

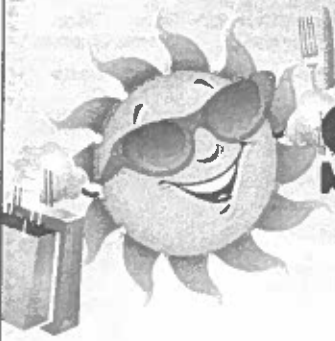
# Queen of Queens winner



**WINNERS OF the 2021 Queen of Queens pageant pose together during halftime of the 75th OVAC Rudy Mummley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium on Saturday. They include, from left, second runner-up Sydney Glessner of The Linsly School, first runner-up Amanda McGovern of Wheeling Park, Queen Alana Trigg of Barnesville, third runner-up Brianna Coughlan of Wheeling Central, fourth runner-up Bella Swan of St. Clairsville and Miss Congeniality Emma Scott of Edison Local. A caption published with this photo Monday omitted Swan's name.**

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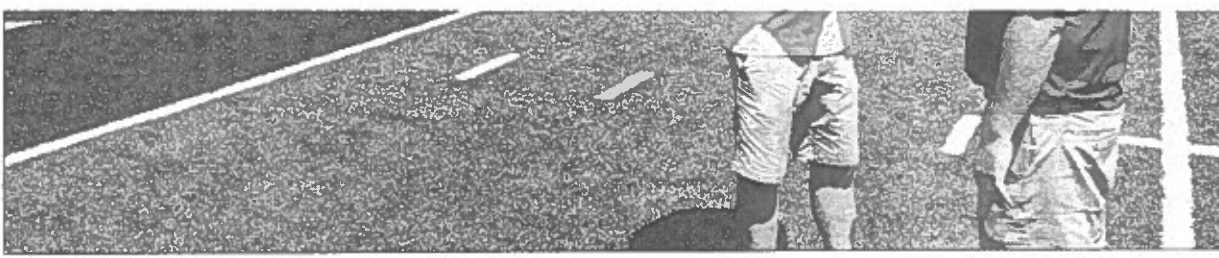
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ABOVE: Marshall County Schools Facilities Director Mike Price and Cameron High School Athletic Director Roger Cain walk the turf ahead of an open house Tuesday evening, to show off the new facilities at the Dragon Stadium Athletic Complex. BELOW: The coaches' conference room offers a view of the stadium while providing a space for discussions.

■ CAMERON ■

# Athletic Complex Unveiled

## Cameron HS Shows Off \$3.2M Worth Of Upgrades

By ALAN OLSON  
Staff Writer

A major overhaul to the adjoining sports facility of Cameron High School is now in its final stages, and school officials are ready to show visitors what the Dragons' lair looks like on the inside.

Overhauling the Dragon Stadium Athletic Complex began in January 2020, and M&G Architects and Engineers were tasked with a tricky setup -- with limited room to expand outward, due to an already tight parking situation, the existing fieldhouse and concession area were instead renovated on the spot and built upward, while additional work was done along the sides of a nearby road to reinforce them. In total, the square footage was increased from around 4,300 to 12,425, at a cost of around \$3.2 million. Construction was handled by Lombardi Development Co.

Marshall County Facilities Director Mike Price and CHS Athletics Director Roger Cain gave a tour of the new complex at the Board of Education meeting Tuesday evening. Earlier in the day, the directors did a walkthrough to show off the facility in the morning sun.

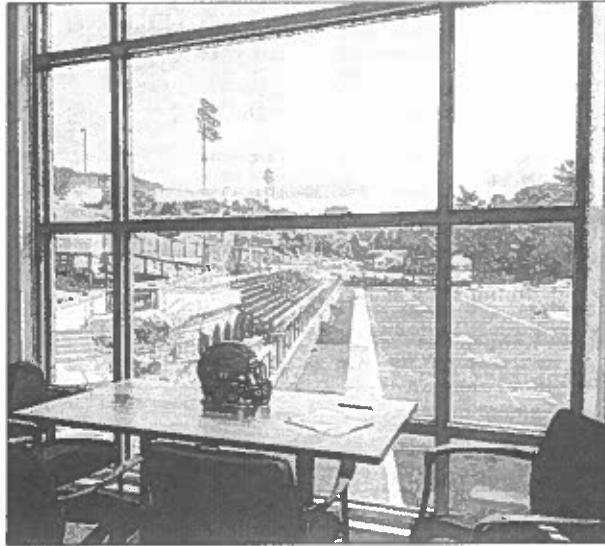
"The only thing we didn't do was replace concrete in the block," Price said. "Everything else has been re-engineered -- we upgraded electric, we upgraded gas, we upgraded lighting, safety alarms, all those things."

