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## Webster Enterprises adds workers



Webster Enterprises employees Becky Fisher, left, and Betty Brooks, fold a large drape used in heart surgery. The manufacturing facility on Little Savannah Road is experiencing job growth and has added 18 workers since November. A community-owned non-profit, WE provides jobs and vocational rehabilitation to people with disabilities as well other workers in Jackson, Macon and Swain counties. Plans to modernize and expand the plant are under way, and Webster has already secured \$87,500 in grant funding towards the \$200,000 needed for the upgrades. WE will celebrate its 35th anniversary this year and is looking for local government and community support and financing to help secure the monies necessary to continue growth and spur job creation, according to Director Gene Robinson. The new hires were made possible because of a new job – a surgical instrument cover – that Webster recently acquired to go along with the disposable surgical drapes that make up some 90 percent of its production. More photos are online [here](#). – Herald photo by Nick Breedlove

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