





"Meet Me at Neewollah"

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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, 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 each. The Great Depression and World War II interrupted the Neewollah celebration from 1931 to 1947. Local businessmen Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb and Don Dancer 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 inhabitants up to 75,000 in the final days of the now 10-day festival.



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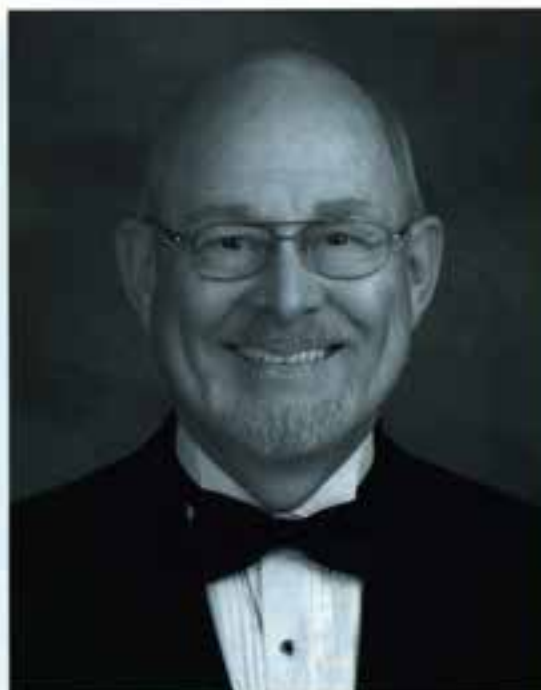
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Welcome!

On behalf of the Neewollah Board of Directors, I wish to thank the outstanding volunteers of our community who have put together another fine Neewollah festival for 2004. We begin with the musical *Meet Me in St. Louis* and move through ten days of festivities as we host the Queen Neelah pageant, welcome Ottaway Carnival, and sponsor no less than three parades. We are also pleased to welcome Independence's own "Tusk" to our Memorial Hall stage this year. The activities will culminate on Saturday, October 30th, with the Grand Parade Marching Band Competition, and Professional show featuring Kansas' own Kelley Hunt.

Our theme this year is "Meet Me at Neewollah" which is what we in Independence say to our families and friends. For families, friends and newcomers to the event, Neewollah is a grand opportunity to get together and enjoy a variety of activities during the week. If you have not attended before, you will find out why some people find the carnival their favorite event, while some name the Queen Neelah events, others name the parades and still others the musical. Whatever your favorite, or soon to be favorite, come meet us at Neewollah this year.

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The Neewollah Board of Directors is made up of 15 members who are elected for 3-year terms and can serve up to 3 terms. New board members are often selected because of how active they have been in the celebration. Board members assume positions of responsibility in the overall running of Neewollah's many activities. 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.

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Meet Me in St. Louis Synopsis

Meet Me in St. Louis is a rare treasure in the musical theatre; it is a warmhearted story of a happy family's life, as they anticipate the wonders of the 1904 World's Fair. The play includes seven of the best-loved songs from the film and ten other wonderful numbers, also by Martin and Blane, written especially for the stage.

The story opens at the Smith family home and the familiar title tune *Meet Me in St. Louis*. We learn of their excitement about the upcoming fair, of Esther's crush on the *The Boy Next Door*, and Mrs. Smith's advice to her daughter in *You'll Hear a Bell*.

Esther attempts to hold the family dinner an hour earlier than usual, in order to give Rose some privacy to receive a long distance phone call from a wealthy suitor, Warren Sheffield, who is vacationing in New York. Mr. Smith insists on dinner at the usual time, and despite Katie's quick pace the plan fails. The whole family overhears Rose's disappointing call. The tone picks up quickly, and we find ourselves at Lon's going away to college party. Warren has returned from New York by now, and he and Rose sing the delightful duet *A Raving Beauty*. With the party in full swing, Lon leads Warren, Rose and Chorus in the rousing square-dance production number *Skip To My Lou*. Caught after bedtime watching Lon's party, Tootie and Agnes are invited in to perform *Under the Bamboo Tree* as a vaudeville turn for the guests.

When the guests go home, Esther and John are left alone. Although he is shy and a bit awkward, he manages to sing the touching waltz, *Over the Bannister*, to Esther as he helps her turn out the lights. He then bids her goodnight with a handshake. She is disappointed with the handshake, but shrugs it off with a reprise of *The Boy Next Door* and *The Trolley Song*.

The Second Act opens on Halloween night in the Kitchen as Tootie and Agnes prepare to go out trick-or-treating. When Katie is left alone with Esther and Rose, she instructs them in the horn-pipe dance *A Touch of the Irish* on how best to handle romantic situations from a woman's perspective. Tootie and Agnes return unexpectedly, and Tootie mischievously places the blame for their early return on John Truitt. This complicates matters between John and Esther causing a misunderstanding. John sings a reprise of *The Girl Next Door*.

Mr. Smith is offered a promotion at work, but it will require the family to move to New York City. Everyone is upset about this news and has compelling reasons for not wanting to leave St. Louis. Mr. Smith explains the benefits of the big city in *A Day in New York*, but Mrs. Smith is the only one willing to make the move. She explains her love for her husband in a reprise of *You'll Hear a Bell*, and he responds in their duet *Wasn't It Fun?*

The last big social event before the family leaves St. Louis is the Christmas Ball, a very formal party. Rose goes with Lon, but Esther is left without an escort; John did not get to the tailor in time to pick up his tuxedo. Grandpa Prophater saves Esther's evening by escorting her. The evening has some interesting events, but turns out well. John and Esther sing the beautiful duet *You Are for Loving*.

Back at the home, Tootie is upset by the move away from St. Louis. Esther tries to comfort her with *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*, but it is not until Mr. Smith makes his announcement that everyone is truly happy.

The scene and time change to spring, and the chorus sings a reprise of *The Trolley Song* as everyone prepares to go to the World's Fair. The chorus is interrupted by the Smith family gathering and singing a reprise of *Meet Me in St. Louis*. The rousing finale will be a delight for all!

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Cast of Characters



Starring...

