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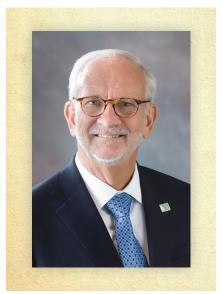
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### From the Mayor

As Mayor of the City of Ridgeland, I am asking for your help in fighting litter. As you know, one of the most important things we can do for our city is to keep it clean and beautiful. It is more appealing to visitors and allows our property values to grow when we have a litter-free city. As I drive the streets of Ridgeland and ride my bike, it is distressing to see the amount of garbage that is being thrown on our streets. I realize that a lot of this is done by non-residents, but I'm sure there are residents who contribute to littering our roadways. Whether it be fast food bags, empty cans or bottles, plastic grocery bags or even cigarettes, they all are litter and they take away from the aesthetic beauty of our city. Owners of pickup trucks, please don't throw trash in the bed of your trucks. A large portion of litter comes from trash being blown out from the beds of pickup trucks. Remember, it is very expensive for the City to keep our roadways clean. There are many man hours spent picking up trash, and I'm sure you would much



Gene McGee Mayor of Ridgeland

rather have your tax dollars spent more effectively. Hopefully, each of you will do what you can, as well as encourage your friends and neighbors to join you in keeping our city litter free.

Many of you know we have been fighting a battle to keep a third landfill from being built in Madison County and west of the Ridgeland city limits. It is our position that the County does not need an additional landfill and we need to be doing everything we can to reduce waste. With this in mind, I want to encourage each of you to spend more time working on your recycling habits. Not only is it good for the environment to recycle, but in the City of Ridgeland you can be rewarded with points through RecycleBank and get nice discounts at restaurants and some retail establishments. Ridgeland is the number one city providing curbside recycling in Mississippi. I'm very proud of that distinct honor and believe we can continue to grow our recycling program and continue setting an example for other cities in Mississippi, as well as across the United States.

Lastly, I would like to welcome Mary Beth McCullouch to the City family as our Community Promotions Coordinator. We are excited about the tremendous talent that Mary Beth brings to the City and look forward to working with her for many years to come. Mary Beth may be contacted at marybeth@ridgelandms.org.

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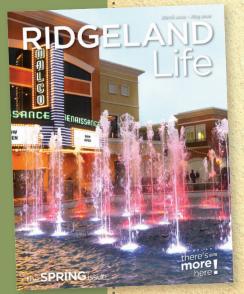
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## THE ULTIMATE TEST OF FAITH *The Story of Angie Maxwell*



The Maxwell Family

HOSPICE MINISTRIES, INC.



David, Kadie, Reese, and Angie Maxwell

When David Maxwell and his son Reese talk about their wife and mother Angie, their faces light up. David and Angie met years ago at a church where David was working. He chuckles when he says, "I was the official janitor and the unofficial youth pastor." They married on June 2, 1990, in Columbus, Mississippi, and later welcomed their son Reese and their daughter Kadie to complete their family of four. Angie and David began a wonderful ministry together where they served in youth ministries in churches across Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

While life seemed to be occurring at a normal pace for the Maxwell family, things took a sudden change in 2016. As the couple began routinely getting ready for their annual trip to student camp, Angie began having a difficult time recalling information. After struggling for some time with headaches, the couple made the decision to seek medical attention. The doctor visits eventually led to a CT scan in June of 2016 that showed a tumor in the right hemisphere of Angie's brain. After having surgery to remove the tumor, the couple was told that the glioblastoma tumor was very aggressive and would need immediate treatment.

"We lost everything in Hurricane Katrina when we were living on the Gulf Coast, and we believed that was our big trial for our lifetime and our big test of faith. We didn't expect that we'd ever be given anything worse than that. We were wrong," says David. While this diagnosis would lead to a difficult ongoing journey over the next two-and-a-half years, the faith of David and Angie never wavered. "Even in the most difficult of times, Angie would say, 'God's got this,'" shares David. One specific example of this was when Angie had her head shaved for the first time. Reese recalls, "Even when mom was getting her head shaved, she wanted to raise money in some way for missions. Part of the reason why we could jump into our faith so easily was because mom's faith was so strong."

Without hesitation, the Maxwell family attributes faith as playing a significant role in their experience. "These are the times when you figure out if you really believe what you say you believe," says David. "My faith never wavered, but there were many times where I was angry with God." During the two-and-a-half-year journey of Angie's sickness, as well as following her death, their family had many hard conversations with God that often involved anger and tears. "The key is to stay honest with what you are feeling. God hears you," states David. "God gave us little gifts along the way, like the 'snap-outs.' There were a few precious days when Angie would snap out of the illness completely and have complete brain function. Although temporary, our wonderful physician had told us this was possible and that they would be blessings. They really were," continues David.

David claims that he will never understand why Angie was chosen to bear the pain and suffering of a brain tumor, but Angie always used it as an opportunity. "When mom first got sick, her story was used to lead someone to the Lord, and I remember her saying that because of that, the disease was

### UPCOMING EVENTS

worth it," shares Reese. Even when God chose not to heal Angie physically, they remained true to their firm belief that this life is only temporary, and they are all only moments behind her in Eternity.

In Angie's final days, David, Reese, and Kadie, along with Angie's physician, made the decision to move Angie to hospice care. They chose the inpatient facility at Hospice Ministries because they wanted to spend quality time with Angie. They were able to stay around the clock with her before she died on October 28, 2018. "We'll never forget those sweet and peaceful times that we had with her. We wanted every last moment to count."

After Angie's death, grief set in and each family member experienced it differently. They unanimously agree that grief counseling and support are essential after the death of a loved one. David is active in a grief group at Hospice Ministries, and Reese and Kadie are both involved in groups as well.

David also believes that another important element of healing is to take care of yourself. "I make it a point to exercise and participate in triathlons to give myself an outlet to relieve stress. Last year I participated in the Hospice Ministries Run to Remember 5K. It was a great way for us to remember Angie. I have a special playlist of music that I listen to when I miss Angie, and I played that when I ran. The camaraderie was great, and it was a reminder to me that there are many other people who have been through what we went through," says David.

This year's Run to Remember 5k and One Mile Run will be held on April 18, 2020, at Hospice Ministries in Ridgeland, Mississippi. For more information visit www.hospiceministries.org/5k.



Reese and David Maxwell

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Every year, the City of Ridgeland participates in The National Day of Prayer. In 1952, President Truman signed into law the existence of this annual event, and in 1988 President Reagan signed an amendment designating the first Thursday in May as The National Day of Prayer.

"The National Day of Prayer is very important to The City of Ridgeland and all its citizens. This is an excellent opportunity for us to come together as one in prayer to pray for our country, our state, our county and city and the leaders of each," said Mayor Gene McGee. "It also affords us the opportunity to pray for our first responders, as well as those who are in the armed forces protecting our freedom."

The event will be held at Ridgeland City Hall on May 7, 2020, at noon. The schedule will include speakers and performers from the area. "I encourage all citizens to come to City Hall and be a part of this prayerful time together," said McGee.

To learn more about the National Day of Prayer, visit http://www.nationaldayofprayer.org.



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### OTL Completes Extraordinary Special-Effects Show Fountain AT DESTINATION RETAIL CENTER NEAR JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

Written by J. Wickham Zimmerman, Chief Executive Officer of OTL

In Fall 2019, Ridgeland, Mississippi – a suburb of Jackson – welcomed the completion of Phase II of Renaissance at Colony Park, an open-air destination retail center co-owned and developed by The Mattiace Company.

Influenced by European and Mediterranean architectural styles, the center features a distinctive lifestyle Main Street concept marked by brand-name and upmarket boutiques in an elegant outdoor shopping plaza featuring cafes, play areas, and an iconic centerpiece: a brand-new dancing show fountain designed and constructed by OTL.

As the focal point of the new center and the first retail show fountain of this magnitude in the area, OTL wanted to make sure the fountain was site-specific and truly unique – while honoring the State of Mississippi.

The fountain is inspired by the interwoven S's that appear in the State of Mississippi's logo, which themselves are inspired by water. Equipped with cutting-edge audio, lighting, and effects, the new water feature delivers customized shows that transform this central gathering place into a hub of entertainment.

OTL worked directly for the developer and in close coordination with general contractor Brasfield and Gorrie to bring the stakeholders' vision for Phase II to life. As the fountain designers, OTL also worked hand-in-hand with the project's design team: site architects Wier Boerner Allin Architecture, landscape architect Trent Rhodes, and project architects Dean & Dean/ Associates Architects.

