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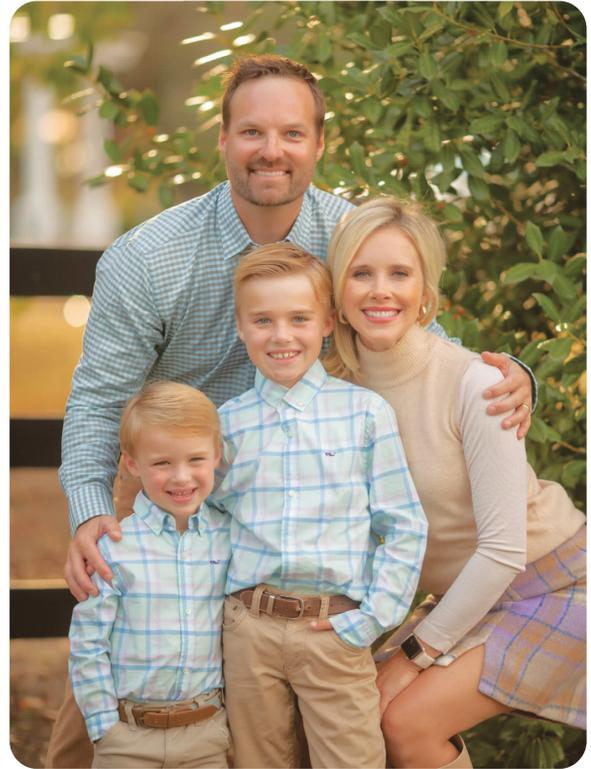
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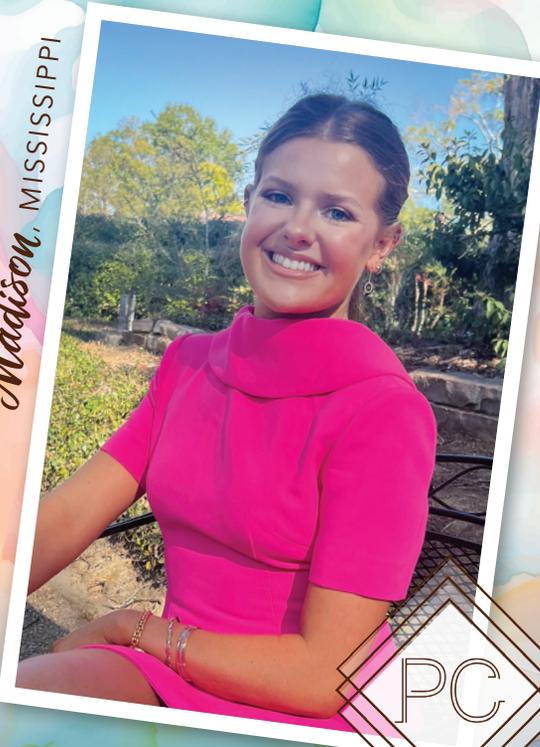
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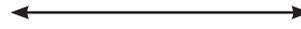
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WINES TO PAIR WITH YOUR FAVORITE FOODS

PAIRING WINES WITH YOUR FAVORITE FOODS CAN BE INTIMIDATING. PROFESSIONAL AND AMATEUR SOMMELIERS MIGHT KNOW JUST THE BOTTLE TO PAIR WITH THAT SIZZLING STEAK, BUT WEEKEND WARRIORS MIGHT NOT BE SO CONFIDENT. THE FOLLOWING PAIRING TIPS WILL HELP PEOPLE LOOKING FOR THE RIGHT BOTTLE TO GO WITH SOME POPULAR FOODS.

Steak: Cabernet Sauvignon is a red wine that's high in tannins. Novice wine drinkers might wonder why certain wines dye their mouth after drinking, and that's because of tannins. Steak softens the impact of tannins because of its fat content, making this an ideal pairing.

Spaghetti and meatballs: Italian food and wine go hand-in-hand, and Chianti is a great wine to pair with spaghetti and meatballs. Chianti has a bold flavor, and the Food Network notes it has enough acidity to stand up to all the tomatoes and meat in spaghetti and meatballs.

Indian cuisine: Fans of Indian cuisine no doubt like spicy foods, but that doesn't mean they wouldn't also enjoy some temporary relief from their fiery favorites. Rieslings, which tend to be low in alcohol content, are sweet white wines that can be just the thing to complement all that spiciness. The Food Network notes that high-alcohol wines might make spicy Indian food feel even spicier, so if Riesling isn't your ideal wine, at least opt for another wine with a low ABV.

Salmon: Seafood fans who love salmon might like it even more if they pair it with Pinot Noir. While many types of fish are best paired with white wine and Pinot Noir is a red, this pairing actually works well because the salmon stands up to the wine's bold flavor.

Lamb: Red meat and red wine go great together, but different types of red meat pair better with different types of wine. Lamb and Bordeaux go great together because lamb has a gamey flavor that requires a rich, bold wine. Bordeaux fits that bill, allowing the rich, fatty lamb meat to absorb its tannins.





Photos by Lonnie Kees

MS SPORTS HALL OF FAME CALLS DUEASE FOR 2024 CLASS

By Mark Stowers

Gregg Popovich has 1,399 (and counting) NBA wins, Mike Krzyzewski retired with 1,202 NCAA Division I wins. Retired Arkansas High School Coach John Hutchcraft hung up his coaching whistle with 2,016 total wins. But Madison Ridgeland Academy's Richard Duease isn't far behind at 1,819 wins (12/26/23) – 592 of those coming as a girls Head Coach. MRA's Coach Duease just keep winning and adding to a total they may never be attained by another coach. But "Rat" just keeps producing solid teams, great players and more notches in that Hall of Fame Coaching belt that includes the MRA Hall of Fame and the MAIS Hall of Fame. This coming August, Duease will join the 2024 Class for the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame that includes Eli Manning and the late famed broadcaster Red Barber.

Admitting he's never worked a job and reflecting on his career, Coach Duease points out "how blessed I've been to be able to do, I don't call it a job, but do something I love doing that I really never considered going to work each day. And having a family. I've been one of the fortunate ones. I haven't had to move every two to three years. I'm in my 42nd year at MRA. My daughter and my wife have never known moving and to me that's a blessing."

