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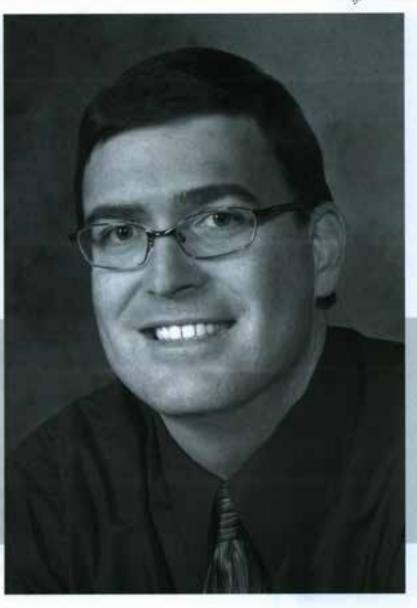
# Neewollah History

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 held morning, afternoon and night on October 31st. The parades were made up primarily of decorated cars and carriages. Queens and princesses from area festivals rode in the parades, along with our own Queen Neelah, who was selected based on votes bought at a penny a piece. The Great Depression and World War II interrupted the Neewollah celebration from 1931 to 1947. Local businessmen Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb 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 residents to up to 75,000 people in the final days of the now 10 day festival.

Welcome to Neewollah 2009: Thoroughly Fun!

I would like to invite one and all to "Neewollah 2009: Thoroughly Fun". This year's Neewollah Celebration will be held from October 23 to October 31.

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Generalissimo Sean Clapp

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Karen Turner, Marty Reichenberger

Back Row: Fred Meier, Sean Clapp, Tom Posch, Tom Schwartz, John Hamlin, Jeff Gettler

Not Pictured: Ann Crow (chair), Andy Watkins

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

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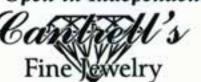
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# Director's Notes/Synopsis

An early TV memory for me was a great movie, **Thoroughly Modern Millie**, starring Julie Andrews and Mary Tyler Moore. I remember watching it on a Saturday evening and occasionally catching it in the afternoon on the classic movie channel. I fondly remember the squeaky cart and the tapping elevator. I was thrilled when a production based on the 1967 film opened on Broadway in 2002. Though it is a "heavy dance" show, I knew it would be a great show for the Neewollah stage.

The stage version of **Thoroughly Modern Millie** with music by Jeanine Tesori, lyrics by Dick Scanlan, and a book by Richard Morris and Scanlan, won several Tony Awards, including Best Musical. **Thoroughly Modern Millie** tells the story of a small-town girl, Millie Dillmount, who comes to New York City from Salina, Kansas, to marry for money instead of love a thoroughly modern aim in 1922, when women were just entering the workforce. Millie soon begins to take to delight in the flapper lifestyle, but problems arise when she checks into a hotel owned by the leader of a white slavery ring in China.

Millie's adventure includes a friendship with Miss Dorothy Brown, a gentle aspiring actress who never seems to have spare change; a job at the Sincere Trust Insurance Company where husband candidate Trevor Graydon III is her boss; an involvement with Jimmy Smith, a poor but fun-loving paperclip salesman and Muzzy Van Hossmere, a madcap Manhattan cabaret singer and heiress with a zest for the high life and a glamorous penthouse.

A production like this takes a great deal of effort from many people. A special thanks goes to the hard working people behind the scenes that don't get a "bow". We couldn't do a show without them.

This show provides great music, wonderful dance, memorable characters and great laughs. May you enjoy **Thoroughly Modern Millie** and leave the theatre with a toe-tapping melody in your head. We hope you have an evening that is Thoroughly Fun!





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# **Cast of Characters**

Millie Dillmount	Holly Hammer
Jimmy Smith	John Gray
Mrs. Meers	Lois Lessman
Miss Dorothy Brown	
Trevor Graydon III	Larry Annable
Muzzy Van Hossmere	
Ching Ho	Jeff Shaw
Bun Foo	Dennis Doring
Miss Flannery	Marcy Mitchell
Lucille	Angie Musgrove
Cora	Amy Shrum
Ruth	Pam Passauer
Gloria	Mary Kadel
Alice	Autumn Stroble
Rita	Sherri Allen
Ethel Peas	Amy Bloomfield
George Gershwin	Zach Webb
Rodney	Ben Seel

# Dancers / Tappists

Amy Bloomfield

Lainey Caulfield Amanda Passauer Sarah Coder Lori Shaw

Lauren Emmot

# Ensemble

(Stenographers, Muzzy's Boys, Party Guests, New Yorkers, Speak-Easy Patrons, Office Boys)

Derek Bale Dale Belcher Nancy Belcher Mary Boulanger Marcia Carvalho Emily Derrick Whitley Groth Celia Harris Aaron Hayse Haley Hinthorn

Tim Holloway Jake Jabben Cho MooChung Charlene Paolini Ken Rathjen Jean Ann Routh Ben Seel Monique Shaw John Stafford III Dave White Matt Wilson Richard Wiltse Adam Zhang

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Leslie Coder

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# **Scenes & Musical Numbers**

### Act I

Overture	Orchestra
Scene 1: Manhattan, 1922	
Not for the Life of Me	Millie
Thoroughly Modern Millie	Millie, Moderns
Scene 2: Lobby of the Hotel Prisci	lla, Residence
for Young Ladies	
Not for the Life of Me Tag Ho	otel Priscilla Girls
How the Other Half LivesMill	ie, Miss Dorothy
Scene 3: Laundry Room, Hotel Pris	cilla
Not for the Life of Me (reprise)	Ching Ho,
	Bun Foo
Scene 4: Sincere Trust Insurance Co	ompany
The Speed Test	Graydon, Millie,
Miss Fla	nnery, Ensemble
Scene 5: Twelfth Floor Hallway, Ho	tel Priscilla
They Don't Know	Mrs. Meers
Scene 6: A New York City street	
The Nutty Cracker Suite	Ensemble
Scene 7: A New York City Police St	tation
Scene 8: Jail Cells	
What Do I Need With Love	Jimmy
Scene 9: Twelfth Floor Hallway, Ho	tel Priscilla
Scene 10: Penthouse of Muzzy Var	Hossmere
Only in New York	Muzzy
Scene 11: Terrace of Muzzy's apart	ment
limmy	Millie

### Act II

Entr'acte	Orchestra
Scene 1: Sincere Trust Insurance	Company
Forget About the Boy	Aillie, Miss Flannery,
	Ensemble
Ahl Sweet Mystery of Life / Fallin	ng in Love with
Someone Gray	don, Miss Dorothy
Scene 2: Window Ledge outside	e Millie's office
I Turned the Corner	Jimmy, Millie
Falling in Love (reprise) Millis	e, Jimmy, Graydon,
	Miss Dorothy
Scene 3: Twelfth Floor Hallway,	Hotel Priscilla
MuqinMrs. Meers,	Bun Foo, Ching Ho
Muqin (reprise)	Mrs. Meers
Scene 4: Floor Show at Café So	ciety
Long as I'm Here with You	Muzzy,
٨	Millie, Muzzy's Boys
Scene 5: Muzzy's dressing room	1
Gimme Gimme	Millie
Gimme Gimme (reprise)	Graydon
Scene 6: Dining Room of Café S	ociety
Scene 7: Lobby of Hotel Priscill	la
Scene 8: Laundry Room, Hotel I	Priscilla
The Speed Test (reprise)	Millie, Mr. Graydon,
	Muzzy, Jimmy
Ahl Sweet Mystery (reprise)	Miss Dorothy,
	Ching Ho
FinaleJimmy, Miss	Dorothy, Moderns
Bows	All

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# Starring Roles



Holly Hammer is gracing the stage in the role of Millie. She has had roles in several Neewollah musicals including Camelot, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Lil' Abner and Beauty and the Beast. She currently serves on the Independence Children's Summer Theatre board and was the producer of Aristocats and this summer's production of Willy Wonka. Holly is also a member of the Independence Thespian Society Organization and enjoys spending time with her two children, Annabel and Owen.