(In Order of Appearance)

<i>Tootie Smith</i>	Sarah Doring
<i>Postman</i>	Gary Mitchell
<i>Agnes Smith</i>	Jillian Johnson
<i>Lon Smith</i>	Christopher Langsford
<i>Mrs. Anna Smith</i>	Lisa Mitchell
<i>Katie, the Maid</i>	Kathy Chamberland
<i>Grandpa Prophater</i>	Jim Johnson
<i>Rose Smith</i>	Debbie Tincer
<i>Esther Smith</i>	Denée Mills
<i>Mr. Alonzo Smith</i>	Larry Annable
<i>Warren Sheffield</i>	Norval Gruver
<i>John Truitt</i>	Ricky Denning
<i>Eve</i>	Catie Shannon
<i>Peewee</i>	Drew Demo
<i>Lucille Ballard</i>	Jill Shrader

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Ashlyn Conner, James Hart, Jake Jabben, Mary Bannwarth, Gavin Webster,
Bryson Hines, Chance Froebe, Lindsay Schaub, Aubrey Near,
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Act One

- Scene 1:** Exterior and Interior of Smith Residence, St. Louis, summer, 1903
Meet Me in St. Louis The Smith Family Octet
The Boy Next Door Esther
- Scene 2:** Interior of the Smith Residence
later that day
Reprise: Meet Me in St. Louis Tootie, Agnes, Esther, Rose & Grandpa
Whenever I'm With You The Smith Family Octet
You'll Hear a Bell Mrs. Smith
- Scene 3:** Interior of the Smith Residence
a half hour later
Reprise: Meet Me in St. Louis Smith Family & Chorus
- Scene 4:** Exterior of the Smith Residence
August, Lon's going away party
A Raving Beauty Warren & Rose
- Scene 5:** Interior of the Smith Residence
immediately after
Skip to My Lou Lon, Warren, Rose & Chorus
Drunk Song Tootie
Under the Bamboo Tree Tootie, Agnes & Esther
Over the Bannister John & Esther
- Scene 6:** The Trolley Stop in front of the Smith Residence
the following Friday afternoon
The Trolley Song Esther & Chorus

Act Two

- Scene 1:** Exterior and Interior of the Smith Residence
Halloween Night
A Touch of the Irish Katie, Esther & Rose
Reprise: The Boy Next Door John & Esther
A Day in New York Mr. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Rose, Esther, Katie and Grandpa
Reprise: You'll Hear a Bell Mrs. Smith
Wan't it Fun? Mr. & Mrs. Smith
- Scene 2:** Interior of the Smith Residence
Christmas Eve, late afternoon
- Scene 3:** A Ballroom
the same night around 9:00 PM
The Banjo Lon & Chorus
- Scene 4:** Exterior of the Smith Residence
the same night, shortly before midnight
You are For Loving John & Esther
- Scene 5:** Exterior of the Smith Residence
the same night, shortly after midnight
Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas Esther
- Scene 6:** Exterior of the Smith Residence
a beautiful spring day
Reprise: The Trolley Song Chorus
Reprise: Meet Me in St. Louis Principals & Chorus
- Scene 7:** The World's Fair
later that evening
Finale Mr. Smith, Smith Family Octet, John, Warren, & Lucille

Starring...



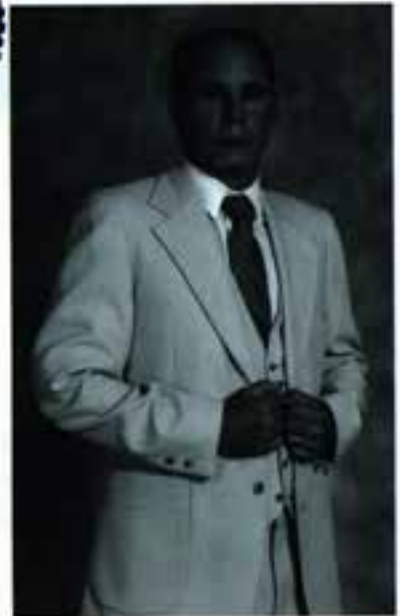
James Johnson as Grandpa Prophater

Jim Johnson returns to the Neewollah stage as Grandpa Prophater, Mrs. Smith's father. He is a resident of Fredonia and is employed by the *Independence Daily Reporter*. Johnson has been involved in several musicals at Independence Community College and the Inge Festival. *Meet Me in St. Louis* will be his first Neewollah musical involvement since 1981. Past Neewollah musical roles which featured Johnson include: Alfie Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Horace Vandergelder in *Hello, Dolly!*, Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, and Merlin in *Camelot*. He is excited to be sharing the stage with his daughter, Jillian.



Larry Annable as Alonzo Smith

Larry Annable will play the role of Alonzo Smith, husband of Anna and the father of the Smith children Lon, Esther, Agnes and Tootie. Annable is director of vocal music at Independence High School, where he directs 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* and Cornelius Hackl in *Hello, Dolly!*. He has also served on the food vendor committee, and has been chairman for the Queen Neelah stage escorts.



Lisa Mitchell as Anna Smith

Lisa Mitchell will play Anna Smith, the wife of Alonzo, and the mother of the Smith children. Mitchell is currently a kindergarten teacher at Eisenhower Elementary, where she also serves as grade level chairman and North Central Accreditation chairman. She is also active in the First Presbyterian Church. Mitchell has participated in Neewollah for a number of years. She has served on the queen's talent committee and has served as Neelah Deb Chairman. Mitchell has been involved in every Neewollah musical production since 1990. She served as director for *The King and I*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Annie* and *Brigadoon*. She had leading roles in *Oliver*, *Pajama Game*, and *Little Shop of Horrors*, and served as choreographer for several other productions.





Starring...



Christopher M. Langsford as Lon Smith

In addition to directing the chorus for *Meet Me in St. Louis*, **Christopher M. Langsford**, will portray Lon Smith, the young son who attends Princeton. Langsford is the director of vocal music at Independence Community College, teaches music method and appreciation courses in addition to conducting the choral ensembles and teaching applied voice. Langsford holds degrees from Washburn University and Michigan State University. Prior to his appointment at ICC, Langsford was Instructor of Voice at Marshall School of Music and conducted the MSU Women's Glee Club and MSU Chamber Choir. He has performed many major roles for opera and musical theatre including Candide from *Candide* and Nemorino in *L'Elisir D'Amore*.

Debbie Tinchler as Rose Smith

Debbie Tinchler will return to the Neewollah stage as Rose Smith, the beautiful and chic daughter. Tinchler has been involved with Neewollah for over twenty years. She has served on the talent committee numerous years and chaired the coronation committee. Tinchler has also been involved with the Neewollah musicals in a number of capacities. She directed *Cinderella* and served as musical director for *Oliver*, *Annie* and *Wizard of Oz*. The highlight of her Neewollah experience thus far has been starring as Peter Pan in *Peter Pan*, and as Anna in *The King and I*. Tinchler is the Library Media specialist at Washington Elementary School. She directs the Independence Area Children's Choir and is a member of the Neewollah Board.



