

QUEENS TO PERFORM TALENTS FOR TITLE ON THURSDAY

The Ohio Valley Athletic Conference will crown the 2016 Queen of Queens at the Rudy Mumley OVAC All Star Charity Football Game on Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium.

Girls from 22 OVAC high schools will compete for the title in the Queen of Queens Talent Show, which will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday at Capitol Theatre in Wheeling.

Tickets are on sale at WesBanco Arena and will also be available at the door.

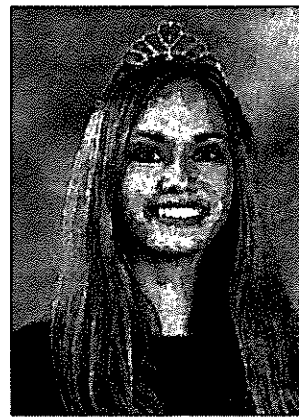
Kickoff for the game is at 7:15, with pre-game activities featuring the OVAC All Star Marching Band, drill team, cheerleaders and queens.



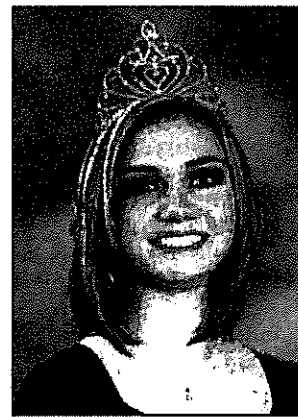
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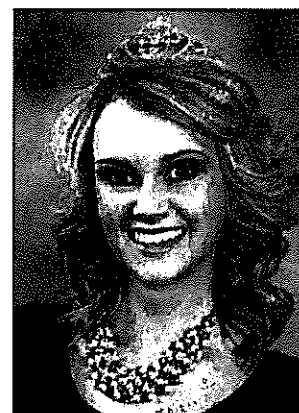
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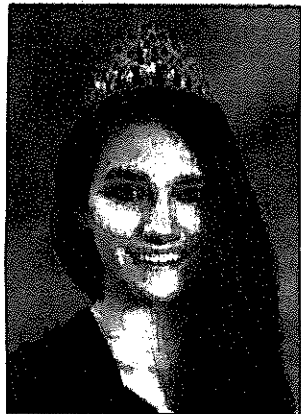
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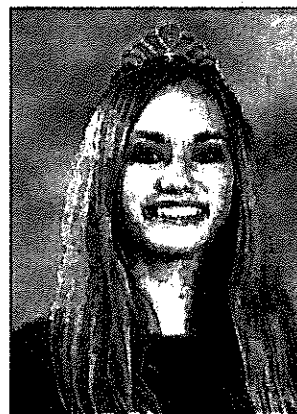
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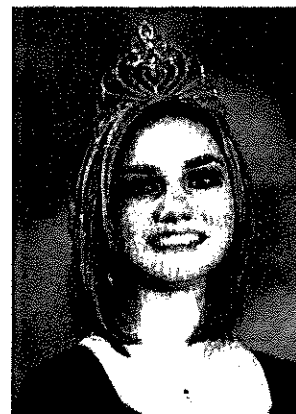
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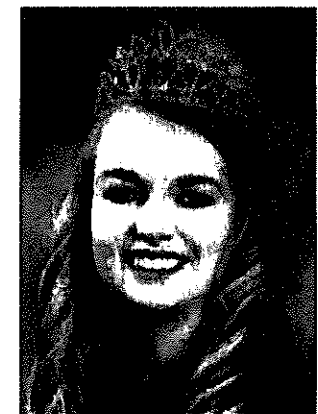
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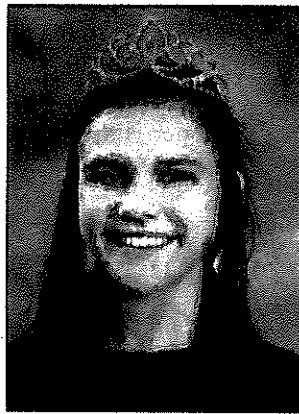
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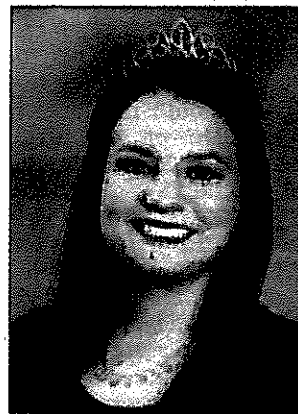
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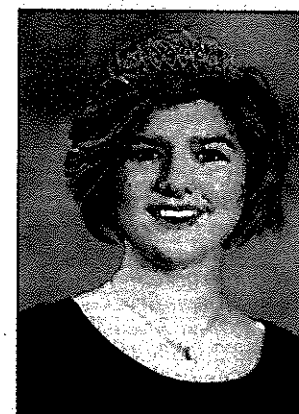
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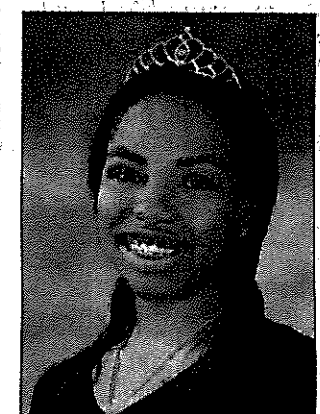
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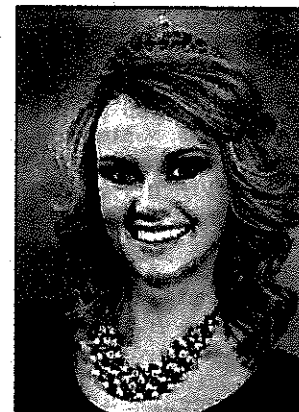
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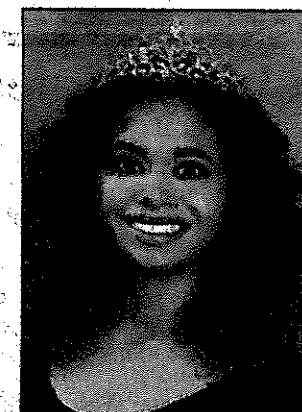
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Queen of Queens contest is July 21