John Gray is in his second Neewollah musical, having played Judah, Joseph's brother in last year's Neewollah production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. During his high school and college career, he has participated in many theatre and choir productions, such as: Westside Story (Big Deal), Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (Daniel), King and I (Lun Tha), School House Rock (George), Secret Garden (Dr. Craven), Pippin (Pippin), and summer production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Benjiman). John musically directed two musicals at CCC during this year; The Producers and the children's musical of The Jungle Book. John lives in Independence and works for Four County Mental Health.



Lois Lessman, Director of Public Relations and Marketing at Independence Community College. Lois will be back on the Neewollah stage as Mrs. Meers. Her Neewollah stage career started as a guard in *The King and I* and the maid in *Dracula* in the 70s, played Miss Hannigan in *Annie* in 1984, Betty From Boston in *No, No Nannette* in 1985. Other favorite Neewollah productions include, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown, The Sound of Music, Bye Bye Birdie, Hello Dolly, Auntie Mame, Annie, Beauty and the Beast, and LPI Abner.* Lois has served as a coach and acting tutor for numerous Queen Neelah pageants. In addition, she is active on the stage at Independence Community College and area community theatre. Lois is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church and a member of the German Fest Committee. She has two daughters, Hannah-Jackson, a freshmen at ICC, and Emma Jackson, a senior at IHS.

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# **Feature Roles**



Ronda Siebels will be on the Neewollah stage as Miss Dorothy Brown in this year's Thoroughly Modern Millie. Her past Neewollah appearances have been in Beauty and the Beast, was Daisy Mae in Li'l Abner and Levi's wife in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Ronda directed the Independence Children's Kids production of AristoCats last summer and Willy Wonka this summer. She works at Eisenhower Elementary School. Ronda is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where her husband Tony, is the Youth Director. They are the proud parents of one terrific first grade son Anthony.



Jeff Shaw as Ching Ho has graced Neewollah stage productions in many varied roles since 1997. He has also participated in several Independence Community College 24-Hour Play productions as well as the Inge Festival Choir. Jeff lives in Independence, Kansas, and works as a Signal Maintainer for the Union Pacific Railroad. Shaw is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he is a member of the choir and serves as a Deacon. Jeff has served as President of the Independence Thespian Society Organization (ITSO) since 2003. Jeff and his wife Lori have three grown children, one new son-in-law and one very adorable new grandson.



Dennis Doring as Bun Foo. Dennis works at the USDA Service Center in Altamont, Kansas, for the Natural Resources Conservation Service as a District Conservationist. He has appeared in several other Neewollah productions including roles as Available Jones in Li'l Abner, and Harry Beaton in Brigadoon, as well as a member of the chorus in Annie, Meet Me in St. Louis and Beauty and the Beast. His wife Chris has also been a part of the cast and now serves as the web page master for Neewollah. His daughter Sarah is a veteran of both Neewollah and local children's theatre productions. He and his family are active members of the St. Andrews Church.

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Marcy Mitchell as Miss Flannery is a Montgomery County native and currently lives in Coffeyville. She graduated from Emporia State University and received her masters in Education Leadership from Pittsburg State University. Marcy is teaching kindergarten at Community Elementary School in Coffeyville. She has been involved in several Neewollah stage productions including: Cinderella, Little Shop of Horrors and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.



Larry Annable as Trevor Geydan III is the choral music director at Independence High School where he conducts the award-winning Indy Ensemble, Concert Choir, and Mixed Chorus. He has received several honors including the 2005 Music Teacher of the Year by the Kansas Federated Music Club, and Master Teacher, by INEA. Annable has played several roles in Neewollah musicals including Meet Me in St. Louis, Brigadoon, Damn Yankees, Annie, Beauty and the Beast, Hello Dolly, Li'l Abner and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Other Neewollah committees he has served on include food vendors and stage escorts co-chair. He is co-director of the First Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir. Larry and his wife Sandy have two grown children, and are expecting their first grandchild in January.



Terri Barbera is not a stranger to the Neewollah stage and will be performing as Muzzy Van Hossmere in this year's Thoroughly Modern Millie. She has been in several Neewollah stage productions, such as Hello Dolly, Annie, Brigadoon, Beauty and the Beast and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Terri has also performed at Independence Community College stage productions and participates in the Rothgeb Scholarship Benefit held at the college. She is married to Edgar "Fuzzy" Barbera and they are kept busy performing as a Jazz Combo and also a Blues Band. Terri and Fuzzy reside in Independence.

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Dancers

Front Row: Sarah Coder, Lainey Caulfield Back Row: Lauren Emmot, Lori Shaw, Amanda Passauer, Amy Bloomfield



### Chorus Group 1 Front Row: Celia Hamis, Jean Ann Routh

Nancy Belcher Middle Row: Haley Hinthorn, Charlene Paolini, Mary Boulanger, John Lloyd Stafford III Back Row: David White, Aaron Hayse, Ken Rathjen, Dale Belcher, Tim Holloway

### Chorus Group 2

Front Row: Cho MooChung, Monique Shaw, Emily Derrick, Whitley Groth, Derek Bale Back Row: Richard Wiltse, Ben Seel, Matthew Wilson, Zach Webb, Adam Zhang Not Pictured: Jake Jabben, Marcia Carvalho



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Middle Row: Jan Rogers, Bruce Brooks, Dan Frizane, Bruce Toews, Maria Williams, Daniel McDill, Don Farthing

Back Row: Ron Craver, Dale Williams, Mark Dice, Ty Wohaska, Erin Shelton, Rebecca Timmons

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# **Production Staff**



# Leslie Coder - Co-producer

Leslie has been involved in various capacities with Neewollah musicals since 1980. She has served on the props committees for: The Music Man, Carousel, Oklahoma, No, No Nannette, The Unsinkable Molly Brown, My Fair Lady, Gypsy, Oliverl, Damn Yankees and Cinderella. She has been on the costume committee for: Brigadoon and Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. She has appeared in the chorus for: Gypsy, Guys & Dolls, Bye, Bye Birdle, The Pajama Game, The King & I, The Wizard of Oz, Hello Dollyl, Annie, Brigadoon, Little Shop of Horrors, Meet Me in St. Louis, Neewollah Follies and Beauty and the Beast. Coder was co-producer of Li'l Abner in 2007. Other Neewollah committees include various Queen's committees and the band stand committee. Leslie teaches kindergarten at Eisenhower Elementary. She has taught the past 26 years at levels K-2 and has been involved with I-NEA. Coder is a Vestry member at the Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church and also involved in Chapter FP, PEO. She is currently serving on the Riverside Park Board. She and her husband Mark are the parents of two grown daughters and one granddaughter.



