our failures are how we become successful.

# Roll with Rumblin' in Ridgeland

Ladies and Gentlemen: Start your engines and cruise on over to the 2nd Annual Rumblin' Ridgeland Classic Car Show, being held from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, on the Ridgeland Campus of Holmes Community College.

This year's Rumblin' in Ridgeland is a partnership between Holmes Community College, the Ridgeland Tourism Commission and the Mississippi Classic Cruisers Car Club. The event will benefit Sun-

nybrook Children's Home, the Holmes Community College chapter of Phi

Theta Kappa Honor Society and the Holmes Community College Alumni Association.

For more information about the 2nd Annual Rumblin' in Ridgeland Car Show, please visit www. holmescc.edu or www.msclassiccruisers.com.



# Tips for **Riding Safely**

By Jayce Powell

The temperature is changing and it is time to get outdoors. The City of Ridgeland is blessed to have some fantastic multi-use paths that people can enjoy for biking, running, walking or just being outside.

When you are on the multi-use path, remember proper trail etiquette.

- Let people know when you are coming up on them and about to pass them.
- Keep animals on a leash and close to you.
- Stay on your side of the trail.
- Always wear a helmet on the bike.
- Take water with you.
- Wear bright clothes.
- When wearing an iPod, leave the left ear out so you can hear approaching traffic from behind.

May is National Bicycle Safety and Awareness month by the League of American Bicyclists. As you may or may not know, the City of Ridgeland has been designated a bronze level Bicycle Friendly City by the League of American Bicyclists.

We invite you to come out and enjoy some of the activities planned for the month of May. There is something for everyone.

If you are looking for local bicycle clubs to get involved with, check out Jackson Metro Cyclist and Jackson Bicycle Advocates. Bike Walk Mississippi is another great resource to check out. If you are into mountain biking, look up Tri-County Mountain Bike Association and go visit the Ridgeland Trails in Madison County. They are some of the nicest trails in the South.

Remember to get out and enjoy the benefits and blessings that the city of Ridgeland provides for us!

# RIDGELAND VIES FOR 'HEALTHIEST TOWN' TITLE

By Steven G. Watson, Madison County Journal / Madison County Magazine

Parks, walking trails, athletic events and an active community are all parts of Ridgeland that city leaders hope will earn them recognition for being "The Healthiest Town in Mississippi."

Ridgeland has joined other municipalities from across the state hoping to garner the Healthy Hometown Award given annually by the Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Foundation.

The foundation awards one small town (fewer than 5,000 residents), a medium town (5001-14,999 residents) and a large town (15,000 or more) with the moniker and a \$25,000 grant each year.

From the three chosen the foundation also names "The Healthiest Town in Mississippi" and awards an additional \$50,000 grant.

This year a committee has been formed to help promote all the qualities that make Ridgeland on of the most healthy towns in Mississippi.

From its numerous parks, to more than 8 miles of multiuse trails and events like the Heatwave Triathlon, Ridgeland offers plenty of opportunities for residents to stay fit.

That's one of the reasons why committee chairman Dr. Rick Guynes thinks they have a great shot at taking home the top award.

As an interventional cardiologist at the Jackson Heart Clinic, Guynes attributes a lot of the city's focus on health to the city's leaders and Mayor Gene McGee.

He said his family moved here in large part because of the city's many amenities and that they enjoy using them regularly.

"I think under Mayor McGee's leadership the city has been striving for years to be a healthy community and that alone has inspired many families to move here," Guynes said.

"For me personally as a physician we know Mississippi lags behind other states in terms of fitness," he continued. "We pay a steep price for that in terms of illness, heart disease, and diabetes, and it all stems from the lifestyles that we have developed over many generations."

Guynes said along with the obvious "healthy living" amenities the city offers they are looking into some other possible additions like a local farmers market and a community garden.

The committee is currently putting together the city's application which is due in April. Winners will be announced this summer at the Mississippi Municipal League Conference on the coast.

The committee includes active senior citizens, teachers, cardiologists, aldermen, coaches, physical therapists, pharmacists, personal trainers, fitness enthusiasts and athletes.



## IT'S HOT TO BE COOL AT WOLCOTT

Hite Wolcott Park is about to get a lot cooler. Several improvements have been underway since November, 2010. Project completion is expected by April 1, in time for the baseball season.

The park, built in 1985, is gaining some structural upgrades, according to John Sidney North, Athletics Coordinator, City of Ridgeland. New press boxes, updated brick for the concession stand and planters will improve the look of the facility.

Asphalt, currently located between the baseball fields, will be replaced with grass and sidewalks. When the temperatures rise outside, the asphalt radiates heat, making the local temperatures even hotter. Grass stays cool and will be a welcome change to Wolcott Park.

In addition, the cool factor goes up for Wolcott Park because grass is a more environmentally friendly ground

covering than impervious surfaces, including asphalt. Rainwater can filter down through the grass to replenish our groundwater, instead of running off into our streams, carrying any pollutants with it.

This summer when you come out to a ballgame, you will enjoy a much cooler park!



This plan indicates where asphalt will be replaced with grass at Wolcott Park.

# Ann Smith Elementary Principal Named Madison County Administrator of the Year

Ann Smith Elementary principal Kathy Rigsby has been selected as the 2010-11 Administrator of the Year for the Madison County School District.

Rigsby, who's in her sixth year at ASE, has been in education for 23 years, serving as a teacher, counselor and now principal. Over the past 18 months, she has played a crucial leadership role in the \$3.3 million in renovations and additions to the school.

"Kathy is very deserving of this honor," said Ridgeland High School principal Lee Boozer. "We're very proud to have her in the Ridgeland zone."

Boozer compares Rigby's role during the construction at ASE to that of a principal tasked with opening a brandnew school. Despite construction being down to the wire for the start of school this past August, Boozer said that Rigsby was able to get her teachers and students settled in with no problems. And she made it look easy.

"The Monday prior to school starting, it looked like a bomb had gone off there," he said. "The day school started, it was like the first day of school anywhere in America."

ASE first-grade teacher Anelyse



Pictured are (from left) Paola DeLeon, Bella Rose Kopf, Kathy Rigsby, Ainsley Ruhl, Thomas Webber and Barbara Quintana.

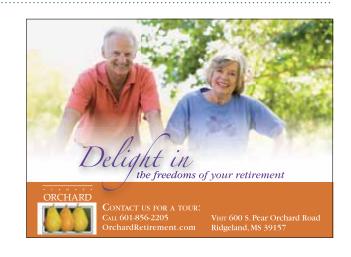
Jacobs first worked for Rigsby at Marshall Elementary in Jackson. When she heard Rigsby was leaving to become principal at Ann Smith, she and several Marshall teachers decided they were leaving, too. "None of us wanted to work for another principal," said Jacobs. "The school environment wouldn't be the same." Three of those Marshall teachers, including Jacobs, are currently teaching at ASE.

Jacobs describes Rigsby as a

supportive administrator who treats her faculty and staff with respect.

"Mrs. Rigsby deserves to be Administrator of the Year because she has far surpassed what her job description states," said Jacobs. "She's such a positive role model, not only to the students but to the faculty and staff, too. She truly loves her job, the school, the students and the teachers. We couldn't do it without her."







## Why is it so Important to Recycle?

The City
of Ridgeland
wants to
remind citizens
that it is important to recycle.
Residents currently pay for the

collection of recyclables. It will cost us all a lot more in the future with the depletion of natural resources.

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality provides the following information. Recycling is important for several reasons. 1) Recycling conserves natural resources. Some of these natural resources such as oil, natural gas and minerals are non-renewable resources. Simply put, they don't get replaced as we pull them out of the ground. Once they're gone, they're gone forever.

Recycling conserves landfill space.Landfill space will last longer if we only

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put items that are not recyclable into them. It costs a great deal of money to build a landfill and we need to be careful how much and how fast we fill them up.

- 3) Recycling employs people. Recycling employs people who a) collect the recyclable material, b) process the material or get it ready to sell to a manufacturer, c) transport the materials to factories where it will be turned into new products, d) take the material and manufacture it into new products, e) manufacture equipment and products used by the recycling industry, and f) manage local, state and federal government recycling programs and private and non-profit recycling programs.
- 4) Recycling conserves energy. Without question, recycling conserves the energy that would be necessary to create the same product from its raw resource. 5) Recycling reduces our dependence on overseas natural resources. This is important in two

very important ways: a) it reduces our dependence on overseas oil and gas which has national security implications, and b) it reduces our foreign trade deficit which is important to the strength of our economy.

