

John O' Hara Award Essay

Contestant #5

If you were to go around Greene County asking random people what Rain Day meant to them, each individual would give you a different response. Some might say something about the celebration in Waynesburg or talk about how everybody in town is hoping for at least one rain drop. Others might chat about getting to visit with friends and family members, getting to enjoy funnel cakes and popcorn, or even getting to see the ever-famous Miss Rain Day Pageant. No two people would give you the same answer. Why? This is because Rain Day means something unique and special to each and every person.

To me, Rain Day means a lot more than all the events that happen around town. Rain Day has a much deeper meaning. It is a huge part of the history of Waynesburg and has helped shape that little town into what it is today. Rain Day started over one hundred years ago just through a little small talk in a drugstore. Now, it is celebrated all over the county and brings together everyone who appreciates the history of our special day, July 29th.

Ever since I was a little girl, I loved celebrating Rain Day. I especially valued getting to see the Miss Rain Day Pageant. I looked up to all of the girls competing and yearned for the day that I would get to call myself a contestant and compete for the beloved title. It was a dream of mine to be crowned Miss Rain Day. That dream still exists in my heart today. I have always admired Miss Rain Day and looked up to her as a role model. If I were ever crowned, I hope that I would be just as great of a role model to little girls as all the other queens were to me. They inspired me to work hard toward my dreams and to never give up no matter what happens. They helped shape me into the young woman that I am today.

Over the years, Rain Day has ruptured into a magnificent celebration. It is not just any regular old day. To many, it is considered a holiday. There are so many different attractions to go see and many different people to meet every year. July 29th has always been very important to me and it still is today. Not only does Waynesburg take pride in this day, but all of Greene County does. Rain Day has helped shaped our town into what it is today. It has also helped shape its people into who they are today. July 29th is a day to celebrate friends, family, togetherness, and most importantly the history that gave us this wonderful celebration. That is what Rain Day means to me.