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HOT BUTTERED RUM

by Duncan Dent

Nothing fortifies the body quite like rum. This notion predates the founding of this country. In colonial times it was believed to strengthen the body and offer nutrition and many naval traditions used the stuff as a vehicle to prevent scurvy.

We now know it may have more to do with the accompanying ingredients that the scourge of scurvy was fought but it is clear that a bolt of the stuff in a glass of hot water mixed with spices is as good a way to pass the time and fight the cold as anything. Trust us, we have run the tests.

Whatever your opinion, good rum is as good as any other liquor and we always like to sing its praises here.

This brings us to a popular hot cocktail, the Hot Buttered Rum. It is a drink that is a good bit older than we have records but any modern recipe- as many modern cocktails do- is going to go back to what bartender Jerry Thomas wrote in his book *How to Mix Drinks: Or, The Bon-vivant's Companion*.

In the book, published in 1862, he offers two recipes simply called Hot

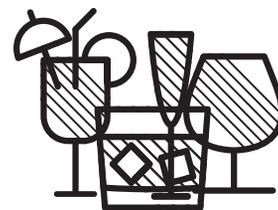
Rum and Hot Spiced Rum. Both concoctions are similar and basically come down to how and which spices are introduced to the drinks and when.

The point is both include butter which is an essential piece to ensure the drink properly fortifies the body against the extreme winter temperatures.

The drink saw a resurgence with the rise of Tiki culture in the 1940s and some theorize was reintroduced to the public vernacular by its inclusion in Kenneth Roberts' novel *Northwest Passage* which prominently featured the drink. The 1937 book was a bestseller and would be made into a movie starring Spencer Tracey in 1940.

As the drink resurged, Victor Jules Bergeron, Jr., better known as the founder of Trader Vic's restaurant and Tiki Bar chain, offered a recipe that strongly encouraged making a "batter" to properly mix the butter and spices into the drink.

And that is the technique we want to discuss today.



MAKE YOUR OWN

HOT BUTTERED RUM BATTER

Combine 1 cup unsalted butter 2 cups brown sugar, 1 tablespoon vanilla extract, 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon each of ground nutmeg and allspice using an electric mixer until everything is blended together. This should be enough batter for 24 drinks if you follow the recipe below. Store the batter in a well-sealed jar in the refrigerator until needed. It will be ready for the first drink after about an hour and keeps well for a few weeks.

HOT BUTTERED RUM

pour 1.5 ounces of dark rum into a mug and add a tablespoon of the batter. Top the ingredients off with hot water and give it a stir. The mixture can be sweetened with honey and popular garnishes include cinnamon sticks and grated nutmeg, but that is up to you.



MADISON'S MONTGOMERY HOUSE

by Lucy Weber

Another chapter in the 170-year-old history of the spacious Montgomery House property in downtown Madison is being written as a city park and botanical garden take shape, part of the historic city center that will include planned residential and commercial developments, a big vision of Mayor Mary Hawkins-Butler's for decades.

The landmark property started out as a small pioneer structure in 1852 in the then-sparsely settled region, but by 1898 had been transformed into a charming country cottage.

The city of Madison owns the house and spacious grounds now. "There is something about this place," Hawkins-Butler said last year at the groundbreaking for what will become the Madison Station Botanical Garden. "These grounds are very special."

Not a lot is known about the early days of the property, but tucked away along a winding drive on a small hill with a spacious yard across from Madison United Methodist Church on Main Street, the Montgomery House can go unnoticed.

The forerunner of the magnificent white country cottage was a simple two-room, dogtrot dwelling.

Incidentally, the unknown builder wasn't the first in the area. Just down the way and closer to Main Street is a larger house built circa 1840 by Irish immigrant John Curran. That house is the oldest surviving structure in Madison and is listed as the Curran House on the National Register of Historic Places.

Less than a quarter-mile east, the early settlers no doubt watched construction of the Illinois Central Railroad that brought

big changes to the area in the way of commerce at what would become Madison Station. The tracks were finished in 1856 when trains started stopping in the area. The railroad signaled progress as more settlers and businesses quickly followed that same year. Strawberries were a big commodity.

The first known owner of the Montgomery House wasn't even a Montgomery. He was Thomas Nicholson Jones, a prominent businessman. Jones, born in 1855, and his wife, Hugh Lena Jones, born in 1865, were married in 1883.

Thomas Nicholson Jones was one of the first three aldermen of the newly chartered town of Madison in 1898 and was the first president of the new Bank of Madison in 1901.

Jones is the reason the picturesque one-story frame house looks the way it does today. The house has had no major structural changes since 1898 when Jones finished the additions and enhancements more than 100 years ago.

The much grander house that resulted is historically significant as one of the few remaining examples of late vernacular Goth architecture from the Gothic Revival Movement in Madison County. The house is considered a visible and valuable link in the state's history of architecture of that period.

The architecture reflects the prosperity in Madison Station at the time. The Madison Station area was one of the richest farming sections of the entire state, making the community in the late 1800s a railroad shipping center that brought prosperity. A new style of architecture, Gothic Revival, was admired by the wealthy landowners such as Jones who were influenced by a popular book "The Architecture of Country Houses" written in 1850 by A.J. Downing, one of the country's premier landscape architects.

An impressive façade, inspired by the book, was attached to the front of the initial structure, doubling the size of the house to four large rooms on either side of an enclosed center hall. The overall plan of the house, built with natural materials of heart pine and cypress, is one of simplicity and symmetry. The entrance is set off by one of Downing's trademarks, a wide gallery extending across the front.

In 1910, both Jones and his wife died, and the house was inherited by their relatives in the Montgomery family, in whose possession it remained until the city purchased the property in 2019. Additions were made on the back of the house in the 1900s without destroying the dignity of the historic property.

The significance of the architecture is the reason the home is listed on the National Register. Hugh C. Montgomery and his wife Faye, the last residents of the house, were the driving force behind that nomination for the national distinction.

Hugh Montgomery grew up in the house with his father Hugh C. Montgomery Sr. and his mother Mattie. Montgomery Sr. died in 1958 and Mattie Montgomery died in 1977. Faye and Hugh Montgomery married in 1966 but didn't move to the Madison property until about 1995.

"I always wanted to move up here. I loved it here but Hugh grew up here and he did not want to go back to a house where you had to build a fire for warmth," she said.

When they did move in, Faye Montgomery said she worked to make the house reflect its history. "You need to let something

Madison's history.

The city hosted events and special functions there. It was the location of the first city festival. The city seal was unveiled there. U.S. senators and Miss Americas have been entertained at Montgomery House.

The property is expected to be filled with the beauty and the fragrances of roses, azaleas, hydrangeas, gardenias, daffodils, lilies and much more. A walking trail will meander through various small gardens bursting with colors and textures on the front lawn. Roses will fill one of the gardens around a gazebo. Dogwoods and camellias will be featured in another, and ornamentals and hollies in another.

"Can you imagine when you come down Main Street and see that it's preserved?" asked Mayor Hawkins-Butler.



be true to itself and find the beauty there," she said. "This started life as a grand house. The folklore that's been repeated is that it was built for a bride. It had the finest wallpapers, hand-grained woodwork. It had to be breath-taking when it was new."