# Drew Demo - Co-producer

Drew has been involved in Neewollah in various areas and in every Neewollah musical since 1997. He served as Generalissimo for the Neewollah Festival in 2007. Drew has been in many chorus numbers and most recently as Potiphar in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. He has also appeared as Government Man in LI'l Abner, and as Pierre in Beauty and the Beast. Drew has appeared in several Independence Community College Productions of the 24 Hour Plays. He and his wife Janet are the parents of 3 grown children.



# Lisa Mitchell Paige - Director

Lisa Mitchell Paige has been involved with every Neewollah musical since 1990. She has starred in, choreographed and directed many of the recent Neewollah productions, including **Beauty and the Beast** and **Li'l Abner**. Paige has served on various committees for Queen Neelah. She has also appeared in and directed productions for the William Inge Festival, ICC Theater and Coffeyville Community Theater. Lisa is the founding member and director for Independence Children's Summer Theatre. She is a 2005 recipient of the Margaret Goheen Award for Involvement in Community Theater. Mitchell holds bachelors and master's degrees in education administration from Emporia State University. She was honored with "Master Teacher" for the Independence School District this past spring. Lisa is a member of First Presbyterian Church and is a kindergarten teacher and instructional coach at Eisenhower Elementary. She is married to Mark Paige and they have a son, Jaxon.



### Lorraine Emmot - Director's Assistant

Lorraine Emmot is stage manager for this year's production. She has been involved in various Neewollah committees, musical and Queen Neelah. Served on the costume committee for the musical The King and I, Wizard of Oz, Hello Dolly, Annie, Brigadoon (chairman), Little Shop of Horrors and Beauty and the Beast (chairman). Queen Neelah committees include, Talent, Brunch and Fashion Show, which she chaired in 2005, 2007 and 2008. Lorraine is a Title 1 Reading teacher for the past 26 years. She is the past president and secretary of INEA and currently serves as Building Representative. Lorraine is a member of Women for Independence and the Zion Lutheran Church. She and her husband Ray have 3 grown children and 6 grandchildren.

# **Play Committees**



Musical Technical Committee

Andrew Demo, Travis Kolb , Sam Williams, Jinger Ferguson (chair)



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Sandy Annable, Margie Swisher (chair)
Not Pictured: Jayme Watkins



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**Musical Sets Committee** 

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Back Row: Mark Paige, Jeff Chubb, Bob Tincher, Joe Tucker (chair), Dave White, Not Pictured: Mark Coder

# **Play Committees**



Musical Props Committee
Jennifer Springer (co-chair), Patti Atherton,
Anne Rasnick (co-chair)



Musical Costumes Committee

Front Row: Tamar Wood, Leseley Simpson, Sandy Rollison, Jennifer Borovetz (co-chair)

Back Row: Anita Howe, Sarah Coder, Dorcas Stafford, Aleen Swart (chair)

Not Pictured: Lori Shaw



Musical Makeup Committee
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Amy Easley (Co-Chair), Tabitha Easley



Musical Hair Committee
Front Row: Stephanie Davenport (ICC Cosmetology),
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Back Row: Nancy Nash, Jordan Rinck, Amanda Smith, Brianna Ewing,
Martha Davenport (All ICC Cosmetology)
Not Pictured: Shell Horn

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# Neewollah Logo Winner



Logo Winner Leon Stout

The Neewollah Logo Committee is excited to announce that this year's winner of the 2009 Neewollah Logo Contest is Leon Stout, of Neodesha, Kansas. Stout's original design features the theme, "Neewollah 2009: Thoroughly Fun!" Stout's stylish use of modern fonts combined with the traditional Neewollah colors sets the stage for the largest annual celebration in the state of Kansas. The art will be prominently displayed on advertisements, banners, t-shirts, programs and official Neewollah merchandise. As the winner of the 2009 Neewollah Logo contest, Leon will receive a \$100.00 cash prize.

A long-time resident of Neodesha, Stout and his wife, Patti, enjoy attending the Neewollah celebration each year and particularly enjoy the local talent that is featured on the bandstand. Leon and his wife, Patti, have four grown children and four grandchildren.

A graduate of Erie High School, he attended Parsons Junior College, now Labette Community College, and Pittsburg State University. "Drawing has been a life-long hobby," commented Stout. "This was the first time that I have entered one of my designs in a contest. I was extremely flattered and honored to have my logo design chosen."

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



# Logo Contest Committee

Front Row: Debbie Tincher,
Holly Hammer, Drew Demo,
Lynda Troutman (co-chair), Celia Harris
Middle Row: Janet Demo,
Jayme Watkins, Ronda Siebels,
Sandy Annable, Amanda Passauer,
Mary Kadel, Lori Shaw (chair),
Pam Passauer
Back Row: Joel Darbro, Jeff Shaw,

Back Row: Joel Darbro, Jeff Shaw. Larry Annable, Bob Tincher Not Pictured: Cody Rodriquez

# Neewollah Medallion Hunt

The 2009 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 24 at 1 p.m.

The Medallion is hidden somewhere within the city limits of Independence on public property and clues are issued each day regarding the location of the medallion. The prize offered this year to the finder of the medallion will be \$500. If the winner is not wearing this year's Neewollah button the prize will be reduced to \$250. A new clue will be released at 3:00 p.m. each day at Neewollah Headquarters located at 223 North Penn, in the Independence Daily Reporter and on the Neewollah website, www.neewollah.com.



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# 21st Neewollah Fun Run



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Saturday, October 24
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Registration 7-8:30 a.m.
5K & 10K 9 a.m.
1M Fun Run/Walk
Registration 10:15 a.m · Race 10:45 a.m.

This year's 21st annual 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk will remain within Riverside Park while the 5K & 10K courses will leave the park area briefly. Awards for team competition as well as individual competition will be presented at 12:30 p.m. at the North end of the Oval on the bandstand.

# Chili Cook-Off

Neewollah Thoroughly Gut-Busting, Chili Cook-Off and Dessert Contest Saturday, October 24

Thoroughly Fun Activities begin at 11 a.m. in the Riverside Park Oval and last until 2 p.m. There is fun for the whole family; inflatables, clowns, corn on the cob eating contest, raffles for free carnival tickets and more. Come taste the local chili, made from scratch the day of the contest. In its 2nd year is a dessert contest, sampling is a must, anyone can enter, just make sure your dessert has chocolate in it. Prize money this year totals over \$1000.00.



