





# "This Neewollah Is For You"

# 50<sup>TH</sup>

## Table of Contents

	Page
History	Inside Front Cover
Generalissimo	1
Board of Directors	2
Li'l Abner	3-15
Logo Contest	16
Medallion Hunt	16
Neewollah Fun Run	17
Neewollah Fun Ride	17
Sadie Hawkins Dance	17
Historic District Tour	18
Chili Cook-Off	18
Queen Neelah Competition	19-28
Queen's Judges	29
Neelah Debs & Escorts	30
Emcees	31
Queen's Committees	32-36
Queen's Schedule of Events	36
Queen's Gifts	37-38
Carnival/Special Events/Information Booth	39
Street Acts	40-41
Food Vendors	42
Little Princess Event	42
Great Pumpkin Contest	42
Doo Dah Parade	43
Arts & Crafts	43
Kiddie Parade	44
Kevin Wade Magic Show	44
Grand Parade	45
2007 Grand Parade Marshall	46
2006 Grand Parade Float Winners	47
2007 Grand Parade Float Sponsors	48
Marching Band Competition	49
Sat. Night Show - Oak Ridge Boys/Oklahoma Stomp	50-51
Neewollah Committees	52-54
History of Neewollah	55-62
Neewollah Sponsors	63
Neewollah 2007 Schedule of Events	64
Acknowledgments/Neewollah Info.	Inside Back Cover

## Neewollah History

The Neewollah festival began in 1919 in an effort to provide positive activities for kids of all ages in place of typical Halloween pranks. Initially the event centered around parades held morning, afternoon and night on October 31. The parades were made up primarily of decorated cars and carriages. Queens and princesses from area festivals rode in the parades, along with our own Queen Neelah, who was selected based on votes bought at a penny a piece. The Great Depression and World War II interrupted the Neewollah celebration from 1931 to 1947. Local businessmen Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb, Don Dancer and Bob Wohltman revived and elaborated on the Neewollah theme, bringing it back as a three day festival in 1948. In the ensuing years, a queen's pageant, several presentations of a Broadway play, a carnival and street acts were added to the Kiddie Parade and Grand Parade. Today Neewollah is the oldest and largest annual festival in Kansas. Independence blossoms from 10,000-12,000 residents to up to 75,000 people in the final days of the now 10-day festival.

This page sponsored by

1300 W. Oak • Independence  
(620) 331-1000



**Welcomes you to  
Neewollah!**

## Standard Motor Products





**Welcome to  
Neewollah  
2007**



**"This  
Neewollah's  
For You"**

## **Generalissimo Drew Demo**

Hello and welcome to the 50th anniversary of the "rejuvenation of Neewollah"! Our theme this year is "This Neewollah's For You!", and I know the Neewollah board of directors and all of the dedicated community volunteers have a great one planned for you!

Whether it's the "down home" presentation of *Li'l Abner* in our beautiful Memorial Hall, the activities at the park, the food, music and rides in downtown Independence, the crowning of Queen Neelah LXVI, the parades featuring the Marine Corps Band and the majestic Budweiser Clydesdales, or the shows by the amazingly talented Oak Ridge Boys, I'm sure you will find something that creates a special memory for you and your family.

So briefly put aside the worries of current events and let us remind you why Independence is such a great place to live!

On behalf of myself and my family, thank you Mr. Halsey, Mr. Webb, Mr. Dancer and Mr. Wohltman and all past generalissimos, queens, escorts, and volunteers for 50 consecutive years of FUN!

*Drew Demo*

This page sponsored by



POWER. MAJESTY. GRACE.

*Welcome  
Clydesdales!*

**BEST  
BEVERAGE  
SALES**

**709 N. 20TH  
INDEPENDENCE, KS**

Your Local  
Anheuser-Busch  
Distributor



# Neewollah 2007 Board of Directors 50<sup>TH</sup>



**Front Row:** Tom Schwarz, Tom Posch, Dennis Greenhaw, Jeffrey Gettler, Sean Clapp  
**Back Row:** Fred Meier, Don Farthing (Chair), Marty Reichenberger, Lea Shepard, Drew Demo, Melissa Small, Debbie Tincher, Gina Botts, Julie Voelker, Ann Crow

The Neewollah Board of Directors is made up of fifteen members who are elected for three-year terms and can serve up to three terms. New board members are often selected based on their active involvement in the festival and the expertise they bring to the board table. These individuals often assume positions of leadership in the overall running of the festival. The Generalissimo is most likely to be a Board member. He or she has a year as Generalissimo-Elect to become more fully acquainted with all facets of the 10- day celebration before moving into command.

**Neewollah 2007 Headquarters,  
325 North Penn Ave., Independence, Kansas 67301  
(620) 577-4754**

This page sponsored by

**Talkgrass**  
Broadcasting LLC

**Neewollah  
2007  
Official  
Radio  
Stations!**



Sponsored By:



woods



Neewollah 2007  
Presents...



Directed by  
**LISA MITCHELL**

Produced by  
**LESLIE CODER**  
**SANDY ANNABLE**

Choral Director  
**RAY ROTHGEB**

Orchestra Conductor  
**JAN ROGERS**

Assistant to the Director  
**LORRAINE EMMOT**

Technical Design Team  
**DENISE WILLIAMS,**  
Lights & Sets  
**CHRIS MOORE,** Sound



# LIL' LABNER

Memorial Hall • Independence, Kansas  
Friday & Saturday • Oct. 19 & 20 • 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Oct. 21 • 2 p.m.

Book by Norman Panama and Melvin Frank • Based on Characters Created by Al Capp  
Original Direction and Choreography by Michael Kidd • Lyrics by Johnny Mercer • Music by Gene de Paul

*Presented through arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library*





Al Capp's world famous characters have been placed in an upbeat musical extravaganza. It is a satisfying mixture of hillbilly nonsense and sharp, critical humor that appeals to the sophisticated theatre goer as well as the child within us all.

The curtain opens on "A Typical Day" in Dogpatch, U.S.A. where the motley and lovable characters who inhabit this burgh introduce themselves to the audience. There is the homely Scragg family and Marryin' Sam, as well as Earthquake McGoon, Daisy Mae, Li'l Abner and Mammy Yokum. It only takes a moment to see that leisure time is at the heart of the local economy and drinking Kickapoo Joy Juice, fishing and the popular Sadie Hawkins Day Dance are the favorite pastimes for Dogpatch's citizens.

What starts out as a calm day down at the fishing hole is quickly interrupted for Abner and his friends when a "Cornpone Meetin'" is called in the town square by Senator Jack S. Phogbound. This can mean one of two things – either an event of national importance has occurred, or there's to be "a hideous change in the Dogpatch way of life." Sure enough, a change is in the wind because the government has completed a study finding Dogpatch to be "the most unnecessary, no-account" place in the whole country, thereby setting the stage for evacuation of the town so that atomic testing can take place.

Consternation abounds among the townsfolk. If they are to be evacuated, Dogpatch's annual Sadie Hawkins Day Dance will be cancelled. And that means that Daisy Mae won't have a chance to catch her sweetheart Li'l Abner in what is the only way that boy can join girl in Dogpatch. Oh no! A solution must be found-something that proves their town is a "necessary" place after all. An extensive search ensues and Mammy finally comes up with the item to save the town from extinction – it's the Yokumberry tonic which she has fed her muscle-bound son, Abner, every day of his 'natcherel life. The potion is sped off to Washington for further testing, and it looks like Dogpatch and its way of life will be saved.

The communal sigh of relief doesn't last long before things take another twist. It seems that while Abner is interested in doing the "100% Red-Blooded American" thing, and will give his potion to the U.S. of A., General Bullmoose wants to control the potion himself. If Abner won't sell it to him, Bullmoose will get it some other way, namely in the form of his shapely girlfriend Appassionata Von Climax. Suddenly Daisy Mae's future as Mrs. Abner Yokum looks grim, and she and the rest of Dogpatch descend on Washington to save Abner from Bullmoose and Appassionata.

The evening before the Yokumberry tonic is to be released as the cure-all for puny men who want to be strong, a flaw is found in the formula. Abner's life is saved, but once again the town of Dogpatch is in jeopardy. Isn't there anything that can be done to save it from becoming a nuclear wasteland? Just as all seems lost, Jubilation T. Cornpone, Dogpatch's founder, saves the day. It seems his statue was declared a "national shrine" by Abraham Lincoln, given all that Cornpone had done in bringing down the Confederacy during the Civil War. The day is truly saved: Abner can marry Daisy Mae and everyone settles down for a peaceful life of rustic simplicity in Dogpatch, U.S.A.

Among the wonderful tunes included in **Li'l ABNER** are Abner and Daisy's gentle duet *Namely You*, a dream ballad *If I Had My Druthers*, the hilarious showstopper *Jubilation T. Cornpone*, General Bullmoose's *Progress is the Root of All Evil*, and the political satire *The Country's in the Very Best of Hands*. The *Sadie Hawkins Day Ballet* and fine choral work also contribute to making this a classic American musical.

This page sponsored by

## 4th Annual William Inge Center for the Arts Independence Area Community 24 Hour Plays

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 • 8 p.m.

William Inge Theatre  
Independence Community College

Talented friends and neighbors write, rehearse and perform six entirely new plays in 24 hours in this amazing event for all ages.  
To participate call: (620) 332-5492 • [www.ingecenter.org](http://www.ingecenter.org)







# Cast of Characters



## Starring

(In Order of Appearance)

**Abner**.....**Randell Beasley**  
**Daisy Mae**.....**Ronda Siebels**  
**Marryin' Sam** .....**Dean Hayse**  
**Mammy**.....**Celia Harris**  
**Pappy**.....**Gary Mitchell**  
**Dr. Sheila Finsdale**.....**Lina Miller**  
**General Bullmoose**.....**Larry Annable**  
**Appasionatta Von Climax**....**Cody Rodriguez**  
**Earthquake McGoon**.....**Jeff Shaw**  
**Stupefyin' Jones**.....**Brooke Rollison**  
**Senator Jack S. Phogbound**....**Matt Hastings**  
**Moonbeam McSwine**.....**Terri Barbera**  
**Available Jones**.....**Dennis Doring**  
**Dr. Krogmeir**.....**Norval Gruver**  
**Mayor Dawgmeat**.....**Ben Seel**  
**Dr. Schleifitz**.....**Sherri Allen**  
**Lonesome Polecat**.....**Aaron Hayse**  
**Dr. Smithborn**.....**Tim Holloway**  
**Hairless Joe**.....**Jake Jabben**  
**Evil Eye Fleagle**.....**John Stafford**  
**Colonel**.....**R.J. Osborn**  
**Romeo Scragg**.....**Justin Dupuis**  
**Government Man**.....**Drew Demo**  
**Celie Sofwicke**.....**Lois Lessman**

## Guinea Pig Wives

Holly Hammer      Pam Passauer      Jayme Watkins  
 Aubrey Papen      Vanessa Dennis      Carlie Shire

## Secret Service Secretaries

Norval Gruver      Amanda Passauer      Lori Shaw  
 Tim Holloway

## Dogpatch Folk

Tara Alden	Brianna Hilger	Chuck Schmidt
Derek Bale	Marsha Kaye Hinds	Carrie Sack
Macy Blankenship	Haley Hinthorn	Natasha Sack
Blake Bryant	Emily Jabben	Lindsay Schaub
Lainey Caulfield	Samantha Kramer	Andy Schellin
Shaylee Clarkson	Kirsten Miller	Sara Schnichels
Leslie Coder	Angie Musgrove	Angel Strobe
Sarah Coder	Cali Nutt	Autumn Strobe
Don Cushing	Charlene Paolini	Rebecca Tischer
Alison Daugherty	Ivory Porter	Lynda Troutman
Sarah Doring	Susan Porter	Jacob Green
James Hart	Ken Rathjen	
Patricia Heldstab	Ray Rothgeb	

## Transformed Men

Derek Bale	Luke Emmot	Brett Schmidt
Michael Browning	Josh McClain	Andy Watkins
Matt Brumley		

## Scragg Relatives

Members of the Neewollah Board & their Families

This page sponsored by

Join us for the

## 27th Annual William Inge Theatre Festival

April 23-26, 2008 • William Inge Theatre  
 Independence Community College

Honoring Christopher Durang –  
 Author of "Beyond Therapy" and "Laughing Wild"

(620) 331-7768 • [www.ingecenter.org](http://www.ingecenter.org)







## Act I

### Prologue: A Comic Book Story

Overture ..... Orchestra

### Scene 1: Dogpatch USA

A Typical Day ..... Dogpatchers

### Scene 2: The Yokum Cabin

### Scene 3: The Fishing Hole

If I Had My Druthers ..... Abner & Cronies

### Scene 4: Cornpone Square

Jubilation T. Cornpone ..... Sam & Dogpatchers

Rag Off'n The Bush ..... Dogpatchers

### Scene 5: Dogpatch Road

Namely You ..... Daisy & Abner

### Scene 6: Cornpone Square

Unnecessary Town ..... Abner, Daisy &  
Dogpatchers

### Scene 7: Government Testing Lab, Washington D.C. and The President's Outer Office

There's Room Enough ..... Orchestra

### Scene 8: General Bullmoose's Office

What's Good  
for General Bullmoose ..... Secretaries

### Scene 10: Back in Dogpatch at Cornpone Square

There's Room Enough ..... Dogpatchers

The Country's in  
the Very Best of Hands ..... Sam,  
Abner & Dogpatchers

### Scene 11: Dogpatch Road

### Scene 12: Dogpatch USA

Sadie Hawkins Day Ballet ..... Orchestra

## Act II

### Scene 1: Government Testing Lab, Washington D.C.

Oh Happy Day ..... Doctors Finsdale, Krogmeier,  
Shleifitz, Smithborn

### Scene 2: Yokum Cabin

I'm Past My Prime ..... Daisy & Sam

### Scene 3: General Bullmoose's Office

Love in a Home ..... Abner & Daisy

### Scene 4: Corridor in Bullmoose Mansion

Progress is the Root of All Evil ..... Bullmoose

### Scene 5: Ballroom in Bullmoose Mansion

In Society ..... Orchestra

### Scene 6: Corridor in Bullmoose Mansion

Progress is the Root  
of All Evil (Reprise) ..... Bullmoose

### Scene 7: Government Testing Laboratory

Put 'Em Back ..... Guinea Pig Wives

Namely You (Reprise) ..... Daisy

### Scene 8: Cornpone Square, Dogpatch USA

Matrimonial Stomp ..... Sam & Dogpatchers

Exit & Bows ..... Orchestra

This page sponsored by



For hometown  
banking at its best,  
be our guest!

