

Business & Industry

A close-up photograph of a welder in a dark industrial setting. The welder is wearing a blue protective helmet and black gloves. A bright, intense light from the welding process is visible, creating a large shower of sparks that radiate outwards. The sparks are a mix of orange, yellow, and blue, indicating high temperatures. The welder's hands are positioned to work on a metal component, which is partially visible in the lower right. The background is dark, with some faint lights and structures, suggesting a factory or workshop environment.

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'Sky is the limit' for ECCCC's diesel technology

By STEVE SWOGETINSKY
Neshoba Democrat



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cal Education. "Businesses and industries in our district have expressed a great need for these technicians. We look forward to training our future workforce and filling this need with qualified technicians."

Coursework will include Fundamentals of Equipment Mechanics, Electrical/Electronic Systems I, II, and III, Hydraulics I, Diesel Systems I, II, and III, Preventive Maintenance and Service, Transportation Power Train, Air Conditioning and Heating Systems, Advanced Brake Systems (Air), Steering and Suspension Systems, and Heavy Equipment Powertrain.

According to recent statistics by the Mississippi Department of Employment Security, experienced diesel technicians in the East Central Community College area can earn up to \$26.12 per hour or \$54,324 annually.

To be considered for the program, prospective students must complete the online ECCCC application for admission at www.eccc.edu, and submit all official high school and college transcripts or an official high school equivalency diploma.

For more information, contact Eason at 601-635-6210 or email weason@eccc.edu.

Mayor James Young said he believes the Diesel Equipment Technology class that East Central Community College will be starting in August in Philadelphia will fill a big training need for Neshoba County and East Mississippi in general.

"The sky is the limit," Young said. "This is going to give students who are in school an opportunity to sign up to get quality, high level mechanic training right here."

"There is a big need and a big market for these skills. Not only for diesel repair but for truck drivers; those who want to do something positive and create a career," Young said. "I am thankful for East Central and the board of aldermen here that took a big step of going beyond the routine to try and make this project happen. It is about the now and future."

The city of Philadelphia has approved for a contractor to begin renovation work on one of the outer buildings at the old U.S. Motors plant. It will be transformed into a modern classroom and teaching center. It will have its own parking lot and entrance. The bid was for \$418,234 was accepted earlier this month. Classes are set to start August 12.

Right now, ECCCC is looking for an instructor. The job is on the ECCCC website.

"The job is opened until filled," Stewart said. "We have had a couple of inquiries but through that process. If anyone is interested, it is on our website."

ECCCC is also involved in getting the program approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission (SAC). ECCCC has its application in and is answering questions as they come up. It is hoped this process will be completed by May or June.

Having an instructor on board will help ECCCC to get the program accredited.

Students will have three options. A 60-hour Associate of Applied Science degree is being offered. There will be 45 hours for diesel mechanics skill and technical training and 15 hours will be for academics. There are also certificate programs for 30 hours and 45 hours, all focused on diesel mechanics.

"We are excited to offer Diesel Equipment Technology at ECCCC," said Wayne Eason, ECCCC director of Career and Techni-

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CHOCTAW HEALTH CENTER

The state-of-the-art 180,000 square-foot Choctaw Health Center (CHC) facility opened in March 2015 and is located at 210 Choctaw Circle off New Frog Level Road.

The CHC houses a 20-bed inpatient department; 42 exam rooms; 16-chair dental department with a separate pediatric dental unit; emergency department; treatment facilities such as radiology, lab, physical therapy and audiology; behavioral health and community and public health services; emergency medical services department; and all necessary support services such as housekeeping, maintenance, storage and supply.

There is also a pediatric unit in primary care; a respiratory therapy unit, full-time optometry services and specialty clinics with visiting providers. A 0.8-mile, figure-eight walking trail is also located on the campus.

The CHC features symbols, artwork and elements of Choctaw culture, along with photographs



and pieces created by Choctaw artisans.

Tina Scott serves as CHC Director.

For more information about the Choctaw Health Center, call the MBCI Office of Public Information at 601-663-7532.

B&G EQUIPMENT

B & G Equipment was founded in 1976 by a couple of loggers, W. J. Bates and Donald Grantham Jr., marking its 42nd anniversary this year.

A fifth location was added in May 2015 in Moundville, Ala., 13 miles south of Tuscaloosa.

“We think since our founders came from the logging industry themselves, we have a better understanding of the logger and his needs,” officials said.

In January 2005, Bates bought out his partner of 29 years.