Chili Cook-off Committee

Front Row: Jayne Estes, Angie Carr, Terry Hogan, Amber Gregory, Nellie Mendoza, Mary Swearingen, Carey Chism, Stacie Clarkson Back Row: Jim Hogan, Kim Pinkerton, Anne Bertie, Patsy Boulanger, Sandi Johnson, Zeody Schnurbusch, Heather Bryant Not Pictured: Joanne Cox, Sharon Marquez, Pam Watkins, Valerie Smith, Candi Lewis, Corey Parker, Judy Holroyd

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Queen Neelah LXVII
Brooke Rollison

# 2008 Queen and Her Court



### Miss Originality - Courtney Chambers Miss Beauty - Coral Pinon Miss Spirit - Krysten Ramey Miss Photogenic - Kirsten Steinle

### Pictured Left to Right:

1st Runner Up - Kelsie Meier Queen Neelah LXVII - Brooke Rollison 2nd Runner Up - Marylynn Craig Miss Talent - Kirsten Miller Miss Poise - Jessica Gillespie Miss Personality - Sarah Hagebusch Miss Fashion - Kelsey Mayes Miss Interview - Asia Hogan

# Judging Queen Neelah LXVIII

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 25. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 26. 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 27, a brunch is held where the candidates have a final opportunity to meet with the judges in an informal setting prior to the coronation. Over the course of time spent with the candidates, the judges 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 LXVIII

Total	100
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Fashion	
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Originality	 10
Personality	 15
Talent	 20
Interview	 20
Poise	

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# 2009 Coronation Program



Opening Presentation of Queen Candidates
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Dixie R. Allen Big Ed's Steakhouse Vocal Solo



Nicole Amos Durham School Services Clarinet Solo



Morgan Baxter Warner Ag Air Baton Twirling







Jessica Bruington Relaxing Sensations/ Sayers Hardware Skit



Tiffany Comstock Chicken House Hip-Hop Dance



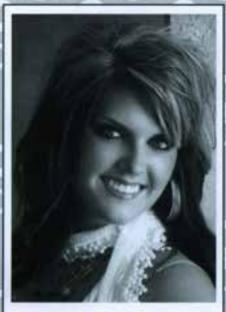
Bayley Kay Conner O'Malley Equipment Company, Inc.



Christina Evans Wranglers Salon Trumpet Solo



Page Fink Fink's Body Shop Dance



Taylor Ann Giger Jim Gill Agency Hip Hop Dance







Nancy Guan Great China Piano Solo



Kelsi Hestand Hurricane Bays/ Eli & Wendy Bays Vocal Solo with Guitar



Desiree' Jabben First Neodesha Bank Jazz Dance



Tequila Jones Walgreens Drug Store



Grace Kyle Medicine Shoppe Vocal Solo



Bailey Elizabeth Lewman
Bill White Real Estate
Vocal Solo







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Hip-Hop Dance



Vanessa Lowdon Kesler Photography Skit



Haley Jo Marchant Creative Concepts Tap Dance



Danielle Paige Medlock Cessna Aircraft Company Poms/Hip Hop Dance



Brittany Meyer Independence Daily Reporter Dance



Stephanie Miller Dr. Easter Vocal Solo







Aubrey Jean Near Sharper Images Vocal Solo



Meghan O'Shields
The Portrait Boutique
Dance



Lauren Ann Peyton Dr. Cynthia Sherwood, DDS Humorous Vocal



Kaitlyn Porter Sound Ideas! Humorous Skit



Melanie M. Quinones Tropical Tan Dance





Kaitlin Quinton Good News Violin Solo



Natasha Sack Woods Lumber Spoonerism Skit



Talor Smith Midwest Real Estate Skit - Bumpersticker



Candice Tarkington Xtreme Bike & Sport Comical Skit



Shelby Therrien Heymann Iron & Metal/ Stoney B's Humorous Skit







Heidi Tucker Tucker's Automotive Machine Piano Solo



Lauren Paige Whitson Studio 4 Humorous Dance



Lakan Ysusi Best Beverage Sales, Inc. Humorous Skit



### Steve Robinson -

Steve Robinson works for IBM. His current position supports a major US Corporation as the Global Project Executive. He manages an organization of @ 800 individuals in Europe, India and Manila in his cross tower role for IBM. Steve completed his MBA with a concentration in Accounting, and is also a Certified Public Accountant, as well as a Certified Purchasing Manager. Steve is married to Pam and is the father of two lovely daughters who have competed in the Miss Oklahoma pageant system and is commonly referred to as "pageant dad". Steve and Pam make their home in Claremore, Oklahoma, where he is a member and deacon at First Baptist Church. He has served on Rogers County Planning Commission and also coordinated Tulsa's International Science and Engineering Fair. He has led corporate initiatives for United Way and Big Brothers and Sisters.



# Heidi Spradlin-Milligan -

Heidi has been associated with the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Program for several years. She sat on the board that established the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen program in 2001 and is proud to have been the Director of four Top 10 finalists in the Miss America's Outstanding Teen Program in as many years. She has judged numerous pageants at the local and state level. Heidi is a graduate of OU with bachelors in Communication. She is a Realtor and is currently involved in launching a new Health & Wellness company, Enlyten. She is married to Alan Milligan and they reside in Tulsa with their 15 year old daughter, Ashton, and their two labs Tootsie and Bullseye. Her favorite pastimes are bargain shopping and cheering on the Sooners!!



### Chad Choat -

Chad Choat lives with his wife and two daughters in Claremore, Oklahoma. Chad attended College at Oklahoma State University, graduating with a degree in education. After teaching high school for one year Chad joined the family business 14 years ago. Chad and his mom own and operate Community Home Health, Inc. with three locations in Eastern Oklahoma. Chad also is very active in local politics where he served as the deputy mayor for eight years in Claremore. He has been involved with the Miss Oklahoma Organization serving as a certified judge in the state. Chad and his family attend First Baptist Church in Claremore, Oklahoma, where they teach the young 20's class.

# 2009 Coronation Entertainers

### Neelah Debs

Front Row: Kaedy Turner, Taryn Prather, Emily Jabben, Sarah Doring Back Row: Macy Blankenship, Elizabeth Allen, Lexi Dent, Nikki Yakshaw



### Stage Escorts

Front Row: Mason Posch, Matt Wallis, Austin Schroeder Middle Row: John Lloyd Stafford III Back Row: Aaron Hayse, Jonny Dierks, Kyler King, Anthony Davis



### John Hamlin - Coronation Music

Neewollah is privileged to welcome back John Hamlin to perform as background artist for this years' Queen's Coronation. John's wide range of playing styles and compositions include Blues/Alternative Bluegrass and Classical/Spanish and Jazz. Today John performs, arranges, publishes, distributes and markets his music full time through out the world, including time spent entertaining in his home State of Kansas. John lives here in his hometown of Independence with his wife and son. Currently John serves on the Music Faculty at Independence Community College teaching Classical and Spanish guitar since August 2000. In 2007, John became a new member of the Kansas Arts Commission and The Tulsa Guitar Society. John also operates his own guitar studio and has studied under the direction of Maestro David Smart and Mentor Edgar Cruz, also having the pleasure to study with Maestro Hector Garcia and Mike Millard where John acquired his Classical Guitar skills at Oklahoma City University.



