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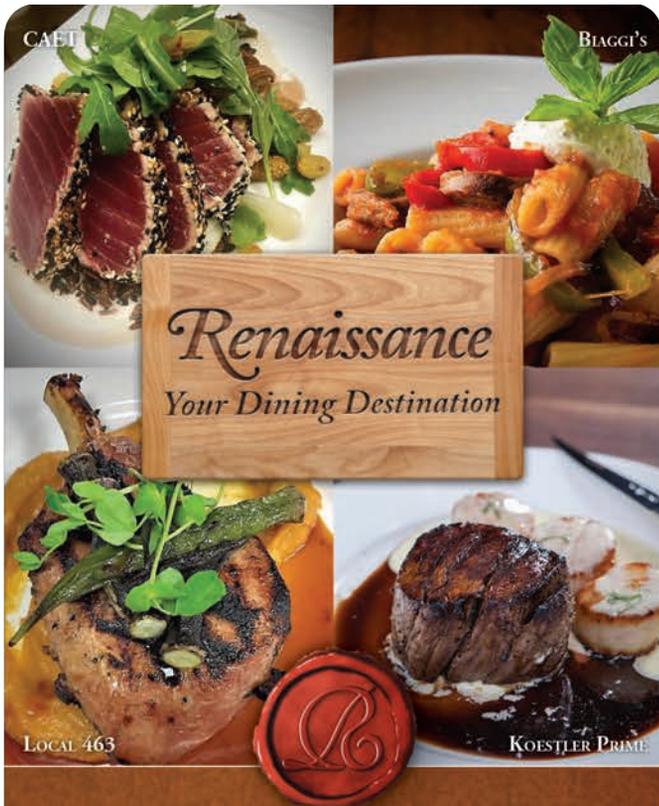
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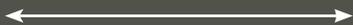
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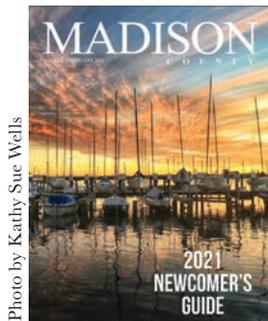


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On the Cover:
Overlooking the Jackson Yacht Club in Ridgeland

THE YEAR OF THE BATCH COCKTAIL

by Duncan Dent

2020 is over and we all need a drink, maybe more than one. Don't spend 2021 making multiple trips to the bar cart only to spend 15 minutes trying to make another drink "just perfect."

This is where the batch cocktail comes in. All the comfort of a classic cocktail, served with all the ease of a trip to the fridge for another glass of lemonade.

The whole process requires some math but nothing that can't be easily solved on a bar napkin with simple multiplication. There is also no shame in reaching for a calculator.

Most drinks can be easily converted by scaling the ingredients up as needed. Think the simplicity of a martini: two parts gin, one part vermouth, meaning you use twice as much gin as vermouth.

The hard part comes when you consider the "dilution." When you shake or stir a cocktail over ice, the ice melts and the cocktail is diluted. Dilution may be a matter of personal taste, meaning you get to taste test batches of cocktails but Kevin Sintumuang in a piece for Esquire says that .75 ounces of water per drink (which ideally measures between four and five ounces) for say an Old Fashioned or Negroni or as much as one and a half ounces for a Martini or Manhattan.

Below we have an easy to make and ready to pour Manhattan as well as an undiluted Negroni best poured over ice.

Below we have a good place to start but once you know your cocktail, ingredients, proportions and container of choice the fun really starts. May you spend 2021 perfecting your home batch cocktail.





MAKE YOUR OWN

MANHATTAN

11.25 oz rye
5 oz sweet vermouth
.5 oz Angostura bitters
7.5 ounces water

NEGRONI

6 oz gin
6 oz sweet vermouth
6 oz Campari
oranges





LIFE ON FRANKLIN FARMS

By John Lee

PICKENS — For Steve Franklin, he prefers the simple, old fashioned ways of living compared to the city life.

Franklin and his wife Rhonda have been making their own cheese, butter and milk, growing their own food, and living the farm life with draft horses at their home here for the last 33 years.

The practice of using draft horses and old fashioned farming has gone away over the years, but Franklin still sticks to it as his preferred way of living. He does own a tractor, but the old wagons and plows are his go-to pieces of equipment.