In Ridgeland, you may recycle most household waste. Plastic bottles, tubs, caps, lids and bags are recyclable. Paper including glossy paper and junk mail, aluminum, cardboard, and paperboard such as beverage cartons and boxes are all recyclable. Recyclables must be clean of food waste. A few things are not accepted as recyclables in Ridgeland such as food waste and textiles. Glass is no longer accepted. Styrofoam such as to-go cups and packing material are also not recyclable.

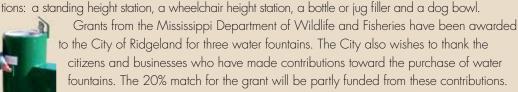
Please remember when you are considering throwing something in your trash can, whether it couldn't go in your recycling bin instead. It's really easy to recycle once you make it a habit to remember its importance.

## Water Fountains Donated by Generous Local Businesses

The City of Ridgeland is grateful for the generous donations of Fleet Feet Sports and Jackson Heart Association. Fleet Feet Sports funded the purchase of the first frost-proof water fountain for the Ridgeland Multiuse Trail. It is located near

the intersection of Rice Road and Harbor Drive.

Jackson Heart Association funded a water fountain where the trail meets Highland Colony Parkway. Both fountains feature four water sta-



**Left:** Fleet Feet Sports, located in Ridgeland, donated the first water fountain for the convenience and health of Ridgeland Multiuse Trail users. The Fleet Feet fountain can be found along Rice Road near the parking lot at the end of Harbor Drive.

**Top Right:** The most recent water fountain along the trail is located where the trail meets Highland Colony Parkway near the Natchez Trace Bridge. Jackson Heart Association donated the funds for this fountain.



## NEW TRAIL SEGMENT CELEBRATED

A new section of the Multiuse Trail officially opened with a ribboncutting ceremony on January 21, 2011. The event took place at the Ross Barnett Reservoir Overlook along the Natchez Trace Parkway.

"The completion of this segment represents another great partnership

completed two sections of multiuse trail. The segment between Highland Colony Parkway and Livingston Road included 3 miles of trail and the section between Old Canton Road and the Reservoir Overlook included 2.3 miles of trail. The new segments connect to 2.1 miles of trail already

ages to enjoy the beauty of the Trace, as well as gain the benefits of all types of exercise," said Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee.

Construction on new segments of the Multiuse Trail continues, providing opportunities for safe and enjoyable recreation. A trail segment beginning near Livingston Road and heading west toward Clinton is under construction. The trail is 10-feet wide, graded to allow access for wheelchair users, and designed to preserve the scenic cultural landscape of the Parkway.

"The completion of this segment represents another great partnership effort between the National Park Service, the City of Ridgeland, and the Federal Highway Administration."

- Parkway Superintendent Cameron Sholly.

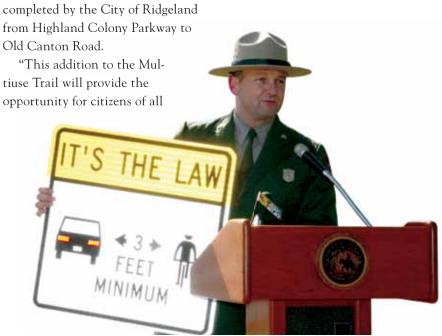


The grand opening of the multiuse trail segment between Old Canton Road and the Reservoir Overlook was celebrated in January, 2011.

effort between the National Park Service, the City of Ridgeland, and the Federal Highway Administration," said Parkway Superintendent Cameron Sholly. "Current and future segments of the Multiuse Trail will continue to enhance the quality of life for visitors and residents of this entire area."

This Multiuse Trail project was funded through the Park Roads and Parkways program within the Federal Lands Highway Program. The National Park Service recently

**Right:** Parkway Superintendent Cameron Sholly speaks about the law that enforces a distance of 3 feet between vehicles and bicycles on Mississippi's roadways.



## RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

## Freedom Ridge Park

235 West School Street

Freedom Ridge Park, a 50-acre athletic facility, is located on School Street just behind the Ridgeland Police Department. The park features four lighted adult regulation softball fields, four lighted regulation soccer fields, four picnic pavilions, two playgrounds, two concession/restroom buildings, a lighted walking trail and a maintenance facility.

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

## Ridgeland Tennis Center

201 McClellan Drive

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

## City Hall

304 Highway 51

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

## Ridgeland Recreational Center

Old Trace Park

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

## Friendship Park

475 Lake Harbour Drive

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

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

### **Wolcott Park**

McClellan Drive

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

## Youth Organizations

## South Madison County Soccer Organization

SMCSO is a non-profit organization providing an opportunity for the youth of our area to participate in soccer. Visit www.smcso.com or call 601-898-1996 for more information.

## Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club

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

# Recreation and Parks Staff

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# SPECIAL EVENTS

Special Events Coordinator, Wendy Bourdin

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### NATCHEZ TRACE CENTURY RIDE

The Ridgeland Natchez Trace

Century Ride will take place on Saturday, April 9. This recreational bike ride offers a scenic ride for participants of all levels. The Natchez Trace Century Ride will be held on the same weekend as the Tour Le Fleur. Riders from across the southeastern United States will be in Ridgeland to participate in this recreational bike ride. Please visit our website at www. natchezcenturyride.racesonline.com.

This recreational ride is perfect for the beginner, and for the more experienced riders, it will present a challenge to their endurance.

Program Price: \$35

Registration: February 1 – March 31

Late Registration: April 1 – April 9

Late Registration Fee: \$45

Event Date: Saturday, April 9

Start Time: 7:30 a.m.

Location: Ridgeland Recreational Center

### KIDFEST! RIDGELAND

Enjoy a great day of family fun. Kidfest will be held April 15-17 and April 22-23 at Freedom Ridge Park.

Ticket Price: \$10 at gate

\$3 Coupon at www.kidfestridgeland.com

Location: Freedom Ridge Park

Date & Time:

Friday, April 15 - 12 pm - 6:30 pm Saturday, April 16 - 9 am - 6:30 pm Sunday, April 17 - 12 pm - 6:30 pm Friday, April 22 - 9 am - 6:30 pm Saturday, April 23 - 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

### RIDE OF SILENCE

The Ride of Silence™ is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18. This special events asks participating cyclists to ride no faster than 12 mph and remain silent during the ride. The ride will begin and end at Northpark Mall. Speakers will begin at 6:15 p.m. and the ride starts at 7 p.m.

Program Price: Free

Location: Northpark Mall

Event Date: May 18 Start Time: 6:15 p.m.

### HOUSEHOLD Hazardous Waste Day

As part of Ridgeland's effort to keep the City clean, they will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 21, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 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, TV's, computers and old printers. Residents in the area should bring items to Holmes Community College on Saturday, May 21.

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 only. No business waste will be accepted.

## HEATWAVE CLASSIC TRIATHLON

The 26th annual Heatwave Classic will take place on Saturday, June 4. This triathlon is quickly becoming a race favorite among tri-athletes in the Southeast. The Heatwave Classic is sure to surpass last year's participation number. Over 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 7:00 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 Multi-Use Trail. For more information, call the Ridgeland Recreation and Parks office at 601-853-2011 or visit the Heatwave Classic website www.heatwavetri.racesonline.com.

Program Price:

 Individual
 \$75.00 after May 6, \$85

 Relay Team
 \$135.00 after May 6, \$145



\$10 Single event USAT

Insurance per participant

Registration: Now - June 1

(Registration will close

Wednesday, June 1)

Event Date: Saturday, June 4

Start Time: 7:00 a.m.

Location: Old Trace Park

## **ATHLETICS**

Athletics Coordinator, John Sidney North

Phone: 601-853-2011

E-mail: john.north@ridgelandms.org



### 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 September 1, 2010.

> Program Price: \$70

March 1 - 18 Registration: April 6 – 22 Program Dates:

Start Time: 6 p.m.

Days of Week: Tuesday and Thursday Location: Freedom Ridge Park

### ADULT SOFTBALL

The City of Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department will be offering a men's open league (6 Homerun limit), a men's commercial league (3 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 – 5 p.m. For more information, contact John Sidney North 601-853-2011.