## First National Bank

Main Bank 620-331-BANK • Drive Thru 620-331-7733

www.bankindependence.com

DSL Wireless  
Dialup T-1  
Web Hosting



**TERRA  
WORLD**

(888) 332-1616

**Independence  
Corporate  
Offices**

(620) 714-1430

200 ARCO Place  
Independence





## Starring Roles

**Li'l  
ABNER**



### Ronda Siebels as Daisy

Ronda Siebels, an alumnus of both IHS and ICC, made her debut on the Neewollah stage in 1991 during the Queen Neelah pageant, where she was named Miss Talent and First Runner-Up. She has participated in numerous plays and musicals as well as directed numerous children's musicals. She has played the leading roles of "Marian the Librarian" in the *Music Man* and "Gretel" in the Humperdinck's opera; *Hansel and Gretel*, while with an Oklahoma City Theatrical Company. She returned to the Neewollah stage last year to play a "Silly Girl" in *Beauty and the Beast*. Ronda and her husband, Tony, are the proud parents of one four year-old son, Anthony. They reside in Dewey, Oklahoma, where they serve the First Church of God as the Senior Pastoral Family. Ronda's parents are Ron and Valerie Songer of Independence.

### Randell Beasley as Li'l Abner

Randell Beasley is making his debut on the Neewollah stage this year starring as Li'l Abner. In fact, this is Randell's first stage appearance in any show. He is a graduate of The University of North Florida and has been living in Independence for 6 years. Beasley is a yield accountant and scheduler for Coffeyville Resources in Coffeyville, Kansas. He and his wife, Beth, attend the Independence Assembly of God Church and are the proud parents of Shawn, 7, and Isabella, 5.



### Celia Harris as Mammy Yokum

Celia Harris has participated in every Neewollah show since the 1997 production of *Wizard of Oz*. She lives in Fredonia, is a retired first grade teacher and continues to work part time with the SEK Education Service Center. Celia is a member of the Fredonia Arts Council board, the Fredonia Library board, Fredonia Business Women and is the financial advisor and senior member of the ITSO (Independence Thespians Society Organization).

This page sponsored by

ask listen solve

Wouldn't you "druther" bank at...



**Commerce Bank**

Member FDIC

331-3100

[commercebank.com](http://commercebank.com)

Penn at Myrtle, Independence





## Gary Mitchell as Pappy Yokum

Gary Mitchell has been involved in well over half the Neewollah musicals done in the past 50 years. From bassoonist in the orchestra in 1962-63 to lead roles in *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Hello Dolly!*, *Gypsy*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Damn Yankees*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie*, *No, No, Nannette*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Camelot*, he also directed *Dracula!* for Neewollah in 1979. He loves playing character roles as well – from FDR in *Annie* to Fagin in *Oliver!* He was in the first Peace Corps program to Fiji in 1968 and established a high-school library that bears his name. He was one of 12 KU students who founded the Creede, Colorado, Repertory Theater, where he acted for four seasons. Now retired from teaching English and theater at ICC, he stays busy working with his "Life Sketches" group at the public library, playing organ at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, doing genealogical work, and coordinating a web-site containing names of everyone who has ever worked on Neewollah musicals and plays.



## Feature Roles

### Dean Hayse as Marryin' Sam

Dean Hayse is the proud father of four sons. His son, Aaron, joins him on stage this evening. He has lived in Independence for 10 Years and works for Cessna as an engineering manager. He is a Boy Scout leader and an active member of the First United Methodist Church where he enjoys his role as a youth leader. He also serves on the Leadership Independence Board of Directors. Dean's Neewollah Musical experience includes roles as Beast in *Beauty and the Beast*, Tin Man in *The Wizard of Oz*, Rooster in *Annie*, and Andrew McLaren in *Brigadoon*.



### Larry Annable as General Bullmoose

Larry Annable is the director of vocal music at Independence High School where he directs the Concert Choir and Indy Ensemble, and has co-directed such musicals as *Grease*, *Anything Goes*, *Brigadoon*, and *Good News*. He holds degrees from Ottawa University and The University of Southern Mississippi. Annable's previous Neewollah involvements include being cast as Tommy Albright in *Brigadoon*, Oliver Warbucks in *Annie*, Young Joe in *Damn Yankees*, Cornelius Hackl in *Hello, Dolly!*, Alonzo Smith in *Meet Me in St. Louis*, choral director and Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, and a cameo appearance in *Neewollah Follies*. Larry and his wife Sandy reside in Independence and have two children, Bryan and Stephanie.



This page sponsored by

**Derek  
Schmidt**

DISTRICT OFFICE  
P.O. Box 747  
Independence, KS  
67301  
(620) 331-1800

[www.DerekSchmidt.com](http://www.DerekSchmidt.com)

STATE SENATOR - DISTRICT 15

**Congratulations General!**  
**This Neewollah was YOURS!**

**ITSO** LLC.  
**NO ROLE TOO SMALL...**

Independence Theatrical Society Organization  
[www.itsolic.com](http://www.itsolic.com)





## Feature Roles

**Li'l  
ABNER**



### **Transformed Men**

**Front Row:** Josh McClain, Ken Rathjen, Chuck Schmidt  
**Back Row:** Derek Bale, Michael Browning, Andy Watkins  
**Not Pictured:** Luke Emmot, Brett Schmidt, Andy Schelin,  
 Don Cushing, Matt Brumley



### **Left to Right:**

Matt Hastings as *Senator Jack S. Phogbound*,  
 Jeff Shaw as *Earthquake McGoon*  
**Not Pictured:** Ben Seel as *Mayor Daril Dawgmeat*



### **Interesting Dogpatch Characters**

**Front Row:** Sarah Doring as *Scarlet*  
**Middle Row:** Brooke Rollison as *Stupefyrin' Jones*,  
 Aaron Hayse as *Lonesome Polecat*  
**Back Row:** Dennis Doring as *Available Jones*,  
 Terri Barbera as *Moonbeam McSwine*,  
 Jake Jabben as *Hairless Joe*



### **Doctors and Scientists**

**Front Row:** Tim Holloway, Norval Gruver  
**Back Row:** Cherri Allen, Lina Miller,  
 Amanda Passauer, Lori Shaw

This page sponsored by

#### **Jason Mendoza**

Joe's Barber Shop  
 112 E. Chestnut  
 Independence  
 (620) 331-0631

#### **Barta Animal Hospital**

Richard Barta  
 The Pet Shop

#### **DJ'S Photography & Framing**

103 North Penn • Independence  
 (620) 331-8729 • 1-800-828-2467

#### **Independence Daily Reporter**

Area's Largest Newspaper  
 Proud Supporter of Neewollah

#### **Four County Mental Health Center**

Serving Elk, Chautauque, Montgomery & Wilson Counties  
 Independence • Coffeyville  
 331-1748 • 251-8180  
[www.fourcounty.com](http://www.fourcounty.com)

#### **DeFever Osborn Drug**

205 N. Penn • Independence  
 (620) 331-4200





## ***Guinea Pig Wives***

Front Row: Aubrey Papen, Pam Passauer,  
Vanessa Dennis

Back Row: Holly Hammer, Jayme Watkins

Not Pictured: Carlie Shire



## ***Dogpatch Wives***

Front Row: Angie Musgrove, Charlene Paolini, Brianna Hilger, Leslie Coder

Back Row: Patricia Heldstab, Hayley Hinthorn, Lindsay Schab, Carrie Sack, Tara Alden, Marsha Kay Hines

This page sponsored by

# CABLE ONE®

309 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-3630



CABLE



DIGITAL



INTERNET



PHONE

**Neewollah Parades will be cablecast live exclusively on Channel 10**





# Musical Staff

**Li'l  
ABNER**



**Orchestra  
Conductor –**  
Jan Rogers



**Choral  
Conductor –**  
Ray Rothgeb



**Accompanists**  
Left to Right: Dana Aitken, Lina Miller, Betty Meyer



## **Orchestra**

**Back Row:** Lewis Hoyt, Bruce Brooks, Mark Dice, Terry Harper, Bruce Toews,  
John Redfern, Michael Stephens, Tom McPheeters

**Front Row:** Carol Hoyt, Gina McLendon, Judy Jones, Annette Craig, Tracey Fienen, Erin Shelton, Rebecca Timmons





## **Miscellaneous and Chorus**

**Front Row:** Shaylee Clarkson,  
Angel Stroble, Justin Dupuis,  
John Stafford, Cali Nutt

**Back Row:** Ben Seel, Ivory Porter,  
Susan Porter, Carlie Shire

**Not Pictured:** Blake Bryant,  
Brianna Hilger, Autumn Stroble,  
Lynda Troutman

## **Washington Folk**

**Front Row:** Tim Holloway,  
Sherri Allen, Cody Rodriguez,  
R.J. Osborn

**Back Row:** Lina Miller,  
Andy Schelin, Norval Gruver,  
Drew Demo



## **Dancers**

**Front Row:** Rebecca Tincher, Natasha Sack, Samantha Kramer,  
Macy Blankenship, Sarah Coder

**Back Row:** Kirsten Miller, Allison Daughtery, Lainey Caulfield, Emily Jabben



## **Choreographers**

**Left to Right:** Rene' Hines,  
Cody Rodriguez





## Production Staff



### Leslie Coder - Co-Producer

Leslie Coder has been involved in various capacities with Neewollah musicals since 1979. She has served on props committee for *Oklahoma!*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, and *Cinderella*. Coder has also assisted on the costume committees for *Brigadoon* and *Hello Dolly*. Other Neewollah involvement includes various Queen's and band stand committees. Leslie teaches kindergarten at Eisenhower Elementary School. She has taught for the past 24 years at levels K-2. During her career, Leslie has been involved in I-NEA and currently serves on the Negotiations committee. Leslie's involvement within the community includes Vestry committee member at the Church of Epiphany and Chapter FP, PEO member. She is serving on the Riverside Park Board. Leslie and her husband Mark of Independence are the parents of two daughters, Jennifer and Sarah and have one granddaughter, Peyton.



### Sandy Annable - Co-Producer

Sandy Annable has served as publicity chairman for past Neewollah musicals including *Annie*, *Brigadoon*, *Meet Me in St. Louis*, and *Beauty and the Beast*. Annable has been involved in numerous other Neewollah activities, including Queen's Coronation chair, Stage Escorts and Neelah Debs co-chair, and the Grand Parade committee. At present, Annable is the Title I Reading Specialist at Lincoln Elementary. In addition, she implemented the HOSTS Program, matching students with adult mentors to encourage reading. She has previously taught at numerous grade levels in both Independence and Topeka. Annable is an active member of First Presbyterian Church, Vice President of Chapter EF, PEO, and has served as Independence Public Library Board Member, Local NEA secretary, and is a 2000 graduate of Leadership Independence. Sandy and her husband Larry reside in Independence and have two children, Bryan and Stephanie.

### Lisa Mitchell - Director

Mitchell has been director, choreographer, and played lead roles in various Neewollah productions since 1990. Mitchell has directed *Dark at the Top of the Stairs* for The William Inge Festival and most recently *Fiddler on the Roof Jr.* for Independence Children's Summer Theater. Involved in over 40 theatrical productions, Mitchell has also played an integral role in ICC Theater Productions and Coffeyville Community Theater. In 2005, Mitchell was the recipient of the Margaret Goheen Award. Past Neewollah committees include Queen's Pageant director, Queen's Talent chair, and Neelah Deb chair. Mitchell is a kindergarten teacher and instructional coach at Eisenhower Elementary in Independence where she also serves as NCA chairperson, and is a member of Building Leadership Team, Site Council, and Instructional Forum. Mitchell is an elder at First Presbyterian Church, serves on the Worship Committee and is a member of Praise Band.



### Lorraine Emmot - Assistant to the Director

Lorraine Emmot has been involved in various Neewollah activities; costume committees for *The King and I*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Hello Dolly*, *Annie*, *Brigadoon* (Chair), *Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Beauty and the Beast* (Chair). She has also participated in some Queen Neelah committees as well. They include Talent, Brunch, and Fashion Show; which she chaired in 2005 and 2007. Lorraine is a Title I Reading teacher and has been for 24 years. She taught for 5 years in St. Paul; Lincoln Elementary for 4 years; Eisenhower for 15 years. Lorraine is President-Elect for I-NEA and she has held the secretary and building representative positions. Lorraine is active in the Women for Independence and Zion Lutheran Church. Lorraine and her husband, Ray, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.





**Sound Design -**  
Chris Moore



**Publicity**  
Left to Right: Jayme Watkins,  
Heather Schmidt

**Memorial  
Hall Staff**  
Russ Baldwin  
Not Pictured:  
Rusty Scott



**A Special Thanks To**  
The Memorial Hall Staff  
Russ Baldwin & Rusty Scott



**Lighting Design -**  
Denise Williams



**Sets**

**Front Row:** Leslie Coder, Leigh Ann Stewart, Sarah Coder, Sarah Doring, Angie Musgrove,  
Amanda Passauer, Larry Annable, Sandy Annable  
**Back Row:** James Hart, Jeff Shaw, Jake Jabben, Emily Jabben, Pam Passauer,  
Andy Watkins, Tim Holloway  
**Not Pictured:** Kelli Eidson, Brett Schmidt, Mark Coder, Denise Williams



**Stage Manager -**  
Kelli Eidson

This page sponsored by

**Dr. Harold J. Sauder**  
**Dr. Barry Wesselowski**  
**Dr. Jeffrey D. Hogge**  
Family Podiatry, P.A.  
209 N. 6th • Independence  
(620) 331-1840

**Stewart L. Crow, D.D.S., P.A.**  
117 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-4859

**Cynthia Sherwood, D.D.S.**  
308 N. 6th  
Independence  
(620) 331-4499

**Greg Kelley, D.D.S.**  
109 W. Main  
Independence  
(620) 331-3180

**Dr. Scott A. Null**  
Chiropractor  
204 E. Chestnut • Independence  
(620) 331-1520

**Steve Chapman, D.C.**  
800 W. Chestnut, Suite 3  
Independence  
(620) 331-5240





# Play Committees



## Costume Committee

Front Row: Jennifer Peterson, Pam Ysusi, Dorcas Stafford  
Back Row: Cindy Riggs, Paula Corn, Sandy Rollison



## Properties Committee

Back Row: Mary Ellen Stafford, Mary Kadel,  
Kim McGrath  
Front Row: Denise Steinle

Cast Party Sponsored by

**WAL★MART**  
SUPERCENTER



## Cast Party Committee

Front Row: Hillary Sutherland, Christy Springer, Cathy Beaver  
Back Row: Soni Trusdale, Gina McLenon, Dee Dee O'Maley  
Not Pictured: Whitney Callan, Naam Pruitt



## Hair & Makeup Committee

Left to Right: Trenese Hayse,  
Jeremy Palmer, Denina Journot

This page sponsored by

**The Computer Generation**  
313 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-8903

**CMC Recycling**  
John Fauvergue  
(620) 331-1710

**Borovetz Retail Liquor**  
John Borovetz, Owner/Manager  
120 N. 24th • Independence  
(620) 331-2160

**Yerkes & Michels,**  
CPA, LLC  
See Us For Your Tax & Accounting Needs  
208 E. Laurel • Independence  
(620) 331-4600

**Coldwell Banker**  
**Pasternak-Johnson**  
2001 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-5510  
Broker-Owners, Debbie Johnson, Bob  
Pasternak  
sek.mls.com  
MLS Website: independenceksrealestate.com





# Logo Contest/Medallion Hunt

50<sup>TH</sup>

## Neewollah Logo Winner Shelly James

Shelly James is a native to Independence, Kansas, and the Neewollah celebration. An avid collector of vintage Halloween memorabilia makes Neewollah Shelly's favorite time of year for decorating. Shelly enjoys walking, attending her daughter Jordan's softball games, and going to auctions. Shelly and her husband, George, have three children, Jordan, age 18; Rachel, age 23; and Drew, age 26

*The Neewollah Logo Contest* is held each spring after the Generalissimo has announced the theme for the upcoming festival. Entries are sought through the local newspaper. After judges select the winner the overall composition of the entry may be fine tuned to fit on the Neewollah button and to fill other Neewollah needs.



