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In Dedication...

Robert Wohltman

With love and appreciation we dedicate this program to the late Bob Wohltman.

Bob first became active in Neewollah in the mid-fifties when he served with the committee that restored the celebration to Independence.

In 1959 he became the Generalissimo, and his interest and avid support continued each year. He had a complete willingness to serve in any capacity to further the success of the celebration.

Bob was a husband and a father first, but also a friend to all, and he truly exemplified the term "Mr. Neewollah."
PAST MUSICALS

1960  Oklahoma
1961  Annie Get Your Gun
1962  The Music Man
1963  Guys and 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) Local
1972  Fiddler on the Roof
1973  Hello, Dolly
1974  Variety Show — not Local Talent
1975  The King and I
1976  Bus Stop — not Local
1977  Anything Goes
1978  Rodgers and Hart
1979  A Musical Celebration — Local
1979  Dracula — Not a Musical
1980  The Music Man

PAST QUEENS

1968  Diane Talley
1969  Terri Boorigie
1970  Nancy Reid
1971  Diane David
1972  Ruth Pittman
1973  Laurie Dilorio
1974  Belinda Boys
1975  Janet Washburn
1976  Stephanie Cook
1977  Susan Sovel
1978  Staci Pollock
1979  Lisa Swearingen
1980  Beth Maxwell

PAST GENERALISSIMOS

1958  Jim Halsey
1959  Bob Wohltman
1960  Gerald Webb
1961  Don Dancer
1961  Bill Woods
1963  Duane Doll
1964  Bill Woods
1965  Jim Halsey
1966  Fred T. Wilkin
1967  E. C. “Bud” Simmons
1968  Wayne Reed
1969  G. Burkes Sherwood
1970  Robert Schneider
1971  Bill Cook
1972  Gerald Webb
1973  Richard Shaver
1974  Stan Lewis
1975  Paul Viets
1976  Bill Mason
1977  Kathryn Bruening
1978  Roger Leeseberg
1979  Dr. Stewart Crow
1980  Gerald Webb
CALENDAR OF EVENTS — NEEWOLLAH 1981

Saturday, October 24
7:30 p.m.  ICJC College Football — Shulthis Stadium
8:00 p.m.  Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Carousel” on stage at Memorial Hall

Sunday, October 25
8:00 p.m.  Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “Carousel” on stage at Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 27
8:00 p.m.  “The Amazing Kreskin” — Memorial Hall

Wednesday, October 28
4:00 p.m.  Carnival and Concession Stands open — Downtown
6:30 p.m.  Queen’s Talent Contest — High School Auditorium
5:00-9:00 p.m.  Street Acts Entertainment — Downtown
5:00 p.m.  — To Be Announced
6:00 p.m.  — Bob Evans & Becky Morris
7:00 p.m.  — Haywire
8:00 p.m.  — Boot Leg

Thursday, October 29
5:00-8:00 p.m.  Street Acts — Downtown
5:00 p.m.  — To Be Announced
6:00 p.m.  — The Countrymen, Cliff Jones
7:00 p.m.  — Rye Whiskey Revue
8:00 p.m.  Coronation of Queen Neelah XL — Memorial Hall
Master of Ceremonies — Lee Woodward & King Lionel

Friday, October 30
4:00 p.m.  Kiddies Costume Parade — Downtown
5:00  Street Acts and Entertainment
5:00 — Brooks Anderson, Magician, with Giggles the Clown
8:00 p.m.  “Neewollah International Festival” — Produced by Jim Halsey
Kansas Governor John Carlin — Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 31
11:00 a.m.  Sky Divers Paula & Justin Clark (weather permitting)
Grand Parade — Downtown
1:00 p.m.  Band Competition — Shulthis Stadium
1:30 p.m.  Street Acts Entertainment — Downtown
8:00 p.m.  Country Music Show — Memorial Hall — featuring Mel Tillis
10:30 p.m.  Country Music Show — Memorial Hall — featuring Mel Tillis
WELCOME TO NEEWOLLAH 1981

From the Board of Directors and the numerous committees. Welcome to the 1981 Neewollah Festival, Kansas' Largest Celebration.

Each year we follow the tradition of offering to you, entertainment and fun for the whole family.

Mere words cannot begin to express our thanks to the hundreds of dedicated people who make it all possible. We hope you find this 1981 Neewollah Festival "Bigger and Better."