He has a water pump, an old fashioned smoke house where he salts and slow-smokes his meat, a green house for his vegetables, and an entire shed dedicated to pasteurizing milk until it's safe to drink. He churns his own butter with a very old churner that belonged to his grandparents. He also owns several dogs, cows, chickens, and a cat.

Franklin grew up in Canton, and from

there he moved with his family to Sandhill and attended Pisgah. He ended up back in Canton, and then moved to New Orleans for a short time, where he worked for a company called Electo Cole. He returned to Mississippi after that and settled down in Pickens to continue his farming from where he left off as a child.

He has two kids, Jenny and Daniel, and four grandkids, Camden, Callie, Jace, and Aaron, one of whom lives in Flowood, and the other three live in Nebraska.

The reason for Franklin's lifestyle choice is that he just prefers the simple life. He grew up with it along with his family, and he chose to continue living this way. He said he still loves it and hasn't run into any particular obstacles, besides snakes. He recalled having to deal with a copperhead snake, which he nearly killed before it escaped into the hay.

"Both my wife and I are old fashioned people, and we just enjoy being outside and raising our own stuff," Franklin said.

“I learned a lot from my parents and especially my grandparents, as times were tough for them back then.”

Franklin said he’s had friends tell him if things ever get really bad, they’ll be coming out to his farm to lay low.

Franklin’s favorite part of the farm is working together with his wife and raising most of what they eat.

Rhonda Franklin enjoys the camaraderie the most and said everything unravels if you don’t stay together and keep up the teamwork. She said there aren’t any drawbacks to the lifestyle and wouldn’t choose any other way to live.

“You eat naturally out here. Steve works on a lot of the things we eat, such as our chicken,” she said. “We prefer the natural stuff. You don’t have to worry about what goes into it because it is what it says it is. If you’re making butter, the ingredients are right from the source. Nothing extra is added.”

She said her grandfather lived the same old fashioned lifestyle and never worked a public job in his life — only the farm work. He owned several hundred acres of land, grew his own crops, and worked by hand making tools. She has a large beam of wood hanging over the fireplace, which was a rafter from her grandfather’s barn that was built in 1914.

Rhonda Franklin said she never had to worry about her kids not finding a source of entertainment, since they were always outside finding things to do. One day she couldn’t find the kids when it was time for supper, and when she looked out to the pond, she saw them swimming with the horses neck-deep in the water.

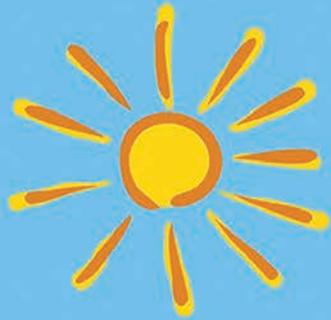
“We never needed to worry about the electronic stuff to entertain them,” she said. “All the entertainment was outside. The only reason they got a cell phone was to keep in touch with me when they were out.”

She said her daughter Jenny never planned on continuing the country life when she moved out of the house, but once she started having children, she realized they would be some pretty noisy neighbors. She then started looking for a place way out in the country, and has continued the family’s old-fashioned lifestyle.

The Franklins are still living strong on their farm and plan to stick to this simple lifestyle as long as they live.



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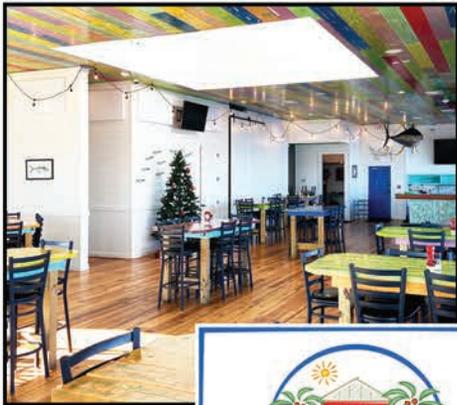




