



WCGHA Newsletter

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**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 11 FOR
VETERANS DAY**

**NOVEMBER 16:
“History of the
Fraley’s Furniture
Building” by Raven
Young**

We will meet in the Early Voting
Room located in the Warren County
Administration building,
201 Locust Street
prior to leaving for the tour

No refreshments will be served.

Mary Don Bixby, WCGHA President

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

Fall is generally a time, for me at least, for looking back. Walking my dog every day through the fallen leaves gives me a wistful, introspective feeling.

This year, however, as I am crunching through the drying leaves, I have been thinking about the promise of the future in Warren County. That is partly because of two young women who have accomplished extraordinary things in a small Southern town that is not always thrilled about change.

Those two women are Raven Young and Kara Youngblood. You will be so fortunate to meet Raven at our next meeting on November 16. Raven will tell us about the history of the Fraley's Furniture building, long owned by her family. After Raven received her degree in interior design, she came home to McMinnville and started to work! It will be such a treat to hear the story about bringing that building to life.

Speaking of restoring old buildings, Kara Youngblood is an example for us all. She has gifted our downtown with two buildings on Spring Street, an office on Morford, the new restaurant, The Local, and the in-progress renewal of the former Warren County Furniture Store. She has also just been elected as an alderman for the city.

These two women amaze and inspire me, and in this season of thankfulness, they are at the top of my list. The future of McMinnville and Warren County is in good hands!

See you on November 16!

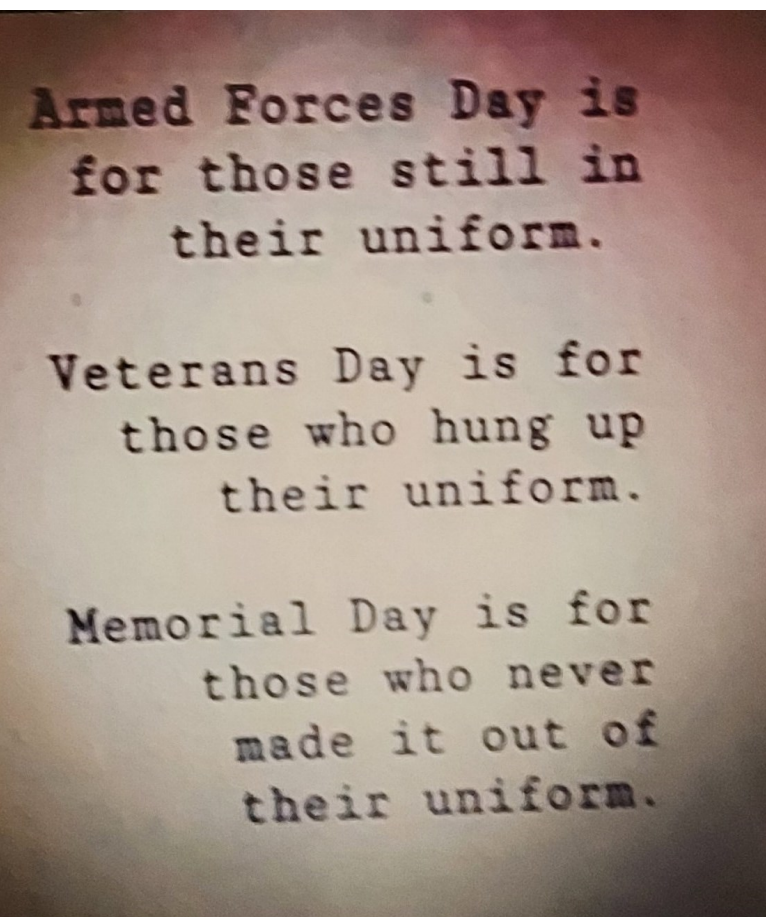
Mary Don

Calendar of Upcoming Events

November 7th—**WCGHA Board of Directors**

November 13th—**WBMC's Town Talk**

November 16th—**"History of the Fraley's Furniture Building" by Raven Young, Interior Designer**