The first floor consists of a new locker room for referees, a visitor's locker room that doubles as the middle school wrestling practice room, a middle school locker room, restrooms, and a newly outfitted concession stand. The middle school locker room, Cain added, was a massive improvement itself, as student athletes now have a place to stow their gear during the school day.

The facility's upper story had several rooms serving multiple purposes, allowing multiple teams to practice at once. A 103-foot room runs the length of one side of the building, which provides space for an archery practice range, but also a mound surrounded by netting for pitching and batting practice. A large room with high ceilings serves as the central room on the upper story, allowing gymnastics, cheerleading and wrestling. This room is also used for community events, such as junior wrestling. Basketball will continue to be held in the two gyms of the high school.

Prior to the construction of the new facility, Price said, athletes of all stripes had to share the two gyms at Cameron High School, which seriously limited the amount of time available.

"They had to share the gym, and that's why this



is such a needed facility," Cain said. "Year round, they're doing all these things, and trying to utilize the same gym everyone else wants a piece of. They tried to schedule time, so the athletic directors' challenges were, basketball is here until 9, archery maybe until 10 or 11, and with wrestling and everything else going on."

The second floor also hosts a spacious and modern locker room, with an adjoining coach's office connecting to a conference room. That room will double as an athletic training classroom. A training room and equipment room round out the top floor.

In the future, Cain said there are plans to establish a Hall of Fame -- academic, athletic, and for any other purpose -- in the vestibule.

The complex, now two stories, towers over the field, which itself was recently renovated, with turf and high-end material replacing a field that was grass only a few years ago. The field was partially damaged in the floods in June, but after two days of cleanup work, had been restored, good as new.

Cain added that with the pandemic last year, he's eager to see the field and athletic complex finally be able to welcome returning fans and players at the same time.

Price added that the Cameron community has been fantastic in its support of the project and the Dragons, extending that support to the taxpayers of Marshall County who fund the school district.

"I can't believe how well-received the community is. They've been nothing but gracious during this whole process," Price said.

tatal motorcycle crashes are increasing. have. A commonality with all of our motorcycle crashes, speed has been a factor."

On Tuesday morning Lt. Maurice Waddell of the St. Clairsville post and Lt. Robert Bodo of the Wintersville post gave a press conference outside Waddell's post to remind the public and urge caution, as well as alert them that troopers will be on the lookout for dangerous riding.

"We've investigated at the St. Clairsville post six fatal crashes, and 66% (four) of those crashes involved impaired drivers, 50% of those fatal crashes, the passenger or driver were not buckled up, and they were killed as a result," Waddell said.

"We had two motorcycle crashes since June, in both of those cases neither driver was wearing a helmet, and one of the instances this past weekend, we suspect alcohol was involved," Waddell said. "They account for 41% of motorcycle injury and fatal crashes."

Bodo said his post handled its last fatal crash on June 20.

"We've handled seven fatal crashes this year in Jefferson and Harrison County, and three of them have been motorcycles, with four people killed, so we've had eight people killed in both counties and four were because of a motorcycle accident," he said. "Throughout the year, from May through now.

"Last year we only handled one (fatal motorcy-

They said statewide there have been 695 fatal crashes, representing a 16% increase, and the three-year average is 598. They said the Cambridge District of Steubenville, St. Clairsville, Marietta, Cambridge, New Philadelphia and Zanesville posts have seen 113 motorcycle crashes, 72 injuries and 11 fatal motorcycle crashes to date.

"Impaired driving plays a part in it. The other thing is unsafe speed for road conditions. There's no common factor when it comes to roadway. It's been spread out throughout the county. We haven't had a couple fatal crashes in the same area," Waddell said. "It's mostly state routes and township and county roads.

He said 2019 was a significant year for fatal crashes, with 22 people killed.

"We're definitely down from that year, but as I said before, one fatal is one too many and we just want people to take responsibility for traffic safety and wear the proper equipment if you're riding in a motorcycle, if you're riding in a car, wear your safety belt and encourage others to do the same."

They said troopers will be out in force, watching for speed violations and signs of impairment.