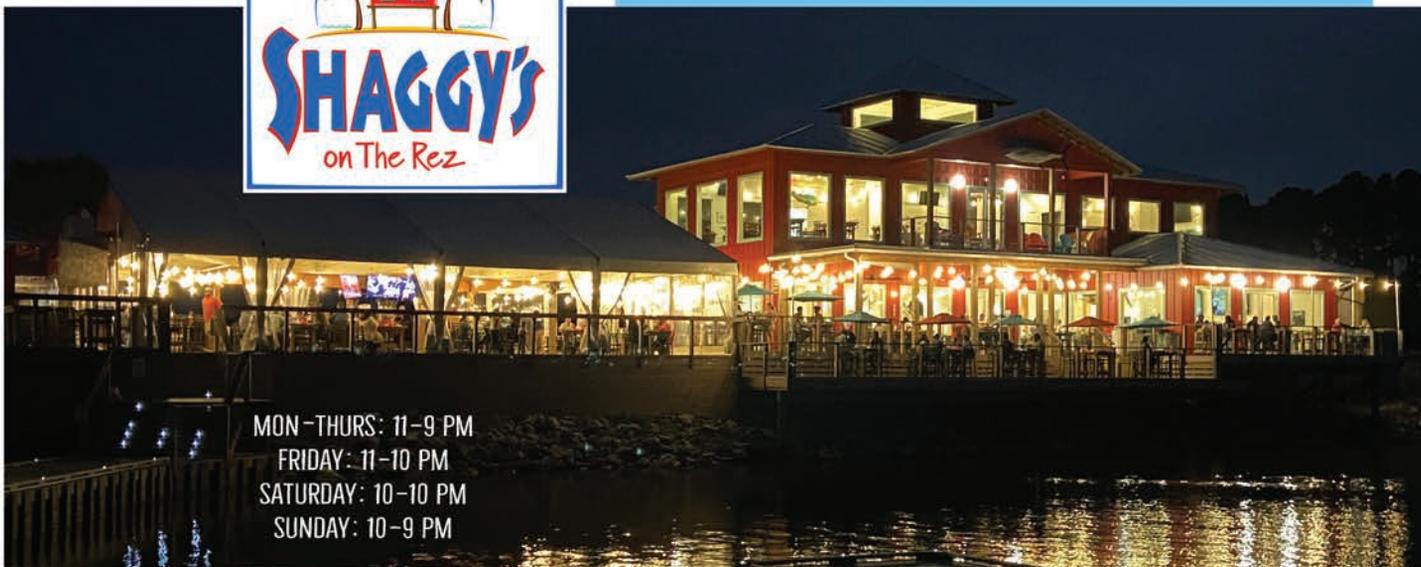
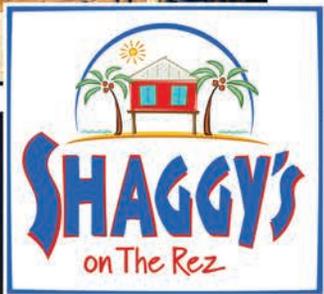
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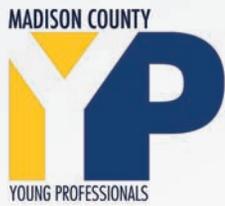
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Take your leftover smoked brisket point(cold) and find the seam of fat that runs down the middle. Take a long knife and separate the two halves by following this seam. Cube the brisket into 1" chunks. In a bowl, mix the meat with a little more of your beef rub, 1-2 Tablespoons, and add about a cup of your BBQ sauce. Mix well and move them to an aluminum pan. At this point you need to add some moisture and that gives you a chance to customize your burnt ends. 1 cup of water will keep them moist but you often see soft drinks that add extra sugar and flavor. 1 can of Dr Pepper became our go to but that's because of one employee in particular who can't seem to get enough of it. Cover the pan in aluminum foil.

Set the smoker to 250 and put the covered burnt ends in for 1 hour. Then, remove the foil and give them a stir. Put them back in the smoker for another 30 minutes, uncovered. When they are ready, they should have that "burnt" look to them but be moist and extremely tender.

We like to serve ours over a bed of french fries cooked in wagyu tallow. Then we top them with cole slaw, a drizzle of BBQ sauce and thin sliced green onion.

