



# Woven Threads

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## Frank Duncan Celebrates 50 Years Of Service At The Musgrove Plant

For 50 years, Frank Duncan has faithfully reported to work at the Musgrove Plant. Frank has always worked in the spinning department where his first job was roving overhauler; his pay - 75 cents an hour. He has worked as a doffer, in warp prep, as a fixer, and a spindler plumber. Thirty years ago, he became part of the overhauling crew and has remained in that position ever since.

"I'm proud to reach 50 years with the company," says Frank. "I enjoy my work. I wish I could work another 50 years. I'm glad I had the opportunity to work here. Hamrick Mills is a great company to work for."

Frank, who grew up on the mill village and lived there for a total of 48 years, has seen many changes at the plant since he first came to work. "The entire spinning room has been changed out four times and each time I was there helping," he added.



Left to right, Frank Duncan, Johnny Duncan, Betty Ruth Dillinger and Junior Duncan

Working at Hamrick Mills is a tradition for the Duncan family. Frank's dad, Henry, worked at the Musgrove Plant for 25 years as did his brother Herbert. His brother, Junior, who works in the weaving department at the Musgrove Plant, will celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. Both Junior and Frank's wives worked at the Hamrick Plant at one time. Frank's sister, Betty Ruth Dillinger, who works in the spinning

department at the Musgrove Plant, has already celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his son Johnny, who works in the carding department at the Musgrove Plant, reached 25 years in 2008. Now the tradition continues as Frank's granddaughter recently began working at the Hamrick Plant.

The Duncan family is very proud of their tradition at Hamrick Mills. But Frank has another talent that has made him very popular with his fellow employees - his cooking abilities. He says he has been cooking all his life but really got into it when his wife was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis fifteen years ago. According to Frank, she was breaking too many dishes so he took over all cooking duties. And his talents blossomed. So much so that he began to share his specialties with his fellow employees, who now look forward to his weekly treats.

"All we have to do is tell them the cook is here and they come running," says Frank. "It's always gone. I never have to take anything home." His menu includes deer hash (the deer is provided by his son, Johnny), cube steaks, barbecue, sausage, cakes, and pies.

*"It is proper for us sometimes to turn from the 'improvements' and novelties of the present and revel in the good old things of the past."*

*March 25, 1913*

## Hamrick Spinning Department Recognized

Spinning department employees at the Hamrick Plant each received a key chain engraved with the Hamrick Mills logo for achieving 2 million work hours without a lost time accident. In the adjacent photo, left, Wardlaw Hamrick, Hamrick Plant manager, presents the first key chain to Wayne Crossley, spinning department manager.





## Employees Celebrate Summer Birthdays

### July Birthdays



Wesley Ballard  
Janice Baucum  
Edward Benton  
Virginia Bilak  
Charlie Cobb, Jr.  
Joyce Dover  
Patricia Dover

Kim Driskill  
Preston Egolf  
Alonzo Farr  
Paula Guilmette  
Curtis Hall  
Faye Hall  
Bob Hamrick

Courtney Haney  
Eugene Hawkins  
James Heavener  
May Henry  
Jenelle Holmes  
Renee Knuckles  
Don Lail

Brian Leach  
Bryan Mauney  
Billy Millwood  
Frances Moss  
Douglas Murajda  
Jonathan Nance  
Johnny Owensby  
Van Parker

James Phillips  
Lendy Ray  
Monica Robertson  
Wayne Scruggs  
Millie Smith  
Robbie Sparks  
Elzie Spencer  
Larry Thompson

### August Birthdays

Janet Arrowood  
J. B. Blanton, Jr.  
Joey Bright  
Iris Burgess  
William Camp  
Michael Carter  
Crystal Cobb  
Kim Crowe  
Betty Ruth Dillinger

Mike Elder  
Frankie Ellis  
Kelly Galloway  
Adam Hall  
Cameron Hamrick  
Lyman Hamrick  
Donald Henderson, Jr.  
Jim Hipp  
Junior Hogan

David Hughey  
James Hullett  
David Johnson  
Vickie Jordan  
Lisa Larsen  
Chris Littlejohn  
Jerry Littleton  
Chico Martinez  
Larry Moore  
William Morris

Mary Jo Mullinax  
Sam Owensby  
Buck Owensby, Jr.  
Roger Parker  
Wayne Parton  
Doris Pennington  
Bob Pettit  
Gene Phillips  
Welsey Phillips  
Billy Ponder

Larry Raines  
Leonard Rice  
Harold Robbins  
Steve Rowe  
Alton Scruggs  
Gail Starnes  
Diane Thompson  
Tripp Turnage  
Robert Turner  
Eddie Wilson