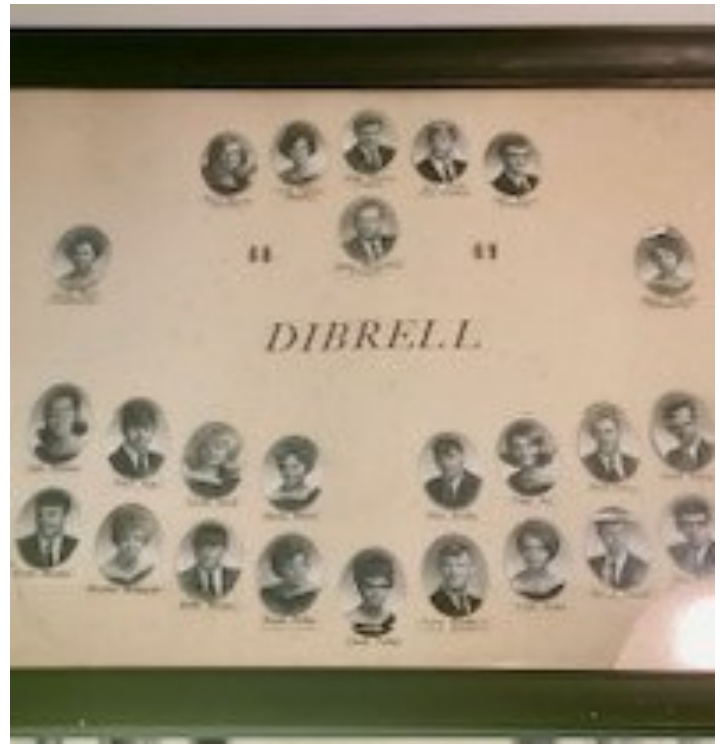


Tour of Dibrell Museum

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Mary Payne, Karen Hale and Pat Stubblefield welcomed members to the Dibrell Museum. After allowing us to browse around their extensive collection of memorabilia, a brief history was given and refreshments served. Thank you ladies for an enjoyable and informative afternoon!







Charlotte Gross Boyd, the daughter of Adam Daniel Gross and Permelia Elizabeth Mansfield, gave information on her family to Wanda Muncey Gant, and also gave a picture of the Mansfield Mill at Irving College. She stated Sarah Eliza Barnes [Sarah Elizabeth Barnes, daughter of Thomas Barnes and Hannah Martin] who married first Robertson Hillis [William Robertson Hillis, son of Dixon Naylor Hillis and Lydia Logue] had two children [Hannah Mary and Landy R.]. One was burned to death in a house fire and the other [Landy Hillis] grew up to be the owner of Hillis Hardware. Robertson Hillis was killed in the Civil War, and after the destruction of her house and death of her other child, Sarah decided to take her son Landy Hillis to Georgia to be with her people. On the way, she met Thomas Jefferson Mansfield [son of Norman Mansfield and Virginia Jane Haney] in Dunlap, TN, but traveled on to Georgia. Later on, she returned and married Jeff Mansfield, whose mother was Indian and whose father was a miller and carpenter by trade. After they married they moved to Warren County, at Irving College, where he built a grist mill on Scott's Creek. He later built a flour mill at the same place, which was water powered, but it was done away with about 1927. After they married Jeff disappeared, to whereabouts unknown to his wife. But he later returned to his home with a wagon load of furniture he had made himself at Dunlap. They had two daughters, Elizabeth [Permelia Elizabeth], who married Adam Gross [Adam Daniel Gross] and Manerva [Manerva Jane], who married George Perry [George Washington Perry].

Mrs. Boyd said she and her husband Marshall Boyd [son of Samuel L. Boyd and Sallie McGregor] knew each other and attended school together when children and had always liked each other. They got married at the home of a local preacher. Electricity first cost a dollar a month. And, TVA paid her three dollars a month to keep daily rainfall records.

She said Irving Academy was first a military training facility, but was discontinued after the Civil War. When she was old enough to go to school it was an elementary school, and it went to eighth grade. Her home was next to the school land. She repeated the eighth grade three times and finally the professor, Dr. Eugene Etter asked her to take the examination to become a teacher. She passed and was certified before age 17. She taught at Knowledge Bottom, Mt. Zion and Gruetli and once in Cullman, AL. Mostly, she was a substitute teacher. She became a member of Hebron Church of Christ but had visited several congregations.

