

# Tishomingo County Update

## 2018 Partners in Progress

237 Mini-Storage  
25 Leasing  
A & B Distributing  
All American Construction  
Aqua Yacht Harbor  
B & J's Grocery  
BancorpSouth  
Barnett Apothecary  
Belmont City  
Belmont Parts Supply  
Belmont Pharmacy  
Robert Belue  
Best Way, Inc.  
Big Star of Belmont  
Alvia Blakney  
BMSI, Inc.  
Bow T's Catering  
Bowen Carman Attorneys  
Bridge House  
Brit'z D'stressed Touch  
Jackie Bryant  
Burnsville City  
Scott Caldwell  
Carnathan Heating & Air  
Kenny Carson  
Cedar Creek Ridge Farms  
Cherry's Creative Touch  
Clark Law Firm  
Greg Collier  
Comfort Revolution  
Community Spirit Bank  
Cook Coggin Engineers  
Ken Cooley  
Cooper Marine  
Corinth Coca Cola Bottling Works  
Cornerstone Insurance  
Peyton Cummings  
Country Squire Restaurant  
Cutshall Funeral Home  
Cutshall & Sons Logging Company  
Neil Davis  
Ted Day  
Leroy Dean  
Deaton Funeral Home  
DHP, LLC  
Eagle Radio Network WADI  
Eagle Radio Network WOWL  
Eastport Marina & Resort  
Eddie Bobo Gunsmithing  
El Rinconcito del Sabor  
Fairless Hardware  
Families First Resource Center  
Farmhouse Restaurant  
Dorothy Farr  
Ralph Farr  
FerrouSouth  
Fidelity National Loans  
First American Insurance  
First American National Bank  
First Franklin Financial  
Fite Building Company  
G & G Steel  
Gatlin's Pharmacy  
Geek Express  
Harold Gist  
Golden City  
Golden Forest Managers  
Grace Long Real Estate  
Don & Mary Ann Grant  
Dr. Phillip Gray  
James Grisham  
Robert Grisham  
Hal Grissom Bush Hog  
Hamilton Ryker  
Harbin Heating & Air  
High Point Timber  
Heavener's Lawn Service  
Boyce Hollingsworth State Farm  
Hometown Pizza Belmont  
Industrial Electronics Repair  
Inside Out Occupational Therapy



**TISHOMINGO SCHOOLS WIN AN "A" RATING.** Tishomingo County School District has received one of the state's highest honors by earning an "A" rating from the Mississippi Department of Education.

"This is a great honor for our students, teachers, staff, administrators, board members, parents, and communities. I cannot speak enough about the hard work that goes on each day in our district. We understand that our students are much more than a test score, and we strive each day to make excellence happen for our students. The honor of earning an "A" rating helps us validate that process of focused instruction for our students," stated Superintendent Christie Holly.

"When our schools achieve, it's a great asset for our communities' and county's economic development. Having strong schools is the backbone of communities. We know we have great schools, and we are so thankful to have strong communities that support us."

Seven northeast Mississippi schools received "A" ratings and only 18 schools statewide achieved an "A" rating out of 151 school districts.

*US News & World Report* awarded the school system a **BRONZE** rating and *Newsweek* rated the school system as one the best in the USA for serving low socio-economic students. 80% of graduates attend a college, community college, or technical institute.

**Congratulations to the Tishomingo County School District.**

For more information visit the school district web site at [www.tcsk12.com](http://www.tcsk12.com).

## 2018 Partners in Progress

Iuka Animal Clinic/  
Dr. James Perkins  
Iuka City  
Iuka Discount Drugs  
J. C. Jourdan Lumber Company  
John's Garage/J&S Auto Sales  
Malcolm Kuykendall  
Nelson & Bess Johnson/  
Universal Faith Missions  
King Creek Farm  
Dr. Ben Kitchens  
Little Properties  
Littrell Lumber Mill  
Harold Lomenick State Farm  
Max Home  
MAXXSOUTH Broadband  
Steve McAnally  
Dennie & Mike McRee  
Mid-South Powder Coating  
Mike Nelson Contractors  
Mill Creek Marina  
Milligan Ready Mix  
Mississippi Silicon  
Toney Mobley  
Mike Montgomery  
Moore Automotive Supply  
James Nolting  
Norganic Nail Salon & Spa  
North Mississippi Primary Health  
Care/Tishomingo Health  
Care Associates  
Northrup Grumman  
Innovation Systems  
Nunley Trucking Company  
James D. Nunnally  
Miles D. Nunnally  
Office Pro  
Ole Country Store  
Charlotte Orick  
Out Back Boat Storage  
Paden City  
Parson's Earthworks  
Paul's Woodworks  
Piggly Wiggly Belmont  
Piggly Wiggly Iuka  
Plant Process Support  
Billy Rainey  
Jimmy Ramsey  
Redmont Heating & Cooling  
Renasant Bank  
Rooster's Restaurant  
Running with Scissors  
Mark Segars  
Dr. Kelly & Martha Segars  
Dr. Scott Segars  
Sid's Trading Company  
Silver Dollar Sales  
Skyline Steel  
Sonic Drive In Iuka  
Southwind A&D  
Sparks CPA Firm  
Sun-air Products, Inc.  
Sunflower Antique Mall &  
Flea Market  
T & M's Country Kitchen  
Tishomingo City  
Tishomingo County  
Board of Supervisors  
Tishomingo County Electric  
Power Association  
Tishomingo Health Services/  
Iuka Hospital  
Tri-State Profile LLC/John Morris  
Truck Bodies & Equipment  
International  
VM2/Techguyz LLC/Matt Rose  
Wayne Voyles  
Todd Williams  
Wood Industries  
Quaye Yarber  
Yellow Creek Coating Services  
Dan & Betty Young