As the times change and the second and third generations of the Bates family are taking on more leadership roles, the goal still remains the same.

“We want to provide the customer with superior service and parts availability and we want to build a lasting relationship with our customers and the logging industry.”

B & G’s service department has been keeping machines rolling since day one at the company.

Always respected by customers for quality service and dedication to

reducing “downtime,” the service department continues to keep up with the latest changes in technology in today’s world of machinery.

The company is Cummins Tier IV certified and is committed to staying in the cutting edge with training sessions being attended frequently.

“We will never lose sight of keeping the logger in the woods up and going.”

B & G also has a massive parts inventory, stocking parts for many models of equipment. Its commitment is to have the right parts “on the shelf” for customers.

They ship UPS and motor freight daily.

B & G is Mississippi’s full service logging equipment dealer with four locations — Philadelphia, Magnolia, Hattiesburg and Iuka. B & G is like a family who cares for employees, customers, community, environment and its industry, officials said.

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People/Organization

At Philadelphia, our skilled, dedicated associates are involved and challenged. In turn, their personal growth and day-to-day achievements help give our Philadelphia operation a valuable edge in the markets we serve.

The facility's leadership team sets the tone for our team-based environment by being well-versed in lumber manufacturing and flowing where they are needed. They bring to the operation and maintenance teams a blend of skills – people, mechanical, electrical and analytical – that allow them to function as a unit.

Throughout our organization, we have high levels of associate involvement, pride and performance. The willingness to work together to



achieve common objectives is key in our ability to be competitive and successful.

Capital Investment

Weyerhaeuser continues to invest in the Philadelphia lumber manufacturing facility with capital investment exceeding \$50 million over the past several years. This capital investment at the Philadelphia facility focused on building expansions and equipment modernization,

most recently improvements occurring in the lumber drying and planer mill areas. "The long term life of a facility is the capital investment provided to modernize the process equipment," stated Plant Manager Stan Webb. "This investment upgrades the technology at our facility and allows us to be more efficient and cost competitive in the global economy."

The Weyerhaeuser Philadelphia

operation employs approximately 165 associates. Weyerhaeuser has owned timberland and managed forests in Mississippi since the late 1950s. This pine sawmill facility has been in operation since the late 1950s. Weyerhaeuser began its ownership and operation of the Philadelphia operation when the facility was purchased from DeWeese Lumber in 1967.

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the world's largest private owners of timberlands, began operations in 1900. We own or control more than 13 million acres of timberlands, primarily in the U.S., and manage additional timberlands under long-term licenses in Canada. We manage these timberlands on a sustainable basis in compliance with internationally recognized forestry standards. We are also one of the largest manufacturers of wood products.

Our company is a real estate investment trust. In February 2016, we merged with Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc. In 2015, Weyerhaeuser and Plum Creek, on a combined basis, generated approximately \$8.5 billion in net sales and employed nearly 14 thousand people who serve customers worldwide. We are listed on the Dow Jones World Sustainability Index. Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol WY. Learn more at www.weyerhaeuser.com.

We are thankful for local industries and what they have meant to our business over the years. It is vital for our community to support our outstanding industrial community and help new ones become established.



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PERRY CONSTRUCTION

Perry Construction Company was organized in 1934 as a partnership of Walter L. Perry and Marion W. Perry. It is still a family owned business.

Allen Glenn Perry was a member of the firm until he retired in 2002. Don Perry is currently owner and President of the firm.

Our offices and warehouse are located on Main and Beacon Street. We have an equipment maintenance facility and yard on Evergreen Street. We have been at the same location on Beacon & Main Streets since our organization was founded in 1934. A note of historical interest is that during World War II, these facilities were converted into a manufacturing facility for wood ammunition boxes, which employed over 200 employees, nearly all of whom were women.

The business was reorganized as a corporation in 1970. The owners are and have been graduate Civil Engineers and are Registered Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

During the course of its history Perry Construction Company has constructed all kinds of buildings and structures, including industrial and processing facil-



ities, schools, both primary and secondary and college facilities, hospitals and extended care facilities, multi unit residential facilities and military and governmental facilities of all kinds. The company has constructed water and sewage facilities along with water and sewage treatment plants.

Project size has ranged in excess of \$20,000,000.00 on extended projects. More typical projects are in range of \$1,000,000-\$10,000,000 with some projects being less than \$1,000,000.

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TYSON FOODS

Tyson Foods moved into the industrial park at Union in 1996 where it employs more than 50 people.

