

2014 Queen of Queens Candidates



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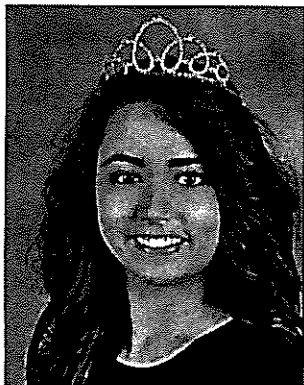
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Queen of Queens Pageant slated for Friday at 7 p.m.

WHEELING – The OVAC will once again crown the Queen of Queens as girls representing 25 OVAC high schools compete for the 2014 title. The Talent Show will take place on Friday, July 25, 7 p.m., at Wesbanco Arena. Tickets are available at the door, \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.

The Master of Ceremonies

for the evening will be recording artist and Wheeling native, Justin Mise. The 2014 Queen will be crowned at halftime of the Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Classic on Sunday, July 27, at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kick off is at 7:15.

Come early for the pre-game activities featuring the OVAC All Star Marching Band, Drill

Team, cheerleaders and Queens.

Joyce Jingle is the Queen of Queens Director. Photographs are courtesy of Monica Lynna Photography & Framing.

The All-Star week kicks off on Sunday with the football players reporting to camp at Bethany College.

The McDonald's All-Star Band and cheerleaders report on

Wednesday and Thursday, respectively.

Also on Wednesday, the "Evening with the Stars" dinner will be held at the White Palace at Wheeling Park. Reservations are required for this event.

On Thursday, an Ice Cream Social will be held.

The Queen of Queens Pageant is on Friday, followed by the Pep

Rally on Saturday evening at 6 at Bison Field, Bethany College. Teams and Queens will be introduced, and the All-Star Band and the All-Star Cheerleaders from both Ohio and West Virginia will perform. There is no admission fee for the Pep Rally.

The week will culminate on Sunday with the All-Star Football Classic.

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■ **Jenna Bellville**, Bellaire High School.

■ **Carly Greer**, Wheeling Park High School.

■ **Emma Hicks**, Morgantown High School.

■ **Elaysia Hill**, Bishop Donahue High School.

■ **Sarah Howard**, Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

■ **Rachel Hughes**, Union Local High School.

■ **Tracy Johnson**, Brooke High School.

■ **Elizabeth Keim**, John Marshall High School.

■ **Emily Kosikowski**, Toronto High School.

■ **Brenna Lappert**, Shadyside High School.

■ **Allyson Minder**, Martins Ferry High School.

■ **Melissa Moreland**, Conotton Valley High School.

■ **Maclaine Murad**, Bridgeport High School.

■ **McKenzie Newman**, Magnolia High School.

■ **Kaitelyn Pollock**, Edison Local High School.

■ **Lexi Pritchard**, St. Clairsville High School.

■ **Halli Richards**, St.



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■ **Eileen Schwerfeger**, Cameron High School.

■ **Morgan Thompson**, Monroe Central High School.

■ **Bailee Tusick**, Weir High School.



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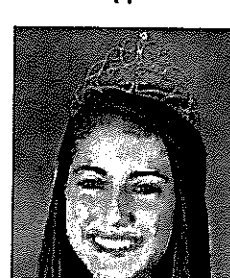
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Former Queen to Judge Weekend

By LINDA COMINS
Life Editor

Drawing upon professional acumen for finding entertainers with great potential, Wheeling native Barbara Bailey is excited to have a role in selecting the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference's 2014 Queen of Queens this weekend.

Bailey, who lives in Chicago where she operates a talent agency called Barb Bailey Entertainment, is coming home to serve on the panel of judges for the Queen of Queens competition today. The event has nostalgic significance for Bailey, who competed in a Queen of Queens pageant 50 years ago.

The first-time judge and one-time competitor recalled, "I represented Triadelphia High School in 1964. I was their queen. At that time, our Queen of Queens event was at the Capitol Theatre. It's so very sweet of them to be digging back to ask me to be one of their judges," she added.

Bailey said, "I'm really excited. It's a walk down memory lane. It's such an honor to represent your high school. I think I did a song and dance, 'The Best Is Yet to Come' (in 1964)."

This year's Queen of Queens talent show, featuring 25 young women from OVAC high schools, takes place at 7 p.m. today at WesBanco Arena in Wheeling. Justin Mise, a recording artist and Wheeling native, is the master of ceremonies.