For 42 out of the 49 seasons he's coached, he's patrolled the sidelines for MRA. Before that the Delta native had stops at Manchester Academy and Lee Academy – all high school locales. He decided a long time ago, he wanted to be a husband and a dad and not a college coach out recruiting the landscape for talent and leaving his family at home alone. Duease has been asked to join the college ranks but his family always came first. Having married late at 35 and having his daughter at 37, he chose to be close to home and to her (Anne Taylor Duease Lindsey). And come May, the successful coach will add another title – grandfather.

"About the second or third grade, my wife (Kim) and I talked and I said, 'I want to be where she is. I don't want to be on the road recruiting. I'm putting it all in God's hands and when it's time to leave I'll leave.' I'm very happy and by doing that I never worried about moving on because I knew God had me where he wanted me to be."

The Indianola native, Richard Duease, got the state record for boys' basketball wins back in the 2020 season, eclipsing Norris Ashley, who won 1,697 games at Coahoma County and Ingomar from 1969-2012. The

Indianola Academy grad (1970), MDCC and Mississippi State alum noted that his growing up stomping grounds of Sunflower County made a huge impression on Duease and grounded him firmly in athletics and how to compete and how to coach.

"I grew up in Indianola and my mother, Ina Duease, had a store there – Johnny's Department Store. My dad (John) had one in Belzoni, Johnny's Army Store and my brother Johnny ran that store when my momma retired. I played all sports there had a great time as a young man growing up in Indianola at that time. There was nothing like it," Duease said.

With two courses in business shy of a degree from MSU, Duease changed his major to PE because he didn't want to go home to the two family businesses.



"I decided I wanted to coach and not go home to Indianola or Belzoni and work for my parents in their store," he said. "That's when I switched it over. I told my advisor, I wanted to coach. When I started out coaching, I was teaching Business Law and stuff like that. Then I took over as AD (athletic director) 20 years ago but this past year I gave that up and I'm just coaching basketball."

When he first started, he was more than a basketball coach and was a bit fiery on the sidelines.

"In Yazoo City, I was 22 years old and right out of Mississippi State and I coached every sport. I was offensive coordinator for high school football, I was the Head Coach for junior high football, junior high girls and junior high boys and varsity girls and varsity

boys head basketball coach and I coached girl's track. And I lost about 20 pounds that year," Coach Duease said. "I probably got more technicals that year than I did my whole career."

When he set the career win total for Mississippi in 2020, the humble coach deflected his success, "This record isn't about me, it's about the boys and girls I've coached and the coaches that have helped me over the years. It's a team deal. They are just as much a part of this as I am. Hopefully, the Lord has a few more years for me."

At Indianola High School and then Indianola Academy, Duease was coached by legends Charlie Wright in basketball and Bill McGuire in football. It was McGuire who made the biggest impression on him as a player that molded his coaching career.

"He's why I got in coaching," Coach Duease said of Coach McGuire. "He was different. He was tough and very outgoing. He made me feel important. He made a lot of guys feel important but he made a lot of guys feel not so important. I think the key in coaching is that everybody doesn't get treated the same. Not everybody can handle a 'tail chewing.' You have to recognize that early and you have to know how to motivate them. That's something he did early and I tried to learn from him. Even to this day I'll talk to him and visit and he knows how I feel about him."

Coach McGuire recognized his talent early on.

"He had a lot of confidence himself and he was a great athlete. He didn't look like one but he was a heck of an athlete," Coach McGuire said. "He was a great basketball player, good baseball player and a darn good quarterback. He was my first quarterback as a head coach at Indianola High School. We named him 'Big Due.' He had an air of confidence about him and he had that smile. He got it done. If I had any influence on him becoming a coach, it was because he saw and understood how much I cared for it. Buddy, he's done the same thing – plus. You've got to put yourself completely in it to be successful."

Big Due's other athletic influence was his older brother, Johnny.

"My dad was an older guy so my brother was the guy who really trained me to play all sports," he said. "When Johnny was a senior in high school, I was the manager and in the fifth grade. It was all win, you had to win. When they lost, I probably got more upset than they did."

At Lee Academy, Duease coached girls'

basketball for four years before getting back on the boys' bench at MRA where he coached both but found another girls' head coach as he serves as the school's athletic director as well.

"That's why I left Lee, I wanted to coach boys again," he said. "I was here for about 11 years and became athletic director and coached boys and girls for about 19 years. Then I fired myself as girls' basketball coach and just coached boys since then. That's probably the reason I'm still coaching."

The Hall of Fame Coach had his athletic heroes growing up. Pistol Pete Maravich and Bart Starr but a football injury at MDJC pre-empted his football career.

"In high school I wore number 23 which was Pete's number. I always wanted to be a pro player in something. I didn't care, I loved all the sports. But I was just a good player in sports, I wasn't a great player in sports. But sports are what I always loved," he said.

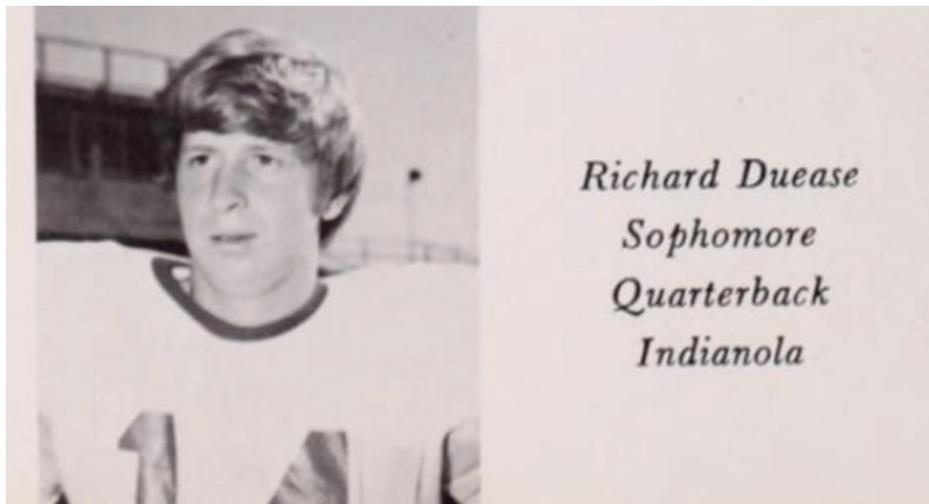
His high school position was wherever the ball was and "as Charlie Wright told me in the 10th grade and we were playing Leland and we started three sophomores, and I missed my first three shots so I quit shooting. Charlie Wright called a timeout and he said, 'Look, I don't have you in the game for your defense. Shoot the ball. Well, he never had to tell me that again and that's how I played.'"