Tyson Foods, Inc. was founded in 1935 with headquarters in Springdale, Ark. It is one of the world's largest processors and marketers of chicken, beef, and pork, the second-largest food company in the Fortune 500 and a member of the S&P 500.

The company is the recognized leader in the retail and foodservice markets it serves, providing products and service to customers throughout the United States and more than 130 countries.

The company generated total sales of \$38.3 billion in fiscal 2017. In February 2017 Tyson Foods, Inc. (NYSE:TSN) was recognized by Fortune magazine as No. 1 on the World's Most Admired Companies list in the Food Production segment.

Tyson Foods is the leading producer of value-added chicken, beef and pork for retail grocers, foodservice distributors and national fast food and full service restaurant chains.

This includes fresh, frozen and fully-cooked chicken, beef and pork products. Tyson is also a leading producer of deli meats; taco meat, cooked pizza toppings and pizza crusts; flour and corn tortillas, chips, appetizers, soups, sauces and side dishes.

Tyson represents 21 percent of U.S. chicken production, 24 percent of U.S. beef production and 18 percent of U.S. pork production. In fiscal 2017, the company's average weekly production included 35 million chickens, approximately 130,000 cattle and 424,000 hogs.

Tyson has approximately 122,000 team members employed at more than 400 facilities and offices in the United States and around the world.

Tyson has a plant in Carthage that employs about 1,496 team members and had a payroll of about \$53 million in 2017.

The complex was established in 1948 as R & R Hatchery & Milling. The name was changed in the 1980s to Choctaw Maid Farms, Inc., which was under contract with Tyson Foods for 12 years until acquisition in 2003.

The plant makes several chicken pieces for consumption including leg quarters, giblets, wings, etc.

Tyson Foods' vision is to be the world's first choice for protein solutions while maximizing shareholder value, living our core values and fostering a fun place to work.

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HARDY MANUFACTURING

Hardy Manufacturing Co., Inc. (HMC) was founded in 1976 by Jerome Hardy. Currently, HMC is family owned by Frank and Janet Hardy Moore (daughter of Jerome Hardy). Linda Hardy Griffis (daughter of Jerome Hardy) owns and serves as president of Hardy Supply Co., Inc. which is the raw material supplier for HMC.

There are many employees from Neshoba and surrounding counties working to manufacture, market and sell the "The Hardy," an outside wood-burning heater, which was patented in 1979. "The Hardy" is designed to provide an energy efficient, comfortable heating solution, while removing wood, smoke, ashes, and fire danger from your home.

Since 1976 they've produced nearly 60,000 "Hardy's". HMC is also one of the largest consumers of stainless steel in the southeast, using over 1.5 million pounds annually. The backbone for Hardy's sales into 40 states is the local distributor network. Bates Distributors, B.R. Smith Enterprises, Hardy Heater USA and Hardy Sales and Service have a combined dealer network of over 500 dealers nationwide.



While keeping pace with times and their industry, HMC invests highly into their research and development department. Utilizing it's emissions test lab Hardy has clean burning cordwood models that are deemed certified by the new Federal EPA standards and regulations. While exceeding these new emissions standards our redesigned units are more efficient burning up to 1/2 the amount of wood needed in older style traditional units. HMC continues to be the leader in developing new heater units and improving existing models. For more information on "The Hardy" visit www.hardyheater.com.

GARAN

Garan Manufacturing has been in operation in Philadelphia for 56 years of its 76-year history.

The present location was expanded in 1984 in transitioning from a sewing facility to the distribution facility it has been since 2001.

"Our very dedicated employees live in the Philadelphia area and most have worked for the company for many years. We are proud to be a part of the Neshoba County business family," officials said.



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Hilton Spears Custom Cabinets has been building custom cabinets for over 30 years. In September 2006, the business moved to its current location on 1161 Weyerhaeuser Street in Philadelphia allowing for expansion to both the showroom and shop. The company does residential as well as commercial work, traveling all over Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Hilton employs a skilled team of 20+ people from surrounding counties including framers, dry-wallers, electricians, plumbers, roofers, artisan cabinetmakers, painters, draftsmen, and stone fabricators.

Hilton Spears Cabinets has one-on-one consultations with complete computerized graphic designs allowing you to visualize your custom room before the first board is cut. Their standard custom cabinets have full 3/4" ply-



wood backs & sides for unmatched durability & longevity. The cabinets can vary from ornate furniture style cabinets with hand carved trim to utility style cabinets for areas like a garage or business break room. They will finish a door exactly to your liking and use it to match the color for your whole job giving you a personalized finish.

