

# 11 compete for Miss Rain Day title

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WAYNESBURG – Eleven girls from around Greene County will compete in the 34th annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant Sunday.

The competition will begin at 4 p.m. in the Waynesburg Central High School auditorium.

Events before the evening's finale of the crowning of Miss Rain Day will include sportswear, talent and evening gown competitions. Contestants also will be judged on a personal interview.

Pageant organizers will bid farewell to the 2011 queen, Joanna Allen, 18, daughter of George and Georgeanna Allen of Waynesburg. She is guiding the 2012 contestants through their quest for the title.

This year, contestants will compete for their share of \$6,700 in awards and scholarship bonds. Participation awards will be given to all contestants in the form of a \$200 bond.

The new Miss Rain Day will win \$1,000 along with a trophy, crown, banner and flowers. The first runner-up will receive \$800; the second runner-up, \$600; third runner-up, \$400; and fourth runner-up, \$200.

Winners of the sportswear, talent and evening gown competitions get plaques and \$150, and the winner of the personal interview gets \$200.

Miss Personality will be selected by her fellow contestants and will receive \$200 and a trophy. Miss Photogenic will win \$100, and the winner of the Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award also will receive \$100.

The contestant who collects the most sponsorship will earn the Rain Maker Award, which is \$200 and a trophy. The girl who writes the best essay, as judged by a panel of journalists, will receive the John O'Hara Award, which is \$100 and a trophy.

The winner of the Remo C. Bertugli Memorial Award, which is judged from essays submitted by the contestants on how a volunteering experience changed their lives, will receive \$100.

New this year are the Scholastic Achievement Award, valued at \$200, and a Pageantry Spirit Award worth \$100.

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

Those competing for the title of Miss Rain Day 2012 are, in alphabetical order:

- Floretta Chambers, 17, daughter of Barry and Stephanie Chambers of Carmichaels. She will be a senior at Carmichaels Area High School. Floretta will perform a belly dance to music of "Hips Don't Lie."
- Chelsea Coder, 18, daughter of Cindy and Dave Coder of Waynesburg. She will be a freshman at West Virginia University. Chelsea will perform a musical theater selection to "The Wizard and I."

- Rebecca Conklin, 15, daughter of Rhonda Wolfe and Monty Stewart of Carmichaels. She will be a freshman at Carmichaels Area High School. Rebecca will be performing a lyrical dance to the song, “Rain.”
- Amanda Frampton, 14, daughter of Stephen and Debra Frampton of New Freeport. She will be a freshman at West Greene High School. Amanda has selected to perform ”Concerto No. 1 in A Minor” on her violin.
- Kendall Lewis, 16, daughter of Mark and Jennette Lewis of Carmichaels. She will be a sophomore at Carmichaels Area High School. Kendall will perform a tap dance to “Party on the Floor.”
- Stephanie Mitchell, 15, daughter of Jim and Becky Mitchell of Carmichaels. She will be a sophomore at Carmichaels Area High School. Stephanie will perform a lyrical acrobatic routine to “Out Here on My Own.”
- Tanya Phillips, 16, daughter of Terry and Ethel Phillips of New Freeport. She will be a junior at West Greene High School. Tanya will be doing a jazz acrobatic dance to “All That Jazz.”
- Carly Riggi, 14, daughter of John and Josey Riggi of Rices Landing. She will be a freshman at Jefferson- Morgan Junior-Senior High School. Carly will perform a musical theater dance to “I Want to Go to Hollywood.”
- Nina Rivera, 14, daughter of Chad and Eryan Coss of Waynesburg. She will be a freshman at Waynesburg Central High School. Nina will be performing a tap dance to “Fabulous Feet.”
- Abigail Walters, 16, daughter of Dana and Greg Walters of Waynesburg. She will be a senior at Waynesburg Central High School. Abigail will perform a contemporary dance to “Do You Want to Dance.”
- Christa Ziefel, 17, daughter of David and Cathy Ziefel of Nineveh. She will be a senior at West Greene High School. Christa will perform a tap dance to “If My Friends Could See Me Now.” Copyright Observer Publishing Co.