BBQ SAUCE FOR BURNT ENDS

- 1 medium Onion, minced
- 4 cloves Garlic, minced
- 1 ½ tablespoons Olive Oil
- 5 cups Ketchup
- 1 can Ballistic Blonde(Lucky Town Brewery)
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- 3 Tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce
- 2 Tablespoons Dijon Mustard
- 1 cup Dark Brown Sugar
- 1 ½ Tablespoons Sweet Smoked Paprika
- 2 teaspoons Onion Powder
- ½ teaspoon Crushed Red Pepper
- 2 teaspoons Ground Black Pepper

In a pot, gently sauté the onion and garlic in the olive oil until translucent and fragrant. Add the remaining ingredients to the pot and mix well. Bring to a simmer and let the sauce reduce by about half. With a stick blender, puree the sauce to give in a smoother consistency and then check for consistency and seasoning before you chill it. Makes about a quart

BEEF RUB

- 1 cup Kosher Salt
- 1 cup Ground Black Pepper
- 4 Tablespoon Light Brown Sugar
- 2 Tablespoon Sweet Smoked Paprika
- 1 Tablespoon Granulated Garlic
- 1 Tablespoon Onion Powder
- 1 Tablespoon Chili Powder
- 2 teaspoon Ground Cumin
- 1 teaspoon Cayenne Pepper



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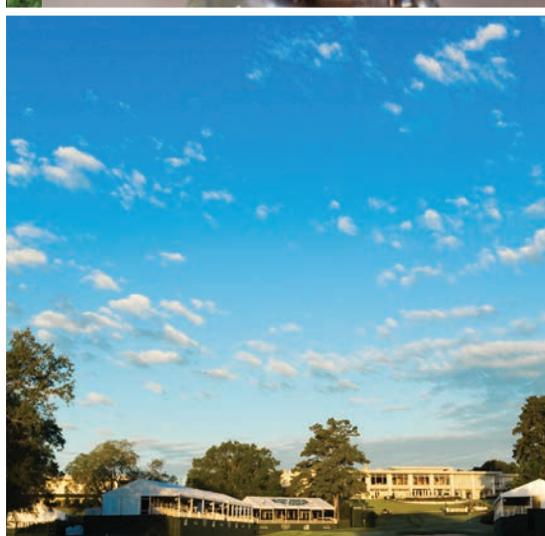
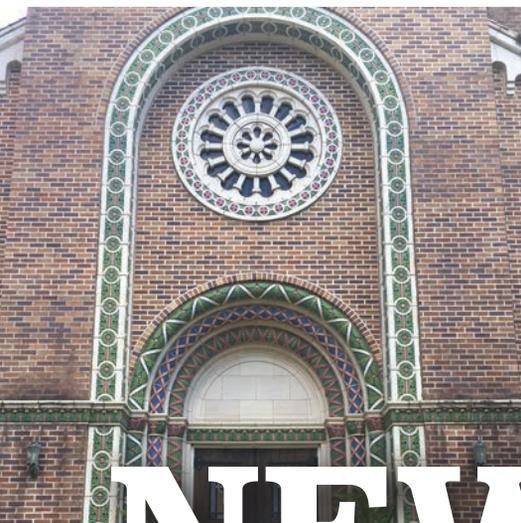


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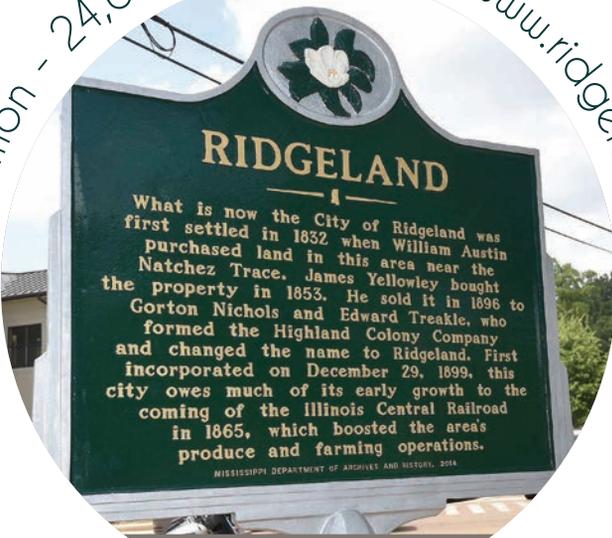
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MADISON COUNTY



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 106,000, 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.

Supported by various Chambers of Commerce and the Madison County Business League & Foun-

ation, 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 and 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 announced in 2020 plans to invest millions in a new warehouse in the county.



