



Tishomingo County
Development Foundation

FY 2018 Annual Report

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We thank our economic development partners listed here and on the next two pages. None of the projects in this report would be possible without their help.



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PARTNERS IN PROGRESS:

2018 Members of the Tishomingo County Development Foundation

237 Mini-Storage	First American Insurance	Northrup Grumman
25 Leasing	First American National Bank	Innovation Sytems
A & B Distributing	First American National Bank	Nunley Trucking Company
All American Construction	First Franklin Financial	James D. Nunnally
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B & J's Grocery	G & G Steel	Office Pro
BancorpSouth	Gatlin's Pharmacy	Ole Country Store
Barnett Apothecary	Geek Express	Charlotte Orick
Belmont City	Harold Gist	Out Back Boat Storage
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Belmont Pharmacy	Golden Forest Managers	Parson's Earthworks
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Best Way, Inc.	Don & Mary Ann Grant	Piggly Wiggly Belmont
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Alvia Blakney	James Grisham	Plant Process Support
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Clark Law Firm	Iuka Discount Drugs	Sonic Drive In Iuka
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Comfort Revolution	John's Garage/J&S Auto Sales	Sparks CPA Firm
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Ken Cooley	King Creek Farm	T & M's Country Kitchen
Cooper Marine	Dr. Ben Kitchens	Tishomingo City
Corinth Coca Cola Bottling Works	Little Properties	Tishomingo County
Cornerstone Insurance	Littrell Lumber Mill	Board of Supervisors
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Eagle Radio Network WADI	Mississippi Silicon	Quaye Yarber
Eagle Radio Network WOWL	Toney Mobley	Yellow Creek Coating Services
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Fairless Hardware	James Nolting	
Farmhouse Restaurant	Norganic Nail Salon & Spa	
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FerrouSouth		
Fidelity National Loans		



NORTHROP GRUMMAN INNOVATION SYSTEMS. Aerospace and defense leader Northrop Grumman, formerly Orbital ATK, is working on its expansion in Iuka, investing \$15 million and creating 50 jobs.

"As a worldwide leader in the aerospace and defense industries, Northrop Grumman once again puts Mississippi on the global stage, demonstrating our hard work to provide a business environment where companies can compete successfully in today's demanding economy," said Gov. Phil Bryant.

Northrop Grumman manufactures large composite aerospace structures for Antares, Pegasus and Minotaur launch vehicles and has implemented a large national aerospace and defense program at its 320,000-square-foot Iuka facility.

"This expansion signifies the commitment Northrop Grumman has to the employees, community and state of Mississippi to continue bringing high quality manufacturing work into the area," said John Kain, Northrop Grumman's Aerospace Structures Division's director of operations - Iuka. "We value our partnership with the state, city and county officials and thank them for their continued support of our facility in Iuka."

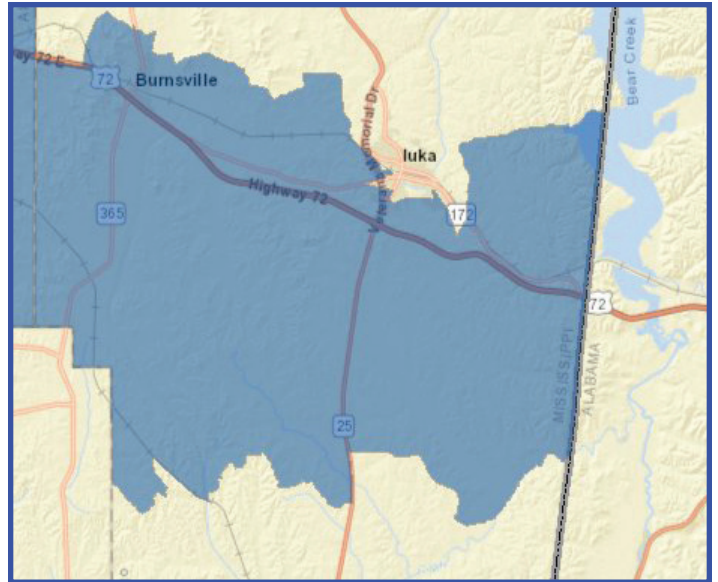
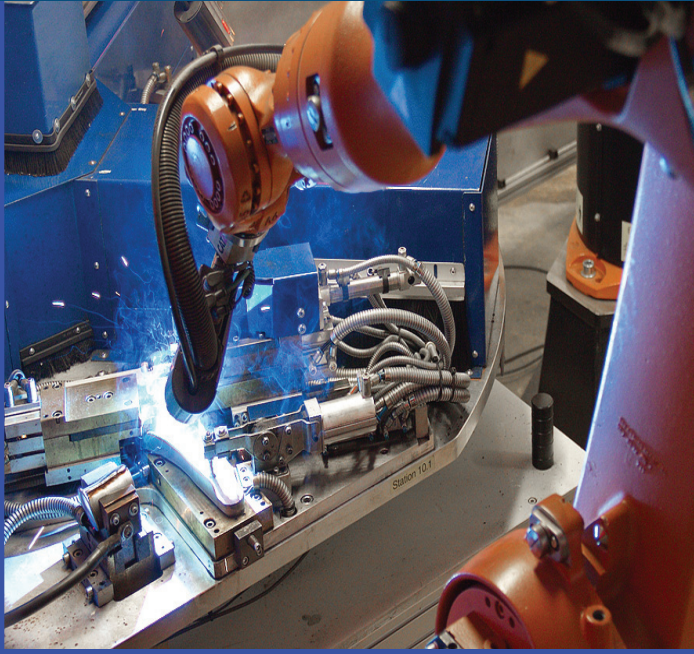
The Mississippi Development Authority provided assistance for infrastructure and facility improvements. Tishomingo County also provided assistance.

