

## **“What Rain Day Means To Me”**

***“Somewhere over the rainbow, skies are blue, and the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true.”*** Lyman Frank Baum

**As a life-long participant in our Rain Day festivities, I can best express the important aspects of this meaningful event by comparing it to the colors of a rainbow. Just like rainbows appear in the sky and bring beauty and joy to our lives, so does Rain Day enhance both our community and my life experience within this important celebration.**

**Rain Day is red like the colors of the children’s rosy cheeks. As they take part in the games and food booths, hurrying from place to place with their friends and families in tow, they exude the happiness that shines brightly in the apples of their cheeks.**

**Rain Day is green like the colors of our summertime landscape. What a coincidence that one of our founding fathers, Nathaniel Greene, had a name that exemplified the colors of our rolling hills and our summertime plants. Walking down the main street on Rain Day, the green colors of life sprout among us. From the flowers for sale to the surrounding peaks of the landscape, green abounds on Rain Day.**

**Rain Day is blue like the sky. Uniquely, the Waynesburg sky receives more attention than usual on this festive occasion. As community members try to hazard a guess at what specific time the rain will fall, the passers-by regularly peek at the sky and peer into the clouds, pondering the timing of the first drop. The blue of the sky is an important color in the rainbow that represents Rain Day.**

Rain Day is yellow like the golden sparkles on the performers' costumes. The main stage on Rain Day is the site of a variety of talent presentations throughout the day. Typically, costumes are involved that sparkle and shine, bringing a bit of glitz and glamour to our hometown décor.

Rain Day is silver, like the crown on Miss Rain Day's head: the crown I have coveted all my life. To me, this crown represents the epitome of all that is important to our community: pride, dedication, hard work and tradition. The silver Miss Rain Day tiara is the crowning grace of this teenage girl's quest for the opportunity to represent her community with dignity and grace; to be a role model for and representative of the small town with the big heart.

Rain Day also represents my personal rainbow: red for the love I feel for my community; white for the hope that shines bright in my heart; green for the wealth of our community spirit; and purple, the color of royalty that signifies my goal to win the crown. This is what Rain Day means to me.

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