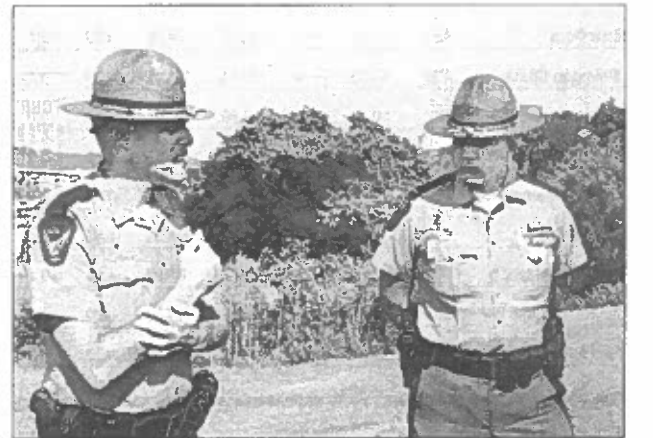


Photo by Robert A. DeFrank

Lt. Maurice Waddell, left, of the Ohio State Highway Patrol St. Clairsville post and Lt. Robert Bodo of the Wintersville post alert the public to a rise in motorcycle fatalities and urge caution.

■ MORRISTOWN

## ODOT Works To Add Parts Of National Road To Maps

By CARRI GRAHAM  
For The Intelligencer

A consultant for the Ohio Department of Transportation is working to identify roads that are a part of the historic National Road but do not appear on the Transportation Information Mapping System.

Gabe Hays, consultant for the Ohio Department of Transportation Scenic Byway Program, said they are working on an audit of the Scenic Byway to ensure the official map's program is accurate. He said he has been working the past year to identify the areas that may need added to the mapping system.

Members of the board agreed with Hays' suggestions. The suggestions will now be submitted to ODOT.

mapping system.

"There are several spots from Blaine clear out toward Springfield on Ohio's portion of National Road that aren't what I think they should be, so as a group we're just going to go through those and make sure the lines on the map that some visitors may see in the future will be accurate," he said.

Hays met with the Ohio National Road Association Tuesday to receive input on the areas and roads he has discovered that may need added to the mapping system.

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## BARNESVILLE'S TRIGG CROWNED QUEEN OF QUEENS



Photo by Seth Staskey

The winners of the 2021 Queen of Queens pageant were named Saturday night at halftime of the 75th OVAC Rudy Mumley All-Star Football Game at Wheeling Island Stadium. From left are second runner-up Sydney Glessner (Linsly), first runner-up Amanda McGovern (Wheeling Park), Queen Alana Trigg (Barnesville), third runner-up Brianna Coughlan (Wheeling Central), fourth runner-up Bella Swan (St. Clairsville) and Miss Congeniality Emma Scott (Edison). The caption of a photo published in the Monday edition of The Intelligencer omitted Swan's name.

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### ■ STEUBENVILLE

## Runoff Is Concern At Beatty Park

By LINDA HARRIS  
For The Intelligencer

Beatty Park volunteers say major storms that have blanketed the area in recent weeks have highlighted a problem with water runoff that will need to be addressed, sooner rather than later.

Councilwoman at large Kimberly Hahn said the force of water runoff careening down the hill is cause for concern, particularly the potential impact on historic sandstone bridges in the 90-year-old city park.

One of the bridges, which dates to the 1880s, has been closed since June 2020 after workers discovered its sandstone underpinning had weathered to the extent the span was no longer safe for vehicular traffic. Two years ago, estimates to repair or replace it started at around \$300,000.

"When it rains, the water has nowhere to go," Friends of Beatty organizer Flora VerStraten-Merrin said, pointing out the path of least resistance and ends up pouring into Beat-



Photo Provided

Hikers tour the creek bed at Beatty Park July 17, minutes before a relatively minor rainstorm sent water runoff crashing down.

ty Park." VerStraten-Merrin said she's especially concerned with how quickly the "small meandering creek that many of us remember from our youth" can turn from sleepy to raging.

"Now it is necessary to watch the forecast before we plan activities in or near the creek due to the amount of rain runoff that pours into the park," she said, pointing out that about 20 hikers had been taking part in a creek bed tour minutes before wa-

ter came crashing down last weekend. She said it only rained about 15 minutes that day, adding, "when it rains longer and heavier, the creek is much scarier and higher and swifter."