They specialize in remodeling & new construction. They carry many different types of flooring as well, including ceramic tile, engineered hardwood, waterproof vinyl plank floors, and laminate flooring. Hilton Spears Cabinets also sells, cuts, and fabricates granite, quartz, and marble countertops. They are able to do the floors, cabinets, and tops altogether instead of

having to go to different companies for each, offering a complete turnkey solution for your remodeling needs.

In 2010, Hilton Spears also became a dealer in one-piece composite fiberglass pools. These pools can be installed in days, not weeks and due to the non-porous surface of the pools, fewer chemicals are needed saving time, energy and money.

In 2011, Hilton Spears Construction began operation building residential homes, adding additions to existing homes, remodeling baths & showers, building commercial steel buildings and much more. Whether you're wanting an ergonomic kitchen with plenty of storage or your own personal bathroom sanctuary Hilton & his team of talented tradesmen can make your house into the home you've always dreamed of.

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While in high school, Mr. John's twin sons, Ralph and Jim, worked in the business part time and helped to expand the services to include residential air conditioning. After graduation from Mississippi State University, Ralph moved on to pursue a career as a Professional Engineer. Jim remained with the company until his death in 2005.

Kent, the youngest son, joined the company full time in 1973 after his graduation from Mississippi State University.

In 1979 the company was incorporated as McLain Plumbing & Electrical Service, Inc. The share holders

were: John F. McLain, Irene H. McLain, Ronald (Jim) McLain and Kent McLain.

Co-founder and the Family's Matriarch, Irene H. McLain, passed away in 2004.

To help support our new construction and renovation work, McLain Services was formed as a division of McLain Plumbing in 2016. Our "Service" division offers residential and commercial air condition and plumbing service and repairs.

Our company currently employs more than 100 employees and has members of the second, third and fourth generation of the McLain family working.

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Neshoba General Hospital's emergency room is a designated Level IV Trauma Center. The hospital operates a paramedic-level ambulance service.

Inpatient and scheduled outpatient surgeries are routinely performed. Also offered is 24-hour coverage in clinical service areas such as:

The hospital offers full-time services in diagnostic radiology, offering MRI, CT, ultrasound, nuclear medicine and bone density studies. The mammography department is fully-accredited by the American College of Radiology and the Food and Drug Administration.

Respiratory Therapy offers breathing services such as EKG, EKG stress testing, holter and event monitoring (cardiac), pulmonary function testing, blood gas and EEG. The Respiratory Department has a two-bed Sleep Center dedicated to diagnosing and treating sleeping disorders. Patients, who come to the Sleep Lab stay overnight for testing, where they are monitored while they sleep.

The Therapy Services Department currently offers



occupational, physical and speech therapy cases across the lifespan from pediatrics to geriatrics. Therapy is located in their new facility at

205 E Hospital Street. The modern and advanced facility includes an indoor swimming pool. The facility includes a pediatric gym and

an adult gym.

The Neshoba Wound Care Center offers surgical treatment for non-healing wounds.

The Neshoba Pain Management Clinic's goal is to provide comprehensive pain management that is customized for each patient's needs. The clinic serves a multitude of patients suffering from acute or chronic neck and lower-back pain, work-related injuries, vehicle accident injuries, shingles pain, acute or chronic sympathetic pain, fibromyalgia, chronic headaches and more.

Neshoba General Nursing Home has 140 skilled nursing home beds and a dedicated 20-bed Alzheimer's unit. Many activities are offered for our residents, including, but not

limited to bingo, choir, art, gardening and more.

The hospital owns and operates 3 local clinics, including an Urgent Care Clinic, which opens 7-days per week for our patient convenience.

* Neshoba Medical Associates, the new clinic located inside the Neshoba Medical Pavilion at 213 East Hospital Road Philadelphia. Neshoba Medical Associates combines the services of Pediatrics Medicine, Internal Medicine and Family Medicine in one central location. Pediatric providers are Dr. Julia Ellis Riley, Dr. Laraib Tabba and Ann Richardson, CFNP. Internal Medicine Providers are Dr. Dwight Keady, and Shelley Darby, FNP-C. Family Medicine providers are Dr. Heather Cannon, Dr. Grant Guild,

Paula Clearman, CFNP and Tonia Holley, CFNP.