Looking back on his time at Mississippi Delta Junior College, Duease played football, basketball and tennis. He started at quarterback mid-way through his freshman year against East Mississippi and had a good game. But he "tore his knee up" in practice the following week to end his season. His sophomore season was going well as starter for three games as quarterback and punter, then came the matchup against Itawamba.

"I rolled out and a guy hit me late and I broke my arm. That basically ended that and then I went to Mississippi State the second semester," he said.

The Delta legend met another Delta legend during his junior high basketball season - Archie Manning.

"He was a senior when I was in the ninth grade but he was our hero. Nobody could but everybody tried to emulate their games after him. Not just football but basketball, baseball and track. He did everything. I played five sports at Indianola and enjoyed them all but track," he said. "They called my brother Mousie and he's eight years older than me so they called me Rat because I was bigger than he was. One day we were playing Drew in junior high and he came through the gym after practice and stopped and talked to me because I wore the same number as him in football. He was my hero."



Richard Duease
Sophomore
Quarterback
Indianola



Richard Duease QB

In gathering his 1,819 wins thus far, Coach Duease has had to adapt to the game's changes but has always kept the fundamentals sharp.

"We play hard-nosed man to man. The game has changed more offensively than defensively. Back in the day you ran a lot of sets (on offense) and you wanted to dictate where the players were supposed to be. Now



the athletes have gotten to a point where you have to let them show their creativity and imagination. Now we try to throw over the top and outrun the teams to the other end. Then we attack immediately and if we can't, we might run some sets. We may go five out motion or four in and one out. The speed of the game is what has really changed over the years. We've averaged 29 wins a year for 38 years. It's been pretty good."

Duease's players have gone onto D1, D2, D3 and JUCO schools but his "coaching tree" has blossomed and produced plenty of fruit. And there are plenty of other professions that have prospered due to Duease's coaching and impact on young men's lives.

"I've got a guy who's an assistant at Texas, a guy at Southeast Louisiana. I've got a lot of guys in high school coaching who played for me," he said. "And there are plenty of doctors and lawyers and others and they all love to take care of me."

Like most coaches, Coach Duease doesn't dwell too much on the success but the losses haunt him at times.

"You sit back and think, 'how did I lose that game? How did that happen? I just don't think about the wins as much as I

think about the losses and what I could have done better and put our team in a position to win."

Looking over his career, he says, "The Lord has really blessed me and He's given me a great job, a great family and a great town to live in."

And on the area that molded him, he said, "those years in the 60s where I got to play sports and do other things was probably, I don't know if I could have been in a better place in the country than Indianola, Mississippi at that time."

Retirement isn't a thought but the successful coach knows when to call it a career.

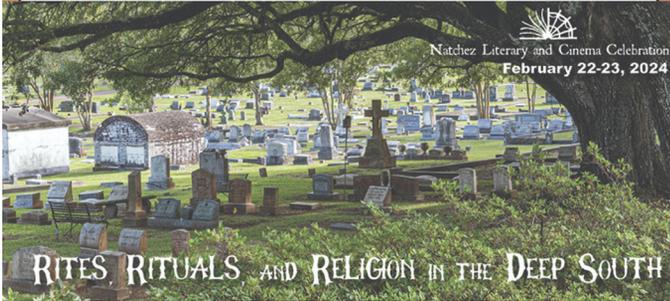
"This is what I tell my wife, 'Whenever I get tired of practicing, that's when I'll retire.' I really enjoy practice. I love the games but really enjoy practice. If my health stays and my eyesight stays where it should be, then I'll coach as long as I can."

There's still the Naismith Hall of Fame and he's still coaching and oh, he's just 284 wins shy of the all-time high school win record. And he's still enjoying practice. Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame 2024 Class Member, MRA's Boys Basketball Head Coach, Richard Duease.



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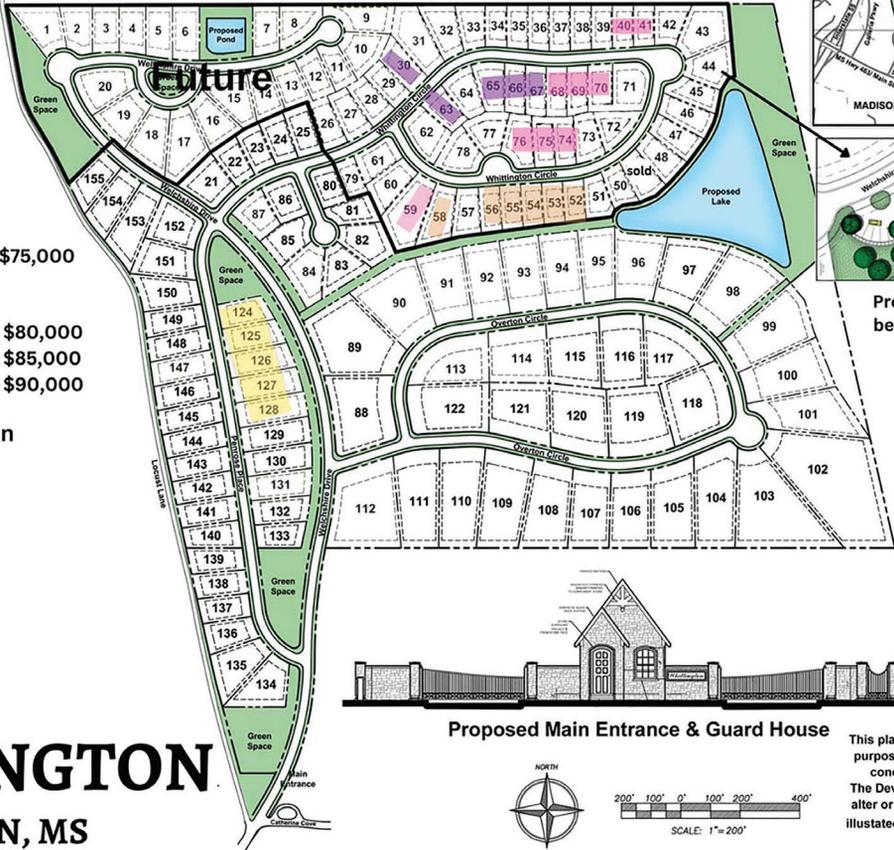
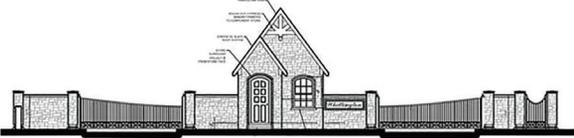