Denée Mills as Esther Smith

Denée Mills is cast as Esther Smith, a lively and attractive young girl. Mills has recently returned to Independence after living in Emporia for eight years. She attended Emporia State University where she studied theatre arts and participated in numerous musicals including *The King and I*, *The Will Rogers Follies* and *The Rivals*. Mills was also a member of the 1999 summer theater company at ESE, the longest running summer stock program in Kansas. Mills' previous Neewollah involvements include being a Neelah Deb, a Queen Neelah candidate and portraying Ursula Markle in the production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*.





Jillian Johnson as Agnes Smith

Jillian Johnson, 9, has been cast as Agnes Smith, the tomboyish preteen daughter. The show is Johnson's second Neewollah appearance; she was a member of the children's chorus for *Brigadoon* and also played Brigitta Von Trapp in the Independence Community College production of *The Sound of Music*. A fourth-grader at Lincoln Elementary School in Fredonia, Johnson is starting her sixth year as a dance student with R&S Studios of Fredonia. She also enjoys playing piano and sports. She is a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fredonia and is active in Girl Scouts. She is the daughter of Meredith and Mark Wilson; and James Johnson, all of Fredonia. She has two sisters, Valerie and Stephanie; and a brother, Ian.

Sarah Doring as Tootie

Sarah Doring will be Tootie, the youngest daughter in the family. Sarah, the eleven-year-old daughter of Dennis and Christine Doring, is a fifth grader at Washington Elementary. In six previous theatrical productions, she portrayed Molly in *Annie* and was in the children's chorus of *Brigadoon*. She was cast as Marta in ICC's production of *The Sound of Music* and portrayed Starkey in Coffeyville Children's Summer Theater production of *Peter Pan*. Sarah is a three-year member of Independence Area Children's Choir, a three-year piano student, a six-year dance student and has been in Girl Scouts for five years.



Kathy Chamberland as Katie

Kathy Chamberland will make her debut on the Neewollah stage as Katie, the Smiths' Irish cook and housemaid. Chamberland, and her husband Mike, reside in Sedan where she serves as a Title I teacher and Reading Specialist for USD 286. She is an active member of the First Christian Church, Beta Sigma Phi sorority, and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. Chamberland is a longtime member of the Howard County Players in Sedan. In that organization she has served as musical director for *I Do! I DO!*, *Cinderella*, and *Nell of the Ozarks*. She has starred as Althea Budgett in *Laughter in the Dark*, Sister Mary Regina in *Nunsense*, Mrs. Boyle in *The Mousetrap* and many other roles.



Starring...



Ricky Denning as John Truitt

Ricky Denning will make his Neewollah debut as John Truitt, the boy next door. He portrayed the lead character in last year's Independence High School production of *Bye, Bye Birdie*. Denning is a freshman at Independence Community College.



Norval Gruver as Warren Sheffield

A veteran of Neewollah stage productions, Norval Gruver will appear as Warren Sheffield, the wealthy suitor of Rose. His past roles include Sandy in *Brigadoon* and Nicely Nicely Johnson in *Guys and Dolls*. He has appeared in the chorus of *Oliver*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peter Pan*, *Hello, Dolly!*, and most recently, *Little Shop of Horrors*. Gruver is active in the First United Methodist Church choir and has been a soloist in the *Messiah* and *Stabat Mater*. A member of the Junior Achievement board, he is employed as an engineer for John Deere in Coffeyville. He and his wife, Elaine, are the parents of three daughters.



Supporting Actors...



Jill Shrader
as Lucille Ballard



Gary Mitchell
as the Postman



Catie Shannon
as Eve

Featuring...



Neighborhood Children

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Jill Shrader, Melissa Riecker, Leslie Coder
Back Row: Blake Bryant, Gary Mitchell, Andy Schelin, Ken Rathjen, Dennis Doring, Dean Tauber, Jeff Shaw
Not Pictured: Christine Doring



Production Staff



Director Keith Confer

A veteran of Neewollah stage productions, Keith Confer has directed five musicals: *Rodgers and Hart: A Musical Celebration*; *Camelot*; *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*; *Damn Yankees*; and *The Pajama Game*. He has served as assistant director for *Anything Goes* and *Oklahoma* (1982) and stage manager for *The Sound of Music* (1987). Keith has assisted with sets and staging for the Queen Neelah Coronation numerous times. He is an English teacher at Independence Middle School and is past president of Independence National Education Association. Keith is a former member of the Community Concert Board of Directors and the William Inge Festival Executive Board. He is a member of Zion Lutheran Church, currently serving as vice-chairman of the elders. Keith and his wife, Colleen, have one son, Christopher - a recent graduate of KU School of Law.

Producer David Torbett

David Torbett's Neewollah experience is extensive. He produced the Neewollah performances of *Annie*, *The King and I*, and *Hello, Dolly!*; assisted the Queen's Coronation pageants for over 20 years; and edited many of the Program books for past Neewollah celebrations. David was appointed Generalissimo in 1992 and served as chairman of the Neewollah Board in 1993-94. Active in the community, he is chairman of the Memorial Hall Task Force, member of the Quality of Life committee, chairman of the USD 446 Recreation commission, and a member of First United Methodist Church. David has taught English and journalism at Independence High School for the past 38 years. He and his wife, Rachel, are parents of one daughter, Amanda, of Lawrence.

Producer Judy Carroll

Judy Carroll has served as secretary for the Neewollah Board for the past five years. With a wide range of participation in Neewollah, she co-produced *The Pajama Game* and has appeared in *Cinderella*, *The King and I*, and *Bye, Bye Birdie* as a member of the chorus. She was a member of the President's cabinet in *Annie*. Judy has served on various committees, including Props, Queen Neelah, Fun Run, and Courtesy Cars. She is a former member of the Leadership-Independence Board and a current member of St. Andrew's Parish Council, the William Inge Foundation board, and the Kansas Humanities Council board. Judy works as a legal secretary for the law firm of Scovel, Emert, Heasty, and Chubb. She is married to Dan and the couple have four adult children and two granddaughters.

