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the STARS" event. Harkins will represent Union County at the upcoming District STAR Student Banquet, which will be held at the University of North Georgia next month.

For his part, Waldroup selected his kindergarten teacher Diane Wood as his STAR Teacher.

"It really is quite an honor to be recognized for all my hard work and everything," Waldroup began, "but to me, the biggest honor is being able to recognize the people that helped me along the way, like Mrs. Diane Wood.

"She is the one who made school great for me. When I first came (to school), I was so scared. I thought for sure it would be 13 years of awfulness that I was not willing to be a part of."

However, Waldroup said Wood had "a really big, genuine smile on her face that just sold me on school," and he reiterated that he was "very honored to have gotten this award."

Several other awards were bestowed during the evening.

UCHS junior Joseph Farris was the recipient of the Reaching for the STARS Award this year, as was Waldroup when he was a junior last school year.

Emily Cobb was the recipient of the Stellar Staff Award for her passion for building student culture and making the UCHS experience one that students will remember always.

The Community Service Star Award went to UCHS student Jessie Holbrooks for the many community service projects she has participated in through church, school and 4-H.

UCHS alumnus Chris Mathis received the Alumni Pacesetter Star Award for his work as a sports announcer and for his continued pursuit of education.

The Shining Star Award went to UCHS senior Evelyn McBride, who participates in several clubs and activities and competed in both cross country and track. She will be the fifth UCHS student in the last four years to receive an appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

And senior Zoe Sanchez was the recipient of the All-Star Panther Award for her exemplary athletic performance throughout her high school career. The senior also received



2020 UCHS STAR Student Will Harkins and STAR Teacher Alecia Frizzell, center, attended last week's Evening with the STARS event with their families. Photo by Mark Smith



Woody Gap STAR Student Ernest Waldroup, right, made his family, school and STAR Teacher Diane Wood proud when he was honored in the Feb. 11 Evening with the STARS. Photo by Mark Smith

her State Championship ring for cross country that evening.

Sanchez, already a three-time state champion, has received several offers from colleges for both academics and running.

In addition to the PAGE STAR Awards and the student, staff and alumni Star Awards, Field Representative Bill Kokaly from Congressman Doug Collins' office announced additional awards from the congressman to all the student and staff recipients named during the evening.

To cap off the evening, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC Director of Member Services Sonny Mahan presented Union County Schools with a Chamber of Commerce donation of \$4,500 to the UCHS scholarship fund. The donation

was accepted by Superintendent John Hill.

The donation came from half the proceeds from the chamber's First Annual Shoot for the Stars Golf Tournament sponsored by BRMEMC. The Second Annual Shoot for the Stars tournament will be on Friday, May 8, for which hole sponsorships are still available.

Table sponsors for the STARS event were Chick-fil-A, Union General Health System, United Community Bank and Union County High School. Alysia Hargus Photography, Rustic Mountain Décor and Crossing Creeks RV Resort and Spa were centerpiece sponsors.

The event was catered by Matt Leonard and his capable crew from The View Grill.

John C. Campbell Folk School announces Local Standby Program for Union County residents

Union County residents are now eligible for half-off tuition for all 2020 classes at John C. Campbell Folk School.

The Local Standby program provides full and part-time residents 50 percent off any full-tuition course on a space-available, standby basis. Students can participate in an array of week-long and weekend classes including blacksmithing, pottery, jewelry, woodworking, and cooking. In addition to Union County, 18 other counties are eligible for the Local Standby program, including Cherokee, Clay, Buncombe, Haywood, Macon, Henderson, Swain, Madison, Graham, Jackson and Transylvania counties in North Carolina, including the Qualla Boundary; Fannin, Gilmer, Rabun, and Towns counties in Georgia; and Polk and Monroe county in Tennessee.

In its 95th year, John C. Campbell Folk School is expanding on a newly finalized strategic plan to strengthen local community relations and enhance programming to diversify its student base. Created with the help of instructors, students, and local communities, the plan also includes improvements to infrastructure, development of staff and resident artists, and continued financial strength.

All students interested must request a "Local Standby" discount at the time of registration and will be confirmed



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14 days before the class start date. Students must present a valid driver's license, voter registration card, or tax bill showing their local address.

For more detail on class information and descriptions, visit folkschool.org or call the registration office at 1-800-FOLK-SCHOOL. N(Feb19Z17)CA



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