> Program Price: \$500

March 7 - 25 Registration:

### DOG OBEDIENCE

The Jackson Obedience Training Club (JOTC) will offer puppy, beginner and advanced dog obedience classes. The nine-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 non-profit organization that was established in 1969 and is licensed by the American Kennel Club.

Registration will be held February 22 – March 19. Puppies must be 3 to 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.

> Program Price: \$75

Registration: February 22 – March 19

Start Date: March 29 Start Time: 7 p.m. Day of Week: Tuesday

Ridgeland Recreational Center Location:

## SUPERSTAR SENIORS

Senior Adult Coordinator, Lynda McMahan Assink

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Email: lynmac53@yahoo.com

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 to the Ridgeland Recreational Center every Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30 a.m. for a men's coffee group. Enjoy fellowship and coffee at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, overlooking the beautiful Ross Barnett Reservoir.

> Program Price: No Charge Start date: On-going

Time:s: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Day of Week:: Wednesday

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Learn the dance steps that are popular everywhere! In this class, you'll discover a variety of line dances. It's great fun, good exercise, and you don't need a partner. Classes will



be held at the Ridgeland Recreational Center located at Old Trace Park. Darlene Epple is the instructor for the class.

> Program Price: \$10/weekly Start date: On-going

Time:s Beginners Class, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Advanced Class, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Day of Week: Monday

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class is a verse-by-verse study of God's Word. Individuals from various backgrounds are welcome. This study will help you apply Biblical truths to everyday life. Jeanette Prescott is the facilitator of this class.

Program Price: No Cost Start date: On-going

Time:s 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Day of Week: Thursday

### 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.

Start date: On-going

*Times* 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Day of Week: Tuesday

### Painting Pals

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

Program Price: No cost Start date: On-going

*Times* 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Day of Week: Tuesdays

### 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 time:s. (Please feel free to bring your own equipment and painting supplies.)

Program Price: \$65/month Start date: On-going

*Times* 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Day of Week: Fridays

### 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, improves mind-body connection, greater strength and stamina, better balance and stability, improved posture, stress reduction, and much more.

Program Price: \$5/per class Start date: On-going

Time:s 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Day of Week: Wednesday

### YOGA

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

Program Price: \$10 per participant/per class

Start date: On-going

Times 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Days Monday and Friday

## **MONTHLY PROGRAMS**

### 50's Plus

Come and join us on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Everyone bring a large covered dish and enjoy good food, fellowship, and fun! Programs/Speakers: March – "Identity Theft" – Kathy Berry; April – "Singing Entertainment" – Errol Dauenhauer; May



- "Genealogy, Researching Your Legacy" - Glenn Shows Call Lynda to make your reservations at 601-856-6876.

> Program Price: No Charge

Event Date: March 3, April 7, May 5 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Times:

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 4 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 1:00 p.m.

> Program Price: \$1.00 each for Prize (winner) March 24, April 28, May 26 Dates

Times: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Day of Week: Thursday

### CROCHET

Bring your own needles and yarn and learn how to crochet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Experienced and novice learners are welcomed to this class. Come and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of crocheting and meeting new friends.

> Program Price: No Charge

Dates March 14 and 28

April 11 and 25

May 9 and 23

Times: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Day of Week: Monday

## RIDGELAND QUILTERS

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

Ridgeland Quilters meet on the 1st Monday of each

month. We love to see any quilts you have completed. Bring your work for "show and tell," and please bring any projects you are currently working on, needles, material, patterns, etc.

> Program Price: No Charge

March 7, April 4, May 2 Dates 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Time:s

Day of Week:: Monday

### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## BEGINNING Conversational Spanish

The City of Ridgeland Recreation & Parks' is offering Beginning Conversational Spanish Course. This is an eightweek course, meeting every Monday afternoon, beginning March 7th – May 2nd, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. You will be able to speak Spanish after the 1st class! This class is great for those who want to begin learning the Spanish language, as well as for those who'd like to brush-up on their Spanish. Ila Alvarez-Hallmark will be your instructor. Ila is from Mexico! She has been a department head nurse for many years in the United States. She has also been an interpreter for partners of America, and has served many hours as a volunteer translator.

> Program Price: \$100 for 8-week course March 7 - May 2 Dates Times 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Day of Week: Monday

## TENNIS

Ridgeland Tennis Center 201 McClellan Drive 601-853-1115 Directors: Cheryl Harris and Susan Toler

### TOURNAMENTS

March 4 − 5 Ridgeland Spring Junior Novice April 30 – May 2 Aquafina RTC Jr. Open State Champs

## Spring Adult and JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT CLASSES

Semi-private, private and group instruction

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

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# MARCH 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	<b>3</b> 50's Plus, Ridgeland Rec Center, 11:30 a.m.	4 Ridgeland Spring Junior Novice Tennis Tournament, Ridgeland Tennis Center	5 Ridgeland Spring Junior Novice Tennis Tournament, Ridgeland Tennis Center
6	<b>7</b> Ridgeland Quilters, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 – 18 Spring Break for Madison County Schools Crochet, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1:30 p.m.	15	16	Ridgeland Chamber Business After Hours, Southern Ag Credit, 5-7 p.m.	18 Registration Ends for Start Smart Baseball	19 Registration Ends for Dog Obedience
20	21	22	23	<b>24</b> Bridge Game, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1 p.m.	25 Registration Ends for Adult Softball	26 Near-Space Balloon Launch, OTMS, details at www.madison-schools. com/otm
27	<b>28</b> Crochet, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1:30 p.m.	<b>29</b> Dog Obedience begins, Ridgeland Rec Center, 7 p.m.	30	31		

# **APRIL 2011**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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						Renaissance Fine Arts Festival, Renaissance at Colony Park,9 a.m 6 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Titan Trot, Highland Elementary
Renaissance Fine Arts Festival, Renaissance at	Ridgeland Quilters, Ridgeland Rec Center,		Kindergarten Pre- Registration and	Spring Musical, Ridgeland High School Auditorium	Spring Musical, Ridgeland High School Auditorium	Natchez Trace Century Ride, Old Trace Park
Colony Park, 11 a.m 6 p.m.	1 p.m.		Program at Ann Smith Elementary	50s Plus, Ridgeland Rec Center, 11:30 a.m.		Fourth Annual Jazz Fest, Township at Colony Park
10	11 Crochet, Ridgeland Rec	12	13	14	15 KidFest! Ridgeland,	16 KidFest!Ridgeland, Freedom Ridge, 9 a 6:30 p.
	Center, 1:30 p.m.				Freedom Ridge Park, 12 - 6:30 p.m.	Rumblin' in Ridgeland car show, Holmes CC, Ridgeland, 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
16 – 17 Arts on the Green, St. Andrew's Episcopal School				Ridgeland Chamber Business After Hours, Drury Inn and Suites, 5 - 7 p.m.	KidFest! Ridgeland, Freedom Ridge Park, 9 a.m 6:30 p.m.	KidFest!Ridgeland, Freedom Ridge Park, 9 a.m 6:30 p.m.
KidFest! Ridgeland, Freedom Ridge Park, 12 – 6:30 p.m.					-	-
24	25	26	27	28 Spring PTO Meeting at ASE	29	30 Renaissance Half Marathon & 5K
	Crochet, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1:30 p.m.			Ridgeland Library book sale preview party, 4 – 6:30 p.m.		Ridgeland Library Spring Book Sale
				Bridge Game, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1 p.m.		Ride Ridgeland with the Mayor, Indian Cycle, 8 a.m.