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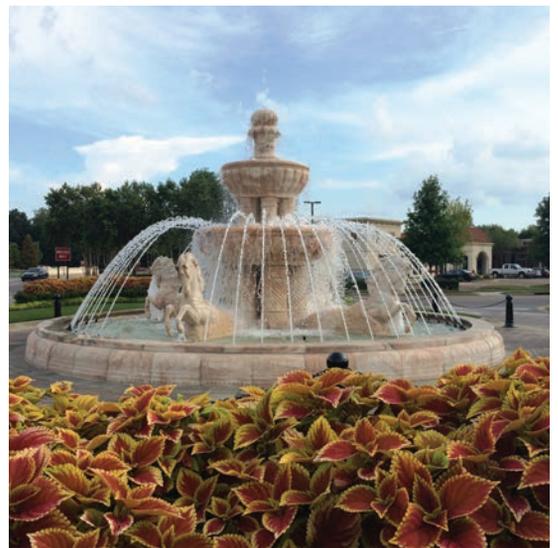


Much like the county, the city of Madison was named for President James Madison. Originally a small railroad junction in 1856, Madison has since developed into some of Mississippi's most increasingly valuable real estate. With a population of around 25,000 and growing steadily, Madison is a flourishing 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. Red brick is the staple aesthetic, due to strict building codes and ordinances. 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.

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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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CANTON



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

Named for former resident Flora Mann Jones, Flora is a small municipality in Madison County and is one of the nicest areas to visit if you are looking for a quiet getaway. With a population of less than 2,000 people, Flora is the embodiment of the small charming hospitable Southern town. Home to the Mississippi Petrified Forest, Flora is a must visit for nature lovers. Complete with a Nature Trail, Museum, Gem Fume, Pavilion, and Gift Shop, the Mississippi Petrified Forest is an excellent educational experience of a natural wonder. Take a hike among prehistoric stone logs, or walk through the museum where you’ll find fascinating facts about Mississippi’s landscape. Flora offers a unique natural experience unlike anything else in the state. The authentic hometown Mississippi ambiance continues with new restaurants like Main Street Café, Bill’s Creole and Steakhouse, and the Blue Rooster. Home to the metro area’s first hydroponic farm, Salad Days farm grows fresh lettuce, tomatoes, and produce year round. Primos Hunting Calls, headquartered in Flora, is a business that makes and ships a plethora of hunting calls worldwide. Flora is the outdoorsman’s paradise. Whether you are there for a lazy afternoon or are a full-time resident, Flora offers an escape from the frantic urban sprawl of the greater Jackson area and welcomes you to step outside and enjoy quaint living.



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OUT & ABOUT

CANTON MOVIE MUSEUM:

Revisit the thrilling and astonishing moments from unforgettable films like “A Time to Kill” and “My Dog Skip” in this Hollywood-esque experience. Be sure to make an appointment with Canton Tourism before you go!

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.

THE RUSSELL C. DAVIS PLANETARIUM:

This domed theater seats 190 people and boasts the widest screen in the state, perfect for sky shows and laser light displays. The Planetarium provides the state’s main large-format theater with regular hours.

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:

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

APRIL 29TH - MAY 2ND 2021

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.

UNCONFIRMED DATE

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.

APRIL 30TH, 2021 (6PM - 9PM)

Renaissance Fine Arts Festival and Sante South Wine Fest 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.

APRIL 20TH - 21ST 2021

St. Andrew's Episcopal School hosts **Arts on the Green** for a two-day, fun-filled event where some of the state's most creative artists display and discuss their creations.

MAY

UNCONFIRMED DATE

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.

MAY 1ST, 2021

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

JUNE

ESTIMATED JUNE 3RD

Ridgeland hosts its annual heatwave **Classic Triathlon** that brings together people all across the state and southeast for this U.S.A. Triathlon-sanctioned event.

JULY

UNCONFIRMED DATE

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

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2021

Gluckstadt **Germanfest** 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

UNCONFIRMED DATE

The **Scarecrow 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

NOVEMBER 3RD - 6TH 2021

Make plans to stop by **Mistletoe Marketplace** for some of your Christmas shopping in 2018. Hosted by the Junior League of Jackson, this fundraiser attracts thousands across the state for a weekend of shopping and fellowship.