### September Birthdays

James Bailey, III  
Barry Cox  
Wayne Crossley  
Johnny Duncan  
Debbie Ervin  
P. J. Glenn  
Sylvester Gregory

Ricky Griffin  
Wardlaw Hamrick  
Carlisle Hamrick  
Jim Harrelson  
Bruce Hawkins  
Dorothy Heavener  
Kenny Henderson

Randy Hickman  
Kevin Hicks  
Jim Hopkins  
Doug Hopper  
Odell Knox  
Thomas Lavendar  
Bessie Littlejohn

Larry Morgan  
Ruth Petty  
Chastity Ramsey  
Tammy Robinette  
Elaine Ruppe  
Tim Shetley  
Brossie Shippy

Lamont Sible, Jr.  
Wendell Smith  
Joyce Stephens  
Tommy Stroupe  
Willie Tippins  
Ann Turner  
Alice Tyler  
Judy Wilson



## NP Notes

by Teresa Martin

Summer is a time for outdoor activities and fun. It's also the time to know the differences between heat-related illnesses - heat exhaustion and heat stroke - and how to treat them.

Heat exhaustion occurs when your body gets too hot. Symptoms include feeling weak, dizzy or worried, having a headache or a very fast heartbeat, or becoming dehydrated and producing very little urine. You may also have muscle

cramping and may faint.

Treat heat exhaustion by:

- Getting the victim to a shady place.
- Placing them in a cool bath, shower or spraying them with the garden hose.
- Giving them cold fluids to drink.
- Having them rest.

Heat stroke is the most serious heat-related illness. It happens when the body is unable to control its own temperature.

Signs of a heat stroke can include an extremely high body temperature and red, hot dry skin with no sweating, a rapid, strong

pulse, and a throbbing headache with dizziness and confusion. One may become unconscious. Treatment must not wait on the paramedics to arrive. You must act quickly with the following:

- Get the victim into the shade or into an air-conditioned space.
- Cool the victim rapidly by placing them in a tub of cool water, a cool shower or spraying them with a garden hose.
- If they are conscious and able to swallow, give them chilled liquids.
- Do not allow them to drink alcoholic beverages because they can increase body temperature.
- Seek medical attention immediately.



Alex Butterbaugh



Ian Butterbaugh



Jerry Littleton



Kari Mason



John Turner



Ronald Dover



Julia Hall



Kayla Hipp



Holly Lawter



Dustin Mathis



Brooke McCullough



Kevin Mullinax



Dusty Pettit



Christopher Poston



Haley Stanford

## Hamrick Mills Congratulations 2009 High School And College Graduates

Hamrick Mills proudly congratulates employees' 2009 graduates:

### *College Graduates*

*Alex Joseph Butterbaugh* graduated from the University of South Carolina Upstate. Alex is the son of Scott Butterbaugh, who works at the Corporate Office.

*Ian Scott Butterbaugh* graduated from Avila University. Ian is the son of Scott Butterbaugh, who works at the Corporate Office.

*Sally Ann Hamrick* graduated from the University of Tennessee. Sally is the daughter of Charles Hamrick, who works at the Corporate Office.

*Jerry Littleton* graduated from Spartanburg Community College where he earned an Associate Degree in Industrial Electronics. Jerry, who works at Musgrove Plant, graduated with a 4.0 average.

*Kari Mason* graduated from the University of South Carolina. Kari is the daughter of Wayne Mason, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*John Thomas L. Turner* graduated from ITT Technical College where he earned a Bachelors Degree in Electronics Communication and Engineering Technology. John is the son of Ann Turner, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

### *High School Graduates*

*Ronald James Dover, Jr.* graduated from Gaffney High School. Ronald is the son of Ronnie and Joyce Dover, who both work at the Musgrove Plant.

*Julia Hall* graduated from Blacksburg High School. Julia is the daughter of Janet Hall and the granddaughter of Frances Moss, who both work at the Hamrick Plant.

*Kayla Hipp* graduated from Westside High School in Anderson, SC. Kayla is the granddaughter of Jim Hipp, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Holly Brooke Lawter* graduated from Boiling Springs High School. Holly is the granddaughter of Don Yelton, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*Cory Gene Looney* graduated from Boiling Springs High School. Cory is the son of Teresa H. Looney, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Dustin Mathis* graduated from Blacksburg High School. Dustin is the son of Brian Mathis, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*Melanie Brooke McCullough* graduated from Gaffney High School. Brooke is the granddaughter of Iris Burgess, who works at the Corporate Office.