## MAY 2011

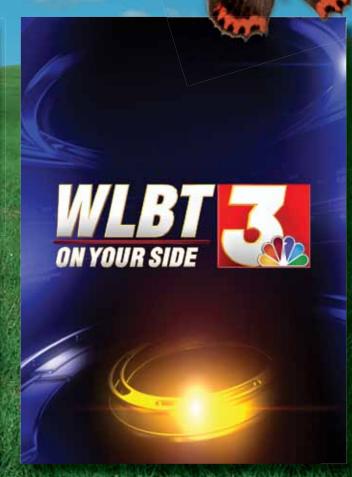
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<u>'</u>	2 Ridgeland Library Spring Book Sale Ridgeland Quilters, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1 p.m.	Ridgeland Library Spring Book Sale	Ridgeland Library Spring Book Sale	50s Plus, Ridgeland Rec Center, 11:30 a.m. Ridgeland Library Spring Book Sale	<b>6</b> Pepsi Pops Concert, Old Trace Park	Geocaching, Ridgeland Library, 10 a.m. Bike Rodeo, Olde Towne Middle School, 9 a.m.
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Crochet, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1:30 p.m					Dragon Boat Regatta, Old Trace Park
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Ridgeland Chamber Golf Tournament, Reunion Golf and Country Club		Ride of Silence, Northpark Mall, 6:15 p.m.		Bike to Work Day Ridgeland Relay for Life, Old Trace Park	Household Hazardous Waste Day, Holmes Community College, 8-12
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Crochet, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1:30 p.m. Bicycle Maintenance Clinic, 6:15 p.m.	Last Day for Madison County School Students	· ***	Bridge Game, Ridgeland Rec Center, 1 p.m.		8K on the Parkway
29	30	31	****			





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## EARTH DAY

To help students and parents learn about the importance of protecting our earth, ASE second-graders will present an Earth Day play. The play, directed by music teacher Carol Stanley, features Ebenezer Litterbug, a "Scrooge" when it comes to Earth Day. Angels from Earth Day past, present and future will pay Ebenezer a visit to help him change his behavior to a more earth-friendly lifestyle.

Students also take part in special Earth Day classroom activities to learn about conservation and taking care of the environment, and City of Ridgeland officials come to the school to talk to students about recycling. In addition, students are invited to submit

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artwork for a "Trash to Treasure" art competition, where students create works of art from recycled materials.

## **Important Dates**

March 2 Read Across America Parade

March 10-11 Patriotic Program

March 14-18 Spring Break

April 6 Kindergarten Pre-

Registration & Program

April 20-21 Earth Day Program

April 22 Good Friday – No School

April 28 Spring PTO Meeting

May 2-6 Teacher Appreciation

Week

May 6 Circus Day (Kindergarten)

May TBA\* Field Day

May 24 Last Day for Students

(60% Day)

\*Check our website, www.madison-schools. com/ase, for the exact date for Field Day.

# ann smith elementary

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Carrie Blount and Sissy Lynn

Ann Smith Elementary is a kindergarten through second-grade school serving the Ridgeland attendance zone of the Madison County school system

## AT ASE, IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR.

When you first walk through the doors of Ann Smith Elementary, it feels like you're part of a great big family. Our teachers and staff do an excellent job of making our students – and parents – feel at home. Our teachers love what they do, and it shows.

One of the reasons this family atmosphere is so evident is because there are lots of family relationships within the school itself. We have longtime teachers who now have daughters who also teach here. We have teachers who attended Ridgeland Elementary when they were kids. We have teachers whose own children attend here. We even have teachers who have grandchildren currently enrolled at ASE. And our faculty and staff, as a whole, are a close-knit group of people who truly care about each other and for our students.

We love our family traditions. And we invite you to join our ASE family!



Pictured are several members of our ASE family (from left, back) kindergarten teacher Vickie Neal and her daughter Kimberley, a second-grade teacher; school counselor Judi Sharpe and her daughter Mary Kathryn, a kindergarten teacher; Sheila Perkins, librarian, with her daughter-in-law Christy Sprinkle Perkins, a first-grade assistant. (Middle) kindergarten teacher Allison Ruhl and her daughters Ainsley (first grade) and Ella (kindergarten); second-grade teacher Georgia Sims and her daughter Maggie (first grade). (Front) kindergarten assistant Janet Johnson and her granddaughter Rachel Sanders (kindergarten); first-grade assistant Susan Black and her son Samuel (second grade).



## KINDERGARTEN PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for students who'll be entering kindergarten in the fall will be held Wednesday, April 6. During the morning, parents are encouraged to bring their child to watch a short presentation by the current kindergarten class. Afterward, parents will have the opportunity to pre-register, meet faculty and staff members, and take a tour of the school.

For more information, please visit our website at www.madison-schools.com/ase or give us a call at 601-856-6621.

### To pre-register, here are some documents you'll need to bring:

- Proof of residency
  - If you own your home: One of the following: filed Homestead Exemption, warranty or property deed.
  - Two different current utility bills. The bill should clearly show the street address and name shown on the mortgage documents. Any document with a post office box as an address will not be accepted.
  - □ If you lease your home: You must submit a current apartment lease or home lease. Note: All leases must be current and the name of every occupant must be listed on the lease.
  - ☐ Two different current utility bills. The bill should clearly show the street

- address and name shown on the lease. Any document with a post office box as an address will not be accepted.
- A certified letter of guardianship, if enrolling a student as his/her legal guardian (ex. divorce, custody, etc.).
- □ A copy of the child's Social Security card.
- A certified Birth Certificate (no copies).
- A current certificate of health compliance (immunization form) issued by the Mississippi Department of Health or a local physician. The form must include two chicken pox vaccinations.



Pictured at last year's Read Across America Parade are ASE staff members dressed as their favorite book characters (from left, back) Judi Sharpe, Becky Ponthieux, Ed Johnson, Alice Herrington; (front) Kathy Rigsby.

## Read Across America Week

Read Across America, a celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday, will be held February 28-March 4. Throughout the week, ASE classes will welcome special guest readers, learn more about Dr. Seuss and participate in a parade led by the Ridgeland High School marching band and followed by parents, staff members and RHS mentors. The parade is scheduled for the morning of Wednesday, March 2.

## Field Day

Plans are currently underway for ASE's annual Field Day, which will be held in May at Ridgeland High School. Just like an old-fashioned field day, students will participate in a variety of fun and games including a three-legged race, pillow sack race, balloon pop, kickball, limbo, relays and more. The goal of Field Day is for the students to have fun, while also learning about the importance of physical fitness. Check our website, www.madison-schools. com/ase, closer to May for more details.

Bec Carpenter competes in the ball hop race during last year's Field Day.



# HES PLANS 5K TITAN TROT FOR APRIL 9

The 5K Run/Walk for all ages and 1-Mile Fun Run for children up to age 12 will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 8 a.m. The events will begin and end at Highland Elementary. Registration for all events will begin at 7 a.m.

The cost for the 5K Run/Walk is \$20 (\$25 on race day); the 1-Mile Fun Run is \$10 (\$15 on race day). Entry fees include: race, t-shirt, discount coupon to Fleet Feet, afterrace refreshments, and admission to the Fun Day at HES for children under 12.

The Fun Day festivities will begin after the Run/Walk for children 12 and under and include activities, inflatables, games, food, and prizes; cost is \$5 (2 and under free). Maximum family investment for Titan Trot/Fun Day is \$50.

"The 2007 Healthy Student Act was designed to create schools that produce better health in their student population, such as forming school health councils, looking at the foods served in the cafeteria, providing quality physical education, and also doing healthy fundraisers," said Physical Education Coach Dock Daniel . "Highland's PTO has stepped up their game and is curbing back the number of fundraisers that sale candy, cookies, and other non-nutritious food items. The 5K event is a great way to raise money for our schools, promote healthy lifestyles and for participants to support such ventures."

Special thanks to our sponsors: Bank-Plus, Fleet Feet, Papa Johns, Coca Cola, and Primerica.

For more information and/or to volunteer, please contact Georgia Gannon, HES PTO Vice President of Fundraising, at 601-941-2678. Also, be sure to read Dock Daniel's article, "Everyone Wins with Titan Trot" in this issue of *Ridgeland Life*.

## Highland Elementary

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## TESTING DATES

**Thursday, April 3:** 4th Graders will take the state writing test, Mississippi Writing Assessment Program (MWAP)

Tuesday, May 3: 5th Graders will take the state science test.

Tuesday, May 10 – Thursday, May 12: 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders will take the Mississippi Curriculum Test, Second Edition (MCT2). On May 10, testing will be Language Arts/Reading. Testing on May 11 will be Language Arts/Writing. May 12 tests will be in Mathematics.

# SPEED STACK CUP COMPETITIONS

The HES P.E. program introduced students to speed stack cups last year, where students learn to stack cups on top of one another in a triangle shape and compete for the fastest time. This exercise increases cross-brain development, hand-eye coordination, ambidexterity, and analytical thinking skills. Recently, a speed stack cup tournament was held at HES. Another tournament will be held the last few days of the school year after testing.



