

Ridge Notes Ridgeway, South Carolina



Revitalization, Responsibility, Relationships

Entrepreneur of the Year 2015 Nelson's Funeral Home

Congratulations to **Nelson's Funeral Home**, recipient of the 2015 Entrepreneur of the Year award for the Town of Ridgeway! It is difficult to designate Nelson's Funeral Home as just a mere business because it is much, much more. It is a calling, a service to mankind, and a family affair. For over four years, two generations of Nelson family members have served the needs of the citizens in Ridgeway and surrounding communities. Director Eddie Nelson, his wife, mother, sister, and others work cooperatively to make this funeral home one of the best in the area and of course Ridgeway's first funeral home. The Nelson family and staff are committed to providing quality service and rendering that service from the heart with loyalty, honesty, and dignity.

Nelson's Funeral Home offers services to loved ones of the community who are deceased. Their experience, knowledge and compassion make every funeral service personalized and caring. They offer traditional, graveside, cremation, and Veteran services. Entering the funeral home one is immediately greeted by the Nelson family and staff who know you as a member of the community, and one who wishes to pay respects to the family of the deceased. The funeral home is also a gateway to our town on Highway 34. Their building and grounds make a positive statement as you enter our community.

Nelson's Funeral Home immediately became a giving member of the community. The family participates in community events such as the Christmas Parade, Pig on the Ridge, and Arts on the Ridge. Eddie Nelson serves on the Fairfield Memorial Hospital Foundation Board and still renders service to the Fairfield County School District. He has been a member of the Ridgeway Merchants Association.

Nelson's Funeral Home personifies the caring attitude and importance of family serving family in our Ridgeway community. The Nelson family has broken ethnic and geographic boundaries by welcoming and embracing all who seek their services. **Nelson's Funeral Home** says by word and deed that "We are Family", and we take care of our own and others who come our way via the internet, traveling through our town or the newspaper. The Nelson family wants to make the end of one's story as special as the beginning, and they do this with every funeral that they conduct.

Fairfield County Council on Aging needs your HELP!

Currently the Hot, Home-Delivered Meal Program (Meals on Wheels) is in danger of being discontinued on the days that they do not have enough volunteers to deliver meals. The home-delivered meal program has been operating in our community for over 20 years and depends heavily on volunteers, like you, to deliver hot, nutritious meals to older adults in Ridgeway. The people that rely on this program to get by are your neighbors, friends, and family. If you or our organization could participate in their program, please contact them immediately at (803) 635-3015.

Ridgeway Acts of Kindness (R.A.K.)

Thanks to...

- Arts on the Ridge committee for an entertaining and great event on May 2-3, 2015. Committee members are Phyllis Gutiérrez (chair), Darlene Embleton, Virginia Lacy, Tina Johnson, Carolyn Prioleau, and Linda Dye.
- Artists who were recognized for their contributions to the event: Logo Design – Harold Branham; People’s Choice – Greg Prioleau; Best in Show – Blair Baumann, and Fairfield County Friend of the Arts, Tina Johnson.
- Rosa’s Hair Salon for serving the citizens of our community for 10 years. Happy 10th Birthday!
- Organizers, attendees, and merchants of the Home and Garden Tour in Ridgeway and Winnsboro to benefit the restoration of Mt. Zion. The Ridgeway Historical/ Cultural Committee members, Virginia Lacy and Phyllis Gutiérrez as well as Roger Herring served as docents for the Century House. Over 100 persons visited Ridgeway to tour, shop and dine. Persons came as far away as Florence and Charlotte to enjoy the tour.
- Organizers and participants of the Ag and Art Tour in Fairfield County on June 27-28, 2015. Ridgeway business participants are Royal Greens, Emma and Lillies, Echo Farms and the Downtown Merchants with art galleries and eateries.

Calendar of Events

June 2, 2015	Fairfield Arts Council 6:00 pm
June 3, 2015	Ridgeway Fire Department Meeting
June 5, 2015	Merchants Meeting, 5:30 pm
June 11, 2015	Town Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
June 20, 2015	Ridgeway Reads, 10:30 am
June 27-28, 2015	Ag and Art Farm Tour, Fairfield County Saturday 9-5 pm, Sunday 1-5 pm