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Generalissimo
FIRST ROW: (Left to Right) Karen Reeder, treasurer; Lois Mount; Pat Springer, secretary; Pat Hughes. SECOND ROW: Stewart Crow, Chairman of the Board; Walt Dittmer, Kathryne Brueining, Don Yerkes. THIRD ROW: Don Dancer, Generalissimo; Lowell Baker, Bill White. FOURTH ROW: Roger Leeseberg, Jerry Webb, Vice Chairman; Ed Sink and Jim Halsey.

FIRST ROW: (Left to Right) Walt Dittmer, Grand Parade; Thurman Cook, Kiddies Parade; Pat Springer, Tickets; Pat Hughes, Publicity. SECOND ROW: Linda Winton, Program & Street Acts; Kathryne Brueining, Queen's; Jim Johnson, Advertising. THIRD ROW: Cindy Empson, Program & Street Acts; Jody McDowell, Governor; Ray Rothgeb, Musical Director; Ginny Kelly, Publicity; Sherman Halsey, Television. FOURTH ROW: Bob Hille, Bands; Stan Lewis, Carnival; Don Dancer, Generalissimo; Dale Faler, Chamber of Commerce. BACK ROW: Paul Sasse, City; Harold Sauder, Transportation; Bill Underkofler, KG&E; Mike Carpenter, Memorial Hall; Lee Bynum, Police Department. Not Pictured: Bill Newkirk, Bandstand; Don Farthing, Band & Drill Competition.
In 12 Languages
Neewollah Will Be Carried
To World by USIA TV Film

Did you know ... In 1964, Conway Twitty and his orchestra
played at one of the Neewollah dances and
Mark Sanders and Band, with Glen Campbell,
played at another.

1958
Revival of Neewollah
For Independence, Kas.

1961

Did you know ... The Grand Parade has grown from 13 floats in
1958 to approximately 40 floats in 1963.

1958

In 1948, the Kiddie Parade began at 11:00 a.m.
on Saturday; the Giant Afternoon Parade began
at 2:30 p.m. and they had a Mammoth Illumi-
nated Evening Parade beginning at 7:30 p.m.
NEEWOLLAH PRESENTS

"Carousel"

Music by
RICHARD RODGERS

Book and Lyrics by
OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II

Burks Sherwood
Georgia High
Co-Producers

Ray Rothgeb
Director

Don Farthing
Orchestra Director

Jody Russell
Choral Director

Sue Straw
Choreographer

Produced in Arrangement with
THE RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN THEATRE LIBRARY
CAST OF CHARACTERS
(In order of their appearance)

Carrie Pipperidge ................................................................. Sue Straw
Julie Jordan ............................................................... Anita Layton
Mrs. Mullin ............................................................... Wanda Bennett
Billy Bigelow ............................................................... Gary Manford
1st Policeman ............................................................... Gary Everson
Sailor ................................................................. Charles Charlesworth
David Bascombe .............................................................. Jim Johnson
Nettie Fowler ............................................................... Liz Miesler
Enoch Snow ............................................................... John Chandler
Jigger Craigin ............................................................. John Issacs
Arminy ................................................................. Nona Boyd
Penny ................................................................. Joy Reiger
Jennie ................................................................. Jody Russell
Virginia ................................................................. Judy Nickell
2nd Policeman ............................................................. Paul Robinson
Captain ............................................................ R.J. Osborn
Heavenly Friend (Brother Joshua) .................................. Luther Fowler
Starkeeper .............................................................. Harold Jensen
Louise ................................................................. Melissa Smith
Carnival Boy ............................................................. Gale Lowmaster
Enoch Snow, Jr. ............................................................. James Stafford
Principal .............................................................. Ken Rathjen
Doctor Seldon ............................................................. Harold Jensen
Snow Children ............................................................ Kevin Wait, Courtney Wait, Alicia Nickell
                                      Dave Boyd, Toby Cook, Chad Bruening and Lisa Arnold
Ruffian Boys ............................................................. Alan DeFever and Byron Stone
Townskids ............................................................. Kara Woods, Amy Russell and Stephanie Empson
Children's Party .......................................................... Monique Leon, Lisa Arnold, Alicia Nickell
                                      Jennifer Paugh and Kaki Borkland
Graduation Girls .......................................................... Stacy Payne, Angela Coble, Sally Kaiser
                                      Connie Garman, Alisia Long, Stacy Plute, Cris Carter
Townpeople (Women's & Men's Chorus) ................................ Sandra McCarty, Jody Russell
                                      Kimicha Kemp, Joan Vernon, Donna Rothgeb, Cheryl Winn, Judy Nickell
                                      Nona Boyd, Stacy Plute, Carole Farthing, Cris Carter, Jeanie Patryzkont
 Alisa Long, Joy Regier, Harold Jensen, Charles Simmons, Jeff Cook
                                      Robert Closson, Ken Rathjen, Keith Stone, Gary Everson and Paul Robinson
Dance Ensemble .......................................................... Lei Broadstone, Jill Singleton, Tiffini Boyd
                                      Vanessa Dennis, Steven Schnoor, Gale Lowmaster, Gary Everson
                                      and Maurice Dean