The spectacular show fountain features 62 nozzles that shoot water up to 35 feet in the air, as well as robotic, multi-axis nozzles, illuminated by over 200 color-changing LED lights. An iconic central fountain jet is able to reach a stunning height of 100 feet, making the fountain visible from the adjacent interstate, I-55.

The visibility and prominence of this fountain will attract guests from miles away, resulting in a landmark that drives continual interest among shoppers and guests.

OTL also designed and installed a state-of-the art audio system comprising eight two-way speakers, four subwoofers, and six amplifiers in order to ensure concert-quality entertainment for guests at the Renaissance.

Several of the speakers and theatrical lights are mounted on buildings to enhance the fountain's interactivity and ability to create engagement. By connecting the show with surrounding retailers and buildings, the fountain aids in delivering an immersive experience that today's consumers crave. In addition, OTL designed and choreographed the fountain's water shows to move beautifully to a wide variety of music, offering the opportunity to easily customize shows by season or event.

As technology evolves, OTL continues to push the envelope of innovation in its work. The show fountain at Renaissance at Colony Park features innovative equipment and technology to ensure a sustainable, customizable, and stunning water feature that will deliver tremendous value to the center owners, tenants, and guests for years to come.

Situated at the northwest corner of I-55 and Old Agency Road, Renaissance is located at 1000 Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland, Mississippi.

J. Wickham Zimmerman is Chief Executive Officer of Outside the Lines, Inc., a design-build themed construction company that specializes in creating one-of-a-kind rockwork, water features and themed environments for retail entertainment, hospitality, gaming, and golfing projects around the globe. More information is available at www.otl-inc.com.



## Ridgeland Names New Recreation & Parks Director

The City of Ridgeland has named John Sidney North as the new Recreation & Parks Director effective January 1, 2020. North started with the City in October 1996. North is being promoted from Athletics Coordinator. As Athletics Coordinator, North learned the importance of team work in a department.

"By using this approach, it has enabled me to take part in the long range planning for facilities, property, equipment, personnel, budgeting and other administrative areas," said North. "My position has allowed me to interact with individuals and representatives of the community to enhance recreational opportunities available in Ridgeland."

The Recreation & Parks Department has recently installed new turf and drainage at Freedom Ridge Park and preparing for new parking lots at Hite Wolcott, which North was part of the planning and implementation. North plans to continue the precedent set before him by previous directors to ensure that our facilities and events remain regarded as the best in Mississippi and in the South.

North is replacing Chris Chance who has been the Recreation & Parks Director since 2000.

Ridgeland Recreation and Parks Department, through a coordinated effort, seeks to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of Ridgeland by offering safe and accessible facilities and a diverse program of activities. With this effort, our goal is to provide the total community the opportunity to develop new skills, to create new interests, and to learn new hobbies that will enhance and expand their physical, mental, and social development. It is our desire to provide you with outstanding facilities and programs, operated in the most efficient, cost-effective manner possible.



John Sidney North





## **RIDGELAND LANDFILL?**

If you live in the City of Ridgeland, you've likely heard about the attempts made by a group of investors to bring a landfill, also known as a "garbage dump," to our area. The proposed site is next to the Little Dixie landfill, located in Madison County off North County Line Road and near the Natchez Trace Parkway.

"We need your help. Our efforts to stop this dump from being built in our county are ongoing, and I am calling on all citizens to contact the Madison County Board of Supervisors and tell them to stop the landfill," said Gene McGee, Mayor of Ridgeland.

At the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Permit Board meeting in January, it was agreed that considerations for the proposed landfill would cease until the Madison County Board of Supervisors submits an updated needs assessment to the MDEQ Permit Board.

"We all know landfills create a foul odor and pollute our environment, but they also damage our roads, depreciate our home values, and weaken our economy," said McGee.

At present, Madison County has two landfills – Little Dixie and Canton Sanitary. If this landfill is approved by MDEQ, Madison County would be the only county in Mississippi to have three landfills. Please contact the Madison County Supervisors to voice your opposition to the landfill.

## Recycling Plastic Bags the Right Way

The City of Ridgeland and its residents have always taken pride in its efforts to recycle for a cleaner environment. If you live in Ridgeland, the ability to recycle is as simple as tossing it in your 64-gallon recycling cart provided by the City. However, before you recycle, make sure you're not doing more harm than good.

Plastic bags, such as those used to bag groceries, cannot be recycled. According to Waste Management's website, "Plastic bags are not accepted as part of curbside recycling programs – they get tangled in equipment and threaten worker safety." In fact, "Plastic bags can shut down an entire recycling plant." If part of your recycling routine is collecting recyclable items in a plastic bag, empty the contents into your recycling cart, and reuse the bag. Though plastic bags are not a recyclable item for curbside pickup, there is a solution to recycle them. Most of our local grocery stores and super markets have a designated bin set aside at the front door just for recycling these type of bags. Just bag them all up and toss them in the bin!

To educate yourself on recycling protocol within the City, visit www.RidgelandMS.org or www.WM.com. Happy Recycling!



# *The Historical Society of Ridgeland* – TELLING RIDGELAND'S STORY

Written by Polly Hammett

2019 was a busy year for the Historical Society of Ridgeland. In April we were asked to participate in the America in Bloom Judges' Tour. It was a twopart tour. The first part was a tour of Jessamine Cemetery and Old Town led by Polly Hammett. The second part, led by Nancy Batson, gave the judges a tour of historical markers and tree preservation efforts made in the Old Agency Road area. The Society was pleased to receive high praise in the judges' review.

In late October the Society led a tour of the Jessamine Cemetery. It started out at the Yellowley family plot with Polly Hammett giving a brief history of the family and then pointing out other gravesites of interest. The tour continued with Society members Lynn Sturdivant Hunt, Joy Sturdivant Ellis and Robby Carr, whose Ridgeland family roots go back from 75 to 125 years. They walked attendees through history as they told stories about their family members buried at Jessamine. Gravesites of note include a former governor, former mayors and city officials and many military veterans of WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam and the Gulf Wars. There are two soldiers from the Civil War…one from each side! The Society plans to present this tour again in 2020.

Known in early times as "Yellowley Crossing," Ridgeland developed around the railroad. Old Town is the original plat chartered as "The Village of Ridgeland" in 1899. Jackson Street was the central business district of that time. The Historical Society was asked to work with the City and Jackson Street businesses to find a name for this district that honored the history of Ridgeland. The name suggested by the business community and approved by all on the committee was "The Railroad District." It was also decided to officially designate the original plat as "Old Town" and to rename the street formerly known as NE Madison to "Old Town Crossing." A ribbon cutting was held in November on The Plaza at Old Town Crossing to commemorate this event and unveil new street signs. This street runs from the new City Complex through the heart of Old Town, connecting the future of our city to its historic roots.

The second annual Ridgeland Christmas Tree Lighting was held at the Plaza at Old Town Crossing in December. As one of the primary sponsors of this event, the Society strives to ensure that the City's past is represented. This year we reached out to local artist, Mark Millet, and commissioned artwork for the event. The painting he created captures the essence of Old Town, depicting the beautiful Christmas tree at the Plaza. It will be used in future lighting events through banners, posters and other publicity avenues.

The Historical Society and Historical Committee meet periodically in the boardroom at City Hall at 1 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2020. If you are interested in learning more about the history of Ridgeland or have stories to add, please make plans to join us.



Attendees enjoy a walk through history in Jessamine Cemetery



Representatives from the City, Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce, Keep Ridgeland Beautiful and The Historical Society of Ridgeland take part in the ribbon cutting on The Plaza at Old Town Crossing



Original artwork and prints are available from Mark Millet. Contact him at (601) 856-5901.

## HELP PREVENT STORMWATER POLLUTION IN RIDGELAND

#### What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain that does not soak into the ground. It flows from rooftops, over paved areas, bare soil, and sloped lawns. As it flows, stormwater collects and transports animal waste, litter, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and grease, soil and other potential pollutants.

#### What's the Problem?

Rain events wash pollutants from land, streets and construction sites into storm sewers and ditches. Eventually, these empty the polluted stormwater directly into our streams, rivers and ultimately the Ross Barnett Reservoir with no treatment. Polluted stormwater degrades our lakes, rivers, wetlands, reservoir and other waterways.