Mrs. Boyd said Indians were as thick as white men a long time ago and that she knows Jefferson Mansfield's mother was Indian. She has an original picture of the Mansfield Mill which was located behind what is now the Irving College School, and also a flour sack dated 1904.

I, Wanda Muncey Gant am descended from Norman Mansfield's brother John Mansfield, who married Gemima Russell and lived in Sequatchie County, TN, which is what led to my contacting Charlotte Gross. But in the beginning of my research, I believed I was descended from Elizabeth, daughter of Norman and Jane Haney. After additional research, I discovered that Norman's daughter Elizabeth died, never getting older and marrying. I visited personally their descendant Pauline Allen who still lived at the home place beside the church. I have included in brackets the added info along with Charlotte's personal knowledge. She is correct that Jane was Cherokee.

Robert Haney came from England to South Carolina, was in the Revolution, and died in 1832 in Rutherford County, NC. Robert Haney's son Thomas Haney was in the War of 1812, in the 7th Regiment, detached from Burke County, NC as a member from Cherokee County, where he made his home. It was here, after his adoption into the tribe, he met and married his Cherokee bride Na-ni, the daughter of Hominy Smith and a Cherokee woman of the Paint Clan named Peggy. Hominy was the son of Cabin Smith and Sa-li, a Cherokee who was the sister of the reigning Chief Yonaguski III. Thomas Haney and Na-ni were the parents of Jane who married Norman Mansfield.[Family Traces p-159 published in 1985 by Grooms, DaKa Publishing, Morganton, NC] I have not verified this information but do believe it to be true. In fact, going back centuries, many people in Sequatchie County and others "over the mountain" are listed on Indian lands and could have married with the Indians..

Thomas Mansfield came from England and was a Revolutionary soldier at Yorktown. He went to North Carolina and on to Marion County, TN, where he died after March 1827. The Mansfield family was counted in Marion County until 1857, when Sequatchie was formed. In that locality, Norman Mansfield spent the greater part of his life, buying land three miles below Dunlap on what is known as the Mansfield's Creek on the west side of the valley next to the mountains, and building thereon a little mill which he operated a number of years. Subsequently, he moved to Brush Creek and bought a farm and an interest in the mill which still goes by the name of Mansfield's Mill. At the time of his death on 1 March 1887, he was living with his son Alexander. Originally, he was a Whig in politics but later in life affiliated with the Democratic Party. He was for a long time local minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and led a true Christian life. In a history of Chapel Hill by Edna S. Jackson, it states "Henniger's Chapel Methodist Church was built out of planks and logs by Norman and his son Alex on a generous land grant from Allen Kirklin in 1852. Because Sequatchie County had not been organized at that time, this land was a part of Marion County. Norman Mansfield is buried at Mansfield Cemetery near Dunlap, and his spouse Jane Haney [who died in 1900-01] is buried at Osborn Cemetery in Summer City, near Dayton, TN. Pauline Mansfield Allen, who lived on the Mansfield place next to the church said "Norman was known as the Indian minister". Pauline took me over to visit Eva McCollum, a descendant of John Mansfield and Gemima Russell [and married to Clyde McCollum], who lived in Bledsoe and who also turned out to be my line.

**MANSFIELD MILL
AT
IRVING COLLEGE**



In the early days, milling was a cornerstone of American communities, with small gristmills, sawmills, and fulling mills dotting the landscape across New England and New York. Powered by water, these mills exemplified the importance of harnessing natural resources for sustenance, trade, and economic growth. These settlers, primarily from Europe, brought with them a variety of grains such as wheat, corn, and rye. The importance of agriculture, particularly grain farming, quickly grew in the New World due to its fertile land and abundant water sources. This led to the development of grist mills driven by water power, which were used to grind grain into flour. In the early days of milling, most of the mills were small and operated by local farmers or craftsmen. They relied heavily on water power from streams and rivers, a technology that had been used for centuries in Europe. This allowed the mills to be built in rural areas, providing farmers with a convenient method for processing their grains. The history of milling in the United States goes back to the early days of the country when mills were a central part of communities. Back then, mills commonly used stone grinding for transforming grains like wheat into flour.