Hugh died in 2018 and Faye decided to sell the house to the city because of the mayor's commitment to preserving the house and its history. "The main thing was to know it would be saved, and that appealed to me," she said.

At the groundbreaking for the botanical garden, Hawkins-Butler said the property is "one of the best things to happen in Madison. This house is part of the very heartbeat of Madison."

The Montgomery House, in the years before the city purchased it, played a role in

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13 TRENDS TO TRY IN 2023

- 1 The addition of olive oil to former “junk foods” like potato chips and other snacks to add more nutrition
- 2 Pasta made from more plant sources like green bananas and spaghetti squash
- 3 More plant-based meats, dairy substitutes, snacks and more
- 4 A wide variety of “nostalgia foods,” repurposed with a healthful twist
- 5 Alternative flours
- 6 Dates as a “new” sweetener
- 7 Kelp-inspired products that are their own defense against climate change
- 8 New packaging labels on many food products that tout the brand’s sustainability efforts
- 9 Increasing focus on pet foods and nourishment
- 10 Alternative coffees that are easier on the planet because they are made without beans
- 11 Sea plants for use in chips, noodles, salts, and more
- 12 “Fancy non-alcoholic drinks”
- 13 Purple tomatoes

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2023 FOOD & NUTRITION TRENDS

By Jana Hoops

Like everything else, food and nutrition go through their own trends each year, with more and more discoveries we can learn about keeping our health and wellness in good shape.

We talked to two experts about some of the most popular trends to expect in 2023 about food, nutrition and wellness, learning more about what we all can all be expecting as the new year starts!

Kathy Warwick is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Certified Diabetes Care Education Specialist with more than 40 years of experience in several areas of nutrition care practice. She is owner of Professional Nutrition Consultants, LLC in Madison.

Melissa Harrell McKissack is employed with Merit Health River Oaks in Flowood and works in the bariatric clinic helping patients with weight loss, optimizing health outcomes and quality of life. As a Family Nurse Practitioner, she has worked primarily in health and wellness, advocating health promotion and disease prevention.

Q Today’s consumers want to know not just what the nutritional values are of the foods they eat, but where the food is grown or raised, and the sustainability practices of where it was produced. Why is that an important factor in food shopping now?

Warwick - Citing a study by the 2022 International Food Information Council Survey, Kathy Warwick points out that more than half of Americans believe their food and beverage purchases have an impact on the environment.

“Sustainability is associated with practices that conserve natural resources and reduce food waste,” she said. “For healthy food to be widely available at all income levels now and in the future, sustainability also means keeping food affordable, which has become more important in

times of inflation and increasing food costs.”

Curbing food waste is an important key to sustainability, she said “The Feeding America organization reports that \$408 billion in food is thrown away each year. Shockingly, nearly 40 percent of all food in America is wasted.”

To avoid food waste, consumers are reporting that they are planning meals before shopping, freezing leftovers, and storing foods more carefully to prevent spoilage as means to reduce food waste.

Warwick mentions that Mississippians fortunately have access to a wide variety of high quality, locally grown produce, meats, dairy products, and more. Visit the Genuine Mississippi Grown website at <https://genuinemss.com/members/grown/> for options.

McKissack points to the possibilities of potential toxins that could impede on sustainability.

“As consumers are becoming more aware of the harmful effects of toxins to the body, they are more attentive to how agricultural products are grown and processed,” she said.

She cites the writings of Dr. George Burnell, author of “Toxic Food Nation,” who explains how processed foods, fat, sugar, pesticides, and antibiotics are toxic, causing “chronic inflammation to the body, which can lead to obesity, arthritis, heart disease, diabetes and many other conditions.”

The United States Federal Drug and Food Administration’s actions to ensure that farmers growing organic crops “are not allowed to use certain types of fertilizers, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), or pesticides” are making organic foods very popular, she said.

McKissack believes that “more and more people are making nutrition a priority, and research has found that organic foods have been found to be more nutritious than conventional foods,” helping to eliminate harmful farming agents that could threaten sustainability.

Q Instead of short-term weight-loss diets per se, there has been a shift to more of a “lifestyle change” based on meal plans such as Keto, Paleo, Mediterranean or other nutrition-guided patterns of eating. Do these types of programs really work, and are they healthful?

Warwick - As a registered dietitian, Warwick said she has “seen many trendy fad diets come and go” during her 40- year career, emphasizing that some meal plans don’t always deliver on weight-loss promises and “may be difficult to sustain.”

“These restrictive diets often eliminate one or more nutritious food groups such as whole grains or fruit, and people usually find that they are preparing two different meals because it may not be safe or practical for everyone in the family to follow,” she said. “We do not know the long-term health effects of these diets. The current research supports moving to more plant-based eating patterns with a variety of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, nuts, and seeds, with moderate amounts of fish, lean meats, and healthy fats. The Mediterranean-type eating pattern is more closely aligned with this advice.”

She also noted that a “mindful eating” trend is emerging, explaining that it involves “eating slowly and savoring flavors, working to identify when you are eating as a response to stress or other emotional triggers rather than eating out of true hunger can be very helpful.”

McKissack believes using a well-planned diet program that emphasizes nutrition and wellness - and can be customized for each person - may very well encourage participants to adjust to new

meal routines based on foods specifically recommended or removed from your daily diet.

“Short-term weight loss diets are just that, short-term, she said. “Most people are unable to achieve sustainable weight loss with short-term, fad diets. Essentially all efforts result in moderate weight loss with subsequent regain.”

She encourages consumers to consider various meal plans or programs such as the Keto Diet (“great for diabetics”), the Paleo Diet and the Mediterranean Diet and decide if any of these programs fit their personal diet goals.

“Those who commit to the lifestyle changes not only lose weight, but they reap the benefits of an increased quality of life,” she said.

Q In an emerging trend for 2023, shoppers may find new information added to meat packaging designating that those items are “animal welfare certified,” meaning animals grown for beef, pork, chicken, eggs, and other foods are raised humanely and in quarters similar to their natural habitats. What are your thoughts on this idea?

Warwick - While Warwick believes this labeling is a good option for consumers, she adds that “many people do not realize that most farmers do all they can to ensure the health and welfare of their animals because their livelihood depends on it.”

According to the USDA, she said, consumers perceive that grass-fed beef and organic meat products are safer to consume, but “all meat processed for sale in the United States is subject to inspection by USDA’s Food Safety and Inspection Service under a set of scientifically based

food safety criteria. The science available at this point does not clearly support the claims that these (certified) products are safer, significantly more nutritious or have greater health benefits.”

McKissack believes consumers who purchase Certified Animal Welfare (CAW) meats “will likely do it for the same reasons one would choose organic fruits and vegetables. As Diane Sanfilippo, the author of ‘Practical Paleo’ explains, just as conventional crops pass on toxins to our bodies, the same happens with animals”.

“In the United States, meat is graded based on the ‘marbling,’ which is the intramuscular fat swirled in the meat. While more fat in the meat may make for a tastier eating experience, the residue from exposure to pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, antibiotics, or hormones is simultaneously ingested as well. Again, toxins cause inflammation. Inflammation leads to disease.”

