

COMMITTEE OF 100 NEWSLETTER
September 2001

Local Healthcare Industry Goes Public

A luncheon was held recently at Zimmer Patient Care to celebrate their spinoff from Bristol-Myers Squibb. Some company officials attending the luncheon were Chairman/CEO Ray Elliott and Larry Harvey, Vice President of operations and logistics.



In the photo above left to right: Larry Harvey, Jeff Matthews, and Ray Elliott

Zimmer manufactures orthopedic equipment and supplies and employs approximately 177. Some of Zimmer's accomplishments include two safety awards in 2001 from the North Carolina Department of Labor and a sales growth more than double that of their three main competitors.

Lowe's Home Improvements to Expand Distribution Facility

The 1,000,000 square foot distribution facility Lowe's constructed on Tomlin Mill Road in Statesville will be expanding soon. A \$12 million, 260,000 square foot addition will be built opening up 30 new positions for employment.

We congratulate Lowe's with their success!

Evernham Motorsports Announces Expansion

Evernham Motorsports plans to expand their racing shop located in the Airport Industrial Park. A team headquarters facility consisting of 45,000 square feet will be added. They will also hire approximately 45-60 new employees. Please join us in congratulating Evernham Motorsports with their success as well.



NCCBI Magazine to Feature Greater Statesville Area

NORTH CAROLINA, the monthly business magazine published by NCCBI, will be featuring Greater Statesville again this year in their September issue. This community profile will be presented at the annual regional meeting in Statesville on September 21, 2001 (see agenda on back page). If you are unable to attend the meeting, and would like a copy, please call the Greater Statesville Development Corporation office at 704/871-0062 and we'll be glad to send you one.

Iredell County Civilian Labor Force Estimates

	Apr 2001	May 2001	June 2001	July 2001
Labor Force	63950	65720	65270	65870
Employed	61150	61290	62160	62290
Unemployed	2800	4430	3110	3580
Rate %	4.4	6.7	4.8	5.4

Source: Employment Security Commission

2000-2001 Tax Rate Survey

County	Tax Rate 1999-00	Tax Rate 2000-01
Alexander	.59	.65
Catawba	.495	.495
Davie	.63	.63
Iredell	.47	.47
Mecklenburg	.73	.73
Rowan	.635	.635
Wilkes	.52	.535
Yadkin	.58	.58

Source: NC Association of County Commissioners

Property Tax Base Growth

(real, personal, and public service companies - Iredell County (5th in the State))

	1997/98 Property Tax Base	1998/99 Property Tax Base	% Growth 97-98 / 98-99	Increase
Cabarrus	6,641,819,766	7,764,438,339	16.9%	1,122,618,73
Mitchell	678,744,153	791,070,462	16.5%	112,326,309
Durham	11,514,543,608	12,586,599,585	9.3%	1,072,055,977
Chatham	2,494,793,690	2,719,436,045	9.0%	224,642,355
Iredell	6,747,214,268	7,281,525,927	7.9%	534,311,659

Source: NC Association of County Commissioners

Welcome New Committee of 100 Members

Please help us welcome our new Committee of 100 members. The list below is a recap of those who joined this year. **Thank you** so much for your help and support of the greater Statesville area. Membership is now at 101 with \$30,950 in contributed funds:

Bell Construction Co., Inc.
Carolina Primary & Urgent Care
CommScope, Inc.
Edifice, Inc.
ElectriCities of North Carolina
Plastiflex North Carolina, LLC
Matthews Construction Co.
Qualifying Profiles, Inc.
R & J Webbing Corp.
Statesville Auto Auction
Westaff

Why Stand In Line When You Can Go Online?

The Employment Security Commission's internet claims application is a quick and easy way to file your initial claim for unemployment insurance benefits. If you have earned wages in North Carolina, live in North Carolina or a border state, and have access to the Internet at home, school or through a public library, then you can file for benefits and register for work in as little as 20 minutes online. To file for unemployment insurance benefits online:

Go to ESC Online at www.ncesc.com:

- Click *Individual Service*;
- Click on *Register For Work/Apply For Unemployment Benefits* (claims application is available Mon-Fri, 6am-9:30pm; Sat, 6am-12midnight; & Sun, 12pm -11:30pm);
- You will be asked to enter your Social Security number to begin process;
- You must read benefits rights information screen before continuing with the claim. This is important to your understanding of unemployment insurance benefits;
- Once your S.S. # has been confirmed, you will be asked to provide information about your previous employment, training and education, military service, US citizenship, and your availability to work;
- Enter required information on each screen, click *Next* at bottom of screen to continue;
- At any time, you can choose to quit the application and save your work with a PIN #. You then have 15 days to return to ESC Online and complete the application. To enter or update information later, you will be required to enter your S.S. # and PIN;
- When the application is completed, either cancel or submit your claim for benefits. Once the claim is submitted, you will see a message if additional information is needed to process your claim. You will be asked to contact your nearest ESC office within 5 days to schedule an appointment for additional required services; you will also be given information about actively seeking work and filing your weekly claim via telephone, including what day to file, and what phone number to use;
- By filing your claim online, you will also be registered for work through ESC so our staff can help you find a suitable job as quickly as possible. In addition, you will be able to search for available jobs on ESC's web site.

Submitted by Jean Manall, Manager, ESC

NAHB and NACo Reach Agreement

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) and the National Association of Counties (NACo) have entered into a partnership agreement in order to work more closely on efforts to create sustainable local communities throughout the United States. The agreement was announced April 4th during a meeting of NACo's Large Urban County Caucus.