### What can YOU do to Prevent Stormwater Pollution in Ridgeland?

- 1. Remember only rain belongs in the drain!
- 2. Wash your car over your lawn or gravel.
- 3. Keep your car well maintained.
- 4. Consider disconnecting your downspouts and rerouting the water into a rain garden.
- 5. Use lawn or garden chemicals sparingly.
- 6. Plant native, low maintenance plants and grasses.
- 7. Minimize runoff by not over-watering your lawn and garden.
- 8. Clean up pet waste.
- 9. Consider minimizing impervious surfaces around your home.
- Make sure storm drain outfalls are not running in dry weather. If it hasn't rained in 72 hours, it should not be flowing. Call Ridgeland Public Works at (601) 853-2027 if it does.
- 11. Properly maintain your neighborhood stormwater pond.
- 12. Install a rain barrel or cistern to capture roof runoff.
- 13. Walk, bike or share a ride when possible.



Example of Creek with Pollution



Example of Creek with No Pollution





## Recreation and Parks Directory

Office: 601-853-2011 Fax: 601-853-2015 E-mail: recre8@ridgelandms.org Recreational Center: 601-856-6876 Freedom Ridge Park: 601-853-2023 Rental Information: 601-853-2011 Hotline: 601-853-2039

## YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

### Mississippi Rush

Mississippi Rush is a nonprofit organization providing an opportunity for area youth to participate in soccer. Visit www.mfcsoccer.com or call 601-898-1996 for more information.

### Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club

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

## RIDGELAND MULTIUSE TRAIL

More than 20 miles of trails are available for public use in Ridgeland. Several miles of the trail travel through National Park Service property along the Natchez Trace Parkway. Parking for the trail is available at the intersection of Rice Road and Harbor Drive, at the Parkway Information Cabin and on Old Town Crossing off W. Jackson Street. Water fountains, benches and trash cans can be found along the trail. Please enjoy the trailhead facility that includes a covered pavilion with picnic tables, restrooms, bike repair station, recycling container and a fitness station located at the intersection of Rice Road and Harbor Drive.

## **RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Freedom Ridge Park

235 West School Street - Freedom Ridge Park, a 50-acre athletic and recreation facility, is located on School Street just west of the Ridgeland Police Department. The park features four lighted adult regulation softball fields, four lighted regulation soccer fields, four picnic pavilions, three playgrounds including a universal playground for use by individuals with physical disabilities or limitations, two concession/restroom buildings, a lighted walking trail and a maintenance facility. Each of the four pavilions at Freedom Ridge Park is available at an hourly rate of \$15 for residents and \$25 for non-residents. The security deposit, our "clean-up insurance," is \$100.

### **Ridgeland Tennis Center**

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

### **City Hall**

*304 Highway 51 -* Ridgeland City Hall is home to practice areas for soccer and t-ball.

### Ridgeland Recreational Center

137 Old Trace Park - The Ridgeland Recreational Center is housed in a twostory 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 or \$25 for non-residents with a security deposit of \$100. Park hours are 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Wolcott Park

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

### RECYCLING AT RIDGELAND'S PARKS

Solar-powered recycling compactors are provided at each park in Ridgeland. Please recycle by using these receptacles for the following: empty aluminum cans, clean plastic containers and clean paper. Food contaminated trash and nonrecyclable items should be placed in the garbage cans. Thank you for recycling!

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### NATCHEZ TRACE CENTURY RIDE

#### Get your Ride On!!!!!

The Ridgeland Century Ride will take place on Saturday, May 2. Come out and enjoy this great bike ride. We have added an eight mile fun ride for those who may not want to ride the other longer distances. This recreational bike ride offers a scenic ride for participants of all levels. Distances offered for the Century Ride are 25 mile, 50 mile, 62 mile and 100 mile options. The Century Ride will use the same routes as last year. Participants may register at www.ridgelandsportsandevents.com. This recreational ride is perfect for the beginner, and for the more experienced riders, it will present a challenge to their endurance. For more information, please visit our website at https://runsignup.com/ Race/MS/Ridgeland/NatchezTraceCenturyRide.

| Program Price:           | \$45                           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Registration:            | Now – April 2, 2020            |
| Late Registration:       | April 5, 2020 – April 30, 2020 |
| Late Registration Fee:   | \$55                           |
| Onsite Registration Fee: | \$65                           |
| Event Date:              | May 2, 2020                    |
| Start Time:              | 7:00 a.m.                      |
| Day of Week:             | Saturday                       |
| Location:                | Ridgeland Recreational Center  |
|                          |                                |

### KidFest

Family Fun is on as KidFest! Ridgeland takes over Freedom Ridge Park April 18-19 and April 25-26. Guests enjoy train rides, pony rides, interactive activities, and a variety of shows. All shows and activities are "up close and personal." Ultimately, the objective is to provide an opportunity for parents and children to interact with each other and provide an affordable, memorable family experience. Tickets will be available at the gate. We do not accept debit or credit cards. For more information and a \$2.00 coupon, please visit our website at www.kidfestridgeland.com.

Enjoy a great day of family fun.

Ticket Price: Location: Date & Time:



\$12.00 (Kids two and under are free!) Freedom Ridge Park Saturday, April 18 9:00 am – 6:30 pm Sunday, April 19 12:00 pm – 6:30 pm Saturday, April 25 9:00 am – 6:30 pm Sunday, April 26 12:00 pm – 6:30 pm

### RIDE OF SILENCE

The Ride of Silence will be held at Northpark in Ridgeland on Wednesday, May 20. It is open to any level of cyclist that can ride for 7.5 miles at a slow pace. Cyclists remain silent in honor of those who have been injured or lost their life to a vehicle collision.

| Price:    | No Charge               |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Location: | Northpark               |
| Date:     | Wednesday, May 20       |
| Time:     | 6:30 p.m. – Welcome     |
|           | 7:00 p.m. – Ride begins |

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

As part of Ridgeland's effort to keep the city clean, we will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup Day. Residents in the area should bring items to Holmes Community College on Ridgeland Avenue Saturday, May 20, 2020 between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

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. Compressed gas cylinders, fire extinguishers, medical waste, explosives and white goods 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. Household Hazardous Waste Day is a collaboration between City of Ridgeland, City of Madison and Madison County.

### **TITLE VI POLICY STATEMENT**

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

> Paula W. Tierce, Title VI Coordinator City of Ridgeland 304 Highway 51 • P.O. Box 217 Ridgeland, MS 39158 Phone: 601-856-7113 • Fax: 601-856-7819 paula.tierce@ridgelandms.org

### HEATWAVE CLASSIC TRIATHLON

The 35th annual Heatwave Classic will take place on Saturday, June 6, 2020. This triathlon has become a race favorite among triathletes in the Southeast. Over 200 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 27.5 miles along the scenic and historic Natchez Trace Parkway. After the ride is complete, participants will embark on a 10K run on the Ridgeland Multi-Purpose Trail. In addition, a shorter course is being offered this year – .25 mile swim, 14 mile bike ride, and a 5K run.

For more information, call the Ridgeland Recreation and Parks office at (601) 853-2011, or visit us at https://runsignup. com/Race/MS/Ridgeland/HeatwaveClassicTriathlon.

| Program Price:       | Individual     | \$75.00 (\$85 after April 29) |
|----------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| -                    | Relay Team     | \$60.00 per member            |
|                      | \$12 Single ev | ent USAT Insurance            |
|                      | per particip   | oant                          |
| Registration:        | Now – June     | 4, 2020                       |
| Onsite Registration: | June 4, 2020   |                               |
| Onsite Price:        | Individual:    | \$95.00                       |
|                      | Relay          | \$65.00 per member            |
| Event Date:          | June 6, 2020   | -                             |
| Start Time:          | 7:00 a.m.      |                               |
| Day of Week:         | Saturday       |                               |
| Location:            | Old Trace Pa   | rk                            |
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## SUPERSTAR SENIORS

Contact: Lynda McMahan Assink, Senior Adult Coordinator Phone (601)856-6876 or e-mail: lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

### MONTHLY PROGRAMS

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

### RIDGELAND CITY GARDEN CLUB

The objective of our club is to provide education and to promote the love of gardening, landscape and floral design and to encourage civic beautification and environmental responsibility. If you are interested in anything relating to gardening, horticulture, flower arranging, the environment and more, then we are the club for you! If you are interested in attending any of our meetings or becoming a member, please contact Joy Ellis at flowerlady243@gmail.com

Program Price: Event Dates: Time: Day of Week: \$20 (Yearly dues) March 2, April 7, May 5 11:30 a.m. Tuesday

### BRIDGE

Bridge games are held the third

Thursday of each month at the Ridgeland Recreational Center overlooking the Reservoir. It provides a beautiful setting for an afternoon game. The player with the highest

score wins first prize. Reservations are required four days in advance. Please call Lynda at (601)-856-6876 to reserve your chair. Please arrive at 12:45 p.m. to receive your nametag. Game starts promptly at 1 p.m.