Producer Tim Emert

Tim Emert's Neewollah participation began in 1958, as a member of the Set committee for *Picnic*. A member of the Neewollah Board for 8 years, he was appointed Generalissimo in 1987. Tim directed the Neewollah production of *Auntie Mame*; was the producer for *Oliver*, *Oklahoma*, *No, No Nanette*, co-produced *The Pajama Game*; appeared in *The Sound of Music* and *Muscle Man*; and was stage manager for *Annie* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*. He has been on the set committees for many Queen Neelah Coronations and chaired the downtown concessions and Neewollah's Grand Parade. Tim is founder and president of the William Inge Festival Foundation, producing and directing *Come Back Little Sheba* and "A Tribute to Robert Patrick" for the Inge Festival. He was a member of the Kansas Senate for eight years, serving as Majority Leader for four years. Tim served five years as a member of the Kansas State Board of Education, serving two years as chairman. A member of USD 446 school board for 15 years, he served as president for four years. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Kansas Children's Campaign. A graduate of KU, Tim has a BS degree in journalism and a Juris Doctor from the School of Law. He is married to Barbara and they have three adult daughters and one grandson. Tim is a partner in the law firm of Scovel, Emert, Heasty and Chubb.



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David Torbett, Judy Carroll & Tim Emert

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Neewollah Logo Winner

Angel Bagley

A drawing by Angel Bagley of Independence was selected as the winner of the 2004 Neewollah Logo Contest.

"We had several really good quality submissions and the task of choosing the winner was difficult," said Generalissimo Don Farthing. "This logo expresses the feeling of the theme: Neewollah 2004 - Meet Me at Neewollah."

Bagley's love of doodling lead her to return to college after 19 years of marriage and two almost grown children. She attends Pittsburg State University where she is a senior majoring in



Graphic Design and Print Management. She and her husband Joe have lived in Independence since 1997 with their two teenage children Jordan and Megan. Angel and her family look forward to the Neewollah activities every year. "I had hoped to convey that warm, hometown feeling that I've found here in the logo's design as well as promote the theme, Meet Me at Neewollah," she was quoted as saying.

The Neewollah Logo Contest is held each spring after the Generalissimo has announced the theme for the upcoming festival. Entries are sought thru 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 fit other Neewollah needs.



Logo Committee

John & Marge Heckman



John Heckman, Angel Bagley
& Marge Heckman

Neewollah / Medallion Hunt

The 2004 Medallion Hunt will kick off the Neewollah celebration on Wednesday, October 20 at Pizza Hut 1815 N. Penn at 4:30 p.m. A 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 wearing a 2004 Neewollah button is \$500.00. If the winner is not wearing this year's button, the prize



Medallion Hunt Committee

Dennis Pruitt &
Dennis Greenhaw

is reduced to \$250. A new clue will be released at 3:00 p.m. each day at Neewollah Headquarters located at 123 West Myrtle, Pizza Hut, on KIND, in The Daily Reporter and the Neewollah website, www.neewollah.com.

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Neewollah Fun Run



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Stacy Boss, Harry Bass
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Saturday, October 23, 2004 • Riverside Park Oval
Registration 8 a.m. • Fun Run 9 a.m. • 5K 10 a.m.

The 5K Run course is a certified 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) that begins at the Riverside Park Oval and continues down Fifth Street along the cemetery to Morningside Drive where it turns around and returns for the finish at the Oval.

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 presented after the completion of the 5K Run.

Neewollah Fun Ride

Neewollah Fun Ride

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Saturday, October 23, 2004

4-H Building at Riverside Park

Registration 8 a.m. • Ride Begins at 9 a.m.

For the fourth year, the Neewollah Fun Ride will be held in conjunction with Cycle Bobs Bicycle Club. This year's ride will take riders through scenic southeast Kansas. Each of the rides will begin at historic Riverside Park at the 4-H building across from the stadium. Riders will choose from a 70-35 or 18-mile loops. 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.



Front Row: David Jackson,
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Julie Thompson

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Audrey Gross



Queen Neelah LXII and Her Court

Miss Interview – Shelby Neill,
Miss Talent – Abby Christensen,
Miss Poise – Casey Martin,
Miss Photogenic – Allison Merritt,
Second Runner Up – Lensi LaForge,
Queen Neelah the 62nd Audrey Gross,
First Runner up – Megan Fowler,
Miss Personality – Abigail Belcher,
Miss Fashion – Tiffany Barker,
Miss Originality – Jammi Stair,
Miss Congeniality & Miss Beauty –
Samantha Huser



Judging Queen Neelah LXIII

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 24. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 25. 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 26, a brunch is held and 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 also evaluate each young woman's poise, personality, personal fashion sense and beauty. The candidates themselves select Miss Congeniality.

Point System for Judging Queen Neelah LXIII

Poise	20
Interview	20
Talent	20
Personality	15
Originality	10
Beauty	5
Fashion	5
Judges' Evaluation	5
Total	100

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Coronation Program

Opening Presentation of Queen Candidates

Candidates 1 - 10 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Candidates 11 - 20 Presented

Selected Talent Presentations

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

Candidates 21 - 24 Presented

Intermission

Neelah Deb Dance

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXII, Audrey Gross

Announcement of Category Winners

- Miss Originality _____
- Miss Interview _____
- Miss Congeniality _____
- Miss Photogenic _____
- Miss Fashion _____
- Miss Beauty _____
- Miss Personality _____
- Miss Poise _____
- Miss Talent _____

Announcement of Finalists

- 2nd Runner-up _____
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Crowning of Queen Neelah LXIII

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Humorous Skit



Miranda Cadle
Classy Clippers
Vocal Solo



Hilary Chapman
Mary's Cleaning Service
Baton Twirling



Alexandria Dressler
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Vocal Solo



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Tap Dance

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Meghan Kelly
Security Abstract
Vocal Solo



Megan Kirk
Crescent Oil
Vocal Solo & Dance

Queen Neelab LXIII Candidates



Halle Manning
Mercy Hospital
Humorous Skit



Andrea Marinari
Rinck's Plumbing
Jazz Dance



Emily Morrell
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Lyrical Ballet



Amber Shobe
Garden Station
Vocal Solo

Queen Neelah LXIII Candidates



Sarah Smith
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Tap Dance



Alaina Vanvekoven
Messenger's Furniture
Vocal & Guitar Solo

An Evening of Elegance



Skyla Whittet
Sally Pokorny, Attorney
Humorous Skit

Schedule of Events for Queen Candidates



Fashion Show Workshop	June	Coronation Rehearsal	October 26
Interview Workshop	July	Coronation	October 26
Scrapbooks and Pictures Due	August 29	Queen's Ball	October 26
Talent Practices – Sunday afternoons starting Sept. 12th		Walk in the Doo Dah Parade	October 28
Pop Party	October 10	Ride in the Kiddie Parade	October 29
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Information Sheet Workshop	October 3	<i>Sponsored by Wal-Mart</i>	
Judges' Tea	October 24	Ride in Grand Parade	October 30
Interviews	October 25	Post Pageant Party	October 31
Talent Presentation	October 25		
Queen's Brunch	October 26		
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Queen's Coronation Judges