WHEELING — The Ohio Valley Athletic Contest will once again crown the Queen of Queens as girls representing 23 OVAC high schools compete for the 2016 title. The Talent Show will take place this year at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 21, and will be returning for the second year to the Capitol Theatre, Main Street, Wheeling.

Tickets are on sale at WesBanco

Arena and will also be available at the door: \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. The 2016 Queen will be crowned at the Rudy Mumley OVAC All Star Charity Football Game on Saturday, July 23, at Wheeling Island Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:15 p.m. Pre-game feature the OVAC All Star Marching Band, Drill Team, cheerleaders and Queens.

Candidates include:
Katherine Adase, Wheeling Park High School;
Kelsi Anderson, Tyler Consolidated;
Rachel Arbogast, Magnolia;
Kaitlyn Callarik, Bellaire;
Maria Ducci, St. John Central;
Alexa Mayle, Buckeye Local;
Madison Neiswonger, Barnesville;

Alicia Palmeri, Weir;
Brianna Piergallini, Indian Creek;
Madison Pitcher, St. Clairsville;
Teresa Pockl, Wheeling Central;
Jennifer Reuther, Martins Ferry;
Miranda Robinson, Toronto;
Madison Ross, Cameron;
Samantha Rosser, Shadyside;

Kayla Speedy, Edison;
Tessie Tokash, Madonna;
Alexis Turner-Davis, Brooke;
Alyssa Wallace, John Marshall;
Carleigh West, The Linsly School;
Alli Wilcox, Monroe Central;
Lexie Willoughby, Bridgeport;
and
Maurkesha Young, Steubenville.

Reigning Queen of Queens Holds Fundraiser

By KIM NORTH
For The Intelligencer

Shortly after Briana Massey was crowned the 2015 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Queen of Queens a year ago, the Bridgeport graduate embarked upon her lifetime dream of serving in the United States Air Force.

However, Massey, an E-2 airman, hasn't forgotten where she came from or how she got to where she is now — Luke Air Force Base in Glendale, Ariz.

"I love it out there so far, but it's definitely different from the Ohio Valley. It's a big change in lifestyle, but I'm adjusting well," she said. "Work is going great, but it's great to be back home. I miss the Ohio Valley, my family and my friends. I'm also excited to crown the new queen Saturday night."