In addition to CAW meat containing less fat, it is also proven to be more nutritious, she explained, thanks to the amount of conjugated linoleic acid (CLA), an antioxidant shown in many studies to fight heart disease, diabetes, cancer, and other health conditions.

Q Another rising trend since the pandemic is to grow home gardens or purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and other products at local farmers markets. Do these actions really make a difference in our overall health?

Warwick - While Warwick has long grown her own gardens, she admits that “it is a lot of work, and many factors that are out of my control can impact garden success in any given year.”



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That said, she believes that “most people may opt out of growing their own food” thanks to the abundance of farmers’ markets in our area that provide fresh goods at a reasonable cost.

However, since everyone does not have access to fresh foods on a regular basis, she suggests that frozen and canned fruits and vegetables found in local grocery stores or dollar stores are equally nutritious.

“In fact,” she said, “most frozen veggies are harvested, washed and flash frozen within hours, which preserves the nutritional value even better than ‘fresh’ vegetables that may have traveled several days all the way from the West coast or South America to our local grocery stores.”

“The most important take-away message is that eating more fruits, vegetables, and other simple staple items will provide health-promoting nutrients without the added sugar and salt of highly processed convenience foods,” she said.

McKissack agrees with the assessment of the nutritional value of fresh, garden-grown foods.

“I believe people who decide to ditch unnatural and processed foods become more empowered to eat healthier, easier, and smarter,” she said.

While she is all for farmers’ markets, she believes having a backyard garden is even better.

“Knowing that your food is coming from your own yard means you can be certain it is free of chemicals, and it’s much more convenient to step

into your backyard than it is to drive to the grocery store. Also, gardening can potentially help keep you fit because it requires some degree of labor, and from a mental health standpoint, it could likely save money,” potentially decreasing anxiety caused by overpriced options at grocery stores now.

Another option she recommends for those who want a garden but don’t have the space or outdoor growing conditions is using a gardening technique called the “Tower Garden,” offered by the Juice Plus+ company.

“This system allows you to grow your own produce indoors or outdoors, year-round, and without chemicals or “loads of work,” she noted.

Q The phrase “food is medicine” is becoming more common as people are seeking ways to incorporate nutrition into their health routines, and physicians are becoming more interested in “functional foods.” What is your take on this idea?

Warwick - “Functional foods are certainly gaining popularity and there is a lot of research that has been conducted to support the benefits of including these foods in our diets as a way to enhance health,” Warwick said.

“Interestingly, most of these functional nutrients are included in foods such as fruits, vegetables,

legumes, whole grains, nuts, seeds, oily fish, dairy, fortified dairy alternatives, healthy fat sources and some herbs and spices. These functional foods often have anti-inflammatory or antioxidant properties that may play important roles in maintaining health by protecting our cells from damage. These foods are frequently higher in fiber and colorful.”

She also emphasizes the importance of eating fresh foods over downing supplements to add more nutrients to one’s plan for overall health improvement. “Many people feel that taking a supplement carries the same value as eating the whole food sources of these beneficial nutrients, but the science does not support this idea.”

McKissack confirms the concept that food can provide healing, noting that Greek physician Hippocrates supported this idea as early as the late-400s BC when he said, “Let food be thy medicine, and medicine be thy food.”

“Simply put,” McKissack said, “this means eating whole foods that provide the proper nutrients for your body and avoiding processed, refined and calorie dense factory foods. Organic, nutrient-dense foods are proven to provide many health benefits.”

“As a primary care provider practicing evidence-based medicine, I am a proponent of the idea that ‘food is medicine.’ There is a lot of research supporting this idea. I believe eating food in the whole form provided by nature optimizes health benefits.”

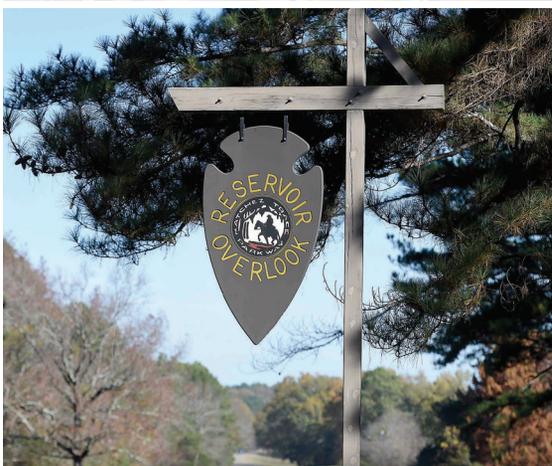
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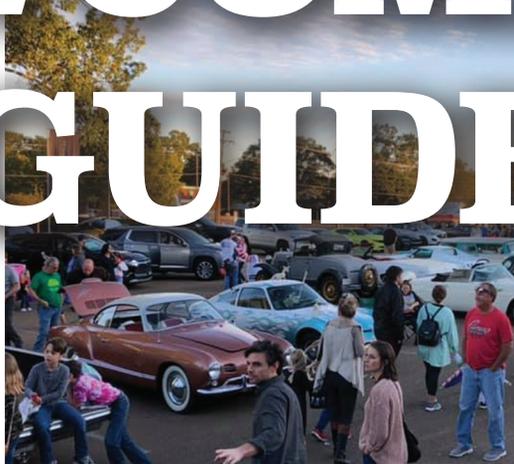
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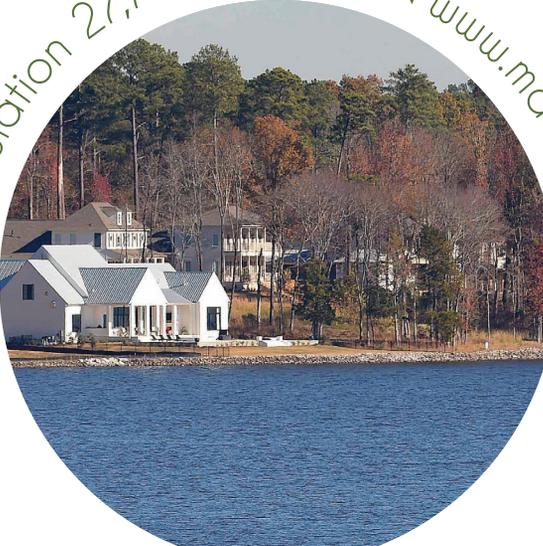
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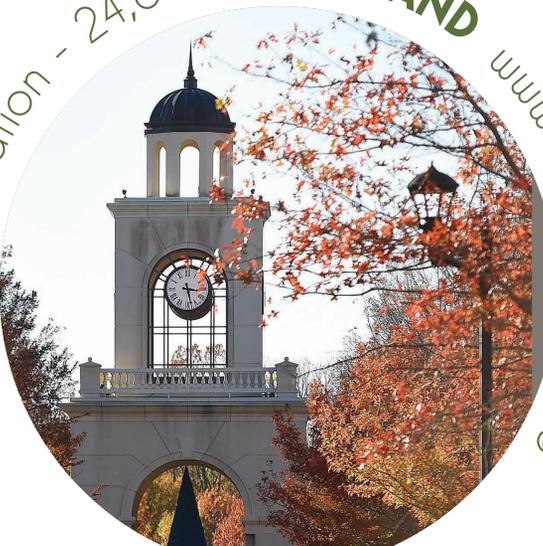
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MADISON COUNTY



In 1828, nine years after Mississippi was admitted into the United States, Madison County was established as Mississippi's 23rd county. Named after President James Madison, this county has a rich legacy of community living, economic development, and natural beauty. To this day, Madison County is still one of the most robust and lively places to live in Mississippi.