Carolyn Hefner – For 15 years Carolyn has served as a chaperone, traveling companion, and confidant to Miss America contestants from a variety of states. She has served as a member of the Miss Oklahoma delegation to the Miss America pageant for the past 12 years. Her business background includes over 35 years of business and consumer relations with SBC with an emphasis on customer service issues. Currently, she serves on the staff of Marshon's Salon – one of the nation's leading boutiques specializing in pageant and evening apparel. Marshon's and its staff have worked with close to 100 state and national titleholders in the Miss America, Miss USA, Mrs. America, Mrs. USA and national teen programs. In addition, she has judged pageants in several states. She and her husband, Bob, have three children and six grandchildren and spend their time volunteering within the Miss America, the Miss Oklahoma and the Miss Oklahoma Teen Programs.

Troy Wheat – A fashion and hair consultant to many Miss Oklahoma Contestants, Troy has been a hairstylist in Tulsa for over 10 years. He has an extensive background in music, theatre and dance. Troy is an official certified judge for the Miss Oklahoma system, where he has been involved for over 7 years. He currently serves as an assistant director of the Miss Northwestern Oklahoma State University Pageant.

Cheno Kennedy – Cheno is a retired pre-school director. She now lives on Grand Lake in northeast Oklahoma and is totally involved in her 2 passions, politics and pageants. She is the County Chairman for the Oklahoma Democratic Party and is Co-Director of the Miss Grand Lake Pageant. She has served on that board for 10 years. She is a certified judge for the Miss America System and has been active in Miss Oklahoma activities since 1980. She has also been active in community theatre.

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Neelab Debs

Front Row: Lucy Ramos, Breezy Mangan,
Shea Carurole, Kelsey Stelting,
Katie Boulanger

Back Row: Paige Demo, Dumere Smith,
Erin Hignight, Lauren Lester,
Ashley Moore, Lindsey Dean,
Aubrey Papen, Ashley Leake



Stage Escorts Committee

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Stage Escorts

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Middle Row: Ryan Kadel, Paul Dice

Back Row: Eric Cole, Alex Moore

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Coronation Officials



Talent Emcee Vanessa Dennis

Vanessa Dennis is currently serving on the Neewollah Board of Directors and has served as Chairman of the Board and Secretary. She was Generalissimo for the year 2000. She has participated in Neewollah musicals, portraying Vera in *Mame*, Rosie in *Bye, Bye Birdie*, Gladys in *The Pajama Game*, Mrs. Darling in *Peter Pan*, Lola in *Damn Yankees*, and Mazeppa in *Gypsy*. Vanessa has also appeared in other productions as a dancer and member of the chorus. She co-produced *The Wizard of Oz* and *Annie*. Vanessa has also participated in Neewollah by serving on the Props Committee for the Neewollah musicals. She twice served in the capacity of Co-Director of the Queen's Coronation, served as Candidates Chairman and organized the Staging of the Queen's Coronation on two occasions. She acted as Neelah Deb Co-Chairman for two years. Vanessa has done the Publicity and acted as Vendor Chairman for Neewollah Celebrations. She has been active in the William Inge Festival serving on the Moonglow committee and the Gala Dinner. She appeared in the Inge productions of *Dark at the Top*

of the Stairs, and *Plaza Suite*. Vanessa is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of Chapter DA, PEO and a member of Mercy Hospital Foundation Board. She and her husband Bo are parents of two children.

Coronation Emcee Derek Schmidt

Senator Derek Schmidt represents the 15th State Senate District, which includes nine counties in eastern Kansas. He serves as chairman of the Committee on Agriculture and of the government-watchdog Legislative Post Audit Committee.

A native of Independence and a graduate of Independence public schools, Derek earned his Bachelor of Science in Journalism from the University of Kansas, his Master of Arts in International Politics from Leicester University in the United Kingdom, and his Juris Doctor from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. He is affiliated with the Independence law firm Scovel, Emert, Heasty and Chubb.

Derek is married to Jennifer, an instructor at Pittsburg State University. They reside in Independence with their year-old daughter, Caroline.



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Category Winners

Brighton Key Chain, Demo Storage	Miss Talent
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October 28, Thursday

Noon TBA
6:00 p.m. Doo-Dah Parade
7:00 p.m. U.S. Navy Rock Band - Horizons
9:00 p.m. Still Reign 'n

October 29, Friday

Noon TBA
6:00 p.m. Neewollah Starz Talent Show
7:00 p.m. Nucleus
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Downtown Historic Tour



**Downtown Historic
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October 23, Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Neewollah 2004 Downtown Historic Tour will feature the history of downtown Independence. This buggy ride, which begins in the northeast parking lot at West Laurel and North 9th, includes a narration of the history of oil exploration in the city of Independence.

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Chili Cook-Off with Blues & Balloon Fun

**October 23, Saturday
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Riverside Park**

Chili Cook-Off with Blues and Balloon Fun – a chili cook-off with a hot air balloon and blues music entertainment backdrop will get everyone in a festive mood as Neewollah begins. Entry information for the cook-off is available at the neewollah.com website.

**Chili Cook-Off with
Blues & Balloon Fun
Committee**

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The Great Pumpkin Contest



**The Great Pumpkin
Committee**

Donna Dean & Melinda Miller

Not Pictured: Robert Miller

**October 27, Wednesday Evening
Downtown Independence**

The Great Pumpkin Contest is one of the highlights of the downtown activities on Wednesday evening, October 27. Any child preschool age through fifth grade may submit an entry. The entries are judged in different age groups, with prizes being awarded to each group. The judging of the decorated pumpkins is based upon creativity and imagination, so each child is urged to create a unique and novel jack-o-lantern.

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Carnival & Special Events



Carnival Committee
Jim Clubine

The carnival will be begin on Wednesday and be open evenings thru Friday and most of the day on Saturday, October 30th. It will be situated on West Laurel and North 8th streets. Family night will be Wednesday and Thursday night with wrist bands costing \$15.