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## *THREAD, YARN, CROCHET & COFFEE GROUP*

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

| Program Price: | Free                           |
|----------------|--------------------------------|
| Event Dates:   | March 9 & 23, April 13, May 11 |
| Time:          | 1:30 – 3 p.m.                  |
| Day of Week:   | Monday                         |

### WEEKLY PROGRAMS

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

### AGAPE MEN'S COFFEE GROUP

Begin your day by joining a group of men that meet every Wednesday morning at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Enjoy coffee, lively conversation, and the opportunity to meet new friends. Call Lynda at (601)856-6876 or email lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org for more information.

*Time: Day of Week:* 

9:30 a.m. Wednesday



### DAYTIME BEGINNERS' LINE DANCING CLASS (NEW CLASS!)

In this class we dance to a wide mix of music styles, including country, pop and big band. No advanced dances are done in this beginner's class. Come meet some great people and breathe new life into your soul! You will have fun learning a variety of line dances. It will keep your brain sharp by learning and memorizing the steps!

| Program Price: | \$10/class            |
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| Start Date:    | On-going              |
| Time:          | 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. |
| Day of Week:   | Wednesday             |

### FITNESS FOR EVERYONE

This is an exercise program designed to develop body strength, body awareness, and endurance for daily senior living. On Tuesdays, learn to exercise with correct positioning that will improve posture and spinal alignment, increase bone density, and strengthen your joints. On Thursdays, enjoy boosting your aerobic endurance. Each session is a flowing and challenging safe workout. Certified Instructor Sally Holly encourages each participant to work on his/her own unique physical needs and goals. Class will meet at the Ridgeland Recreational Center at 9:00 a.m. -10:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost of the class is \$10/month. Sign up by calling Lynda at (601)-856-6876 or email lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

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| Program Price: | \$10/month           |
| Start Date:    | On-going             |
| Time:          | 9:00 a.m. – 10 a.m.  |
| Day of Week:   | Tuesday and Thursday |

### LINE DANCING

Learn the dance steps that are popular everywhere! In this class, you'll discover a variety of line dances. It's great fun, good exercise, and you don't need a partner. Darlene has been a member of Mississippi Country Western Dance Association (MCWDA) Since 1995. She has



taught at birthday parties, church socials, and office events. Darlene's motto is "Line dancers don't make mistakes; they make variations. As long as you are on the dance floor having fun with a smile on your face, that's all that matters. Call or email Lynda for more information.

Program Price: Times:

Day of Week:

\$40/month or \$10/week Beginners Class, 6 – 7 p.m. Advanced Class, 5 – 6 p.m. Monday

### MARTIAL ARTS FOR SENIOR ADULTS

Learn age and physically appropriate traditional martial arts and practical self-defense techniques. This program is easy to perform and enjoyable for mature adults with slow, lowimpact movements that are keyed to each individual's physical capabilities. Health benefits include: sharpened mental focus, better balance and body control, cardio-respiratory fitness, increased strength, enhanced flexibility, improved stamina/ endurance, and prevention of osteoporosis. Other benefits include increased confidence in potentially dangerous situations and enhanced awareness to avoid dangerous situations before they occur. Andy Dillon is the instructor. Andy has a 4th Degree Black Belt with North America Tae Kwon Do and has practiced and instructed for 20 years. Sign-up by calling Lynda at (601)-856-6876 or email: lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

#### Newcomers are welcome!

| Price:       | \$10/4 weeks       |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Start Date:  | On-going           |
| Time:        | 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. |
| Day of Week: | Tuesday & Thursday |

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

This men's only bible study meets every Tuesday at the Ridgeland Recreational Center. Enjoy an in-depth, nondenominational study of God's Word and interesting discussion. Bob Shirley is the teacher. Call Lynda at (601)-856-6876 for more information.

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



### PAINTING PALS

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

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

### SENIOR FIT CLUB 1

On Monday and Wednesday afternoons at the Ridgeland Recreational Center, we offer an exercise class for senior adults called SENIOR FIT CLUB. This class offers low-impact exercises geared towards senior adults. Strengthen muscles and improve your movement for a healthier lifestyle. This is a great class for those recovering from a recent illness or surgery. This class is also good for those with Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and other neurological diseases. The goal of this class is to improve balance, flexibility, and strength through stretching, light weights and light aerobic activity. Certified Fitness Instructor Sally Holly teaches this class. For more information, contact Lynda at (601)-856-6876 or lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

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| Program Price: | \$10/month             |
| Start Date:    | On-going               |
| Times:         | 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. |
| Day of Week:   | Monday and Wednesday   |

### **SENIOR FIT CLUB 2**

We now have an additional Senior Fit Club class. Offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays, this class teaches the same low-impact exercises geared towards senior adults. Strengthen muscles and improve your movement for a healthier lifestyle. This is a great class for those recovering from a recent illness or surgery. This class is also good for those with Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, and other neurological diseases. The goal of this class is to improve balance, flexibility, and strength through stretching, light weights and light aerobic activity. Certified Fitness Instructor Sally Holly teaches this class. For more information, please contact Lynda at (601)-856-6876 or lynda.assink@ridgelandms.org

| Program Price: | \$10/month             |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Start Date:    | On-going               |
| Times:         | 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. |
| Day of Week:   | Tuesday and Thursday   |



We will learn basic steps and easy routines. Anyone who enjoys camaraderie and upbeat music is welcome to come.

TAP DANCING

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks

adults. Tap dancing is a fun way

to make music, energize your

body, and stimulate your brain!

| Program Price: | \$5/class                         |
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| Start Date:    | On-going                          |
| Times:         | 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.             |
|                | (Beginners Advanced)              |
|                | 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Beginners) |
| Cost:          | \$5/class                         |
| Day of Week:   | Monday                            |

### **RESTORATION & RELAXATION YOGA**

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

| Event Dates:   | On-going                                    |
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| Program Price: | \$8/class or \$35 for 6 (30 minute classes) |
| Time:          | 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.                     |
| Day of Week:   | Monday and Friday                           |

### YOGA FOR FLEXIBILITY, FITNESS, AND FUN

Join us for this class! Lisa Newman will guide you through gentle stretching and strengthening exercises for your whole body. This class is for those who have had some



experience with yoga. Standing poses will be introduced, as well as strength poses. Participants may join both classes, Restorative and Relaxation Yoga and Yoga for Flexibility, Fitness and Fun!, for only \$10!

Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program. For more information, call or email Lynda.

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| Event Dates:   | Ongoing                                     |
| Program Price: | \$8/class or \$35 for 6 (30 minute classes) |
| Time:          | 11:30 a.m. – 12 noon                        |
| Days of Weeks: | Monday and Friday                           |
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### YOGILATES

Ridgeland Recreation & Parks offers a Yogilates class for senior adults. This class meets every Thursday. In this class, Pilates and yoga are combined for a total body workout, focusing on toning the glutes, thighs, and stomach. This low-impact workout will increase your fitness level; develop your core strength and stabilization through Pilates poses; and improve your flexibility, muscular strength, posture and alignment through yoga poses, breathing, and relaxation.

This class is taught by Jean Powers, certified by Yoga Alliance Registration. Always consult with your physician before beginning any exercise program.

| Program Price:   |  |
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| Time:            |  |
| Day of the Week: |  |

\$10/class and/or \$30/month 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Thursday

### SEASONAL PROGRAMS

### **BEGINNING SELF-DEFENSE**

The goal of this class is to assist you achieve personal safety by learning self-defense. This six-hour course is light contact, practical, and easy. It will improve your strength, agility, flexibility, and endurance. When it comes to crime and violence, the old saying "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is not only true, but a potential lifesaver. The hardest part is doing your homework before you find yourself in a situation.

The instructor for this class is Andrew Dillon. Andrew has a 4th degree Tae Kwon Do belt. Class size is limited. <u>Register now</u> by calling or emailing Lynda at (601)-856-6876, lynda.assink@ ridgelandms.org. Participants who have previously taken this course may attend at no charge.

| Program Price: | \$40       |
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| Event Date:    | TBA (Cor   |
| Time:          | 1:30 - 3:3 |
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| Day of week:   | Thursday   |

\$40 TBA (Contact Lynda Assink) 1:30 – 3:30 (Thursday) 1:30 – 5:00 (Friday) Thursday & Friday

### ACRYLIC POURING ART CLASS

Whether you want to call it fluid art, liquid art, or acrylic pouring, there's nothing more satisfying than creating abstract masterpieces by letting pigment run amok.