With a population of approximately 109,000, Madison County remains one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. Home to over 20 public schools and a dozen private/parochial schools, Madison County is known for its excellence in academic achievements.

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League & Foundation, Madison County provides an excellent atmosphere to raise a family and build a community.

While maintaining a boisterous social calendar, Madison County is one of the largest economic powerhouses in Mississippi. Shopping centers such as Renaissance at Colony Park, Township at Colony Park, Northpark, Grandview, and Colony Crossing provide both job opportunities as well as excellent shopping opportunities for Madison County residents and visitors.

Madison County is also home to one of the largest automotive plants in North America with the Nissan Canton Automotive Plant. In addition, Amazon opened a new warehouse and distribution facility in 2022.

GLUCKSTADT

On June 17, 1905, Henry Klaas, John Kehle, Valentine Fitsch, Peter Schmidt and Joseph Weilandt, German descendents from Klaasville, Indiana, purchased farmland from the Highland Colony Company at Calhoun, Mississippi. Total cost was \$22,000. Optimistically, they changed the name of the community to Gluckstadt (Lucky City). In the fall, nine families moved their household furnishings, farm implements and livestock to the South in Illinois Central Railroad "immigrant cars." Over the winter they worked to build new homes and clear land in preparation for the spring planting.

Other German-American families who joined the growing community included Henry Aulenbrock, John A. Minninger, Peter Miller, Joseph Haas, Anthony Weisenberger, Peter Endris, and Peter Minninger.

In 2021, the city incorporated to become Mississippi's newest city.



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GLUCKSTADT MADISON BUSINESS ALIANCE | <https://www.gluckstadtba.com>

A photograph of a man with short dark hair, wearing a teal t-shirt, holding a young child with curly brown hair wearing a white long-sleeved shirt. They are outdoors, with a background of green trees and sunlight creating a bokeh effect. The man is smiling and looking at the child, who is also smiling.

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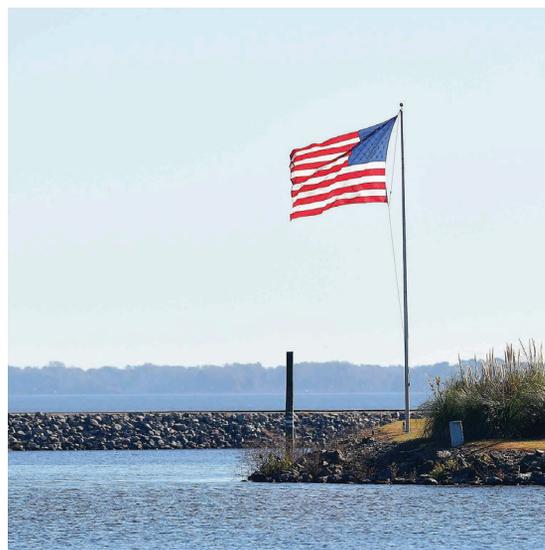


Much like the county, the City of Madison was named for President James Madison. Originally a small railroad junction in 1856, Madison has since developed into some of Mississippi's most increasingly valuable real estate. With a population of approximately 27,747 and growing steadily, Madison is a flourishing city. Thanks to a boom of population growth in the '90s, the city limits of Madison were expanded in the late 2000s. Madison is known for its uniform commercial architecture, which gives the city a beautifully unique look. Madison continues to see economic and commercial growth as new businesses steadily move to the city. With expanding shopping centers such as Grandview Drive, Colony Crossing, and the Old Madison Station District, Madison continues to see growth and revenue. In fact, Madison has the highest rate of income for cities in Mississippi. High-performing schools like Madison Central High School and lovely public spaces for families and youth like Liberty Park make Madison one of the best, family-friendly and safest locations to raise a family in the state of Mississippi. Madison was recognized as Mississippi's safest city in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

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RIDGELAND

Though once a simple farm town that specialized in strawberries and pears, Ridgeland's socio-economic base has shifted to a thriving suburban area within the last 200 years while still maintaining its naturalistic charm. Ridgeland boasts one of the fastest-growing areas in Mississippi, proving a bustling home to various shopping centers, restaurants, and attractions. C Spire Wireless, sixth largest wireless provider in the United States, is based in Ridgeland. New ventures arrive every day. Commercial hubs like The Renaissance at Colony Park, Northpark Mall, and the Township will meet any shopping needs, whether you are looking for clothing, food, books, or electronics. Ridgeland is also home to various thriving restaurants. Biaggi's fills the stomach looking for Italian, the Cock of the Walk is everyone's destination for good fried catfish, and Trace Grill makes the best burgers in town. Like spending time outdoors? Ridgeland is famous for its efforts to create a biker-friendly town where multi-use and bike trails wind through the city and the Natchez Trace. If you're looking for recreational parks and various outdoor attractions, Ridgeland has those too. Spend your weekends biking down the Natchez Trace or take your boat out on the Ross Barnett Reservoir, where yearly fun-filled family events like Pepsi Pops take place. Ridgeland is also home to the Mississippi Craft Center, which was named the 2010 Travel Attraction of the Year by Mississippi Tourism Association. With a population approaching 25,000, Ridgeland is one of the most thriving cities in all of Mississippi.



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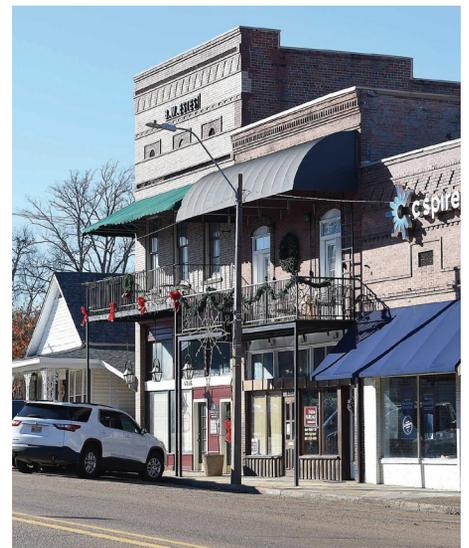


If you have been to Canton, you know it holds a Southern grace that few towns can mimic. Many films have tried to capture its aesthetic on camera, like “My Dog Skip,” “A Time to Kill,” and “O Brother Where Art Thou”. While Hollywood stars come to Canton to film their masterpieces, Canton is locally known as the county seat of Madison County. Also known for its traditional Georgian architecture, much of Canton has been listed on the National Register for Historic Places. During the Civil War, Canton saw many Confederate wounded and thusly has a notable Confederate cemetery. Another historical monument from the past is the Canton Courthouse, which survived the Civil War intact. Built in 1838, the Canton Courthouse is one of the only pre-Civil War courthouses still in operation. Today, Canton is a picturesque city with traditions that pull people from all over, such as the bi-annual Canton Flea Market. Held on the second Thursday in May and October. Canton’s Flea Market is renowned within the South. Another event for which Canton is well-known is its Victorian Christmas Festival. Canton Square is lit up with Christmas lights, blow-up Santas, and carolers from miles around. Shops sell hot chocolate to the crowds and horse-drawn carriages carry children and adults alike through the glittering festivities. Canton is where you can find history, modernity, and festivities all under the same magnolia trees.

