

Kaylee Chapin crowned Miss Watervliet

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WATERVIET — Watervliet High School senior Kaylee Ann Chapin was recently named Miss Watervliet, besting nine other competitors.

Chapin, 18, won the crown Jan. 14 in Watervliet. She is the daughter of Allen and Ginnette Chapin. She is active in cheerleading, the dance team, and is a member of the Quiz Bowl Team. Chapin also serves as class co-president and is National Honor Society vice president. She plans to attend Western Michigan University to become a physical therapist.

Katie Schultz, 17, was selected first runner-up. She is the daughter of Randy and Tina Schultz.

Schultz, also a Watervliet High School senior, is involved in basketball, volleyball and softball.

Schultz also has received academic awards and certification in first aid, CPR and as a certified nursing assistant.

She plans to attend Lake Michigan College to study nursing, and then attend a four-year college to spe-



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cialize in pediatrics.

Mercede Daugherty, 17, was named second runner-up. The Watervliet High School senior is the daughter of Roy and Edie Daugherty. She is involved in softball, dance team, yearbook and volleyball. She is a member of the Leadership Council and the National Honor Society. Last fall, she was named homecom-

ing queen. She plans to attend Trine University to pursue a degree in business, and will play softball.

Selected as Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants was Maggie Lynch. The 18-year-old senior attends Watervliet High School.

She is the daughter of Greg and Trina Lynch. She is involved in Leadership Council, basketball, volleyball, dance team and serves as a student tutor. Lynch plans to study psychology in college to become a child psychologist.

The remaining contestants included Nicole Trux, Kylie Taylor, Zoey How-

ard, Kacie Shaffer, Taylor Zehner and Emily Fellows. Fellows and Lynch rounded out the top five.

Daugherty won the title of Miss Entrepreneur for selling the most advertisements in the program.

Sharing the co-Mr. Watervliet honors were Haydon Richards and Brent Simmons.

Richards, 18, is a Watervliet High School senior. He is the son of Eric and Natakka Richards. Richards competes on the track and cross country teams. Following high school, he plans to go to college to study welding or CNC machine operation.

Simmons, 17, is also a Watervliet senior, and he attends the Berrien County Math & Science Center. He is the son of Jack and Carla Simmons.

Simmons participates in track, cross country and band, and is a member of the National Honor Society, Quiz Bowl Team and Science Olympiad Team. Simmons plans to attend college to study medicine, with a goal of becoming a plastic surgeon.

The theme of the contest was "Backyard Barbecue." Hosts for the evening were radio personalities Phil McDonald and Lindsay Zvonar.