

## PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

20th Century Club  
American Legion  
American Red Cross  
B & B Concrete Company  
B & G Equipment of Iuka LLC  
Bay Springs Visitor Center  
Bearded Villians of North MS  
Belmont Parts Supply  
Belmont, Town of  
Belmont Pharmacy  
Belmont Promotional Association  
Eddie Bobo Gunsmithing LLC  
Boys & Girls Club of Iuka  
Bridge House  
Brooks Grocery  
Burnsville Chamber of  
Commerce  
Burnsville, Town of  
Byrd Maintenance Services,  
Inc. (BMSI)  
John Castleberry  
Cedar Creek Ridge Farms  
Community Spirit Bank  
Cook Coggin Engineers  
Cooper Timberlands Corp.  
Cream & Sugar Cafe  
Cross Industries  
CS Developments LLC  
Cutshall Funeral Home  
Daughters of the  
American Revolution  
Jody Dawson  
Neil & Beth Davis  
Thomas E. Day  
Deaton Funeral Home  
DHP, LLC  
D. L. & Irene Cutshall  
Dean-McRae Engineering  
Deep South Operating LLC  
Fellowship Christian Retreat  
Fite Construction Company LLC  
Forest Resource Advisors  
Friends of Tishomingo  
State Park  
G & G Steel MSW  
Gatlin's Pharmacy  
Grace & Gratitude Boutique  
Guaranty Bank &  
Trust Company  
HAGO Automotive  
Harold Gist  
Golden, Town of  
Heritage Place Hotel  
High Point Timber  
Management  
Boyce Hollingsworth  
State Farm  
IDEA Group  
Iuka Animal Clinic  
Iuka, City of  
Iuka Discount Drugs  
Iuka Family Dental  
J. C. Jourdan Lumber Company  
J. P. Coleman State Park  
John's Garage, Inc./  
J & S Auto Sales  
Junior Auxilliary  
K & S Tree Service LLC  
Keep Iuka Beautiful  
Dr. Ben Kitchens

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**DYNETICS/LEIDOS.** Dynerics began construction on its operation at Tri-State Commerce Park to manufacture and test rocket motors.

Dynerics was acquired in 2020 by Leidos, a “Fortune 500” science, technology, and national defense leader with headquarters in Reston, Virginia, and manufacturing facilities all across the USA.

More information on Dynerics/Leidos can be found at [www.leidos.com](http://www.leidos.com).



**G&G STEEL.** A joint project of the Russellville and Iuka facilities, G&G Steel delivered the first of two lift gates to a lock and dam near St. Louis. The lift gates were fitted, welded, painted, assembled and loaded on barge at Tri-State Commerce Park. The gates are 110 feet long and weigh 520,000 pounds each.

Learn more about G&G Steel at [www.ggsteel.com](http://www.ggsteel.com).

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Harold Lomenick State Farm  
A. V. Littrell Lumber Mill  
McWright Insurance Group  
Mellow Smoke Shop  
Mia Marlie's Restaurant  
Mill Creek Marina  
Mississippi Silicon  
Moore Automotive Supply  
Moore's Jewelers  
Mike Nelson Contractors  
Mike Montgomery  
Northeast Mississippi  
Community Services  
Scott & Lisa Nunley  
Office Pro  
Old Courthouse Museum  
Ole Country Store  
Paden, Town of  
Pickwick Cabin Rentals  
Piggly Wiggly of Belmont  
Piggly Wiggly of Iuka  
Pilot Club  
Plant Process Support  
PSP Industries  
Reconnect 4 Autism  
Rising Willow Farms  
Rotary Club  
Segars Clinic  
Sid's Trading Company  
Sonic Drive In  
Southeast Auto Direct  
Sparks CAP Firm P. C.  
Wayne Stanfield  
Sun-air Products  
Tempur Sealy  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
The Painted Lady  
Third Base Liquor & Wine  
Dr. Don Thompson  
Timberland Trails Resort  
Kaila Timbs  
Tishomingo Arts Council  
Tishomingo Chamber of  
Commerce  
Tishomingo Connect  
Tishomingo County  
Board of Supervisors  
Tishomingo County  
Electric Power Association  
Tishomingo County  
Foster Rescue  
Tishomingo County Historical &  
Genealogical Society  
Tishomingo County Master  
Gardeners  
Tishomingo County  
Youth Services  
Tishomingo State Park  
Tishomingo, Town of  
Tishomingo Vision Center  
Triple D's Hardware & Supply  
Tri-State Educational  
Foundation  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
VESTA Homes  
VM Squared  
Wiley's Discount Tobacco &  
Beverages  
Quaye Yarber

**2025 TISHOMINGO COUNTY  
DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION  
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Mayor James Tennyson, Tishomingo  
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Sidney Whitehurst  
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Butler Whitehead  
Tommy Williams

**2025 TISHOMINGO COUNTY  
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Natalie Coker  
Theresa Cutshall  
Deb Daniel  
Mary Ann Grant, Chair  
Leigh Ann Robertson  
Jenny Lynn Smith  
Buddy Wiltshire  
Shae'a Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer  
Ferrin Rainey-Calvert, Administrator



**GRACE & GRATITUDE.** Local officials, friends, and owners gathered to cut the ribbon for Grace and Gratitude featuring Beyond Grateful Boutique, a Peace of Love Market. Owner Kathryn Wigginton stated that “we saw a need for a boutique and market that appeals to young and not so young. We specialize in clothing and accessories for children and ladies. We have a great selection of Easter dresses. Our market section offers a wide variety of arts and crafts, jewelry, home decor, men’s hats, and lots of other specialty items. We will be offering tanning beds soon. We invite everyone to visit.”

