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THE WIZARD OF OZ

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NEEWOLLAH 1997 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 24

7:30 p.m. Musical - "The Wizard of Oz" at Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 25

9:00 a.m. Neewollah 1 mile Family Fun Walk
10:00 a.m. Neewollah 5K TAC Certified Run
7:30 p.m. Musical - "The Wizard of Oz" at Memorial Hall

Sunday, October 26

2:00 p.m. Musical - "The Wizard of Oz" at Memorial Hall

Monday, October 27

6:00 p.m. Queen's Talent Competition at Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 28

7:30 p.m. Coronation of Queen Neelah LVI at Memorial Hall

Wednesday, October 29

4:00 p.m. Concessions Downtown
Carnival starts downtown
"Family Night" (carnival tickets discounted)
6:00-8:00 p.m. Against The Grain (Country)
Bandstand
8:00 p.m. Great Pumpkin/Lawn Decorating
Contest Winners - Bandstand
8:30-10:00 p.m. Rhythm Lizards (Reggae)
Bandstand

Thursday, October 30

4:00 p.m. Concessions Downtown
Carnival Downtown
"Family Night" (carnival tickets discounted)
6:00 p.m. Doo Dah Parade - North Penn
(Cablevision live from Bandstand)
6:45 p.m. "The Doo Dah Prizes" -
Bandstand
7:00 p.m. Ms. Witch Contest - Bandstand
7:30-10:00 p.m. Area Show Choir competition
Bandstand
8:00 p.m. **Three Dog Night concert**
Memorial Hall

Friday, October 31 Halloween!

4:00 p.m. Concessions Downtown
Kiddie Parade - North Penn
(Cablevision live from Bandstand)
5:00 p.m. Carnival Downtown
5:00 p.m. The Tulsans (Southern Gospel)
Bandstand
6:30 p.m. City Wide Trick or Treat
7:30 p.m. Independence High School football
vs. Coffeyville - Shulthis Stadium
7:00-11:00 p.m. Street Dance featuring...
7:00 p.m. U.S. Marine Corps Rock Band
8:30 p.m. Haylie Walters (country)
9:00 p.m. The Glenn R. Townsend Band

Saturday, November 1

6:00-8:00 a.m. Concessions Open Downtown
9:30 a.m. Pre-Parade Activities downtown
10:00 a.m. Legends of the West
10:30 a.m. Red Lion Pipe Band
11:00 a.m. Neewollah Grand Parade
Downtown Penn Ave.
(Cablevision live from Bandstand)
1:30 p.m. Haylie Walters (country)
2:00 p.m. Legends of the West
2:15 p.m. R&S Studios tumbling and dance
3:00-4:30 p.m. Magic Bus Rock & Roll Band
5:00-6:30 p.m. U.S. Marine Corps Country Band
7:00-8:30 p.m. DC Minner, Selby and
Blues on the Move
9:00-10:30 p.m. Flash Terry and the Uptown
Blues Band
6:30 p.m. **Little Texas Country Music Show**
Memorial Hall
9:00 p.m. **Little Texas Country Music Show**
Memorial Hall

Sunday, November 2

2:00 p.m. Marine Corps Band Concert
Memorial Hall

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The Wizard of Oz

NEEWOLLAH 1997
PRESENTS
"THE WIZARD OF OZ"

Book by
L. FRANK BAUM

Music by
HAROLD ARLEN
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Additional Music by
HERBERT STOTHART

Book Adaptation by
JOHN KANE

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STARRING

Jordan Paugh as *Dorothy*

Jordan Paugh is a sophomore at IHS and no stranger to the stage. She played Baby June in "Gypsy" and appeared in "The Tender Offer" and "Why Do We Laugh?" in ICC's Anna Productions. She is a 1997 Neelah Deb, a member of St. Andrews Catholic Church, CYO, and at Independence High School she is Vice-President of the sophomore class and a member of the Pep Club, Indy Ensemble, IHS tennis and basketball teams and takes tap and jazz at R&S Studios.

Kasey the Dog is a ten year old Sheltie Poo. She loves to play hide-and-go-seek, cuddle, and go "bye-bye car." Kasey has enjoyed rehearsals because it is the first time she has not been left at home for Neewollah while her owner, Lisa Mitchell, was playing on stage. She is getting used to a leash and quite fond of doggie treats! Lisa's other dog, Abbey, who although was the right color for Toto, is shaped too much like an ottoman to be carried around on stage!



Jordan Paugh and
Kasey the Dog as *Toto*

The Wizard of Oz has brought joy and delight to many over the years. The popular film's link to Kansas makes the production in Independence even more special. The story, by L. Frank Baum, was inspired by Baum's childhood love of Grimm's Fairy Tales and his desire to provide his four young sons with something a little more exciting to read than what was available at the turn of the century. The first stage production of **The Wizard of Oz** opened in Chicago on June 16, 1902. The story moved to the screen in a series of four silent movies in the 1920's, but it was the MGM masterpiece of 1939 that brought "OZ" its greatest audience. The film became a yearly event when it was brought to television later and was the inspiration for two separate stage versions. The first was adapted for the Municipal Theatre in St. Louis in the 1940's and the second was made for the Royal Shakespeare Company in 1987. The RSC version, performed tonight, more closely follows the MGM version.

We hope you enjoy traveling with Dorothy and Toto this evening as they meet some of the most endearing and memorable characters ever created while following the "yellow brick road." Dorothy's journey is one that many of us take in life, and why many choose to return to Independence, because there truly is "no place like home!"