### Logo Committee

**Front Row:** Pam Passauer,  
Jeff Shaw, (Chair),  
Andy Schelin, Larry Annable

**Back Row:** Janet Demo,  
Amanda Passauer,  
Celia Harris, Lynda Troutman,  
Lori Shaw (Co-chair),  
Sandy Annable

**Not Pictured:** Debbie Tincher,  
Bob Tincher



## Neewollah Medallion Hunt

The 2007 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the fourth annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 20 at 1:00 p.m.

The Medallion is hidden somewhere within the city limits of Independence on public property and clues are issued each day regarding the location of the medallion. The prize offered this year to the finder of the medallion will be \$500. If the winner is not wearing this year's Neewollah button, the prize will be reduced to \$250. A new clue will be released at 3:00 p.m. each day at Neewollah Headquarters, located at 325 North Penn, on KIND radio, in the Independence Daily Reporter and on the Neewollah website, [www.neewollah.com](http://www.neewollah.com).



### Medallion Hunt Committee

Dennis Greenhaw

Sponsored by



This page sponsored by

### Apple Tree Inn

201 N. 8th • Independence  
(620) 331-5500

### Kelly Law Office

William J. Kelly, Attorney At Law  
113 S. 8th • Independence  
(620) 331-2071

### TranSystems Corporation

(620) 331-3999  
FAX (620) 331-4082  
115 N. 6th Street • Independence

### Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles Insurance, Inc.

304 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-3700



# 50<sup>TH</sup> Neewollah Fun Run and Fun Ride



## **Fun Run Committee**

Gordon McDaniel

**Sponsored by**



**Registration 7 a.m. • Fun Run & 5K 8:15 a.m.**

This year the one mile Fun Run/Walk will remain within Riverside Park while the 5K course will leave the park area briefly. Awards for team competition as well as individual competition will be presented after the completion of the races.

## **Neewollah Fun Run**

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**

**Riverside Park Oval**

## **Neewollah Fun Ride**

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**

**Registration 8 a.m. • Ride 9 a.m.**

The Seventh Annual Neewollah Fun Ride will take riders through scenic southeast Kansas. Participants in this year's bike ride may choose either the 18 mile, 35 mile or 70 mile routes. Each of the rides will begin and end in Riverside Park at the 4-H building across from the stadium. Rest stops will be situated at regular intervals with water, fruit, cookies and other snacks available. SAG vehicles will run the route and provide needed assistance.



## **Fun Ride Committee**

Sandy Annable, Doug Froebe (chair)

Not Pictured: Scott Rodriguez, David Jackson

**Sponsored by**

**Neewollah &  
Cycle Bobs Bicycle Club**




## **Sadie Hawkins Dance Committee**

**Front Row:** Chantel Lewman, Terry Beurskens, Cheryl Sparks, Patsy Bresee

**Back Row:** Cindy White, Janet Demo, Sarah Musgrove, Carolyn Torrance (Chair), Rebecca Foster

**Not Pictured:** Gaytina Orr, Mary Bauman

**Sponsored by** 

## **Sadie Hawkins Dance**

**Saturday, October 20**

**9 p.m. to 12 a.m.**

**Doc's Legends**

Hey Ladies! It's your turn! Grab that guy you've been dying to ask out and come to the Sadie Hawkins Dance. (It's okay to bring your best guy, too!) This year's soiree will be held upstairs at Doc Legend's in beautiful downtown Independence. Go to the **Li'l Abner** production at Memorial Hall, Saturday, October 20, and swing on over to Doc's at 300 N. 8th, just a block away. The dance features our favorite area rockin' DeeJay, Tony Ysusi, with all of your favorite hits. Just ask him, he'll play it! Of course there will be good eats, too, (appetizers,) and it all starts at 9:00, ending at midnight. Wear a costume or don't - it's your choice. Have a great time with us at the Sadie Hawkins Dance!





# Logo Contest/Medallion Hunt

# 50<sup>th</sup>

## Chili Cook-Off

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"This Chili Cook-Off is for You" at the 4th Annual Neewollah Chili Cook-Off and Fun Day. In addition to the chili cook-off there will be a live radio remote, inflatable fun and games for the kids at the Oval in Riverside Park. Cooks participating in the cook-off will begin cooking at 8 a.m. and the judging will take place at noon. Cash awards will be given for 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$75) 3rd (\$50) and Hottest Chili (\$25). There will also be a People's Choice Award.

In conjunction with awarding Chili Cook-Off prizes, there will be additional activities to kick off the Medallion Hunt.



### Chili Cook-Off Committee

**Front Row:** Judy Holroyd, Stacie Clarkson, Sandra Knop, Carey Chism, Angie Carr, Valerie Smith

**Back Row:** Jim Hogan, Terry Hogan, Zoedy Schnurbusch, Patsy Boulanger, Melissa Small (chair), Amber Gregory, Kathy Woods

**Not Pictured:** Joanne Cox, Sandy Johnson

**Sponsored by**



## Historic District Tour

**Saturday, October 20, 2007**  
1 to 4 p.m.

Neewollah 2007 Historic Tour will feature the Washington School area, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, the Inge home and last but not least, a tour of the newly remodeled Memorial Hall. Included in this tour is the history and architectural styles of the homes along the tour route. The buggy ride tour will start on the north side of Memorial Hall at regular intervals starting at 1 p.m. and ending at 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2007.



### Historic District Tour Committee

Norman Chamber (Chair)

**Sponsored by**

**WAL\*MART**  
SUPERCENTER

This page sponsored by



**Independence, KS**

113 S. Penn Avenue  
Independence, KS 67301

(620) 331-3335

Website: brothersrri.com

### Featuring Italian Fare

including

- Pasta
- Homemade Pizza
- Appetizers
- And More

#### Lunch Hours:

Tues.-Fri. & Sun. 11 am - 2 pm

#### Dinner Hours:

Tues.-Thurs. 5 - 9 pm,

Fri. & Sat. 5 - 10 pm

### First Federal

6th & Myrtle • Independence • (620) 331-1660

11th & McArthur • Coffeyville • (620) 251-4640

8th & Main • Neodesha • (620) 325-3033

1st & Broadway • Pittsburg • (620) 231-3700

### Lee's Cooling & Heating

Since 1950

118 S. 8th • Independence

Bob Leiker • Dave Carnes



**50<sup>th</sup>**

**2006 Queen Neelah**



***Queen Neelah LXV***  
**Kelly Whitson**







# Queen Neelah LXV and Her Court

50TH

## Left to Right:

Miss Interview - Breezy Mangan  
Miss Originality - Paige Demo  
Miss Poise - Lindsey Dean  
Miss Congeniality - Jordan Rinck  
Miss Fashion - Corbin Thacher  
2nd Runner Up - Ashley Moore  
1st Runner Up - Shea Casurole  
Miss Talent - Aubrey Papen  
Miss Congeniality - Lucy Ramos  
Miss Personality - Teala Smith  
Miss Photogenic - Merinda Strickland  
Miss Beauty - Chelsea Lumm  
Miss Congeniality - Lauren Lester  
**Front:** Queen Neelah - Kelly Whitson



## Judging Queen Neelah LXVI

Queen Neelah candidates are evaluated by a panel of judges over a period of three days. As a means of introduction, each candidate presents an individual biography which gives personal background, interests, and her reason for entering the pageant. Miss Originality is chosen in part from the most original and imaginative biography. Candidates are also required to submit a portrait from which Miss Photogenic is selected.

The first opportunity for the judges to meet the candidates is the Queen's Tea held Sunday, October 21. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 22. That same evening, each candidate presents a three-minute talent presentation. Miss Talent is chosen from the most polished and entertaining of the talent numbers. On Tuesday, October 23, a brunch is held where the candidates have a final opportunity to meet with the judges in an informal setting prior to the coronation.

Over the course of time spent with the candidates, the judges evaluate each young woman's poise, personality, personal fashion sense, and beauty. The candidates themselves select Miss Spirit.

## Point System for Judging Queen Neelah LXVI

Poise .....	20
Interview .....	20
Talent .....	20
Personality .....	15
Originality .....	10
Beauty .....	5
Fashion .....	5
Judges' Evaluation .....	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

This page sponsored by



**Earth Care**  
Products, Inc.

800 North 21st St.  
Independence, KS 67301

Renewable Biosolids Fuels/Burners  
Industrial Dehydration Systems



**The Medicine Shoppe**  
National Prescription Centers

**Carl G. Gyll, R.Ph.**

400 N. Penn Ave.  
Independence, KS 67301

331-0036



**50<sup>th</sup>**

# 2007 Coronation Program



Opening Presentation of Queen Candidates

Past Queen Introductions

Presentation of Candidates

Selected Talent Presentations

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of Candidates

Selected Talent Presentations

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of Candidates

Selected Talent Presentations

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

Neelah Deb Dance

## *Intermission*

Introduction of Little Princesses

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXV Kelly Whitson

Announcement of Category Winners

Miss Originality \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Interview \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Spirit \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Photogenic \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Fashion \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Beauty \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Personality \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Poise \_\_\_\_\_

Miss Talent \_\_\_\_\_

Announcement of Finalists

2nd Runner-up \_\_\_\_\_

1st Runner-up \_\_\_\_\_

Crowning of Queen Neelah LXVI







**Mary Bannwarth**  
Dr. Stewart Crow D.D.S.  
*Vocal Solo*



**Hali Beaver**  
Down Home Family  
Restaurant  
*Humorous Skit*



# **Queen Neelah LXVI Candidates**



**Amanda Bohr**  
Sandra L. Easter O.D.  
*Vocal Solo*



**Simona Cudney**  
SEKTAM  
of Independence, Inc.  
*Guitar Solo*



**Shelby Davis**  
Jim Gill Agency, Inc.  
*Lyrical/Jazz Dance*





**Amanda DeCou**  
Garden Station  
*Mime Act*



**Stormi Dye**  
Tropical Tans  
*Skit*



# **Queen Neelah LXVI Candidates**



**Brandie Eades**  
Taco Inn  
*Comical Skit*



**Jordan Earle**  
DJ'S Photography and  
Framing  
*Comical Skit*



**Amanda Fenech**  
United Forms Corporation  
*Vocal Solo*





**Kati Fienen**

Mercy Hospital

*Violin Solo*



**Morgan Fox**

First Federal Savings

& Loan

*Modern Dance*



**Teryn Frizell**

Coldwell Banker,

Pasternak-Johnson

*Vocal Solo*



# Queen Neelah LXVI Candidates



**Kelsie Froebe**

Xtreme Bike & Sport

*Skit*



**Ashley Haymaker**

Community National Bank

*Vocal Solo*



**Heather Hopkins**

Kesler Photography

*Vocal Solo*





**Jenny Jabben**  
 Messenger's Furniture  
*Humorous Skit*



**Katlin Jackson**  
 Baker's Appliance  
*Reciting Poetry*



**Taylor Jurski**  
 Remediation Services, Inc.  
*Dance/Skit*



# **Queen Neelah LXVI Candidates**



**Elizabeth Kelly**  
 Sayers Ace Hardware  
*Humorous Skit*



**Jessica Lennon**  
 Cashmere Canine  
*Signing & Dance*



**Allison Lumm**  
 Bank of America  
*Comical Skit*





**Biloxie Mangan**  
Crescent Oil Company  
*Skit*



**Lacie Medlock**  
Windsor Place  
at Home Care  
*Vocal Solo*



**Mersadies Newton**  
Standard Motors  
*Baton Twirling*



# **Queen Neelah LXVI Candidates**



**Casey Oliver**  
Cessna Aircraft Company  
*Dance*



**Reyna Ponce de Leon**  
Five Star Auto Sales  
*Vocal Solo*



**Aubrey Price**  
Thousand Words  
Photography  
*Comical Skit*





**Erin Railsback**  
 Vision Care Plus/Vision  
 Care Direct of Kansas  
*Humorous Monologue*



**Carrie Reddy**  
 Scovel, Emert, Heasty, &  
 Chubb  
*Vocal Solo*



**Jennifer Russell**  
 Atmos Energy  
*Skit*

**Queen Neelah  
 LXVI Candidates**



**Kayla Schabel**  
 Bill Schabel's TV  
*Vocal Solo*



**Jennie Schadeberg**  
 Dr. Gary Beaver  
*Flat Ballet Dance*





**Aiko Sharp**  
Transystems Corp  
*Japanese Fan Dance*



**Kristen Spellman**  
LaCigale's  
Full Service Salon  
*Piano Solo*



**Jamie Vanderhofe**  
Cornerstone Warehousing  
*Dance*



## **Queen Neelah LXVI Candidates**



**Jodie Whitson**  
FDA, Inc.  
*Dramatic Reading*



**Amanda Williams**  
TMC Construction  
*Skit*



**Jaymee Wright**  
Kirk Wright  
State Farm Insurance  
*Skit*



**Steve Robinson**

Steve Robinson is a Delivery Project Executive with IBM. He has worked in the Finance and Human Resource industries with many Fortune 500 firms. Steve has a BS in Accounting, MBA and his Certified Public Accounting and Certified Purchasing Manager certifications. Steve is married to Pam and has two daughters, Stephanie Stidham and Bailey Anne. Steve has been associated with the Miss Oklahoma Pageant system for several years while his daughters were competing and is affectionately referred to as "Pageant Dad". He has directed many community musical productions and served as part time Minister of Music earlier in his career. He is a lead recruiter for IBM at OSU and OU, and has taught several courses on recruiting and effective interviewing skills. Steve serves as a deacon and sings in his church choir. He has served on the County Planning Commission and has helped with the Miss Claremore pageant many years.

