

## Seven young ladies to compete for Rain Day royalty

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WAYNESBURG – Seven young ladies from around Greene County will compete in the 35th annual Miss Rain Day Scholarship Pageant, which will be held on Sunday, July 28 in the Waynesburg Central High School auditorium.

Sponsored by Rain Day Scholarship Inc., the competition will begin at 4 p.m.

The 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 Spirit Award, Scholastic Achievement Award and the Kelly Smotzer Memorial Award.

Participation awards 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.

The Remo C. Bertugli Memorial Award will also be presented, which is judged from essays submitted by the contestants on how a volunteering experience changed their life.

It was also announced that Westmoreland County Community College is once again awarding the new Miss Rain Day a \$2,500 scholarship should she choose to attend WCCC.

The contestants have had a busy schedule this summer. They gathered in May in the Glass Room in Benedum Hall at Waynesburg University to officially kick off their quest for the Miss Rain Day title. The young ladies and their guests were treated to dinner courtesy of McCracken Pharmacy.

Guests that evening included Kendall Lewis, Miss Rain Day 2012, 2013 crown bearer Lilly Myers and Miss Ohio 2012 and Miss Rain Day 2008 Elissa McCracken.

The contestants also had their portrait taken courtesy of Bruno & Bruno Full Service Salon and Portrait Studio and were interviewed by WANB Radio's Doug Wilson. They also attended a Washington Wild Things baseball game and a dinner-theater trip to Benedum

Cultural Center to see the production of Disney's "The Little Mermaid," followed by dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse.

They also volunteered their time to raise money and awareness to a Walk to End Alzheimer's, Miss Rain Day Kendall Lewis's chosen service project and they are also helping at the Greene County Memorial Foundation Golf Outing. They will also attend the Rain Day 5K race to be held July 27.

After the pageant, Miss Rain Day 2013, her court and the contestants will participate in the Rain Day Festival on July 29, and the winners will perform for the festival goers.

Miss Rain Day 2012 Kendall Lewis, the 17-year-old daughter of Mark and Jennette Lewis of Carmichaels, is guiding the contestants through their quest for the title and will relinquish the crown to one of this year's contestants.

Those competing for the title of Miss Rain Day 2013 are, in alphabetical order:

n Allie Christopher, the 16-year-old daughter of Kenny and Tammy Christopher of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area Junior Senior High School. She will be performing a vocal selection to "The Prayer" in both English and Italian.

n Amanda Frampton, the 15-year-old daughter of Stephen and Debra Frampton of New Freeport; West Greene High School. Amanda will be performing a musical selection on the violin to "Praeludium and Allegro" by Kreisler.

n Stephanie Mitchell, the 16-year-old daughter of Jim and Becky Mitchell of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area Junior Senior High School. Stephanie will be performing a lyrical acrobat routine to "Come Wake Me Up."

n Tanya Phillips, the 17-year-old daughter of Terry and Ethel Phillips of New Freeport; West Greene High School. Tanya will be performing a lyrical dance performance to "Butterfly Fly Away" by Miley Cyrus.

n Carly Riggi, the 14-year-old daughter of John and Josey Riggi of Rices Landing; Jefferson Morgan Junior Senior High School. Carly will be performing a musical theater selection to "Cooney Island Waltz."

n Lesley Tift, the 17-year-old daughter of Wes and Justine Tift of Rices Landing; Jefferson Morgan Junior Senior High School. Lesley will be performing a flag twirling routine to "Titanium."

n Morgan Voithofer, the 14-year-old daughter of Jason Voithofer and Heather Voithofer,

both of Carmichaels; Carmichaels Area Junior Senior High School. Morgan will be performing a musical theater selection to “Popular” from the Broadway musical “Wicked.”