

# Event kicks off festivities for Miss Rain Day

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WAYNESBURG - Eleven young women from throughout Greene County gathered recently at the Glass Room in Waynesburg University's Benedum Hall to officially kick off their quest for the Miss Rain Day title.

The contestants and their guests were treated to a dinner, courtesy of McCracken's Pharmacy. Guests were Miss Joanna Allen, 2011 Miss Rain Day, Miss Loren Schroyer, 2012 Crown Bearer, and Miss Kelsey Landy, Miss PA International 2012.

The 34th annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by Rain Day Scholarship Inc., will be held at 4 p.m. July 22 in Waynesburg Central High School auditorium.

Contestants will be judged on the basis of personal interview, sportswear, talent and evening gown competitions.

Awards will be presented to those with top scores in these areas, as well as Miss Personality, Miss Photogenic, the Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award, The Remo C. Bertugli Memorial Award, and new for this year, Scholastic Achievement Award. Participation awards also will be given to all contestants.

A Rain Maker Award will be presented to the contestant who collects the most scholarships, and the John O'Hara Award will be given to the contestant who composes the best essay on what Rain Day means to them.

Also new this year is the offering of a tuition scholarship by Westmoreland County Community College. The scholarship may be applied to any of Westmoreland County Community College's 65 associate degree programs that prepare students for careers or provide the first two years of the bachelor's degree.

"On behalf of our Greene County Education Center, Westmoreland County Community College is pleased to offer a tuition scholarship to this year's Miss Rain Day pageant winner," said Daniel Obara, Westmoreland County Community College President

In the next few weeks, the contestants will have their portrait taken courtesy of Bruno and Bruno photography, hold interviews with WANB Radio and participate in a community service project and attend a special dinner and performance of "Annie" at the Benedum Center in Pittsburgh.

The contestants also will spend an evening attending a Washington Wild Things baseball game, volunteer at Greene County Memorial Hospital Foundation Golf Outing and Rain Day 5K race.

After the pageant, Miss Rain Day 2012, her court and the contestants will participate in the Rain Day Festival July 29, and the winners will perform for the festival oers.

Allen, 17, daughter of George and Georgeanna Allen of Waynesburg, is guiding the 2012 contestants through their quest for the title and will relinquish the crown to one of this year's contestant.

Those competing for the title and the schools they attend are:

n Floretta Chambers, 17, daughter of Barry and Stephanie Chambers of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area

### Junior-Senior High School

n Chelsea Coder, 17, daughter of Dave and Cindy Coder of Waynesburg; Waynesburg Central High School

n Rebecca Conklin, 15, daughter of Rhonda Wolfe and Monty Stewart of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area Junior-Senior High School

n Amanda Frampton, 14, daughter of Stephen and Debra Frampton of New Freeport; West Greene High School

n Kendall Lewis, 16, daughter of Mark and Jennette Lewis of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area Junior-Senior High School

n Stephanie Mitchell, 15, daughter of Jim and Becky Mitchell of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area Junior-Senior High School

n Tanya Phillips, 16, daughter of Terry and Ethel Phillips of New Freeport; West Greene High School

n Carly Riggi, 14, daughter of John and Josey Riggi of Rices Landing; Jefferson-Morgan Junior Senior High School

n Nina Rivera, 14, daughter of Chad and Eryan Coss of Waynesburg; Waynesburg Central High School

n Abigail Walters, 16, daughter of Greg and Dana Walters of Waynesburg; Waynesburg central High School

n Christa Ziefel, 17, daughter of David and Cathy Ziefel of Graysville; West Greene High School  
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