Old Fashion Boiled Custard by Mrs. Charlotte Boyd of Irving College [1977]

6 cups milk 6 eggs yolks 12 tablespoons sugar [3/4 cup] flavor to taste

Put 5 cups milk in top of double boiler and heat over boiling water. Stir into hot milk six well beaten egg yolks, to which sugar and one cup cold milk have been added. Stir frequently while custard is cooking. It should simmer but not boil until it thickens enough to form a coating on the spoon which it is being stirred with. Frequent stirring and temperature just below boiling will keep the custard from curdling, but allow it to cook completely. Flavor to taste and serve with whipped cream or grated coconut.



LATEST PIONEER FAMILY CERTIFICATES



EVELYN WADE

Evelyn Wade accepted Certificate #'s 160 and 161 on behalf of her daughters, Sebrena and Trena Wade. They are descendants of the Warren County pioneer, Isham Dykes, Sr and his wife, Prudence Choate. The Dykes's came from Virginia and settled on land in the Collins River area of Warren County. Isam Dykes, Sr. appears on the 1820 Census for Warren County. They settled on land that became Grundy County when that county was formed in 1844. Isham actually signed the Petition to form Grundy County. Isham died at the age of 98 in 1871. His will was probated in Grundy County.

Gail Woodlee received Certificate # 162 for William Thomas Bond and Martha Tolbert Walker Bond, her 4th great grandparents. William Thomas Bond was a Revolutionary War Soldier. He made a declaration of his service before the Warren County Court. (transcription of that declaration, made under oath, is in the Pioneer Ancestor file in the WCGHA office.) William was awarded a pension of \$30 per ANNUM commencing 4 March 1831 based on 9 months service as a private in the North Carolina Militia. William Thomas Bond appears on the 1812 Warren County Tax List and the 1820 Warren County Census. He died in 1845 in Grundy County.

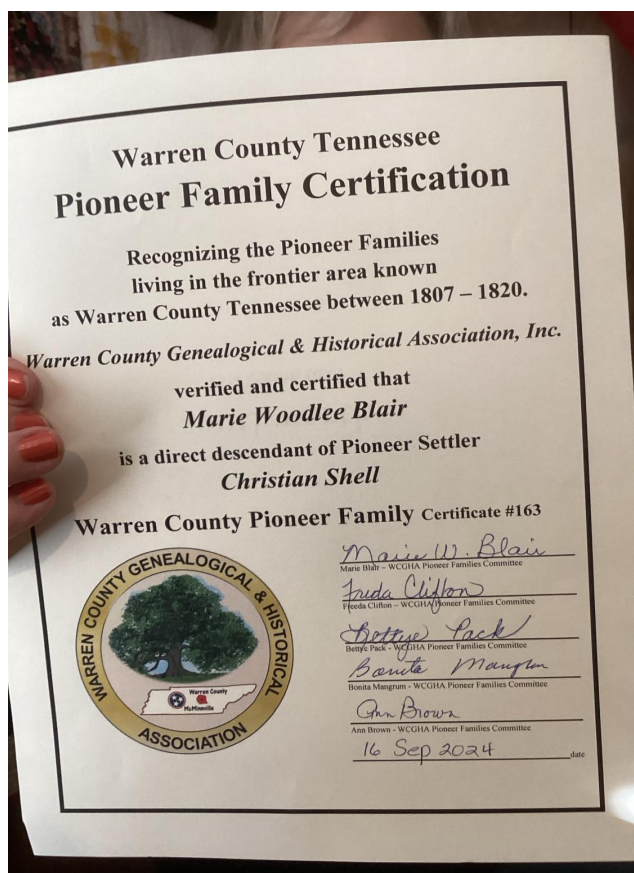
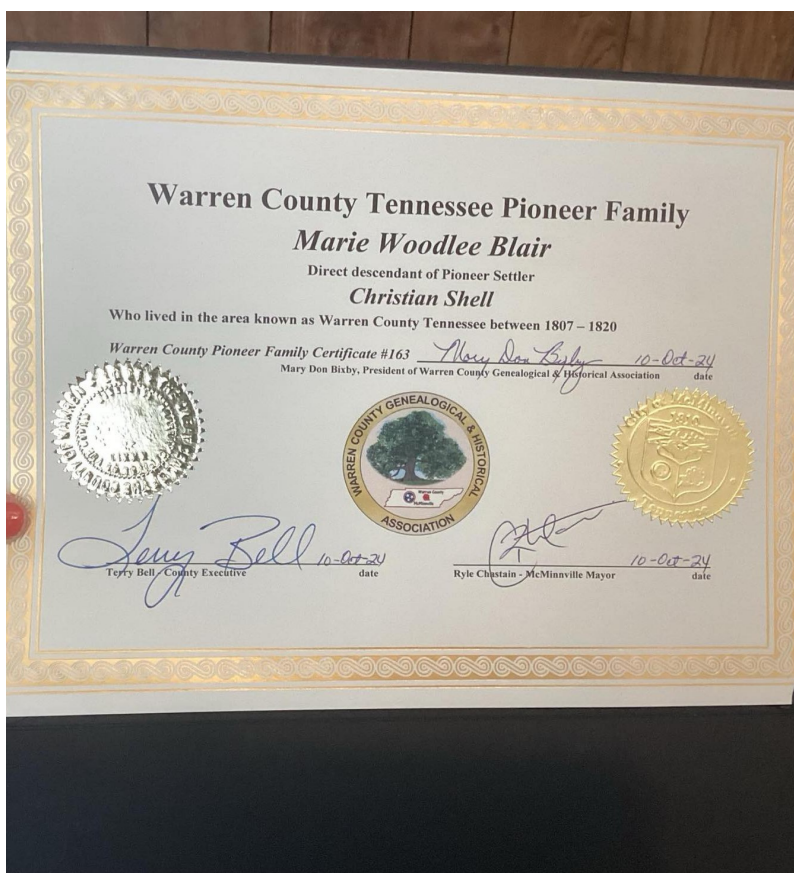


