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HOME FAIRS. Modeled on iob fairs. the 2023 Tishomingo County Home Fairs were designed to bring together public and private housing funding sources at two events in Tishomingo County, one in Belmont and one in luka. The events were funded by a grant from Cadence Bank.

Participants in the Home Fair included Cadence Bank; First American National Bank; Community Spirit Bank; Renaissance Community Loan Fund; Mississippi Home Corporation; and USDA Rural Development.

More information on conventional home loans as well as special assistance for low and moderate income home buyers can be found at:



Cadence Bank. www.cadencebank. com/StacyWhite, Stacy White, stacy.white@cadencebank.com, 662-620-4883;

First American National Bank. www.fanb.bank, Hollie Booker, hollieb@fanb.bank, 662-423-3656;



Community Spirit Bank. www.communityspirit.bank, Mike Montgomery, mike@communityspirit.bank, 662-454-0001



Renaissance Community Loan Fund. www.rclfms.com, Jeremy Martin, jmartin@rclfms.com, 662-871-8723;



Mississippi Home Corporation. www.mshomecorp.com, Macie Carney, macie.carney@mshc.com, 601-718-4642:



Rural Development. www.rd.usda. gov/programs-services/ single-family-housing-programs, 662-728-9003, ext. 4, or 662-320-4009.

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SHARE WITH THE STUDENTS IN YOUR LIFE. Where do you want to be in five to ten years? If you do not plan to pursue a college degree, there is a rewarding career in manufacturing and trades that often pays more than careers that require a college degree. Learn more at www. tishomingo.org "We Have a Career for You."



HERITAGE PLACE HOTEL. Local officials, friends, and owners and management cut the ribbon on the long awaited Heritage Place Hotel in luka.

The renovated hotel has 53 rooms with four handicapped rooms. Upstairs rooms are available for long-term rentals for new hires at the new and expanding industries in Tishomingo County.

Heritage Place Hotel is located at 1409 Heritage Drive in Iuka. The telephone number is 662-424-8050 and the e-mail is FrontDesk@heritagehoteliuka.com. Visit the web site at www.heritagehoteliuka.com.



HUTCHESON AG REPAIR & TRUCK SERVICE. Local officials, family, and friends gathered to cut the ribbon for Hutcheson AG Repair & Truck Service. Owner Kenn Hutcheson reported that "we service all types of farm equipment plus trucks and truck parts. We also sell and replace agricultural and commercial truck tires."

Hutcheson AG Repair & Truck Service is located at 673 Highway 30 (behind Martyville) in Tishomingo. The telephone number is 662-443-2435. Find us on Facebook at Hutcheson AG Repair Inc.



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

- 3,200 new manufacturing jobs & over \$560 million in private investment.
- 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 IN-NOVATION AWARDS in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018, and 2020.
- 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 and 2020.
- Tishomingo County rated among the top three counties in the USA in cost efficient government in 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019.
- In 2017 Tishomingo County rated 1st in the south for new manufacturing jobs per capita over the last decade.
- In 2019 Tishomingo County was rated number three in the state in economic improvement over the past ten years.

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.

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/PDFs/Partners%20 in%20Progress.pdf.

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



FOWLER DETAILING & HAPPY HOST. Local officials, family, and friends gathered to cut the ribbon for Fowler Detailing and Happy Host. Owner Tyler Fowler reported that "we have served the RV industry for three years with a mobile RV service but the demand was so great that we decided to build a permanent facility."

Fowler Detailing and Happy Host is located on Highway 25 in Belmont. Business hours are 7 AM to 5 PM Monday thru Friday. The telephone number is 662-279-2270. Find us on Facebook.



CARRINGTON HOUSE ADULT DAY CARE. Local officials, family, and friends gathered to cut the ribbon for Carrington House Adult Day Care. Owner Becky Williams reported that "this is Phase 1 of the adult day care. Phase 2 will be an assisted living facility. We have a capacity of 40 clients Monday thru Friday from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. We also offer a home sitter and transportation service."

Carrington House Adult Day Care is located at 26 Gross Street in Burnsville. The telephone number is 662-660-4547.



SWEET SCOOPS. Local officials, family, and friends gathered to cut the ribbon for Sweet Scoops. Owner Amber Foote reported that "we offer the tastiest treats in town, everything from 16 flavors of Blue Bell ice cream to specialty shakes, snow cones, hot fudge cake, cookies, etc. We guarantee you won't be able to resist our sweet treats"

Sweet Scoops is located at 89 Main Street in Belmont. Open hours are noon to 9 PM Monday thru Thursday, noon to 10 PM Friday and Saturday, and 1 PM to 8 PM on Sunday. The telephone number is 662-740-9166. Find us on Facebook.



TISHOMINGO COUNTY WELCOMES ITS NEWEST INDUSTRY. Local officials and company management gathered in Burnsville to cut the ribbon for Baymont Composites on August 15, 2023. Mayor David Nixon said "we welcome Baymont Composites to our community. Baymont Composites is a subsidiary of Patrick Industries of Elkhart, Indiana. Patrick Industries is a leading manufacturer of component parts for recreational vehicles, marine applications, manufactured housing, and various industrial markets. Mayor Nixon read a letter from Governor Tate Reeves and presented the letter to VP Clint Decker."

Vice President Clint Decker reported that "we are delighted to be a part of the community and we plan to grow the company substantially over time."

Learn more about Patrick Industries at https://patrickind. com/.



JOB FAIR. Novolex/International Converter sponsored a job fair at Heritage Place Hotel. Seven companies were represented and dozens of job applicants visited the four hour job fair. Human Resource Manager Peggy Timbs reported "we wanted to do all that we could to make sure our 38 team members were given an opportunity to see the types of careers available in our region. The job fair was open to anyone seeking a career. We thank the companies that participated and we appreciate Heritage Place Hotel for hosting the event."



BUSINESS-INDUSTRY-EDUCATION EVENT. Tishomingo County School District invited business and industry leaders to visit with educators about workforce needs in Tishomingo County.

The number one issue facing business and industry is a lack of qualified applicants. Work ethic and soft skills are more important than ever. Basic knowledge and a willingness to learn are pivotal to a student's success in any career.

College degrees are usually not required for many business and industry careers. Wages and benefits in business and industry have increased substantially and there are significant and continual opportunities for advancement. Trade and manufacturing jobs may pay more than jobs that require a college degree.

Don Hall, CEO, Sun-air Products, said that "we encourage teachers to present to students the many advantages of living in this area such as the tremendous and diverse job market, great recreational resources, great schools, low cost community college, low crime, low property taxes, churches, and proximity to several metropolitan areas. There is no longer any reason for a student to consider moving to other places after graduation."

Career and Technical Center Director John Grady Taylor discussed some of the new technology training programs that may enable students to enter careers that pay six figures.

To learn more about rewarding careers in Tishomingo County, visit the web site at www.tishomingo.org, "We Have a Career for You". For current career openings, visit the Mississippi Department of Employment Security web site at https://wings.mdes.ms.gov/.