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CAST OF CHARACTERS

(In Order of Appearance)

Dorothy Gale	Jordan Paugh
Toto	Kasey the Dog
Aunt Em/Door Guard	Claudia McCurry
Uncle Henry/Door Guard	Paul Porter
Hunk/Scarecrow	Mark Gard
Hickory/Tinman	Dean Hayse
Zeke/Lion	Scott York
Almira Gultch/West Witch	Sharon Paugh
Professor Marvel/Wizard	Gary Mitchell
Glinda Good Witch	Lisa Weber

Munchkin Mayor: Drew Demo

Munchkin Barrister: Celia Harris

Munchkin Coroner: Paul Robinson

Trees: Gretchen Amos, Kristi Miner, Kathy Newkirk

Crows: Tim Christensen, Shawn Hines, Corey Sanborn

Munchkin City Fathers: Kathy Clapp, Thomas Franklin

Lullaby League: Megan Brooks, Hilary Chapman, Audrey Gross, Holly Oakleaf, Kelsey Stelling, Kara Thompson

Lollipop Guild: Andrew Demo, T.J. Henderson, Dustin Johnson, Chris Landrum, Kyndon Oakes, P.J. Robinson

Jitterbug (lead dancers): Shawn Hines and Angie Rogers

Nikko: Thomas Franklin

Winkie General: Tim Christensen

Other Munchkins

Katy Boulanger, Chelsea Chaney, Marylynn Craig, Melodee Craig, Paige Demo, Allison Emmot, Elise Fink, Allen Hayse, Andrew Hayse, Jace Hugo, Jake Jabben, Meghan Kelly, Patrick Landrum, Kristen Miller, Mike Pokorny, Karrie Ann Ross, Maggie Schabel, Sondra Smith, Chelsi Taylor, Grant Webster, Spencer White

Citizens of Oz

Alyson Addington, Gretchen Amos, Abby Belcher, Isaac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Shanna Berry, Mary Boulanger, Ramie Browning, Aubree Caston, Abby Christensen, Tim Christensen, Kathy Clapp, Leslie Coder, Dan Crane, Drew Demo, Rebecca Edwards, David Fink, Thomas Franklin, Norval Gruver, Celia Harris, Barbara Hefner, Shawn Hines, Dottie Lankard, Kristi Miner, Kathy Newkirk, Pam Passauer, Paul Robinson, Corey Sanborn, Jeff Shaw, Leseley Simpson, Bob Tincher, Bethanie White, Lisa Willard

Dancers

Anna Barbi, Haley Barker, Jennifer Berry, Megan Brooks, Monique Brown, Hilary Chapman, Courtnee Demo, Johna Emmot, Ashley Goad, Summer Goodman, Lisa Gruver, Kasey Hugo, Jennifer McBride, Holly Oakleaf, Paige Pasternak, Suzanne Petersen, Misty Robinson, Shannon Robinson, Hilliary Sherwood, Kelsey Stelling, Brianna Swisher, Kara Thompson, Cody Uttinger

Winkies

Isaac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Tim Christensen, Dan Crane, Drew Demo, David Fink, Norval Gruver, Paul Robinson, Corey Sanborn, Jeff Shaw, Bob Tincher

Monkeys

Andrew Demo, T.J. Henderson, Jace Hugo, Dustin Johnson, Chris Landrum, Kyndon Oakes, Mike Pokorny, P.J. Robinson



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SCENES AND SONG TITLES

Act One

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| Scene 1: | The Gale's Farm
<i>Over the Rainbow</i> | Dorothy |
| Scene 2: | Professor Marvel's Caravan | |
| Scene 3: | The Twister
<i>The Cyclone</i> | Orchestra |
| Scene 4: | Munchkinland
<i>Munchkin Musical Sequence</i>
<i>Yellow Brick Road</i> | Munchkins
Glinda, Dorothy, Munchkins |
| Scene 5: | The Cornfield
<i>If I Only Had a Brain</i>
<i>We're Off To See The Wizard I</i> | Scarecrow, Dorothy, Crows
Scarecrow, Dorothy |
| Scene 6: | Edge of Forest
<i>If I Only Had a Heart</i>
<i>We're Off To See The Wizard II</i> | Tinman, Dorothy, Trees
Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow |
| Scene 7: | The Wild Forest
<i>Lions, Tigers and Bears</i>
<i>If I Only Had The Nerve</i>
<i>We're Off To See The Wizard III</i> | Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow
Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman
Dorothy, Lion, Tinman, Scarecrow |
| Scene 8: | The Poppy Field
<i>Poppies</i> | Glinda and Chorus |

Act Two

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| Scene 1: | The Gate of Emerald City | |
| Scene 2: | The Town Square | |
| | <i>Merry Old Land Of Oz</i> | Door Guards, Dorothy, Scarecrow
Tinman, Lion, Citizens of Oz |
| | <i>King Of The Forest</i> | Lion, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow |
| Scene 3: | The Wizard's Chamber | |
| Scene 4: | The Gate of Emerald City | |
| Scene 5: | The Witch's Castle | |
| | <i>March Of The Winkies</i> | Winkies |
| Scene 6: | The Haunted Forest | |
| | <i>Jitterbug</i> | Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Chorus |
| Scene 7: | The Witch's Chamber | |
| Scene 8: | The Gate of the Witch's Castle | |
| | <i>Winkie's March</i> | Winkies |
| Scene 9: | The Witch's Chamber | |
| | <i>Over the Rainbow (reprise)</i> | Dorothy |
| | <i>Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead</i> | Winkies |
| Scene 10: | The Wizard's Chamber | |
| Scene 11: | The Town Square | |
| Scene 12: | Home | |

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STARRING



Mark Gard
as
Hunk/Scarecrow

Mark Gard is the vocal music teacher at Field Kindley High School and McKinley Middle School in Coffeyville. He has appeared in Neewollah's "Pajama Game," the Inge Festival's "Dark at the Top of the Stairs," CCC's "Hello Dolly," and "Little Shop of Horrors." He has also directed high school productions of "The Music Man," "Brigadoon," "Sound of Music," "Snoopy!!!," and "Pirates of Penzance." He is a member of the Coffeyville Cultural Arts Council. Gard attended Newton, Kansas, High School and received his college education at McPherson College and is currently working on his Masters degree in music education at Wichita State University.