GAIL WOODLEE



MARIE BLAIR

Marie Woodlee Blair received Certificate # 163 for Christian Shell, her 4 th great grandfather. Christian Shell is said to have been “born at sea” as his parents were making the journey from Germany to the United States. Christian traveled through Maryland, Pennsylvania and to North Carolina with his parents. Christian married Rachel Martin in North Carolina. As a young couple, Christian and Rachel and some of their first born children left North Carolina and came to the wilderness of Tennessee. Christian signed the petition to form Warren County in 1806 and 1807. He had also signed the petition to form White County. He appears on the 1812 Tax List for Warren County and the 1820 Warren County Census. Christian lived in the area we now know as Shellsford. He had a mill there as well as some other business ventures. Christian died at approximately 54 years of age and left no will. Marie descends from Christian’s daughter, Lucinda, born 1808 in Warren County. Lucinda married Jesse Jennings, son of Obediah Jennings, also a Warren County Pioneer ancestor.



AUTUMN POEMS BY MARY OAKS

Thanksgiving Dinner

Turkey on a platter
Cranberries in a bowl,
Everyone is asking for the
Greenbean casserole.

Corn still on the cob
A favorite treat for all;
Hot stuffing from the oven
A perfect feast for fall.

Mashed potatoes and gravy
We cannot do without,
Sweetpotato casserole
With pecans on the top.

Don't forget the pumpkin pie
Topped with whipping cream
A better Thanksgiving dinner
Would only be a dream.



Sad Endings

No frost on my pumpkin
The weather's hot and dry
It makes the carving shrivel up
And make the children cry.
My Jack O'Lantern used to smile
But now he's looking old.
I think his insides are turning green,
Because he's full of mold.



October—Do You Know?