Sanitation Committee
Scott Smith

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



Special Events Committee
Drew Demo

Special events vary from year to year, but always offer fun outside the carnival ride options. In past years they have included the Budwieser Cyldesdale horses, Riverside Fun Cycles, the Budwieser NASCAR, climbing walls, and fun houses just to name a few.



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Food Vendors



Again this year there will be a wide variety of vendors on the streets of Independence. Most food stands will be in the 100, 200 and 300 blocks of North Penn. Concession stands will be open Wednesday at noon and satisfy hungry Neewollah goers till late Saturday night. Food offerings include: homemade

fudge, Indian tacos, oriental fare, Polish sausages, fresh lemonade, expresso capuccino, Phila steak sandwiches, funnel cakes plus much more.



Food Vendors Committee

Robert Browning,
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Arts & Crafts

The Arts and Crafts show has been a mainstay of 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 and framed artwork and photos abound with 30-35 booths to shop. This year they can be found around Penn and Myrtle streets.



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TUSK



TUSK, a local rock band, will perform Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. on the Memorial Hall stage in Independence as part of this year's Neewollah celebration.

TUSK's performance is being sponsored by Neewollah and Cessna Aircraft. TUSK writes and performs a unique blend of powerful Rock songs that combine heavy music and melodies with intricate harmonies.

Their tight musicianship is represented in their new CD single American Soldier. Tusk not only writes and performs their own original songs, but also has a long list of cover tunes they perform.

TUSK was officially formed April 1, 2003 in Independence, Kansas. At that time, founding members of the group formed their own record label "Mammoth Music". Immediately after the group was formed, the single "American Soldier" was written and recorded. The single was then publicly released at the 1011th Army Reserve Benefit, Saturday, May 10th in Independence. The single, which includes 2 other songs, "Night Only" and "Close", is being played all over the midwest and on the east coast in over 1000 radio stations.

Tony Turner, lead vocalist, began his living on the stage. Starting with musicals and revues at 7 years old, he moved onto bands at the young age of 12. Chad Adamson, keyboard/vocals began to play the piano at age 7 and became a master of it by age 12. Chad performed with a Rock Band for 5 years before he decided to expand his talent and began writing music also. John Turner, bass guitar/vocals started very young at age 5 playing bluegrass music with his family. He then tried his hand at gospel groups and country music but found that Rock music is where he belonged. Nathan Mason, lead & rhythm guitar/vocals taught himself to play the guitar while performing with his family in a gospel group at a young age. Larry Holiday, lead & rhythm guitar/vocals, was born in the Chicago, IL area, and moved to the California bay areas. He taught music at Lincoln Elementary Trail Jr. College for 2 years. After playing with several bands on the west coast he moved to Branson, Missouri before joining TUSK on March 1, 2004. Jason Turner, drums/vocals started his young career playing on pots and pans before he could even talk. It did not take long to make those rhythms come to life on his own drum set at age 5. His recording career took him to Florida where he performed with several bands before returning to Kansas to join his brothers in a Rock Band.

Generalissimo Don Farthing was very excited to book TUSK for this year's Neewollah, allowing him to offer the public a wide variety of entertainment. Don taught music to some of the Turner brothers in school and was proud to see what they had done with their talent.



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Doo Dah Parade

Thursday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.



King and Queen Doo Dah
Jim & Donna Dittmer

Neewollah is a special time for Donna and Jim—not only are they busy preparing for the Grand Parade, this year they add the dubious honor of King and Queen of the Doo Dah. Jim grew up helping his Dad build floats for the grand parade and returned to Independence in 1988 and started his own business PARADE SPECIALTIES. In addition to the Grand Parade, he works 48 other events and parades each year in Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Each Neewollah the Dittmer family descendants return home to help with the parade and a fun time is enjoyed by all. Jim is a member of the Optimist Club, President of Zion Lutheran Church and a member of the International Festival Association.



Doo Dah Parade Committee
Julie Voelker, Kathy Newkirk/Chairman, Drew Demo, Towanna Watson, Mike Houck

Donna was raised in Topeka and has considered Independence home for many years. She has been involved in the Kansas Main Street Program since 1995 and the director of Independence Main Street since December of 2000. She is a member of Soroptimist, Zion Lutheran Church, ex-officio member of the Independence Historic Preservation & Resource Commission and Independence Downtown Art & Cultural Advisory Board. Jim and Donna have a blended family of five children and six grandchildren.



Kiddie Parade

**Friday, October 29,
4:00 p.m.**

The Neewollah Kiddie Parade is one of the most endearing and enduring parts of our annual festival. Over 900 children, area school bands and numerous "kiddie floats" participate in this parade. The staff from U.S.D. 446 donates time and energy to make it all happen.

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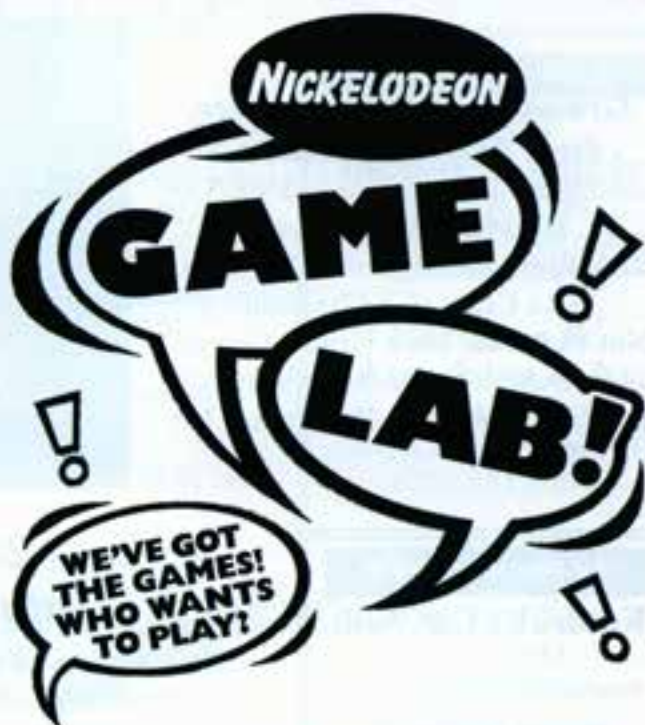
Getting messy is part of the fun when Nickelodeon – the number-one network for kids – comes back to Independence. Neewollah & Woods Lumber Company bring Nickelodeon's Game Lab, a live interactive stage show to Memorial Hall on Friday, October 29th. Featuring a variety of fast-paced stunts and physical challenges based on Nickelodeon programs, Nickelodeon's Game Lab gives kids and adults a chance to get on stage and get into the action. Hosted by a Nickelodeon "Stuntmaster",

participants are selected from the audience to compete in a series of messy games and wacky physical stunts such as "Pin the Pie on the Parent," "Cat Dog Scratch" and "Banana Split". Kids in the audience are also part of the action as they cheer on their teammates and chant phrases like "Make the Pie Fly!"