Isaac Livingston won two trophies in the 4th grade speed stack cup competitions.



# The speed stack cup winners by category and grade are:

4th grade 3-3-3 stack winner Isaac Livingston, 2nd-Jessica Hamer, 3rd - Alissa Parker 4th grade 3-6-3 stack winner Isaac Livingston, 2nd - Ashley Best, 3rd - Jessica Hammer 5th grade 3-3-3 stack winner Arri Hollins, 2nd - Hellen Marcellus, 3rd - Kylie Hearst 5th grade 3-6-3 stack winner Hellen Marcellus, 2nd - Felicity Boler, 3rd - Parth Malaviya



## Agent Named Madison Co. Teacher of the Year

Ms. Emily Agent was voted Teacher of the Year for Madison County Schools. This year will be her 10th year of teaching, all of which have been here at Olde Towne Middle. She has taught 6th, 7th, 8th grade, remedial, and advanced Math. She graduated from Mississippi College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. In 2004, she received her Master's of Education degree, Summa Cum Laude, from Mississippi College. Congratulations to Ms. Agent for receiving this well-deserved award and honor.



## **Medieval Chess Game**

The Pathways students at Olde Towne Middle School hosted their first Live Medieval Chess Game on February 11. The students are currently studying the Middle Ages and the importance of chess during that time period. As part of the unit, they played a live game of chess. The students dressed and acted as chess pieces on a large chess board. There were 2 opponents playing the game and as they called their moves aloud the students would move accordingly. Their parents were invited and a speech was given explaining the history of chess and how the game is played.

## OLDE TOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# MOTHER-DAUGHTER SWEETHEART LUNCHEON

Olde Towne Middle School held its first annual Mother-Daughter Sweetheart Luncheon on Saturday, February 5, 2011. Maggie Wade Dixon from WLBT-3 served as the guest speaker for the day, and representatives from the Mississippi Department of Highway Patrol were on hand to discuss issues that are pertinent to the female students of Olde Towne Middle School. Lunch was provided by Amerigo, Cool Water Café, and Chick-Fil-A, and it was a dining experience that students will not forget. Olde Towne Middle School teachers served as the waitresses for the day. This was truly an event that allowed our mothers and daughters the opportunity to focus on the unique bond that they share.

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## 2011 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

The Scholastic Art Awards is one of the most prestigious art competitions the state of Mississippi offers to 7-12 grade students. The Mississippi Museum of Art hosts the Mississippi Regional Competition each year with more than 2,000 entries in a wide variety of categories. Regional winners are sent to New York City where the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, Inc. oversees all national judging. Olde Towne Middle School students receiving recognition for their art entries this year are: Gold Key: Emmanuel Nash - photography. Silver Key: GiGi Martinez - photography, Emmanuel Nash - photography, Nena Burt - printmaking. Honorable Mention: Alexandra Medelin - photography mixed media, Javarick Williams - printmaking. Certificate Of Merit: Javarick Williams - photo etching, Kaleb Edison - photography, Moesha Anderson - photography mixed media, Justus Perkins - printmaking, Alexandra Medelin - photography mixed media, Katie Tackitt - printmaking



Pictured from left to right are OTMS Gold and Silver Key Scholastic Art Award Winners: Nena Burt, Emmanuel Nash and Gigi Martinez.

## OLDE TOWNE MIDDLE SCHOOL (Continued)

## NEAR-SPACE BALLOON LAUNCH

The OTMS Radio and Technology Club is planning an enormous event in March. We are planning to launch a near-space balloon. This will involve a weather balloon traveling near 100,000 feet into the stratosphere, bursting, and then returning to earth. The balloon will have amateur radio tracking equipment so the public can track the balloon. The launch date is March 26, 2011, but it is totally dependent on good weather. Along with the tracking gear, the payload will include an HD camera, radio beacons, and a science experiment payload. The balloon project was an idea of Mr. Bill Richardson after attending a teacher-training

seminar on "space communications in the classroom" provided by the Amateur Radio Relay League last summer in Dayton, Ohio. After lots of thought and planning, Mr. Richardson decided to start proceeding with the program to launch.

The payloads will endure temperatures as low as -70 degrees and winds over 150 mph. This is a rare opportunity for the students and staff. This is possibly the first near-space balloon launch from an elementary, middle, or high school in the state. Through fund raising and generous donors, the students will have a great experience. The corporate sponsors so far are Cellular

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South - MiFi mobile internet for tracking, Omega Tech - antenna design and testing, Doppler DF Instruments - voice beacon, and the Jackson Amateur Radio Club - tracking and recovery. And, finally for a major development, Mississippi State University Engineering Department has partnered up with the school's Radio and Technology Club to help with the launch, provide equipment and support, as well as assist with further program development. For more information, please contact Bill Richardson at wrichardson@madisonschools.com or check the OTMS school website and click on clubs for further information about the event.

# Ridgeland High School

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Photos and captions provided by Vicky Williams, Journalism Instructor & Advisor



# POETRY OUT LOUD by Stacy Howell

Poetry Out Loud is a program that is sponsored by the National Arts Commission and the National Poetry Foundation and locally by the Mississippi Arts Commission. It starts at the school level where you have a school competition and select a school winner. The school winner moves on to compete at one of the three regional competitions. For Madison County schools this is the central regional competition at Jackson State University. The top three from each region move on to the state com-

petition that takes place March 10 at 1:00pm at Mississippi Public Broadcasting.

Kristen Dupard of Ridgeland High School was recently named the Mississippi Central Regional Poetry Out Loud Champion, and will compete for the state title at Mississippi Public Broadcasting in May. (I to r) Kristen Dupard and Coach Stacy Howell.





## **RHS Diamond Girls Support the Baseball Team**

The RHS Diamond Girls help the baseball team by providing "goody" bags to help boost morale. They also make signs to promote school spirit. While at the games, the girls chase foul balls, sit in the dugout, fetch bats after the boys make a hit, help with helmets and keep statistics throughout each game.

Pictured are the 2011 Ridgeland High School diamond girls. Front row (L-R): Kristen Richards, Sloan Bancroft, Carly Jones, Victoria Carpenter, and Kristen Lee; second row (L-R): Haley Britt, Lauren Franklin, Kittey Edwards, Cierra Bernard, and Rebecca Brown; third row (L-R): Ramona Abraham, Shelby Barham, Millie Adams, Alisha Bell and Shelby Huff; fourth row: Ashley Ross, Chae Hancock, Anna Margaret Stanley, Lauren Gilbert, Ann Louise Seabrook and Jessica Ziegelbauer; top row left to right: Hope Gilbert and Avery Huff.



Titan Talk newspaper staff seated left to right: editor - Caroline Lanford, Jessica King, Jamie Logan, Katie Hammond, and editor - Kristine Bishop; standing left to right: Isaac De La Cruz, Audrey Hall, and LeMaudia Strahan.

# RHS TO PRODUCE "LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS"

The 4th Annual Spring Musical for Ridgeland High School is "Little Shop of Horrors". RHS students will take the stage for three nights: Thursday, April 7, Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at 7 p.m.



The students pictured are the leading cast members. Front row: Alexis Lewis, Kaelyn Mack, Courtnie Mack, Erin Simmons, Triston Sanderson, Tre' Smith. 2nd row: Dean White, Justin Bleier, Asia Lopez, Montez Thomas, Anthony Neron, Ashley McCoy.

## 12 YEAR CLUB



The 12 year club are the students who have been in the Ridgeland schools for the past 12 years. Co-president and founder Rachel Burgess says, "It's just nice to know that when we graduate, we'll be able to say that we all went through it together."



Ridgeland High School TITAN yearbook staff: Taylor Harrison, Rebecca Brown, Madison Walker, Rachel Harris, Mary Moffat, Kalyn Moffett, Rhae'Ven Ellis, Anna Margaret Stanley, Celeste Ballard, Tiree Wilson, Shelby Barham, Avery Herrington, Narlise Summers, Christina Bracey, Haley Hegwood, Jonaca Sims, Cierra Bracey, Morgan Harvey, Amber Cooke, Nancy Brown, Amber Stewart, Kristen Richards, Hal Pritchard, Srijan Reddy Gangidi, Larry McGee, Courtney Lott, Victoria Carpenter, and not pictured Sloan Bancroft.