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FLORA

Ask anyone from Flora and they’ll tell you, “we’re 20 minutes from everywhere,” providing everywhere includes Madison, Clinton, Jackson, Bentonia, Livingston, Gluckstadt, Yazoo and Canton. Originally a turn of the century agricultural community known for cotton, Flora has reinvented itself in the last few years as Mississippi’s definitive farm-to-table community. In the center of town you will find Salad Days hydroponic farm and Two Dogs traditional truck farm. The town is home to the much-celebrated Flora Butcher, where you will find locally-sourced poultry, pork, lamb and prized American Wagyu Beef. They also carry prime Angus and Japanese A5 Wagyu. Pizza lovers will love delicious New York style tomato pies and cold beer at the popular Railroad Pizza. Bill’s Creole & Steak Depot satisfies cravings for a smokey ribeye and crawfish. Fine wines and rare spirits can be had Raines Cellars where the tasting bar is always open. The Finish Line Sports bar is ideal for watching the big game. For gifts and gourmet coffee or smoothies its the Cotton & Tumbleweed. For some tunes after hitting one of the many local eateries, stroll over to the 18 Eighty Six Tavern. The Blue Rooster is the place to be for a great breakfast or a gourmet burger. The farm-to-table community wouldn’t be complete without a great florist and Flora has Wisteria Lane Florist & Gifts. Young women’s apparel and formal consignments can be found at Flora Proper. For the ultimate food and wine pairing in an intimate setting prepared by Michelin-trained Chef David Raines, the popular Flora Supper Club will leave you in awe. All of the aforementioned are all within walking distance of each other. So pop by, park the car and stroll the picturesque town of Flora which is 20 minutes from everywhere.



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OUT & ABOUT

CANTON MOVIE MUSEUM:

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ROSS BARNETT RESERVOIR:

Looking for fun on the water? The Reservoir, named for Governor Ross R. Barnett, has boats, picnics, disk golf and the Cock of the Walk for your enjoyment.

MISSISSIPPI PETRIFIED FOREST:

A National Natural Landmark, the Petrified Forest is Flora’s collection of petrified logs or “stone giants” created over hundreds of years and viewable for anyone looking to step outside and learn about Mississippi’s natural history.

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY:

Running from Natchez to Nashville, this road was once a path travelled by Native Americans and fur traders — now it provides a scenic drive through magnificent trees. Trails for bikers and joggers accompany the road, making it an all-access trip.

MISSISSIPPI SPORTS HALL OF FAME:

This hall of fame celebrates the many accomplished athletes who call Mississippi home. From basketball and football to golf, professional and local, this museum covers them all.

MISSISSIPPI CRAFT CENTER:

The Craftsmen Guild of Mississippi has brought an appreciation of regional crafts to Madison County through the Craft Center, working to preserve, promote, market, educate, and encourage local artistry.

JACKSON ZOO:

Looking for outdoor fun? Look no further than the Jackson Zoo, where giraffes, otters, cougars, snakes and other wild animals thrive. Take a walk through the jungle to see the monkeys or step inside to view the reptiles. The Jackson Zoo brings you wild animal fun while also providing education on wildlife conservation and care.



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EUDORA WELTY HOUSE & GARDENS:

The famous Mississippian author's home is a step back into the world of Eudora Welty's beloved books. This National Historic Landmark provides you with a glimpse of what Eudora Welty's life was like as well as the chance to stroll through her picturesque gardens.

TWO MISSISSIPPI MUSEUMS:

Jackson's newest museums opened in December 2017 and include The Museum of Mississippi History and the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum. The interconnected museums will take visitors through the sweep of Mississippi history and the state's role as ground zero in the U.S. Civil Rights Movement.





CAN'T MISS EVENTS



APRIL 1, 2023

Township Jazz Fest brings the unpredictable sounds of piano and brass to Highland Colony Parkway at The Township. The event draws thousands of people to Ridgeland for good music in an outdoor environment.

MAY 5-MAY 7, 2023

Art, Wine and Wheels are a combination of events occurring at Renaissance at Colony Park to make for one amazing weekend in the spring. Stop by for some of the best sights, sounds, and tastes the metro has to offer.

MAY 6, 2023

The Natchez Trace Century Ride brings together over 700 cyclists to jumpstart the cycling season along the Natchez Trace parkway.

MAY 11, 2023

The Canton Flea Market is one of the largest and most-attended in the southeast. Held the second Thursday of May and October, thousands descend upon the historic Canton Square for shopping.

MAY 13, 2023

Pepsi Pops is a family favorite that takes place each year in the Ross Barnett Reservoir. The Mississippi Symphony Orchestra wows crowds of picnic-goers.

JUNE-JULY

The Championship Hot Air Balloon Fest is held each summer with events in Ridgeland and Canton. In Ridgeland, the annual Balloon Glow is held at Northpark Mall with a live concert performing for crowds. In Canton, watch as the balloons race across the sky.

SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2023

Germantown Germanfest, held annually the last Sunday in September, has become a fall tradition in Madison County as many make their way to the "Lucky City" and St. Joseph Catholic Church for a day of beer, brats, and fellowship at an authentic German event.

OCTOBER

The Scarecrow Cruiser and Car Show brings classic cruisers together in downtown Madison for a weekend full of family fun. Stop by and look at fast car, classics, scarecrows and more.

NOVEMBER 1ST - 4TH, 2023

Make plans to stop by **Mistletoe Marketplace** for some of your Christmas shopping in 2022. Hosted by the Junior League of Jackson, this fundraiser attracts thousands across the state for a weekend of shopping and fellowship.

**NOVEMBER 24TH -
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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Madison County is home to two public school districts. The Madison County School District is one of the fastest-growing, top-rated districts in the state. With more than 13,000 students, it is the fifth-largest school district in the state of Mississippi. Madison County Schools district is one of the highest-scoring county school districts in Mississippi to achieve an “A” rating based on the statewide accountability model.