### David Torbett - Talent Emcee

David Torbett is a native of Pittsburg, Kansas, and received his BA, BS, and MS from Pittsburg State University. He taught at Independence High School for 39 years.

David has been involved in many facets of Neewollah over the years. He was Generalissimo in 1992 and served as Chairman of the Neewollah Board from 1993-1995. He was Producer of several Neewollah Productions: 1973 Hello Dolly!, 1975 The King & I, 1984 Annie, 2004 Meet Me in St. Louis. He has served as program chair four times, co-chaired the Queen's Committee two times, co-chaired the Queen's Coronation Committee four times. David has also been Grand Marshal of The Grand Parade, and his favorite, many time announcer of the Doo Dah Parade with Judy Carroll for Cable One.

David is President of the USD 446 Education Foundation, a member of Pittsburg State University Alumni Association Board of Directors, was task force chairman of renovation of Independence Memorial Hall, was task

force chairman for the design and construction of Riverside Park Family Aquatic Center, a former member of Independence Recreation Commission (eight year chairperson), Independence Chamber of Commerce, and Dry Holes Investment Club--two time president.

David and his wife Rachel reside in Independence and have a daughter Amanda who is a teacher at Derby High School. He is also a member of the First United Methodist Church.



# Toby Cook - Coronation Emcee

Toby Cook, a native of Independence, is a veteran broadcaster who now serves as vice president of community affairs and publicity for his boyhood-favorite Kansas City Royals. He is the son of Dolly King and the late Thurman Cook, a former principal in the Independence School District. Toby graduated from Independence High School in 1986, Independence Community College in 1988, and Pittsburg State University in 1990 with a degree in communications.

Toby is no stranger to Neewollah or the Memorial Hall stage. In 1980, just as the Royals were playing in their first World Series, he portrayed Winthrop Paroo in the production of "The Music Man" and forever lost any stage fright. By the time the Royals won their only World Series title in 1985, he had appeared in more than a dozen Neewollah, high school, and community college productions -- acting, singing and pretending to tap dance once. He got his broadcast start as a 16-year old at KIND Radio and wrote for the Independence Daily Reporter throughout college.

In 1992, Toby helped start the area's first morning show on KOAM-TV in Pittsburg and hosted number-one morning shows in Lynchburg, Virginia, and at WDAF-TV in Kansas City. Inspired to go into broadcasting from a desire to be a play-by-play announcer for the Royals since age 9, Toby's career came full circle in 2006 when he joined the Royals front office and now oversees the team's community, charitable and publicity efforts. He and his wife, Barbara, have four children: Adam, 11, Molly, 10, Annabelle, 7, and Andrew, 19 months. He's happy to return to participate in the Queen Neelah pageant after serving as an escort his senior year at IHS, pageant emcee in 1993, and Queen Neelah Talent Night emcee in 2001.



Queen's Directors Lori Wesselowski (chair), Stacey Yakshaw (chair)



Queen's Publicity & Queen's Candidates April Nutt - Queen's Publicity chair, Rita Taylor (co-chair), Sabrina Overfield (co-chair)



Stage Escorts Committee Dana & Doug Froebe



Neelah Debs Choreographer Rene Hines



Neelah Debs Committee Pili Barker (co-chair), Stacy Near (co-chair)



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Interview Committee Robin Browning (co-chair), Jodi Mason (chair), Lacy King (co-chair)



Runway Committee Marsha Pasternak (co-chair), Lori Kelley (co-chair)



Data Workshop Emmi Knight, Jamie Savage, Laura McClure (chair)



Queen's Hand Props Zoedy Schnurbusch (co-chair), Sandi Johnson (chair)

Queen's Fashion/Summer Workshop Lea Shepard, Nikki McClain (co-chair), Tresa Fahler (co-chair), Heather Bryant Not Pictured: Diana Schroeder



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Queen's Pop Party Committee Lisa Hugo (co-chair), Kathy Clapp (co-chair), Gina Linn Not Pictured: Whitney Callan



Queen's Commerative Scrapbook Committee Leseley Simpson (co-chair), Jackie Chandler (co-chair)



Queen's Transportation Committee Melody Moore (co-chair), Melinda Miller Not Pictured: Joyce Porter (co-chair), Darin Porter, Robert Miller



Queen's Tea Committee
Amy Reichenberger (co-chair), Jennifer Day, Anne Gordon (co-chair),
Stacie Clarkson
Not Pictured: Paula Schabel



Queen's Window Committee Kara Gabaric (co-chair), Mary Sasse, Kelli Eidson-Ebert (chair), Crystal Leyda, Tawna Houghland Not Pictured: Ellie Testerman, Marty Eidson

# Queen's Walk-in Committee Photo Not Available Toni Jabben (chair), Shelley Schultz

# Queen's Button Committee Photo Not Available Paula Marchant (chair), Marci Hennen (co-chair)

# Queen's Committees





Queen's Brunch Committee Gina Botts (co-chair), Angela Schabel, Gina McLenon, Lori Schabel (co-chair)

Queen's Judges Committee Jannette Luthi (chair), Terry Hogan, Tillany Barber, Tina Shaw





Queen's Talent Committee

Front Row: Jennifer Borovetz, Amy Bloomfield, Sonja Conley (co-chair), Nellie Mendoza, Jenni Boesker Back Row: Erin Conners, Karen Turner, Emily Brumley, Kelly Cox (co-chair), Amy Shrum

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# Queen's Committees/Candidates' Schedule

### Queen's Coronation Ball Committee

DeeDee O'Malley (co-chair), Kathy Woods (co-chair), Anne Bertie, Sandi Johnson, Zoedy Schnurbusch, Hillary Sutherland





### Queen's Coronation Committee

Front Row: Angela Groff, Amanda Bryant, Kylie Carlyle, Nichole Smith, Jodi Schultz, Donna Janasek (co-chair)

Back Row: Michelle Kleeman, April Whitson, Marsha Royer, Susan Rogers, Ami Newkirk, Tiffany Flatt, Tabatha Snodgrass (chair), Angela Renfro,
Kim Goodman Not Pictured: Kay Hamlin, Jaci Hafner Bass, Jeana Cole

# Queen Candidates' Schedule

Summer WorkshopJune 16	Queen's BrunchOctober 27
Scrapbooks and pictures due	Coronation rehersalOctober 27
Talent practicesSunday afternoons starting Sept. 13	Coronation
Information Sheet workshopOctober 11	Queen's Ball
Pop Party October 4	Walk in the Doo Dah ParadeOctober 29
Judge's TeaOctober 25	Ride in the Kiddie Parade October 30
InterviewsOctober 26	Pre-Parade BreakfastOctober 31
Talent presentation October 26	Ride in the Grand ParadeOctober 31