* Neshoba Urgent Care - Family Medicine Clinic located 1120 E. Main Street, Philadelphia. Urgent Care providers are Dr. Bobby Smith, and Pam Stokes, FNP-C. Family Medicine Providers are Dr. Sunil Kumar and Shannon Kirkland, FNP-C.

* Surgery Clinic of Philadelphia is located at 1003 Holland Avenue, in the Neshoba County Medical Arts Clinic, Suite 101, Dr. Andy Dabbs performs General Surgery and Dr. Todd Willis practices Family Medicine.

In 2019, the hospital changed its name and branding, dropping the County from the original Neshoba County General Hospital name.

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WELLS LAMONT

Wells Lamont, Philadelphia and Neshoba county's first and longest running industry, opened in 1945 under Mississippi's BAWI (Balance Agriculture with Industry) program. The original 36,000 square foot facility, completed in 1947, was constructed by Perry Construction Company at a cost of \$80,000. Prior to completion of the facility, female employees were trained to sew gloves in the American Legion hut where 51 sewing machines had been installed.

At its peak, the local facility employed more than 500 employees and produced over 2 million pairs of work gloves an-

nually. Over the past 70 years the facility has seen much change and modernization, and continues to be a mainstay for the local economy.

Wells Lamont Industrial currently covers 180,000 square feet and employs more than 100 people, many of whom have been employed there for more than 40 years.

While some sewing still exists, the bulk of the glove and sleeve production is done by, over 350 computer programmed knitting machines, with yarn that is produced in the facility with 30 yarn manufacturing machines.

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gories:

- Cut resistant products that are used primarily in the food processing industry.

- Heat resistant products that are used in transportation and primary metal industries

- Controlled Environment products that are used in medical and computer chip industries.

In 2001 a distribution center (60,000 sq. ft.) opened and now ships product to customers worldwide.

In 2003 the plant in Philadelphia became ISO 90001-2000 Certified and re-certified in December 2015 to ISO 9001-2008.

THOMASSON

Thomasson Company specializes in industrial wood products and is dedicated to supplying exceptional value and superior sustainable products to the market. The company is built on a high standard of integrity and its team is focused on every customer's satisfaction.

When it comes to utility poles, access to natural resources is the key. Thomasson Company and its subsidiaries are strategically located in the heart of Southern Yellow Pine forests. Thomasson also utilizes Douglas Fir and Western Red Cedar to provide quality utility poles.

Thomasson crane mats are fabricated to withstand the rigors of heavy equipment traffic, pipeline construction and prolonged placement in in-

hospitable conditions. These crane and pipeline mats minimize detrimental environmental impacts such as soil erosion, as well as providing a safer more stable working environment.

The company supplies quality pressure-treated piling products which are practical, cost effective, and a durable solution for a variety of applications including piers, docks, and other marine construction. They can also supply treated wood crossties, complex foundation systems, piling and landscaping sub-structures.

Thomasson Company employs green-friendly production processes to lessen the impact on the environment. Thomasson believes every part of the tree should be used for beneficial purposes.

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TULIP RICHARDSON MANUFACTURING

Richardson Molding, LLC, (“Richardson”) and Tulip Molded Plastics Corp. (“Tulip”) announced in March the merger of the two plastic injection molding companies.

The new organization is now named Tulip Richardson Manufacturing (“TRM”) and will be led by Craig Kellogg (CEO) and Steve Dyer (president). Dyer was the CEO and president of Richardson Molding and Kellogg was CEO of Tulip.

Richardson and Tulip are leading manufacturers of proprietary and custom injection molding products serving the industrial lead-acid battery, automotive and consumer markets. Additionally, Tulip has a strong reputation as a manufacturer of lead terminals and re-processed polypropylene.

TRM’s manufacturing platform consists of four fa-

cilities strategically located in Columbus, Indiana, Philadelphia, Mississippi, Niagara Falls, New York, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin with over 135 injection molding presses ranging from 10T to 1,500T. The locations of these facilities and complementary manufacturing capabilities will allow TRM to drive operating efficiencies and provide superior customer service.

The merger will enable TRM to leverage the strengths of each organization and add significant value as an integral part of its customers’ supply chains. Owner Resource Group LLC (“ORG”) and Saugatuck Capital Company (“Saugatuck”), the majority owners of TRM, will continue to invest in the business and will actively support management’s focus on product development, oper-

ational excellence and increased service levels across the organization.

