

Businesses quick to show teachers their appreciation

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It's the end of another school year and for teachers, especially, that means a whirlwind of things to do,

from field trips to award ceremonies, along with a whole host of end-of-year activities.

As most teachers will say, April and May are nuts. With that in mind, it's easy to forget this is Teacher

Appreciation Week.

In McMinnville, several local restaurants are offering teacher freebies to show their appreciation. Crisp Springs Market is offering free breakfast each morning with a biscuit of their

choice. Kimmi's Tea Room will be serving up a complimentary cup of coffee or tea along with a chocolate chip cookie. At Foutch's Family Restaurant, teachers can stop by for a free plate lunch anytime this week. Just make sure to show teacher ID.

Other local businesses are offering teacher deals and discounts. Topz Frozen Yogurt & Metro Deli, Stacked Bistro and Ashley's Attic are offering a 10 percent teacher discount. At Prater's BBQ, teachers will get a free dessert with purchase and Collins River BBQ is offering a 15 percent discount Tuesday through Thursday.

For some teachers, the best way to honor them is with a simple update from previous students. Many teachers are sharing this post on Facebook:

"Former students!!! IF I TAUGHT YOU ... For Teacher Appreciation Week, I'd love for my former students to reply to this post and tell me how they are doing and what they are doing now (school, job, career, family, etc.) Maybe throw out a favorite memory."
WCHS director of bands

Duane Farnham shared the post writing, "Yes, I stole this from multiple teacher friends, but it would be awesome to hear from many of my old students." By the end of the day, his post had generated over 84 lengthy comments complete with old photos.

Former Farnham student Tyler Turner replied, "I'm the Director of Performing Arts and Upper School Choral Director at a private school in the Boston area and play lots of piano and organ for local churches. I'll never forget riding in your truck and stopping at McDonald's headed to districts, you waking me up as an eighth-grader at band camp when I overslept and chasing me to the field in your truck and you ripping down the 100% signs during concert band when we weren't actually giving 100%."

Your passion for excellence, without exception, has informed all I do as a music teacher. Thank you for showing me ...from middle through high school, that music education is a worthy career. I'll graduate in 2-3 more years with a DMA in music edu-

cation, and your influence was a huge part of making that happen."

Farnham said that it's very rewarding to know that students are willing to reach out even 20 years later and what makes it all worthwhile is seeing that his students were enriched by their time together.

"I am not a big Facebooker, outside of the band's page, but it has been so heartwarming to see the response to that post," explained Farnham. "I have cried more than once reading the responses and it strengthens my resolve to give my everything to the students that God has given me."

The National Education Association is encouraging everyone to share their message of appreciation this week on social media using the hashtag "ThankATeacher."

Says NEA, "Though we know we can't ever thank them enough, we can take a moment during National Teacher Appreciation Week to share our appreciation for the special educators in our lives."



Lacy Garrison photo

For Teacher Appreciation Week, Bobby Ray Memorial Elementary PTO set up an Appreciation Station in the cafeteria. Second-grader Kylie Painter stopped by and left her teacher a special note before sliding it into the box. Kylie said, "Ms. Wilson is really kind and she's nice to everyone in the school and I don't want to leave her next year."

OBITUARIES

Andrew Watson Miller, 79

Andrew Watson Miller, 79, of McMinnville went to be with Jesus on Monday, May 7, at Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital in Murfreesboro after a sudden illness.

Andrew was born Wednesday, July 27, 1938 in Richmond, Ind. He was the son of the late Roy Miller and the late Vermetta Abrahams Miller. He was retired from Cumberland Lumber Company and Coopers, and was a member of West Riverside Church of God of Prophecy.

Andrew is survived by his wife Wilma Jean Ferrell Miller, two daughters Sally Hillis and husband Michael, Pamela Minton and husband Timothy, three sons Page Dixon and wife Wanda, David Dixon, Andy Miller Jr., two grandsons Brandon Adcock and wife Kala, Patrick Adcock and wife Sloan, granddaughter Tiffany Hendrickson and husband Lucas, four great-grandchildren Remington Adcock, Zane Adcock, Myah Hendrickson and Mylee Hendrickson, brother Verlin Miller, three sisters Evelyn Gray, Margie Renthro, and Wanda Brockman, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In addition to his parents, Andrew was preceded in death by Charles and Nancy Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Abrams, brothers and sister-in-law Perry and Shirlene Miller, Darrell and Margie Miller, sister and brother-in-law Alta and Bob Smith, brother Darlington Miller, brothers-in-law Clarence Brockman and Darrell Renthro, and three infant grandsons.

Funeral service will be 1 p.m. Friday at Gardens of Memory Funeral Home with Michael Hillis and Mickey Obrier officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. View Cemetery in McMinnville. The family will receive friends from 4 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 10, and again Friday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gardens of Memory Funeral Home, 415 North Chancery Street. Online condolences may be made to the family at gardensofmemoryfuneralhome.com.

Gardens of Memory is in charge of arrangements.

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Myrtle Hutchings, 85

McMinnville resident and White County native Myrtle Hutchings, 85, was born July 7, 1932 and died May 8 at Raintree Manor following an extended illness.

Retired from Genesco and of the Christian faith, she was the daughter of the late Simpson and Betty Hembree Mosely. She was married to James Thomas Hutchings, who preceded her in death Jan. 22, 2004. In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Jean Cloyd, Earline Bolt and Ola Brown.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, James and Beverly Hutchings of McMinnville; two grandchildren, David Jonathan Hutchings and Michael Scott Hutchings, both of McMinnville; and great-grandson Dylan Hutchings of McMinnville.

