

Miss Rain Day to host benefit walk for Alzheimer's research

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WAYNESBURG – When Kendall Lewis, Miss Rain Day 2012, recently shared her guidance with the 2013 contestants she told them, “As I grew older, I started to realize that the title of Miss Rain Day is much more than just a pretty crown on your head. Miss Rain Day is a role model, a leader, and a young responsible girl who loves her community. That is exactly when I decided that I wanted to participate in the Miss Rain Day scholarship pageant.”

It is that sense of “a young responsible girl who loves her community” and the love for her family that has prompted Lewis to choose to host a walk to raise money for Alzheimer's research as her service project this Saturday.

“As Miss Rain Day I am required to do a service project,” Lewis said.

“I wanted to do something with meaning. My grandmother is currently suffering from Alzheimer's so I decided to host a walk to raise money for Alzheimer's research.”

The walk will be three miles along the Greene River Trail beginning and ending at the Greene Cove Yacht Club trail head entrance. Registration is at 8 a.m. on July 13 and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

Lewis will be joined by the contestants of the 2013 Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant, which will be held on Sunday, July 28.

Jeanine Henry, events director for Rain Day Scholarship Inc., said, “Our purpose is to encourage the girls to give back to the community.”

“We let them choose their project because then it has special meaning to them,” Henry said. “Because of Kendall's grandmother suffering from Alzheimer's, she chose to do the Walk to End Alzheimer's.”

Lewis, the 17-year old daughter of Mark and Jennette Lewis of Carmichaels said, “I hope many people come out on Saturday and help us stop this horrible disease, and wear your purple!”

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to help fight this disease, download the registration and donation forms at www.missraindaypageant.org or contact Kendall at 724-880-6981.

Forms and donations can be returned to Kendall Lewis - Miss Rain Day or Rain Day Scholarship Inc. Please make checks payable to Alzheimer's Association.