Ridgeland High School recently named its reading fair winners, all freshmen. Pictured on the front row left to right are Kimberly Carrillo (2nd place individual), Gabie Arceo (2nd place group) and Jessica Milner (honorable mention); back row left to right are Sophia Tran (2nd place group), Gabe Jones (1st place individual), Michelle Nguyen and Kaelyn Mack (1st place group), Sam Palmer (3rd place group) and Lara Briggum (3rd place individual). Not pictured is Kelsey Sims (3rd place group). Gabe Jones, Michelle Nguyen, and Kaelyn Mack are district reading fair winners and they will advance to the state competition.

and Christian community.



## WIGGINS WINS SPELLING BEE

Veritas student Edward Wiggins was the 7th grade First Place winner in the recent Mississippi Association of Independent Schools (MAIS) District 3East Spelling Bee held at the Christ Covenant School in Ridgeland. Edward is pictured with Veritas Faculty member and Spelling Bee sponsor Sherry Ford. Edward is the son of Edward and Kymberly Wiggins.



## Veritas Track teams Honorei

The Lions' Boys and Girls Track teams were each the 2010 MAIS Class A State Champions. The teams were recently honored and presented championship rings. Pictured are (front row, L-R) Coach Steve Blakemore, Arri Williams, Airriel O'Banner, Lacius Caddle, Grace Watts, Haylee Morse, Taylor Warriner, Sydney Hughes, Maryanna Story, Clara Gardner, and Rose Turner (back row, L-R ) Zach Kilman, Ian Blakemore, Taylor Wynn, Matt Downing, and John Kilman. Not pictured: Mathias Dryden, Alan Watts, and Jalen McDonald.

The Market at Veritas Saturday, April 30, from 10:00a.m.until 5:00p.m. On the Grounds of The Veritas School (Across from Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home).

Just in time for your Mother's Day, Graduation, and Father's Day shopping! The Market at Veritas will feature exhibitors offering unique handmade items (jewelry, pottery, woodwork, painting, photography and much more). The Market will also have a variety of live music, a kid's play area, delicious food choices, a student art sale and silent auction. Come and enjoy a beautiful spring day outdoors! Tickets are \$5. For more information: call 601.713.1555 or visit www.theveritasschool.org

## Who Shot the Sheriff?

A melodrama under the direction of Frank Dolansky. Friday, May 6 & Saturday, May 7, 7:00p.m. \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, \$16 family max. You'll love this witty western whodunit!





Students dress up for Living History events



2nd graders host family & friends for their class play

## NEWS FROM CCS

Christ Covenant School is excited about Spring! Spring planting in our school garden and Living History Days bring classrooms outdoors on a beautiful day. Spring Sports are underway, including golf, tennis, and track. Middle School students are excited about Spring trips, including 6th graders to Washington, DC, and 7th graders will take our new buses to Cincinnati, Ohio, where they will visit Mammoth Caves, the Creation Museum, and more. 8th graders will explore Timber Lake Camp as they enjoy their service oriented retreat. Spring also means our annual Spring Swing for students and the golf tournament at Lake Caroline. Finally, Spring means graduation. We celebrate our first class of 8th graders who are ready to embark on new adventures. Spring is definitely a great time to be a CCS Warrior!

## Calendar notes

6th Grade to Washington D.C. - March 7-11

Colonel Day - March 11

Spring Break - March 14-18

8th Grade to Timber Lake

for Service Retreat March 29 - April 1

Youth Legislature Grades 6-8 - April 7 & 8

Early Settlers Day - April 8

Spring Swing and Golf Tournament - May 10

7th Grade Creation Museum Trip - May 10-13

Last Day of School - May 25

## HOLMES COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## MCGOWAN CENTER

This is just a sampling of the classes offered at the McGowan Workforce Training Center. Visit webpage: www.holmescc.edu/index/pho/workforce/ for a more complete listing. To enroll, contact Bronwyn Martin at bmartin@ holmescc.edu or 601-605-3314.

Business Writing March 22, 8:30 – 12:30 Networking 101 March 10, 8:30 – 12:30

Introduction to Computers Mar. 22 – April 26, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

PowerPoint 2007 March 9 & 10, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Project 2007 March 4

Word 2007 March 30 & 31, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Visio 2007 March 25

Remarkable Leadership: Twelve Programs for Creating Remarkable Leaders is back by popular demand. Module I - March 20, Module II - April 5, Module III - April 12, Module IV - April 18

## Holmes Community College: Your Education Your Way by Courtney Lange

Convenience and quality are just two of the things that you will find at Holmes Community College. Not only do we offer more than 50 professional fields of study, ranging from criminal justice to nursing school, we offer it in a way that works for your life. Whether you are a first-time student, wishing to take traditional day classes or a fulltime, working adult interested in evening coursework, Holmes seeks to meet the needs of its students by offering something for everyone.

Holmes boasts campus locations in Ridgeland, Goodman, Grenada and Kosciusko at the Attala Educational Center. Evening and summer classes are also available to students at Yazoo County High School, Webster County Career and Technology Center and Winona High School. E-Learning, Holmes' on-line college, is another avenue to learn - but that's just the beginning of where students can get a first-class HCC education.

For the first time, Holmes is offering a completely online program for future "legal eagles." The HCC Paralegal Program offers students an opportunity to earn an Association of Applied Science degree without ever stepping foot on the school's campus. The comprehensive e-program prepares students for work in courts, law firms, government agencies and corporations as a paralegal or legal assistant. The program's curriculum is based on national standards.

For a full description of the HCC e-based Paralegal Program or to enroll, please contact Darleen Dozier at ddozier@holmesccc.edu or call 601.605.5279. For more information about other opportunities available through Holmes Community College, please visit www.holmescc.edu.



## GOLD KEYS EARNED BY KING



Ridgeland High School senior, Jessica King, recently won a series of prestigious art awards given by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers, a division of the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards organization. The Mississippi Museum of Art hosts the Mississippi Regional Competition each year. Regional winners are sent to New York City for national judging.

King won three Gold Key awards - two for ceramics and one for her photography portfolio. King was the only Gold Key winner in art portfolios who was not a student at the Mississippi School of the Arts. King also received two Silver Key awards for ceramics and two honorable mentions for ceramics. Her Gold Key winning pieces are now being judged in the national competition.

She is a four-year art student at Ridgeland High School under the instruction of Justin Rives and Lou Turner. Jessica plans to attend the University of Southern Mississippi in the fall, majoring in photojournalism. Her ceramic works will be on display at the Mississippi Museum of Art from February through March 27. Her photography is currently on display at Ridgeland High School.

Please read King's article describing the inspiration behind her photographic work.

"Sights Seen on Film" by Jessica king
As a young artist, I am fascinated by the seeming immortality of photographs and the memories, people, and places
they will preserve in reality for long after my time. I strongly
believe film represents this physical preservation of people and emotions because film
photography itself represents a centuries old practice of remembrance. I feel unique
in my knowledge and use of film, especially in the golden era of digital photography,
and this inspires me even further when I work with film. I truly believe the effort
and complicated process that tags along with traditional film photography is what makes
the end product so much more inspired and simply beautiful.

I am also strongly moved and influenced by the simple might of earthly wonders, natural and man-made alike. Natural wonders are so very awe-inspiring to me because of the inevitable feeling of greatness and humbleness simultaneously, the major emotion I strive to capture with my viewfinder and convey in my photographs. Man-made wonders, such as great architectural accomplishments, also stir my intense interest because of the thought process of wonder every human being must feel as he or she views them in person, another great human emotion I wish to capture in the spider web that is my film.

As I grow in years and experiences, I will continue with my endeavor to transfer these delicate expressions of purely human emotions into the physical world of fine art photographic prints, with the hope of inspiring others, even if only for a moment, to feel the same great feelings.

## **ADULT PROGRAMMING**

### Need help with your taxes?

AARP Tax-Aide is a free tax assistance service for people who are 55 or older who need help with their 2010



tax returns. Beginning on Mondays, February 7 – April 11, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., tax assistants will be available at the Ridgeland Branch. If your tax return is relatively complex, you will be advised to seek professional tax assistance. Tax assistants Charles McCall, Ken Artiques, Iverdelle Heidke, Richard Givan, Edward Ard and Bill Kelly volunteer their time to aid residents.