Northrop Grumman is one of the world's largest defense contractors with over 60,000 employees.

For more information on Northrop Grumman Innovation Systems, visit the web site at www.northropgrumman.com/AboutUs/BusinessSectors/InnovationSystems/Pages/default.aspx.

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TISHOMINGO COUNTY WINS OPPORTUNITY ZONE. Part of Tishomingo County, Mississippi, USA, has been designated a Federal Opportunity Zone (map above). Tishomingo County applied for the designation. Governor Bryant selected 100 Opportunity Zones out of over 400 census tracts that were eligible.

Established under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, Opportunity Zones offer federal tax relief to private investors in housing, hotels, industrial buildings, and other types of development.

The program focuses on capital gains taxes paid on profits from real estate or stocks which are normally taxed at 20% plus a 3.8% surtax. Investors who roll their capital gains into an Opportunity Fund invested in an Opportunity Zone will be able to defer and reduce tax payments and avoid some taxes altogether. Investments held for ten years are free of all capital gains taxes.

The same census tract is also a New Markets Tax Credit eligible area. The New Markets Tax Credit Program offers a credit against federal income taxes for investors that make investments in community development entities. The community development entities, in turn, use these funds for nontraditional and flexible financing for businesses located in the eligible area.

For more information on Opportunity Zones, visit www.cdfifund.gov/pages/opportunity-zones.aspx. For more information on the New Markets Tax Credit Program visit www.cdfifund.gov/programs-training/Programs/new-markets-tax-credit/Pages/default.aspx.

HAGO AUTOMOTIVE. hago Automotive located in Tishomingo County in 2015. Based in Kusselberg, Germany, the company has expanded the luka operation twice since then and announced its largest expansion to date in mid-2018. hago Automotive is a supplier to BMW and several other companies.

hago Automotive will add approximately 50,000 square feet to its building and create 60 new jobs. The company is investing \$4 million in equipment and machinery, including an 800 ton press. The Mississippi Development Authority invested loan funds in the county owned building and grant funds in site work and infrastructure.

General Manager Alfred Geiger stated that “due to continued growth and the ongoing addition of another large stamping press, hago Automotive started an expansion project to add a 50,000 square foot production and warehouse facility at our existing location. We appreciate the continued support of the local government and the residents of luka, Mississippi, and surroundings and look forward to continued success to supply our automotive customers in the United States, China, South Africa, and Europe.”

You can learn more about hago Automotive at www.hagoautomotive.com.



From left to right, standing, Michael Busby, District 3; Brandon Grissom, District 1; Nicky McRae, District 2; Jeff Holt, District 4. Seated, Peyton Cummings, Chancery Clerk; Greg Collier, District 5 and President of the Board; and Phillip Whitehead, Board Attorney.

TISHOMINGO COUNTY WINS TOP RATING IN 2018 FOR FOURTH YEAR IN A ROW. Tishomingo County has again been rated by national financial consulting company SmartAsset as one of the most cost efficient counties in the USA. Tishomingo County rates second in the state and third nationally for giving taxpayers “Bang for their buck.”