UNCONFIRMED DATE

Beginning in November and ending in December, don't miss seeing why Canton is called the City of Lights. Visit historic downtown Canton for its annual **Christmas Festival**.

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 is one of the highest scoring county school districts in Mississippi to achieve an “A” rating based on the statewide accountability model.

Their motto is “Madison County Schools: Mark of Excellence!” They are strongly committed to offering a challenging education, and that commitment is very evident in the programs and opportunities available to our children. Their goal is not only to help each child reach his or her full-

est potential, but also for each child to excel. They strive to maintain open lines of communication between our district and the public we serve.

The Superintendent of the Madison County School District is Charlotte Seals.

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.



MADISON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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MADISON RIDGELAND ACADEMY:

This college preparatory institution was founded in 1969, and is one of the highest performing schools within the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools. It is a devoted Christian Institution. The school may have 1135 students in grades K3-12th, but it boasts a student to faculty ratio of 7:1. It is a 4A school with multiple championship teams in boys basketball, track, archery, and more.

Termie Land | **Head of School**
Greg Self | **High School Principal / Associate Head of School**

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ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL:

With the PK3 to 4th grade campus located on Old Canton Road in Jackson, and the 5th grade to 12th grade campus on Old Agency Road in Ridgeland, St. Andrews is seemingly in two places at once! This College Preparatory School was established in 1947 and boasts the highest number of National Merit Scholars in the entire state. Through its Forward Saints Initiative -the largest financial campaign in school history- it continuously builds up its Campuses to best provide for its current and future generation of students. They are direct rivals with Saint Joseph in Madison.

Tom Sheppard | **Head of School**

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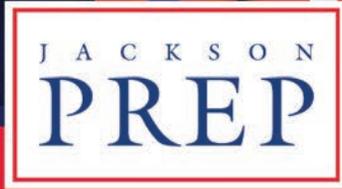


ST. ANTHONY CATHOLIC SCHOOL:

Right in St. Joseph's backyard is Saint Anthony. Established in 2009, the school is celebrating its ten year Anniversary this year. It is the 2nd-newest Private School in the greater Jackson Area, with 260 students and a 8:1 Student-Teacher Ratio. This elementary school is part of the Whole Schools Initiative, which integrates fine arts into the the learning curriculum to help students retain information. The school also puts emphasis on spiritual growth as its students go through elementary and transition into middle and high school.

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Jennifer David | **Principal**

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CHRIST COVENANT SCHOOL:

This Presbyterian school was formed in 2002 branching off of Pear Orchard Presbyterian Church. It has 335 students from grades PK-8th grade and a 12:1 Student to teacher ratio. They are a part of the Mississippi Association for Independent Schools and have devoted athletic and spiritually centered academic programs. It has been committed to excellence and committed to Christ for the last 17 years, and will continue to do so in the future.

Cathy Haynie | **Head of School**

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JACKSON ACADEMY:

Located in Jackson, Jackson Academy is about a ten minute drive from both Jackson Prep and St Joseph Catholic School. Established in 1959, JA is Mississippi's largest independent school and have 1,200 students from grades 9-12. The student to teacher ratio is 7:1 and the average ACT score in the Graduating class is a 28. This college preparatory school not only provides academically-challenging curriculum to its students but premier sports programs as a part of the Mississippi Association for Independent Schools.

Jack Milne | **Head of School**

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JACKSON PREPARATORY SCHOOL:

This school serves grades 6-12 and is one of the Jackson Areas premier preparatory schools. Since its establishment in 1970, it has produced over 550 National Merit Semifinalists, and has turned over notable alumni such as Kathryn Stockett (Class of 1987), Author of The Help. It has strong athletics, with its football team winning its 7th consecutive football championship as a part of the MAIS.

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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL:

This school is located in the heart of Jackson and opened in 1965 by the First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. This school serves a Christian-centered education to its roughly 700 students from grades for 3K to sixth grade. It is also a part of the Mississippi Association of Independent Schools and the Southern Association of Independent Schools. Its graduates move into greatness academically and outside of the classroom. They also grow and develop a heart of service for the surrounding community.