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Kiley Blackwell



Jacob Lee Mathis



Breanna Pennington



Kayla Robertson



Tyler Robertson

## Hamrick Mills Congratulations 2009 Graduates

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*Bradley L. Morgan Jr.* graduated from Gaffney High School. Bradley is the son of Bradley L. Morgan, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*Kevin Dean Mullinax* graduated from Gaffney High School. Kevin is the grandson of Mary Jo Mullinax, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Dusty Pettit* graduated from Gaffney High School. Dusty is the grandson of Robert Pettit, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Christopher Stephan Poston* graduated from Perquimans County High School. Christopher is the grandson of Jackie Poston, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Brandon Scott Smith* graduated from Gaffney High School. Brandon is

the grandson of Shirley Martin, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Christopher Sprouse* graduated from Gaffney High School. Christopher is the grandson of Gail Starnes, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*Haley Stanford* graduated from Gaffney High School. Haley is the daughter of Kelly Galloway, who works at the Corporate Office.

*Molly Whisnant* graduated from a home school program. Molly is the daughter of Dorothy Whisnant, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*Elementary School graduates*

*Kiley Blackwell* graduated from the 4K program at Goucher Elementary School. Kiley is the daughter of Michael Blackwell, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Jacob Lee Mathis* graduated from Corinth EDU Care. Jacob is the son of Amanda Mathis and the grandson of Joyce Stephens, who both work at the Hamrick Plant.

*Breanna Pennington* graduated from the 5K program at Draytonville Elementary School. Breanna is the daughter of Amy Upchurch, who works at the Hamrick Plant.

*Kayla Robertson* graduated from the 5K program at Pacolet Elementary School. Kayla is the daughter of Monica Robertson, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

*Tyler Robertson* graduated from the fifth grade at Pacolet Elementary School. Tyler is the son of Monica Robertson, who works at the Musgrove Plant.

## ReGenesis Community Health Center

ReGenesis Community Health Center, RCHC, is a new health care alternative for residents who are medically uninsured in Spartanburg and Cherokee counties.

RCHC is one of 20 federally qualified community health centers in South Carolina. A non-profit organization, it provides comprehensive, high-quality primary health care in a culturally appropriate, patient centered manner.

RCHC provides services to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. They offer a sliding fee scale based on patients' income and family

size, making quality primary care more affordable for them.

ReGenesis Health Services include:

- Family practice
- Internal medicine
- Pediatrics
- Geriatrics
- Chronic care management
- Laboratory Service
- Preventive services – cancer screening, immunizations and health education.

The Health Centers are located at 1419 N. Limestone St. in Gaffney and 750 S. Church St. in Spartanburg.

## Carowinds Tickets

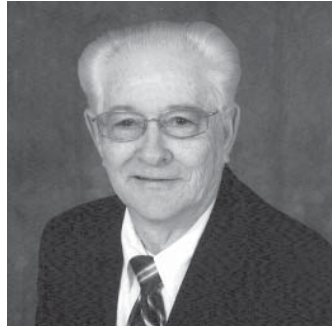
Plan a fun summer outing at Carowinds at reduced prices. Day passes are available at Hamrick Mills corporate office for \$28.00. For those under 48 inches, a junior pass is available for \$21.00. Senior passes (for those 62 and older) are also \$21.00. Go to [www.carowinds.com](http://www.carowinds.com) or the gate to purchase 2009 Carowinds season passes which range from \$61.99 to \$150.00.

## Hamrick Mills Employees Honored For 25 Years Of Service

It takes an exceptional person to attain 25 years of employment with one employer. Hamrick Mills is proud of the following people, who are celebrating 25 years of employment with the company.



**Inkie Cody**  
Musgrove Spinning



**Frank Duncan - 50 years**  
Musgrove Spinning



**Jan Hall**  
Hamrick Weaving



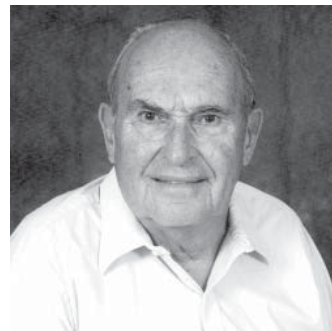
**Frances Mullinax**  
Musgrove Weaving



**Tina Robbins**  
Hamrick Spinning



**Billy Spencer**  
Musgrove Weaving



**Phil Wilkerson**  
Hamrick Shop



**Eddie Wilson**  
Hamrick Carding

*"Doing kind deeds to others never gives one nervous frustration."  
May 29, 1913*

### Quarter Century Employees Employed

Bobby Anthony  
Janice Baucum  
Sherwood Blanton  
Iris Burgess  
Larry Cobb  
Inkie Cody  
Joyce Cody  
Tim Corbett  
Wayne Crossley  
Betty Ruth Dillinger  
Kim Driskill  
Linda Driskill  
Frank Duncan