It has become a tradition in recent years that the reigning Queen of Queens holds a fundraiser during the week leading up to the annual OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game. Massey upheld that tradition by staging a car wash and bake sale at Advance Auto Parts on National Road in Brookside Tuesday.

She had hopes of raising at least \$500. In addition to Massey, several of this year's Queen of Queens candidates offered their assistance, including Bridgeport's Lexie Willoughby, Kaitlyn Callarik of Belaire, Alexa Mayle of Buckeye Local, Katherine Adase of Wheeling Park, Alyssa Wallace of John Marshall and Madison Ross of Cameron.

All the proceeds will go to LEEK, a hunting and mountain preserve in Oswayo, Pa., located in North Central Pennsylvania near the New York border. LEEK's mission is to provide military veterans a friendly, handicap-accessible camp environment and therapeutic outdoor activities like hunting and fishing.

"It's an outdoor preserve area that helps wounded warriors," Massey explained. "They take the wounded warriors, many who are missing some type of limb, on fishing and hunting expeditions. It gives those individuals a chance to connect with other wounded warriors who have lost their sense of pride after going to serve for their country."

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The Queen of Queens Talent Show is scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday at downtown Wheeling's historic Capitol Theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m. There are 23 contestants.

Reigning queen hosts fundraiser



T-L Photo/KIM NORTH

REIGNING QUEEN of Queens, Bridgeport's Briana Massey, third from left, organized a car wash/bake sale Tuesday to raise money for LEEK, a hunting and mountain preserve for wounded veterans in Oswayo, Pa.. Helping out from left, are Maddie Ross of Cameron High School; Katherine Adase of Wheeling Park High School; Massey; Kaitlyn Callarik of Bellaire High School; Lexie Willoughby of Bridgeport High School; Alyssa Wallace of John Marshall High School; and Lexie Mayle of Buckeye Local High School.

● Massey raises funds for wounded veterans

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Times Leader Sports Writer

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Parts on National Road in Brookside on Tuesday for four hours. She had hopes of raising at least, if not more than, \$500. In addition to Massey, several of this year's Queen of Queen candidates offered their assistance. They included Lexie Willoughby (Bridgeport); Kaitlyn Callarik (Bellaire); Alexa Mayle (Buckeye Local); Katherine Adase (Wheeling Park); Alyssa Wallace (John Marshall); and Madison Ross (Cameron).

"Five hundred is the goal, but I'd like to get somewhere around \$750 or near \$1,000," she said with her classic smile. "That would be fantastic."

All the proceeds will go to LEEK, a Hunting and Mountain Preserve in Oswayo, Pa., which is located on the border of New York midway through the Keystone State. Massey and her mother, Diane, were searching for a worthy cause to help out. After contacting the Wounded Warrior Project, they were referred to LEEK.

"They basically told us that if we wanted our donation to go directly to something that is really

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good at helping out wounded veterans and not into a general fund, we should contact this organization," Massey added. "They kind of led us to them."

LEEK's mission is to provide a friendly, handicap-accessible camp environment and therapeutic outdoor activities like hunting and fishing. LEEK believes in encouraging our wounded heroes to focus on their abilities, without compromising their current physical limitations.

Its purpose centers around providing a safe and friendly environment where wounded U.S. service members can assist each other through the healing process, both mentally and physically. It offers recreational opportunities specifically geared to each wounded veterans' needs and abilities.

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The experiences at LEEK are an enormous undertaking that require thousands of volunteer hours each year, all provided by the Fisher family and a large network of volunteers, including the gracious communities of Northern Pennsylvania and Western New York. The Fisher's credit the preserve's success to their father, who was a dedicated volunteer and mentor. The Fisher's remain closely involved in the day-to-day operations at LEEK and hold the mission close to their hearts, having seen firsthand the challenges their own father faced as an amputee.

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Queen of Queens

PICTURED IS the 2016 OVAC Queen of Queens winner Maddie Ross, of Cameron High School, and on the right is 2015 Queen of Queens winner Briana Massey of Bridgeport High School

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ROSS CROWNED QUEEN OF QUEENS

Cameron High School's Maddie Ross was crowned as the 2016 Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Queen of Queens on Saturday at Wheeling Island Stadium. From left are Cameron cheerleader Sarah Norris, Ross, and cheerleader Kenzie Ross, Maddie's sister.