**Freddie Howard**

Having been a community volunteer for the past 30 years, Ms. Howard has served in various capacities in the performing arts organizations in Tulsa and currently works with the Salvation Army Auxiliary. She combines her certification in elementary education with her business skills as an etiquette instructor and consultant. Ms. Howard has taught children's etiquette classes throughout the state of Oklahoma since 1988. She very much enjoyed being a traveling companion with the Miss Oklahoma pageant since 1990 and now spends time volunteering with the Outstanding Teen program. She and her husband, Burton, have 2 married children and enjoy spending time with their four granddaughters.

**Cheno Kennedy**

A retired educator specializing in Early Childhood Development, Cheno moved to Grand Lake to relax and enjoy her golden years but instead she got involved in pageants and politics. This keeps her very busy the year round. Ms. Kennedy was elected to the Oklahoma State Central Committee of the Democratic Party in 1998 and is still serving as county chairperson. Cheno is Co-Director of the Miss Grand Lake and Miss Grand Lake Teen Pageants. This long running pageant has enjoyed the honor of producing 27 girls in Miss Oklahoma's Top 10, 18 Runners-up to Miss Oklahoma, 7 Miss Oklahomas and 1 Miss America.







# Coronation Entertainers

# 50<sup>TH</sup>



## ***Stage Escorts***

**Front Row:** Matthew Hastings, Micheal Ysusi,  
Blake Bryant

**Middle Row:** Sullivan Schabel,  
Patrick Landrum, Dan Gross,  
Adam Greenhaw, Andrew Duke

**Back Row:** Cole Pasternak, Samuel Schroeder

## ***Neelah Debs***

**Front Row:** Brittany Meyer,  
Stephanie Miller, Katie Porter, Aubrey Near,  
Lauren Peyton, Talor Smith

**Back Row:** Bayley Conner, Bailey Lewman,  
Jessica Bruington, Vanessa Lowden,  
Haley Marchant, Laken Ysusi



## ***Coronation Music John Hamlin***

Neewollah is privileged to welcome back John Hamlin to perform as background artist for this years' Queen's coronation. John provides a unique blend of Spanish, jazz, blues and pop music. As a professional artist, John Hamlin plays at festivals and private events across the country. With Independence as his home base, he also continues to give limited private instruction.





### **Talent Emcee Delaina Lee**

Raised in Independence, Kansas, since she was very young, Delaina Lee is proud to tell others she's from Independence. As a lady bulldog for the high school girl's basketball team, Delaina helped her team win the 1993 5A-State Championship game as a starter on the team. That same year, Delaina was a contestant in the Queen Neelah Pageant where she performed "I'm Just a Girl Who Can't Say No" from the Musical Oklahoma. She had the opportunity to perform her talent the next night at Coronation where she was awarded second runner up in the contest. After high school, Delaina attended Independence Community College on a basketball scholarship. In 1996, the Lady Pirates placed second in the nation at the NJCAA National Championship Tournament. Delaina graduated from Avila College in 1998 in Kansas City on another basketball scholarship. She got her degree in electronic media communications and soon after college began her broadcasting career in Wichita, Kansas.

She was an anchor on the state's most awarded radio station, KFDI Radio in Wichita. There she won a National Edward R. Murrow Award for team coverage of the 2000 Bombardier jet crash. Delaina also worked as an editor and producer at KSNW TV in Wichita. In 2001, Delaina moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, to anchor the "Midday Live" and "Live at Five" newscasts on KQTV. She also worked as a news anchor on KMBZ 980 Radio in Kansas City. In 2002, she moved back to Wichita to report for the number one TV station in Kansas, KWCH Channel 12 News. While at Channel 12, Delaina was awarded a fellowship from the Casey Journalism Center where she spent a week in Washington, D.C. learning about issues facing children and families. After years of reporting the news, Delaina decided to change careers and work in the business world. She is now a brand manager for The Coleman Company where she helps develop advertising campaigns, merchandising concepts and brand strategies for the outdoor equipment manufacturer. Delaina will graduate from Wichita State University in May 2008 with an Executive MBA degree. She is a newly wed who resides in Wichita with her husband Robert and their four animals.



### **Coronation Emcee Miss Kansas Alyssa George**

Miss George was crowned Miss Kansas on June 9, 2007. She is a native of Minneapolis, Kansas, and attends the University of Kansas in Lawrence. She is majoring in Business Administration with a career ambition of being a Disney Production Director in the future.

Miss George serves on the LOVE, INC. Board of Directors and the Douglas County Jr. Achievement Board of Directors; she is a member of Chi Omega Sorority where she has served as Secretary, Recruitment Chair, Philanthropy Chair, Homecoming Chair, and Rock Chalk Revue Director. Additionally, she was presented with the 2005 Chi Omega Outstanding New Member Award and the 2005 Tara Dawn Holland Community Service Award.

Miss George has chosen *Bullying: The Bystander Effect* as her platform issue. As a result, she has spoken to over 6000 students and adults on the topic of Bullying and Harassment.

Her legacy as Miss Kansas is that every school in the state of Kansas will have a bully-free program; every student in the state of Kansas will have received her message of the "power of a witness"; and, to build awareness in community organizations of the issues surrounding bullying and harassment.







# Queen's Committees

50<sup>TH</sup>



## Queen's Directors

Lea Shepard, Julie Voelker



## Queen's Candiates Co-Chairs

Sandy Nelson, Terry Hogan



## Stage Escorts Committee

Kristin Meyer, Shelley Conner



## Neelah Debs Committee

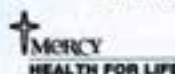
Sonja Conley (Co-chair); Kelly Cox (Co-chair), Rene Hines, Cody Rodriguez



## Pre-Parade Breakfast Committee

Zoedy Schnurbusch, Anne Bertie, Kathy Woods (Chair)

### Sponsored by



## Queen's Publicity

Julie Bruington

This page sponsored by



*Security Abstract*  
COMPANY

113 E. Main • Independence  
Phone (620) 331-1560 • Fax (620) 331-5519  
Steve Wilkin

"Neerwollah and Cobalt...  
Two Long Standing Traditions of 'Excellence.'"



**COBALT BOATS**  
*Compromise Nothing*





### **Queen's Fashion/Summer Workshop**

Debbie Tincer (Co-chair),  
Lorraine Emmot (Co-chair)

Not Pictured: Diana Schroeder,  
Rachel & Dave Torbett



### **Runway Committee & Interview Committee**

Romy Hafner (Chair), Jodi Mason (Chair),  
Robin Browning (Co-chair), Lacy King (Co-chair)



### **Queen's Buttons Committee & Queens Hand Props**

Front Row: Bev Metcalf, Lensi LaForge, Dee Dee O'Malley (Chair)  
Back Row: Michelle Babcock (Chair), Lisa Dent, Janet Demo



### **Data Workshop**

Jamie Savage, Laura McClure (Chair)

This page sponsored by

**BIG  
CHEESE  
PIZZA**

(620) 331-2330

103 E. Main • Independence

"Downtown Independence"

**RSI**

**Remediation Services Inc.**

Environmental Services

2735 S. 10th • Independence • (620) 331-1200





# Queen's Committees

50<sup>TH</sup>



## Queen's Pop Party Committee

Front Row: Amy Reichenberger (Co-chair),  
Lori Wesselowski (Co-chair)

Back Row: Anne Gordon,  
Mary Swearingen,  
Melanie Schmitz, Jackie Chandler

Sponsored by



## Queen's Commemorative Scrapbook Committee

Michelle Blankenship, Angi Cessna (Chair),  
Tabatha Snodgrass



## Queen's Window Committee

Front Row: Kathy Raub (Co-chair), Cheryl Arnwine

Back Row: Julie Gosnell, Debbie McMinn,  
Glenda Bryant (Co-Chair)



## Queen's Tea Committee

Front Row: Nancy Castilleja, Michelle Rockey

Back Row: Bev Chubb (Co-chair), Casi Addis, Mary Jo Wallis,  
Sarah Wilson (Co-chair)



## Queen's Transportation Committee

Lori Kelley (chair), Greg Kelley (Chair),  
Rick Mott, Kyra Mott

This page sponsored by

**woods** WOODS LUMBER CO.  
915 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-4900



## INDEPENDENCE READY-MIX

Office located at Woods Lumber  
Batch Plant 920 N. 10th • Independence  
(620) 331-4150



**Queen's Brunch Committee**

Whitney Callan, Leseley Simpson, Traci Posch, Anne Kaff (Chair)

*Sponsored by***Queen's Coronation Walk-in Committee**Shanda Chambers (Chair),  
Shelley Schultz**Queen's Judges Committee**

Tina Shaw, Jannette Luthi (Chair), Judith Lowden

**Queen's Talent Committee**Front Row: Shelley Brooks, Bev Chubb, Amy Stephens (Co-chair),  
Sarah Wilson, Cody RodriguezBack Row: Jennifer Borovetz (Chair), Michelle Babcock, Gina Godinez,  
Dawna Watts, Patty Williams, Debbie Tincher

Not Pictured: Lois Lessman, Christy Mavers, Lina Miller

This page sponsored by

*in a word...*  
**QUALITY™****Commercial Bank**616 N. Penn • Independence • (620) 331-5110  
Wal-Mart Supercenter • Independence • (620) 331-8880  
[www.commercialbank.net](http://www.commercialbank.net)

MEMBER FDIC

**SAYERS**  
ACE HARDWARE**SAYERS ACE HARDWARE**314 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-1690





# Queen's Committees

50<sup>TH</sup>



## Coronation Ball Committee

Amy Burnett,  
Gina Botts (Co-chair), Kelly Vining  
Not Pictured: April Nutt (Co-chair),  
Gina McLenon

### Sponsored by



## Queen's Coronation Committee

Front Row: Pili Barker, Kim Goodman, LaRonna Bollig, Stacey Yakshaw, Angie Carr  
Back Row: Monica Green, Olivia Brennan, Lisa Hugo (Co-chair),  
Kathy Clapp (Co-chair), Nellie Mendoza  
Not Pictured: Paula Schabel

# Schedule of Events for Queen Candidates

Summer Workshop .....	June	Queen's Brunch.....	October 23
Scrapbooks and Pictures Due .....	August	(sponsored by Mercy Hospital & Health for Life)	
Talent Practices .....		Coronation Rehearsal .....	October 23
Sunday Afternoons Beginning.....	September 9	Coronation .....	October 23
Information Sheet Workshop .....	September 23	Queen's Ball .....	October 23
Pop Party .....	October 7	Walk in the DooDah Parade .....	October 25
(sponsored by Mercy Hospital)		Ride in the Kiddie Parade.....	October 26
Judge's Tea .....	October 21	Pre Parade Breakfast .....	October 27
Interviews.....	October 22	(sponsored by Mercy Hospital & Health for Life)	
Talent Presentation.....	October 22	Ride in Grand Parade .....	October 27

This page sponsored by



(620) 331-1774

"We are the Technology Experts"

**K.E.L.**  
KELLEY ELECTRIC INC.

ELECTRICAL  
CONTRACTORS

(620) 331-1774

829 North Penn  
Independence



**Prestige**  
CABINETS

... fine all wood cabinetry since 1967





## Trophy Donors

Queen Neelah	Pat's Sign Studio
First Runner Up	Quality Motors, Inc.
Second Runner Up	Midwest Real Estate, Inc.
Miss Talent	Cable One
Miss Poise	Heartland Real Estate of America
Miss Fashion	Independence Animal Hospital
Miss Beauty	O'Malley Equipment Co. Inc.
Miss Originality	Crescent Oil
Miss Interview	Re/Max Results
Miss Photogenic	Independence Heating & Air
Miss Personality	Peek-A-Bootique/Merle Norman
Miss Spirit	Mercy Hospital

## Category Winners

## \$25 Main Street Gift Certificate

Miss Talent	Hugo's Industrial Supply
Miss Poise	McHugh Video Production, Larry McHugh
Miss Fashion	Heckman & Associates, PA
Miss Beauty	Barta Animal Hospital
Miss Originality	Heaven's Angels Consignment
Miss Interview	Molded Fiber Glass
Miss Personality	Dr. Porter Clark, DDS
Miss Photogenic	First Federal Savings & Loan
Miss Spirit	Yerkes and Michels CPA, LLC

## Sterling Silver Toggle Heart Bracelet Engraved by Boles Jewelry for Each Category Winner

Miss Talent	A.G. Edwards, Bob Miller
Miss Poise	Great Plains Federal Credit Union
Miss Fashion	Attorney at Law, William Kelly
Miss Beauty	Gregg Webster/Edward D. Jones
Miss Originality	Proscript Pharmacy
Miss Interview	Eagle Estates
Miss Photogenic	Eggbert's
Miss Personality	Kirk Wright Insurance Agency
Miss Spirit	Lee's Cooling and Heating

## Queen Neelah's Gifts

Queen Crown	Boles Jewelry, Inc.
Queen's Rose Bouquet	Twigs Floral & Gifts
Queen Portrait	DJ'S Photography & Framing
Dorm Refrigerator	Creative Concepts/Becky Miessler
Use of New Car and \$50 Gas	Romans Motor Company
Watch	Boles Jewelry, Inc.
Scrapbook	Chasing Rainbows
I-Pod	Eric's Plumbing
I-Pod/Station/Speaker System	Woods Lumber
Beijo Purse by Susan Handley	Rosewood Cottage Gift Shoppe
Computer System and bag	Sayer's Ace Hardware
Dr. Gary Beaver	Computer Generation
The Medicine Shoppe	Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles
Quality Toyota	Bradford and Regal
Potts Chapel	Westar Energy
Glenwood Estate Inc.	C&M Motors
Computer Total HP Printer, Scanner	First National Bank
Flat Screen Television and DVD Player	Schabel's TV
Trek Mountain Bike	Bill White Real Estate
	Buzzi Unicem USA
	Xtreme Bike & Sport
	Matcor Metal Fabrication, Inc.
	Derailed Commodity
Luggage Set	Wal-mart
Dinner for Two	Uncle Jack's Restaurant
Movie for 2	Independence Cinemas
College Logo Granite Block	Individual Mausoleum Co.
\$100 Gift Basket	Avon District Jennifer Friend
Sterling Silver Necklace	"Bangles"/Terry Sears
1 Year Membership	Creating Women's Fitness