"Nickelodeon's mission is to put kids first in everything we do and that means putting kids in the center of the action," says Howard Smith, VP of Recreation, Nickelodeon. "Bringing Game Lab to Independence gives kids the opportunity to experience the fun and messiness synonymous with Nickelodeon."

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2004 Neewollah Grand Parade

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Not Pictured: Mark Fienen, George
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2004 Grand Parade Route Saturday, October 30, 11:00 a.m.

The approximately 2 hour long parade starts at the corner of Penn and Chestnut. It proceeds from Memorial Hall, south to Main, east to Sixth, south to Maple, west to Ninth, and north to Laurel Street.

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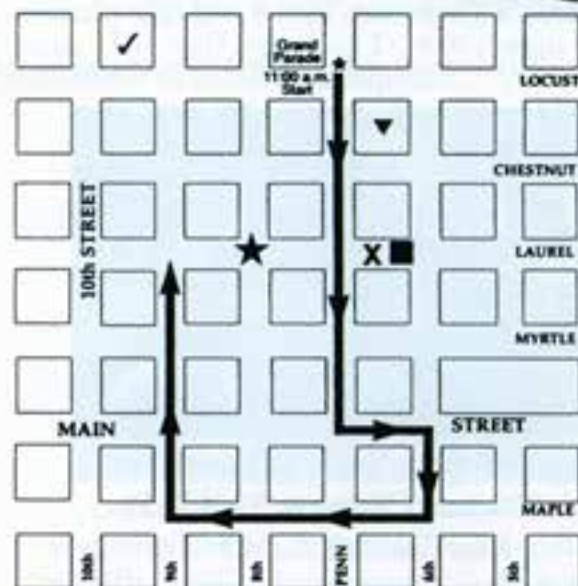
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2004 Grand Parade Marshal



Grand Parade Marshal Tim Emert

Tim Emert, this year's Grand Parade Marshal, first became involved in Neewollah in 1958 when Neewollah was revived and he was a member of the production crew for *Picnic*.

Emert, a native of Independence, is married; and he and his wife, Barbara, a retired physical therapist, have three adult children, Kate, Jennifer and Babs, and one perfect grandson, Nicholas Timothy Luetje.

Emert served as Generalissimo for Neewollah in 1987 and was a member of the Board of Directors for Neewollah for eight years.

His other Neewollah involvements have been as director of Auntie Mame and producer of *Oliver*, *Oklahoma* and *No, No, Nanette*. He was one of the co-producers of *The Pajama Game* and appeared in *The Sound of Music* and *Music Man*. Emert also served as stage manager for *Annie* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown* and this year is one of the co-producers of *Meet Me in St. Louis*.

Emert and his wife, Barbara, served as members of the set committee for several Queen Coronations and he also served as chairman of the grand parade and chairman of street concessions.

He was a member of the Kansas Senate for eight years, serving as Majority Leader for four years. Emert served five years as a member of the State Board of Education, serving two years as its chairman. He served fifteen years as a member of the School Board for Unified School District 446, Independence, Kansas, where he served as president for four years. He also served on the Independence Public Library Board for eleven years. He is a former member of the Class LTD board of directors.

Emert was one of the founders of the Independence Community College Foundation and the William Inge Theatre Festival Foundation, on which he has served as president since its inception.

Currently, he is a member of the executive committee of the Kansas Children's Campaign; he serves as chairman of the Kansas Advisory Group on Juvenile Justice and he serves on the board of directors of Independence Imagination Library. He currently is serving as a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Independence and as a member of the board of directors of Four County Mental Health Center, Inc. He also chairs the Downtown Art and Cultural Advisory Board.

He is a long-time member of the Independence Rotary Club and the Independence Chamber of Commerce. He is an active member of St. Andrew Church.

In 2002 Emert was awarded the Vision Guardian Award by the Independence Chamber of Commerce.

Emert is a graduate of the University of Kansas with a BS degree in Journalism and a Juris Doctor from the School of Law. He is a partner in the law firm of Scovel, Emert, Heasty and Chubb.

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Nov. 12	ICC Student Playwright Readings - 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 20	Wild Wheat Women's Community Chorus Holiday Concert - 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 18-20	Fall Production "Stop Kiss," by Diana Son - 7:30 p.m.		

(Unless noted otherwise all events will be held in the William Inge Theatre)



Marching Band Competition

October 30, 2004, 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 30 marching bands from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Don Farthing, this year's Generalissimo, developed this competition 25 years ago, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters, while he was the Independence High School band teacher.

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.

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It's rare when a blues-based artist shows up with both tradition and true originality on their side. Roots R & B singer/songwriter/piano player KELLEY HUNT is just such an artist, who will be performing Saturday October 30 at 8 p.m. on the Memorial Hall stage in Independence as part of this year's Neewollah celebration.

She is a woman who has muscled her way onto the scene on her own terms with a combination of passion, soul and superior skills as a vocalist, piano player and writer. She is an artist who has achieved everything to date not on hype or artificial positioning, but strictly on the merit of her live and recorded performances.

Hunt began building a reputation throughout North America several years ago, slugging it out on club and small theatre stages, playing a long list of important blues festivals all over the continent, including the Kansas City Blues and Jazz Festival. THE KANSAS CITY STAR is quoted as saying "...Hunt doesn't need to promote herself... her music says more than anyone ever could about her gifts as a performer and songwriter."

A native of Emporia, Kansas, living in Lawrence, Kansas, Kelley has naturally combined the influences of R & B, roots rock, blues, gospel, folk and soul into her own style and sound wrapped in an earthy Midwestern identity. The sound of the part of the county where she grew up (the grassland of Kansas' Flint Hills) is unmistakably there in her phrasing and delivery as well as in her rush toward the substance and depth in the subjects she writes and sings about.

Kelley Hunt now enters a new era in her career. She is in the process on a new recording project for a 2004 release to go along with her two CDs "Kelley Hunt" and "Inspiration" on 88 Records.