Rank	County	Property Tax Rate	School Rating	Crimes Per 100k People	Score
1	Tippah	0.74%	6.00	23	99.96
2	Tishomingo	0.48%	9.00	82	99.89
3	Greene	0.67%	7.00	142	99.40
4	Choctaw	0.48%	10.00	778	98.68
5	Hinds	1.01%	7.00	205	98.42
6	Rankin	0.66%	10.00	356	98.00
7	Harrison	0.75%	10.00	559	95.06
8	Itawamba	0.71%	9.00	1211	93.63
9	Lee	0.83%	8.00	793	91.25
10	Lauderdale	0.97%	6.00	802	90.05
	Mississippi	0.80%	5.00	305	

The results, including an interactive map and the methodology, can be found on the website at <https://smartasset.com/taxes/mississippi-property-tax-calculator>.

We congratulate the Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors and the courthouse staff, Tishomingo County School District, and Tishomingo County law enforcement agencies for this prestigious state and national ranking.



YELLOW CREEK PORT INDUSTRIAL BUILDING. Yellow Creek Port Authority is nearing completion of construction on a 100,000 SF industrial building in Burnsville for a code named project that will be announced soon. The new building is located north of Mississippi Silicon. Yellow Creek Port Authority also completed construction on part of the rail spur to the Northeast Mississippi Waterfront Industrial park as well as improvements to the barge facility at this industrial park.

For more information on Yellow Creek Port, visit the web site at <http://mdot.ms.gov/ports/yellow-creek.html>.



CEDAR CREEK RIDGE FARMS. Local officials, friends, and family gathered to celebrate the grand opening of Cedar Creek Ridge Farms on March 3, 2018. Angela Simpson stated that "it was an honor to be welcomed to the community with such interest and excitement. We are truly blessed to have great family, friends, and community to support us on this new adventure. Our goal is to offer a venue that will make your special occasion even more special, whether it be a family reunion, church event, or the wedding you have been dreaming about. Our 5,400 square foot building has many amenities to help your event be as stress free as possible. Some of these include a full kitchen, bridal suite, groom's lounge, handicap accessible restrooms, tables and chairs, and onsite cake and catering service. We have also partnered with vendors to offer packages for an event planner, photographer, and florist/decorator."

For more information or to schedule a tour, contact Angela Simpson. The address is 28 County Road 98, Tishomingo. The telephone number is 662-424-1294 and e-mail ccrfarms@outlook.com. Follow us on Facebook at Cedar Creek Ridge Farms and Instagram at [ccrfarms](https://www.instagram.com/ccrfarms).



BAYMONT, INC. Baymont, Inc., completed renovation and expansion of its new location during the year. Baymont, Inc., is a leading manufacturer of quality tubs, showers, and other bathware. The company relocated to Belmont in the former Oakwood Building after a fire destroyed the Golden facility in 2017.

The project saved 151 jobs and created 20 new jobs.

The Mississippi Development Authority and Tishomingo County assisted with the project. Tishomingo County sold the company additional industrial park land for the expansion.

The company also completed construction on three new industrial buildings and modifications on several other buildings at the former Belmont Homes facility.

Patrick Industries purchased Baymont in 2017.

You can learn more about Baymont, Inc., at www.baymontbath.com. You can learn more about Patrick Industries at <http://patrickind.com>.



HOUSING STUDIES. There are over 300 unfilled manufacturing jobs in Tishomingo County, most in production and industrial maintenance. Unfortunately, lack of housing has hindered local industry in seeking qualified job applicants. New hires are usually forced to purchase, rent, or build in surrounding counties.

The Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors and Tishomingo County Development Foundation funded two housing studies by nationally recognized Gill Group of Missouri. The exhaustive studies found a demand for quality rental and owner housing, especially affordable rental housing.

Electronic and printed copies of the studies are available from Tishomingo County Development Foundation.



ZELDA ROSE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS. After more than 300,000+ votes were cast, Zelda Rose Boutique of Tishomingo was recently named Mississippi 2018 Boutique of the Year AND Mississippi 2018 Storefront Boutique of the Year by shoppers! The Boutique Awards is the only global recognition event for independent boutique retail owners in the fashion industry. The Awards recognize and celebrate the best boutiques across all 50 US States and in Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom in the categories of Storefront Boutique of the Year, Online Boutique of the Year, Children's Boutique of the Year, Mobile Boutique of the Year, and State or Country Overall Boutique of the Year.