# Queen Neelah Tropies and Gifts

# 50TH

## Queen Neelah's Gifts (Continued)

1 Month Membership for Queen and Queen Mother	Curves
1 Month Membership	Health for Life by Mercy
Emergency Road Kit	O'Reilly Auto Parts, Inc
Perfume	DeFever & Osborn
Picture Frame	Hasselmann's Floral & Gifts
\$25.00 Gift Certificate for Queen and Queen Mother	Nannie LaRose
Personal Deluxe Manicure and Pedicure	Prizm's Beauty Salon-Health for Life
Personal Manicure and Pedicure from Jay Near	Tan's by Electric Beach
Quilt	Lillie's Classic Quilts
Midland Weather Monitor	Orscheln Farm & Home
Graduation Cake	Laurel St. Bakery
Tanning Certificate for Tanning	Tropical Tans
A Mark Johnson "Park" Picture	Mark Johnson Studio

## First Runner Up Gifts

Gift Basket	Bella Hair Design
Scrapbook	Bette & Phil's
Gift Card for \$25	Brother's Railroad Inn
Flat Screen TV and DVD Player	Schabel's TV
	First American Title Company   Hackney   Penmac Personnel
Independence Afghan	Twigs Floral and Gifts
Dorm Refrigerator	Dr. Arwood, Family Medical Center
\$50 Shot Package	Classic Portraits
Picture Frame	Derek and Jennifer Schmidt
1 Month Membership	Creating Women's Fitness
Graduation Cake	Laurel St. Bakery
A Mark Johnson "Park" Picture	Mark Johnson Studio
Emergency Road Kit	O'Reilly Auto Parts, Inc
Regular Manicure & Pedicure	Prizm's Beauty Salon-Health for Life
\$50 Gift Certificate	The Health Alternative
A Personal Manicure from Jay Near	Tan's by Electric Beach
Tanning Certificate for Tanning	Tropical Tans
\$15 Certificate	Uncle Jack's Restaurant

## Second Runner Up Gifts

Flat Screen TV DVD Player	Schabel's TV
	Penwell-Gabel Funeral Home   Appletree Inn   Big Cheese Pizza
1 Month Membership	Creating Women's Fitness
Gift Basket	Cut Above
A Mark Johnson "Park" Picture	Mark Johnson Studio
Emergency Road Kit	O'Reilly Auto Parts, Inc
A Personal Manicure from Jay Near	Tan's by Electric Beach
Tanning Certificate for Tanning at	Tropical Tan
\$15 Certificate	Uncle Jack's Restaurant
Picture Frame	Derek and Jennifer Schmidt

## All Candidates Gifts

Sweatshirts and T-shirts	Candidate Sponsors
Drawstring Cinch Sack	Earth Care Products/Andy Livingston
One Free Movie Rental per Girl	Blockbuster Video
Pink Crystal Necklace	Avon - Jennifer Friend
\$2 Gift Certificate	Dairy Queen
One 4" Pot of Pansies	Green Thumb Greenhouse, Inc.
\$200.00 Scholarship a Year	Independence Community College
VIP Carwash Coupons	Kelley Electric and K-Wash
Extra Value Meal	McDonald's
A Personalized Cookie	Middy's Creations
A Personal Pan Pizza	Pizza Hut
College Scholarship	Roger St. University, Bartlesville, OK
A \$9.95 Reusable Camera w/Free Processing	Walgreen Drug Store
Gift Certificate	Sonic Drive Inn
Memory Boxes and Picture Frames	Independence Nursery & Garden
	Professional Building of Independence, LLC   SKA Southern Kansas Trust   TLC Groundskeeping
	Independence Chiropractic - Steve Chapman   Express Personnel Services   The Car Shop   The Portrait Boutique





# 50th Carnival/Info Booth/Special Events



## Carnival

Dennis Greenhaw (Chair)  
Not Pictured: Jim Clubine  
(Co-chair)

## Carnival

"Family Night" will get the carnival started on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Wristbands will cost \$16. The carnival will be open in the evenings thru Friday and most of the day on Saturday of Neewollah week. This year's carnival will be located on west Laurel and North 8th streets. Ottaway Carnivals has long provided Neewollah goers with lots of clean, safe fun.



## Special Events

This year we are pleased to have the Budweiser Clydesdale horses back again! Special events have varied from year to year, but always offer fun outside the carnival ride options. In previous years we have had fun cycles, Budweiser NASCAR car, the climbing walls and the fun houses.



**Special Events**  
Pat Corbitt



**Information Booth**  
Marty Reichenberger,  
Gina Botts

## Information Booth

Open  
Wednesday-Friday from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

This page sponsored by

518 N. 4th Street • Independence, KS • (620) 331-5040



## See Us For All Your Advertising Needs

- Business Cards • Letterhead • Envelopes • Brochures
- Logo Design • Advertising Design @ Placement • Direct Mail
- Signs @ Banners • Screen Printed and Embroidered Apparel
- Advertising Specialty Items • Commercial Photography

"Bringing you the basics for business promotion."





## Street Act Schedule

### Wednesday, October 24

- 6:00 Christ Church Praise & Worship Team  
(Independence, KS)
- 8:00 The CrackaJack Crew  
(Christian Hip Hop, Springfield, MO)
- 9:15 Ignite (Christian Rock, Independence, KS)

### Thursday, October 25

- 6:30 Local and Regional Talent Night


### Friday, October 26

- 5:00 Kevin Wade (Magician)
- 6:30 Chelsea Laswell (Acoustic Folk, Lawrence, KS)
- 7:45 Fast Eddy's Drivetime Band  
(Progressive Rock, Lawrence, KS)
- 10:00 Longshot  
(Rock'n Country, Cherryvale, KS)

### Saturday, October 27

- 1:00 Rick Cook and Seminole  
(Country & Western, Oswego, KS)
- 2:45 Wayne and Arthetta Long  
(Americana-Folk, Wichita, KS)
- 4:15 Joesf Glaude Trio  
(Progressive Jazz, Tulsa, OK)
- 7:00 Let's Zeppelin  
(Tribute Band, United Kingdom)

Neewollah has always centered around a variety of free activities on the downtown streets of Independence. The Bandstand features hometown and area talent as well as entertainers with a global origin, evenings Wednesday through Friday, then all day Saturday during Neewollah week. The stage is constructed several days before it comes to life with street acts. Bales of hay are pulled out each evening for the audience to sit on although they may bring their own folding chairs. Wednesday night this year will be devoted to Christian music, while Thursday will feature local talent. Friday and Saturday bands will offer music to satisfy all melodic tastes.

**Bandstand Sponsor**  
~ 4 days ~  
 **First Federal**  
**Savings & Loan**



### Street Acts Committee

**Front Row:** Shawn Wallis, Kirk Steinle, Tom Posch,  
John Hamlin (Chair), Donnie Fuqua (Co-chair)  
**Back Row:** Leslie Coder, Amber Gregory, Erin Connors,  
Jannette Luthi, Angie Carr  
**Not Pictured:** Darin Hamlin, Rus Jackson

This page sponsored by

**RE/MAX**® Now with 3 locations to better serve you.  
**Results**  
[www.remax.com](http://www.remax.com)

115 N. Penn • Independence 620-331-6700 407 Main • Neodesha 620-325-5550  
1712 Main • Parsons 620-423-3800

 Vera Schwabach Broker 620-330-7795	 Joni Gerber Broker 620-330-0612	 Wilma Schwabach Broker 620-330-8648	 Tom Maffei Broker 620-423-7967	 Dan Berry Broker 620-423-3401	 Michelle Ellison Broker 620-330-4891	 Dorothy Evenson Broker 620-330-8700	 Susan Jahn Broker 620-423-0904
 Amber Marshall Broker 620-423-9186	 Bill Howard Broker 620-421-0097	 Amber Gregory Broker 620-330-1367	 Rick Mott Broker 620-330-8728	 Jane Casella Broker 620-778-2942	 Thomas Karlsson Broker 620-423-7315	 Stephanie Tucker Broker 620-330-9677	 Scott Webb Broker 620-330-3030



# 50th 2007 Newcomers to the Bandstand



## **The CrackaJack Crew – Christian Hip Hop**

The CrackaJack Crew plays crazy, good Christian hip-hop to make you smile. As their style has evolved since their first CD in 2004, this four man group has focused on entertaining and encouraging their audience. With a goal of exiting for the betterment of our culture and our society CrackaCrew donates much of their proceeds to charitable causes and foundations.

## **Chelsea Laswell – Acoustic Folk**

Chelsea Laswell's acoustic folk style has gained a good deal of attention in the state of Kansas. This local young talent has gained recognition state wide as her recent CD has been chosen as # 5 on the Kansas pop charts and number two on the Kansas acoustic charts. Chelsea presently is a student at the University of Kansas. She played many venues while still in high school in Independence and is now gaining increased attention through performance opportunities in the Lawrence area.



## **Fast Eddy Drivetime Band – Progressive Rock**

Fast Eddy's Drivetime Band has been playing together for the last five years in Lawrence, Kansas. They have a modern sound with a heavy Classic Rock and Blues influence. With leanings toward Cream, Jimmy Hendrix and Credence Clearwater Revival songs, Fast Eddy is known for getting a crowd up and dancing. The group features hometown favorite Nate Bunn as one of their vocalists and guitarists.

## **Ignite – Christian Rock**

Ignite began four years ago and has developed into a solid alternative Christian rock group with a great sound. This local band is made up of siblings Joel (vocalist, & guitarist) and Joanna (keyboard) Simwinga, Nick Loganbill (bassist) and Daniel McDill (drums). They debuted on the Neewollah grand stand in 2006 and released their first album the same year.

## **Rick Cook & Seminole – Country & Western**

Rick Cook & Seminole is a popular country band at county fairs, state fairs, rodeos and festivals around the four state area. This five piece group is known for their steel guitar, fiddle and true country sound complete with three part harmony. Their work with country names such as Rhett Aikens, Patty Loveless, BR549, Joe Diffie, Perfect Stranger and Barbara Fairchild attests to their level of professionalism.

## **Let's Zeppelin**

Let's Zeppelin is a tribute band from the United Kingdom.







## Food Vendors

Each year the Food Vendors committee starts early contacting interested parties to insure Neewollah goes find a great mix of good food as they enjoy downtown Independence. Concession Stands are open Wednesday through Saturday and most concessions open late morning and stay open as late as 10 p.m. or until they run out of food supplies each night. The cinnamon roll stand, which has been coming to Neewollah for over 30 years, opens early Wednesday morning and stays open 24 hours a day through the festival. The wide variety of food offerings include Indian tacos, Philly steak sandwiches, funnel cakes, Polish sausages, fresh lemonade, shrimp creole, fried pickles and much, much more. In other words there is something for everyone.



### **Food Vendors Committee**

**Front Row:** Jeff Gettler, Steve Wilkin, Jeff Chubb (Co-chair)  
**Back Row:** Marty Reichenberger (Co-chair), Robert Browning, Shawn Wallis, Fred Meier, Ann Crow (Co-chair)  
**Not Pictured:** Pete Dierks



### **Little Princess Committee**

Kelly Vining, Wendy Derrick (Chair), Teressa Kolb, Kit Pasternak,  
**Not Pictured:** Debbie Blurton, Janelle Taylor

## Little Princess

The Little Princess Committee was formed to excite the area's "Little Princesses" about their future as a Queen Neelah contestant. The little girls can dress their best and enjoy the rest at the coronation of Queen Neelah. A drawing will be held the night of coronation for a special Little Princess prize package.



### **The Great Pumpkin Committee**

Melinda & Robert Miller (Co-chairs)  
**Not Pictured:**  
 John & Marge Heckman (Co-chairs)

## The Great Pumpkin Contest

**Wednesday, October 24**

**6 p.m. - Judging • 7 p.m. - Winners Announced**  
**Bandstand • Downtown Independence**

The Great Pumpkin Contest is one of the many traditions of the downtown activities on Wednesday evening, October 24. Any child preschool age through fifth grade may submit an entry. The decorated pumpkins are judged in different age groups, with prizes being awarded to each group. The judging of the pumpkins is based upon creativity and imagination, so each child is urged to create a unique and novel jack-o-lantern.



**50<sup>TH</sup>****Doo Dah Parade/Arts & Crafts****Doo Dah Parade***"Knuckleheads in Dogpatch"***Thursday, October 25, 6 p.m.**

The Doo Dah Parade is the adult only event of Neewollah. It offers those who are still "kids at heart" a chance to celebrate in their own special way. From year to year there may be an overall theme, while other years it's a free for all. The Mardi Gras type parade extends from Memorial Hall to just south of Penn and Main. A King and Queen Doo Dah are selected each year to preside over the parade of rowdies that is liberally sprinkled with a variety of odd drill teams, bearded beauties and unusual creatures.

**Tim and Jennifer Christensen** have been chosen as this year's King and Queen of the Doo Dah Parade. While Jennifer grew up in Independence and has been involved with Neewollah from an early age, as Neelah Deb, queen candidate and member of several committees, Tim is a relative newcomer. The couple moved to Independence with their daughter, Abby, from Aspen, Colorado, in 1995. Their restaurant, Uncle Jack's, opened during Neewollah 2000. Tim has been in a number of the festivals Broadway plays and the couple has jumped into the Neewollah spirit through activities at their restaurant. Uncle Jack's has hosted the Queen's pre-parade brunch in the past and the Generalissimo breakfast for the past several years. Uncle Jack's is also one of several gathering spots on nights when Neewollah is going strong. In recent years they have sponsored costume parties and other fun Neewollah-related events to add to the light hearted nature of the festival.

**King & Queen Doo Dah**

Tim &amp; Jennifer Christensen

**Doo Dah Committee**Drew Demo, Gary Beaver (Chair),  
Greg Kelley, Tim White (Co-chair)**Arts & Crafts****Saturday, October 27,****8 a.m. to 6 p.m.****100 Block of East Myrtle**

The Arts & Crafts show has been a main stay of the Neewollah festival. Over the years bringing in high quality hand crafted items has been a priority. This is a great time to shop for Christmas. Unusual and distinctive crafts, framed artwork and photos abound with 30-35 booths. This year they can be found in front of the VFW in the 100 block on East Myrtle.