Photos can be viewed at: <https://tngenweb.org/wcgatn/photo-archives/>

1923 Wayside School



(1) Dolly (Patterson) Maynard; (2) Ruth (Wilkerson); (3) Marie Morton; (4) Octia Morton; (5) Arnie Honor Green; (6) Tom Parker; (7) Fred Smith; (8) George Jones; (9) John Robert Pennington; (10) John Pope Grizzell; (11) Sallie Pauline Grizzell; (12) Dorothy (Grizzell) Womack; (13) Nellie Golden; (14) Pearl (Golden) Biddle; (15) George Lowery Smith; (16) Adina (Golden) Rowland, teacher; (17) Sadie Ruth Morton; (18) Ward Golden; (19) Eldred Parker; (20) Rachel (Grizzell) Holder; (21) Flora Jane (Grizzell) Golden; (22) Ida Morton; (23) Violet (Webb) Golden; (24) Ocie Lee Lowery?; (25) Norman Grizzell; (26) John Barber, Jr.; (27) Leighton Golden; (28) George Grizzell; (29) Margaret Blanks; (30) Beatrice Patterson; (31) Elle (Dove) Grizzell; (32) Anna Dove; (33) Jewell (Golden) Allen; (34) Lila Mae (Greer)?; (35) Jamie (Blanks) Justice; (36) Dixie (Parker) Davenport; (37) Lester Parker; (38) Vernon Mitchell; (39) Lennie Webb Grizzell; (40) Frances (Lowery) Magness; (41) Willie Alma Whitaker; (42) Flora Lee (Edwards) Vanderpool; (43) Edith Faye (Grizzell) Bowling; (44) Gladys (Barbee) Golden; (45) Ester (Golden) Brinkley; (46) Morris Davies; (47) Gerald Raymond Grizzell; (48) Paul Golden; (49) Jodie Pennington; (50) Ralph Golden; (51) Charles Moore

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1935 Centertown School



(6) Morris L. Davenport; (7) Cecil Lance; (14) Hildon E. Davenport; (57) Alvin C. Hagewood;
(59) Ruth Jacobs Prater; (67) Elizabeth Peden; (2024.10.18)

1909 Columbia College (12 District)



Can you identify the missing students in this photo?

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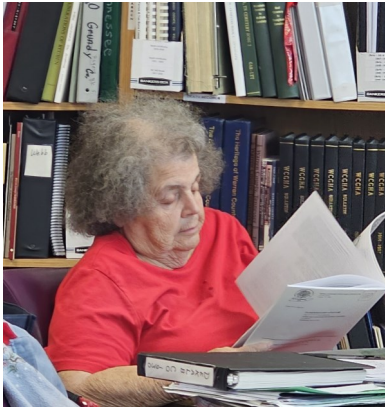
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1956 Fairview School – Class # 1



Can you identify any of the other students?

In Honor Of



BONITA BRATCHER
MANGRUM

Remembered by:
Evelyn Wade on September 6, 2024
“for her many years of research”

In Memory Of



CAROLYN RITCHEY
SISK

OCTOBER 13, 1944 — MAY 28,

Remembered by:
Bonita Mangrum on October 4, 2024

In Memory Of



WILLIE H. MATHIS

FEBRUARY 17, 1914 — NOVEMBER 14, 2000



Remembered by:

T. Gail Mathis Hendrix on October 18 2024

WCGHA Christmas Party

December 7th, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

At

‘Falcon Rest’ Tea Room

Menu: same as last year

\$20.00 (cash—exact change at the door)

Register by November 25th

**Call: 931.474.4227—email: wcgha.tn@gmail.com
at the office or at the meeting**

Office News

The office volunteers logged 138 1/2 hours in October. Although our hours are down a little this month we appreciate Barbara, Gail, Mary Don, Bettye, Susan, Marie, Lucas in addition to our normal office volunteers for contributing to the Association. Ann, Mary, Evelyn and Bonita can be found in the office on Mondays and Fridays to help with your research!

Research

We had two visitors this month:

Mark Clifton (researching Durham and Byars)

Regina Myers on the Cope and Green families

Contributions

So Many Moores	Resource Library	Louisa Moore Donelson
Dr. Woman of the Cumberland	Resource Library	Evelyn Wade
Bank of Auburntown Branch Library The History of the Hibernian Society of Charleston	Resource Library	Bonita Mantrum
9 School Annuals (Centertown & Central	Resource Library	T. Gail Hendrix
Brief History of Dibrell	Resource Library	Mary Oaks
Centertown School Photo	Photo Archives	Bettye Pack
Monetary Gift		Lisa Martone & Ian Hanson

Welcome Our New Members: Lisa Tidrow Martone and Ian Hanson from Arkansas, Beth Woodlee Martin, and Mark & Kelly Sue Darrigan Clifton from McMinnville.



Come Visit Us

**Our hours are
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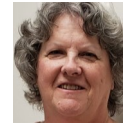


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