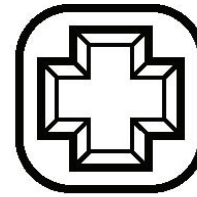
Zelda Rose Boutique opened on January 25, 2018, by sisters Sherrie Castleberry and Ronelle Castleberry Ianace. The shop carries casual, classic, and conservative styles and has quickly become the community's "go to" retailer for every day wear, special event dresses and unique gifts. They carry sizes Small through 3XL, specializing in supporting the curvy woman as well as the teenager.

"We are humbled and honored to have been embraced by the Tishomingo County community and are committed to continue to service the needs of our customers," says Ronelle Ianace, co-owner of Zelda Rose. "We have taken a mobile fashion truck to an online business and now to a successful brick and mortar store in a short period of time and look forward to the future in this amazing small town."

Sherrie Castleberry, co-owner adds "look for the Zelda Rose Boutique mobile boutique out and about at fall and holiday festivals and events in the area. We will bring our specialties directly to the community."

Congratulations to ZELDA ROSE BOUTIQUE and Sherrie Castleberry and Ronelle Castleberry Ianace.

For more information, visit the web site at <https://zeldarose.com>. Visit us on FACEBOOK.



NORTH MISSISSIPPI MEDICAL CENTER



NMMC IUKA IMPLEMENTS CARDIAC STRESS TESTING.

NMMC-Iuka is proud to announce that Cardiolyte (cardiac stress testing) will be available soon at their facility. These tests will help determine if a patient requires further cardiac intervention. Fred Truesdale, NMMC-Iuka Administrator, reported "we are proud to offer these services to our patients and families in order to increase available access to quality health care in our community." The cardiolyte services are scheduled to be available around December 1. For more information, contact your local health care provider.



PREMIER QUEST AWARD FOR HIGH VALUE HEALTHCARE

NMMC-Iuka is one of six hospitals nationwide, and the only one in Mississippi, to receive the PREMIER HEALTH CARE ALLIANCE inaugural QUEST Award for High Value Healthcare.

Congratulations to Hospital Administration Fred Truesdale and his team at NMMC-Iuka.

For more information, visit the web site at www.nmhs.net/iuka.



2018 STATE HIGHWAY MAP. On December 12, 2017, the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) unveiled the cover of the 2018 state highway map for the statewide news media. The new state map features a photo of the swinging bridge at Tishomingo State Park. MDOT prints two and one half million copies of the state map and these maps are distributed nationwide.

Michael Busby, District 3 supervisor; Greg Collier, District 5 supervisor; Brandon Grissom, District 1 supervisor; Jeff Holt, District 4 supervisor; and Nicky McRae, District 2 supervisor; Terry Harp, Tishomingo State Park Manager; Sheriff John Dennis Daugherty, and 2017 Volunteers of the Year Toney and Amanda Mobley represented Tishomingo County at the event at Mississippi Department of Transportation headquarters in Jackson, Mississippi.

President of the Tishomingo County Board of Supervisors Greg Collier said “we thank Commissioner Mike Tagert for helping to promote Tishomingo County. Tourists spent almost \$16 million in Tishomingo County last year which creates jobs and more income for our local businesses. Tourism in Tishomingo County has been growing each year and is an important part of our local economy.”

In 2017, over 60,000 people visited Tishomingo State Park, the 5th most visited state park in Mississippi. Tishomingo State Park has won numerous awards and has been voted the most popular outdoor recreation destination in the state.

Copies of the highway map are available at the TCDF office, welcome centers, and other locations. In addition, the map can be found on the MDOT web site at https://www.ms.gov/mdot/shopping_cart/Details.aspx?productId=34. For more information, visit the web site at www.mdwfp.com/parks-destinations/ms-state-parks/tishomingo.aspx. Find Friends of the Park on FACEBOOK.



PICTORIAL GUIDE. The Tishomingo County Tourism Council has revised and reprinted the popular “What Can We See Guide.” TCTC Chair Mary Ann Grant reports “the Guide is our effort to convince potential visitors that Tishomingo County is truly a unique destination.”

