



Council Tool float to lead parade

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John Council, president and CEO of Council Tool Company, along with some of the company's employees and their children, will lead the Lake Waccamaw Winter Festival parade on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 10:30 a.m.

For more than 120 years, Council Tool of Lake Waccamaw has manufactured top-quality tools that have served customers worldwide.

Founded in 1886 by John Pickett "Mr. J.P." Council, the company pioneered and manufactured tools for the naval stores industry.

As that industry began to wane, J.P.'s sons, K. Clyde Council and John M. Council Sr., stepped in to manufacture new products that had a wider appeal.

The next generation followed in the footsteps of their uncle and father as John M. "Jack" Council and Edward L. "Ned" Council joined the company.

A new chapter in the company's history is being written today by the fourth generation, John M. Council III, and his sisters Pickett and Margo.

"We appreciate the Town of Lake Waccamaw for thinking of us.

Throughout its 122-year history, Council Tool has been fortunate to have hard working employees who care about the products they produce," said John Council III. "It is largely through their efforts – then and now – that we have been able to remain a viable economic concern."

"We wanted to honor Mr. Council, his family and employees because of their long-standing tradition of quality tools that are made right here in Lake Waccamaw," said Town Manager Darren Currie.

"Council Tool is a local business that continues to grow and prosper and we're very proud of them."