Tickets are available at the door.

The 2014 queen will be crowned at the OVAC All Star Charity Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium Sunday night. Bailey plans to attend the crowning ceremony. "I wouldn't miss that for the world. I want to



BARBARA BAILEY

see who won. I'm definitely going to be there for that," she said.

Beginning at 4 p.m. today, each judge will conduct a three- to five-minute individual interview with each candidate, she said. "It will be one on one with each of the 25 girls, which is so great. You're not influenced by what someone else does," she said.

According to the rules, 50 percent of an entrant's score is to be based on her talent, with additional points awarded for the interview and for poise and presentation in an evening gown, the judge explained.

The show will include an opening number, modeling, talent presentation and a walk in front of the judges. "It's really similar to Miss West Virginia, Miss America, Miss Universe, with talent and personality," she said.

Bailey, who earned a degree in English and music at Michigan State University, has spent more than 40 years in the music business. She has worked as a music representative and agent in Chicago and Los Angeles. She founded her own agency in 2008.

She plans to draw upon her experience as a music manager and agent and music producer in deter-

mining her choice for the Queen of Queens winner. She will be looking for "the 'wow' factor in the package. It's very, very similar," she remarked.

At the agency, Bailey receives submissions from singers on a daily basis, and she makes decisions "based on the 'it' factor, the package."

Regarding the criteria for clients, she said, "They've got to be very, very talented, and I have to have a rapport with them. If you manage someone, you have to be a family; you have to be a team. It's very important that they are unique and absolutely sensational in what they do."

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Queen to Judge Weekend Contest



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are so worth it. It takes a certain kind of person who can roll with it. Part of my job is to help them roll with it."

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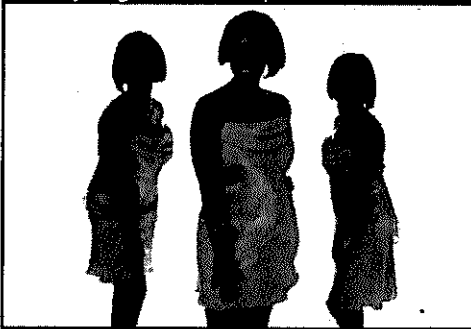
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know he does that just to make me better in the long run."

The long run for Lavonte will begin shortly after the all-star game is played as he will begin training camp at Bethany where he will play receiver this fall.

"I tell everyone where everything is on campus because I've been up there multiple times," he said. "So they just kinda follow me and I lead the way."

The same can be said about his career for the Bishops, one that brought back memories of his brother's six years prior. Not that the brothers compare themselves. They leave that for everyone else.

"They say stats don't lie and I got those," Lavonte said with a grin.

The past week has been a new experience for both Hamptons.

While L.A. went through it before, he says he sees things a lot differently this time around.

"I remember trying to meet a few people at a time so I could meet everybody but it was so hard," he said. "But being a coach, you have to meet everybody. I got to know everybody and where they're from and a little bit about them rather than just their name."

"I actually talk to some of the kids I was in the game with more than the people I went to high school with."

For Lavonte, he's been busy turning old enemies into new friends.

"I've connected with plenty of kids from other schools, but the ones that stand out to me is C. J. Burch and Derek Yocke just because I've played against them for four years," he said. "They're from our rival school (Wheeling Central), so it was different meeting them and being on the same side. It's been a fun experience."

The all-star experience for both brothers will come to an end Sunday night when the 69th Annual game is played at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:15 p.m.

"It's been amazing," L.A. said of the past week. "I really couldn't ask for anything better. Coaching your brother ... I'm at a loss for words. I can't really think of anything I'd rather do than be up here with him."

QUEEN OF QUEENS IS CROWNED



Photo by Mike Palmer

Wheeling Park's Carly Greer, left, was named the OVAC Queen of Queens at halftime of the OVAC all-star football game Sunday, becoming the third consecutive representative from Wheeling Park to win the award. Shown next to Greer are, from left, first runner-up Izzie Keim, John Marshall; second runner-up was Sarah Howard, Wheeling Central Catholic; third runner-up Maclaine Murad, Bridgeport; fourth runner-up Halli Richards, St. John Central; and Miss Congeniality Lexie Pritchard, St. Clairsville.