This form of abstract art uses acrylics with a runny consistency to create endless possibilities. A great art form for all skill levels, getting started is not difficult. At its core, fluid art allows you to learn a great deal about materials and is great for experimenting with color and technique. Instructor Patti Betts will help you get started!

Program Price: Event Date: Time: Day of the week:

\$15 TBA (Contact Lynda Assink) 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Thursday

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## Elite Titans Cheer Squad

The Elite Titans cheer squad of Ann Smith Elementary had a very busy holiday season! The squad is a girl's club built on the principles of sisterhood, leadership, and academic success. It includes ladies in first and second grades who attend Ann Smith Elementary. During the holidays, the ladies focused on community service projects. While on Thanksgiving break, the ladies went to the Salvation Army in Jackson and helped prepare over 200 meals to give to less fortunate families. The ladies were in charge of boxing and bagging the pies.

Last year for Christmas, the Elite Titans donated pajamas to the children at Sunnybrook Children's Home in Ridgeland, MS. This year for Christmas, they rang bells, cheered, and sang Christmas carols for the Salvation Army at the Ridgeland Walmart. The ladies were greeted by many, including a board member for the Salvation Army who said she couldn't wait to get back to the board and tell what an awesome job Ann Smith Cheer Squad was doing. The girls raised a lot of funds that day for the Salvation Army. The bucket was filled to capacity within two hours, and we were only there for three hours. The last hour we had to push funds inside the bucket while we waited for the Salvation Army leader to bring over another bucket. "Giving back to others is a discipline my co-sponsor and I try to build up in our ladies. We always remind the ladies of our cheer quote: 'We are Elite Titans who try our best, to be the best, with selfrespect and confidence. I know who I am, where I am going, and who I want to become. I am Elite!'" Octavia Jackson, Cheer Sponsor.

## ASE Super Titans

ASE had some very happy Super Titans in the month of December. Sergeant Shearrill of the Madison County Sheriff's Department, in conjunction with PetSmart on I-55 gifted ASE's December Super Titans with a teddy bear. Super Titans were selected by their teachers



for being the best problem solvers in their classrooms. The students were beaming with pride as they carried their teddy bears home with them to show their parents.





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## *'GLAM' Gives Girls Positive Role Models, Maturity Lessons*



WJTV anchorwoman Candace Coleman (right) was the keynote speaker at the banquet for GLAM, a club organized by Akilah Potee (left).



Anyone who has survived middle school knows that navigating through life during this time of body changes, increased responsibility and confusing emotions is not easy. Understanding the challenges that girls face at this age, ICT teacher Akilah Potee, organized a club focused on teaching and mentoring Olde Towne girls. Girls Learning About Maturity, or GLAM, meets once a month after school and pairs each of the girls involved with a mentor.

"GLAM takes a proactive approach, establishing a supportive environment needed for all young ladies in school to achieve social, emotional, and academic success," explains Potee.

More than forty girls in sixth, seventh and eighth grades are participating in GLAM, and 17 teachers and faculty members have volunteered to mentor two or more girls.

"With middle school being such a formative age, there is no other club at this school that draws in more teachers or faculty for support. This is the most involved organization at Olde Towne," says school counselor and GLAM mentor Michelle Borho. "They're able to talk in a group of girls and women they trust. And if they're too scared to ask a question in front of the whole group, they have a mentor who they can talk to in private. They're getting an education from a safe and reliable place, rather than online or from social media."

Rikiya Wilson, an eighth grader participating in GLAM for the second year, says she's grown up a lot since joining the club last year. "I've learned how to carry myself well, and how to speak my mind. I try to be a leader and not a follower. I've learned you don't have to be perfect. You've just got to learn from your mistakes," Wilson says.

Each meeting has a theme and an expert from the community to speak as a guest on that topic. So far the girls have had lessons in sewing, manners, healthy hygiene practices and taking good care of their bodies and their skin. At the time of publication, they had plans to visit the Madison County Justice Court and meet Justice Marsha Weems Stacey.

Seventh Grader Keshantis Sims, says she joined GLAM because everyone was talking about how fun it was. She says she's also learned a lot. "We've learned about manners, how to set the table and how to eat properly. GLAM teaches you how to present yourself well... We've even learned how to brush our teeth correctly."

Last December, Sims and the rest of the GLAM girls had the opportunity to put their etiquette lessons to use at a special banquet with WJTV anchorwoman Candace Coleman as the keynote speaker. "Candace Coleman spoke to the girls about not letting other people dim their lights," Potee recalls. "I'm paraphrasing her words, but she talked a lot about the girls being who they are. She also encouraged them to turn negative comments into positive ones. When Candace was young, people told her that she talked too much. She turned 'talking too much' into something positive and ended up as a TV anchor for her career."

The GLAM banquet would not have been possible without community sponsors, including Highland Colony Baptist Church, WJTV Channel 12, Slim Chicken's, Basil's, Kroger, and Madison County Schools. Having the community extend their support meant a lot to the school and showed the girls that other people care about their success, Borho says. "Research shows that it takes at least three positive adult role models involved in a young person's life for them to be successful. GLAM gives the girls at least one more involved adult her in life," Borho explains. "Also, the club has shown the girls that they have a community of support around them. It is cool for them to see people at the school beyond their own teachers and local churches and businesses investing in their success."



The girls of GLAM were able to put their new etiquette skills to the test at the GLAM banquet held last December. Special guests included Mayor Gene McGee, and keynote speaker Candace Coleman of WJTV.



More than 40 girls participate in GLAM at OTMS, and each one is paired with one of the 17 faculty mentors who volunteer for the club. Most of the mentors are pictured here at the banquet.

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## Welcome to Ridgeland High

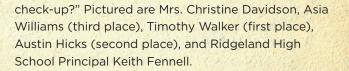
We are home to 920 students and 100 outstanding faculty staff members. Our robust academic curriculum includes advanced and accelerated courses, AP courses, dual credit courses with Holmes Community College, and a variety of other offerings including arts and athletics. We acknowledge the accomplishments of our students in the 25+ and 30+ ACT clubs with larger-than-life banners, celebrating their achievements and opportunities to come. Our state-of-the-art facilities include an auditorium, gymnasium, athletic complex and specialized spaces for our Culinary Arts Academy and Engineering Academy. Students at Ridgeland High School participate in numerous extracurricular opportunities, including our award-winning band, choir, speech and debate, Future Business Leaders of America, cheer, dance, and numerous athletic offerings. Students also have the opportunity to participate in our Air Force ROTC program and our world-class VEX robotics teams.

We hope you will take time to explore our website, http://www. rhstitans.com, get to know our community, and come visit soon. As we say on campus, it is a great day to be a Titan!

## RIDGELAND HIGH TITAN STUDENT AUTHORS SWEEP ESSAY CONTEST

Ridgeland High School students claimed first, second, and third place in the metro-wide Children's Health Initiative Essay Contest sponsored by UnitedHealthcare Community Plan of Mississippi,

Quinn Healthcare PLLC. the Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians, the Mississippi Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Mississippi State Medical Association. **Ridgeland High English** and ACT prep teacher, Christine Davidson, encouraged students to submit essays to the contest. The contest prompt asked students to address "Why is it important for all teens to have a yearly well-visit





## Coach Roderick Davidson Promoted to Assistant Athletic Director TITAN FAMILY SINCE "DAY ONE"

Coach Rod Davidson was named Ridgeland High School assistant athletic director July 2019, segueing into the position from 17 years as a successful coach and physical education teacher at the school.

Davidson has coached the boys' basketball team since the school's opening in 2002, winning 351 games at RHS. "I've had some really good players here at RHS, winning seven district championships, a North State Championship. We earned four trips to the "Big House" with one ending as a 5A State runner-up. Passing the reins on was not a hard job because I know the team is in good hands."

Under Davidson's leadership, RHS won a tennis state championship and finished as runner-up one year, with ten individual state championship winners in boys' and girls' tennis singles.

Coach Davidson vividly recalls his first day at Ridgeland High. He joined the staff that opened Ridgeland High School's doors in 2002, moving boxes in on July 15, 2002. "The next day, my daughter Holly was born," Davidson said. "Holly was the first baby born into the new Titan community." Eighteen years later, Holly,



a member of the Ridgeland High Class of 2020, elected student body president and homecoming queen, and a four-year member of the volleyball team, will graduate in May.

