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EMPEN IN "QUEEN OF HEARTS" CAST

CHARLESTON, IL--Laurie Empen, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Empen, live in Forreston, has been chosen for the role of "Liz Nichols" in Eastern Illinois University's upcoming production of "The Queen of Hearts Ain't Even Pretty."

The comedy by Brad Bailey depicts the backstage view of the 1976 Winston County High School Beauty Pageant. Set in a small Alabama town of Double Springs, this show centers around four girls and their different views of small-town high school drama--popularity, peer pressure, friendships and many other issues, some not so funny.

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EMPEN

The Eastern production is directed and designed by C.P. Blanchette, director of theatre and design and professor of theatre arts at Eastern.

Empen, a 1986 graduate of Forrester High School, is a senior theatre arts major.