Dean Hayse
as
Hickory/Tinman

Independence's Dean Hayse is an industrial engineer for Cessna and owner of the Rosewood Bed & Breakfast. He has appeared in productions of "Fiddler on the Roof," "Fantastiks," "Barefoot in the Park," "You Can't Take It With You," "Arsenic and Old Lace" and "Inherit the Wind." He is a member of First United Methodist Church. Hayse graduated from Kansas State University and received his MBA from Texas A&M. He and his wife, Louise, have three children, Allen, 10, Andrew, 8, who are both in the musical, and Aaron, 5.



Scott York
as
Zeke/Lion

Scott York is from Coffeyville, Kansas, and is head teller at Community State Bank. He has been a part of the local musical entertainment for many years. At Coffeyville Community College he appeared in "My Fair Lady" and has sung in several church cantatas and pageants playing the roles of Jesus, a Roman soldier, Joseph and a King. He attends the First Assembly of God church in Independence and is a monthly donor to the United Way. York received his B.A. in adolescent psychology at Central Bible College in Springfield, MO.

STARRING

Sharon Paugh

as

Almira Gultch/West Witch

Sharon Paugh, a resident of Independence, was the star of Neewollah's "Mame," appeared in "Oliver," and has served on various Neewollah Queen's committees since 1975. She has sung for live radio, television and various jazz groups. Paugh is a member of Chapter FP-PEO, Delta Gamma women's fraternity and the First United Methodist Church where she sings in the choir. She graduated from Wichita South High and attended Wichita State University. She and her husband, Mike, are co-owners of Taco Inn and Mikies in Independence. They have four girls, Jennifer, 27, from Prairie Village, Kansas, Julie, 26, from Overland Park, Kansas, Jami, 19, a sophomore at KU, and Jordan, 14, a student at IHS who is appearing as Dorothy in the musical.



Gary Mitchell

as

Professor Marvel/The Wizard

Veteran actor Gary Mitchell is a college instructor in English and Theatre at Independence Community College. Mitchell has a tremendous amount of experience in Neewollah's musicals appearing in "Oliver," "Damn Yankees," "No, No, Nanette," "My Fair Lady," "Camelot," "Mame," "Gypsy," "Guys and Dolls," "The King and I" in '73, "Bye, Bye, Birdie," and "Hello Dolly." Mitchell is a founding member of the Creede Repertory Theatre in Creede, CO, and was co-manager in 1972. He has appeared in community theatre in Neodesha and ICC productions. He is a

board member of Independence Community Concerts, serves on the Independence Arts Council and is active in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Mitchell graduated from Independence Community College and received his BA in English and Theatre at KU and his Masters degree in English at University of Kansas.



Lisa Weber

as

Glinda the Good Witch

Lisa Weber is an RN in Independence and has appeared in the Neewollah productions of "Annie," "Camelot," and "The King and I." She worked in the props department of "Sound of Music," and "The Unsinkable Molly Brown." A graduate of Independence High School she appeared in the school's production of "Out of the Frying Pan." She obtained her nursing degree from Labette Community College and is a member of the Church of the Nazarene. She and her husband, Kevin, have three children, Cody, 15, Cally, 12, and Cole, 11.



FEATURING

Claudia McCurry as Aunt Em/Door Guard



Claudia McCurry is a reading teacher at McKinley Middle School in Coffeyville and has appeared in many musicals and theatre productions. Her Neewollah experiences include "Oklahoma," "Camelot," "No, No, Nanette," "Unsinkable Molly Brown," and last years "The King and I." Her other theatre experiences include "Nunsense," "Gypsy," "Fiddler on the Roof," "A, My Name is Alice," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," "A Funny Thing Happened On the Way to the Forum," "Brighton Beach Memoirs," and "I Remember Mama." She is a member of chapter EZ, PEO and Beta Sigma Phi. She received her undergraduate degree at Emporia State University and an M.S. at Pittsburg State University. She and her husband, Tom, have 3 children, Amy, a third year

law student at Washburn, Justin, a nurse in Harleysville, PA, and Clint, a freshman at Coffeyville Community College.

Paul Porter as Uncle Henry/Door Guard

Paul Porter from Independence is an adjunct faculty member at Independence Community College and works in telecommunications with WorldConnect. In the Neewollah musicals he has appeared in "Damn Yankees" and "The Sound of Music." He has acted in "Mid Summer Nights Dream" in Hirosaki, Japan. While in the U.S. Navy he appeared in "Godspell" and "The Mousetrap," and at K-State was in "Reynard the Fox." He has also appeared in "The Matchmaker" at CCC. He is an elder at First Christian Church in Independence. Porter received an A.A. in music at CCJC, a B.A. in psychology at the University of New York and an M.A. in communications at Pittsburg State University. He and his wife, Susan, have four children, Ivory, Tabor, England and Tucker.