And there are more Titans in the family. Coach Davidson's wife Christine teaches English, including advanced and AP English, at Ridgeland High. "Coming to work and getting a chance to see Christine and Holly during the day brings joy to my heart each day. Christine is one of the most caring people that I know. She goes above and beyond to make sure the students get what they need using the skills God gave her to help students reach their full potential." Their son Josiah is a very involved and personable sixth-grader at Olde Towne Middle School.

In his new position, community connections are a priority. "In addition to working with all the coaches and student athletes, I serve as a liaison for the Ridgeland High School Athletic Booster Club, as well as to the local community. Businesses were used to getting phone calls or a letter in the mail. We all agreed there is a better way to make and build relationships. Now I go out two to three times a week to speak to the businesses that support us here at RHS and also build new relationships. We share what's going on at the school and our weekly events. They provide me with updates on what's new with them regarding promotions and their community events."

Assistant athletic directors wear a lot of hats and helmets. "My position includes promoting sponsorship opportunities, supporting coaches, ensuring student-athlete eligibility, preparing an athletic calendar, and assisting with major events like homecoming," Davidson said. "Sponsorship opportunities include advertisements on the electronic scoreboard at the Titan stadium, in the gymnasium and at the ball fields, as well as ads in programs and the yearbook."

Ridgeland High spring sports include archery, track, tennis, golf, baseball and fastpitch softball.

"I'm very thankful that Mr. Fennell, Coach White, and Superintendent Seals gave me this opportunity at Ridgeland High School," Davidson said. "I would not have had the successes I have had without the support system from the players - past and present - administrators, parents, and the City of Ridgeland. As both a teacher and a parent at Ridgeland High and a resident of Ridgeland, it is a privilege to be able to work and live in such a great community." Titan Assistant Athletic Director Roderick Davidson's family includes his wife Christine Davidson, an English teacher at Ridgeland High; Holly, Ridgeland High School Class of 2020; and Josiah, a sixthgrader at Olde Towne Middle School.





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A multi-campus institution, Holmes Community College offers the Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Applied Science degree, technical and career certificates and workforce training. The college now offers more than 50 academic majors, approximately 30 professional programs and a variety of student support services. Holmes is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

## Richards Receives Eliza Pillars RN of MS Nursing Scholarship

Holmes Community College Ridgeland Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) sophomore Lyric S. Richards of Madison received a scholarship during the 2019 Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi District IV Scholarship Gala. Held on Dec. 13 at Fondren Hall in Jackson, the gala theme was "An Evening with the Stars." ADN instructor Dr. Tiffany Cox, ADN adjunct instructor Tonya Spells and ADN Chair Dr. Alice Austin attended the event with Richards.

"I would like to congratulate Lyric for completing all requirements to be eligible for this award," Dr. Austin said.

Prior to beginning nursing school at Holmes, Richards earned a Bachelor of Science from Mississippi University for Women (MUW) in 2018.

"Lyric is a nontraditional student with an undergraduate degree already in hand," Dr. Cox said. "So, I think she takes her academic endeavors seriously and has preknowledge of what it takes to get the job done. The characteristics of compassion, sincerity, hard work, humbleness and a Christian love are what Lyric personifies on a daily basis and some of the things that will assist her in being successful in the nursing profession. I congratulate Lyric on receiving the competitive Eliza Pillar's Scholarship and hope that she will remember this achievement and use it to motivate her to continue learning and being an active part of her community."

For more information about the ADN program at Holmes, contact Dr. Austin at (601) 605-3419 or aaustin@holmescc.edu.



Pictured are *(left to right)* ADN instructor **Dr. Tiffany Cox, Tonya Spells,** ADN student **Lyric Richards** of Madison and ADN Chair **Dr. Alice Austin** at the 2019 Eliza Pillars Registered Nurses of Mississippi District IV Scholarship Gala on Dec. 13. Richards, a sophomore on the Holmes Community College Ridgeland Campus, was awarded a scholarship during the "An Evening with the Stars" gala.

## HOLMES LADY BULLDOGS MAKE SCHOOL HISTORY

The Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs were on a roll this year, making it to the NJCAA Gulf South District Championship for the first time in the college's history before falling to the eventual National Champion Tyler Junior College. Holmes finished the record-breaking season 18-3 overall with 115 goals and captured the team's first MACJC State Championship and Region XXIII Championship along the way.

The Lady Bulldogs were nationally ranked for the entirety of the season, getting as high as number 11. The team finished third nationally in goals scored with 115 goals, which is the highest amount in program history. This was also the team's fourth MACJC North Division Championship in a row.

"I'm exceptionally proud of the players and the coaching staff," said Head Coach Matt Convertino. "The players bring a great attitude to training every day and the staff does a great job of preparing them technically and tactically every day as well as keeping them focused and motivated to play each game."

Following the match against Louisiana State University -Eunice that made the Lady Bulldogs Region XXIII champs, Convertino was named Coach of the Year, as well. This was also the team's fourth North Division Championship in a row.

"I feel absolutely ecstatic," Convertino said, referencing the Lady Bulldogs' Region XXIII Championship win. "It was a fantastic game. We knew that LSU-E had great players, and they absolutely showed up to play. It was a battle throughout. Our players were up for the challenge, didn't give up, continued to battle, and we were fortunate enough to get the result.

After a disappointing run in the playoffs last season, Women's Associate Head Coach Wesley Noble said the sophomores had their minds made up that it would not happen again this year.

"The sophomores, I couldn't be any more proud of them," he said. "They had a rough ending last year with getting upset in penalties. We talked about it over and over. If we learned to use it the right way, we'd get to a place we needed to get to, and that's what they did. They put us over the hump. They got us that first MACJC championship and the first NJCAA Region 23 championship."

"The freshmen have been first class," he said. "A lot of them stepped in and played big minutes. We have girls who are high up in the stats nationally who are freshmen, so I'm really proud of the whole group."

The women's soccer team was not only successful on the field this past fall, but in the classroom as well. During the fall 2019 semester, 15 Lady Bulldogs made the President's List with a 3.70 GPA or higher. Eleven of those 15 had perfect 4.0 GPAs. Five other players finished the semester on the Dean's List with GPAs between 3.40 and 3.69. Overall, 23 of the 27 members of the women's soccer program finished with a 3.0 GPA or higher. Since the women's soccer program began in 2010, there have been 157 student-athletes who have made the President's or Dean's List.

"Academics are something that are emphasized within the culture of the soccer program, Convertino said. "We want them to know that playing soccer here is about more than just wins and losses."

To celebrate the season, the coaches hosted a team banquet on Feb. 26. Cariel Ellis was recognized as NJCAA All American and NCJAA All Region Player of the Year. In fact, she is the first Holmes women's soccer player to be named to the NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer All-America Team. She was also named team Most Valuable Player and Golden Boot Award recipient.

Additionally, players named All Region included Zoe Ellis and Mackenzie Thompson. Zoe was named Most Valuable Offensive Player, as well, and Mackenzie received the Playmaker Award. Those named MACJC All State were: Laniee Chandler, Kya Davis, Halleigh Steed and Carly Williams. Halleigh was also named Most Valuable Defensive Player. The Leadership Award went to Alysia Terry, and Laney Smith was named Most Improved. Finally, the Bulldog Awards went to Caseigh Hickman and Peyton Montgomery.

"Great things are going on here at Holmes within our women's soccer program," Convertino said. "Associate Coach Wesley Noble does a fantastic job not only recruiting some of the top talent in the area, but also with the way he handles the players on a daily basis and develops them and helps get them to the next level."

Noble said that it has been an exciting time celebrating their successful season and also planning for next year.

"As far as recruitment, we almost have this class finished," Noble said. "We have 11 commits right now, and we are looking to add a few more. We are excited about the class that's coming in. There's a lot of talent and a lot of really good actual footballers who can help us go to a new level in that aspect that we haven't gone to I think. I'm really excited about that."

For more information about the Holmes soccer program, contact Head Coach Matt Convertino at wsoccer@holmescc.edu or (601) 605-3412.



Pictured are the **Holmes Community College Lady Bulldogs and coaches** after beating Louisiana State University-Eunice and capturing the first Region XXIII Championship in the school's history on Nov. 1.



## **RIDGELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

MADISON COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM

397 Highway 51 • Ridgeland, MS 39157 601-856-4536 • www.mclsms.org

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

### A LOOK INSIDE RIDGELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY'S COMPUTER LAB

Ridgeland Public Library's computer lab serves an average of 50 patrons per day.

From checking email to more intensive research projects, the computer lab helps the Ridgeland area residents with a wide range of technology and information related services.