The guide includes color photos of Tishomingo State Park, J. P. Coleman State Park, the Natchez Trace, Iuka, Bay Springs Lake, Pickwick Lake, Belmont, Woodall Mountain, the Bargain Tour, and Special Events. The guide also includes a listing of restaurants, the “Bargain Capital of the South” tour guide, and a special section on retirement.

The Guide is online at www.tishomingofunhere.org or you can pick up a free copy at the Tishomingo County Development Foundation office at 1001 Battleground Drive in Iuka. Copies are also provided to the state’s 13 visitor centers and other locations frequented by travelers.



TISHOMINGO COUNTY EARNS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AWARDS. In the spring 2018 edition, *Southern Business & Development* (SB&D), the recognized authority on economic development projects in the southern USA, has again recognized Tishomingo County for its economic development track record. Out of almost 1,500 counties in the Southeastern USA, 25 were selected as the most promising auto parts manufacturing locations. Tishomingo County was among the TOP 25.

Also in 2018, Tishomingo County won another award from the National Association of Development Organizations for the G&G Steel expansion project (thanks to Wanda Christian at NEMPDD).

Some other awards for Tishomingo County's economic development successes include:



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, & 2018



Rated TOP TEN "Comeback Kids" in the southern USA in 2015.



Tishomingo County Development Foundation rated one of the best economic development agencies in the southern USA in 2015.



Rated # 1 in the South for new manufacturing jobs per capita in 2017.

Business Directory

Tishomingo County, Mississippi, USA



Report changes to 662-423-9933 or e-mail info@tishomingo.org.
Listing is free to Tishomingo County businesses.
Bold type indicates TCDF members.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY. The sixth edition of the *Tishomingo County Business Directory* was published during the year. The publication lists retail and service businesses located in Tishomingo County or are TCDF members. The purpose of the Business Directory is to make it easier to find goods and services in Tishomingo County and to encourage individuals to start new small businesses. Small businesses create most of the personal wealth in the USA.

The directory is being updated and will be reprinted during 2019.

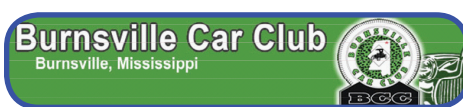
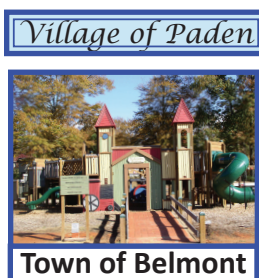
Business listings in the directory are free to Tishomingo County businesses and TCDF members.

Copies of the publication are free and can be picked up at local groceries, city halls, and other locations.

The online directory can be found at http://www.tishomingo.org/pdf_docs/Business%20Guide%20Latest%20Update%20%282%29.pdf.

For more information, call 662-423-9933 or e-mail info@tishomingo.org.

TCTC Tishomingo County Tourism Council



TOURISM. TCTC assisted in promotion of the Heritage Day Festival, Burnsville Waterway Festival, Bear Creek Festival, and events at the two state parks, as well as other events in the county. TCTC sponsored the 12th annual Trash & Treasures along the Tenn-Tom Waterway. Numerous emails, mail-outs, and magazine, radio, and newspaper ads were used to assist in promoting these events. The council placed ads in regional and national publications and updated the website at www.tishomingofun-here.org in order to help showcase Tishomingo County.

TCTC continued a social media campaign to increase awareness of special events. TCTC promoted many events through FB ads and reminders and received several thousand views from these ads. Trash & Treasures along the Tenn-Tom (TTTT) was a success again this year, due in part, to our Facebook ads, reminders, and ongoing calendar which generated over 80,000 views. Visit the Facebook page at facebook.com/visittishomingo.

TCTC was awarded an \$8,000 Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area matching grant to develop a GeoCaching Trail as part of the Tennessee River Valley Geotourism campaign.

TCTC stocks visitor information at the state's 13 visitor centers and other visitor centers, restaurants, hotels, and other places frequented by visitors. TCTC also revised and reprinted a photo guide to Tishomingo County, a restaurant guide, and a special events flyer.

The tourism council worked regionally in coordinating marketing efforts with the Natchez Trace Compact, the Mississippi Hills National Heritage Area Alliance, Mississippi Tourism Association, Tenn-Tom Tourism Association, Master Gardeners Annual Conference, Tennessee River Valley Geotourism, and the Mississippi Development Authority Department of Tourism.

The Tishomingo County Tourism Council thanks all the organizers and the many volunteers for 2018 events.