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# Governor Pat McCrory's Weekly Newsletter

March 23, 2015

## **Packrite, LLC expansion to add 100 new jobs in Guilford County**

Governor McCrory, N.C. Commerce Secretary John E. Skvarla III and the Economic Development Partnership of N.C. announced Tuesday that Packrite, LLC will expand its operations in Guilford County and create 100 new jobs over the next five years. The company plans to invest \$8.9 million in building and equipment in the city of High Point over the course of the first year.



"Packrite is a home-grown, locally-owned North Carolina company that has a successful history in High Point," said Governor McCrory. "This is a company that was started during a down economy and has grown to be an industry leader in just a few short years."

Packrite was founded in 2008 by Mary and Michael Drummond. By 2012, the company was ranked #205 (#1 in Manufacturing) in Inc. magazine's list of fastest growing 500 privately-owned companies in America. The company manufactures high end fluted graphic packaging and folded paperboard packaging for a variety of uses and products. Packrite currently has 78 employees in Guilford County.

## **Governor McCrory celebrates farmers at NC Agriculture Awareness Day rally**

Governor McCrory was joined by Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler and other state leaders outside the State Capitol on Wednesday for a rally for NC Agriculture Awareness Day.



In front of a crowd of several hundred people, the governor celebrated the importance of North Carolina's farmers, agriculture research and development and paving the way for the farmers of the future. The governor's proposed budget includes needed investments to support farmers and help the agriculture industry, which is the largest in the state, having a \$78 billion impact on our economy.

## **NC's public schools celebrate 175th anniversary**

Governor McCrory celebrated the 175th anniversary of North Carolina's public school system alongside principals, superintendents, school board members, teachers, parents and students gathered in Raleigh for the 2015 NCASA Conference

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### Notable and Quotable

*"Friday morning, Gov. Pat McCrory, along with Secretary of Commerce John Skvarla and Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources Susan W. Kluttz, spoke to attendees about success of the Main Street program across the state and encouraged everyone to speak with state legislators on the need to reinstate the Historic Tax Credits...I'm more optimistic than ever that this Main Street program will flourish and grow over time. No, our central business district is not dead and its future is bright."*

("Publisher's Perspective: Our Main Street has a bright future," Titus Workman, [The Daily Herald](#), March 22, 2015)

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#### **Seen on the Web:**

**@PatMcCroryNC:**  
I met Stevie Nicks on Tuesday night at the @fleetwoodmac concert in Greensboro! Great music & a lot of fun



Executive Governor Pat McCrory for the 2014 North Carolina Commencement on Educational Leadership on Thursday. The governor spoke on how his administration plans to build on the success of the last 175 years to ensure the state is the best for students and teachers.



The governor's focus remains on better leadership, high expectations from students and teachers, consistent goals and conscious investments to improve the strength and health of the state's public schools, which is of vital importance to the economy and the future of society.

## Governor, First Lady "Light the Way" for World Down Syndrome Day

Governor Pat McCrory and First Lady Ann McCrory lit the Executive Mansion and Western Residence in blue on Saturday after sunset to observe [World Down Syndrome Day](#). The residences were illuminated until midnight.

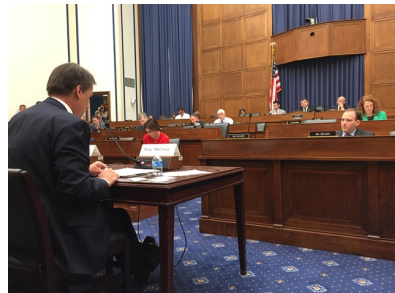


"We are honored to light up the Executive Mansion and Western Residence in blue to join with New Jersey's First Lady Mary Pat Christie's Light the Way Campaign for a third year," First Lady Ann McCrory said. "Bringing awareness to Down syndrome cognitive research in

Raleigh, Asheville and across North Carolina supports and empowers so many children, adults and families."

World Down Syndrome Day, celebrated March 21st, is an internationally recognized day chosen for the third copy of the 21st chromosome (3-21) that defines the genetic condition. Last March, the governor hosted members of the Triangle Down Syndrome Network and Piedmont Down Syndrome Support Network, two regional family support and advocacy groups, at the mansion to commemorate the day.

## Governor McCrory represents NGA, testifies before Congress about nation's transportation needs



Governor McCrory testified before Congress on Tuesday on behalf of the National Governors Association about the need for continued federal support for transportation, and maintaining the states' critical infrastructure.

"As we have learned in North Carolina, connecting our communities attracts businesses and brings jobs to the people of our state," said Governor McCrory. "Congress must address these needs as quickly as possible so that the economic growth and development of our nation continues as it has right here in North Carolina."

## Public Safety teams up with waste industries for Litter Free NC campaign



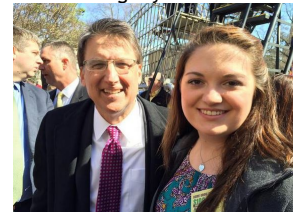
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Commemorating 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville w/  
**@PatMcCroryNC** and crowd of 25,000+  
**@BentonvilleSHS**



**@HistPres\_Jones:**  
Special guest speakers **@PatMcCroryNC** and **@SusanKluttzDCR** take the stage at #NCMainSt2015!



**@kr\_groce:**  
North Carolina is blessed with a governor who supports agriculture! Thank you **@PatMcCroryNC!**  
#AgDay2015



## Litter Free NC campaign

A cleaner state is a safer state, according to officials with the N.C. Department of Public Safety which has teamed up with Waste Industries to install Litter Free NC billboards along major thoroughfares in the state.



“Waste Industries has helped us take a giant step forward in reminding the public not to trash our treasure,” DPS Secretary Frank L. Perry said. “Nothing says more about the people and character of North Carolina to visitors, industry and our own residents than clean thoroughfares, interstates and neighborhoods. Our hope is that other businesses will take up the cause and adopt the Litter Free NC campaign.”


The [billboard](#) was designed by the Department of Public Safety in conjunction with Waste Industries which paid for the billboards.

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