Individuals searching for employment are able to browse the internet for jobs, type up and print out résumés, and apply for jobs online. If someone needs to work on their job skills, we offer an amazing and life changing resource for our patrons called the **Learning Express Job and Career Accelerator.** Find conversations to help you land that impeccable job, explore occupations, search for jobs and internships, build a cover letter and résumé, or match the perfect job with your skills and interest through this free resource at Ridgeland's computer lab.

For students, the Learning Express Library offers training and practice tests for a variety of standardized tests including the GRE, ACT, SAT and GED. There are also practice tests to help with Middle School and High School skills such as Reading, Math, Writing and Spanish. Students also have access to our MAGNOLIA database, which is a priceless, unfathomable gift of knowledge for the patron, given through federal funding by the Mississippi Library Commission. The MAGNOLIA database provides a large source of journals, newspapers, magazines and books to gather information on almost any subject for school projects. MAGNOLIA serves as a great resource for non-students as well.

**NoveList** is a wonderful reader's advisory service that provides

recommendations and book discussion guides. The Database also provides users with full text of many periodicals including newspapers and magazines.

For people interested in learning another language, the library offers online language courses through **Rocket Languages**. There are 14 available languages including Spanish, Italian, Japanese and Sign Language. Classes include language lessons, culture lessons, games and tests.

If patrons are interested in a training program on how to use Magnolia, please let us know. If there is a huge enough response, we will put a class together! For those interested in genealogy research, the library offers two resources. **HeritageQuest** is available in the library and by remote access through a link on the Madison County Library System's website. **Ancestry Library** is available inside the library only. Both are great sources for anyone interested in family history research.

These are just a few of the many great resources the Madison County Library System offers the public for free! For most of your job, education, or informational needs, the computer lab at the Ridgeland Public Library is the place to visit. Stop by today and see how we can assist you.



The Ridgeland Library Computer Lab has sixteen computers. The Library also offers printing, scanning and faxing services.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### STANDING PROGRAMS

### ROLL WITH RIDGELAND

Roll with Ridgeland (RwR) is designed for adults to socialize, network, and have a great time. RwR meets every Monday of the month from 6:00-8:00 p.m. There are light appetizers, tabletop gaming, and other fun activities.

**Future Dates:** March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20; May 4, 11, 18, 25



### ARTIST CORNER & DESIGN CLUB

Do you need a good way to relieve stress and unwind at the end of the day? The Ridgeland Public Library has an Artist Corner and Design Club that meets on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Come relax with us each month, while working with any art medium you choose as you enjoy light refreshments and fellowship. (Supplies are mostly provided, but please feel free to bring your own.)

Future Dates: March 17; April 21; May 19

### MYSTERY READERS

Do you like a good mystery and cannot wait to share your love for the genre with other mystery lovers? Then join us the second Tuesday of the month. We meet from 10:30 a.m. to noon and discuss the mystery books we have read the previous month.

Future Dates: March 10; April 14; May 12

### HISTORY BOOK CLUB

Join our newest book club! Each month we will discuss a historical novel. We will meet the third Friday at 1:00 p.m.

Future Dates: March 20; April 17; May 15



### TMC

Join us for Tuesday Movie Club from 2:00-4:00 p.m. once a month. We will have treats and trivia and watch a classic film. **Future Dates:** March 10; April 14; May 12

### THE BOOKAHOLICS BOOK CLUB

The Bookaholics Book Club will meet on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and discuss all the books we have read from the previous month. Join this book discussion group for recommendations and fun conversations.

Future Dates: March 10, April 14, May 12

### WORD AFTER WORD WRITERS GROUP

Join our writing group for feedback, discussion and encouragement. The writing group will meet on two Thursdays of the month (5:30-7:00 p.m.) and the first Saturday of the month (2:00-4:00 p.m.).

Future Dates: March 7, 12, 26; April 4, 16; May 2, 7, 21

### MUGS AND MOVIES

Join us for Mugs and Movies on the first Tuesday of the month for an evening movie. We will have snacks, and you can decorate a mug while you watch the movie.

Future Dates: May 3; April 7; May 5

As always, you can stay informed with the most up-to-date information about our programs by visiting our website www.mclsms.org.

## **KIDS/TEEN PROGRAMS**

More events may be added closer to the beginning of each month so be sure to check the library website at www.mclsms.org.

### **RECURRING EVENTS**

- Little Listeners Storytime for up to 2 year olds. Every Monday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Friday Storytime** Storytime for 0 to 5 year olds. Every Friday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Family Game Night** Put down the electronics and join us in playing classic board games for all ages! Every third Wednesday of the month from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.
- Let's Go Lego! Every first and third Tuesday of the month from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., join us for a fun afternoon of Lego® free building for all ages!
- **Teen Thursday** Teens ages 12 17! Looking for a good book to read? Need homework help or college information? Inspired to create/craft something at our makerspace? Want a space to just hang out with friends? We have you covered. Come take over the library every fourth Thursday of the month at 4:30 p.m.



For more info regarding youth programming, please email Ms. Jill (jberry@mcls.ms) or visit our website: www.mclsms.org.

## FRIENDS OF THE RIDGELAND LIBRARY

### SPRING BOOK SALE

Join the Friends of the Ridgeland Library with their Spring Book Sale! They will be selling books of all genres, some games, puzzles, and more!

The Membership Only Preview Party will be held on April 23 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. If you are not a member but want to come to the Preview Party, you can become a member or renew your membership at the door.

#### The dates of the book sale are as follows:

- April 24- 9:00-4:30 p.m.
- April 25- 9:00-4:30 p.m.
- April 27- 9:00-6:30 p.m.
- April 28- 9:00-6:30 p.m.



### THE FRIENDS WANT YOU

Did you know that the Friends of the Ridgeland Public Library is a 503(c) organization? This non-profit group raises money to benefit the library through book sales and various other events. They have raised money for new furnishings, supplies for the Summer Reading Program, funding for materials to host children, teen, and adult programs throughout the year, and so much more. The Friends of the Library welcome all new and potential members. You may choose to be a member with little involvement or help with various volunteer opportunities during fundraising events. The Friends of the Library membership offers you an advantage by helping the heart of the Ridgeland community. It also provides professional development, committee opportunities, and fellowship! We encourage everyone to inquire about the new committees recently formed to help promote a stronger and more active organization.

Join today! Individual membership is \$12, Family Membership is \$20, Corporate Membership is \$100, and Life Membership is \$250. *All donations and membership fees are tax deductible.* 

### WHO WE ARE: FRIENDS OF RIDGELAND LIBRARY

Friends of the Ridgeland Library is a volunteer, not-forprofit, community organization committed to providing support to the Ridgeland Library.

Membership is open to anyone interested in the Ridgeland Library.

Individual\$12.00 per yearFamily\$20.00 per yearCorporate\$50.00 per yearLife Time\$250.00

Activities: Friends host a spring and a fall book sale each year. Books are donated by Friends and library patrons.

## Friends support the library by providing funding for

- Summer reading programs
- Study desks, chairs
- Refrigerator
- Camera
- Madison County Book Mobile
- Hurricane relief Texas, Florida library funds

### Friends volunteer opportunities

- Work at book sales
- Sort book donations
- Provide refreshments for activities
- Take books to retirement facilities
- Stock library pantry for events
- Serve on Friends' Board and committees
- Publicize Friends' / library events
- Shelve books in the library

Follow us on Facebook at Friends of the Ridgeland Library Email us at friendsridgelandlibrary@gmail.com Friends of the Ridgeland Library is a 501(C)(3) organization.



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SPRING BOOK SALE



Thursday, April 23 – 4:30-6:30 Members Only Preview Party - - Join/Renew at the door

> **Friday-Saturday, April 24-28 – 9-4:30** Sale opens to the public April 24-28

Monday, April 27 –Bag/Box Day - 9-6:30 \$5 / bag of books

**Tuesday, April 28–Donation Day–9-6:30** *Take all the books you want, make a donation* GREAT BOOKS! GREAT PRICES! First Responder and Military discounts with ID.

### MYSTERY READERS' BOOK CLUB

Join Mystery Readers from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month. The group receives a list of approximately 20 mystery books each month.

Members choose what they want to read from the list. At the next meeting, members tell a little about the book(s) they read and hear about a lot of different mysteries from different readers' perspectives. The following is a list of the groups' 10 favorite mysteries from 2019:

- SOMETIMES I LIE Alice Feeney
- SAVE ME FROM DANGEROUS MEN S.A. Leichuk
- TANGERINE Christine Mangan
- THE CROOKED STREET Brian Freeman
- LAST MRS. PARRISH Liv Constantine
- THE LAST TIME I LIED Riley Sager
- THE LOST MAN Karen Harper
- DECEPTION COVE Owen Laukkanen
- ONE SMALL SACRIFICE Hilary Davidson
- NEXT OF KIN James Tucker

Call me - 601-937-0972 - if you have questions or need additonal information.