Both NACo and NAHB have embraced smart growth and are working to educate and inform their members, policy makers and the public about the importance of reforms that encourage innovative land use and comprehensive planning. Both organizations agree that the best way to address problems such as traffic congestion, crowded schools and loss of open space is to build a strong public-private partnership at the local level.

"The men and women who lead this nation's counties are key partners in the effort to solve our growth-related challenges because they understand the difficult decisions that have to be made at the local level," said NAHB First Vice President Gary Garczynski, a home builder from Northern Virginia. "County officials see first hand the relationship between job growth and housing demand. They know that growth can occur in ways that create thriving communities while preserving meaningful open space and environmentally sensitive areas." "NACo and NAHB strongly believe that affordable housing and smart growth issues require immediate action with locally derived solutions," said Jane Hague, President of NACo and member of King County, Washington, metropolitan council. "We will be working together to assure that quality housing for all Americans is an integral component of community planning."

NACo and NAHB agree to support:

- Locally based planning initiatives that ensure the economic, environmental,

social and housing needs of community residents are met and preserved;

- Multi-stakeholders collaboration and dialogue on growth and development issues;
- Fair and efficient regional transportation plans;
- Local authority and autonomy on growth and development issues;
- Availability and attainability of housing that is affordable for citizens of all income levels and backgrounds;
- Investments in community development and sustainability that improve the quality of life, including homeownership initiatives, redevelopment initiatives and infrastructure programs;
- Legislation to reform brownfields cleanup and redevelopment efforts; and
- Reform of the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

County governments play a pivotal role in determining the nation's land-use patterns. With increasing frequency, counties are required to make tough choices about how to accommodate growth in a way that promotes fiscal prosperity, social equity and environmental quality. NAHB represents more than 203,000 member firms and professionals involved in all aspects of the home building and remodeling industry. "These two organizations have a tremendous opportunity to work collaboratively to shape growth and the quality of our communities in very positive ways," Garczynski said.

Submitted by Robb Collier, Iredell County Home Builders Assoc.

Chamber Events

The Mike Cross Show on Friday September 21 at 7:30 PM will be the last of our concert series for 2001. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$12 for senior citizens and \$10 for children under 16. There are also special VIP tables in front for \$160 that seat 8 people. They can only be purchased at the Chamber. Tickets are on sale at the Chamber and Piedmont Bank locations.

The Chamber's newest event is coming up on October 4 & 5 called the Tee and Tailgate Classic, formerly the Industrial Golf Outing. Everyone should have received a registration form by now. The golf tournament is at Fox Den and you have a choice of playing either on that Thursday or Friday. The two-day event will culminate into a Tailgate Party at the Fairgrounds on Friday from 8:00 - 12:00 featuring the Fantastic Shakers. Tailgate spaces are \$60 per car with individual tickets at \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate if you do not want to tailgate. If you need another registration form for either event, please give us a call at 704-873-2892.

Submitted by Danny Hearn, President/Greater Statesville Chamber of Commerce

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Business & Industry Updates

Expansions:

Lowe's Home Improvements:

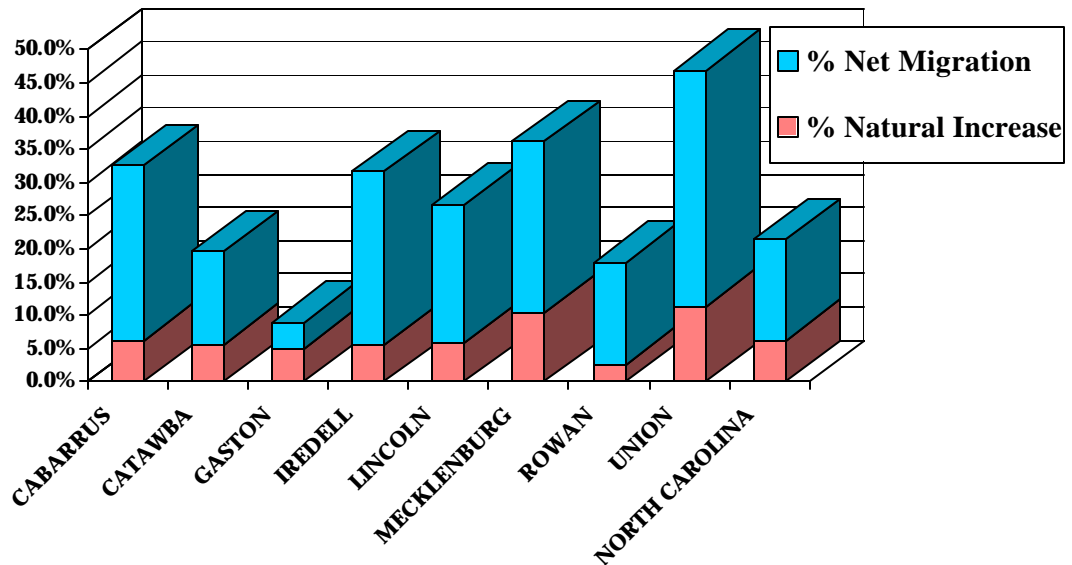
Square Footage: 260,000
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 Investment: \$12 million

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 Jobs: 45-60
 Investment: \$8.1 million

Population Growth By County 1990-2000

Chart provided by Centralina Council of Governments (Source: NC State Data Center)



COMMITTEE OF 100 MEETING

September 21, 2001 / 7:30 a.m.

Statesville Civic Center - 300 S. Center St., Statesville, NC

North Carolina Citizens for Business & Industry (NCCBI) Annual Regional Meeting

7:30 a.m.
Profile

- 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast / Presentation of Community

Please RSVP 704-871-0062 to ensure food count and name tags



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