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By Joe Dera

GEORGIA'S FAMED LIBERTY CIGAR COMPANY TO FEATURE PRESIDENTIAL FAVORITES

Chef David Raines announced plans for the first Flora Supper Club Cigar Dinner. The special event, scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, will partner with J.T (John) Adams and his much celebrated Liberty Cigar Company, with a special emphasis on President James Madison, Madison County's namesake.

Chef Raines is planning a unique multi-course dinner reflective of Presidential favorites, with a special nod to President Madison. Mr. Adams will address the unique quality of each cigar in his Historical Series. While The Flora Supper Club is known for their pairing of wines with a gourmet menu, this evening will also include special bourbon pairings with cigars.

Liberty Cigars, which are offered in different historical series, pays homage to those great people who trod this ground before us. They have The Founders Series, which celebrates our founding fathers; The Washington Commanders Series containing the great general with 10 of his commanders; The Presidential Series; The Naval Series and the forthcoming Marine Series. Each series comes by way of meticulously-crafted, custom-blended premium cigars. Liberty started at the beginning of America's history and

will eventually make our way through all of our illustrious past. Presently, there are 100 different cigars with more to come! Each cigar has been created to match the personalities of those to whom we pay homage. Adams began by unpacking their lives and ascertaining who they truly were, both physically and mentally - in short he revealed their essence. JT's team then mirror that in a carefully-crafted blend, made just for them. George Washington, for instance, was larger than life, which is why Liberty gave him such a big, bold cigar. His vitola (size and shape) is a Presidenté. Fitting for sure, as through his actions, he created the standard for what it means to be an American.

Washington as a very young man was forged in the heat of battle. This literal trial by fire instilled in him the courageous and unassailable character which would prove indispensable to the budding American Republic. The Nicaraguan Maduro Ligero leaf wrapper of the Washington is harvested from the top four or five rows of the tobacco plant which receive 150% more direct light than the rest of the plant. These upper leaves which draw their nutrients from the rich, jet black volcanic soil, bask in the intense Central American sunlight, infusing in them a bold and rugged character. JT chose this particular Ligero leaf wrapper as George Washington, like the leaf, was born of fire and always to be found in the searing spotlight. It perfectly





represents his willingness to take on the intense, relentless heat which accompanied America's herculean fight for liberty.

The Connecticut Broadleaf binder, also a sun-drenched tobacco, produces a rich, complex, almost muscular flavor. It imparts such rugged notes as leather, earth and steel. These flavor profiles remind one of the very essence of a soldier at war. The wrapper and binder are complimented by an exquisite blend of Dominican and Nicaraguan filler. The longleaf filler reflects the inner Washington — a thoughtful and sophisticated soul which served to refine and direct the bolder and more rugged aspects of his nature. Each and every cigar Liberty makes honors its namesake in the same thoughtful way. James Madison was diminutive in size, about 5'4" and 100 pounds. He was at once both unassuming and brimming with unbridled genius. Thus we created a ro-

busto with a mild disposition to match his own, but which reveals a rich and abiding flavor the more you enjoy it. The Adams boys, John and Sam, were both given torpedos as they were always first into the breach! The flavor profiles are bold as well. March will commemorate President Madison's 273rd Birthday and the 196th Anniversary of the founding of Madison County. What better way to celebrate?

If you're a cigar and bourbon aficionado or want to surprise someone with a great birthday or anniversary gift, this is your night. Each guest will be offered a complimentary cigar from the Liberty historic series as part of a dinner reservation with the option of purchasing additional cigars. For reservations and additional information please contact Anne Marie Smith at: annemarie@makeittrains.com



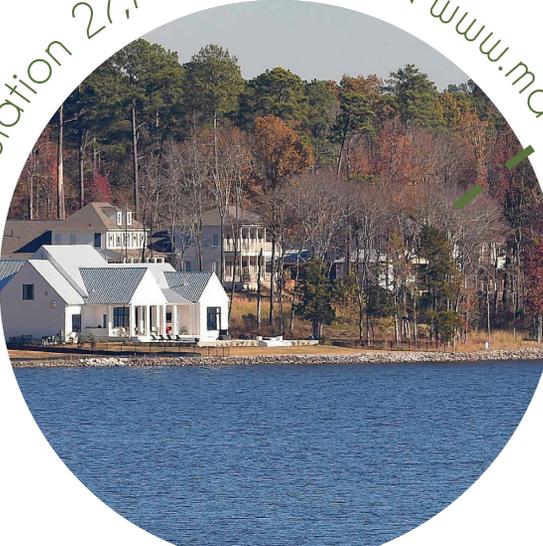
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In 1828, nine years after Mississippi was admitted into the United States, Madison County was established as Mississippi's 23rd county. Named after President James Madison, this county has a rich legacy of community living, economic development, and 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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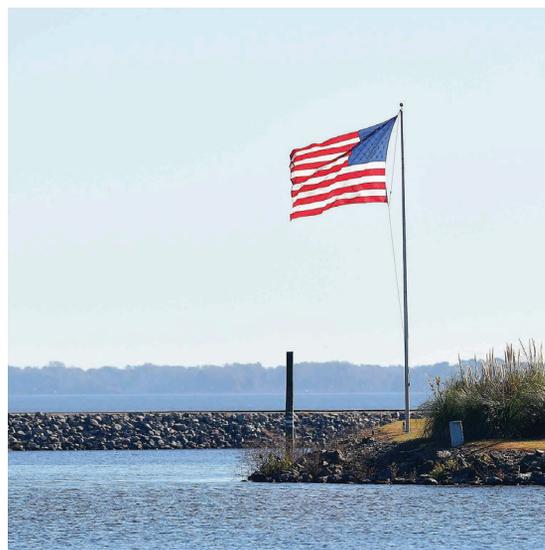