Hahn said she'd like to see a holding pond developed to slow the water down, but that would require building a consensus among property owners to commit resources to build or maintain them. But, she said, a retention pond would "keep damage from

being so great."

"A meeting of property owners is needed and necessary before our group, the park and the city put money into the park bridge and creek wall repairs," VerStraten-Merrin said. "Several places along the road of the park are in jeopardy due to the swift and high flowing water going through the park after a heavy rain."

Beatty, formed in 1797, was a nature preserve years ago. Union Cemetery held title to the 99-acre property from 1854 to 1929. It became Beatty Park in 1930, when the city of Steubenville bought it.

Parks Director Lori Fetherolf said the sandstone bridges are very old, and while runoff contributed to closing one of them two years ago, she can't say for sure it's the only thing that affected it.

"I'm not sure what the answer is but this has been going on for many, many years and I will rely on Mike Dolak, as city engineer, for information and guidance," she said.

## The COVID-19 Talk Continues

Here we are almost through the month of July and I was hoping that as we continued through the rest of summer and into the fall I wouldn't be writing as much about COVID-19, but here we are.

By July 9, West Virginia's active COVID-19 case number dropped below 1,000 for the first time since before the beginning of Summer 2020. By July 9, they dropped to a low of 882 active cases. But as of Thursday, active cases have trended back up by 38% to 1,225.

Just three weeks ago, the Department of Health and Human Resources County Alert System map was nearly a sea of green. But we're starting to see the colors trend back into the yellow, gold, and even orange in some counties. Some of this is due, in part, to the rural nature of some of those counties and a decrease in people getting tested.



FROM THE STATEHOUSE  
Steven Allen Adams

Let's take a look at the one orange county on the County Alert System map on Thursday: Webster County. It's orange for its infection rate, but red for its percent of positivity. While not the lowest in rank for partial vaccination numbers, only 45.6% of its eligible population has been vaccinated with at least one dose of the two-dose Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

As I write this, nearly 56% of the state's eligible population age 12 and older have been fully vaccinated with both doses of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines or the single-dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine. For those age 50 and older, that number was more than 70%. For those age 65 and over — arguably the most at risk for serious COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths — the vaccination rate was more than 78%.

At this point, the issue isn't getting older West Virginians vaccinated — it's our kids and young adults. I don't have numbers for the fully vaccinated, but according to the state joint interagency vaccine task force, only 46.9 of West Virginians between the ages of 18 and 29 have at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine as of Thursday, while only 41% of between the ages of 12 and 17 are partially vaccinated.

The number of daily vaccinations also continue to go down from week to week. For whatever reason, Thursdays tend to be the weekly high-point for vaccinations. Vaccinations decreased by 38% over a four-week period, from 1,786 vaccinations on June 24 and July 15.

So, what to do? The state tried giving away \$100 gift cards and savings bonds to those between the ages of 16 and 35. We have two weeks left for the state's vaccine incentive lottery that includes prizes for trucks, guns, college scholarships, and chances for \$1 million (if you haven't registered, you have until Sunday, Aug. 1, to register at [doitforbabydog.wv.gov](http://doitforbabydog.wv.gov)).

At this point, there is no shortage of vaccines. Most pharmacies will take walk-ins. The state has worked with groups and churches to bring vaccines to people. I see ads all the time, including WVU men's basketball coach Bob Huggins urging people to get vaccinated.

While I would never tell state officials to stop efforts to get more people vaccinated, it's apparent we are hitting a brick wall with getting large groups of West Virginians to get vaccinated. I'm not sure what is left to do other than put cameras into ICUs and show people struggling to breathe, or film testimonials with families who also didn't take this seriously until they lost a loved one.

I know one thing that will continue to keep vaccination rates at a stand-still: putting back in place indoor mask mandates, including for those who are vaccinated. State officials have no plans to reinstitute an indoor mask mandate at this time, but other places around the country are starting to require masks again, regardless of vaccination status.

The delta variant is starting to cause smart people to panic. Yes, it's more contagious, but I've seen little in the data I've read that shows it to be any more deadly. It just means you

### ■ WHEELING

## Golf Event Raises \$14K For Gold Star Families

From STAFF REPORTS

A total of \$14,000 was recently raised for the Marshall County Gold Star Families via a golf scramble at Crispin Golf Course at Oglebay.

Marshall County Gold Star Families are those that have lost family members while on active duty in the service.