ALSO APPEARING



Trees

Kristi Miner
Gretchen Amos
Kathy Newkirk



Munchkin Barrister, Mayor, & Coroner

Celia Harris
Drew Demo
Paul Robinson



Crows

Tim Christensen
Corey Sanborn
Shawn Hines

ALSO APPEARING



Jitterbug Leads

Angie Rogers
Shawn Hines



Lullabye League

Front row: Kelsey Stelting, Kara Thompson, Megan Brooks, Holly Oakleaf, Hilary Chapman, and Audrey Gross.

Lollipop Guild

Back row: Chris Landrum, P. J. Robinson, Kyndon Oakes, Dustin Johnson, Andrew Demo, and T. J. Henderson.



Emerald City Manicurists

Pam Passauer, Dottie Lankard, Alyson Addington



Emerald City Polishers

Corey Sanborn, Norval Gruver, Nathan Belcher

Emerald City Beauticians

Front row: Rebecca Edwards, Abby Christensen, Bethanie White. *Middle row:* Abby Belcher, and Shanna Berry. *Back row:* Ramie Browning, Lisa Willard, and Aubree Caston.



ALSO APPEARING



Citizens of Oz

Front row: Celia Harris, Kathy Clapp, Rebecca Edwards, Abby Christensen, Abby Belcher, Bethanie White, Dottie Lankard, and Shanna Berry.

Second row: Leseley Simpson, Barbara Hefner, Leslie Coder, Drew Demo, Lisa Willard, Aubree Caston, Ramie Browning, and Gretchen Amos.

Third row: Mary Boulanger, Isaac Belcher, Bob Tincher, Corey Sanborn, Shawn Hines, Pam Passauer, and Alyson Addington.

Back row: Dan Crane, Norval Gruver, Nathan Belcher, Tim Christensen, Jeff Shaw, David Fink, Kristi Miner, Kathy Newkirk, and Paul Robinson.

Dancers

Front row: Johna Emmot, Kelsey Stelting, and Cody Uttinger.

Second row: Kara Thompson, Hilary Chapman, Paige Pasternak, and Megan Brooks.

Third row: Kasey Hugo, Holly Oakleaf, and Haley Barker.

Fourth row: Ashley Goad, Anna Barbi, Summer Goodman, Hilliary Sherwood, and Jennifer McBride.

Top: Brianna Swisher

Not Pictured: Jennifer Berry, Monique Brown, Courtnee Demo, Lisa Gruver, Shannon Robinson, Misty Robinson, Suzanne Petersen.



Munchkins

Front row: Grant Webster, Paige Demo, Marylynn Craig, Jake Jabben, and Sondra Smith.

Second row: Kelsey Stelting, Katy Boulanger, Andrew Hayse, Jace Hugo, Chelsi Taylor, Maggie Schabel, Kristen Miller, and Patrick Landrum.

Third row: Chris Landrum, Andrew Demo, Allison Emmot, P.J. Robinson, Allen Hayse, Audrey Gross, Melodee Craig, Hilary Chapman, and Spencer White.

Back row: Kara Thompson, Mike Pokorny, Meghan Kelly, Elise Fink, Holly Oakleaf, Dustin Johnson, Megan Brooks, Karrie Ann Ross, Chelsea Chaney, Kyndon Oakes, and T.J. Henderson.



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Winkies

Front row: Corey Sanborn, Isaac Belcher, Nathan Belcher, Bob Tincher, and Drew Demo.

Back row: Norval Gruver, Tim Christensen (General), Dan Crane, David Fink, Jeff Shaw, and Paul Robinson.



Adult Munchkins

Front row: Rebecca Edwards, Thomas Franklin (City Father), Kathy Clapp (City Father), and Dottie Lankard.

Back row: Leslie Coder, Barbara Hefner, Leseley Simpson, and Pam Passauer.

Monkeys

Front row: PJ Robinson, Chris Landrum, Jace Hugo, and Andrew Demo.

Back row: Kyndon Oakes, Dustin Johnson, Thomas Franklin (Nikko), Mike Pokorny, and TJ Henderson.



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DIRECTOR

Lisa Mitchell

Lisa Mitchell is originally from Emporia, Kansas. She graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Administration. She moved to Independence in the Fall of 1989 to teach kindergarten and has since come to think of Independence as her true home. Lisa has been on the Neewollah stage for six years. Her roles include Nancy in "Oliver!", Gloria in "Damn Yankees," Babe in "The Pajama Game," and as a chorus member in "Gypsy," "Guys and Dolls," and "Bye Bye Birdie." Mitchell has also been involved in community theatre in Emporia State and Kansas City, and with

Independence Community College where she played her most favorite roles of Maggie Mulroney in "Joined at the Head," Lola in "Come Back Little Sheba," and Karen in "Plaza Suite" during the past William Inge Festivals.

Lisa made her directing debut with "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" at the 1995 William Inge Festival and directed last year's Neewollah musical "The King and I." She is an elder at the First Presbyterian Church. She will be presenting at an Elementary Mathematics conference in November.

Lisa would like to thank her parents for their never ending support, Kelli for being a true friend and life saver, the producers, cast, staff and crew for their amazing dedication and creativity, and most especially, God, for continuing to give her joy and strength.

PRODUCER

Vanessa Dennis

First-time producer and native of Independence, Vanessa Dennis, has participated in Neewollah in some capacity for many years. She has been in the chorus of such shows as "Guys and Dolls," "Oliver!", "Carousel" and "My Fair Lady," and portrayed Mazeppa in "Gypsy," Vera in "Mame," Gladys in "The Pajama Game," Rosie in "Bye Bye Birdie" and Lola in "Damn Yankees." She appeared in Inge Festival plays "Dark at the Top of the Stairs" as Cora and this past year as Muriel in "Plaza Suite" where legendary playwright Neil Simon, himself, gave her a rave review. She has also co-directed the Queen Neelah pageant, served as coronation chairperson for the Queen's Pageant for two years, was Neewollah publicity chairperson and has served in numerous other Neewollah activities. She and her husband, Bo, have two children, Erin, 18, a freshman at the University of Kansas and Brian, 15, a freshman at Independence High School.