**2019 TISHOMINGO COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Alvia Blakney  
Jackie Bryant  
Ferrin Rainey Burress, Secretary-Treasurer  
Mayor John Castleberry, Iuka  
Greg Collier, President,  
Board of Supervisors  
Ken Cooley  
Peyton Cummings  
Dale Curtis  
Neil Davis  
Ted Day  
Eric Daniel, Vice Chair  
Ralph Farr  
Mayor Davy Ginn, Golden  
Harold Gist  
Robert Grisham  
Don Hall, First Vice Chair  
Beth Hudson  
Malcolm Kuykendall  
Steve McAnally  
Mike Montgomery  
Mayor David Nixon, Burnsville  
Mayor Pam Oswald, Paden  
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Economic Development Authority  
Mayor James Tennyson, Tishomingo  
Fred Truesdale  
Butler Whitehead, Chair  
Sidney Whitehurst, Past Chair  
Mayor Buddy Wiltshire, Belmont  
Royal Witcher

**2019 TISHOMINGO COUNTY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
AUTHORITY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Daryl Chambers  
Charles Emmons, Vice Chairman  
Max Ray Hutcheson  
Harold Gist  
Toney Mobley  
Charlotte Orick, Secretary-Treasurer  
Jimmy Ramsey, Chairman  
Jimmie Seago  
Butler Whitehead  
Tommy Williams

**2019 TISHOMINGO COUNTY  
TOURISM COUNCIL:**

Ellen Ayers, Vice Chair  
Barbara Blakney, Secretary-Treasurer  
Natalie Coker  
Mary Ann Grant, Chair  
Sandra Medlin  
Leigh Ann Robertson  
Buddy Wiltshire  
Theresa Cutshall, Administrator  
Jim Gibson, Part-time Assistant



**TISHOMINGO COUNTY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2018.** The annual meeting of the Tishomingo County Development Foundation was held on November 15, 2018, at Fellowship Christian Retreat at Crows Neck.

Award winners include:

- Industry of the Year--Northrop Grumman;
- Business of the Year--Iuka Discount Drugs;
- Development of the Year--Cedar Creek Ridge Farms;
- Volunteer of the Year--Wheels of Northeast Mississippi;
- Bob Yarber Leadership Award--Peyton Cummings; and
- Innovation Award--G&G Steel.

2019 officers include Butler Whitehead, Chair; Eric Daniel, Vice Chair; Don Hall, First Vice Chair; and Ferrin Burress, Secretary-Treasurer.

The year 2018 was a year of continued growth in jobs but a year that saw over 300 jobs go unfilled in Tishomingo County due to lack of qualified applicants.

Over \$28 million has been invested in industrial buildings and equipment. 2018 projects include Northrup Grumman expansion (formerly Orbital ATK); HAGO Automotive expansion; Baymont relocation and expansion; and Yellow Creek Port new building for a code named project and another new building for a spec building. Cedar Creek Ridge Farms cut the ribbon on its new meeting facility near Tishomingo. Tishomingo County won a National Opportunity Zone designation for part of the county.

The 12 page 2018 annual report is online at [www.tishomingo.org](http://www.tishomingo.org).