Funeral service will be 12 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at High's Chapel. Burial will follow at Mt. View Cemetery. Visitation will be Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until the time of service Thursday at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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Marilyn Kay Ayers, 67

Marilyn Kay Ayers, 67, a McMinnville resident and Grundy County, native was born Oct. 26, 1950 and died May 6 at St. Thomas River Park Hospital following a sudden illness.

She was a former employee of Seaboard Farms, Bouldin and Lawson and retired receptionist of Middle Tennessee Natural Gas Company, member of Cornerstone Methodist Church in Chattanooga, and daughter of the late Harlie Everett and Etta Bea Nunley Clendenon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by siblings, Elsie Willene Clendenon and Clifford Eugene Clendenon.

Mrs. Ayers was married March 26, 1998 to Earl Ayers Sr., who survives. In addition to her husband, she is survived by son and daughter-in-law Jason and Nasim Tanner of Sunnyvale, Calif.; two grandchildren, Ryan and Melody Tanner; two sisters Janie Mayberry and Judy Cox, both of McMinnville; brother and sister-in-law Stanley and Jean Clendenon of McMinnville; nieces Constance Mayberry, Amanda Bruce, Brittany Smith and Cindy Clendenon; nephew Jeff Clendenon; special great-nephews, Isaac Bruce, David Smith and Javen Elkins; stepchildren, Earl Ayers II, Lisa Ayers, Jason Ayers, Ehren Ayers, Bethany Broughton and Justin Ayers; step-grandchildren, Joshua Roark, Rebecca McDaniel, Jacob Roark, Madisun Ayers, Cassidy Schoenick and Steven Schoenick; and step-great-grandchildren, Delilah, Carter and Maxwell.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at High's Parlor with Tony Lawrence to officiate. Visitation will be 2 p.m. Thursday until the time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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George David Melton, 65



George David Melton, 65, a McMinnville resident and Warren County native, was born Jan. 20, 1953 and died May 8 at his residence following an extended illness.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, retired brick mason and son of the late George Edward and Nana Lou Johnson Melton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by wife, Nancy Jean Cook Melton; sister Phyllis Muncey; and brother-in-law Donnie Muncey.

Mr. Melton is survived by brothers George Edward Melton Jr. of Texas, Robert Melton of Smithville, and Lee Melton of Sparta; sister Gail Melton of McMinnville; uncle Harold Dykes of McMinnville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at High's Chapel. Interment will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery with military grave rites conducted by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, and 10 a.m. Thursday until the time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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William Clay "Billy" Lorange, 75



Mr. William Clay "Billy" Lorange, 75, of McMinnville (Centertown community), died Saturday, May 5, at Raintree Manor Nursing Home in McMinnville after an extended illness.

He was born Jan. 9, 1943, in Warren County. Billy was retired from the U T Space Institute where he was a research technician, was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of Centertown United Methodist Church, a member of Ezel Masonic Lodge No. 381 F&AM where he was a past master, an organizing member of Centertown Fire Department, and a former mayor of Centertown serving out the remaining term of his father, Arthur. Mr. Lorange. He was preceded in death by parents Arthur and Irene Lorange, sister Judy Rhea, and brother Roy Lorange.

Survivors include his children Bradley Lorange of Maryland, Kris Lorange, and Jamie (Jennifer) Lorange, all of McMinnville, brother Michael (Joanna) Lorange of McMinnville, sister-in-law Wanda Lorange, brother-in-law Robert Rhea, grandchildren Sawyer Alexander, Maggie Rose, Sidney Robert Arthur, and Ellie Straughn. Other family members and friends also survive.

Funeral service was Tuesday, May 8, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Bro. Michael Lorange officiated. Interment followed at Centertown Cemetery. Military grave rites will be administered by American Legion Post 173 and VFW Post 5064. A Masonic service was held Monday evening at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund at Centertown United Methodist Church or to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Campaign Community Center Supper Cancelled
The Campaign Community Center Supper will be cancelled for May.

Cruise-In
There will be a Cruise-In at McMinnville Cumberland Presbyterian Church located at 115 Peers St. on May 12 from 10am-3pm. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more info call Bobby at 931-474-4165 / 931-259-0803, Billy at 931-668-3693 or Cathy at 931-668-3693 / 931-212-7590. In case of rain, will be the following Saturday.

Fuston Cemetery Decoration
The Fuston Cemetery Decoration will be held May 13. Donations for upkeep may be sent to Sarah Stanley, Treasurer, Fuston Cemetery Association, 698 Mike Muncey Rd., McMinnville, TN 37110.

Generations 5K Color Run
The Generations 5K Color Run will be May 12 @ 8am. Entrants should arrive by 7:15am at the back parking lot of McMinnville Civic Center. The cost will be \$25. Runners can register at www.runsignup.com or USA Gym. Registration deadline to get a shirt is April 20. You can register the day of the race, but you will not be guaranteed a shirt. Dog friendly, activities for children, Kids of the Community, warm up party and DJ. For more info call 931-743-6628.

Gath Cemetery Decoration
The Gath Cemetery Decoration will be held May 20. Donations may be mailed to Gath Baptist Church "Cemetery Fund," 6967 Smithville Hwy., McMinnville, TN 37110.

Wanamker Reunion
The Wanamker Reunion will be held at Pearls of Christ on May 19. Plan on eating lunch at 12, so bring plenty of food and drinks to share. Plates, cups, utensils and ice will be furnished. Hope to see you there!

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