## **High-Tech Treasure Hunt for the Whole Family**

Did you know there are 97 geocaches within 5 miles of the Ridgeland Public Library? You walk by them every day, completely unaware of these hidden treasures around you. They come in all shapes and sizes and are filled with unknown bounty.

Welcome to Geocaching, the newest high-tech treasure hunting adventure. "How does it work?" you might ask. After logging into Geocaching.com, you download a set of coordinates to a GPS receiver device, and then the journey begins! Where will you go? Perhaps to a hidden waterfall, on a gorgeous hike through the woods, to a lost tomb of a Confederate soldier, or possibly even on a historical tour of your own town. No matter where the path may take you, you are always in for a treat. After reaching "Ground Zero," using your handy-dandy GPS, you begin your search for the geocache. Need a hint?



Geocaching includes signing the log to let other aeocachers know that you have visited the site.

Decrypt the clues using the secret code. Once you find the container, sign and date the log inside. Also, feel free to take something from the geocache so long as you leave something behind.

Join experienced Geocachers Ellen Crosby and Allan Nolan at the Ridgeland Public Library as they show you the ins and outs of this exciting new hobby that's good for all members of the family, whether you're looking for

a new way to exercise or just want to spend some time outdoors with the kids. Together they will show you what you need, what to look for, and how to get started on your own adventure. Ms. Crosby and Mr. Nolan, both Madison County educators, have been Geocaching for 3 years and have a combined total of approximately 1,000 caches, spanning 2 foreign countries and 12 different states. Join them for their Geocaching exclusive Saturday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at the Ridgeland Public Library.

## RIDGELAND Public Library

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Submitted by Nan Crosby, Manager

Hours: Mon. - Thurs.: 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Fri. - Sat.: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed on Sunday

## ARTIST CORNER

Catherine Alford Becker resides in south Madison County with her husband Walter, both of whom are originally from Brookhaven. As a child she loved drawing, painting with crayons and paint by number. Not having had any formal training in fine arts, she did take private instruction and attended many workshops over the years in watercolor, oil, acrylic and charcoal drawing. Although pursuing a career in dental hygiene, she does find time to paint.

At the present time she is taking oil painting from Bob Tompkins in Gluck-stadt along with other students. Surrounding herself with artists and learning from them is an integral part in helping her tap into her own personal expression. Art is a never-ending learning experience, and each new painting is exciting and a joy from squeezing the paint from the tube to signing a painting.



Catherine Alford Becker



## FAVORITE MYSTERIES FOR 2010

### Jean Gamble

The Ghosts of Belfast - Stuart Neville Still Missing - Chevy Stevens Faithful Place- Tana French Trust No One - Gregg Hurwitz Room - Emma Donoghue

### **Carolyn Pope**

Still Missing - Chevy Stevens
Never Look Away - Linwood Barclay
The Likeness - Tana French
The Chill of Night - James Hayman
I'd Know You Anywhere - Laura Lippman

### Diana Monsour

Sunflower - Martha Powers Hush - Kate White

### Ben Douglas

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo - Stieg Larsson

#### **Janis Roberts**

Still Missing - Chevy Stevens A Quiet Belief in Angels - R. J. Ellory The Virgin of Small Plains - Nancy Pickard The Chill of Night - James Hayman Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter - Tom Franklin

### LaTane Cade

Still Missing - Chevy Stevens The Blade Itself - Marcus Sakey Room - Emma Donoghue Shutter Island - Dennis, Lehane The Cutting - James Hayman

### Linda Hamlett

Lying With Strangers - James Grippando Beautiful Lies - Lisa Unger The Girl She Used To Be - David Cristofano

#### JC Patterson

Faithful Place - Tana French
Money to Burn - James Grippando
Broken - Karin Slaughter
Burn - Nevada Barr
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The Glass Rainbow - James Lee Burke

Join us on the second Tuesday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to share in lively discussions on popular mysteries.

## Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale

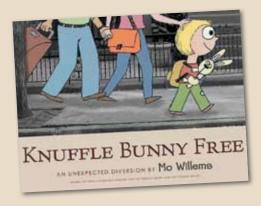
Saturday, April 30 - Thursday, May 5 • Preview Party: Thursday night, April 28, 4-6:30 p.m. The Preview Party is for members only. However, memberships are available at the door.

### Are you a Friend of the Library?

Thanks to our volunteers, the annual book sales are extremely successful. We thank our patrons who donate books and purchase used books at the sales. The revenue goes back to the Ridgeland branch to enhance programming, special projects, furniture and equipment. Your support is greatly appreciated. We encourage you to join the Friends of the Library. Individual memberships are available for \$12 and \$20 for families.



## CHILDREN'S SERVICES By Stephanie Jurss, Children's Specialist



## Book Review: Knuffle Bunny Free by Mo Willems

This is the last book in a series of three by the author/illustrator Mo Willems. We are introduced to Trixie and her beloved Knuffle Bunny in the first two books, and now in the last one, Trixie, her mom and dad, and Knuffle Bunny are going to Holland to visit Trixie's Oma and Opa. However, when they reach Holland, Trixie realizes something terrible: she's left Knuffle Bunny on the airplane! This is a wonderful book that explores the issue of growing up and letting go. Recommended for ages 4-8.



Children and parents are seen here enjoying another wonderful program led by Stephanie Jurss, Children's Specialist.

## **Swap Books**

The Ridgeland Public Library has a special section in the children's room for Swap Books. Swap Books are free paperback books that you can take home to read and then return to the library when finished. Since you don't need a library card to check these books out, there is no due date or overdue fines. Many of our Swap Books are on the school reading curriculum, so if you're looking for one, make sure to check with the library!

I would also like to encourage parents to donate any old summer reading books to the library. We always have students and parents looking for summer reading materials here, and we aren't always able to order enough copies of the book for everyone. Having extras would help us provide more copies for the students!



Wolf Cubs from Pack 184, Ridgeland get their first library card. Pictured here from left to right: Taylor Wells, Connor Martinez, Ben Sigler, and Robert Cascio

### **Rising Readers**

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

Tues. March 1st Tues. March 8th

Tues. March 15th - No Story time

Tues. March 22nd Tues. March 29th
Tues. April 5th Tues. April 12th
Tues. April 19th Tues. April 26th

### Mother Goose on the Loose

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

Weds. March 2nd Weds. March 9th

Weds. March 16th - No Story time

Weds. March 23rd Weds. March 30th
Weds. April 6th Weds. April 13th
Weds. April 20th Weds. April 27th

## **Bilingual Story Time**

This story time program is on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 and is for 3-7 year olds. We will have stories, songs, finger plays and craft projects in both Spanish and English! Refreshments may be served. The dates for the bilingual story time program are as follows:

Thurs. March 3rd Thurs. March 10th

Thurs. March 17th – No Story time

Thurs. March 24th
Thurs. April 7th
Thurs. April 21st
Thurs. April 28th

Please note that we are taking a break from children's programming including Mother Goose on the Loose, Rising Readers and Bilingual Story Time in May to prepare for the Summer Reading Program, Many Stories.

# RIDGELAND CHAMBER CELEBRATES 17TH ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASING MISSISSIPPI'S MUSICAL HERITAGE

Ridgeland Chamber members celebrated the Chamber's 17th Anniversary with an Awards Banquet headlining award-winning musician Raphael Semmes and his all-star cast of musicians featuring Mississippi Live!

Mississippi Live!, a concert showcasing Mississippi as the birthplace of America's music, took the audience on a musical journey spanning the fields of the Mississippi Delta to the shores of the Gulf Coast.

Some 400 business leaders and city officials packed the Hilton's ballroom, celebrating Ridgeland's economic growth and development during 2010 and honoring volunteers for their dedicated service to the Chamber and City.

2010 Chamber President Scott Shoemaker of Shoemaker Homes said the Chamber topped off a strong period of growth in 2010. He noted the Chamber's 928 members, 70-plus ribbon cuttings and community service activities such as Make A Difference Day.

"Our goal was continuous improvement for 2010, enhanced networking and communications and your Chamber has grown over the year," Shoemaker said. Outgoing Chamber President Shoemaker passed the gavel to 2011 President Eddie Hopper of Office Products Plus, Inc.

