



Woven Threads

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A Message From The President

The year 2010 has been good for our company in many ways. For most of the year, particularly the second half, we have been able to run our equipment a full 5 to 6 days, while at the same time reducing our cloth inventories to their lowest levels in many years.

One reason for this is that the Asian economies have picked up and consumers in Asia have been buying more products made there, which has increased the demand for our fabrics here.

There has also been a tightness in the world supply of cotton and more recently polyester, which has increased activity in our markets as well. As of right now, it appears that our business will be pretty strong through first quarter 2011 and hopefully remain good for the first half of the year. This should

translate into a full running schedule for the foreseeable future. We remain optimistic about our business opportunities.

Thank you for your loyalty and dedication during this past year. Our plants are still very complicated as far as product mix and styles and it is to your credit that we operate with high efficiencies and very low seconds. As we move into different, more critical markets, we will need to continue to make a high quality fabric to satisfy our customers and the consumers' needs.

For those of you who retired in 2010, we wish you the very best and thank you for your dedication to Hamrick Mills. All of our retired employees have played a vital role in our company's success and longevity. Without you, we would not still be operating today and we appreciate

all that you have done to make that possible.

The holiday season is a time to reflect on our blessings, to look around our community and see how we can be of service to others. One way to do that is by supporting the United Way, which our plants and office did in record fashion this year. Thanks to your help, our UW gives support to over 25 agencies in Cherokee County and will be able to help thousands of people in need in our area.

Of course, there are many other ways we can help others, either financially or by our actions, so hopefully, we can find an opportunity to share the blessings we have all been given.

May you and your family have a wonderful Christmas and a healthy, prosperous 2011.

Employee Appreciation Dinner - December 8





Employees Celebrate Winter Birthdays



January Birthdays

| | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Ricky Allred, Jr. | Lillian Coffey | Raymond Huskey | Adam Mann | Danny Peeler |
| Mike Brittain | Veronica Davis | Gina Jolley | Mario Martinez | Joel Seals |
| Maurice Burris, Jr. | Caryn Graham | James Jones | Roger McAbee | Charlotte Upton |
| Ray Chalk | James Guilmette | Jennie Jones | David Messer | Brandon Walker |
| Thomas Clark | Judy Harris | Roy Lockett | John Morgan | Steve West |
| Shawn Cody | Keith Humphries | Allison Lush | Michael Parris | Mary Wyatt |

February Birthdays

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|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| Randy Arrowood | Anita Foxx | Michael Horne | Frankie Martin | John Reed |
| Clark Baker | Linda Franklin | Ruby Kelly | Amanda Mathis | Donnie Tate |
| Ernest Blanton | Thomas Greene | Jerry Knighten | Billy McDaniel | Patricia Toney |
| Ruby Bolin | Sylvester Gregory, Jr. | Renee Knox | Ozzie Phillips | Jim Westmoreland |
| Valentine Edwards | Diane Heavener | Leslie Martin | Edward Pittman | Ricky Whisonant |
| | | | | Donald Wyatt |

March Birthdays

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|-------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Richard Atkins | Neal Duffie | Albert Kinney | Janice Mullinax | Dennis Ray |
| Kevin Blackwell | Lillie Hammett | Jamie Lail | Karen Mullinax | Tony Rayfield |
| Joe Bonner | Frances Harris | Teresa Looney | Rhonda Mullinax | Tina Robbins |
| Toney Carroll | Earl Harvey | Wayne Mason | Bobby Parker | Karen Upchurch |
| Ronnie Dover | Amber Hyler | Clarence Messer | Sam Petty | Charlie Varner |
| Ronnie Dover, Jr. | Yvonne Jones | Karen Montgomery | Santos Ramos | Johnny Whitaker, Jr. |
| | | | | Don Yelton |



Protect Yourself From Bed Bugs!



According to an entomologist from Michigan, bed bugs are arriving in the United States on clothing, sheets, towels, etc. made in companies outside of America. These countries do not consider them a problem.

He recommends that if you buy any new clothing, even underwear, socks, sheets, or towels, etc. that you put them in your clothes dryer for at least 20 minutes. The heat will kill the bed bugs as well as their eggs. Do not purchase clothes and hang them in the closet first. It only takes one item that has the bugs or eggs and you will have a horrible time trying to get rid of them.

It does not matter the price range of the clothing or if it comes from the most expensive store in the U.S. They still get shipments from these countries and the bugs can come in a box of scarves or anything else for that matter.

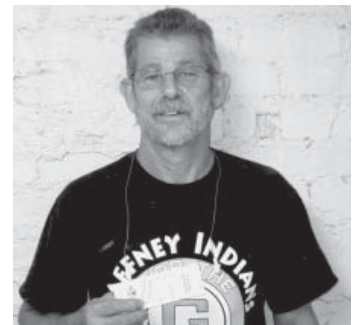
Loyal Game Supporters Win Tickets By Wearing Their Team's T-Shirt



Sylvester Gregory, who works in spinning at the Hamrick Plant, won two tickets to the Gaffney vs. Rock Hill game.



Monica Robertson, who works in spinning at the Musgrove Plant, and Lollie Huitt, who works in weaving at the Musgrove Plant, won tickets and a parking pass to the Gaffney vs. Clover football game on October 8.



Thomas Lavender, who works in carding at the Hamrick Plant, won one ticket to the Gaffney vs. Rock Hill game.

Annual Health Fair Helps Keep Employees Healthy



Congratulations to left, Patty McKinney, Musgrove, spinning, and right, Gail Starnes, Hamrick, spinning, who won the drawings for a free lunch at Daddy Joes.



