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## County Welcomes New Business

DINWIDDIE, VA – The Dinwiddie Department of Economic Development is pleased to welcome Richlands Creamery, LLC as its newest local business. Governor Ralph Northam made the announcement today, which equates to a \$1,700,000 investment and 17 new jobs. The business will be located at Richlands Dairy Farm, a longstanding, commercial dairy and agritourism destination in Dinwiddie County.

Regarding the announcement, Governor Northam stated, “Richlands Creamery will soon begin operations in Dinwiddie County, demonstrating the hard work and innovation of Virginia’s farmers and further strengthening our rural economy.”

Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry Bettina Ring stated “I am thrilled to partner with Dinwiddie County and the Virginia Tobacco Commission to help make this project a reality.”

Coley Jones Drinkwater, President of Richlands Creamery shared “Richlands Creamery will establish production of value-added dairy products, including varieties of fluid milk, half & half, butter and ice cream.” Coley continued, “This business model will allow the Jones family to continue their dairy farming heritage into the next generation and avoid joining the mass exodus of dairy farms across the United States.”

“Richlands Dairy embodies the heart and soul of Dinwiddie County,” said Dr. Mark E. Moore, Chairman of the Dinwiddie Board of Supervisors. “It’s agricultural foundation and family-oriented operation enriches the lives of Dinwiddie citizens and those in Nottoway County as well. We are excited about their expansion and look forward to being home to Richlands Creamery, LLC.”

Richlands Creamery, LLC is located at 116 Cox Road, Blackstone, VA.

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