"2011 promises to be the year of more challenges," Hopper said. "But as we face these challenges head on, we're committed to helping your business succeed."

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

## **2010 Prime Sponsors**

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Regions Bank Ridgeland Tourism Commission

### Blues

Citizens National Bank M & F Bank Southern AgCredit, FLCA The ORCHARD

### Jazz

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### 2010 Award Winners

Lisa Hancock, Cellular South 2010 Diplomat of the Year

Angie Steadman, Trustmark National Bank 2010 Volunteer of the Year

Robby Carr, Regions Bank 2010 Community Service Award

> Cellular South 2010 Business of the Year

Jeff Speed, Speed Commercial Real Estate 2010 Economic Development Award

> Gay and Luther Street City Makers 2010

### **Awards of Appreciation**

Walter Saddler, Belhaven University Aspire

Elwin Williams. **Entertainment Media & Print Services** 

### **Retiring Board of Directors**

Alan Chester, Ridgeland Computer Repair

Penny Danford, TempStaff

Chip Sarver, Mad Genius, Inc.

## **Business After Hours & Events**

### March 17

Southern AgCredit 402 West Parkway Place

### April 21

Drury Inn & Suites 610 E. Ćounty Line Road

### May 16

Golf Tournament Reunion Golf & Country Club 150 Greensward Drive

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE





Above: Kevin Hankins, COO for Cellular South, left, receives the 2010 Business of the Year Award from 2009 recipient Jim Prince, Editor and Publisher of the Madison County Journal. Cellular South received the Chamber's prestigious 2010 Business of the Year Award



Above: Angie Steadman of Trustmark National Bank, left, receives the 2010 Volunteer of the Year Award from 2009 recipient Monica Gilmore Love of Terracon Consultants.

Below: Luther and Gay Street, long-time Ridgeland residents were named City Makers 2010 by Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee. The Streets' received the City's highest honor in appreciation for their service to the City of Ridgeland.



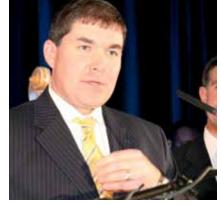


Above: Lisa Hancock of Cellular South, left, receives the 2010 Diplomat of the Year Award from 2009 recipient Cheryl Mitchell of CenterPoint Energy.









Above: Robby Carr of Regions Bank, left, receives the Chamber's 2010 Community Service Award from 2010 Ridgeland Chamber President Scott Shoemaker, Shoemaker Homes.

Left: Jeff Speed of Speed Commercial Real Estate receives the 2010 City of Ridgeland Economic Development Award.



Above: 2010 Ridgeland Chamber President Scott Shoemaker of Shoemaker Homes, right, passes the gavel to 2011 Ridgeland Chamber President Eddie Hopper of Office Products Plus, Inc.

**Left:** Executive Director Linda Bynum honors 2010 Ridgeland Chamber President Scott Shoemaker with the President's Award.

**Bottom Left:** Raphael Semmes & Mississippi Live!

**Bottom Right:** Eddie Hopper, Office Products Plus, 2011 Ridgeland Chamber President





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Recreation and Parks Department Christopher Chance Director chris.chance@ridgelandms.org

## 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 - 6 p.m. Alisha Falls, Peggy Gauthe, Peg Harris, Michelle Harrison, Peggy Horne, Lea Anne Stacy, Pat Werne

### **Community Awareness Committee**

Fourth Monday - 6 p.m.
Peggy Gauthe - Chairperson
Elizabeth Barber, Janie Boyd, Ronnie Cupstid, Shirley Gill,
Dawn Hall, Stacy Howell, Paula Loeb, Sells Newman Mike
Smith, Darlene Turner

### **Contractors Board of Adjustment and Appeals**

Lantz Kuykendall-Chairman Terry Evans, David Pursell, Steve Rimmer, Ricky Skeen, Leroy Tubbs, Keith West

### **Recreation & Parks Advisory Committee**

3rd Tuesday - 6 p.m. Larry Anderson, John Evans, Jay Harris, Wayne Jimenez, James Freeman, Stephen Johnston, 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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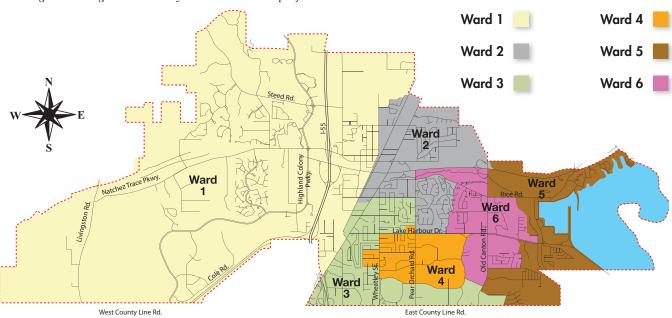
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Water Department
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Community Development
Fire
Police/Public Safety Communications Center 601-856-2121
Community Police Officers
Anonymous Tip Line
Court Clerk
Library
Recreation & Parks
Tennis Center
Chamber of Commerce
Tourism Commission

## RIDGELAND ALDERMEN

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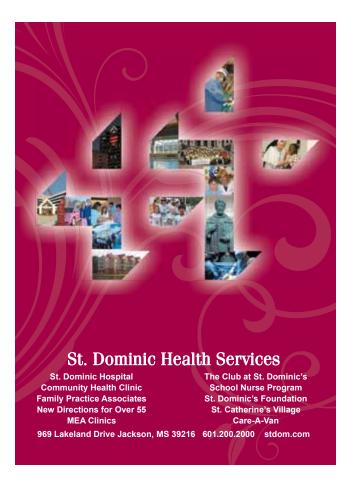
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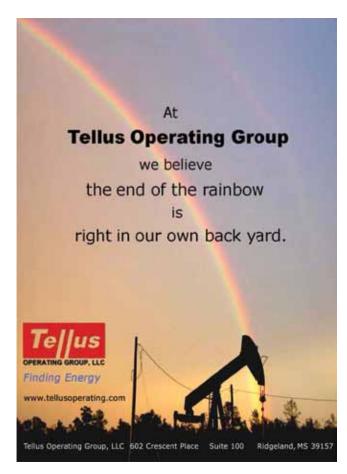


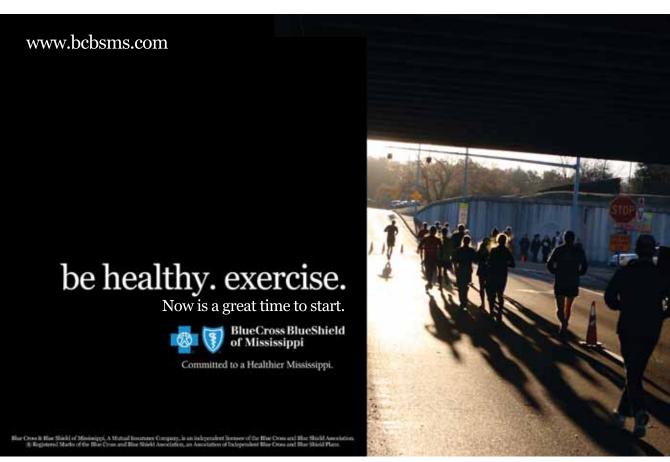
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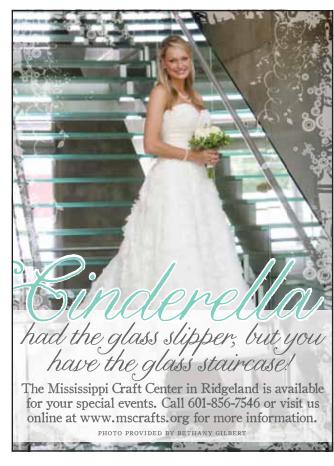
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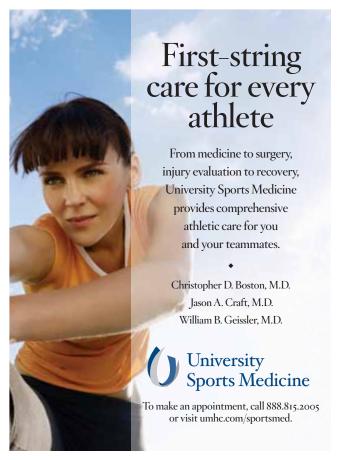






















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