PRODUCER

Cyndy Sherwood

Cyndy Sherwood, also a first-time producer, has served on previous Neewollah Cast Party committees including Chairperson, worked on props committees for several musicals and has served as Queen's publicity chairperson, Candidates Co-Chairperson and on the Coronation and Queen's Tea committees. She and her husband, Grant, have three girls, Ashley, 20, who is attending the University of Kansas; Laurel, 18, a senior at IHS and a contestant in the '97 Queen Neelah pageant, and Hilliary, 16, a sophomore at IHS and a '97 Neelah Deb.



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Back row: Dan Frizane, Trombone; Jennifer Jewers, French Horn II; Dale Williams, Trumpet II; Sarah Boller, Oboe; Mark Dice, Trumpet I; Kathy Sikes, Cello; and Brian Council, String Bass.

Not Pictured: Lewis Hoyt, 1st Violin; Jennifer Coder, 2nd Violin; Ashley Osborn, 2nd Violin; Linda Simmons, Viola; Phyllis Wiles, Cello; Annette Craig, Flute; Don Farthing, Reed III; Rebecca Timmons, Alto Sax; and Bob Hille, Percussion.



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Toni Jabben

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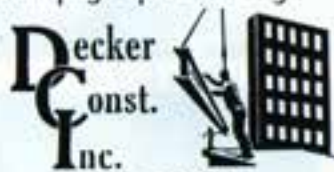
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The course is a certified 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) that begins at the Oval in Riverside Park and continues down 5th Street along the cemetery to Morningside Drive where it turns around and comes back to make a pass through the zoo and back to the Oval in the Park for the finish.

The 1 Mile Fun Run tours Riverside Park, continues through a neighborhood just south of the park and returns to the park for its finish.

Awards for Team Competition as well as Individual Competition will be awarded after the completion of the 5k run.



Kevin Shepard & Mike Thompson

Neewollah Run Coordinators

Assistant Director for Tri-County/Interlocal #607. Kevin's wife, Lea, is an instructor at IHS and is serving as co-chairperson on the Talent committee for the Queen Neelah pageant this year. They have two boys, Keith, 9, and Daniel, 13. Kevin is also working with a number of local youth sports programs.

Mike Thompson, a resident of Independence since 1981, has been involved with assisting in the Neewollah Run for the past two years. He is the owner of Thompson Bike & Sport located in Independence. Since opening in 1995, he has been involved with organizing and building mountain bike trails and races in the local area. Mike and his wife, Julie, are the parents of three children, Dustin, Michelle, and Mindy.

Kevin Shepard has been a resident of Independence since 1979. He is the

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REBECCA EDWARDS



1997 Neewollah Logo Contest Winner Rebecca Edwards

Rebecca Edwards, a junior at Independence High School, is credited with creating the concept for the 1997 Neewollah logo design. Her parents are David and Carlinda Martinez, and Gary and Susan Edwards.

The entry was chosen by a panel of judges involved in art and graphics and by Gregg Webster, Neewollah 1997 Generalissimo. Rebecca's entry was selected from more than 200 entries.

Rebecca has entered in the Verdigris Valley Art Exhibit for two years and won blue ribbons both times. She has also appeared in two Neewollah musicals.

Rebecca is the recipient of a \$100 cash prize offered by Neewollah to the winning logo design. Her design will be featured as a logo on all the advertising and promotional items for Neewollah in 1997.

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Coronation Program

Presentation of Miss America 1997 – Tara Dawn Holland

Opening Presentation of Queen Neelah Candidates

Candidates 1-14 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

1. _____

2. _____

Candidates 15-28 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

1. _____

2. _____

Candidates 29-41 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

1. _____

2. _____

Talent Presentation by Christy VanFossen, Queen Neelah LV

Intermission

Neelah Deb Dance

Farewell of Queen Neelah LV – Christy VanFossen

Announcement of Category Winners

Originality _____

Interview _____

Congeniality _____

Fashion _____

Photogenic _____

Beauty _____

Personality _____

Poise _____

Talent _____

Announcement of Finalists

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Dean and Diane Bailey
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Theresa Baker
Gary Skinner
Precision Surveying
Humorous Skit



Miranda Renee Bateson
Bill and Lydia Bateson
Bateson Roofing
Lyrical Jazz Dance



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Dennis and Rebecca Bruce
Hackney & Sons Midwest, Inc.
Vocal Solo



Lynn Marie Carradine

Janice and Earl Smith
Alvin B. Carradine
**Hugo's Janitorial Supply
and Mini Storage**
Vocal Solo



La'Tisha Sharese' Cherry

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton E. Shelton
Citizens National Bank
Vocal Solo



Jennifer Chism

Ben and Belinda Chism
Dr. Gary Johnson
Sign Language Presentation



Jeanne Clark

Jim and Barbara Clark
Sheldon Automotive
Violin Solo



Kelly Elizabeth Drankhan

Kurt and Suzanne Drankhan
First Federal Savings & Loan
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 Tom and Joan Hardy
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Piano Solo



Shawna Marie Harlin
 Tom and Debbie Harlin
Harlin Glass
Original Humorous Skit



Leslie Hendrix
 Richard and Lois Hendrix
Thompson Brothers
Industrial Supplies
Vocal Solo