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	Heckman & Associates, PA/Blockbuster Vide
Miss Beauty	Barta Animal Hospital/Blockbuster Vide
Miss Interview	
Miss Photogenic	
	Messenger's Furniture/Blockbuster Vide
Miss Congeniality	
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	Big Cheese Pizz
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	Bayberry
	Twig's Floral & Gif
	Bette and Phil's Hallmark Sho
	Brother's Railroad In

## Queen Neelah Trophies & Gifts

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	Queen Neelah's Gifts (Continued)
Picture Frame & Bracelet	Sayer's Hardware
Hair Flat Iron	The Cut Above/Gen Ratzlaff
250 Tanning Minutes	Tropical Tan
	Laura Heape/Tropical Tan
3 Month Membership	Creating Women's Fitness
	Monya Lukens/Tans by Electric Beach
Eye Exam	Dr. Sandra Easter
Graduation Cake	Laurel Street Bakery
	First Runner Up Gifts
	Schabel's TV, First Federal Savings & Loan, H & R Block, Dr. Stewart Crow, Scrubworks
	Sandbagger Golf & Turf
	Wal-Mart
Purse	Twig's Floral & Gifts
1 Month Membership	Creating Women's Fitness
\$20 Gift Card	Walgreens
	Health for Life by Mercy
	Sayer's Hardware
	Classic Portraits
Up-do Hairstyle	Kelly Cox/Tans by Electric Beach
Manicure & Pedicure	Kelly Cox/Tans by Electric Beach
Gift Basket	Magnolia Home ⊗ Health
100 Tanning Minutes	Tropical Tan
Eyebrow Wax	Laura Heape/Tropical Tan
Eye Exam	Dr. Sandra Easter
Graduation Cake	Laurel Street Bakery
	Second Runner Up Gifts
Flat Screen Television	Schabel's TV, Mike Moore Electric, SEK Paralegal Services/JoAnne Wilkin
	Bradford Place, Derek & Jenniler Schmidt
	Daylight Donuts
	Family Podiatry
Independence Hoodie	Jock's Nitch
	Creating Women's Fitness
	Walgreens
Hair Care Gilt Basket	Creative Concepts/Becky Miessler
	Tropical Tan
	Laura Heape/Tropical Tan
	Dr. Sandra Easter
	Tans by Electric Beach
Graduation Cake	Laurel Street Bakery
	All Candidates Gifts
Monogrammed Cosmetic Gift Bags	Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles, Westar Energy, Appletree Inn
	Regal Estates, The Car Shop, Derailed Commodity, Gemini Medical Group/Dr. James Hignight
	Independence Community College
	Sonic Drive-In
	McDonald's
	K-Wash
	Independence Cinema
	Pizza Hut
	Tropical Tan
	Subway Wal-Mart
	Booth Hotel
Picture Frames	First American Title Company, Tucker L/P Gas Company
	Independence Chiropractic/Dr. Steve Chapman, Lee's Cooling & Heating, The Gansel House
Wir	adsor Place, SEK Surgical Specialists, Dairy Queen, Potts Chapel, William Kelly/Attorney at Law

## Carnival

The carnival will be open in the evenings thru Friday and most of the day on Saturday of Neewollah week. This year the wristbands will be available each day for a price of \$20. This year's carnival will be located on West Myrtle and North 8th streets. Ottaway Carnivals has long provided Neewollah goers with lots of clean, safe fun.





Carnival Committee
Karen Turner (co-chair), Gina Botts (co-chair)

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Information Booth Committee Gina Botts (co-chair), Debbie Tincher (co-chair)

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## **Bandstand Schedule**

#### Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2009

6:00 - TBA

6:30 - TBA

7:45 - Christ Church Praise & Worship (Neodesha, KS)

9:15 - Only Human (Neodesha, KS)

#### Thursday, Oct 29, 2009

6:30 - Class LTD. (Choir, Parsons, KS)

7:30 - Kyndon Oaks (Country, Pueblo, CO)

8:45 — Joel Simwinga ♥ The Orphans (Indie, Independence, KS)

9:45 - News Team Bear Fight (Indie, Independence, KS)

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

#### Friday, Oct 30, 2009

5:00 - SLM (Country & Blues, Independence, KS)

6:00 - Indy Bulldog Drum Line

6:30 — Piper Leigh w/ Mark Bowling (Folk & Country Roots w/ Blues, Arkansas City, KS)

7:30 - John Hamlin (Acoustic Blues & Swamp, Independence, KS)

8:15 - Edgar Cruz (Spanish, Classical & Pop, Oklahoma City, OK)

9:30 - Gigsters (Rhythm & Blues, Bartlesville, OK)

### Saturday, Oct 31, 2009

1:00 - Buddy Ray Band (Blues, Fredonia, KS)

2:15 - Colton & Zara (Acoustic Indie, Cherryvale, KS)

3:15 - Michelle Knopick (Country, Independence, KS)

3:30 - Old School (Rock & Roll, Neodesha, KS)

5:00 – Ty Hager 102.9 Morning DJ (Comedy, Bartlesville, OK)

6:30 - Rick Cook & Seminole (Country, Oswego, KS)

Times and performances are subject to change.



### Street Acts Committee

Front Row: Donnie Fuqua, Erin Conners (co-chair), Shawn Wallis Back Row: Carol Knisley, Kirk Steinle, Tom Posch, John Hamlin (chair)





#### Food Vendors

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

## Food Vendors

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

## The Great Pumpkin Contest

Wednesday, October 28
Bandstand · Downtown Independence
Drop off pumpkins 5 to 5:45 p.m.
Judging at 6 p.m.
Winners announced at 7 p.m.

The Great Pumpkin Contest is one of the many traditions of the downtown activities on Wednesday evening, October 28th. Any child, preschool age through fifth grade, may submit an entry. The decorated pumpkins are judged in different age groups, with prizes being awarded to each group. The judging of the pumpkins is based upon creativity and imagination, so each child is urged to create a unique and novel jack-o-lantern.



Great Pumpkin Committee
Becky Hutchinson, Scott Sims, Christy Mavers (chair)



Arts & Crafts Committee
Shannon Moses, Sharla Mangan (chair), Suzie Whitson
(co-chair), Kim Johnson (co-chair)

## Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, October 31 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 100 Block East Myrtle

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

## Doo Dah Parade

# "Thoroughly Bonkers" Thursday, October 29 · 6 p.m.

The Doo Dah Parade is the adult only event of Neewollah. This parade offers the chance for those who are too old to participate in the Kiddie Parade to go "Thoroughly Bonkers". The Mardi Gras type parade down Penn Avenue will start in front of Memorial Hall and has no particular organization. Opportunities abound for lawn chair, bedpan, and bicycle drill teams. Groups can demonstrate their precision drills skills. An abundance of giant flamingos, sailboards and bearded beauties is also likely.