Gary Heading | **Head of School**

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Ron Jurney | **Head of School**

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Dr. Roger Parrot | **President**

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MILLSAPS COLLEGE

Millsaps College, founded in 1890, is one of the most prestigious colleges in the metro, turning out Rhodes scholars and having double the national acceptance rate for students going into medical school. This United Methodist institution is also known for its writing program, with a yearly writing workshop in July (McMullans Young Writers Workshop or MYWW) that attracts high school students from around the southeastern United States. The school boasts a 9:1 student to teacher ratio and an average class size of 14 students, with all courses being taught at the honors level. It has 18 NCAA Division 3 Athletics, and roughly 1200 students.

Dr. Rob Pearigen | **President**

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TOUGALOO COLLEGE

Tougaloo College is an institution just south of Ridgeland and 2 miles west of the Northpark Mall. It is ranked as one of the best colleges in the Southeastern United States by the Princeton Review and US News and World Report. It is also ranked as one of the Best Historically Black institutions in the country. It has historically churned out over 40 percent of Mississippi's African American attorneys and educators. The college also offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of science degrees in 29 majors in the areas of education, humanities, social science and natural science. It boasts a student to faculty ratio of 15:1, and has a diverse faculty who 70 percent hold terminal degrees in their fields.

Beverly Wade Hogan | **President**

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Merit Health Madison is conveniently located right off of I-55 Exit 118 B in in Canton. The 113,000 square foot state of the art facility was opened in 2011. It has 67 staffed beds and offers 24/7 emergency care, labor and delivery, surgery, orthopedics, intensive care, neurology, and a plethora of outpatient procedures. It is known for its superior care and it was recognized as Hospital of the Year by the Mississippi Nurses association. There are other Merit Health locations in the metro area; one in Jackson, Flowood, and Clinton. There is an additional women's hospital in Flowood, and it is the only Women's hospital exclusively for women in the state of Mississippi. The Hospital is best known for its convenient care and its fast ER service times.

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Back in 1908, two area physicians converted a home into the first hospital in Jackson. Today, 111 years later, it has grown from a two-doctor clinic to a hospital with over 560 staffed beds, multiple clinics, and other affiliated hospitals throughout the state. It is a hospital that delivers its superior services within a Christian environment. It receives patients not just from all 82 counties but from all 50 states including the District of Columbia. The Hospital has over 3000 employees, 535 physicians, and 100 volunteers. In 2016, Baptist Healthplex earned the top 2% in the Nation in Patient experience award.

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UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER

Established in 1955, the University of Mississippi Medical Center is the state's only academic health science center. More than 3,000 students are enrolled in UMMC's seven health science schools: medicine, nursing, dentistry, health-related professions, graduate studies, population health and pharmacy. UMMC provides wide-ranging patient care programs through three specialized hospitals, including Children's of Mississippi, the state's only children's hospital, Wiser Hospital for Women and Infants and the Conerly Critical Care Hospital, and University Hospital. UMMC offers the only Level I trauma center, the only Level IV neonatal intensive care unit, and the only organ transplant programs in the state. University Physicians, the faculty group practice of the School of Medicine, includes about 500 doctors, many of them among leaders in their field, who care for patients in the hospitals and clinics on campus, around the Jackson metro area, and in outreach clinics around the state. UMMC includes two community hospitals, UMMC Holmes County and UMMC Grenada. With more than 10,000 full- and part-time employees, UMMC is one of the largest employers in Mississippi. The Medical Center continues to grow, having most recently opened the \$180 million Kathy and Joe Sanderson Tower at Children's of Mississippi in November 2020.



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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 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

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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 Inside Story utilizes two stories of a Victorian house for its emporium of 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 well-located shopping center is located right off Interstate 55 in Madison and houses major chains such as Miskelly's, Ulta, Wal-Mart, Dicks 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 gourmet cupcakes, 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, J. Crew, Brooks Brothers, and more. Francesca's and Charming Charlie'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 P.F. Chang's 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. Children will be delighted with Build-A-Bear Workshop and Dippin Dots. The shopping center is currently undergoing a massive renovation and revamping, with the addition of new stores and restaurants.