“We are excited about our partnership with Tulip and Saugatuck and believe in the long-term growth potential of TRM,” said ORG Managing Director Brad Esson. “ORG looks forward to supporting the management team’s efforts to integrate the two businesses and realize the full potential of the combined organization.”

“Tulip and Richardson both have a long history of providing outstanding service to their customers and Saugatuck believes this customer service will only be further enhanced as a result of the merger. Our current and new customers will both benefit from the expanded footprint and strengthened capabilities,” said Saugatuck Managing Partner Stuart Hawley.



The former Richardson Molding plant in Philadelphia, now known as TRM, employs 148 people.

“This is a good partnership,” said Plant Manager Bill Johns. “At least in the beginning, there will be no

changes in our operations. There may be things down the line but we are just getting into this.”

PEARL RIVER RESORT

Pearl River Resort has all you need in one place for the perfect getaway. Located in east central Mississippi, Pearl River Resort is home to Golden Moon Hotel & Casino and Silver Star Hotel & Casino. As one of the premier gaming and entertainment destinations in the Southeast, these two exceptional casinos offer a wealth of fun and excitement for visitors from all walks of life. When it comes to accommodating visitors for every occasion, Pearl River Resort provides a comprehensive range of facilities and services in a comfortable Southern setting.

With nearly 600 guest rooms including 112 suites and 32 VIP suites, Golden Moon offers timeless and comfortable accommodations in a marvel of modern architecture. Silver Star features more than 500 beautifully appointed rooms. Guests are only offered the very best in accommodations with all the expected amenities from a world-class hotel.

Pearl River Resort provides guests with the ultimate gaming experience. Silver Star offers over 1,200 slot machines and over 40 table games devoted to Craps, Blackjack, and Roulette. Also featured is the Pearl River Bingo Room which provides players with the opportunity to win progressive jackpots in the hundreds of thousands of



dollars. Golden Moon features a 70,000-square-foot gaming floor with nearly 1,150 slot machines, 25 table games, an elevated 14 table poker room, a stunning one-of-a-kind video wall, a center bar and a deluxe resort-style pool and lounge named Infinity Pool at Golden Moon. This updated amenity features an indoor pool & hot tub, outdoor infinity pool with zero entry chairs, a bar with large screen TVs, Big Ass® brand fans, three private cabanas, daybeds, high-end green turf, LED lighting, and a staging area for special events.

In addition to gaming and hotels, guests can enjoy European spa facilities, dining, shopping and live entertainment. The resort also features Dancing Rabbit Golf Club with two championship golf courses and Geyser Falls Water Theme Park. For more information on Pearl River Resort, visit www.pearlriverresort.com.



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TAYLOR MACHINE WORKS

With a complete fabrication shop and serving as the master distribution center for Taylor servicing parts, the Operations and Distribution Center of Sudden Service, Inc. is located at 103 Industrial Park Road in Philadelphia.

This 97,300-square-foot facility employs 68 people. Under the direction of plant manager, Michael Miller of Louisville, they manufacture 99 percent of service components.

The 12,000-square-foot machine shop services include engine transmission rebuilding, complete fabrication, machining, boring, grinding, straightening, honing, and welding.

With 25,400 line items, the master parts depot ships Taylor parts worldwide. Averaging 780 sales orders a week, the master parts depot is a key factor in Sudden Service dealer network.

In addition, a 25,000-square-foot warehouse has been leased in Philadelphia.

Taylor Machine Works, Inc., lo-



located in Louisville, is the last privately held manufacturer of industrial lift trucks operating in America today. The company was founded by W.A. Taylor, Sr., in 1927, as a small family-owned automotive and repair business.

In 1937, W.A. Taylor, Sr., produced his first conventional timber skidder. Later developed into a mo-

bile skidder and loader, this pioneer machine became known as the Loggers Dream.

The success of the Loggers Dream initiated a pattern of growth and expansion which became characteristic of the company.

A second dream product was introduced: the Pasture Dream. This permitted simultaneous application

of seed and fertilizer without seedbed preparation. Acceptance of these products encouraged the decision to expand the agricultural, forestry and reforestation product lines.

The early 1950s brought the development of the Yardster fork-lift trucks.

These rugged machines soon

found widespread acceptance in the handling of heavy and bulky materials such as lumber, prestressed concrete, steel and other primary metals, and containerized freight.

A line of pulpwood handling equipment, including the Pulpwood Dream and pulpwood Yardster followed and rapidly became the accepted standard for loading and unloading pulpwood in the growing number of concentration yards throughout the southeastern United States.