Employees who attended the Health Fair had the opportunity to win a drawing for two \$500 Saving Bonds. Congratulations to, left, Rhonda Mullinax, Musgrove, warp prep, and right, Andy Smith, Hamrick, weaving.

Ronnie Dobbins Joins Musgrove Plant As Second Shift Supervisor

Ronnie Dobbins recently joined the Musgrove Plant as second shift warp prep supervisor.

Ronnie has 32 years textile

experience, working at Master Craft in Spindale, NC for 28 years. He began his career in weaving and worked his way up to supervisor over weaving and warping.

Ronnie is pleased to be a part of Hamrick Mills. "I especially like the fact that the company is family owned and is a very secure company to work for," he says.

As supervisor, Ronnie is responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations on the second shift. "I make sure we get our part of the job done, supplying the weave room with what they need in order to keep their machines running. I enjoy working with the people. It's gratifying to help them, having a positive impact on their lives."



Ronnie Dobbins

Employee's Sons Play On Little League All Star Teams

For the past seven years, Brian Leach, who works in carding on the first shift at the Hamrick Plant, has been coaching his sons' Little League football teams.

During the 2010 season, he coached his son, Savant's team, the Bull Dogs, who finished the season 5 and 3. Savant plays linebacker and wide receiver.

Brian was then chosen as one of the coaches for the All Star team, and Savant was chosen for the team. It was a great combination, as they went on to win the championship on Nov. 20, 8 to 0.

"I love football and coaching," says Brian. "The kids have a wonderful time. I enjoy teaching the sport to all the players. My son was very excited and is already looking forward to playing next year."

The game was a family affair for the Leach family. Brian's daughter,



Left, Chico and Robert Martinez, kicker for the Bandits



Brian Leach is one of the Bull Dogs, coaches. His son, Savant, plays linebacker.

Imani, who is 6 years old and on a cheerleading team, was selected to cheer at the All Star game. His oldest son, Vaughn Rogers, who is 12, played in his league's All Star game.

Chico Martinez, who works in carding on the first shift at the Hamrick Plant, also attends a lot of football games, eagerly watching his son, Robert, 13, who is a kicker for the Bandits. For the past two years, the team has won the championship. Robert was chosen for this year's All Star team. They went on to win the championship, 27 to 0.

"Robert plays all sports," says Chico. "He has been playing football, basketball, soccer, and baseball since 2004 and has many trophies."

The Birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-20 (NIV)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

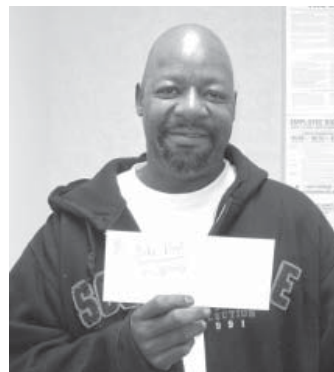
And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Keeping Informed At The T. Rowe Price Meetings



Employees who attended the T. Rowe Price meetings in October were eligible for a drawing for a \$50 gift card to Lowe's. Congratulations to the winners, left to right, Gene Millwood, Hamrick, warp prep, Jackie Duncan, Hamrick, spinning, John Reed, Musgrove, spinning and Michael Scruggs, Musgrove, weaving.

"It is easy to be pleasant when life goes like a song, but it is something else when everything goes wrong." June 27, 1911



“Bonanza” Search Puzzle

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 L I T T L E J O E T B U C K
 O R E C D X U M P O M E W E
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Search Puzzle Words

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| Bonanza | Sierra Nevadas | Hop Sing |
| Virginia City | Cartwrights | Buck |
| Ponderosa | Cochise | Adam |
| Ben | Candy | Sport |
| Hoss | Rabbits | Blue Dress |
| Little Joe | Chubb | Curse |
| | Roy Coffee | Silver Dollar |

See if you can find all the words in our “Bonanza” Search Puzzle. Give your entry with your name, department and shift to your supervisor and you will be eligible to win a \$15 gift card.

Name _____ Department _____ Shift _____

“Common honesty and telling the truth are golden threads that run throughout the wide range of commercial activity.” May 6, 1911



Congratulations to the winners of the tickets to the Kiwanis Pancake Supper on November 5: left, Judy Harris and Penny Spencer, Musgrove Plant, and, right, Larry Cobb, Hamrick Plant.

Employees Celebrate Service Anniversaries

Congratulations to our employees who celebrate service anniversaries in increments of five years for October, November, and December.

Thirty-Five Years

Billy Spencer Musgrove Weaving

Thirty Years

Alton Scruggs Musgrove Outside

Twenty-Five Years

Karen Mullinax Musgrove Weaving

Rick Perrine Hamrick Lab

Twenty Years

Mike Smith Hamrick Weaving

Fifteen Years

Scott Butterbaugh Corporate Office

Ten Years

Wilborn Hudson Hamrick Weaving

Kelly Morris Hamrick Warping

Ruby Kelly Musgrove Weaving

Lisa Larsen Musgrove Weaving

Five Years

Rosa Cooper Hamrick Weaving

Cathy Fowler Hamrick Cloth Room

Debra Roberts Hamrick Spinning

Pam Foster Musgrove Cloth Room

Congratulations to John Durko, Musgrove, cloth room, and Robert Thomas, Hamrick, carding, who won the drawing for last issue’s puzzle. They each received a \$15 gift card.