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ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company, celebrating its own 30th anniversary in Hunterdon County, announced its sponsorship of the 300th birthday celebration of Hunterdon County in 2014.

Although settled in the early 1600s, Hunterdon County was officially incorporated on March 22, 1714 and was the largest county in the colony of New Jersey, stretching from the Assampink in the middle of Trenton to the New York State border. Hunterdon played a predominant role in the Revolutionary War as both Trenton and Hopewell were part of the county at that time. The Battle of Trenton and General George Washington's Crossing of the Delaware River are two events among dozens that will be highlighted in 2014.

The Hunterdon County Tricentennial Committee is planning at least one major event during every month in 2014 including a Civil War Encampment, a One Man Show on the life of Charles Lindbergh, Black River and Western Train Excursion, Leni Lenape Indian Encampment and a major display of historic quilts. Besides major events, there will be dozens of lectures focusing on the history of the county including architecture, interesting wills, house genealogies, women, slavery and the dairy industry. A series of walking tours will bring the public to small hamlets and villages throughout the county. There are also a variety of bus tours planned to see lime kilns, farms, churches and taverns.

Emil Jacobs, Ph.D., vice president of Research and Development for ExxonMobil, who presented the \$25,000 check to Hunterdon County Tricentennial Committee Chair Marcia A. Karrow and Vice Chair Catherine McVicker, stated that "the variety of events, activities and lectures shows the depth of Hunterdon's rich history and the commitment by the Tricentennial Committee volunteers to honor that history. ExxonMobil and its predecessor companies have a long history in the County and we are very pleased to support Hunterdon's major milestone. The ExxonMobil Technology Center is proud to call Hunterdon our home." Jacobs was joined by Chuck Darnell, manager of Research and Development Support Services, Ken Del Rossi, manager of Process Technology and Jeff Morrison, business advisor for Research and Development Support Services.

Opened in 1983, the ExxonMobil Research and Engineering Company Technology Center in Annandale pursues a wide range of research activities from basic science to advanced engineering. Researchers, technicians and engineers are exploring the fundamental science behind next generation fuels and vehicles, developing new technologies to improve the safety and efficiency of ExxonMobil's operations, and building new methodologies and capabilities to support these efforts.

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The Hunterdon County Tricentennial Committee is a registered Federal and NJ State not-for-profit established in 2011 to create educational programs and events for the 300th birthday celebration of Hunterdon in 2014. The Committee currently has more than 150 volunteers who are planning almost as many lectures, tours, events and activities. Chairwoman Karrow acknowledged the significance of the ExxonMobil grant, "This donation guarantees the Hunterdon County Tricentennial Committee's ability to offer quality, educational and fun activities and programs in 2014. Because of ExxonMobil's generosity, the 300th will be a yearlong celebration that will be talked about for generations. We are both proud and happy to call ExxonMobil our friend, partner and sponsor."

For more information on the county's tercentennial, please visit the website www.hunterdon300th.org.

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