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GETTING SETTLED

ELECTRICITY

Call Entergy, located at 1165 Highway 51 North in Madison. (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. Located at 120 Beaver Creek Dr. in Ridgeland, the phone number is (800) 371-5471. 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 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 get their water activated. 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 offices are located at 127 West Peace Street. They provide water, gas and power service. Renters must pay a \$300 deposit. Owners must pay \$200 deposit. Call (601) 859-2921 for more information.

TRASH/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 county 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 express, 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. Offices 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. The find the post office 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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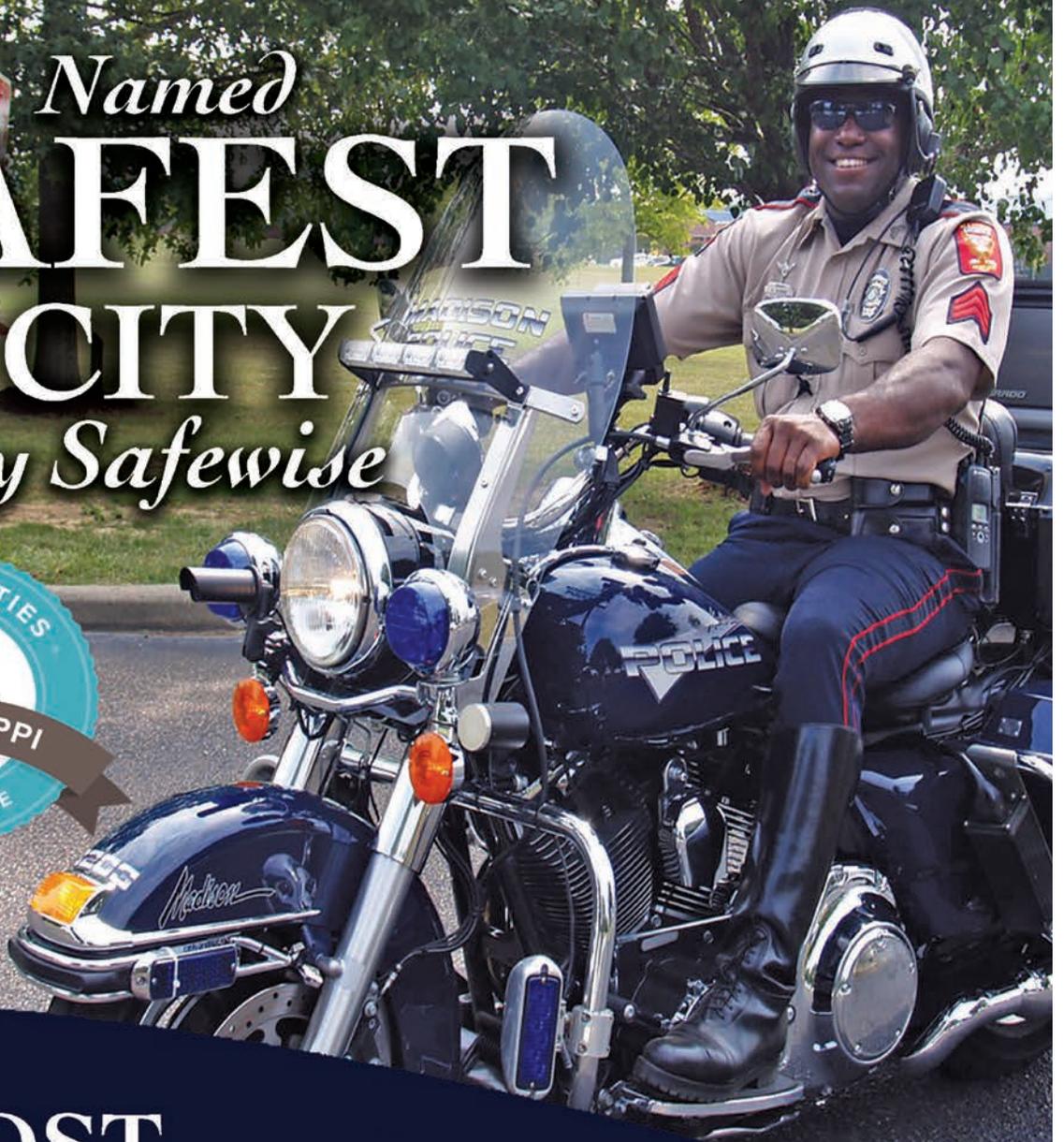
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