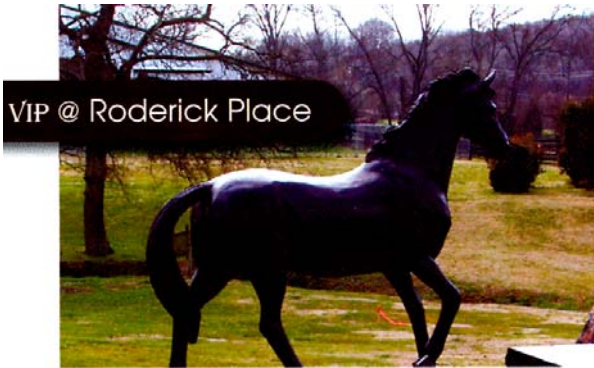


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### 145th Anniversary of the Battle of Thompson's Station

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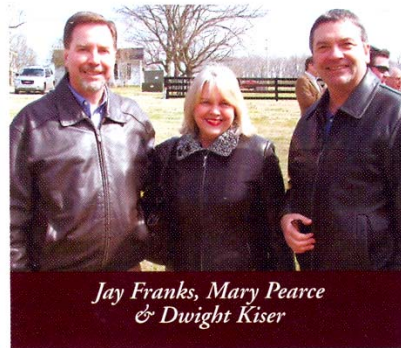
To commemorate the 145th anniversary of the Civil War's Battle of Thompson's Station, Mayor Leon Heron unveiled a bronze statue of Roderick, the famous horse of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Roderick, known for his bravery and great loyalty to his owner, was wounded three times during the historic battle before being removed from the fighting for treatment. Refusing to abandon his owner, Roderick galloped back through heavy gunfire to return to Forrest's side before suffering a fourth and fatal wound. Mayor Heron's farm, located on Hwy 31, is the site of Roderick's grave and now his memorial statue. Local author and historian, Eric Jacobson, presented the memorial and dedication to those attending this special ceremony, honoring a very special hero.



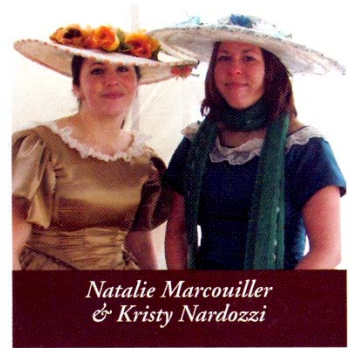
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