

SCHOOL NEWS

Nicholas County essay winner announced 'AARP/KRTA Grandparent of the Year' Essay Contest

A Nicholas County Elementary Middle School student was selected Nicholas County Winner in the "2007-2008 Grandparent of the Year" essay contest, sponsored by AARP Kentucky and the Kentucky Retired Teachers' Association (KRTA).

Austin Hughes, Carlisle, is among thousands of Kentucky fifth graders who participated in the fifth year of the essay competition which ran from August to December 2007. Students at participating schools submitted essays to their fifth grade teachers who selected each school's winner. Each participating school winner and school receives special certificates. Nicholas County winners are Ben Duncan, Ryan Cobb and Austin Hughes.

As county winner, Austin Hughes will receive a framed certificate for his efforts and his essay will be submitted for district competition. He and other district winners then become eligible to participate at the state finals. The event culminates with the naming of a state winner on April 18, 2008, at the annual meeting of KRTA where both the winner and the "Grandparent of the Year" will be honored.

The "AARP Grandparent of the Year" essay contest is organized by local Retired Teacher Association units the AARP chapters statewide, who help secure local school participation, promote the activity and serve as local contest judges.

The essay competition is part of an initiative designed to recognize the significant contributions that older Kentuckians make toward shaping the lives and values of the Commonwealth's young people. In Kentucky and nationwide, increasing numbers of adults 50 and over are the primary caregivers to minor children. The 2000 census showed nearly 36,000 grandparents in Kentucky serve as primary caregivers for their grandchildren.



Photo submitted by winners of AARP Essay ("Why My Grandparents Should Be Grandparent of the Year" contest. School winners were Ryan Cobb (left) and Ben Duncan (right). Austin Hughes (middle) was the County and School winner.

Pair represents Nicholas Co. in Washington, D.C.

Melissa Hill, Chairperson of the Nicholas County Safe and Drug Free Community and the Nicholas Co. Local ASAP Board, and Liberty Ruhlley from the Bluegrass Prevention Center, attended the CAMCA National Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. the week of February 11-14th. During their visit, Melissa and Liberty attended workshops on how to reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and the roles of community coalitions in local prevention, treatment, and enforcement efforts. The pair also spent a day on Capitol Hill meeting with legislators or their staff, including 4th District Representative Geoff Davis, 6th District Representative Ben Chandler, Senator Mitch McConnell, and Senator Jim Bunning. In the meetings, coalition members



urged the Congressmen and Senators to support funding for anti-drug coalitions at the local and state levels. They also encouraged them to vote down a budget proposal by the President that would eliminate funding for Safe & Drug Free Schools and Communities.

Photo submitted by Pictured: Jo Brewer and Sharie Witt, Hervey County Action Reachout Effort, Senator Mitch McConnell, Melissa Hill, and Liberty Ruhlley, Nicholas Counties For a Safe & Drug Free Community and KY-ASAP.

TSA Goes to EKTEA Regional Competition

The Nicholas County TSA attended the Eastern Kentucky Technology Education Association (EKTEA) Regional Competition Friday February 1st at Morehead State University. There were 154 students to attend from different counties. Out of the 154, Nicholas County took 30 of their students to compete and was very successful. The Technical Problem Solving team of Todd Byrd & Andy McCarty took first place. Wesley Hopkins, Dylan Carty, and Alex Huret competed in the Structural Engineering Team and took first with Conner Hutton taking 2nd. James Curtis took 2nd place in the International Bridge Design.



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