By the mid-1960s, Taylor Machine Works had one of the most advanced machine shops in the South, with heavy investments in modern machine tools.

Products included a complete line of heavy duty trailers (for transporting gravel, soil, etc.), numerous agricultural implements, reforestation equipment, log loaders, and other specialized machines in addition to the major line of fork-lift trucks.

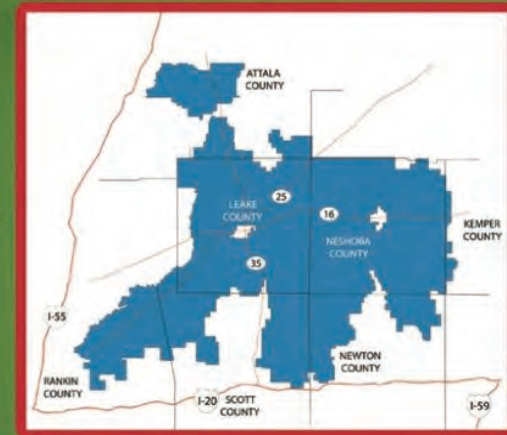
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Pearl River Graphics Printing

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, under the leadership of Tribal Chief Phylliss J. Anderson, has an enrolled membership of over 10,800 people and is the only federally recognized tribe in the State of Mississippi. Headquartered in Choctaw, the Tribe has emerged as a leader in economic development and provides a range of governmental services including schools, a health center and medical clinics, fire protection, law enforcement, courts and an elder center, among many others. As the largest employer in east central Mississippi, the Tribe owns and operates a diverse portfolio of businesses involved in high-tech manufacturing and services, construction, health care, retail and tourism industries.

The economic success the Tribe has experienced has been very beneficial to the residents of the surrounding communities in addition to the Choctaw workforce. The Tribe creates quality partnerships by leveraging its competitive advantages and core competencies. Tribal business capabilities extend beyond the state and have and currently include:

- Manufacture of Military Vehicle Climate Control Systems
- Pneumatic and Hydraulic Refurbishment
- Steel Fabrication and Assembly
- Powder Coating
- Calibration and Metrology Services
- Industrial, Commercial and Retail Facility Leasing and Management
- General Contractor Services
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- Injection Molded Plastic Components and Assemblies
- Commercial Agriculture
- Nursing Home Services
- Pharmaceutical & Cosmetics Packaging
- Commercial Printing Services

Tribal business operations include the following:

Chahta Enterprise

Chahta Enterprise was formed in 1979 to manufacture electronic wire harnesses for the automotive industry. Today, Chahta continues to assemble wiring harnesses in

its Carthage facilities. Chahta also operates a state-of-the-art commercial laundry that provides world-class linen services to the Pearl River Resort, regional healthcare facilities, and other commercial clientele across the state of Mississippi.

Chahta Holding Group, Inc.

Chahta Holding Group, Inc. serves as the parent company for three Tribally-chartered corporations: IKBI, Choctaw Ikhana and Choctaw Electrical.

Chahta Holding Group provides the core management and support functions for these tribally-chartered corporations.

IKBI, Inc.

IKBI, Inc. is a full service general contracting firm with expertise in design-build, new construction, renovation/restoration, and construction management. IKBI serves federal, state and local government clients and private sector clients throughout the Southeast. IKBI has successfully completed large commercial, industrial, and infrastructure projects. IKBI recently completed the con-

struction of the Choctaw Health Center located in Choctaw, MS. Because of its native roots, IKBI – meaning “to make” or “construct” in the Choctaw Native language – is especially aware of the importance of protecting the land and environment while participating in projects that stimulate economic development.

In a competitive market like construction, IKBI continues to offer clients the ability to adapt to the changes in industry standards and provide them with the best product. While at the same time, achieving cost savings due to the care taken to prevent waste and to protect environmental quality throughout the completion of every project. For more information on IKBI, please call (601) 656-1153.

Choctaw Electrical, Inc.

Choctaw Electrical is an electrical subcontracting company that handles all types of residential, commercial and industrial projects. No job is too big or too small. CE has experience in a wide array of areas such as general electrical work, fire alarm systems, card access systems,

security systems and telecommunication systems. For more information on Choctaw Electrical, please call (601) 656-7473.

Choctaw Ikhana, Inc.

