



Centennial Essay Contest

Town of Wise, Centennial Celebration, 1924-2024

September 14th – September 21st

The **Wise Centennial Essay Contest** is scheduled for this special year to coincide with the week-long celebration to be held the 3rd week of September. Most happenings will take place during this time, but a few events such as the Beauty Contest will happen earlier. (Stay tuned).

The essay could cover any event or any person that lived in Wise during the past 100 years! Other topic includes how the wars that occurred during this time period affected the folks in Wise, other major events – such as the depression, school consolidation, outstanding sports teams, or who built the walls around town! Talk to your older family members, and your neighbors and your teachers for ideas!

Guidelines: Please, entries must be typed, and limited to 800 words! Please include a cover sheet with your name, address, phone number, age range (18 and under, or 19 and over.)

Entries must be received by September 11th, 2024. Entries should be submitted to Bonnie Aker, Box 595, Wise, Va. 24293. ATT: Essay Contest. You may also hand deliver entries to The Clapboard House, 207 West Main Street, Wise during business hours. Teachers may submit essays as a group! Prizes will be awarded for both Youth and Adult. Each winner will also receive a Centennial Plaque.

First Place \$100
Second Place \$50
Third Place \$25

Awards will be presented Saturday, September 21st 10 AM on the Stage at Big Glades. Winners will get a call or an email advising them to be present, if possible. The 6 winning essays will be printed in The Coalfield Progress!

The Event is sponsored by The Town of Wise Centennial Committee!
Thank you!

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