Tiffany Holt
 Carol and Tony Holt
Sandy & Co. and Trimmers
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Independence Science
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Original Ventriloquism Skit



Michelle Karleskint

Jim and Susan Karleskint

Scissors Palace

Poetry Presentation



Stacie Rae Kleiber

Larry Kleiber

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Great Plains Federal

Credit Union

Humorous Skit



Valerie Suzanne Landwehr

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Character Dance



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Violin Solo



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Poetry Presentation



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Tammy Etzold and

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Carol Chappuie
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Roger and Lora Parker
Taco Inn
Vocal Solo



Brandi Rowell

Kenny and Charlotte Rowell
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Dance Routine



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Vocal Solo



Jennifer Voelzke

Jim and Claudia Voelzke

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Vocal Solo



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Michael and Kimmie Voth

Quality Motors

Jazz Dance



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Michael Wilsey

Lauranel Gray

Midwest Real Estate

Vocal Solo



Jan Angela Wilson

Bryan and Tammy Wilson

Nancy Jean's Apparel

Humorous Skit

CORONATION ENTERTAINERS



Neelah Debs:

Front row:

Sarah Friend
Michelle Thompson
Jill Friesen
Emily Friend
Cody Lee Uttinger
Hilliary Sherwood
Mindy Thompson
Ashley Blex

Back row:

Misty Boorigie
Amy Kristin Watson
Johna Emmot
Brianna Lu Swisher
Lindsay Wilkin
Alyssa Merritt
Erin Emert
Jordan Jo Paugh

Stage Escorts:

Front: Aaron V. R. Heckman
Christopher S. Crow
Jed Newkirk
Lucas Emmot

Back: Ben Schlorholtz
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Hoite Caston



This is the second year for Hoite C. Caston to serve as master of ceremonies for the Talent Show. Caston, President of Hoite Caston Productions, has been a director, writer and producer in the entertainment industry for over thirty years. He has received an ACE Award as Best Comedy Director for an Entertainment Special for HBO's "Not Necessarily the News" and an International Monitor Award for Best Director of an Entertainment Special for HBO's "Not Necessarily Television." His television commercial work has won a Golden Camera Award from the New York Film Festival, a National Clio Award Finalist, as well as many local advertising and EMMY awards. He directed the feature film "The Dirt Bike Kid," which was nominated for a "Youth in Film Award" as "Best Comedy or Fantasy- Family Entertainment." The HBO Special "Earth to Kids," which he directed, was nominated for a national EMMY and won an ACE Award as "Best Children's Special."

His most recent work includes a fundraising video for the Mercy Hospital Campaign and writing and directing a video for the National Committee for the President "Debate Watch" Project '96.

He and his wife, Patti McCormick, are the parents of Aubree, 11.

CORONATION EMCEE

Miss America

Tara Dawn Holland

Miss America 1997 Tara Dawn Holland has had a busy year, culminating in relinquishing her crown at the Miss America Pageant last month. When this Miss Kansas 1997 was crowned Miss America, she embarked upon a nation-wide tour spearheading a national campaign to promote literacy.

As Miss America, Holland logged 20,000 miles a month traveling the country stressing the need for a literate America. Currently the number of Americans who cannot read is close to 44 million. Holland's desire to work on literacy as the platform for her reign as Miss America was sparked while she was in high school when she realized a problem existed in her own family. She became a literacy tutor as a freshman at Florida State University, working for the Campus Alliance for Literacy.

Holland's list of accomplishments includes serving as the national spokesperson for *Building a Nation of Readers* Campaign and *It's a Whole New World* Campaign, 1997 Kansas of the Year, and 1997 National Goodwill Ambassador for the Children's Miracle Network.

A magna cum laude graduate of Florida State University and a second-year graduate student at the University of Missouri, Holland's plan is to return to school and obtain her Master's degree in music education. Her goal is to become a middle school music teacher.



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David Torbett (pageant co-director),
Rachel Torbett (pageant co-director),
and Kelly Cox (publicity).

Queen's Talent

Front row: Waneta Cox, Julie Thompson,
Yona Julian and Jean Lundt.

Back row: Amy Barnhart, Diane Mitchell,
Terry Hogan (co-chair), Anne Rasnick
and Lea Shepard (co-chair).



Neelah Debs & Miss America

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Lisa Dent (Debs co-chair),
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Fashion Workshop

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Judges

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Window Display

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Tea

Seated: Becky Brown (chair).

Standing: Rita Taylor and Barb Schlorholtz.

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Coronation

Front row: Vi Carroll, Keith Confer (co-chair), Colleen Confer (co-chair), Glenna Pendleton (co-chair) and Larry Pendleton (co-chair).
Back row: Evelyn Loshier, Bob Loshier, Shelley Conner, Collette Reichenberger, Karen Toth, Kim Emert, John Toth, Connie Journot, and Bill Journot.
Not Pictured: Terry Emert, Frank Reichenberger, Phyllis Hawkins, and Byrle Gross.

Breakfast

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Dance

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Standing: Vava Sayers (chair), and Judy Holroyd.
Not Pictured: Martha Woodard.



Brunch

Front row: Dena Schicke, Coylene Speer, Becky Bruening and Cheryl Alt.
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1996 Queen Neelah and Her Court

Left to Right: Niki Browning, Miss Photogenic; Carrie Shire, Miss Poise; Erin Dennis, Miss Originality; Brook Balentine, Miss Congeniality and First Runner-up; Queen Neelah LV Christy VanFossen; Tiffany Zemlock, Miss Interview and Second Runner-up; Kari Trollope, Miss Fashion; Tammy Stephenson, Miss Personality; and Mary Whitson, Miss Talent.