## King & Queen Doo Dah - Grant & Cyndy Sherwood

Grant's first Neewollah experience was at the age of 15 as a dancer in the musical Carnival and it was also his last role in front of the curtain for a musical. He has worked behind stage on many musicals including stage manager. He's chaired the Grand Parade, served on the Neewollah Board and was Generalissimo in 2001. Cyndy's role in Neewollah has included serving on many committees for the musicals and queens including serving as co-chair for Queens and co-producing The Wizard of Oz. Her most distinctive honor has been wardrobe mistress for several members of the Neewollah Board's participants in each year's Doo Dah Parade. Grant and Cyndy are the parents of three daughters, Ashley, Laurel and Hilliary and have two grandsons, Grant and Burks.



King & Queen Doo Dah Grant & Cyndy Sherwood



Doo Dah Parade Committee

Marty Reichenberger (chair), Melissa Small (co-chair),

Brent Julian (co-chair)



Kiddie Parade Committee Brad Carroll, Debbie Toomey, Rick Boyer (chair) Not Pictured: Cherie Stockton

## Kiddie Parade

Friday, October 30

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

## **Neewollah Grand Parade**

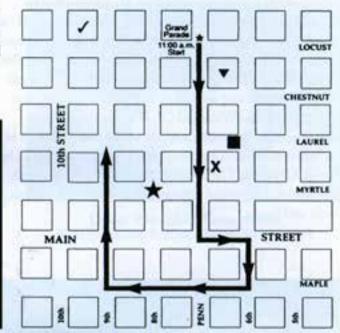
# Saturday, October 31

The parade goers will all wait in anticipation of the Big Boom! that lets everyone know the Neewollah 2009 Grand Parade is about to begin. All eyes, young and old, will be scanning the busy street before them trying to take it all in.

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



## Parade Route



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#### Grand Parade Committee

Jeff Gettler (co-chair), Joe Hernandez Doug Froebe

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## Grand Parade Marshal – Judy Caroll

Judy Carroll is honored to serve as this year's Grand Parade Marshal. Raised in southeast Kansas, some of Judy's first Neewollah experiences include trips to the Neewollah Grand Parade. Judy and her husband, Dan, moved to Independence in 1970 and continue the annual tradition of watching the parade each year with their children and extended family. Judy's favorite parades are the ones in which her kids participated, either dressed as a crayon in a Crayola box, or on a float as a Neela Deb, Queen's candidate or escort.

Over the years, Judy's involvement has expanded to cover nearly all areas of Neewollah, from working the information booth to serving 8 years on the Neewollah Board of Directors to co-producing The Pajama Game and Meet Me in St. Louis. She was a chorus member in the musicals Cinderella, The King and I. Bye, Bye, Birdie, and the Neewollah Follies, and a member of the President's Cabinet in Annie.



Grand Parade Marshal Judy Carroll

Judy is a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church and the William Inge Theatre Festival Foundation Board. She is a former member of the Leadership Independence Board, First Leadership Board and the Kansas Humanities Council Board. Judy is a legal assistant to Tim Emert of Scovel, Emert, Heasty, Chubb and Gettler.

Judy and Dan are the parents of Kathy (who is married to this year's Generalissimo, Sean Clapp); Barbara of Warrensburg, Missouri; Greg and daughter-in-law, Katie, of Bettendorf, Iowa; and Joe, of Independence. They have five grandchildren, Alexis, Elizabeth, Owen, Maddie, and Emily.



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## Marching Band Competition

Saturday, October 31 1:30 p.m. Shulthis Stadium — Kayo Emmot Field

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

The competition was started in 1978 by band director, Don Farthing, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters. Since the event was first begun, the festival has quadrupled in size. Many of the bands march in the Grand Parade so they will be eligible to participate in the Marching Band Competition.

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

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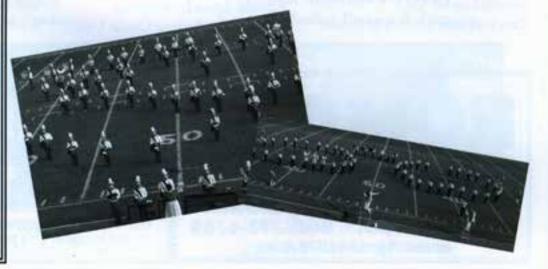
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## Marching Band Competition Committee

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# An Evening With... Smash Mouth Saturday, October 31 8 p.m. Memorial Hall

Sean Clapp, Neewollah Generalissimo 2009, is pleased to announce the band Smash Mouth as the Neewollah headliner at the Saturday night October 31 show. The show will be back at Memorial Hall.

Smash Mouth has been together as a band for 12 years. The three co-founding members, Steve Harwell, Greg Camp and Paul DeLisle, are joined by Michael Klooster and Mark Cervantes and are as tight today as they were the day they first jammed together in their hometown of San Jose.

Collectively the band has sold more than 10 million albums worldwide. Along with their number one hits — Walkin' on the Sun and All Star — they have consistently impacted radio with other recognizable hits like Then the Morning Comes, Can't Get Enough Of You Baby, and the cover of the Monkees classic I'm a Believer, which was prominently featured on the Shrek soundtrack (#4, Billboard Adult Top 40).

A quick listen to their music and you realize the multi-platinum Smash Mouth is a 60's influenced garage band with a keen pop sensibility that maintains a timeless quality...a style they have created and that is all their own.

Having long since established itself as the ultimate true-to-life California party-band, the vibe surrounding Smash Mouth is indeed about having fun.

The band has grown over the years and has reached a level of maturity. Fans will no doubt have a chance to share the good times with the band as they share their latest album Summer Girl.

"You can't miss the live show," states DeLisle, who later declares, "The live show completes the entire package. Recordings are only one part of the whole. This band must be seen to be believed. It's we're coming to your town it's a party you won't want to miss. It's unique, it's ours, we created it and there's no one else like us."

# SMASHMOUTH



#### Professional Show Committee

Front Row: Carol Knisley, Erin Connors, Bev Chubb, Matt Wallis, Mary Jo Wallis, Shawn Wallis

Back Row: Donnie Fuqua, Debi Calonder, Jeff Chubb (co-chair), John Hamlin (chair), Josh Farrell, Ed Lewis, Sandy Lewis

Not Pictured: Tyler Sprague

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

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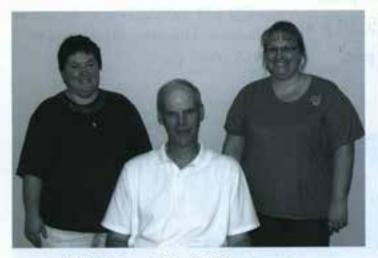
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Independence Civic Center October 3, 2009 8 to 11 a.m.

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October 12 — October 30 · M-F 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Saturdays during this time 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Opening Day for Neewollah ticket sales was 8 a.m. on October 3, 2009, at the Civic Center. Headquarters located at 223 N. Penn opens Monday, October 5. A staff of 45 volunteers will man Neewollah Headquarters from 8:30 am. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday the first week and will then change to 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone orders are accepted by calling 1-877-NEE-WOLLAH (1-877-633-9655). Your order can be charged to Discover, Mastercard or VISA credit cards.

