

# KASI WHITE IS THE WESTON COUNTY GAZETTE'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

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The *Weston County Gazette* is thrilled to announce our choice for 2024 Citizen of the Year, an absolute force—Kasi White! Daughter of Sam and the late Joyce Haptonstall of Upton, Kasi is a lifelong resident of the “Best Town on Earth”. She and husband Nick have two sons, Trevon and Tevon.

Kasi is in the midst of her twenty-second year as a teacher at Upton Elementary School, and as the patron of First Grade she has been a guiding current in the early lives of Upton's youth for decades.

Kasi doesn't stop molding the lives of Upton's youth at the conclusion of each school day, however. She is an active leader in the Upton Elementary/Middle School's Bobcat Adventures afterschool and summer programs. Additionally, Kasi serves on the Board of Directors for the Upton Gun Club, where she handles fundraising and finances (Kasi's prowess as a renowned local baker securing plenty of funding for the Gun Club's fundraisers). She also serves as a Head Coach of the Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC), co-founder of the Upton Trap Cats trap-shooting group, and serves on the YHEC Steering Committee.



Kasi has touched and shaped the lives of every Upton youth for over the last two decades and continues to do so day after day. For these reasons, the *Gazette* feels Kasi embodies what small town advocacy is all about, an ironclad devotion to community and youth.

Congratulations, Kasi, and thank you for everything you do for the children of Upton.

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