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Judging Queen Neelah LVI

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The first opportunity for the judges to meet the candidates is the Queens Tea held Sunday, October 26.

The judges hold a personal interview with each candidate on Monday, October 27. 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 28, a brunch is held where the candidates have a final opportunity to meet with the judges in an informal setting before the coronation.

Over the course of time spent with the candidates, judges also appraise the candidate's poise, personality, personal fashion sense, and beauty.

Miss Congeniality is voted on by the candidates themselves.

Point System for Judging Queen Neelah LVI

Poise.....	20
Interview.....	20
Talent.....	20
Personality.....	15
Originality.....	10
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THURSDAY NIGHT SHOW



Three Dog Night

Thursday, October 30 – 8:00 p.m.

Neewollah will resurrect the 1970s this year and Memorial Hall will be rocking to the tunes of popular rock group, Three Dog Night.

Neewollah Generalissimo Gregg Webster said of the concert, "Often times a large segment of the Neewollah audience has requested a contemporary rock group concert. While country music is always well represented, it has been a long time since Neewollah has been able to book a rock and roll act. Three Dog Night ought to be great and we anticipate a large crowd."

Three Dog Night still has two of the original three members. Danny Hutton formed the group in 1969. He teamed up with Cory Wells and Chuck Negron and they produced trademark vocals that gave them 12 gold records between 1969 and 1974. Although Negron is not participating in this reunion tour, the other two are able to recreate their famous sound with little compromise. Three Dog Night performs all of their hit singles from "One-Man Band" to "Joy to the World."

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SATURDAY NIGHT SHOW



Little Texas

Saturday, November 1 – 6:30 & 9:00 p.m.

"Little Texas" is relatively new to the country scene. They debuted in 1989 before a Nashville club audience of 10. Now the band plays to sold-out concerts throughout the United States and overseas.

The band's concept was simple. Its six members brought together the strengths of other local groups each had listened to and admired. They worked hard at achieving multiple voice harmonies. After that, it was a simple matter of writing and rehearsing.

Their number one singles include "What Might Have Been," "My Love" and "God Bless Texas." They have been named Country Music Television's Group of the Year and were voted Vocal Group of the Year in 1994 by the Academy of Country Music. To date, "Little Texas" has sold more than 3 million albums.

While they are truly a country group, they also appeal to a younger audience, mixing in a little rock and bluegrass.

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Longtime Independence Community College Professor Ken Brown and his wife Becky will serve as this years King and Queen Doo Dah. Brown came to Independence in 1967 and after a lifetime of continuous community service now has aspired to this high award. Becky Buser Brown is an Independence native and a former Queen Neelah contestant. Both agree that although they have received numerous accolades for their community service and church work, nothing has prepared them for this dubious honor.



King & Queen Doo Dah

Ken and Becky Brown

Who would have ever thought that Doo Dah would have grown to be so popular? Last years event brought more entries and a bigger crowd. This year the parade promises to be even bigger, and we anticipate the crowds even larger. "Ringy, Dingy, Doo Dah 1997" invites the ultimate in creativity and imagination from Neewollah fans throughout the area. The committee invites participants to bring anything that rings, dings, or pings, and put it in the parade. This should go down in history as one of the craziest Doo Dahs ever.

The Doo Dah team wishes to dedicate this parade in memory of "Old Red," the original, official, tree sap soaked, oil burning, blue smoking, 1967 Ford Doo Dah Truck lovingly driven by Ron Newkirk in every Doo Dah parade. "Old Red" finally gave it up, and has gone to that junk yard near by. "She'll be missed."

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"Old Red"

Doo Dah Team

Seated: Brenda Brown.

Appointed Dentist: Scott Smith.

Assisting: Kathy Newkirk (chair),

Sharon Bryant, and Diane Lovett.

Not Pictured: Scott Mills and Steve McBride.



KIDDIE PARADE

Friday, October 31 – 4:00 p.m.



Kiddie Parade Team

Rick Boyer, Gerald Eytcheson and Patty Clay.

One of the most endearing parts of Neewollah is the annual Neewollah Kiddie Parade. It is open to children of all ages and requires nothing but your imagination and enthusiasm. Hundreds of children participate and the only requirement is that everybody in the parade have fun.



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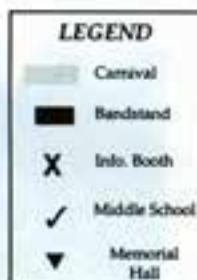


Grand Parade team: Tanya Wunder, Fred Osborn, Joe Hernandez, Merle Wilson, Walt Dittmer, Cindy Empson, Jim Kelly, Jim Dittmer, and Lee Cain.

1997 Grand Parade Route

Saturday, November 1 – 11:00 a.m.

The parade starts at the corner of Penn and Locust. The parade route proceeds from Memorial Hall at Penn and Locust, south to Main, east to Sixth, south to Maple, west to Ninth, and north to Laurel Street. There are free street acts, a carnival, and food concessions both before and after the Neewollah Parade.



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1997 GRAND PARADE MARSHAL

Grand Parade Marshal Stewart Crow

Stewart Crow is the parade marshal for the 1997 Neewollah Grand Parade. Crow is stepping down from the Neewollah Board of Directors after 21 years of faithful service. He has chaired most all of the Neewollah events. He has served as generalissimo twice—once in 1979 and again in 1984. He has served as Neewollah Chairman of the Board three times. In addition, Crow has been active in chairing the Queen's Pageant, has produced two Neewollah plays and has worked the Neewollah parades. He is married to Ann Crow, a kindergarten teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School and they are the parents of Tiffany, a student at Kansas University and Chris, a senior at Independence High School.



