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**KINSTON LENOIR COUNTY CONTINUES
TO BE ON THE WAY!! THEN & NOW**

SPIRIT MOVING ONWARD & UPWARD

Spirit AeroSystems formally took possession of its plant at the Global TransPark and the TransPark Center was renamed in honor of the aeronautics manufacturer this past April. "It has been said many times before that partnership was the key factor in successfully bringing the



The Spirit project to the Global TransPark, and it will continue to be important as we move forward, GTP Executive Director Darlene Waddell said as a sign bearing the name "Spirit AeroSystems Composite Center of Excellence" was unveiled. Rick Davis, Spirit's N.C. site operations director and Dan Wheeler, vice-president and general manager of Spirit's N.C. Business Unit, said production of components of the central fuselage and the front wing spar for the Airbus 350 XWB passenger aircraft is scheduled to begin during July with a contingent of 250 workers. A dedication ceremony is planned for early July. Hiring of the 250 employees has already begun. Mr. Wheeler said 1,037 workers will be hired over the next four to five years.

SANDERSON FARMS PROCEEDING



Pic Billingsley, Sanderson Farms Director of Development and Engineering, said production at the Kinston processing site will begin January 2011 but much work has to be done before the anticipated start date. Sanderson Farms broke ground on construction for the processing plant last fall.

"We are pleased that better overall market conditions, our financial performance and a strong balance sheet have put us in the position to continue to grow our company," Sanderson Farms CEO Joe Sanderson Jr. said. "We are also proud to honor our commitment to the economic development and governmental officials in, and citizens of, the City of Kinston, Lenoir County and the State of North Carolina."

The budget for the project is now expected to be about \$121.4 million. The new facilities will comprise a state-of-the-art poultry complex with the capacity to process 1.25 million birds per week for the retail chill pack market. At full capacity, the complex will employ approximately 1,500 people, will require 130 contract growers, and will be equipped to process and sell 6.7 million pounds per week of dressed poultry meat at full production.

Mark Pope, Lenoir Economic Director, said Sanderson Farms will likely begin hiring employees for the new processing plant during the summer and fall of 2010. There will be about 160 salaried positions that will also pay between \$40,000 and \$100,000 annually, he said, and entry level pay will be \$10 an hour with opportunities for pay increases.





Dale Carroll, deputy secretary of NC Dept. of Commerce, presents to Greg Stoner, president of MasterBrand Cabinets.

MasterBrand Brings More Jobs

A \$5.3 million incentive package featuring perks from both local and state agencies lured a national cabinet manufacturer to choose its Kinston plant as the supporter of a new product line and recipient of more than 300 jobs. Officials from MasterBrand Cabinets joined a representative from the governor's office to announce 334 new jobs with an annual average salary of \$25,000 will be coming to Lenoir County over the next three years. The company plans to invest more than \$3.75 million during that time span and

increase its production output of 1,000 cabinets a day to 3,000 per day. The growth will more than double the Kinston facility's workforce, which now stands at 200 employees. "There will be opportunities on the production floor, as well as in engineering, manufacturing management and entry level office type jobs", stated Ron Cullison, general manager of MasterBrand Cabinets Kinston Operations. "We plan to hire 100 by the end of the year and will probably start hiring people mid to late summer so we need to get a full pool of applicants as soon as possible", said Mr.Cullison.



Dupont Sorona Partners with Toyota

DuPont officials announced earlier this year that fibers made from DuPont Sorona will be used for the ceiling surface skin, sun visor and pillar garnish of Toyota's new model SAI. DuPont Sorona site manager Harold Thomas said that the agreement shines a positive light on what is being produced at the Kinston plant. "We are already producing all that we can," Thomas said, "but, this agreement may allow us to expand in the future."

African-American Music Trail

NCDOT will partner with the N.C. Dept. of Cultural Resources to include funding for the next phase of the African-American Music Trail Project. The project is spearheaded by the N.C. Arts Council. This will bring greater visibility to the African-American traditions from eastern North Carolina. It will tell the story of musicians and singers then and now, representing N.C. to the world through their internationally acclaimed music. Eight eastern



Pitt, Wayne and Wilson. The project is expected to be complete by 2011. Internationally recognized musicians from the area include Kinston natives and brothers, Melvin Parker, a drummer for James Brown, and Maceo Parker, a saxophonist who also played for James Brown, Ray Charles and James Taylor.

Lenoir County STEM

The STEM initiative is a nationwide effort to develop the best methods to teach Science, Technology, Engineering and Math skills to students so they can be prepared for the job market of the future. The statewide Community Collaborative board selected Lenoir County as one of three communities to begin the STEM design process. "Our community was excited and honored by the selection and moved swiftly to convene a design team", said Steven Hill, Lenoir County Schools Director of Secondary Education.