Much like the county, the City of Madison was named for President James Madison. Originally a small railroad junction in 1856, Madison has since developed into some of Mississippi's most increasingly valuable real estate. With a population of approximately 27,747 and growing steadily, Madison is a flourishing 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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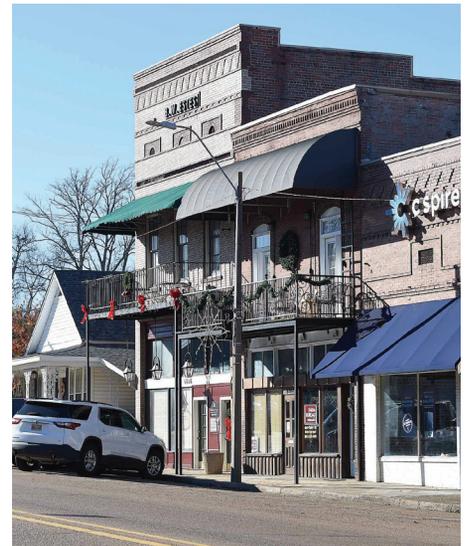


If you have been to Canton, you know it holds a Southern grace that few towns can mimic. Many films have tried to capture its aesthetic on camera, like “My Dog Skip,” “A Time to Kill,” and “O Brother Where Art Thou”. While Hollywood stars come to Canton to film their masterpieces, Canton is locally known 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

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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.



MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM:

One of the newest attractions to join this list is the Children's Museum, where children have 20,000 square feet of educational and interactive features and games to keep them entertained.

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:

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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!”

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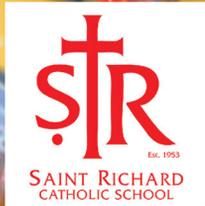
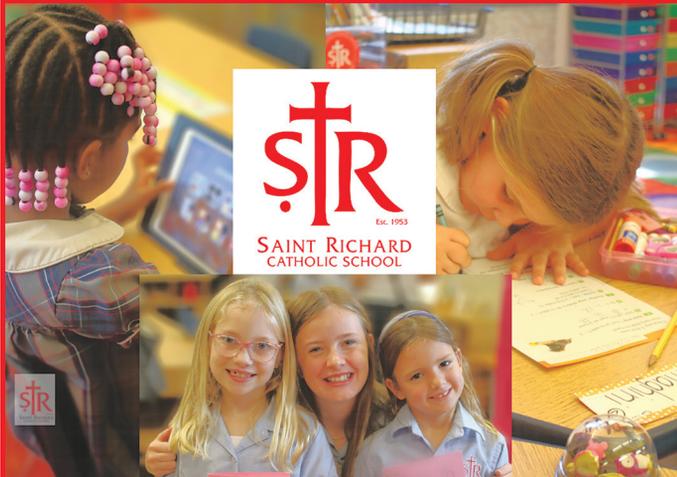
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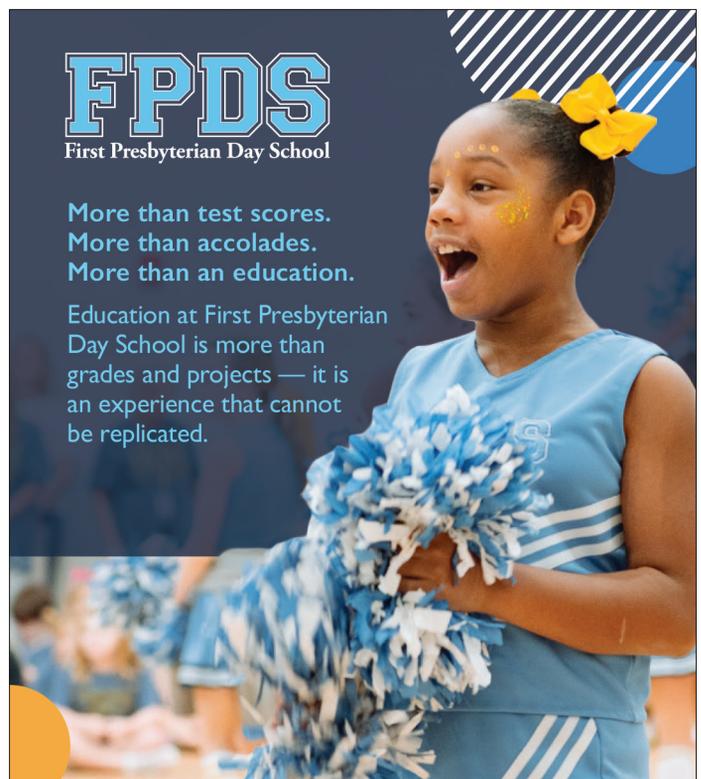