ORCHESTRA PERSONNEL

FLUTES: Jenny Romans, Jo Oliver
OBOE: Lynn Reddy
CLARINETS: Dr. George Jones,
          Terry Rogers
BASSOON: Weldon Hyde
HORNS: Tom Porter, Sharon Toomey
TRUMPETS: Mark Dice,
         Rebecca Frankenbery
TUBA: Richard Council
With Special Appreciation to: Jane Sloop and Doug Ashcraft, Rehearsal Accompanists

TROMBONES: John Byrne,
           Alan Brotherton
VIOLINS: Judy Jones, Bernadine Gray
        Marilyn Goodwin, Flo Johnson
VIOLA: Beverly Holden
CELLO: Jean Timmons
BASS: Linda Hyde, Carolyn Clark
PERCUSSION: Robert Hille, Jeff McCoy
HARP (PIANO): Doug Ashcraft
SCENES AND MUSICAL SYNOPSIS
Time: 1873-1888

ACT I

Scene 1: Prelude — An Amusement Park on the New England Coast. May. Late Afternoon.

THE CAROUSEL WALTZ ........................................... Orchestra

Scene 2: A tree-lined path along the shore. A few minutes later. Near Sundown.

MISTER SNOW .................................................... Julie and Carrie
IF I LOVED YOU .................................................. Julie and Billy


JUNE IS BUSTIN' OUT ALL OVER ......................... Nettie, Carrie & Chorus
MR. SNOW (Reprise) ............................................. Women's Chorus
WHEN THE CHILDREN ARE ASLEEP ....................... Carrie and Mr. Snow
BLOW HIGH, BLOW LOW ....................................... Billy, Jigger and Men's Chorus
SOLILOQUY .......................................................... Billy

FINALE ACT I

ACT II

Scene 1: On an island across the Bay. That night.

A REAL NICE CLAMBAKE ........................................ Nettie, Carrie, Julie, Mr. Snow, Chorus
GERANIUMS IN THE WINDER .................................. Mr. Snow, Jigger, Arminy and Chorus
WHAT'S THE USE OF WONDERIN' ......................... Julie and Women's Chorus

Scene 2: Mainland waterfront. An hour later.

YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE ................................... Julie and Nettie
THE HIGHEST JUDGE OF ALL .................................... Billy

Scene 3: Up there.

Scene 4: Down here. On a beach. Fifteen years later.

Scene 5: Outside Julie's Cottage.

IF I LOVED YOU .................................................. Billy

Scene 6: Outside a Schoolhouse. Same day.

I'LL NEVER WALK ALONE ....................................... Entire Company

FINALE ACT II
Did you know... 1919 marked the first Neewollah Celebration and 1923 was the first year a Queen was selected to reign over the weekend festival.

Wanda Bennett
Mrs. Mullin
Did you know... in 1958, Hal Hamilton, who played in the TV series "As The World Turns," returned to Independence from New York to lay one of the lead roles in the New York production of Wm. Inge's play "Picnic." Hal attended Independence Junior College during the 1946-47 term.