Photo by Joe Lovell

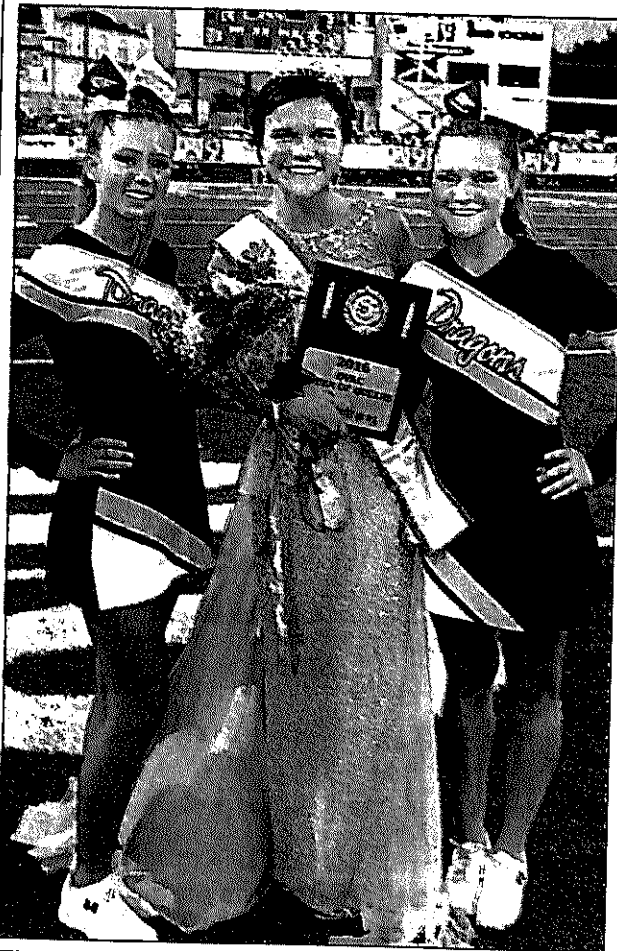


Queen of Queens crowned



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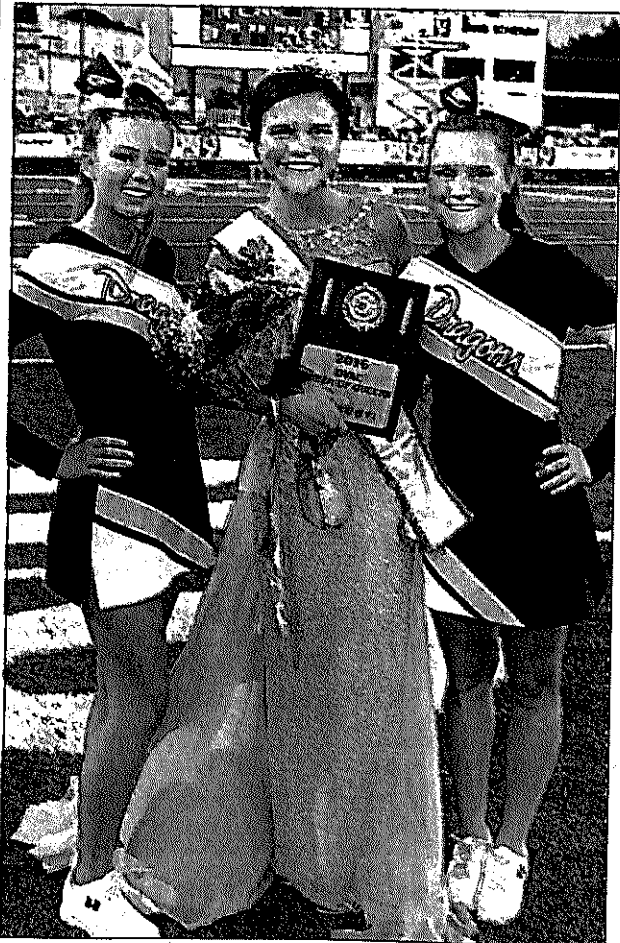


THE 2016 Queen Madison Ross (Cameron) poses





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THE 2016 Queen Madison Ross (Cameron) poses with cheerleaders Sarah Norris, left, and Ross' sister Kenzie Ross at the OVAC All-Star game.



ROSS, LEFT, poses with last year's queen from Bridgeport, Briana Massey.