

Casey Chaney has Grandfather of Year



Robert Smith, president of Estill County Retired Teachers Association, with the 5th grade homeroom winners at West Irvine Intermediate School of "Why My Grandparent Should Be AARP's Grandparent of the Year." Winners, left to right, are Casey Chaney, Hayden Fletcher, Bethany Flynn, Mason Isaacs, Jade-lynn Neal, and Marlee Isaacs.



Robert Smith, president of Estill County Retired Teachers Association, is pictured with Casey Chaney, local winner of the AARP's Grandparent of the Year essay.

The fifth grade classes at West Irvine Intermediate School took part in the AARP Essay again this year. They had to write an essay of one hundred words, "Why My Grandparent Should be AARP's Grandparent of the Year."

The homeroom teachers chose the classroom winner. The members of the local Retired Teachers Association (RTA) chose the county winner from those essays. The county winner's essay was sent to the district in Richmond, KY. If their

essay had been chosen, it would have been sent on to Frankfort. The county winner was given a framed certificate from AARP. The homeroom teacher with the winning student will also get an award from AARP.

The local gave each student a certificate and a small monetary gift. They gave the county winner a larger monetary gift.

ECRTA appreciated the teachers for all their help as well as the students.

Hi. My name is Casey Chaney. I think my poppy should be the AARP Kentucky Grandparent of The Year because he is really good to anybody. He is my only grandparent. My Granny died in 2014. It was hard for my poppy, but he fought through it. He picks me up from school and take care of me till my dad gets home from work.

He will either take me to my house or his house or wherever I

need to go, like when I need to go to the middle school for practice on time. He will take me to Richmond for the dentist when I need to go. He will also feed me right after school. He makes sure I get fed before practice. Most of the time he will go make me a bacon sandwich before my ball-games. He will cook on holidays. He will cook for me or my sister or cousin anything we want, any time of any day. I kind of won-

der if it was hard for him to cook when my granny died because she always cooked.

He will always come to my games and help with church activities. He comes to almost all middle school games. He also cooks and does children's church.

That is why I think my poppy should be the AARP Grandparent of the Year.

He cares for children and he loves children. I think he deserves it. He just wants us to be

happy and that's what he's doing. I am proud of him for coming back and working better without my granny. She really did most of the stuff with me, my sister and cousin. She took us to most of the stuff but he really took a step forward in helping us be happy. So please make him the AARP Kentucky Grandparent of the Year.

Casey Chaney
West Irvine
Intermediate

Eagle Scout Ceremony



Stephen Dalton McQueen, 95 Hill-top Rd., Irvine, Ky., will have his eagle scout court of honor ceremony on Sunday, May 20th, at 3:00 p.m. at Richmond First Presbyterian Church, 330 West Main Street, Richmond, Kentucky.

Stephen's eagle scout project was completed at Aldersgate Church Camp in Estill County, where he supervised other scouts, scout leaders and adult volunteers to construct an enclosed gardening area for the camp. The garden area is meant to serve as an enrichment activity for the campers and will also serve as a supplemental food source for the camp kitchen. While working on the project, he assisted the camp with some other needed work with the help of Dwight Rogers, a camp staff member.

Stephen is a member of Boy Scout Troop 401 and is the son of Maliea Short McQueen and Tracy McQueen, Jr. All scouters and friends are invited to attend.

Hospital named FutureDocs Champion

Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital (MWMH) has been recognized as a 2018 FutureDocs Champion for its partnership with the Southern Kentucky Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in helping enrich the education of the region's future physicians. FutureDocs is an AHEC program that helps prepare central and southern Kentucky's next generation of physicians with pre-med education enrichment and networking opportunities.

"By supporting these students, Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital is helping us connect them to resources that will enhance their chances of success, and the likelihood they will return home to practice," said Dwain Harris, director of the Southern Kentucky AHEC, which serves 15 counties south of Fayette down to the Kentucky-Tennessee border.

The nation is projected to face a shortage of as many as

94,700 physicians by the year 2025, according to the Association of American Medical Colleges. The shortage will be particularly serious in rural areas, and Kentucky is no exception. MWMH physicians often serve as community faculty for medical and other students who are doing clinical rotations. Studies have shown when students do at least part of their training in a rural setting, they are more likely to one day practice in a rural area. MWMH was represented at the Community Ties banquet on April 26, which honored 17 current and future medical students from the Southern Kentucky AHEC's region. The event's presenting sponsor was Community Trust Bank; additional sponsors were Lifeline Home Health and Passport Health Plan. The Southern Kentucky AHEC strives to improve the health of its communities by promoting health careers,

supporting rural rotations, providing continuing education opportunities for health professionals, and by promoting public health initiatives. For more information, visit soahec.org.



Arielle Estes, Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital Director of Development, accepts the "2018 Future Docs Champion" award on behalf of Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital at the Southern Kentucky AHEC's Community Ties banquet. The event honored current and future medical students from the region.

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