FIRST ROW: Stacy Olette, Sally Kaiser, Connie Garman, Sharon Taylor
SECOND ROW: Doug Ashcraft, Cris Carter, Alisa Long, Kimichai Kemp
THIRD ROW: Karen Hutchinson, Paul Robinson, Gary Everson
FOURTH ROW: Sandra McCarty, James Stafford, Jeanie Patrzykont, Keith Stone, Angela Coble
FIFTH ROW: Judy Nickel, Robert Closson, Jody Russell, Joy Regier, Donna Rothgeb, Cheryl Winn, Harold Jensen
SIXTH ROW: Ken Rathjen, Jeff Cook, Charles Simmons

FIRST ROW: Tiffini Boyd, Lei Broadstone, Jill Singleton, Vanessa Dennis
SECOND ROW: Gale Lowmaster, Maurice Dean, Gary Everson, Steven Schnoor

Steve, it was a blast. Peace, Humperid"
FIRST ROW: Kevin Wait, Kaki Borklund, Courtney Wait
SECOND ROW: Kara Woods, Amy Russell, Toby Cook, Dave Boyd, Alicia Nickel
THIRD ROW: Alan DeFever, Chad Bruening, Byron Stone
FOURTH ROW: Monique Leon, Lisa Arnold, Jennifer Paugh, Stephanie Empson

FIRST ROW: Paul Robinson, Luther Fowler, Harold Jensen
SECOND ROW: James Johnson, James Stafford, R.J. Osborn, Ken Rathjen, Gary Everson

It was cool to see the people at the show! It was a blast. Thanks for being a great guy.

Bless you, Luther Foreman

Good luck with your suspension!
CAROUSEL PRODUCTION STAFF

Burks Sherwood
Producer

Ray Rothgeb
Director

Georgia High
Producer

Martha Payne
Coordinator

Jody Russell
Choral Director

Don Farthing
Orchestra Director

Sue Straw
Choreographer

Rachelle Wycoff
Prompter

Don Crawshaw
Set Design

Mike Flood
Lighting Technician

Steve DeFever
Stage Manager

Paul Morgan
Sound Technician

John Koschin
Set Construction

Betty Sell
Publicity

Pat DeMoss
Costumes

Margaret Goheen
Make-Up

Mark & Leslie Coder
Properties

John Baker
House Manager
CAROUSEL CAST COMMITTEES

SET DESIGN & STAGING COMMITTEE
Steve DeFever
John Koschin
Don Crawshaw
Mike Flood
Paul Morgan
Phares Brost
Dale Faler
Bonnie Tucker
Dianne Carlton
Carlene Stephenson
Jim Clubine
Dave Aubin
Tom DeScioli
Don Mitchell
Jack Carter
Betty Sue Lain
Connie Emerson

COSTUME COMMITTEE
Pat DeMoss
Jana Taylor
Sue Leon
Jean Long
Martha Allison
Phyllis Higgins
Charlotte Muse
Eenie Fitzpatrick
Jane Patterson

PROPERTIES COMMITTEE
Mark & Leslie Coder
Louise Woodard
Bo Dennis
Toni Mott
Kate Emert

MAKE-UP COMMITTEE
Margaret Goheen
Lucy Wall
Mary Muninger
Karen Manderscheid
Hazel Gillis
Kristina Kessinger
Susan Boorigie
Lei Broadstone
Bill Charlesworth
Chris Altendorf
Joe Pohl

CAST PARTY COMMITTEE
Lee Sherwood
Lisa Uttinger
Jane Patterson
Billie Crane

LIBRARIAN
Lorraine Clossen

Did you know... Spanky McFarland, from "Our Gang," acted
as marshal of the Kiddy's Parade in 1938.

Did you know... In 1948, the official program for the Neewollah
Festival was a one-page flyer.
The Amazing Kreskin
Tuesday, October 27th  8:00 p.m.
Independence Memorial Hall

KRESKIN

I am not a psychic, I am not an occultist, I am not a fortune teller, I am not a mind reader, I am not a medium, I am not a hypnotist." What is Kreskin?? The Amazing Kreskin is one of the most famed, popular, and baffling mentalists of our time and a foremost authority in the field of E.S.P.

Kreskin became interested in magic at age 5, and by the time Kreskin was 8 he was playing games to perfect his power of E.S.P. At age 9, Kreskin was a performing magician; at 11, he was conducting the art of hypnosis. He was probably the world’s youngest performing hypnotist. Today, he no longer believes that there is the slightest scientific evidence of a hypnotic trance or state.

On stage, Kreskin uses conjuring, sensitivity, suggestibility, and humor. It takes Kreskin a full forty-five minutes to prepare for a show. "I have to get ready. I turn off my problems and the pressures." During each stage performance Kreskin loses two to three pounds from the mental pressures. To keep his weight steady, he eats five meals a day.