**Arts & Crafts Committee**Shannon Moses, Jason Mendoza,  
Nelida Mendoza (Chair), Carey Chism  
Not Pictured: Tisha Ysusi





# Kiddie Parade/Friday Night Show 50<sup>TH</sup>



## Kiddie Parade Committee

Brad Carroll, Debbie Toomey, Rick Boyer (Chair),  
Cherie Stockton (Co-chair), Bob Hille

(Last year's photo is being used to honor the late Bob Hille.)

## Kiddie Parade

Friday, October 26 • 4 p.m.

The Kiddie Parade participants gather in front of Memorial Hall and join their category. Parents often walk with their younger children. This is an opportunity for young parents and their children to see and be seen. Many come home for the weekend festivities and connect with friends after the Kiddie Parade. Over 900 children, area bands and numerous kiddie floats participate in this parade. The staff of USD 446 donates time and energy to make the parade run smoothly.

## Friday Night Show

## Kevin Wade Magic Show

Friday, October 26 • 5:30 p.m.

Magician, Kevin Wade, returns to the Neewollah Bandstand with new tricks up his sleeve. Wade, who has studied magic since he was twelve years old, continues to fine tune his skills and add new tricks to his shows. His unique presentation blends comedy and audience participation for tremendous crowd appeal. The native of Miami, Oklahoma, who is a public school administrator in his other life, will amaze you and your children with his magic touch.



This page sponsored by

# ROMANS

Motor Co.

2313 W. Main • Independence  
(620) 331-4700 • 800-292-6769  
www.RomansGM.com



Representative Jeff King with his daughter, Anna.

# JEFF KING

12th District - Kansas House

Jeff King is proud to support the tradition and fun of Neewollah 2007.

Thank you to everyone who makes Neewollah the biggest and best festival in Kansas.



**50TH****2007 Neewollah Grand Parade**

## Saturday, October 27, 11:00 a.m.

### 2007 Grand Parade & Kansas Air National Guard Fly-Over

The parade goers will be thrilled with a special high flying Kick off to the Neewollah 2007 Grand Parade as the Boeing KC-135R of the Kansas Air National Guard streaks over the parade route. The Boeing KC-135R Kansas Air National Guard is located at Forbes Field in Topeka, Kansas. They fly the Boeing KC-135R aircraft. They are one of 18 Air National Guard units flying the KC-135.

The two hour long Grand Parade will start at the corner of Penn and Chestnut. It proceeds from Memorial Hall south on Main St. east to Sixth St., south one block to Maple where it turns west to Ninth St. The final leg travels north on Ninth St. ending just short of the Independence Middle School. The Grand Parade is exceedingly well attended. Parade goers set up chairs on the front row in the wee hours of the morning on parade day. As the "great fly over" occurs at 11 a.m. the crowd will be five deep in many places along the route. There are free street acts, the carnival and food concessions along Penn Ave, both before and after the Neewollah Grand Parade.

This page sponsored by

#### Eagle Estates

Residential Care for the Elderly  
1354 W. Taylor • Independence  
(620) 331-1662

#### Boles Jewelry

224 N. Penn  
Independence  
(620) 331-2340

#### Great Plains Federal Credit Union

123 E. Main • Independence  
Drive Thru: 200 E. Main  
(620) 331-4060

#### Messenger Furniture

"Quality Home Furnishings"  
211 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-5730

#### O'Malley Equipment Co.

Mike & Dee Dee O'Malley  
Highway 75 & 160  
"Neewollah Participation Makes You All Winners!"

#### Real Estate Center

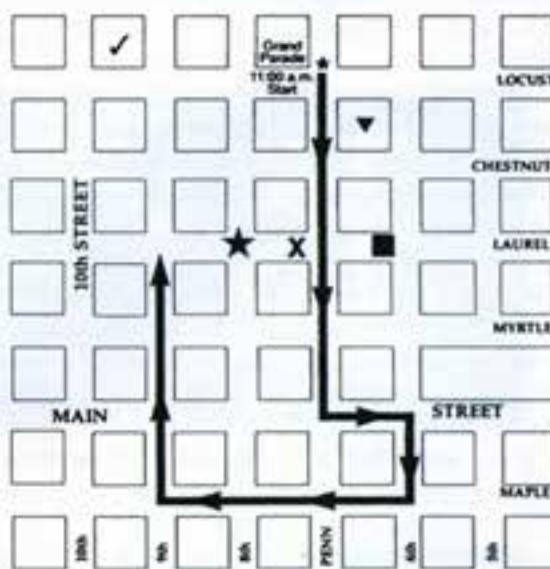
533 N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-7550



#### LEGEND

- ★ Carnival
- Bandstand
- X Info. Booth
- ✓ Middle School
- ▼ Memorial Hall

#### Parade Route



#### Grand Parade Committee

Front Row: Jeff Gettler,  
Sean Clapp (Chair)

Back Row: Doug Froebe, Joe  
Hernandez, Val Defever (Co-chair)

Not Pictured: Lance Chickadonz  
(Co-chair), Dave Ebert, Joe Barker,  
Dan Roth, Chad Johnson,  
Kirk Wright, Dan Walker, Jr. Class  
(drivers), ICC Athletes (drivers)







## 2007 Grand Parade Marshals

# 50<sup>TH</sup>

Really, it is like a small-time Hollywood movie. You know the type, a group of people sitting around talking, fantasizing, wondering. All of a sudden someone jumps up and says "Let's make a movie." And the rest is, even today, improbable.

This wonderful, wonderful celebration called Neewollah was re-invented in about this way. Seems as though fifty years ago, four young businessmen were having coffee at DeFever-Osborn Drug Store and, as they talked, the discussion turned to an Independence celebration which had occurred before World War II. As the coffee flowed and discussion continued, they decided to try to revive this Halloween tradition.

The four founding fathers of the current celebration were Don Dancer, Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb, and the late Bob Wohltman. The three living founders are being honored on this Golden Anniversary of the revival and are serving as Grand Marshal's for this year's Grand Parade.

The contributions of these men are legion and could literally fill volumes. However, only the highlights will be covered in this program.

Getting Neewollah restarted was not an easy task. Money was needed. These four men literally went door-to-door soliciting money and support. Some outline or form was needed to attract people. When you stop and think about it, what they did was impossible. Yet, they did it and it is still alive.

Don Dancer operated Dancer's Leather and Sporting Goods store in downtown Independence. Since the revival, Don has served as Generalissimo twice, in 1961 and in 1981. He also served as Grand Marshal of the parade and was on the Neewollah Committee and Board for many, many years. However, the first year of the revival Don raised money and sold tickets out of the Beldorf Theater building. Today, the Chamber of Commerce building is on that location.

Jim Halsey was and is, a music business Impresario, agent, manager, and promoter. Jim was the first Generalissimo in 1958 and also served in that capacity in 1965. He had started bringing name shows and attractions to Independence in 1949. At this revival, Jim was able to promote a "Cavalcade of Stars" show at Memorial Hall. This foray featured Vaughn Monroe, Somethin' Smith and the Readheads, and the orchestra of Johnny Long. Tickets were priced at \$4.00 per seat. And the shows were started. Jim Halsey was responsible for booking the Neewollah shows for the majority of the next 49 years. Some, and only some, of the top names include, of course, the Oak Ridge Boys, Roy Clark, The Judds, Reba McEntire, Mel Tillis, Minnie Pearl, Waylon Jennings, Merle Haggard, and Hank Thompson.

Jerry Webb has probably been the main constant in the 50 years of celebration. Not only did he serve as Generalissimo in 1960, 1972, and 1980, but he appeared in musicals, served on the board for 30 years, and raised money and support throughout the years. Matter of fact, in 1972, the organization was broke and was threatened with disbanding. Jerry once again hit the streets raising money, borrowing money, making promises that the celebration would not die. It continued due to his efforts and the support of the people of Independence. From that time on, Neewollah has kept itself under careful financial scrutiny and is generally on a sound financial basis. Through these 50 years if one person could deserve the title of Mr. Neewollah, it would be Jerry Webb.

So, these founding fathers of the present-day Neewollah, started with a queen's pageant, a parade, and a professional show. Frankly, who would have believed it would be the huge celebration it is today. Independence, the area, the state of Kansas and the thousands who attend this fall festival owe a huge thanks to these men who did what would have seemed to be impossible.



**Don Dancer**

*2007 Grand Parade Marshal*



**Jim Halsey**

*2007 Grand Parade Marshal*



**Jerry Webb**

*2007 Grand Parade Marshal*



# 50th 2006 Grand Parade Float Winners



***Sweepstakes Trophy***  
Commerce Bank



***Generalissimo's Trophy***  
First Federal Savings & Loan



***Grand Prize Trophy***  
Cessna



***Judge's Trophy***  
Bank of America



***Queen's Trophy***  
Woods Lumber



***Grand Marshal's Trophy***  
Zion Lutheran Church & School



***Governor's Trophy***  
amazon.com



***Mayor's Trophy***  
Regal Estates & Heatherwood





# 2007 Grand Parade Float Sponsors **50<sup>th</sup>**

Amazon.com

Bank of America

Cessna Aircraft Company

Coffeyville Regional Medical  
Center

Coldwell Banker Pasternak-  
Johnson

Commerce Bank

First Federal Savings & Loan  
Association

First National Bank

Hugo's Industrial Supplies

ICC Student Senate

Independence Daily Reporter

Independence Dairy Queen  
Brazier

Independence Lions Club

Independence Optimist Club

Independence Rotary Club

Kansas Foodbank Warehouse

Mercy Hospital

CableOne

Neewollah, Inc.

Queen Neelah LXVI

Li'l Abner Cast

Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles,  
Inc.

Re/Max Results

Standard Motors

Woods Lumber Co.

Zion Lutheran Church &  
School

## **Home Improvements**

Bill Bateson Roofing

Derailed Commodities of  
Independence

Greer Electric Services

Independence Nursery &  
Garden Center

Independence Overhead  
Door, Inc.

Lee's Cooling & Heating Co.

Stark & Son Contractors

State Termite Control Co.

Whistler Glass & Building  
Supply

## **Independence Boosters**

AppleTree Inn

Ashcraft Tire Company

Big Cheese Pizza

DeFever-Osborn Drug & ProScript

Family Pharmacy

Grand Rental Station

Grass Roots Design Group

Independence Convention &  
Visitors Bureau

Kelley Electric

Remediation Services, Inc.

Sonic Drive-In

Johnson Advertising

The Car Shop/Tire Center, Inc.

## **Independence Businesses**

D & C Welding & Machine  
Service

Down Home Family Restaurant

Edward Jones Investments

Great Plains Federal Credit  
Union

Dave's Body Shop & Wrecker

John's Kitchen & Pub

Atmos Energy

Martinez Auto Salvage

O'Malley Equipment Co., Inc.

Sayers Ace Hardware

Sears of Independence

Universal Credit Union

Bill Schabel's TV

Jock's Nitch

K-Tech Systems

Kelley Storage

Kirk Wright, State Farm  
Insurance

Parade Specialties

Pizza Hut of Independence

Security Abstract Company

Shepherd's Truck & Tractor

Sherwin Williams

Westco

## **Independence Merchants**

Bette & Phil's Hallmark Shop

Boles Jewelry

The Computer Generation

DJ'S Frame Shop &  
Photography

Hasselmann's - The Flower  
& Gift Shop

Health Alternative

Longhorn Realty

Messenger's Furniture

The Medicine Shoppe



# 50th • Marching Band Competition



## Saturday, October 27, 1:30 p.m.

### Shulthis Stadium - Kayo Emmot Field

Once again this year, Shulthis Stadium will be crowded to overflowing and alive with the sound of marching music. Field competition for the marching festival will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Shulthis Stadium for approximately 20-25 marching bands from Kansas and Missouri.

The competition was started 29 years ago by band director, Don Farthing, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters. Since the event was first begun, the festival has quadrupled in size. Many of the bands march in the Grand Parade so they will be eligible to participate in the Marching Band Competition.

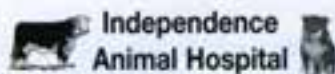
The Independence High School Band Boosters will operate a concession stand throughout the afternoon. The public is invited to attend the festival, free of admission charge.



### **Marching Band Competition Committee**

Nancy Belcher, Dale Belcher,  
Sandy Jewers

### **Trophies Sponsored by**



### **This page sponsored by**

#### **Wal-Mart Supercenter**

121 S. Peter Pan • Independence  
Bob Nickelson - Manager  
Wal-Mart Supercenter  
Supports Neewollah

#### **Laurel St. Bakery**

Jeanne Thompson & Mary Chaffin  
1512 W. Laurel • Independence  
(620) 331-8095

#### **H & R Block**

101 E. Main • Independence  
(620) 331-4940

#### **Heckman & Associates, P.A. Architects**

107½ N. Penn • Independence  
(620) 331-6171

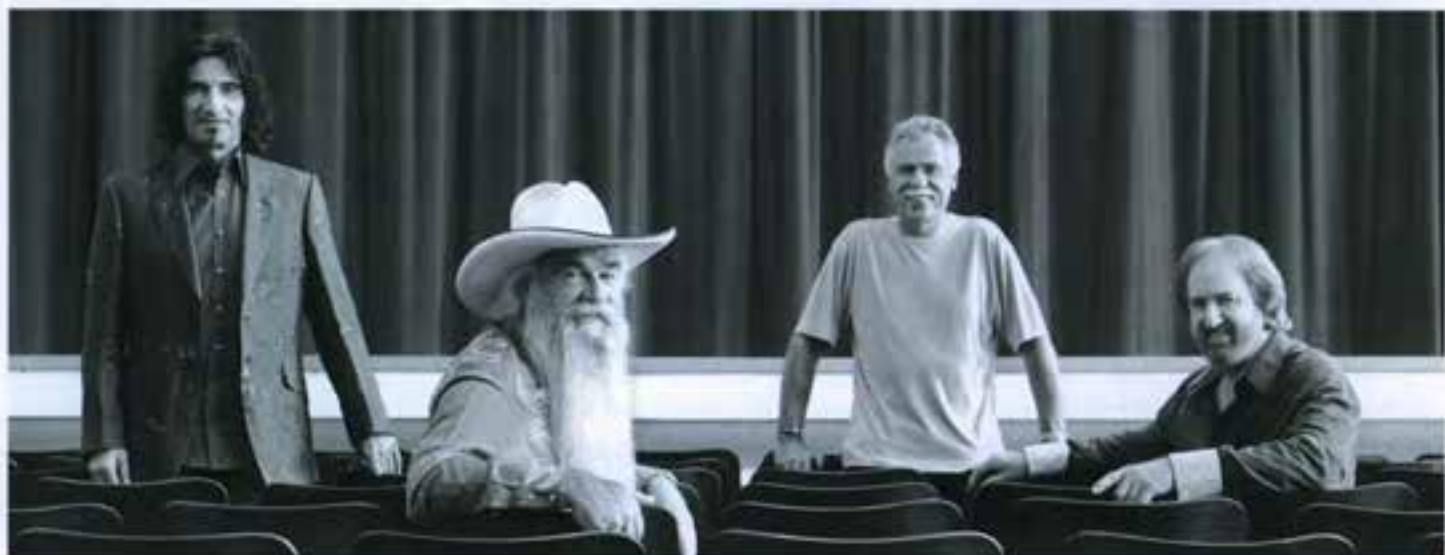
#### **Hugo's Industrial Supply**

Terry Hugo, Owner  
2201 W. Laurel • Independence  
(620) 331-6050

#### **Whistler's Glass**

Mark Johnson  
305 E. Main • Independence  
"Welcome to Neewollah  
Have a Great Time"





## Oak Ridge Boys Saturday, October 27



**3:30 & 8:00 p.m. - Memorial Hall**

The Oak Ridge Boys are one of the most distinctive and recognizable sounds in the music industry. The four-part harmonies and upbeat songs of the Oak Ridge Boys have spawned dozens of Country hits and a Number One Pop smash, earned them Grammy, Dove, CMA, and ACM awards and garnered a host of other industry and fan accolades. Every time they step before an audience, the Oaks bring three decades of charted singles, and 50 years of tradition, to bear on a stage show widely acknowledged as among the most exciting anywhere. And each remains as enthusiastic about the process as they have ever been.