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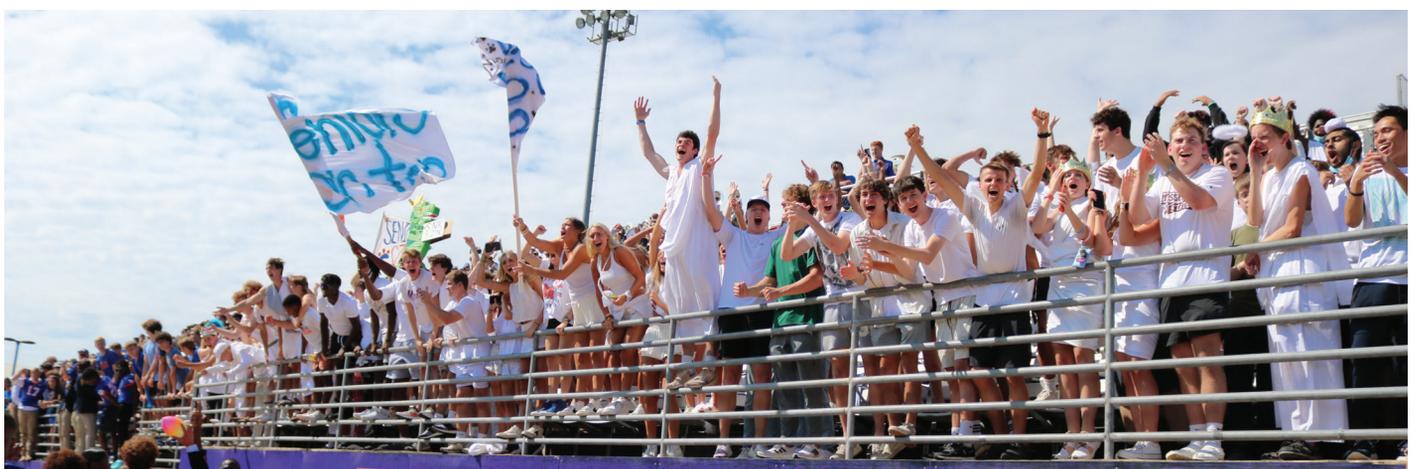
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The Canton Public School District embodies a tradition of academic excellence, which drives the success of each of its more

than 3,500 students. The mission of the Canton Public School District, with the full participation of parents and the community, is to enable all students to become analytical thinkers, self-directed lifelong learners, and effective communicators. The district’s goal is to prepare students to continue their education and/or to enter the global workplace and to participate in society as responsible citizens. Recognizing that children are the community’s greatest asset and value, the district invites parents and the community to join with schools in serving as a perpetual bridge for the development of students’ character. Further, the district believes it takes all parties working together toward the enhancement of students’ ability to master data, interpret knowledge, and apply the practical principles of their mastery. Canton Public School District leaders fulfill the district’s mission of “Elevating Minds and Empowering Possibilities” by working together. “Together Tigers Win!”

The Superintendent of the Canton Public School District is Gary P. Hannah.



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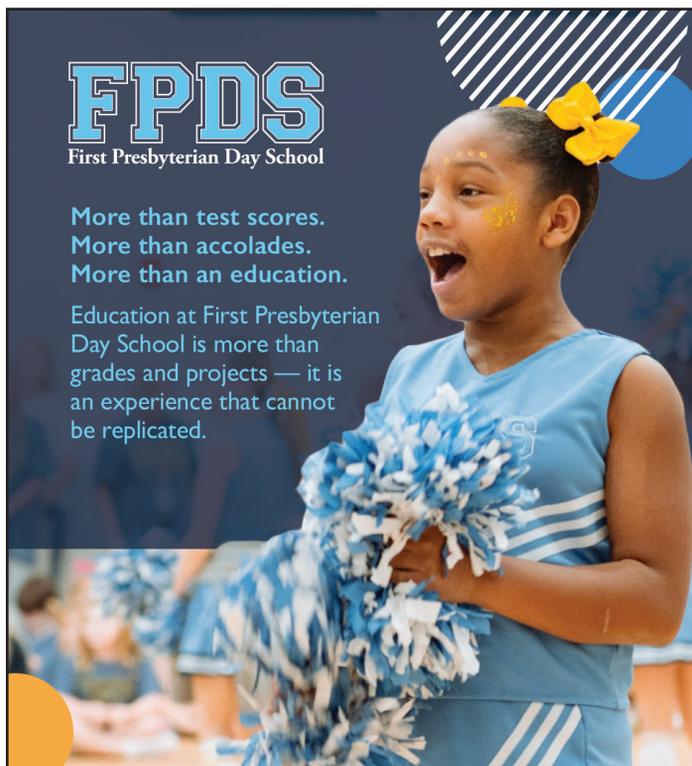


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Cathy Haynie | **Head of School**

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JACKSON ACADEMY:

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Ryan Laster | **Head of School**

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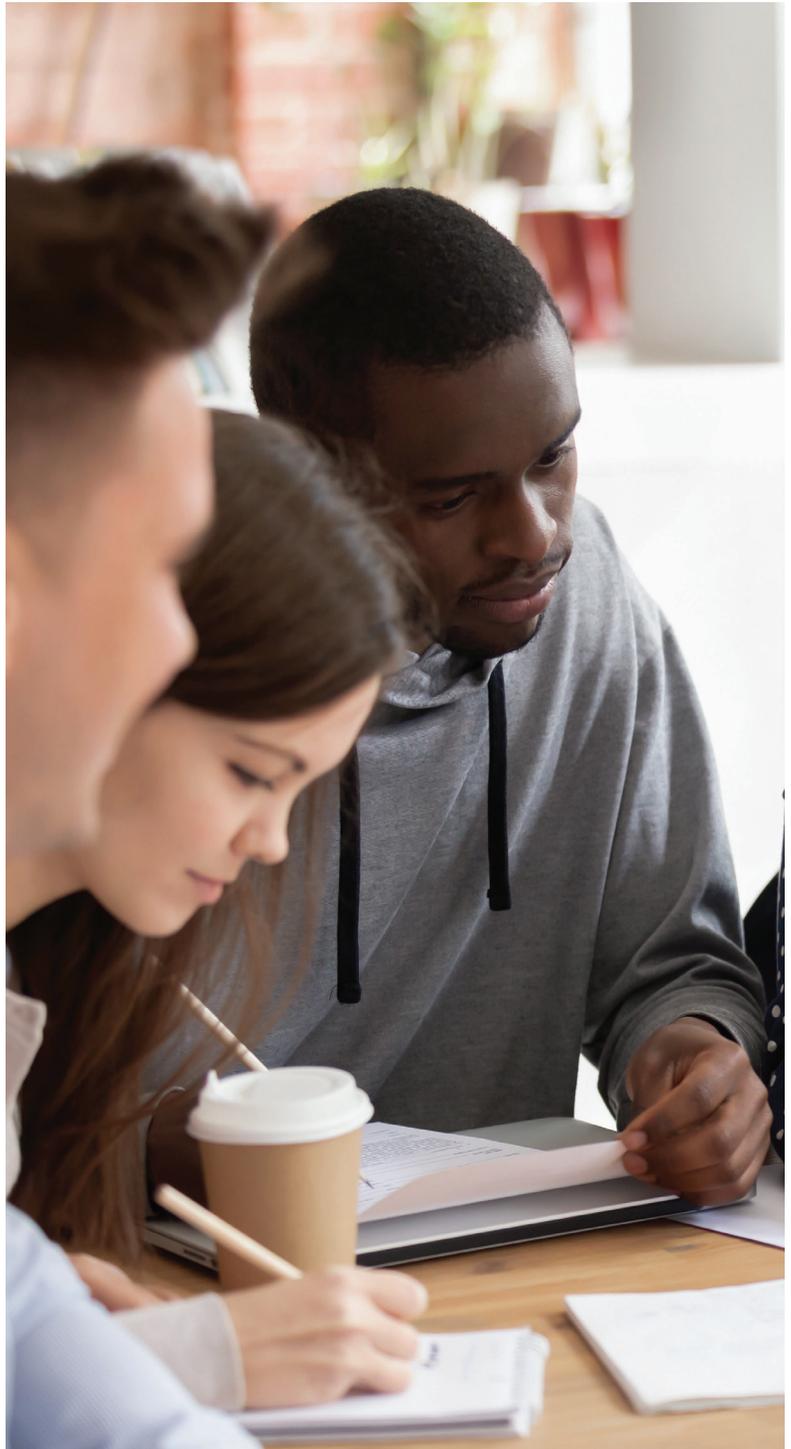
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Friendship Park is a multi-purpose park with its neighborhood clearly in mind. Located at 475 Lake Harbour Drive, this family-oriented park comes with a large pavilion, walking/jogging trail, fitness court, playground equipment, and restroom facilities. The Pavilion and trails are lit for your convenience. The Pavilion can be rented for parties.