Choctaw Ikhana was established in June 2008 as part of a diversification plan designed to better utilize the growing technological resources and expertise of the Tribe. Choctaw Ikhana is a provider of laboratory services to a variety of aerospace and defense customers, including Kelly Aviation Center, in San Antonio, Texas. Choctaw Ikhana also provides security guard services as well as computer software and IT services. For more information on Choctaw Ikhana, please call (601) 663-5259 or go to www.choctawikhana.com.

First American Plastic Molding

First American Plastic Molding Enterprise (FAPME) is a plastic injection molding operation with facilities in Ocean Springs, Mississippi and South Beloit, Illinois. They produce a wide range of plastic parts for customers such as McDonald's, Pepsi and Panasonic. For more information visit www.firstamericanplastics.com or call (815) 624-8538.

Choctaw Resort Development

This enterprise developed and operates the renowned Pearl River Resort for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. The Resort includes the Silver Star Hotel and Casino, Golden Moon Hotel and Casino, Bok Homa Casino, Dancing Rabbit Golf Club, Dancing Rabbit Inn and Geyser Falls Water Theme Park. For more information, please call 1-866-44PEARL or go to www.pearlriverresort.com.

Choctaw Shopping Center

The Choctaw Shopping Center Enterprise is a commercial development and leasing company that devel-

ops and manages income-producing real estate on the Reservation.

The Enterprise currently manages approximately 700,000 square feet of industrial, retail and other commercial facilities, including the Choctaw Town Center and the Choctaw TechParc.

For more information call (601) 650-1612.

Choctaw Residential Center

Choctaw Residential Center is a 120-bed licensed nursing facility. The Center provides 24-hour nursing care to Choctaw and non-Choctaw residents alike. The Center opened in 1986 and has provided a tremendous service to the local community while creating job opportunities for 125 people.

Choctaw Fresh Produce

Choctaw Fresh Produce (CFP) was formed by the Tribe in 2012 and is charged with growing and supplying as much of the fresh fruits and vegetables for the Tribe as possible. CFP has developed separate farming operations in Conehatta, Tucker, Red Water, Pearl River and Bogue Chitto communities.

They have also planted a 10-acre blueberry orchard. CFP has opened a retail Farmers Market in Pearl River, a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) Program and a Mobile Farmer's Market capable of delivering fresh produce to the outlying tribal communities.

For more information call (601) 650-1605.

Pearl River Graphics Printing

Pearl River Graphics Printing (PRGP) provides commercial printing services to local and regional customers. PRGP offers small and large format printing, full service copying and digital printing, and graphic design. PRGP operates in the Choctaw TechParc in Choctaw, MS. For more information, please call (601) 656-3636.

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Yates constructed the MAX in Meridian.

W. G. Yates & Sons Construction Company (Yates Construction) is part of The Yates Companies, Inc. who ranks among the top construction services providers in the nation. Committed to maintain its headquarters in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the company is in its 55th

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Convention focuses on government procurement

JACKSON - Businesses in Neshoba County interested in learning about subcontracting and procurement opportunities are invited to participate in the Mississippi Development Authority's 2019 Government Procurement Opportunities Conference and Trade Fair.

The event will be held Wednesday, May 15, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Jackson Convention Complex, located at 105 East Pascagoula Street in Jackson. A welcome reception featuring live

music by blues musician Jesse Robinson will be held Tuesday, May 14, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Two Mississippi Museums, located at 222 North Street in Jackson.

"MDA's Government Procurement Conference and Trade Fair is a valuable opportunity for Mississippi companies seeking to grow their business through partnerships with government agencies and corporations. The event also will ensure companies return home equipped with the knowledge and tools needed to successfully com-

pete for contracts in today's competitive economy," said MDA Executive Director Glenn McCullough, Jr.

Participating companies will make connections with federal, state and local governments and corporate buyers during the biennial event. The conference also promotes partnerships and strategic alliances to aid Mississippi businesses in competing in the global marketplace.

Invited U. S. government agencies and defense contractors in-

clude: Department of Defense (Army, Air Force and Navy) installations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, U.S. Small Business Administration, Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Lockheed Martin, The Boeing Company, Huntington Ingalls, Northrop Grumman and NASA.

Approximately 60 Mississippi state purchasing offices are invited to participate as exhibitors. Private sector invitees include Entergy; Mississippi Power; McDonalds

USA, LLC; MGM and Hertz Corporation.

For more information or to register for the 2019 Government Procurement Conference and Trade Fair, visit <https://bit.ly/2Hvo4dh>. For more information, contact Joyce Lenior with MDA's Minority and Small Business Development Division at 601-359-2904 or jlenior@mississippi.org.

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