Kreskin is a renowned author, having written "The Amazing World of Kreskin" from Random House. He also launched Kreskin's ESP Game for Milton Bradley which was marketed worldwide. Kreskin has also worked with dentists and physicians and acts as a consultant to a clinical psychologist. He has appeared on numerous TV talk shows, including Johnny Carson’s "Tonight" show.

Kreskin is AMAZING!
Coronation of Queen Neelah XL

Kathryne Bruening, Pageant Director

Cheryl Osborn, Assistant Pageant Director, candidates Co-Chairman

Dianne Meyer, Candidates Co-Chairman

Val DeFever, Publicity Chairman
QUEENS COMMITTEES

LUNCHEON & DECORATING

Jan Powers (Chairman), Peggy O'Malley, Judy Carroll, Diana Schroder (not pictured), Mary Hedley (not pictured), Debby Warner (not pictured).

Vanessa Davis, Mary Sayers (Chairman), Linda Unruh.

BRUNCH & DECORATING

Peggy Crumrine, Sheila Thompson, Darlene Watson, Mary Ann Pollock (Chairman), Marlene Schlatten, Jody Kawulok, Marge Rodrick (not pictured), Cheryl Perry (not pictured).

Becky Bruening (Chairman), Suzy Wuerdeman, Vickie Gress (not pictured).

TEA COMMITTEE & COKE PARTY

Sue Woods, Sharon Viets, "T" Sullivan (not pictured).
Valdy — Canada

Valdy’s sense of personal awareness and life perspective flow from the man and his music and enable him to reach out to his audience so effectively. Valdy is a philospher whose work articulates the shortcomings of a society and a world at the crossroads of its existence.

Valdy cut four songs in 1972 and one of these became his first single which eventually won a Moffatt Award and established Valdy’s name across Canada. Two of Valdy’s later releases were used in the film ‘The Getaway.’ Since that time, Valdy has released several more singles and albums for A&M-Canada and on their own record label, Sloth label, which was distributed by A&M-Canada.

Debbie — Holland

In her native country, Debbie has been billed as “more than a great singer.” She started her career with a big hit — “Everybody Join Hands.” She knows, however, that a music career is more than making records. She feels audience contact is more important and performing live is her favorite way.

Since cutting her first LP, Debbie has released several more singles for Utopia Music. Debbie has also received an invitation to sing for the Dutch Unifil Army in Lebanon. She is only the second artist to be honored with this invitation. Debbie is truly “more than a great singer.”
Silver Stars Steel Orchestra—Trinidad

Steel band music is a 35-year-old Trinidadian innovation in which 55-gallon oil drums are fashioned into musical instruments called pans. Much craftsmanship is lavished on the 55-gallon drums before they can yield all 12 notes of the scale.

The group is led by Kelvin Griffith who also arranges the music with the help of his associate Steve Wilson. Griffith also has a special talent for tuning the steel drums. He makes all the pans in a traditional steel drum orchestra — the tenor drums (which play melody and countermelody and stand in the front line of the orchestra), the so-called “double seconds” (lower in pitch, they play harmony or melody and are placed behind the tenors), the cellos (the next rank, which boast rich organ and trombone-like sounds), and the bass drums which are played in sets of six and have only three notes apiece. Each of the representative drums is a different height and Griffith uses a hacksaw for the desired size.

The basic line-up of the Silver Stars consists of Griffith, Kenny Douglas, Keith Web, the Cedeno Kin (Mike, Pat, and Sam), Cleo Bynoe, Nigel Romaine, Hudson Samuel, Roger Arthur, and Richie Lambert. The bands repertoire ranges from Beethoven to Stevie Wonder. Their sounds are as rich and varied as any conventional orchestra.

Also Appearing:

Bojtorjan (Boytorian) — Hungary

The self-confidence and joyful playing of this group is the key to their success on stage. Their first LP reflects rich and inventive instrumentation and supreme vocal sound. Their successes abroad include Italy, Yugoslavia, Poland, GDR, and West Germany.