According to chairman Herk Sparachane and chairwoman Christine Thomas of Quaker Steak & Lube, \$8,200 of the money raised

paid off the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument at the Marshall County courthouse grounds. The rest went to the Ryan Hammond Scholarship Fund, which goes to a Marshall County student. Hammond lost his life three years ago while on active duty.

Thirty-five teams participated in the event.

"It was an honor to work on this project. This has a special place in my heart because my dad was

a Marine in World War II," said Sparachane. "The Ohio Valley has always supported our veterans. We really wanted to get the monument paid for and I was very pleased with the support of those who participated."

"I love our servicemen," Thomas said. "At Quaker Steak and Lube our founders were veterans and they like for us to be involved in the community — especially when it comes to servicemen."

### ■ WHEELING





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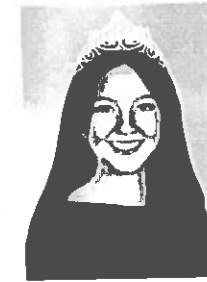
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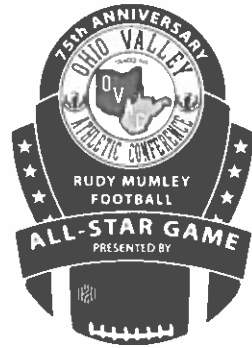
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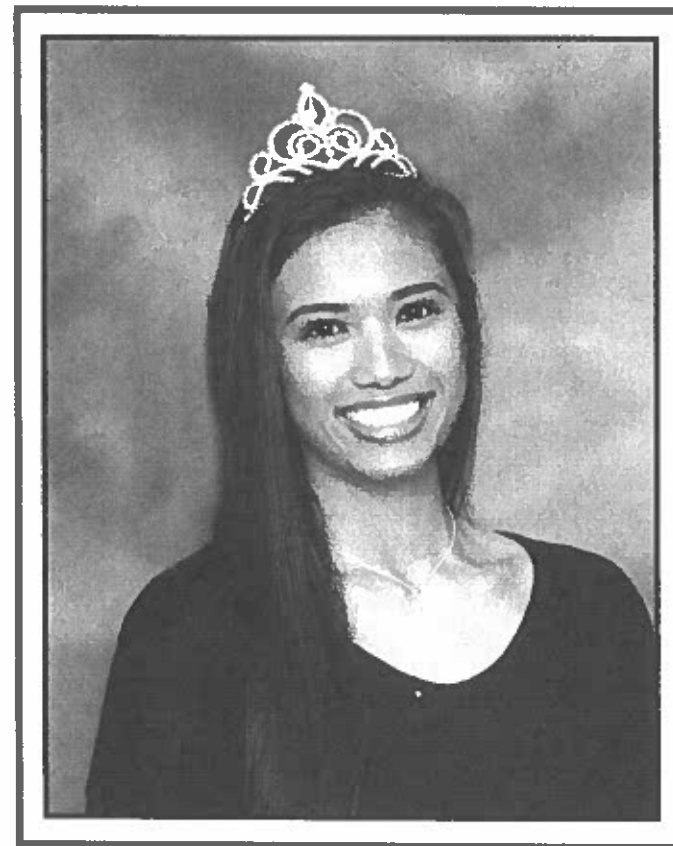
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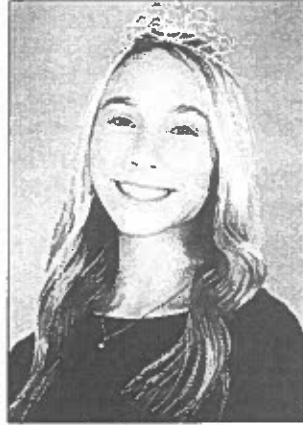
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# Queen Of Queens Contest Set For July 22

WHEELING — The Queen of Queens will take place at 7 p.m. July 22 at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Wheeling.

The Queen will be crowned at the OVAC Football Game on Saturday, July 24. Tickets for both events can be purchased through links found on the [ovac.org](http://ovac.org) website.

Tickets will be \$7 each plus service charge if purchased before midnight prior to the event.

On the day of each event tickets will be \$10.

There will be no tickets available at the door or the gate without going through the OVAC links.

Girls from 20 OVAC schools will be competing

for the title of Queen of Queens.

They will be judged on their interview, talent, and poise/presentation.

The interview takes place prior to the beginning of the actual talent show itself.