Mother Earth Brewery

Demolition of the interior of the building at Heritage and North Streets began last February, followed by the construction of the brewery within its walls. Trent Mooring serves as president, Stephen



STEM organizers have stressed that the four skills are not just applicable to jobs in those fields, but many other professions, from farming to plumbing to music. Tom Vermillion leads the STEM team efforts for the Lenoir Committee of 100, Inc.

Kinston – "All-America City"

Kinston is proud to be 1 of 10 communities selected by the National Civic League as an All-American City in 2009. The All-American City Award is America's oldest and most prestigious community recognition award. Since 1949, the All-America City Award has encouraged and recognized civic excellence, honoring communities of all sizes (cities, towns, counties, neighborhoods, and regions) in which citizens, governments, businesses, and voluntary organizations work together to address critical local issues.



Dopaco's Good News

Gene Byrd, director of Business Retention and Expansion for the N.C. Commerce Department, congratulates Dopaco Manager Mike Gutowski and Donald Heisey, vice president of human resources .

Best Diamond Expands

A Kinston manufacturer that has been expanding since it arrived in town more than five years ago will continue to grow despite an ongoing recession. "I tell my (employees), what you see on television and in the media, that has nothing to do with us", Best Diamond co-founder and President Kevin Thorne said.

Best Diamond Packaging LLC born out of a partnership with Dopaco Inc., which also maintains a facility in Kinston. It manufactures napkins and packaging materials for the food industry. Thorne plans to invest about \$4.5 million in capital expansions to a 210,000 square foot plant in the US 70 West Industrial Park on Airport Road. "We've built here, and we're proud to be part of the fabric of this community", Mr. Thorne stated.

Dopaco opened its Kinston facility in 1993. Since then, the plant has grown to a 300,000 square-foot building with a current workforce of 204. "I have personally seen our company grow four to five times its size since 1993, and much of that growth has taken place in Kinston", said Donald Heisey. The new employees will create a total workforce of 327. Dopaco's total investment will be \$25. million and 123 new jobs.



Kevin Thorne announces company plans

Electrolux invests \$55 million more

During the next five years, Electrolux will invest \$55 million to manufacture a low-end dishwasher product line at their Lenoir County facility. The company will expand their already 50,000 square-foot building. "The expansion was made possible by the cooperation of local and state officials", said Kevin Dexter, Electrolux general manager and vice-president. Mr. Dexter also said that his company has invested \$75 million since 2004 at the local plant.

Lenoir County Commissioner, Mr. George Graham, welcomed Electrolux's economic announcement and thanked the Lenoir Committee of 100 for working with industries to expand or locate to the region. "The Committee of 100 does things local governments cannot do to attract business", Commissioner Graham said.



Deputy Secretary of NC Dept. of Commerce makes presentation to Mr. Kevin Dexter of Electrolux.



**Select Food Service Building
1257 Enterprise Boulevard**

Welcome Select Food Service

Select Food & Vending Service opened its doors in early 2009. The new business provides vending service, catering and includes beautiful banquet facility for a variety of functions. It employs 52 full-time people and has invested \$2.4 million in Kinston-Lenoir County.

Delta acquires Segrave Aviation

Segrave Aviation began operations in 1994 in Kinston. Today, it directs a fleet of managed aircraft specializing in wholesale charter aviation services, private aircraft management, aircraft maintenance and fixed base operations. This past January, Delta AirElite, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines, announced the purchase of Segrave Aviation. "Coupling Delta's world-renowned brand and reputation for service with Segrave's history as an innovator in private jet operations is a natural fit for the customers who have long counted on Segrave and Delta AirElite," said Jim Segrave. "All of us at Segrave look forward to our new partnership with Delta and the opportunity to grow this exciting segment of Delta's business."



Frank Beachem, left, of Northrop Grumman Corporation and Marc McConnell, right, of Mountain Aircraft Services, Inc. at the award ceremony in Los Angeles.

Mountain Aircraft Services

Mountain Aircraft Services, Inc. of Kinston, N.C. was recently recognized by Northrop Grumman Corporation as a World Class Supplier at its annual recognition event on Dec. 4, 2009 in Los Angeles, Calif. Outstanding employees and suppliers were recognized for their extraordinary performance and support of the company's Socio-Economic Business Programs .



Shell Building #3

Kinston/Lenoir county's third shell building located at the intersection of Enterprise Boulevard and Smithfield Way is being constructed to attract industry and is complete. The 40,000-square foot structure can be extended to 160,000-square feet and features 30-foot high ceilings. "This was a team effort", said Mr. Mark Pope of the Lenoir Economic Development Department. "It took a lot of folks. The partnership and teamwork between the city and county continues to grow. We're excited about this because we have such a good team." Mr. Pope positively reported that his office has received several serious inquiries regarding the #3 Shell Building and feels certain that it will soon be occupied.

Welcome & Thank our 2009-2010 New Individual Members

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