Bojtorján was formed in 1977 and is composed of: László Buchwart on acoustic and electric guitar and vocal; Gyöző Kemény on fiddle, dobro, and vocal; Zoltán Pomázi on 12-string guitar, autoharp, and vocal; and Andor Vörös on pedal steel, banjo, and vocal. For concerts the group has two more members: Gábor Heilig on bass guitar and Zoltán Barna on drums.
SASHES & WINDOW DISPLAY

Debbie Oakleaf, Brenda Baker, Lois Mount (Co-Chairman), Beverly Chubb (not pictured), Barbara Taylor (Co-Chairman) (not pictured).

PUNCH & DANCE

Margi Hadley, Patty DeScioi, Lynn Stewart (Chairman), Dianne Lovette, Barbara Emmot (not pictured), Barbara Potts (not pictured), Linda Spencer (not pictured).

TALENT

Eenie Fitzpatrick, Eleanor Lewis, Jean Lundt (Chairman), Sharon Paugh, Tomarie Boyd.

CORONATION

Glenna Boyle, Juanita Carpenter, Carolyn Dice, Cindy Motley, Leslie Coder, Colleen Confer (Chairman), Linda Sayers (not pictured), Betty Carnes (not pictured).

NEELAH DEB

Collette Reichenberger (Co-Chairman), Frances Foster (Seamstress), Sandy Dodson (Co-Chairman), Mary Jo Dancer (Choreographer) (not pictured).
QUEENS GIFTS
Queen's Watch .................................. Westco
Queen's Luggage ................................ Dancer Leather & Sporting Goods
Queen's Scholarship .......................... Independence Community College
Queen's Scrapbook ............................ Independence State Bank
Citizens National Bank
First Federal Savings and Loan
Mid America Federal Savings and Loan
Queen's Telephone ............................. Suncom, Inc.
1st & 2nd Runners-Up Gifts .................. Penny Lane
and Queens Committee

QUEEN NEELAH TROPHY .................. International Tours of Indep.
1st RUNNER-UP .................................. Calverts
2nd RUNNER-UP .................................. Judy Johnson Appliances
Miss Talent ...................................... Sears Jewelers
Miss Personality ............................... Kids Stuff
Miss Fashion ..................................... Penny Lane
Miss Beauty ..................................... Mardee's
Miss Congeniality ............................. Bill White Realty
Miss Originality ................................. Mueller Bros.
Miss Poise ........................................ Charles Wilson and Son, Carpet Cleaners
Miss Photogenic ............................... Doyals

Did you know ... Queen Neelah XXVI was Pat Yerkes Springer.

Master of Ceremonies

Lee Woodward and King Lionel

Queen Neelah XVII was from Parsons, Kansas.

Queen Neelah and Court - 1980
Coronation of Queen Neelah XL

Neelah Debs Dance Act
Introduction of Candidates 1-14
Candidate Talent Acts
1.
2.
3.
Introduction of Candidates 15-28
Candidate Talent Acts
4.
5.
6.
Introduction of Candidates 29-41
INTERMISSION
Introduction of Special Guests
Presentation of Queen Neelah XXXIX
Announcement of Category Winners
Miss Beauty
Miss Fashion
Miss Originality
Miss Personality
Miss Poise
Miss Talent
Miss Congeniality
Miss Photogenic
Announcement of Finalists
Coronation of Queen Neelah XL
1st Runner-up
2nd Runner-up
Rebecca Jo Aiken
Union Gas System

Iona Boyd
Optimist Club

Traci Lynn Briggs
Independence State Bank

Terri Carr
Sayers Ace Hardware

Shelley Danelle Deater
Hackney and Sons, Inc. Midwest

Lori DeWeese
Montgomery County Abstract

Rebecca Frances Duffin
Columbus Chamber of Commerce

Natalie Fobian
Midwest Realty

Lauri Henisey
The Fashion Shoppe

Kari Holloway
Hille Music Co.

Donna Johnson
Pierce Pharmacy

Lynn Johnson
Rotary Club

Kim Potts
Olasco

Peggy Quinn
Woods Lumber Co.

Kim Reddick
Double Nickel Truck Stop

Lori Anne Reeves
Exotic Tropaquarium
Kelli DeAnn Shanks  
Reed's IGA

Andrea Dianne Shelton  
Kansas Gas and Electric Company

Dera Sherbon  
Gansel's

Anna Beth Shoemaker  
Don Shoemaker Advertising

Lori Steling  
Shoes by Cotterell

Lauri Ann Thomison  
Sandy and Company

Visla Elaine Vestal  
Vestal Refrigeration

Sarah Watson  
Scovel, Emert and Heasty

Janelle White  
Security Abstract Co.

