
Waynesburg's small businesses to take center stage at open house



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Emerson Shank raises her arm to show off a cartoon cutout with Kristy Vliet's smiling face behind it. They are with Caitlin Carlisle, left, and Jim Winegar are getting ready for the Waynesburg Prosperous and Beautiful Midsummer's Night open house on High Street in Waynesburg from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Friday. - C.R. Nelson/For Observer-Reporter [Order a Print](#)

WAYNESBURG – The main business district in Waynesburg will take center stage Friday night.

Locally owned businesses and shops along High Street will be offering special promotions and sales from 5 to 8:30 p.m. during the fourth annual Midsummer Dream open house.

There will be music on the steps of Greene County Courthouse and the courtyard's shady lawn will be transformed into a dreamy place for guests to be photographed as an elf, fairy or any other character one might expect to find in a Shakespeare play. Pixie dust is certainly an option.

"This is a great annual event that focuses on showcasing what downtown Waynesburg has to offer and we're happy to have EQT as a sponsor this year because it's helping us expand," said Caitlin Carlisle, the head of the event's committee.

This year's new challenge is a trivia scavenger hunt that has the answers in many participating High Street stores. Those who complete the hunt will be entered in a drawing for a \$250 cash prize.

Storytellers and street performers, such as fire dancer Viola Lee, are part of the entertainment and the Hungarian Smoke House and Chatty Cupcakes will be serving unique treats, along with other food vendors.

Anyone who wants to decorate a mask and wear it Friday can visit Ruff Creek Cakes, which has them for the occasion. Meanwhile, Purse-N-Ality has fairy wings, warberibboned head crowns for little princesses and their mothers.

Purse-N-Ality also has an exhibit of the original art of Thomas Shaneyfelt of Clay City. Shaneyfelt's coal mining inspired pieces have been on display at the King Coal Museum in Carmichaels. Prints of his more popular subjects will be available for purchase.

Artbeat artists Bonnie Hagyard and Heidi Marx have summoned up a legion of pixies, fairies, gnomes and dragons and there will be new dream-themed works on display. Watercolor artist Kit Paulsen of Washington and others.

Rock the Chalk is back for a third year, with 10 artists drawing on the sidewalk and chalking it up on paper taped to store windows and walls. Finished pieces will be available for prizes, including People's Choice and chalk art that is done on paper will be available for sale. Boxes of chalk will be set out on the sidewalk in front of the courthouse so that kids of all ages can get into the fun of artful graffiti.

For more information about Friday night's events, go to Waynesburg Prosperous & Beautiful's website at www.waynesburgpa.org.

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