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We congratulate Weathers Manufacturing, Inc., for being named 2009 Industry of the Year by the Harnett County Economic Development Commission (EDC). The EDC presents this award to one outstanding industry each year during Industry Appreciation Day events in October.

Since its beginning in 1973 in Duncan, NC, Weathers Manufacturing has remained family owned. Starting out as farm machinery repair shop, the company has shifted its services over the years, evolving in response to changes in industry.

“The company’s leadership is always responding to and capitalizing on the ever-

Weathers Manufacturing is Harnett County's

INDUSTRY OF THE YEAR



ABOVE: 2009 Industry of the Year: Weathers Manufacturing - Congratulations go to Linda Weathers, owner and president, who was honored along with Phillip Weathers and Gwen Weathers, the company’s vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

changing needs of business and industry,” says Angie Stewart, the EDC’s Industry Manager. “By keeping up with trends and new practices, they’ve been able to shift products and services to meet their customers’ needs.

We’re proud to have such a strong company as our Industry of the Year.”

Now located near Fuquay-Varina in a facility off of Highway 401, it is recognized as a quality contract job shop and contract manufacturer specializing in all forms of machining, metal fabrication, welding, engineering, design and production.

Weathers Manufacturing was honored as part of the annual Harnett County Industry Appreciation Day golf tournament and banquet held on October 22 at Chicora Country Club in Erwin.



Phase II Design of Brightwater Science and Technology Campus Complete

The Phase II design for the upcoming Brightwater Science and Technology Campus was recently approved by the Brightwater Board of Directors. The design, created by Withers & Ravenel in Cary, NC, includes both landscape and architectural features for the campus. It is located on U.S. Hwy. 401 in Lillington.

In addition to their work on this new campus, Withers & Ravenel has gained recognition through various honors and awards, including a spot on the national Engineering News-Record’s Top 500 Design Firms.



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Meet the Board

BARRY KELLY, who serves on the Emmett Edgerton Industrial Properties

Board (EEIP), may not be a Harnett County native, but our county is certainly where his heart lies. A native of Birmingham, AL, Kelly now resides in Dunn with his wife, Ella.

LOVING HIS DAY JOB

After working for 25 years in the paper industry, Kelly now sells antiques and refinished furniture, a job he loves. "My work is my hobby!" he says.

THINKING AHEAD

The blending of enjoyment with employment is something Kelly believes in. He says, "There is a lot of potential and a lot of good workers in the area. I want to see job opportunities grow here."

ABOUT HFTC

Kelly also believes in the purpose and efforts of the HFTC. "Economic development is extremely important," he says. "The HFTC's work is outstanding, and I am proud to be a part of it." For that reason, he's volunteered to serve on the EEIP, which was organized to support the HFTC's mission of economic growth in the county.



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FW Make way for new neighbors. The transition of U.S. Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) and U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC) from Atlanta, GA, to Fort Bragg, NC, is on schedule. The move-in date for the new headquarters building now under construction is set for June 2011. The move will result in 1,100 new jobs, half to be filled by personnel relocating from Atlanta, with the remaining to be filled locally.

FW HFTC supports local events. We sponsored the Central Carolina Community College Foundation Golf Classic and Campbell University's Department of Athletics' Fighting Camel Club Golf Tournament this fall.

FW Need a speaker? If you and your organization would like to know more about the HFTC and the current activities of the economic development efforts of Harnett County, call

FW The search is on for a new Director of the Harnett County EDC. A search committee is currently interviewing the final candidates for the position. The new Director will replace Lee Anne Nance, who recently took on the role of Senior Vice President of the Research Triangle Regional Partnership (RTRP).

Mark your calendar now! The HFTC Annual Dinner is set for Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, at the Campbell University Barker-Lane Stadium Field House in Buies Creek. Members will receive invitations by mail.