

Ravenna Resident Among Contestants For This Year's America's National Teenager

Among this year's contestants of America's National Teenager Scholarship Organization, which is celebrating 45 years of prestigious competition, is Ravenna resident, Olivia Wise. Earlier this year, Olivia received \$12,000 in scholarships and several gifts along with the honor of being crowned Miss District of Columbia National Teenager 2015.

ANTSO, for short, focuses on typical teens in daily life highlighting what makes them special. The organization places a high emphasis on strong scholastic ideas, solid leadership principles, and high character growth to young women. While each contestant will compete on stage in evening gown and personal expression, 60% of their score will come from scholastic achievement, leadership and community activities, and a private interview with a panel of judges. Director and CEO, Jenny Telwar-Daniel, has stated this is the first time in ANTSO history that 3 siblings have shared the

honor of competing at nationals. Olivia's sister, Laura, competed in 2003, and her sister, Victoria, competed in 2012.

Olivia, a Sophomore and Varsity Cheerleader, at the Estill County High School, is Founder of the Will Wise Toy Drive for Marcum and Wallace Memorial Hospital now in its 9th consecutive year of success. She works with Meals on Wheels for Homeless Vets and raises funds for The Wounded Warrior Project. She has been participated in raising drilling funds with Wells For Haiti, which brings clean drinking water to the people of Haiti, and is currently collecting backpacks and unused hotel/travel items for Crystal Lawson to take to Haiti on her next mission trip. Olivia has also worked with the local Backpack Ministry, Build A Bed, and participates in Christmas with the Dessie Scott Children's Home thru her local FBLA Chapter.

Olivia was both emotional and honored as she worked the Annual Teddy

Bear Fair at Marcum and Wallace Hospital earlier this year for the release of the Will Bear, in memory of her late brother, Will Wise. The event, with over 15 years of success and dedication, was organized to give children a tour of the hospital and stations in hopes of making them less afraid should they ever be a patient. First grade students from Estill, Lee, Powell, and Owsley Counties each received a bear to take with them on the tour.

Olivia has received a Distinguished Teddy Edmonds Award, an Al Robinson Award, and the Mitch McConnell Outstanding Citizens Award. She has been nominated for the National Presidential Award and the 2016 Role Model Calendar.

ANTSO is represented in all 53 states/territories and award over \$5 million in cash prizes and scholarship annually. They are registered and trademarked in Tennessee as a division of Teen Success Today, LLC.



Olivia Wise, contestant for America's National Teenager

High Winds, Tree Limbs Down Power Lines

High winds, falling tree limbs and downed power lines took left thousands in the dark last week. From Monday, July 13, through Friday, July 17, Jackson Energy crews made repairs to outages impacting more than 14,000 homes and businesses in the area.

Co-op members who lost power over those five days included 3147 in Laurel County, 3131 in Lee, 2852 in Jackson, 2220 in Rockcastle, 1970 in Clay, 775 in Owsley and 561 in Estill County.

"Restoring power was difficult in many spots because of high water," says Jackson Energy Chief Operations Officer Derrick Dean, "and

our service area was hit by several powerful storms during the week. We would make progress one day only to have another storm move through that evening and take down even more power lines."

Dean says 11 extra four-man crews were brought in from other companies and cooperatives to assist with the restoration. More than 100 workers were in the field restoring service and making repairs to more than 330 individual outages.

A total of 21 broken poles had to be placed during the week, including three in Jackson County, six in Laurel, two in Clay, four in

Rockcastle, one in Lee, and two each in Estill and Owsley County. "It takes a crew around four hours to replace a pole in ideal conditions," Dean says, "and these were far from ideal conditions."

President & CEO Carol Wright sends her thanks out to co-op members who spent several days without power while crews worked around the clock to get the lights back on. "We know it's not easy to deal with an extended outage," she adds. "We thank our members for being patient and understanding when storms like this move through. The widespread damage to the electric system took time to repair, and

we worked to restore service as quickly and safely as possible."

Several co-op members sent Facebook messages thanking the crews, including Shelby Mize of Boonville. "Power just came back on. It is one thing we really don't notice. Just pay a bill and you got it but when it is gone you sure miss it. You cry and complain when it is out like I did, but when it comes back on you want to hug ever line man you see."



Jackson Energy Line Tech Marlon Coffey makes a repair to equipment damaged during last week's severe thunderstorms. Power outages kept crews busy for most of the week after several rounds of storms left behind downed power lines and broken poles throughout the region. (Photo courtesy of Karen Combs)



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12 & Under Wins Berea Tourney

Estill County can be proud of its 12-and-under all star baseball team. This past weekend they beat three Lexington teams to get in finals of the Berea tournament.

They beat Southwestern Lexington twice, 9-3 and 9-4. Then they beat Western Lexington 6-1. They had two guys hit home runs over the fence the first day.

Congratulations to Kamden Powell and Isaac Napier. Isaac hit two homers over in a row the first day of the tournament.

In the semifinals, Waylon Puckett hit a home run over the fence. Rocky Hix hit a single home run over the fence; also Rocky hit a grand slam over the fence in the semifinals.

Estill was slated to play

one if not the best 12 year old Lexington teams, South Lexington, in the finals of this tournament, but South Lexington left after a rain delay and Estill won by forfeit. Estill was looking forward to a rematch with South Lexington for they had played them in a tournament earlier this summer and played great against them, only losing by a few runs.



Pictured left to right, front row: Ty Niece, Elliott Hardy, Andrew Elam, Waylon Puckett, Isaac Napier. Back row: Gabe Brooks, Dalton McKinney, Rocky Hix, Kamden Powell, Cobbe Click and Trenton Love. The team is coached by Ryan Powell and Seth Martin. (Photo courtesy of Rebecca Click)

Estill County Youth

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SIGNUPS

Saturday, July 25th ... 11-2

Sunday, July 26th 1-3

Saturday, August 1st . 11-2

Sunday, August 2nd 1-3

McDonald's in Irvine

Kg - 2nd Grade Flag \$40⁰⁰

*Child must have been 4 years of age before Jan. 1, 2015

3rd - 6th Grade Tackle ... \$60⁰⁰