Ridgeland's signature park, Freedom Ridge Park, is located at 235 School Street. This large 50-acre athletic facility is perfect for a family outing. Freedom Ridge Park sports fields such as soccer and softball as well as playgrounds and walking trails. Freedom Ridge Park has all the desired elements of a city park. The park also has plenty of pavilions where families can enjoy snacks and beverages from the concession stands.

If you want something closer to the water, visit the Old Trace Park. Situated right next to the Ross Barnett Reservoir, the Old Trace Park is an open space where families can come and enjoy the wonderful scenery of the Reservoir. Old Trace Park also hosts various different events thought the year, including the annual Dragon Boat Regatta.

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MADISON:

At the heart of the City of Madison lies its signature park, Liberty Park. Home to Rosa Scott Ninth Grade School, St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal Church, and various softball and soccer fields, Liberty Park is one of the central hubs of the Madison community. Liberty Park offers a playground, batting cages, two beach volleyball courts, and a concession stand. Due to its centrality, Liberty Park hosts various community events throughout the year, including Relay-For-Life. It also contains an archery range.

Further back into the residential area of the city of Madison is Strawberry Patch Park. This seven-mile quaint neighborhood park is known for its scenic atmosphere. Located off Old Canton Road, across the street from Madison Ridgeland Academy, Strawberry Patch Park offers a walking trail that winds its way around a one-mile lake, playground equipment, and various picnic areas. In the corner of the park sits the beautiful Strawberry Patch Chapel.

CANTON:

The city of Canton offers two locations that host sporting and community events: the Canton Sports Complex and the Canton Multipurpose & Equine Center. Each has been used for sporting events in the past; however, the Canton Multipurpose & Equine Center has sponsored various community events such as concerts and rodeos. Its 2016 calendar included events with the Mississippi Reigning Horses Association and the Magnolia Cutting Horse Association. A balloon glow also took place in July 2016 with great success.

OTHER:

At the Madison Ridgeland Youth Club, numerous youth sports are offered year-round. With leagues in baseball, basketball, football, soccer, and cheerleading, the Madison Ridgeland Youth Club provides children ages 5 to 14 an opportunity to compete in the many parks within both municipalities. While most leagues compete on a local level, some teams play up to a national and state level. Registration for 2017 spring baseball started in December; registration for 2017 spring softball begins January 1. For more information about the Madison Ridgeland Youth Club, visit mryouthclub.com.



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A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING:

Whether you want pizza or BBQ, this Gluckstadt staple has a little bit of everything.

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134 Weisenberger Rd. | Gluckstadt | (601) 898-1070

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480 Magnolia St. | Madison | (601) 856-4407

TRACE GRILL

574 Hwy. 51 F | Ridgeland | (601) 607-7027

PRIMOS

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Madison County is home to some of the finest restaurants in the state of Mississippi. These restaurants offer an immaculate array of fresh and phenomenal cuisine all made in unique perfection.

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1000 Highland Colony Parkway | Ridgeland | (601) 707-7684

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107 Depot Dr. | Madison | (601) 856-3822

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BURGERS:

You might be able to find a burger many places, but you'll never find one like these.

BURGERS & BLUES

2077 Main Street | Madison | (601) 899-0038

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879 Lake Harbour Dr. | Ridgeland | (601) 899-4200

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4822 Hwy. 22 | Flora | (601) 879-3289

WATER A VIEW:

The views of sprawling water add to the dining experience of these two restaurants with our favorite views.

THE MERMAID CAFE

652 Bellevue Dr. | Madison | (601) 605-8764

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141 Madison Landing Cir. | Ridgeland | (601) 856-5500

SOUTH OF THE BORDER:

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1856 Main St. | Madison | (601) 853-8538

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VASILIOS GREEK CUISINE

828 Hwy. 51 | Madison | (601) 853-0028

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These restaurants offer some of the best cajun cuisine in the county.

BAYOU BUGS

134 Weisenberger Rd. | Gluckstadt | (601) 573-5522

POT & PADDLE JAMBALAYA KITCHEN

102 Dees Dr | Gluckstadt | (601) 790-7181



SHOPPING

CANTON HISTORIC SQUARE:

For a change of scenery, take a drive to the Canton Historic Square where you'll find a one-of-a-kind retail experience. Often considered to be one of Mississippi's best-kept shopping secrets, Canton's Historic Square combines the character of the traditional Southern town with quality of boutique shopping. New shops are opening with increasing frequency as more areas around town are renovated. Once you've spent some time exploring the Historic Square's shops, check out some of Canton's museums, such as the Canton Movie Museum. Home to one of only seven unaltered, pre-Civil War courthouses, Canton's rich history is on display around every corner and serves as the perfect atmosphere for an afternoon shopping adventures.

OLD MADISON STATION DISTRICT:

Nearby Madison's famous Red Caboose, you'll find a variety of local shopping options. Persnickety has a wide range of products and Apple Annies utilizes a Victorian house for its emporium of gourmet items, gifts and accessories. This distinctive shopping center is a great place to find jewelry, home decorations and furnishings, purses and a wide selection of accessories. Situated off of the City of Madison's Main Street next to the train tracks, the Old Madison Station District is in a conveniently located area and provides an exceptional shopping experience.

GRANDVIEW SHOPPING DISTRICT:

This amalgamation of big-brand favorites has become one of the major hot spots for large chains in Mississippi. This shopping center is located right off Interstate 55 in Madison and houses major chains such as Miskelly's, Ulta, Walmart, Dick's Sporting Goods, Best Buy, PetCo and Sam's Club. Check out Madison's Malco Grandview movie theater or swing by Chick-Fil-A or Backyard Burger for dinner. With all of this and more, the Grandview Shopping District is a great one-stop-has-it-all shopping experience.