John Duncan  
Junior Duncan  
Margaret Dye  
Pam Ford  
Wilbur Goforth  
Lee Gossett  
Wayne Hall  
Curtis Hall  
Jan Hall  
Faye Hall  
Lillie Hammett  
Wardlaw Hamrick  
Lyman Hamrick

Wylie Hamrick  
Charles Hamrick  
Bob Hamrick  
Jenelle Holmes  
Michael Horne  
David Hughey  
Raymond Huskey  
Yvonne Jones  
Ben Keller  
Larry Ledford  
Bessie Littlejohn  
Shirley Martin  
Roger McAbee

Carolyn Messer  
Clarence Messer  
Elaine Moore  
William Morris  
Frances Mullinax  
Janice Mullinax  
Mary Jo Mullinax  
Roger Parker  
Rick Parton  
Jerry Patterson  
Gene Phillips  
Johnny Price  
Harold Robbins

Tina Robbins  
Elaine Ruppe  
Alton Scruggs  
Steve Short  
Billy Spencer  
Elzie Spencer  
Joyce Stephens  
Donnie Tate  
Ann Turner  
Charlie Varner  
Phil Wilkerson  
Eddie Wilson  
Judy Wilson

## Hamrick Mills Employees Celebrate Service Anniversaries

Congratulations to our employees who celebrate service anniversaries in increments of five years for April, May and June.

### Fifty Years

- ❑ Frank Duncan Musgrove Spinning

### Thirty Years

- ❑ Kim Driskill Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Jerry Patterson Hamrick Spinning
- ❑ Wilbur Goforth Musgrove Weaving

### Twenty-Five Years

- ❑ Jan Hall Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Tina Robbins Hamrick Spinning
- ❑ Inkie Cody Musgrove Spinning

### Twenty Years

- ❑ Karen Upchurch Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Joey Bright Musgrove Cloth Room

### Fifteen Years

- ❑ Randy Smith Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Deborah Elliott Musgrove Cloth Room
- ❑ Dolly Rankin Musgrove Weaving
- ❑ Penny Spencer Musgrove Weaving

### Ten Years

- ❑ Ray Chalk Hamrick Lab
- ❑ Emison Hughes Musgrove Carding
- ❑ Albert Kinney Musgrove Spinning

### Five Years

- ❑ Joanne Barnes Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Thomas Beaty Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Diane Heavener Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ James Heavener Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Alberto Martinez Hamrick Carding
- ❑ Dexter Nance Hamrick Weaving
- ❑ Angela Byrd Musgrove Weaving
- ❑ Crystal Cobb Musgrove Cloth Room
- ❑ Preston Egolf Musgrove Cloth Room
- ❑ Monty Lane Musgrove Shop

## The Power Of Prayer

A missionary on furlough told this true story while visiting his home church in Michigan.

While serving at a small field hospital in Africa, I traveled every two weeks by bicycle through the jungle to a nearby city for supplies - a two day journey that required camping overnight.

On one of these journeys, I arrived in the city to collect money from a bank, and purchase medicine and supplies. Upon arrival, I observed two men fighting, one of whom had been seriously injured. I treated him for his injuries and at the same time talked to him about the Lord.

I then traveled two days, camping overnight and arrived home without incident. Two weeks later I repeated my journey. As I arrived in the city, I was approached by the

young man I had treated. He told me that he had known I carried money and medicines. He said, "Some friends and I followed you into the jungle knowing you would camp overnight. We planned to kill you and take your money and drugs. But just as we were about to move into your camp, we saw that you were surrounded by 26 armed guards."

At this, I laughed and said that I was certainly all alone in that jungle campsite. The young man pressed the point, however, and said, "No, sir, My friends also saw them, and we all counted them. It was because of those guards that we were afraid and left you alone."

At this point in the sermon, one of the men in the congregation jumped to his feet and asked if he could tell him the exact day this happened. The missionary told the

congregation the date, and the man who interrupted told him this story.

"On the night of your incident in Africa, it was morning here and I was preparing to play golf. I was about to putt when I felt the urge to pray for you. In fact, the urging of the Lord was so strong; I called men in this church to meet me here in the sanctuary to pray for you. Would all of those men who met with me on that day stand up?" The men stood up but the missionary wasn't concerned with whom they were, he was too busy counting how many men he saw. There were 26.

This story is an incredible example of how the Spirit of the Lord moves in behalf of those who love Him. If you ever feel such prodding to pray, go along with it. You don't know what it can mean to that person. (anonymous)

*"A plan is only as good as the person behind it." April 25, 1913*