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AMIE HODGES

Business woman, mother and wife Amie Hodges added another title to her repertoire the day after her 50th birthday, that of grandmother. Her granddaughter Lillie Mae arrived and changed Amie's life forever.

"Family is everything to me," said Hodges. "I enjoy working, but when the work day is over, I want to spend it with my family, especially the baby."

She joined the family business, Pioneer Building Supply, in 1988 after graduating from Middle Tennessee State University, cum laude, with a BS in accounting.

The company was started by her parents Gordon and Clara McGee, who are enjoying their retirement. She is currently president and CEO, and works closely with her brother, Junior, who serves as vice president and her husband, Kenny, is general manager. She quickly found working with family has its own set of perks and challenges.

"As a family, we each bring a special set of abilities to the workplace which compliments the other. I handle the financial aspects, my brother deals with our construction and rental aspects, and my husband manages the sales and purchasing. We make an excellent team. I also surround myself with knowledgeable employees, a must have for any successful business. It's a truly a team effort," said Hodges. "And always remember to make time for family, away from the business."

"My expertise in the business is definitely accounting," said Hodges. "My degree is in accounting so I enjoy the number

crunching."

She says she started working with accounts payable and now supervises all the financial functions of the business, including their construction business and two realty companies.

"I enjoying taking care of the financials," said Hodges. "I always liked math and took as many math classes as possible."

The fact she is a numbers enthusiast has probably been an asset to her as she works in a predominately male industry.

"The building industry has become more female oriented with HGTV's popularity," said Hodges. "People are finding women may have some physical limitations, but otherwise it can be done just as easily by a female as a male. We are detailed oriented and we enjoy the meticulous tasks."

Community involvement includes past president of McMinnville's Noon Exchange Club, past president of the McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce, and Young Careerist Award.

Amie and Kenny are parents to two married children, Brandon and wife Kristen Hodges, and Kendra and husband Ben Matheney, and proud grandparents to Lillie Mae. She enjoys lake life swimming, surfing, cooking, baking, reading and playing board games with the family.

Her future plans include working in the family business until retirement, and then traveling with Kenny across the country in a RV.

Until that time arrives, she will be behind her desk at Pioneer Building Supply, located at 1655 Morrison Street, or at Pioneer Express Paint and Hardware at Northgate Shopping Center.

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Congratulations Amie!

Your family could not be prouder of you. You are the glue that binds us all together. Your warmth, charm and humor is a light that shines on everyone you meet. You are the hard working heart of our operation and a dedicated community servant. We are better for having you in our lives.

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