"When I go on stage, I get the same feeling I had the first time I sang with the Oak Ridge Boys," says lead singer Duane Allen. "This is the only job I've ever wanted to have."

"Like everyone else in the group," adds bass singer extraordinaire Richard Sterban, "I was a fan of the Oaks before I became a member. I'm still a fan of the group today. Being in the Oak Ridge Boys is the fulfillment of a lifelong dream."

The two, along with tenor Joe Bonsall and baritone William Lee Golden, comprise one of Country's truly legendary acts. Their string of hits includes the pop chart-topper *Elvira*, as well as *Bobbie Sue*, *Dream On*, *Thank God For Kids*, *American Made*, *I Guess It Never Hurts To Hurt Sometimes*, *Fancy Free*, *Gonna Take A Lot Of River*, and many others. They've scored 12 gold, three platinum, and one double platinum album, plus one double platinum single, and had more than a dozen national Number One singles and over 30 Top Ten hits.

The four became friends, and when the Oaks needed a bass and tenor, in '72 and '73 respectively, Sterban and

Bonsall got the calls. For a while, the group remained at the pinnacle of the Gospel music circuit. It was there they refined the strengths that would soon make them an across-the-board attraction.

"We did a lot of package shows," said Bonsall, "and there was an incredible amount of competition. You had to blow people away to sell records and get invited back."

Their Gospel sound had a distinct Pop edge to it and, although it made for excitement and crowd appeal, it also ruffled purist feathers and left promoters unsure about the Oaks' direction. Then in 1975, the Oaks were asked to open a number of dates for Roy Clark. Clark's manager, Jim Halsey, was impressed by their abilities.

"He came backstage and told us we were three-and-a-half minutes (meaning one hit record) away from being a major act," says Bonsall. "He said we had one of the most dynamic stage shows he'd ever seen, but that we had to start singing Country songs."

They took his advice and the result was a breakthrough.

"Those who came to Country music with or after the New Traditionalists of the mid-eighties cannot possibly imagine the impact the Oaks had in 1977, when they lit up the sky from horizon to horizon with *Y'all Come Back Saloon*," said *Billboard*'s Ed Morris, who added "... the vocal intensity the group brought to it instantly enriched and enlivened the perilously staid Country format. These guys were exciting."

Within a year, Paul Simon would tap them to sing backup for his hit *Slip Slidin' Away*, and they would go on to record with George Jones, Brenda Lee, Johnny Cash, Roy Rogers, Billy Ray Cyrus, Bill Monroe, Ray Charles, and





others. They would appear before four presidents; produce one of the first Country music videos (*Easy*, in 1977, which wasn't released in the U.S. but hit #3 in Australia); take part in the first headline tour of the USSR; and become one of the most enduringly successful, touring groups anywhere.

They did it with a consistently upbeat musical approach and terrific business savvy.

"We always look for songs that have lasting value and that are uplifting," says Allen, who has co-produced the Oaks' last seven albums. "You don't hear us singing 'cheating' or 'drinking' songs, but 'loving' songs, because we think that will last. We also don't put music in categories, except for 'good' or 'bad.' When we get through with it, it's probably going to sound like an Oak Ridge Boys song no matter what it is."

They proved their business acumen in any number of ways, including such steps as declining the chance to sit on the couch during their many appearances on the *Tonight Show*.

"We said, 'If you're going to give us four minutes on the couch with Johnny, we'd rather have four minutes to give you another song that lets people know what got us here,'" says Allen. "We didn't get here talking; we got here singing."

They also proved themselves to be capable and tireless advocates of charitable and civic causes, serving as spokesmen and/or board members of fundraisers for the Boy Scouts of America, the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, Feed The Children, the National Anthem Project, and many more.

The group's first personnel change in many years

occurred in 1987 when Steve Sanders, who had been playing guitar in the Oaks Band, replaced William Lee as the baritone singer. Late in '95, Steve resigned from the Oaks and exactly one minute after midnight on New Year's Eve, Duane, Joe, and Richard surprised a packed house at the Holiday Star Theatre in Merrillville, Indiana, by welcoming William Lee on stage and back into the group. The hit makers were finally together again!

The Oaks' high-energy stage show remains the heart and soul of what they do, and they refine it several times a year, striving to keep it fresh well into the future.

"We're not willing to rest on our laurels," Golden says. "That gets boring. As a group, we do things constantly to challenge ourselves, to try to do something different or better than the last time we did it."

"I feel like I can do what I do on stage just as good now as I could 20 years ago," says Bonsall. "In fact, if anything, I'm in better shape now than I was 20 years ago. I plan to be rockin' my tail off out there as long as I'm healthy and don't look stupid doing it. The people who come out, who bring their families to see us, deserve everything I've got."

"We've experienced a lot of longevity," adds Sterban, "and I think the reason is the love we have for what we do — the desire, the longing to actually get up there and do it. We love to sing together... to harmonize together. It's what our lives are all about."

The Oak Ridge Boys make more than 150 appearances each year, ranging from state fairs to select theaters in the round and including auditoriums and arenas nationwide.

## Oklahoma Stomp

will open the 2007 professional show for  
The Oak Ridge Boys.

Oklahoma Stomp is a pilot program of the National Fiddler Hall Of Fame located in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It was our endeavor to first put kids in a band setting to teach them the parts of music that can't be learned in a classroom setting and second to have them learn Western Swing to perpetuate this great music through a new generation. "Western Swing is the perfect tool for learning how to play in a band," says Education Director Shelby Eicher. "They learn how to play parts in a section, how to play fills behind a singer, how to sing harmonies, how to construct great solos, how to stage a show and so on. The learning curve is huge in this setting." Oklahoma Stomp is comprised of 9 kids ages 12 - 16 years of age. Members of the group are Jake Duncan, Eric Dysart, Douglas Thompson, Landon Morgan, Zack Hardin, Sterling Abernathy, Turner Armitage, Jake Self and Corey White.

Sponsored by

**EnergyQuest** **CABLE ONE**







## Neewollah Committees

50<sup>TH</sup>



### **Professional Show Committee**

Front Row: Sean Clapp

Middle Row: Mike Flood (chair),

John Koschin (co-chair)

Back Row: Carolyn Torrance

Not Pictured: Denise Hines, Denise Williams,  
Jim Clubine, Tammy Hader, Steve McBride



### **Generalissimo's Scrapbook**

Cindy White (Chair),

Jennifer Reichenberger, Chantel Lewman,

Not Pictured: Mary Vining

Port-a-Potties are located all around  
the downtown area for  
festival goers convenience.



### **Environmental Engineer & Safety**

Kathy Newkirk

This page sponsored by



### **Independence Community College is for you**

ICC is thanking the taxpayers of northern Montgomery County by offering free tuition! Now through the Spring 2008 semester, if you own real estate in the ICC taxing district, you and your dependents can go to college for just the cost of books and fees! If you don't qualify for free tuition, ICC can still offer you quality education for less than any other community college in southeast Kansas and for a fraction of the cost of a university. The cost of higher education just got lower.

**ICC — Affordable, Accessible, Quality Education**

Contact ICC today about our programs in Nursing, Elementary Education, EMT, Allied Health, Playwriting, Computer Technology, Successful Entrepreneur Program

[www.indycc.edu](http://www.indycc.edu)





### ***Program Book Committee***

Front Row: Val Defever, Nellie Mendoza (co-chair)

Back Row: Stacey Yakshaw (Chair), Sonja Toomey,  
Stacy Near, Sabrina Overfield

Not Pictured: Judy Carroll



### ***Public Relations Committee***

Front Row: Dianne Mitchell (Publicity)

Back Row: Whitney Callan (Advertising),  
Kelly St. Clair (Chair), Margie Swisher (Chair)

### ***Brochure & Distribution Committee***

Lori Shaw (Co-chair),  
Carolyn Torrance, Gayle Holum (Co-chair)



### ***Courtesy Cars/Ushers Committees***

Sabrina Overfield, Amber Gregory

### ***Neewollah Photographer***

Cris Sundquist



### ***Website Design***

Tom Schwarz







## Neewollah Committees

# 50<sup>TH</sup>

**Opening Day  
Ticket sales  
Saturday, September 29  
8 a.m. to Noon  
Independence Civic Center**

**Neewollah  
Headquarters  
325 N. Penn  
October 1 thru October 27  
(620) 577-4754**

Opening Day for Neewollah ticket sales was 8 a.m. on September 29, 2007, at the Civic Center. Headquarters opened Monday, October 1, at 325 N. Penn. A staff of 41 volunteers will man Neewollah Headquarters from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday the first week and will then change to 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. Saturday hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Phone orders are accepted by calling (620) 577-4754. Your order can be charged to Mastercard and VISA credit cards.



### ***Ticket Sales Committee***

**First Row:** Chantel Lewman, Debbie Schroeder, Margi Swisher, Dianne Mitchell, Ann Crow, Lori Schabel, Sandy Rollison

**Middle Row:** Toni Jabben, Carolyn Torrance, Cheryl Sparks, Gina Botts, Nellie Mendoza, Carolyn Follmer, Carole Farthing, Carmen Duroni, Pasty Boulanger

**Back Row:** Lori Wesselowski, Carie Hurford, Anne Kaff, Angie Cessna, Tabatha Snodgrass, Nancy Hignight (Co-chair), Karen Turner (Chair), Karen Walker, Melody Moore, Sandra Knop, Joan Farless, Leseley Simpson, Ernie Cain, Colleen Confer, Amber Gregory

**Not Pictured:** April Nutt, Arlene Lester, Jacque Oakes, Jana Shaver, Theresa Kelly, Teresa Lewis, Mary Bailey, Peggy Helmkamp, Glenna Lawrence, Liz Reynolds





# Neewollah

## **Corporate Sponsors:**

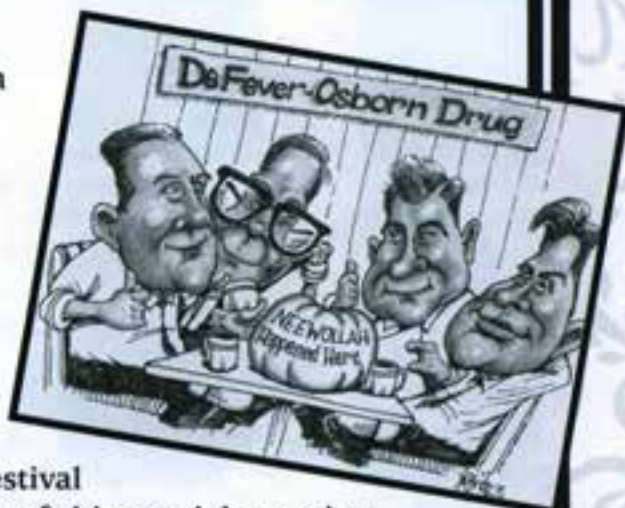
• Pizza Hut • Taco Bell • Blockbuster

## **Reception Hosts:**

• Cessna • Best Beverage  
• Remediation Services, Inc.

## *A History of Tradition*

After getting its start in 1919 as a constructive alternative to Halloween mischief, Neewollah paused for the Great Depression, World War II and financial difficulties. Following those brief intermissions and several unsustainable recovery attempts, the Neewollah celebration eventually experienced its highly successful rejuvenation in 1958! During an informal meeting at the DeFever-Osborn Drugstore – involving Jim Halsey, Bob Wohltman, Jerry Webb and Don Dancer – the restoration of Neewollah got underway...and the rest is history!



Now recognized as the oldest annual fall celebration in Kansas, the 2007 Neewollah festival celebrates its 50th consecutive year. In honor of this special occasion, we gratefully acknowledge the efforts of thousands of volunteers who stood strong in their conviction that Neewollah would survive and flourish to become the finest fall festival in the region.

Neewollah 2007 pays tribute to the dedicated leadership that helped make this special anniversary possible. Through your time, talent and incomparable volunteerism, Neewollah has recorded a rich history of successful tradition!



# Past Generalissimos

The individual who leads Neewollah organizational efforts each year has been given the title of "Generalissimo" – a dictionary term defined as supreme commander of several armies acting together. Selected by a volunteer board of directors, the Generalissimo and Neewollah Board work together with numerous committees during a year-long planning process.