Tishomingo County Development Foundation, Tishomingo County's public/private economic development team:

- 2,200 jobs & over \$370 million in private investment over the past 10 years.
- Rated TOP TEN industrial sites in the southern USA in 2012.
- Rated TOP TEN rural sites in the southern USA for reshored industry in 2013.
- National Economic Development INNOVATION AWARDS in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2018.
- Rated TOP TEN "Comeback Kids" in the southern USA in 2015.
- TCDF rated one of the best economic development agencies in the southern USA in 2015.
- Tishomingo County rated among the top three counties in the USA in cost efficient government in 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018.
- In 2017 Tishomingo County rated 1st in the south for new manufacturing jobs per capita.

We still have a lot of work to do, but just about every citizen has family or friends working at one of the companies that have been recruited to, or has expanded in, Tishomingo County. Most businesses have customers that get their paychecks from these companies, or sell products or services to these companies.

Everyone benefits from economic development, especially the school system that receives significant tax revenue from economic development projects.

Be sure to thank our TCDF Partners in Progress and do business with those businesses that support economic development. A listing of these partners is on the front page of this update. You can learn more about these community minded businesses at [http://www.tishomingo.org/pdf\\_docs/Partners%20in%20Progress.pdf](http://www.tishomingo.org/pdf_docs/Partners%20in%20Progress.pdf).

Remember to thank our TCDF, TCEDA, and TCTC board member volunteers who serve the community without compensation.



**EL RINCONCITO DEL SABOR.** A ribbon cutting was held for El Rinconcito del Sabor on October 31. Owner J. Tereso Aguirre reported that "people have urged me for a long time to open a restaurant. My family and I have always enjoyed cooking and sharing with our family and friends. Now, we offer to the public authentic homemade Mexican food of the highest quality."

Owner Brandy Martinez said that "we offer the best in soups, seafood, tacos, burritos, tortas, plantano macho, fresas con crema, cheesecake, and many other dishes."

El Rinconcito del Sabor is located at 730 Highway 25 in Dennis. Open hours are 10 AM to 8 PM Wednesday thru Sunday. Closed on Monday and Tuesday.

The contact number is 662-891-8536. Find us on Facebook.



**FAMILIES FIRST RESOURCE CENTER.** The services of Families First for Mississippi include:

- Promote literacy;
- Online high school diploma classes for ages 18 plus;
- Teach parenting skills,
- Positive Youth Development Classes for ages 13 to 17;
- Provide job readiness;
- Improve job skills;
- Finding jobs or better jobs; and
- Generally, filling gaps left by other social programs.

Tishomingo County now has a local resource person that is available to assist. Services are free and confidential.

Please refer potential clients to Tonya McAnally at 662-423-3838 or e-mail [tcmcanally@frcnms.org](mailto:tcmcanally@frcnms.org).



**TISHOMINGO COUNTY WINS NATIONAL INNOVATION AWARD.** Tishomingo County has won another Innovation Award from the National Association of Development Organizations in Washington, DC. Nominated by Wanda Christian at Northeast Mississippi Planning and Development District, the award recognizes the regional impact of G&G Steel's recent expansion.

Tishomingo County won similar awards in 2012, 2013, and 2014. The national award recognizes innovation in creating new jobs and private investment. Creating new jobs in rural environments is especially challenging so innovation is pivotal to success.

For more information on the award, visit the web site at [www.nado.org/congratulations-to-the-2018-nado-innovation-award-recipients](http://www.nado.org/congratulations-to-the-2018-nado-innovation-award-recipients).

For more information about G&G Steel, visit the web site at [www.ggsteel.com](http://www.ggsteel.com).



**TISHOMINGO COUNTY WEB SITE.** Tishomingo County has a new web site. Developed by Peggy Trudell of luka, the new web site is designed for both portable and nonportable devices.

The web site contains updated information such as:

- Available buildings and sites;
- Financing and incentives;
- Education;
- Transportation;
- Healthcare;
- Housing;
- 2019 Tishomingo County Business Directory;
- 2018 annual report;
- Hotel study;
- Two housing studies;
- Market data;
- Workforce study and job training;
- Industry list;
- New and expanded projects list;
- Monthly Update; and
- Retirement advantages.

The new web site is at [www.tishomingo.org](http://www.tishomingo.org).



**JOB LISTINGS.** The majority of the industries in Tishomingo County are seeking skilled and/or trainable workers.

Some of these jobs are listed on the Mississippi Department of Employment Security web site.

Go to <http://mdes.ms.gov/>, click on "I need a job and Find a job now" and then type in your zip code or city.

Manufacturing jobs nowadays are different from the manufacturing jobs of just 20 years ago. Most manufacturing processes are automated.

Jobs in manufacturing and construction trades often pay more than jobs that require a college degree.

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# Tishomingo County



*"Award Winning Public Private Partnership"*

**Tishomingo County Development Authority  
Tishomingo County Development Foundation  
Tishomingo County Tourism Council**

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