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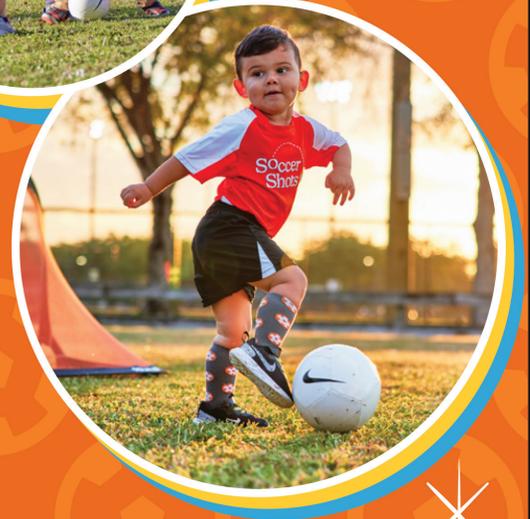
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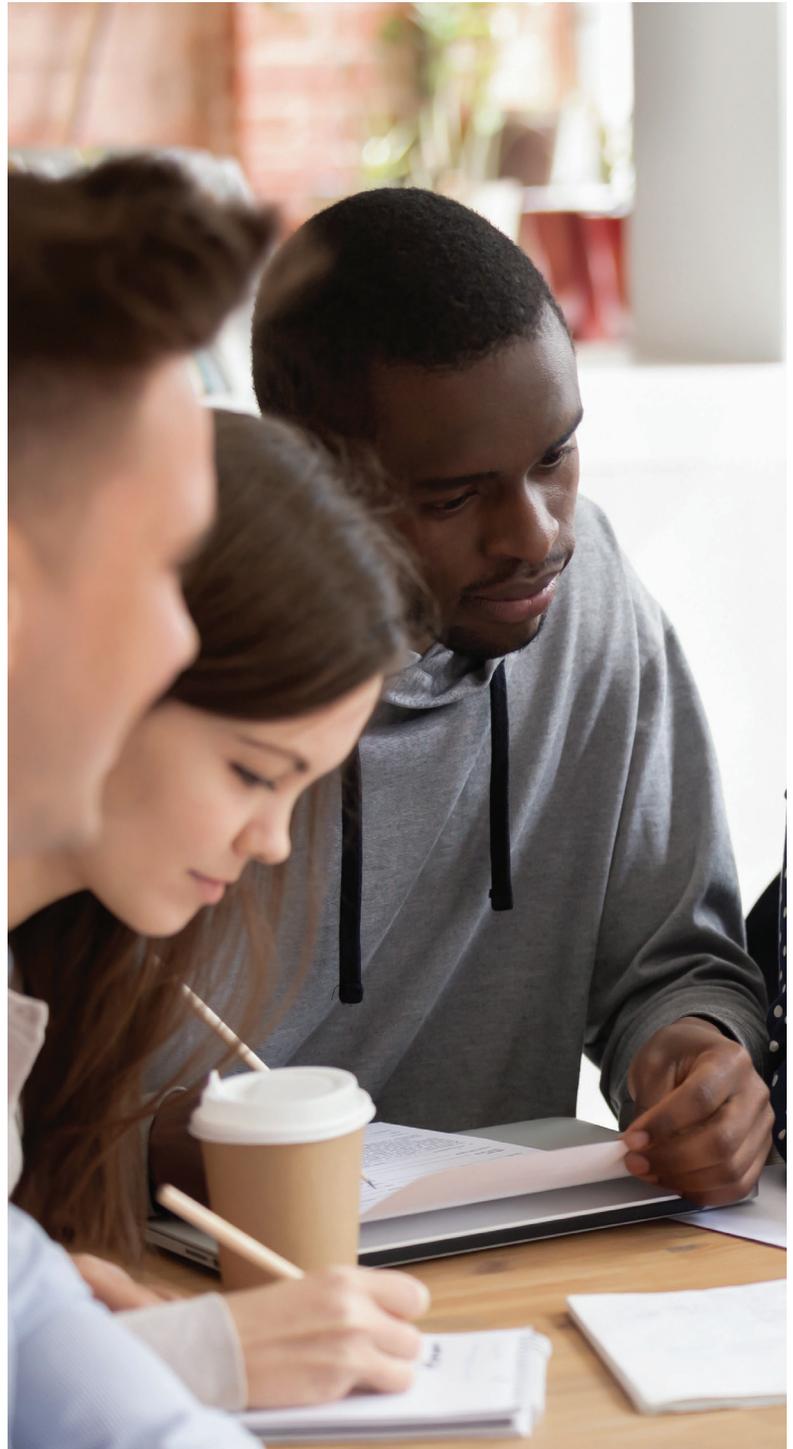
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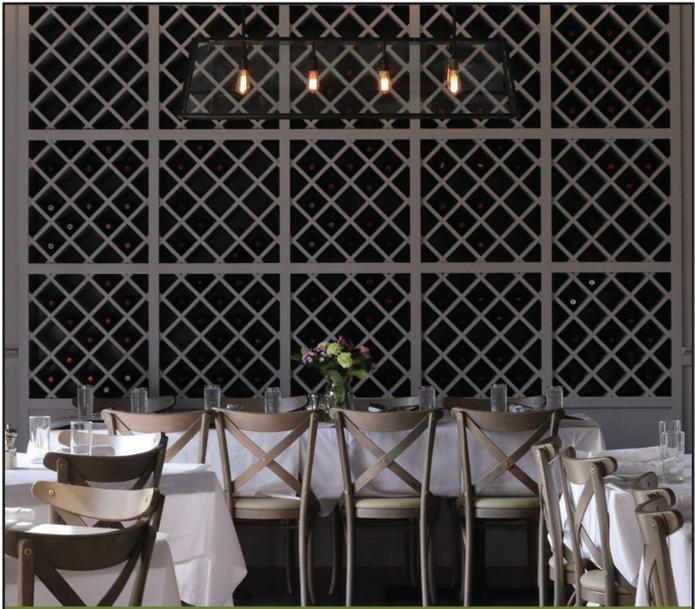
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RIDGELAND:

Located on McClellan Drive near Hwy 51, Hite B. Wolcott Park offers a wide variety of facilities such as baseball and softball fields, an in-line hockey rink, and a playground. Right around the corner is the Ridgeland Tennis Center, which provides Ridgeland with a 17-court tennis facility run by tennis professionals. The Ridgeland Tennis Center offers men's and women's locker rooms as well as a tennis pro shop to accommodate all your tennis-related needs.

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.

If you enjoy biking, Ridgeland is the place for you. With over 122 miles of trails, which are used for biking, running, or walking, Ridgeland has received the Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Award.

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.