Deanne Wiles  
Arrowhead Lanes

Tina Winebrenner  
Cablevision of Independence

Did you know... In 1998, The Booth Hotel was used to host the Queen's activities.
ESCORTS

Karla Speer
Elk City Commercial Club

Randal Hernandez

Scott Leonard

Did you know... 1938 marked the first year of Neelah Debs, then called the Junior Queen's Court.

NEELAH DEBS

Woody Herman & Orchestra

Woody Herman is one of the true giants of the Swing Era when the bands of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Stan Kenton, and Buddy Rich flourished. This year marks his 45th year as one of the nation's top band leaders. His impact has left an indelible mark on both the jazz and popular music field.

"Woodchoppers Ball" was Woody's first recording. It became an instant hit and Herman went on to become legendary in his field. Woody Herman and his Thundering Herd are truly giants in their field.

Special Guest
Governor John Carlin

Also Appearing:
Frank Ifield — England
Biser Kirov — Bulgaria
Angelia Fragosa — Cuba
Mel Tillis

Mel Tillis hit Nashville in the late 50s and was told by several producers that a man who stuttered could never make it in the music industry. Approximately 25 years later, Mel is still proving those producers were wrong. His stuttering has become a comical trademark for this super performer who states that when he sings, "with the instruments playing along, the rhythm and everything moving, my voice just seems to flow with it."

Mel has written 1,000 songs, 550 of which have been recorded. He has appeared on countless TV talk and drama shows and has had several feature film roles. He has also won several major awards.

Today, Mel is a gentleman farmer and owns several music production companies. He works some 200 dates each year, traveling in his Beechcraft plane nicknamed "Stutter One."
1980 GRAND PARADE WINNERS

Did you know... The floats for the Grand Parade used to be pulled by manicured horses.

1980 GRAND CANDIDS
QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Merchants
- Calvert’s Dept. Store
- Cotterill, Shoes by
- Fashion Shoppe
- Hasselmann, Florist Inc.
- Litwin’s Dept. Store
- Montgomery Ward
- M. B. Mueller Bros. Clothing
- Penny, J.C. Co. Inc.
- Sayers Ace Hardware
- Sears Jewelers
- Steve’s T.V. & Stereo
- Sutherland Bakery

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Boosters
- Ashcraft Tire Co. Inc.
- Ceramic Art Studio
- Cook, Bill Insurance
- Horton’s Plumbing & Heating
- Indy Body Shop
- Johnson Advertising Inc.
- Gary Loft’s Insulation
- Potter Auto & Tractor Supply Inc.
- Reed’s I.G.A.
- Schabel’s Zenith T.V.
- Jim Selby Appliance Inc.
- Tribune Printing Co.

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Community Builders
- Central Pump & Supply Inc.
- D-C Welding & Mach. Service
- Dale’s Used Cars & Body Shop
- Independence Energy Center Inc.
- Judy Johnson Appliances Inc.
- Lowmaster Engineering Co.
- Midwest Forest Products
- Pizza Hut Inc.
- Safeway of Independence
- Sherwin Williams Co.
- Taco Hut
- Watts Auto Supply

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Chamber of Commerce
- I.S.B. Newcomers Club
- Pride Committee

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Automotive Controls Corporation

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Home Improvements
- Clarenson Plumbing
- Hare Electric Co.
- Independence Overhead Door Co.
- Jim’s Custom Kitchens
- Lee’s Cooling & Heating Co.
- Danny Stark Enterprises Inc.
- Jim Stark & Son Contractors
- Westco Home Furnishings

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Board of Realtors
- Ashcraft-Holt Agency
- Norman D. Blumer Realty
- Jim Goodman Real Estate
- Heritage Realty
- Independence Realty
- Landmark Realty
- Midwest Real Estate
- Murrell Real Estate
- Red Carpet Realty
- Don Van Dyne Agency
- Ron Wagner Real Estate
- Bill White Real Estate

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Dairy Queen

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Bojax Drilling Co. Inc

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Triangle Petroleum Co.

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- City Publishing Co.

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Neewollah Inc.

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Lions Club

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Rotary Club

QUEEN’S FLOAT

- Independence Kiwanis Club

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