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Masquerade Ball

9 p.m. - Midnight
Saturday, October 30th
Independence Country Club

Neewollah 2004 will be close the celebration with an old fashioned masquerade ball! Pick your favorite alter ego and costume up for a great time on October 30th. The affair starts at 9 p.m. and winds down at 12 midnight. It includes a wonderful hors d'oeuvres bar and an evening of great DJ inspired music through the decades. Featured professional show artist Kelley Hunt will join the party after her concert at Memorial Hall.



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1994	<i>Bye, Bye Birdie</i>	2001	<i>Annie</i>
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No Neewollah 1936-1947 due to World War II

1948 Bill Wagner

1949 Emmett Wilson

No Neewollah 1950-1957 due to lack of financial support

1958 Jim Halsey

1959 Bob Wohltman

1960 Jerry Webb

1961 Don Dancer

1962 Bill Woods

1963 Duane Doll

1964 Bill Woods

1965 Jim Halsey

1966 Fred Wilkin

1967 E.C. Simmons

1968 Wayne Reed

1969 G. Burks Sherwood

1970 Bob Schneider

1971 Bill Cook

Past Queens

Ella Jane Brinkley

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Orphelia Pruitt

Florence Smith

Helen Jones

Lola McDaniel

Catherine Cates

Babs Carroll

Alice May Austin

Elizabeth Cowman

Bea St. Helens

Louise Ransdall

Dorothy Heckman

JoAnn Jacobs

Neola Hamsher

Sylvia McCalla

Norma Day

Phyllis Cinnoto

Kristin Utz

Betsy Gibson

Karen Schaub

Gay Barnard

Rosemary Sicks

Pat Yerkes

Diane Talley

Terri Boorigie

Nancy Reid

Diane David

Past Generalissimos

1972 Jerry Webb

1973 Richard Shaver

1974 Stan Lewis

1975 Paul Viets

1976 Bill Mason

1977 Kathryn Bruening

1978 Roger Leeseberg

1979 Stewart Crow

1980 Jerry Webb

1981 Don Dancer

1982 Karen Reeder

1983 Lowell Baker

1984 Stewart Crow

1985 Pat Springer

1986 Jack Ashcraft

1987 Tim Emert

1988 Virginia Kelly

1989 Steve DeFever

1990 Paul Oakleaf

1991 Lorne Schlatter

1992 David Torbett

1993 Steve Wilkin

1994 Mike Flood

1995 Larry Pendleton

1996 Ray Rothgeb

1997 Gregg Webster

1998 Beth Chaney

1999 Butch Holum

2000 Vanessa Dennis

2001 Grant Sherwood

2002 Val DeFever

2003 Jeff Chubb

Past Queens

Ruth Pittman

Laurie Dilorio

Belinda Boys

Janet Washburn

Stephanie Cook

Susan Scovel

Staci Pollock

Lisa Swearingen

Beth Maxwell

Yvette Carvalho

Jill Singleton

Gail Moore

Tammy Pasternak

Jeannine Bailey

Missy Housel

Shelly Nelson

Kaki Borklund

Kara Woods

Julie Lair

Keri Kruse

April Hill

Laura Henrichs

Kelly Springer

Tara Kemp

Christy VanFossen

Kelly O'Malley

Andrea Bailey

Jordan Paugh

Uma Patel

Tara Olson

Ramie Browning

Audrey Gross

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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 2004 Information

"Meet Me at Neewollah" has been a pleasurable experience for all of the Neewollah 2004 committees. Since Neewollah is an Independence tradition, preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2005 festival are October 21st thru the 31st. To obtain information for Neewollah 2004 send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:



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Neewollah 2004 Schedule of Events

October 20, Wednesday

Medallion Hunt Kickoff at 4:30 p.m. at
Pizza Hut, 1815 N. Penn (Sponsored by
Pizza Hut/Taco Bell, Blockbusters)

October 22, Friday

Meet Me in St. Louis at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.
(Sponsored by Commerce Bank)

October 23, Saturday

Neewollah Fun Run (Sponsored by Matcor Metal
Fabrication, Inc.)

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Riverside Park Oval

One Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.

5K TAC Certified Fun Run at 10:00 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 - 4:00 p.m. (Sponsored by
Wal-Mart)

Chili Cook-Off, Blues & Balloon Fun 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Riverside Park (Sponsored by Big Brothers Big
Sisters)

Meet Me in St. Louis at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.
(Sponsored by Commerce Bank)

October 24, Sunday

Meet Me in St. Louis at Memorial Hall 2:00 p.m.
(Sponsored by Commerce Bank)

Queen's Tea

October 25, Monday

Queen's Interview with Judges
Queen Neelab Talent Competition
Memorial Hall 6:30 p.m.

October 26, Tuesday

Queen's Brunch and Coronation Practice
Queen Neelab LXIII Coronation
Memorial Hall 7:00 p.m.

October 27, Wednesday

Food Stands open at noon downtown
Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5:00 p.m.
The Great Pumpkin Contest judging at bandstand
begins at 5:00 p.m. (Sponsored by Bank of America)
Great Pumpkin Winners announced at 7:30 p.m.
Bandstand Entertainment 6:00 - 9:30 p.m.
(Sponsored by First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.)

October 28, Thursday

Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5:00 p.m.
Bandstand Entertainment 6:00 p.m. (Sponsored by
First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.)
DooDah Parade 6:00 p.m.
Tusk 7:30 p.m. Memorial Hall (Sponsored by Cessna
Aircraft)

October 29, Friday

Kiddie Parade 4:00 p.m.
Ottaway Carnival 5:00 p.m.
Nickelodeon Game Lab 6:00 p.m. Memorial Hall
(Sponsored by Woods Lumber Company)
Bandstand Entertainment 5:00 - 11:00 p.m.
(Sponsored by Cable ONE and First Federal Savings
& Loan Assoc.)

October 30, Saturday

Pre-Parade Activities & Street Acts
Neewollah Grand Parade 11:00 a.m.
Arts & Crafts Exhibit Commerce Bank Parking Lot
Marching Band Competition 1:30 p.m. Kavo Emmot
Field in Shulthis Stadium (Sponsored by Crescent Oil)
Ottaway Carnival
Bandstand Entertainment 2:00 - 9:30 p.m.
(Sponsored by First Federal Savings & Loan Assoc.)
Kelley Hunt at Memorial Hall 8:00 p.m. (Sponsored by
Commerce Bank and Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and
Blockbuster)
Masquerade Ball 9 p.m. Independence Country Club
(Sponsored by First National Bank)

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