Teresa Gerald, President Friends of the Ridgeland Library

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



### CITY OF RIDGELAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

754 S. Pear Orchard Rd. Phone: 601-991-9996 www.ridgelandchamber.com

### BUSINESS AFTER HOURS AND EVENTS

**Thursday, February 20** Zea Rotisserie & Bar 1000 Highland Colony Pkwy. 5 – 7 P.M.

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#### Thursday, March 19 PriorityOne Bank

Colony Park Boulevard (new HORNE LLP building) 5 – 7 P.M.

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**Thursday, April 16** Young Wells Williams, P.A. 141 Township Avenue 5 – 7 P.M.

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#### Thursday, April 23 Ridgeland Chamber Golf Classic Lake Caroline Golf Club 1 P.M.

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### May 10 - 16 Police Appreciation Week

Please check with the Chamber for on-going events honoring Ridgeland's law enforcement community during this week.

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#### **Thursday, May 21** Green Oak Florist – The Township 1067 Highland Colony Pkwy. 5 – 7 P.M.

## *Ridgeland Chamber Banquet* HONORS VOLUNTEERS AND CITY LEADERS



2019 Business of the Year – Green Oak Florist & Garden Center was named the Chamber's 2019 Business of the Year. Presenting the award is Trey Jackson of Bulldog Construction and the 2018 recipient. From left, Trey Jackson; and Karen and Maur McKie, Green Oak Florist & Garden Center.



Left: 2019 Community Service Recipient - Chris Chapman, Executive Director, Ridgeland Tourism Commission receives the 2019 Community Service Award from Ridgeland Chamber President Bill Bethany, Community Bank of Mississippi.



2019 Ridgeland Chamber President Bill Bethany, Community Bank, left, passes the gavel to incoming 2020 Chamber President Chase Bryan, Young Wells Williams, P.A.

### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Some 350 business leaders and city officials packed the Country Club of Jackson's ballroom, celebrating Ridgeland's economic growth and development during 2019 and honoring volunteers for their dedicated service to the Chamber and City.

With its theme, *An Evening with Marshall Ramsey*, the Chamber's banquet featured editorial cartoonist Marshall Ramsey and award-winning musician Raphael Semmes and the Raphael Semmes Combo.

2019 Chamber President Bill Bethany, Community Bank of Mississippi, said the Chamber topped off a strong period of growth in 2019. He noted the Chamber's 900+ membership, more than 100 ribbon cuttings and community activities such as "Monster Bash" and the Chamber's Clay Shoot which raised funds to purchase equipment for the Ridgeland Police Department's Employee Wellness Center.

"2019 marked the 26th Anniversary of our Chamber," Bethany said. "We have reached many milestones over the last 26 years. Today, we are recognized across the metro area as an organization with momentum, constantly setting new goals and offering fresh, innovative programs.

Outgoing Chamber President Bethany passed the gavel to 2020 President Chase Bryan of Young Wells Williams, P.A.

"Our 2020 theme is *Ridgeland*... *Bringing Mississippi Together*, and this year we will continue helping our businesses succeed with promotional opportunities like 'Shop Small Saturday' and 'Shop Local/Buy Local," he said.

"We will offer expanded networking events that encourage our businesses to do business with each other and our citizens to shop local. Our new website, which will be revealed next month, will provide exciting opportunities for our businesses and community at large," Bryan said.

"And," he added, "we will promote Ridgeland's business community as Mississippi's Business Destination by showcasing all the many products and services our various business members have to offer."

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



Editorial cartoonist and special guest Marshall Ramsey and Ridgeland Chamber Executive Director Linda Bynum present 2019 Ridgeland Chamber President Bill Bethany, Community Bank, a caricature drawn as a tribute to him for his service to the Chamber and City.



2019 Diplomat of the Year – Scott Jones, Safe Passage Driving Service, was named 2019 Diplomat of the Year by Lee Balch, BancorpSouth, and 2018 Diplomat of the Year.

Photo credit – Greg Campbell Photography



2019 Economic Development Award – Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee, right, presents the 2019 Economic Development Award to Raney Rives of Ridgeland.



2020 Ridgeland Chamber President Chase Bryan, left, of Young Wells Williams, presents the President's plaque to outgoing 2019 Chamber President Bill Bethany of Community Bank.



Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee names Karen McKie of Green Oak Florist & Garden Center City Maker 2019. The City Maker award is the City of Ridgeland's highest honor.

## **RIDGELAND DEPARTMENTS**



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Police Department JOHN NEAL Chief of Police john.neal@ ridgelandms.org



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Recreation & Parks Department JOHN SIDNEY NORTH Director john.north@ ridgelandms.org

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## Aldermen

| D.I. Smith, Alderman-at-Large           | 601-940-2710   |
|---|----------------|
| Ken Heard, Ward 1                       | 601-201-7392   |
| Chuck Gautier, Ward 2                   | 601-856-1291   |
| Kevin Holder, Mayor Pro Tempore, Ward 3 | 5 601-238-5361 |
| Brian Ramsey, Ward 4                    | 601-506-1979   |
| Bill Lee, Ward 5                        | 601-278-6256   |
| Wesley Hamlin, Ward 6                   | 601-454-0353   |

## City Directory

| ANIMAL CONTROL<br>animalcontrol@ridgelandms.org  |  |
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| ANONYMOUS TIP LINE<br>(criminal investigations division)   |  |
| CITY HALL/MAYOR'S OFFICE   |  |
| <b>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT</b><br>(development, property maintenance, zoning, signs, permits)601-856-3877 |  |
| <b>COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS</b><br>(residential/neighborhood concerns and service) 601-502-6040 & 601-940-9030    |  |
| COURT CLERK<br>(traffic violations, misdemeanors and fines)  |  |
| EMERGENCY (police and fire dispatch center)  |  |
| FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION<br>(business licenses, elections, meeting minutes, budget, public records).601-856-7113 |  |
| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b> (non-emergency calls, safety education programs)  |  |
| <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b><br>(non-emergency calls, public safety concerns)  |  |
| PUBLIC WORKS DEPATMENT<br>(roads, garbage, recycling, water, storm water)  |  |
| <b>RECREATION AND PARKS</b><br>(special events, athletics and program registration, park information)601-853-2011  |  |
| UTILITY BILLING DEPARTMENT (water, sewer, garbage, & recycling billing)<br>utilitybilling@ridgelandms.org          |  |
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## City Meetings

Mayor and Board of Aldermen Meeting 1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6 p.m. Work session is held on Mondays prior to Board Meeting - 6 p.m.

### Architectural Review Board

2nd & 4th Tuesday - 6 p.m. Bill Dicken - Chairman Ron Blaylock, David Dunbar, Randy Knouse, Randy Lynn, Tay Morgan, Lynette Praytor, Alex Ross, Connie Suber

### Keep Ridgeland Beautiful

*First Monday - 4 p.m.* Jan Richardson - Chairman Barbara Brown, Rachel Bradley, Rachel Collier, Polly Hammett, Barbara Hunter, Phyllis Parker, Lea Anne Stacy

### **Community Awareness Committee**

Fourth Monday - 5:30 p.m. Shelia Jackson - Chairman Carla Palmer Allen, Shirley Gill, Vicki Heath, Diane Jackson, Shelia Jackson, Lazaire Martin, Mike Smith, Debbie Upchurch, Juan Gonzalez

### **Historical Committee**

*Every other month - Thursday, April 16th at 1 p.m.* Nancy Batson - Chairman Robby Carr, Donna Dye, Polly Hammett, Mike Porter, Pat Truesdale

#### Contractors Board of Adjustment and Appeals

*Quarterly meeting - Thursday, March 19th at 4 p.m.* Lantz Kuykendall - Chairman Terry Evans, David Pursell, Steve Rimmer, Clay Sutherland, Keith West

### Zoning Board

*Thursdays, the week of Mayor and Board of Aldermen meeting - 6 p.m.* Bernie Giessner - Chairman Tracy Bailey, Michelle Caballero, Jim Collette, Walter Cox, Drew Malone, Larry Miller, Judy Rice

### WHO AND WHERE

## RIDGELAND ALDERMEN

To learn more about your elected representatives, go to www.ridgelandms.org/electedofficials/.

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



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