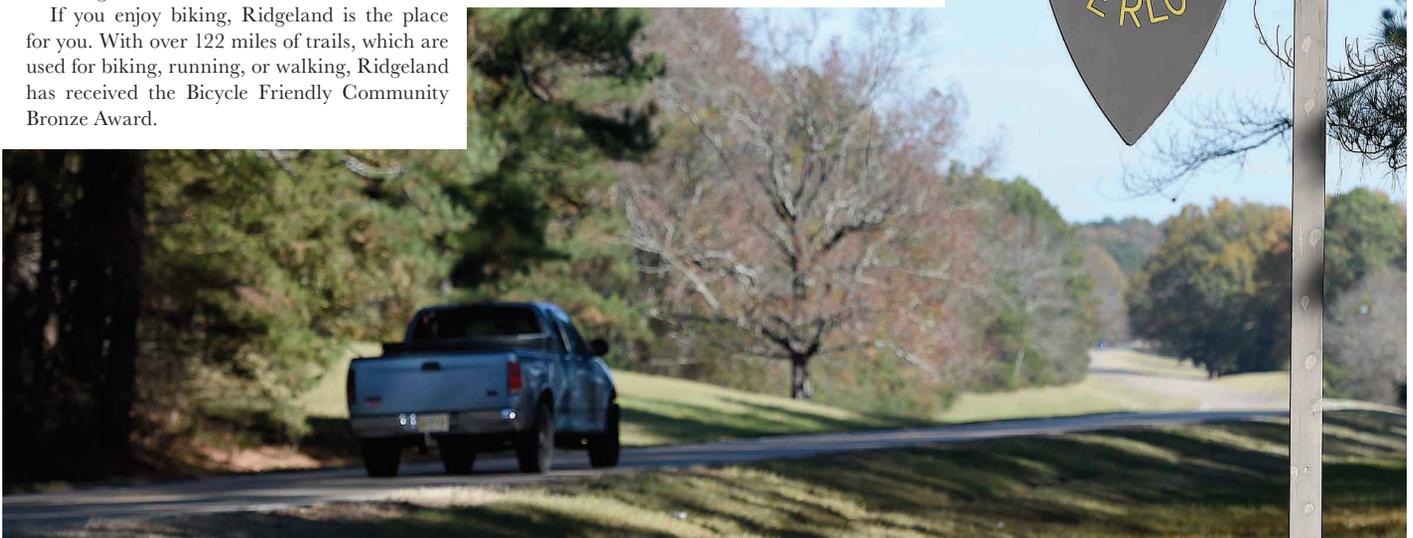
Further back into the residential area of the city of Madison is Strawberry Patch Park. This seven-mile quaint neighborhood park is known for its scenic atmosphere. Located off Old Canton Road, across the street from Madison Ridgeland Academy, Strawberry Patch Park offers a walking trail that winds its 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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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 Annie's 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:

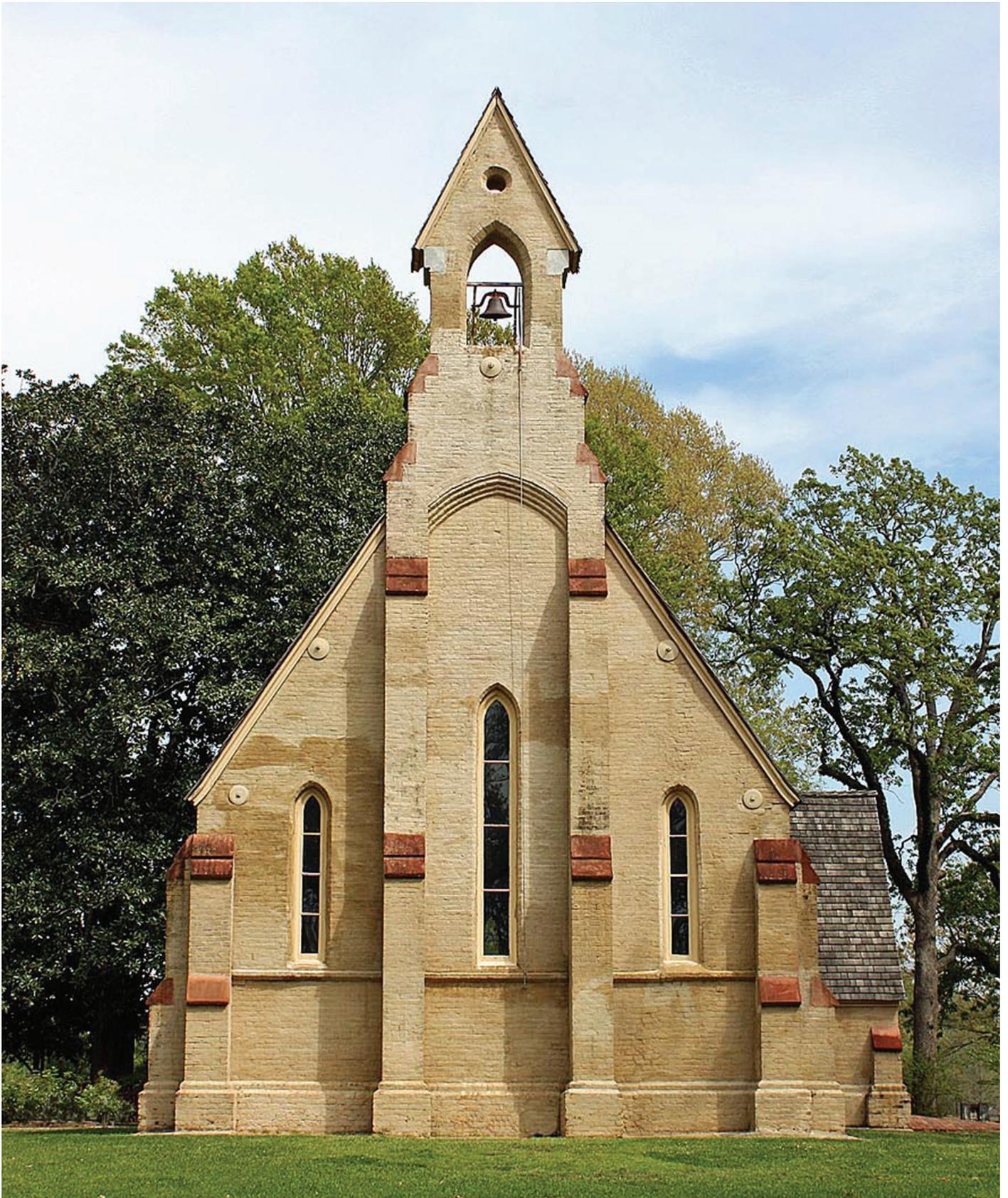
Situated at the corner of Highway 51 down the road from the Jackson Street District, the Trace Station is another boutique-friendly shopping center in the City of Ridgeland. If you are looking for unique gifts, fine art, gourmet food, or antiques, Trace Station is the place for you. Shopping for that 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.