Stewart Crow

Neewollah '97 Honors Walt Dittmer



Walt Dittmer

Walt Dittmer is a longtime supporter of Neewollah. He was a member of the Neewollah Board of Directors during the 1970s and 1980s. Dittmer was for many years the chairman of the Neewollah Grand Parade and in that capacity built many of the Neewollah floats that are still used today. Dittmer started building floats for the parade as a hobby. But his hobby blossomed into a full time profession for 15 years. Walt has been a continuous member of the parade committee since 1966. In 1977 Dittmer, with the assistance of Neewollah, erected a permanent float barn to house the Neewollah floats. Since that time, the float business has been passed down a generation to Walt's son, Jim Dittmer, who is the president of Parade Specialties. Specialties builds floats for local parades and has constructed floats for major festivals all over the country.

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MARCHING BAND COMPETITION



Neewollah Marching Band Competition

November 1, 1997

Shulthis Stadium – 1:00 p.m.



Debbie Dye

Once again this year, the confines of Shulthis Stadium will be crowded to overflowing and loud with the sound of marching music. The 19th annual Neewollah Marching Festival will include 32 Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri marching bands. Field competition at the Shulthis stadium, beginning at 1:00 p.m., will include 25 units, and several hundred students, with the Joplin, Missouri, High School Band concluding the festival with a musical light show.

The band competition was the brainchild of Independence High School band director Don Farthing. Farthing, together with IHS band boosters, put together the band competition format. In its infancy, the band competition did not attract many participants.

However, the band competition has nearly quadrupled in size since early days and is now recognized as a major event of Neewollah.

The public is invited, admission is free and the Independence High School Band Boosters will run a concession stand throughout the afternoon.

The chairman of this year's event is Debbie Dye. Assisting Ms. Dye with volunteers will be Nancy Clubine representing the Independence Band Boosters.

Born and raised in Independence, Ms. Dye has been active in past Neewollah activities behind the scenes, working back stage on four plays and for several years on the Queen's Talent committee. For the past 10 years, she has assisted Arthurene and Walter Simpson with the Marching Festival.

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Neewollah Musical Productions (Last 12 years)

Year	Musical Title	Director/Producer
1986	Unsinkable Molly Brown	Keith Confer/Larry Pendleton
1987	The Sound of Music	Georgia High/Larry Pendleton
1988	My Fair Lady	Sue Woods/Steve DeFever
1989	Mame	Ray Rothgeb/Steve Wilkin
1990	Gypsy	Ken Burchinal/Valorie DeFever
1991	Oliver	Ray Rothgeb/Steve Wilkin and Stewart Crow
1992	Damn Yankees	Keith Confer/Larry and Glenna Pendleton
1993	Guys and Dolls	Ray Rothgeb/Stewart Crow
1994	Bye Bye Birdie	Jill Warford/Cindi Bishop and Judy Holroyd
1995	The Pajama Game	Keith Confer/Judy Carroll and Tim Emert
1996	The King and I	Lisa Mitchell/Steve Wilkin
1997	The Wizard of Oz	Lisa Mitchell/Vanessa Dennis and Cindy Sherwood

Past Generalissimos Past Queens

1919	Thurman Hill	
1920	O. E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley
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1922	John Baden	Orphelia Pruitt
1923	John Baden	Florence Smith
1924		Helen Jones
1925		Lola McDaniel
1926	O. E. McAnulty	Catherine Cates
1927	O. E. McAnulty	Babs Carroll
1928	O. E. McAnulty	Alice May Austin
1929	O. E. McAnulty	Elizabeth Cowman
1930	O. E. McAnulty	Bea St. Helens
<i>No Neewollah 1931 to 1934 due to The Great Depression</i>		
1935		Louise Ransdall
<i>No Neewollah 1936 to 1947 due to World War II</i>		
1948	Bill Wagner	Dorothy Heckman
1949	Emmett Wilson	JoAnn Jacobs

Past Generalissimos Past Queens

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1958	Jim Halsey	Neola Hamsher
1959	Bob Wohltman	Sylvia McCalla
1960	Jerry Webb	Norma Day
1961	Don Dancer	Phyllis Cinotto
1962	Bill Woods	Kristin Utz
1963	Duane Doll	Betsy Gibson
1964	Bill Woods	Karen Shaub
1965	Jim Halsey	Gay Barnard
1966	Fred Wilkin	Rosemary Sicks
1967	E. C. Simmons	Pat Yerkes
1968	Wayne Reed	Diane Talley
1969	G. Burks Sherwood	Terri Boorigie
1970	Bob Schneider	Nancy Reid
1971	Bill Cook	Diane David
1972	Jerry Webb	Ruth Pittman
1973	Richard Shaver	Laurie Dilorio
1974	Stan Lewis	Belinda Boys
1975	Paul Viets	Janet Washburn
1976	Bill Mason	Stephanie Cook
1977	Kathryn Bruening	Susan Scovel
1978	Roger Leeseberg	Staci Pollock
1979	Stewart Crow	Lisa Swearingen
1980	Jerry Webb	Beth Maxwell
1981	Don Dancer	Yvette Carvalho
1982	Karen Reeder	Jill Singleton
1983	Lowell Baker	Gail Moore
1984	Stewart Crow	Tammy Pasternak
1985	Pat Springer	Jeannine Bailey
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1987	Tim Emert	Shelly Nelson
1988	Virginia Kelly	Kaki Borklund
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1992	David Torbett	April Hill
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