"We are so excited to once again be able to hold the OVAC All Star Week activities and give all of our young people the platform to shine and share their abilities, whether it be football, band, cheerleading or Queen of Queens. The memories they make this week will last a lifetime," said Joyce Jingle, Queen of Queens director.

The Queen of Queen contestants include:

Alana Trigg, Barnesville High School; Cheyenne Riley, Beallsville; Jayden Renee Lowe, Bellaire; Sarah Bloom, Bridgeport; Keilana Lynn Saunders, Brooke; Sierra Sterling, Buckeye Local; Kayleigh Ashby, Cameron; Emma Rianne Scott, Edison; Natalie Jo Keim, John Marshall; Sydney Glessner, Linsly; Jordan Dillon, Madonna; Kayla Theaker, Martins Ferry; Miranda Montgomery, Paden City; Sophia Myers, River; Bella Swan, St. Clairsville; Daniele Yaegel, St. John; Eva Wood, Union Local; Kristen Skinner, Weir; Brianna Coughlan, Wheeling Central; and Amanda McGovern, Wheeling Park.

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## Brown: Rule Will Protect Ohio Businesses, Workers

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, hosted a news conference call recently to applaud the Federal Trade Commission's new rule that will strengthen its made in the USA label enforcement by cracking down on marketers that falsely claim products are "Made in the USA."

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Shelley Hanson  
Staff Writer

## Lake versus ocean beach

We went to Austin Lake Park in Jefferson County the other weekend. Our son Henry had a good time in the beach area. In the shallower water they had some floating playsets for kids to use. He thrashed about on that thing forever. It's amazing how much energy he has to play as hard as he does.

It's fun to watch him go to town. The water was warm. I wished the beach was a little larger there, but it was something new to do.

The picnic area was nice. There were several parties going on at shelters near us, which gave Henry some new friends to play with at the playgrounds there.

We also took his bike with us and he rode it around in the flat grassy area, and let his new-found friends take it for a spin, too.

I think next time we might go to Barkcamp, though. It's closer to home and since it's a state park there is no fee to get in and swim. There won't be any floating playsets for Henry to use there, but he has fun with his blowup floaties, too.

If you haven't been lake swimming in a while, it can be a nice break from a chlorinated pool. You just have to watch for the varying depths because you can't see through the water.

Some lakes' shores are rougher than others, too. I remember visiting Lake Erie when I was a kid and it was rocky. It was neat, though, because to me it looked like the ocean. I thought the waves were big, too, though they weren't really. I was just small.

Maybe next summer we will go to the beach — at the ocean! Henry's never been and it's been years since I've gone to an ocean beach. Maybe I should start planning now.

Happy summer!  
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# Queen of Queens contest set for July 22

WHEELING — The Queen of Queens will take place at 7 p.m. July 22 at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Wheeling.

The Queen will be crowned at the OVAC Football Game on Saturday, July 24. Tickets for both events can be purchased through links found on the [ovac.org](http://ovac.org) website.

Tickets will be \$7 each plus service charge if purchased before midnight prior to the event.

On the day of each event tickets will be \$10.

There will be no tickets available at the door or the gate without going through the OVAC links.

Girls from 20 OVAC schools will be competing for the title of Queen of Queens.

They will be judged on their interview, talent, and poise/presentation.

The interview takes place prior to the beginning of the actual talent show itself.

"We are so excited to once again be able to hold the OVAC All Star Week activities and give all of our young people the platform to shine and share their abilities, whether it be football, band, cheerleading or Queen of Queens. The memories they make this week will last a lifetime," said Joyce Jingle, Queen of Queens director.

The Queen of Queen contestants include:

Alana Trigg, Barnesville High School; Cheyenne Riley, Beallsville; Jayden Renee Lowe, Bellaire; Sarah Bloom, Bridgeport; Keilana Lynn Saunders, Brooke; Sierra Sterling, Buckeye Local; Kayleigh Ashby, Cameron; Emma Rianne Scott, Edison; Natalie Jo Keim, John Marshall; Sydney Glessner, Linsly; Jordan Dillon, Madonna; Kayla Theaker, Martins Ferry; Miranda Montgomery, Paden City; Sophia Myers, River; Bella Swan, St. Clairsville; Danniele Yaegel, St. John; Eva Wood, Union Local; Kristen Skinner, Weir; Brianna Coughlan, Wheeling Central; and Amanda McGovern, Wheeling Park.