

Reflecting on rain royalty

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WAYNESBURG – Kendall Lewis will soon pass on her title, but the wonderful memory of her year as Miss Rain Day 2012 will be something she will keep forever.

“It has been such an amazing year,” Lewis said. “If I could change anything about my year as Miss Rain Day it would be time, because it went so fast.”

Lewis said the highlight of her year was the Walk to End Alzheimer’s service project, where she raised \$2,000 for research.

Jeanine Henry, events director for Rain Day Scholarship Inc. said, “We require the girls to do a service project because 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.”

“I wanted to do something with meaning. My grandmother is currently suffering from Alzheimer’s,” Lewis said.

“She was able to attend the walk and although she may not have been fully aware of what was going on, it was so special for me to have her be there.”

Lewis encouraged other young women to enter the Miss Rain Day Pageant because “it gives you so many positive experiences.” She said she competed in the Miss Rain Day Pageant for two years before winning the competition.

“Entering the pageant really helped me depart from my shyness,” she said.

“The best advice I could give to Miss Rain Day 2013,” Lewis said, “would be for her to use her title; make the most of every opportunity being Miss Rain Day offers and become the best Miss Rain Day possible.”

The other piece of advice would be, “Start putting together your album immediately, like

the morning after the pageant,” Lewis said laughing.

Without hesitation, Lewis said the most interesting person she met as Miss Rain Day was “Crazy Dougie Wilson,” host of WANB Radio’s “Greene County Gold.”

“Every time he saw me he never failed to get down on one knee and greeted me as Your Majesty,” she said, “He really made me feel like a princess.”

Lewis, the 17-year old daughter of Mark and Jennette Lewis of Carmichaels, will be a senior this year at Carmichaels Area High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), yearbook club, and a member of the senior high student council.

Following graduation, Lewis plans on attending college to study forensics. She hopes to one day work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.