TOWNSHIP:

If you are looking for a special place to live, work, and shop, look no further than The Township at Colony Park located off Highland Colony Parkway in Ridgeland. The Township is a master-planned, mixed-use neighborhood in the heart of a vibrant yet quaint, community.



CHURCHES



BAPTIST

BROADMOOR BAPTIST

1531 Highland Colony Pkwy. | Madison | (601) 898-2345

CENTER TERRACE BAPTIST

605 East Peace St. | Canton | (601) 859-4186

CHURCH OF THE HIGHLANDS

670 Highland Colony Parkway | Ridgeland | (601) 499-6000

COLONIAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST

444 Northpark Dr. | Ridgeland | (601) 956-5000

FIRST BAPTIST

431 N. State St. | Jackson | (601) 949-1900

FIRST BAPTIST

3316 S. Liberty St. | Canton | (601) 859-3172

FIRST BAPTIST OF FLORA

102 Jackson St. | Flora | (601) 879-8022

FIRST BAPTIST OF MADISON

2100 Main St. | Madison | (601) 856-6177

FIRST BAPTIST OF RIDGELAND

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

HIGHLAND COLONY BAPTIST

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

NEW BIRTH FELLOWSHIP

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

NEW LIFE BAPTIST

385 N. Old Canton Rd. | Madison | (601) 715-6593

NEW TRUELIGHT BAPTIST

363 John Day Rd. | Canton | (601) 859-5237

PILGRIM REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST

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

PINELAKE MADISON/RIDGELAND CAMPUS

223 Old Jackson Rd. | Madison | (601) 829-4500

PLEASANT GIFT MISSIONARY BAPTIST

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

RIDGECREST BAPTIST

7469 Old Canton Rd. | Madison | (601) 853-1090

RIDLEY HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

1034 N. Livingston Rd | Madison | (601) 853-7453

ROCKY HILL BAPTIST

4610 Greens Crossing Rd. | Ridgeland | (601) 362-4571

TRACE RIDGE BAPTIST

238 Lake Harbour Dr. | Ridgeland | (601) 856-2529

TWIN LAKES BAPTIST

673 Lake Cavalier Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-2305

CATHOLIC

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC

238 E. Center St. | Canton | (601) 859-3749

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

4000 W. Tidewater Ln. | Madison | (601) 856-5556

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC

127 Church Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-2054

HOLY CHILD JESUS

315 Garrett St. | Canton | (601) 859-2957

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

731 S. Pear Orchard Rd., Suite 9 | Ridgeland | (601) 952-0307

CHURCH OF CHRIST

LAKE HARBOUR CHURCH OF CHRIST

338 Lake Harbour Dr. | Madison | (601) 856-2165

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS

243 Hoy Rd. | Madison | (769) 226-8181

CHURCH OF GOD

OLDE TOWNE COMMUNITY CHURCH

220 W. Ridgeland Ave. | Ridgeland | (601) 856-0652

HOLY CITY CHURCH OF INTERNATIONAL EM-POWERMENT

251 Kearney Park Rd. | Flora | (601) 879-3999

EPISCOPAL

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS

674 Mannsdale Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-2593

GRACE EPISCOPAL

161 E. Peace St. | Canton | (601) 859-2680

ST. COLUMB'S EPISCOPAL

550 Sunnybrook Rd. | Ridgeland | (601) 853-0205

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES

2780 S. Liberty St. | Canton | (601) 859-8613

METHODIST

CHINA GROVE A.M.E.

1060 Mannsdale Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-7348

FIRST INDEPENDENT METHODIST OF MADISON

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST OF RIDGELAND

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

FLORA METHODIST

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

MADISON UNITED METHODIST

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

PARKWAY HILLS UNITED METHODIST

1468 Highland Colony Pkwy. | Madison | (601) 856-2733

SHARON A.M.E. ZION

1777 Sharon Rd. | Canton | (601) 859-6077

ST. MATTHEW'S UNITED METHODIST

7427 Old Canton Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-9581

ST. PAUL A.M.E. ZION

505 S. Union St. | Canton | (601) 859-1904

PENTECOSTAL

APOSTOLIC LIGHTHOUSE

1529 Hwy. 43 S. | Canton | (601) 859-7363

PARKWAY PENTECOSTAL

601 Reunion Pkwy. | Madison | (601) 853-2607

PRESBYTERIAN

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

202 E. Peace St. | Canton | (601) 859-4738

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

1390 N. State St. | Jackson | (601) 353-8316

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

7717 Old Canton Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-6625

GRACE CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN

307 New Mannsdale Rd. | Madison | (601) 856-7223

HIGHLANDS PRESBYTERIAN

1160 Highland Colony Pkwy. | Ridgeland | (601) 853-0636

MADISON HEIGHTS PCA

415 Bozeman Rd. | Madison | (601) 605-9929

PEAR ORCHARD PRESBYTERIAN

750 S. Pear Orchard Rd. | Ridgeland | (601) 956-3283

OTHER

THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

731 S. Pear Orchard Road Suite 43 | Ridgeland | (601) 977-0007

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

432 Bozeman Rd. | Madison | (601) 898-5035

KEYPOINTE CHURCH INT'L

614 Magnolia St. | Madison | (601) 605-2880

ST. PETER'S ORTHODOX

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

NEWSPAPERS

The Madison County Journal is the county's only independently owned and operated weekly newspaper. The Journal runs every Thursday. As a subscriber every other month, you also receive the Madison County Magazine, a lifestyle supplement to the newspaper. Call 601-853-4222 to subscribe.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Potential voters must be registered at least 30 days before any election to be eligible to vote. To register for city, county, state, and federal elections contact Circuit Clerk Anita Wray at (601) 859-4365.



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Flora, MS
(601)509-2498

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