Mayor Kenny Carson said “we welcome Kathryn to our business community and thank her for opening an elegant addition to our beautiful downtown. Our hard working businesses are doing a great job in serving residents and attracting visitors from outside our community.”

Grace and Gratitude is located at 117 South Fulton Street in Iuka, across the street from Cadence Bank. The open hours are 8 AM to 7 PM Monday thru Friday and 10 AM to 3 PM Saturday. Find us on Facebook.



**STORM RESISTANT HOUSING.** Construction of storm resistant housing appears to be a growing trend nationally. EM Contingency Group of Iuka, owned by Mario & Elizabeth Barnes, has built a demonstration storm resistant house. Built of structural concrete insulated panels (SCIP), this construction method offers a storm resistant, low maintenance, energy-efficient home that is also fire and pest resistant. Designs are as flexible as traditional stick built homes.

For more information, call 662-205-0810 or visit the web site at [www.emcontingencygroup.com](http://www.emcontingencygroup.com).



**ALTERNATIVE HOUSING.** Affordable housing has long been one of the most serious hindrances to the economic development of Tishomingo County.

John Morris, CEO of Tri-State Profile, has designed and built a number of tiny and small homes. Shown above is a tiny house ready to be loaded and transported to site. These structures are strongly built and are more resistant to storm damage than conventional stick built homes.

The company produces these structures in industrial buildings at Tri-State Commerce Park. Application for HUD approval is pending. More information is forthcoming.



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

- 3,600 new manufacturing jobs & over \$600 million in private investment.
- Rated TOP TEN industrial sites in the southern USA.
- Rated TOP TEN rural sites in the southern USA for reshored industry.
- National Economic Development INNOVATION 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.
- Tishomingo County rated 1st in the south for new manufacturing jobs per capita over the last decade.
- 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%20in%20Progress.pdf>.

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



**STAY CONNECTED WITH TISHOMINGO COUNTY!** Want to be the first to know about upcoming events, hidden gems, and the best places to explore in Tishomingo County? Subscribe to the Tishomingo County Tourism Newsletter today! Get exclusive updates on festivals, outdoor adventures, local dining, and more—delivered straight to your inbox! Sign up now and never miss out on the beauty and excitement our county has to offer! Go to: <https://exploretishomingocounty.com/about/newsletter/DiscoverTishomingo#StayInTheKnow> #AdventureAwaits.

**SHARE YOUR EVENTS WITH TISHOMINGO COUNTY!** Got an upcoming event? Let's spread the word! We encourage all local businesses, organizations, and community members to add their events to the Tishomingo County Tourism Community Events Page! Whether it's a festival, concert, market, or special gathering, we want to help you reach a wider audience. Submit your event today and make sure your neighbors and visitors don't miss out! Go to: <https://exploretishomingocounty.com/events/community/add/>.



**MELLOW SMOKE SHOP.** Local officials and owners gathered to cut the ribbon for Mellow Smoke Shop. Partner Logan Serrano stated that along with partners Ali Sharif Ali, Ameen Ali, Bobby Morris, and Jackson Mills, "we have a business in Corinth and found that many of our best customers were driving from luka so we decided to open a second location in luka. Our grand opening was Saturday and we appreciate the warm welcome from local folks. Thanks to Hometown Pizza and Brooks Grocery for the food and drinks. We focus on a huge variety of the highest quality tested products at the lowest prices. We value our customers and we guarantee you will be pleased with our quality, variety, and prices."

Vice Mayor Johnny Southward said "we welcome Logan and partners and we encourage others to consider luka for a new or expanded business. Our community is thriving and we expect 2025 to be one of our best years for job growth."

Mellow Smoke Shop is located at 607 Battleground Drive, across the street from Brooks Grocery, and the open hours are 9 AM to 10 PM seven days per week. The telephone # is 662-331-9136. Find us on Facebook.



**CONTRACT FABRICATORS, INC. (CFI).** The range of products manufactured in Tishomingo County is astounding, even to life long residents. Skilled team members make products as diverse as mattresses, truck bodies, water filters, structural steel pipe, silicon, rocket parts, miter gates for locks and dams, and precision automotive parts.

Nominated for the 2025 Mississippi Makers Challenge sponsored by the Mississippi Manufacturers Association and Hancock Whitney, the photo above is one of a pair of splitter towers made by CFI that is 16 feet in diameter, 250 feet long, and weighs over one million pounds. CFI team members are shown posing under the tower. The structure took two years to build and includes 20 miles of welds. After x-ray, ultrasonic, stress, and heat testing, the structures were barged to a chemical plant on the gulf coast.

Other Tishomingo County companies nominated for the 2025 Mississippi Makers Challenge include G&G Steel, Mississippi Silicon, and Northrop Grumman. Winners are based on the number of online votes so urban areas and large employers have an advantage over rural areas and smaller employers.

For more information on CFI, visit the web site site at [www.contractfab.com](http://www.contractfab.com).

Most manufacturers and construction contractors in Tishomingo County have career openings that often pay more than jobs that require a college degree.



**SHARE WITH THE STUDENTS IN YOUR LIFE**

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. To learn about the jobs available in Tishomingo County, visit the web sites at <http://mdes.ms.gov>; [www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com); [www.co.tishomingo.ms.us/local-jobs](http://www.co.tishomingo.ms.us/local-jobs); or <https://mspathfinder.org>.

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