COLONY CROSSING:

In case two large shopping centers haven't got you covered, Colony Crossing provides another powerhouse retail center in Madison. With everything from French manicures to Crumbl Cookies, Colony Crossing offers a wide range of unique options for shoppers. Located on the opposite side of Interstate 55 from Grandview, Colony Crossing is also a convenient place to visit Kroger's to buy groceries. Try Nagoya's Sushi and Hibachi, or Sal and Mookie's for fine dining. With a range of stores that can satisfy even the pickiest of shoppers, Colony Crossing

is the ideal place for a day or night out on the town.

JACKSON STREET DISTRICT:

Located near the railroad tracks in the heart of the city of Ridgeland, the Jackson Street District is one of Ridgeland's most iconic shopping areas. With a contemporary blend of both modern and classical architecture, this shopping district offers a plethora of boutiques and restaurants that will surely please any shopping connoisseur. Ely's Restaurant is a local favorite. M7 Coffeehouse is a favorite spot to sit and sip. Also offering a handful of specialty stores, the Jackson Street District is a quaint shopping experience that you will not want to miss.

RENAISSANCE AT COLONY PARK:

One of the epicenters of the retail scene in Ridgeland, Renaissance at Colony Park has become the premiere shopping location in the Madison County area. Situated off I-55's Old Agency Road exit, Renaissance offers the most luxurious shopping experience in the state. Among its lavish old world European architecture, Renaissance is the perfect place to spend the day browsing various shops and boutiques such as Anthropologie, Ann Taylor Loft, Brooks Brothers, and more. Charming Charlie and Monkee's are two more options for your outfit needs. Visit Another Broken Egg for a gourmet brunch that will dazzle your taste buds. For lunch, grab a bite at the critically-acclaimed Five Guys Burger and Fries. Biaggis and CAET Seafood/Oysterette round out the day as potential dinner options, along with fine dining establishments such as Koestler Prime. Smooth jazz combined with the

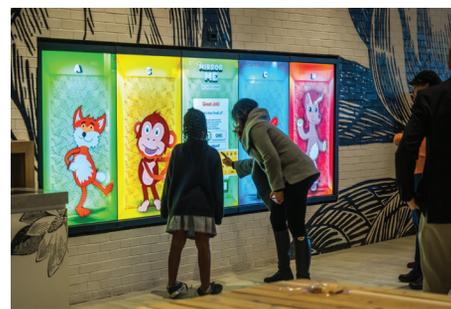
magnificent fountain and lights strung up between buildings creates a romantic atmosphere for the night. Renaissance has it all.

TRACE STATION:

Situated at the corner of Highway 51 down the road from the Jackson Street District, the Trace Station is another boutique-friendly shopping center in the City of Ridgeland. If you are looking for unique gifts, fine art, gourmet food, or antiques, Trace Station is the place for you. Shopping for that special person in your life? Visit Edible Arrangements! Need new tennis shoes fitted or some sports apparel to add to your workout outfit? Fleet Street Sports is here for you. It's hard to pass Trace Station up with so many options to choose from.

NORTHPARK:

Looking for an indoor shopping facility to escape the Mississippi heat? Check out Northpark off of County Line Road in Ridgeland. Offering over 130 different shops within a massive two-story building, Northpark Mall is sure to meet your shopping needs. Northpark not only has the classic department stores, such as Dillard's, Belk, and JC Penney, but also offers a wide selection of smaller chains like Journey's and Buckle.





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FIRST BAPTIST OF RIDGELAND

302 West Jackson St. | Ridgeland | (601) 856-6139

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1200 Highland Colony Parkway | Ridgeland | (601) 856-4031

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837 Old Agency Rd. | Ridgeland | (601) 856-5279

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852-A Madison Ave. | Madison | (601) 856-2609

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2055 Pleasant Gift Rd. | Canton | (601) 859-3004

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1556 Hwy 51 N. | Madison | (601) 672-1240

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3301 S. Liberty St. | Canton | (601) 859-4621

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234 W. Jackson St. | Ridgeland | (601) 856-6456

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142 Carter St. | Flora | (601) 879-8642

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2050 Main St. | Madison | (601) 856-6058

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180 Saint Augustine Dr. | Madison | (601) 856-3894

GETTING SETTLED

ELECTRICITY

Call Entergy, located at 1165 Highway 51 North in Madison, at (800) 368-3749. Residential deposits may vary, but the base rate is \$200, and the connection fee is \$45.

NATURAL GAS

Atmos Energy can be reached by calling (888) 286-6700. Centerpoint Energy can also help other customers. Reach Centerpoint at (800) 371-5417. Residential deposits are based on a credit check; however, deposits start at \$75.

WATER AND SEWER

Each municipality handles its own water and sewer customers. Newcomers to Madison will need to call the Water Department at (601) 856-8958 for info on hook-ups and billing. New services at the Madison Water Department include \$100 for owners and \$300 for renters.

Ridgeland residents may call (601) 856-3938 for information on water and sewer services. Connection cost is either \$50 or \$75, depending on the size of the meter.

Flora residents will need to go to City Hall, located at 168 Carter Street, to activate their water. A \$100 deposit for renters and a \$40 deposit for owners will be required before service. Same day connection will be provided, with few exceptions.

Most Canton utilities are handled through Canton Municipal Utilities. CMU officers are located at 127 West Peace Street. They provide water, gas, and power services. Renters must pay a \$300 deposit. Owners must pay a \$200 deposit. Call (601) 859-2921 for more information.

Trash and Recycling

Waste Management, which can be reached by calling (601) 922-9647, provides twice-weekly service to residents of Ridgeland and Madison. The daily schedule varies by location, and the fee is assessed on your water/utility bill.

CAR TAGS

Automobile licenses must be purchased annually and are due during the month in which the vehicle was purchased. For new residents, Mississippi law requires that automobiles be registered within 30 days of moving into the state. Vehicles purchased new or used from a dealer or individual must register within seven days. If you moved from another country within Mississippi, the county Tax Collector's office says you do not need to get a Madison County tag until your current tag expires. Three locations are available for your convenience:

Madison: 171 Cobblestone Drive
(601) 856-4472

Canton: 146 West Center Street
(601) 859-5226

Flora: 168 Carter Street
(601) 879-9537

DRIVER'S LICENSE

New residents of Mississippi must apply for a driver's license within 60 days. If the applicant has a valid out-of-state license, only a rules, signs, and eye test is required. If the applicant's out-of-state license has expired, a road test may be required. A Social Security Card must be shown. Minors making an application must be at least 16 years of age and present a Social Security Card and birth certificate for proof of age.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

If you are buying your home in Madison County and occupy it as your primary residence, you may be eligible for Homestead Exemption. Applications are made at the Madison County Tax Assessor's Office. For more information, contact Tax Assessor Norman Cannady. Officers are located on Highway 51 in Ridgeland and at the Madison County Complex in Canton.

POST OFFICE

Home delivery of mail and post office boxes are available in each local community. See which post office is closest to your home:

Ridgeland: 611 South Pear Orchard Road

Madison: 990 Highway 51

Flora: 4853 Main Street

Canton: 150 S. Union Street

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