**Jim Halsey**  
1958-1965



**Bob Wolhtman**  
1959



**Jerry Webb**  
1960-1972, 1980



**Don Dancer**  
1961, 1981



**Bill Woods**  
1962, 1964



**Duane Doll**  
1963



**Fred Wilkin**  
1966



**E.C. Simmons**  
1967



**Wayne Reed**  
1968



**G. Burks Sherwood**  
1969



**Bob Schneider**  
1970



**Bill Cook**  
1971



**Richard Shaver**  
1973



**Stan Lewis**  
1974



**Paul Viets**  
1975



**Bill Mason**  
1976



**Kathryn Bruening**  
1977



**Roger Leeseburg**  
1978



**Stewart Crow**  
1979, 1984



**Karen Reeder**  
1982



**Lowell Baker**  
1983



**Pat Springer**  
1985



**Jack Ashcraft**  
1986



**Tim Emert**  
1987



**Virginia Kelly**  
1988





**Steve DeFever**  
1989



**Paul Oakleaf**  
1990



**Lorne Schlatter**  
1991



**David Torbett**  
1992



**Steve Wilkin**  
1993



**Mike Flood**  
1994



**Larry Pendleton**  
1995



**Ray Rothgeb**  
1996



**Gregg Webster**  
1997



**Beth Chaney**  
1998



**Butch Holum**  
1999



**Vanessa Dennis**  
2000



**Grant Sherwood**  
2001



**Val DeFever**  
2002



**Jeff Chubb**  
2003



**Don Farthing**  
2004



**Ann Crow**  
2005



**Lea Shepard**  
2006



**Neewollah**

## **Past Generalissimos & Queens** *Between the years of 1919 and 1949*

<u>Year</u>	<u>Generalissimo</u>	<u>Queen</u>			
1919	Thurman Hill	None	1927	O.E. McAnulty	Babs Carroll
1920	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1928	O.E. McAnulty	Alice May Austin
1921	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1929	O.E. McAnulty	Elizabeth Cowan
1922	John Baden	Orphelia Pruitt	1930	O.E. McAnulty	Bea St. Helens
1923	John Baden	Florence Smith	1931-1934		Great Depression
1924	None	Helen Jones	1935	None	Louise Ransdall
1925	None	Lola McDaniel	1936-1947		World War II
1926	O.E. McAnulty	Catherine Cates (Caston)	1948	Bill Wagner	Dorothy Heckman
			1949	Emmett Wilson	JoAnne Jacobs



# Past Queen Neelahs

The first Queen Neelah was crowned during the 1920 celebration and the tradition of crowning a queen to reign over the festival continues to this day. Each Neewollah, local and area high school senior girls experience the excitement and camaraderie as they prepare for the talent competition, coronation and other related activities that are held in conjunction with the pageant.



**JoAnne Jacobs**  
1949



**Neola Hamsher**  
1958



**Sylvia McCalla**  
1959



**Norma Day**  
1960



**Phyllis Cinnoto**  
1961



**Kristin Utz**  
1962



**Betsy Gibson**  
1963



**Karen Schaub**  
1964



**Gay Barnard**  
1965



**Rosemary Sicks**  
1966



**Pat Yerkes**  
1967



**Diane Talley**  
1968



**Terry Boorigie**  
1969



**Nancy Reid**  
1970



**Diane David**  
1971



**Ruth Pittman**  
1972



**Laurie DiLorio**  
1973



**Belinda Boys**  
1974



**Janet Washburn**  
1975



**Stepanie Cook**  
1976



**Susan Scovel**  
1977



**Staci Pollock**  
1978



**Lisa Swearingen**  
1979



**Beth Maxwell**  
1980



**Yvette Carvalho**  
1981





**Jill Singleton**  
1982



**Gail Moore**  
1983



**Tammy Pasternak**  
1984



**Jeannine Bailey**  
1985



**Missy Housel**  
1986



**Shelly Nelson**  
1987



**Kaki Borkland**  
1988



**Kara Woods**  
1989



**Julie Lair**  
1990



**Keri Kruse**  
1991



**April Hill**  
1992



**Laura Henrichs**  
1993



**Kelly Springer**  
1994



**Tara Kemp**  
1995



**Christy VanFossen**  
1996



**Kelly O'Malley**  
1997



**Andrea Bailey**  
1998



**Jordan Paugh**  
1999



**Uma Patel**  
2000



**Tara Olsen**  
2001



**Ramie Browning**  
2002



**Audrey Gross**  
2003



**Aubrey Heckman**  
2004



**Lisa Erbe**  
2005



**Kelly Whitson**  
2006

## Queen Neelah Facts

As many as 66 young ladies competed for Queen Neelah in the 1960s...Neelah Debs are selected from the high school sophomore class...Three judges are selected from out-of-town...In the 1920s, the public chose Queen Neelah by buying votes for a penny each...1967 Queen Pat Yerkes and 1994 Queen Kelly Springer were the first mother and daughter to become Queen Neelah...The pageant was once held on Friday night



# Past Broadway Musicals

From the Broadway stage to the Memorial Hall stage, Neewollah audiences have been entertained by a wide array of musical production since 1958. Each year, cast members of all ages and stage experiences provide some of the finest performances to be found anywhere in "small town" America. The producers, directors, orchestras and production staffs are unrivaled in their success presenting shows of near-professional quality.

## Year Musical

1958	Picnic
1961	Annie Get Your Gun
1962	The Music Man
1963	Guys & Dolls
1964	My Fair Lady
1965	Auntie Mame
1966	The Sound of Music
1967	Li'l Abner
1968	South Pacific
1969	Oliver!
1970	Carnival!
1971	October Happening
1972	Fiddler on the Roof
1973	Hello Dolly!
1974	no local production
1975	The King & I
1976	Touring company production of Bus Stop
1977	Anything Goes
1978	Rodgers & Hart: A Musical Celebration
1979	Dracula!
1980	The Music Man
1981	Carousel
1982	Oklahoma!
1983	Camelot
1984	Annie
1985	No, No Nannette
1986	The Unsinkable Molly Brown
1987	The Sound of Music
1988	My Fair Lady
1989	Mame
1990	Gypsy
1991	Oliver!
1992	Damn Yankees
1993	Guys & Dolls
1994	Bye, Bye Birdie
1995	The Pajama Game
1996	The King & I
1997	The Wizard of Oz
1998	Peter Pan
1999	Cinderella
2000	Hello Dolly!
2001	Annie
2002	Brigadoon
2003	Little Shop of Horrors
2004	Meet Me in St. Louis
2005	Neewollah Follies
2006	Beauty and the Beast
2007	Li'l Abner

## Director

Margaret Goheen
Bobbie Gibson
Bobbie Gibson
Bobbie Gibson
Bobbie Gibson
Tim Emert
Georgia High
Bobbie Gibson
Barbara Harvey
Georgia High
Bobbie Gibson
Phil & Juanita Atkisson
Kenneth Burchinal
Georgia High
Georgia High
Keith Confer & Georgia High
Gary Mitchell
Bobbie Gibson
Ray Rothgeb
Georgia High & Keith Confer
Keith Confer
Terry Jordan
Georgia High
Keith Confer
Georgia High
Sue Woods
Ray Rothgeb
Kenneth Burchinal
Ray Rothgeb
Keith Confer
Ray Rothgeb
Jill Warford
Keith Confer
Lisa Mitchell
Lisa Mitchell
Jill Warford
Debbie Tincher
Sue Woods
Lisa Mitchell
Lisa Mitchell
Mark Frank
Keith Confer
Debbie Tincher
Lisa Mitchell
Lisa Mitchell

## Producer

Fed Cinotto
Paul Bish
Paul Bish
Paul Bish
Paul Bish
Bill Wood
Paul Bish
Paul Bish
Georgia High
Fred T. Wilkin
Paul Bish
Paul Bish
Paul Bish
David Torbett
Paul Bish & David Torbett
Paul Bish & Jerry Webb
Stewart Crow
Kathryn Bruening
Burks Sherwood & Georgia High
Tim Emert
Georgia High
David & Rachel Torbett
Tim Emert
Steve Barnett & Cyndy Sherwood
Larry Pendleton
Steve DeFever
Steve Wilkin
Val DeFever
Stewart Crow & Steve Wilkin
Larry & Glenna Pendleton
Stewart Crow
Cyndee Bishop & Judy Holyrod
Tim Emert & Judy Carroll
Steve Wilkin
Vanessa Dennis & Cyndy Sherwood
Sandy Dodson
Stewart Crow & Steve DeFever
Stewart & Ann Crow
Beth Chaney & Vanessa Dennis
Lea Shepard
Vanessa Dennis & Steve Wilkin
Tim Emert, Judy Carroll & David Torbett
Steve Wilkin
Don Farthing
Sandy Anable, Leslie Coder





# Parades & Memories of the Past

Parades have always been an important and memorable part of Neewollah. In the beginning, the celebration featured a children's parade and a night-time parade. Today's Neewollah celebrates with three parades. In addition to the traditional Friday afternoon Kiddie Parade and Saturday's Grand Parade, a special Thursday evening parade geared specifically for the adults was introduced in 1993. The Doo Dah Parade has added unique and unusual entertainment for participants and spectators alike!

Left to Right: Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb,  
Bob Wohltman, Don Dancer







## Historical Committees



### *Historical Media*

Front Row: Steve DeFever, Pat Corbitt,  
Gayle Holum  
Back Row: John Koschin



### *50th Anniversary Committee*

Front Row: John Koschin, Gayle Holum, Pat Corbitt, Joni Pratt, Paul Sell  
Back Row: Virginia Kelly, Davi Pollock, Debbie Creekmore, Peggy  
Falstrand, Judy Holroyd  
Not Pictured: Martha Allison, Jody Kawulok, Pat Greenhaw, Steve Wilkin



**Event**

Neewollah Brochure  
 The Medallion Hunt  
 Musical - "Li'l Abner"  
 Cast Party  
 Historic District Tour  
 Fun Run  
 Chili Cook-Off  
 Great Pumpkin Contest  
 The Band Stand  
 Friday Night Band Stand (Kevin Wade)  
 Saturday Night Show - Oak Ridge Boys  
 Marching Band Competition  
 Queen's Activities  
 Sadie Hawkins Dance  
 Past Queens/Generalissimo Special Event

**Sponsor**

Commercial Bank  
 Layne Energy  
 Commerce Bank & Woods Lumber  
 Wal-Mart  
 Wal-Mart  
 Cessna  
 Dart Cherokee  
 First National Bank  
 First Federal Savings & Loan  
 Pizza Hut, Taco Bell & Blockbuster  
 Quest Energy & CableOne  
 Atmos, Independence Animal Hospital & Matcor  
 Mercy Hospital Spirit of Women  
 & Mercy Health for Life  
 amazon.com  
 Pizza Hut, Taco Bell & Blockbuster

Sponsors of events get signage to show they are sponsoring the event and credit for their sponsorship in all advertising. The level of sponsorship varies depending on the event.

***Sponsorship Committee***

Marty Reichenberger (Co-chair), Julie Voelker (Co-chair)  
 Not Pictured: Jim Clubine (Chair)





# Schedule of Events

# 50<sup>TH</sup>

## October 19, Friday

*Li'l Abner* at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

## October 20, Saturday

**Neewollah Fun Run** (sponsored by Cessna)

Registration begins at 7:00 a.m.

Riverside Park Oval

One Mile Fun Walk begins at 8:15 a.m.

5K Fun Run at 8:15 a.m.

**Neewollah Fun Bike Ride**

18 mile - 35 mile - 70 mile Rides

Riverside Park 4H Building

Registration 8:00 a.m.

Ride starts at 9:00 a.m.

**Historic Tour** 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Chili Cook-off** 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Riverside Park Oval

**Medallion Hunt Kick Off** 1:00 p.m.

Riverside Park Oval

*Li'l Abner* at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

**Sadie Hawkins Dance** - 9:00 p.m.

Doc's Legends

## October 21, Sunday

*Li'l Abner* at Memorial Hall 2:00 p.m.

**Queen's Tea**

## October 22, Monday

**Queen's Interview with Judges**

**Queen Neelah Talent Competition**

Memorial Hall 6:00 p.m.

## October 23, Tuesday

**Queen's Brunch & Coronation Practice**

**Queen Neelah LXVI Coronation**

Memorial Hall 7:00 p.m.

## October 24, Wednesday

**Food Stands** open downtown

**Ottaway Carnival Family Night** 5:00 p.m.

**Great Pumpkin Contest** judging at

bandstand begins @ 6:00 p.m.

(sponsored by First National Bank)

Winners announced at 7:00 p.m.

## October 24, Wednesday (Continued)

**Bandstand Entertainment**

6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. sponsored all 4 days

by First Federal Savings & Loan

## October 25, Thursday

**Ottaway Carnival Family Night** 5:00 p.m.

**DooDah Parade** 6:00 p.m.

**Bandstand Entertainment** 6:30 p.m.

## October 26, Friday

**Kiddie Parade** 4:00 p.m.

**Ottaway Carnival** 5:00 p.m.

**Kevin Wade** on Bandstand following the

parade. Sponsored by Pizza Hut, Taco Bell & Blockbuster

**Bandstand Entertainment**

6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

**Marine Corps Band** Memorial Hall

7:30 p.m.

## October 27, Saturday

**Pre-Parade Activities & Street Acts**

**Neewollah Grand Parade** 11:00 a.m.

**Arts & Crafts** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. 100 Block of East Myrtle

**Marching Band Competition** 1:30 p.m. -

Kayo Emmot Field in Shulthis Stadium

**Marine Corps Band** at Kayo Emmot Field,

Shulthis Stadium 3:00 p.m.

**Ottaway Carnival**

**Bandstand Entertainment**

1:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

**Oak Ridge Boys** at Memorial Hall 3:30 &

8:00 p.m. Sponsored by Energy Quest &

Cable One

## October 28, Sunday

**Marine Corps Band** at Kayo Emmot Field,

Shulthis Stadium, Prior to the ICC Football

Game 1:15 p.m.



**50<sup>TH</sup>**

# Acknowledgments



Neewollah would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and businesses that have contributed to the success of this year's celebration. Whether you have contributed financially, or have given of your time and talent, Neewollah and Independence thanks you!

## Neewollah 2008 Information

"This Neewollah's for You!" - Neewollah 2007 has been a pleasurable experience for all of the Neewollah 2007 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition and preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2008 festival are October 17-25. To obtain information for Neewollah 2008 send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:



**Neewollah, Inc.**

P.O. Box 311

Independence, KS 67301

Or call

(October only) 620-577-4754

[www.neewollah.com](http://www.neewollah.com)

This page sponsored by

**Quality** MOTORS You Can Count On Us!

FORD • LINCOLN • Mercury • CHRYSLER • Dodge • Jeep

**2022 W. Main • Independence**

(620) 331-6090 • Toll Free 1-800-526-1814

[www.qualitymotors.com](http://www.qualitymotors.com)



**Quality**  
TOYOTA

**2101 W. Main  
Independence**

TOYOTA leading the way. every day.

(620) 331-8310 • Toll Free 1-877-381-8310

[www.quality-toyota.com](http://www.quality-toyota.com)



19 YEAR RECIPIENT