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Sixth Row: Kathy Novelli, Tisha Ysusi, Chantel Lewman, Carolyn Torrance, Angi Cessna Seventh Row: Mary Bailey.

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Past	Generalissimos	Past Queens	Past (	Generalissimos	Past Queens
1919	Thurman Hill		1975	Paul Viets	Janet Washburn
1920	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1976	Bill Mason	Stephanie Cook
1921	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1977	Kathryn Bruening	Susan Scovel
1922	John Baden	Orphelia Pruitt	1978	Roger Leeseberg	Staci Pollock
1923	John Baden	Florence Smith	1979	Stewart Crow	Lisa Swearingen
1924		Helen Jones	1980	Jerry Webb	Beth Maxwell
1925		Lola McDaniel	1981	Don Dancer	Yvette Carvalho
1926	O.E. McAnulty	Catherine Cates	1982	Karen Reeder	Jill Singleton
1927	O.E. McAnulty	Babs Carroll	1983	Lowell Baker	Gail Moore
1928	O.E. McAnulty	Alice May Austin	1984	Stewart Crow	Tammy Pasternak
1929	O.E. McAnulty	Elizabeth Cowman	1985	Pat Springer	Jeannine Bailey
1930	O.E. McAnulty	Bea St. Helens	1986	Jack Ashcraft	Missy Housel
No Ne	ewollah 1931-1934 due t	to the Great Depression	1987	Tim Emert	Shelly Nelson
1935		Louise Ransdall	1988	Virginia Kelly	Kaki Borklund
No No	ewollah 1936-1947 d	ue to World War II	1989	Steve DeFever	Kara Woods
1948	Bill Wagner	Dorothy Heckman	1990	Paul Oakleaf	Julie Lair
1949	Emmett Wilson	JoAnn Jacobs	1991	Lorne Schlatter	Keri Kruse
No Nee	wollah 1950-1957 due to	lack of financial support	1992	David Torbett	April Hill
1958	Jim Halsey	Neola Hamsher	1993	Steve Wilkin	Laura Henrichs
1959	Bob Wohltman	Sylvia McCalla	1994	Mike Flood	Kelly Springer
1960	Jerry Webb	Norma Day	1995	Larry Pendleton	Tara Kemp
1961	Don Dancer	Phyllis Cinnoto	1996	Ray Rothgeb	Christy VanFossen
1962	Bill Woods	Kristin Utz	1997	Gregg Webster	Kelly O'Malley
1963	Duane Doll	Betsy Gibson	1998	Beth Chaney	Andrea Bailey
1964	Bill Woods	Karen Schaub	1999	Butch Holum	Jordan Paugh
1965	Jim Halsey	Gay Barnard	2000	Vanessa Dennis	Uma Patel
1966	Fred Wilkin	Rosemary Sicks	2001	Grant Sherwood	Tara Olson
1967	E.C. Simmons	Pat Yerkes	2002	Val DeFever	Ramie Browning
1968	Wayne Reed	Diane Talley	2003	Jeff Chubb	Audrey Gross
1969	G. Burks Sherwood	Terri Boorigie	2004	Don Farthing	Aubrey Heckman
1970	Bob Schneider	Nancy Reid	2005	Ann Crow	Lisa Erbe
1971	Bill Cook	Diane David	2006	Lea Shepard	Kelly Whitson
1972	Jerry Webb	Ruth Pittman	2007	Drew Demo	Morgan Fox
1973	Richard Shaver	Laurie Dilorio	2008	Marty Reichenberger	Brooke Rollison
1974	Stan Lewis	Belinda Boys			

Year	Musical	Director	Producer
1958	Picnic	Margaret Goheen	Fed Cinotto
1961	Annie Get Your Gun	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1962	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1963	Guys & Dolls	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1964	My Fair Lady	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1965	Auntie Mame	Tim Emert	Bill Wood
1966	The Sound of Music	Georgia High	Paul Bish
1967	Lil' Abner	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1968	South Pacific	Barbara Harvey	Georgia High
1969	Oliver!	Georgia High	Fred T. Wilkins
1970	Carnival!	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1971	October Happening	Phil & Juanita Atkisson	Paul Bish
19 72	Fiddler on the Roof	Kenneth Burchinal	Paul Bish
1973	Hello Dolly!	Georgia High	David Torbett
1974	no local production	Georgia riigii	David Toroett
1975	The King ⊗ I	Georgia High	Paul Bish & David Torbett
1976		Georgia rugn	Faul Dish & David Torbett
	Touring company production of Bus Stop	Casada Utak	Doub Birk 62 Laws Works
1977	Anything Goes	Georgia High	Paul Bish & Jerry Webb
1978	Rodgers & Hart: A Musical Celebration	Keith Confer & Georgia High	Stewart Crow
1979	Dracula!	Gary Mitchell	45XY45XX5XXP475XXXX
1980	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Kathyrn Bruening
1981	Carousel	Ray Rothgeb	Burks Sherwood & Georgia High
1982	Oklahoma!	Georgia High & Keith Confer	Tim Emert
1983	Camelot	Keith Confer	Georgia High
1984	Annie	Terry Jordan	David & Rachel Torbett
1985	No, No Nannette	Georgia High	Tim Emert
1986	The Unsinkable Molly Brown	Keith Confer	Steve Barnett & Cyndy Sherwood
1987	The Sound of Music	Georgia High	Larry Pendleton
1988	My Fair Lady	Sue Woods	Steve DeFever
1989	Mame	Ray Rothgeb	Steve Wilkins
1990	Gypsy	Kenneth Burchinal	Val DeFever
1991	Oliver!	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow & Steve Wilkins
1992	Damn Yankees	Keith Confer	Larry & Glenna Pendleton
1993	Guys & Dolls	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow
1994	Bye, Bye Birdie	Jill Warford	Cyndee Bishop ⊗ Judy Holyrod
1995	The Pajama Game	Keith Confer	Tim Emert & Judy Carroll
1996	The King ⊗ I	Lisa Mitchell	Steve Wilkin
1997	The Wizard of Oz	Lisa Mitchell	Vanessa Dennis & Cyndy Sherwood
1998	Peter Pan	Jill Warford	Sandy Dodson
1999	Cinderella	Debbie Tincher	Stewart Crow & Steve DeFever
2000	Hello Dolly!	Sue Woods	Stewart & Ann Crow
2001	Annie	Lisa Mitchell	Beth Chaney & Vanessa Dennis
2002	Brigadoon	Lisa Mitchell	Lea Shepard
2003	Little Shop of Horrors	Mark Frank	Vanessa Dennis ⊌ Steve Wilkins
2004	Meet Me in St. Louis	Keith Confer	Tim Emert, Judy Carroll & David Torbet
2005	Neewollah Follies	Debbie Tincher	Steve Wilkins
2006	Beauty and the Beast	Lisa Mitchell	Don Farthing
2007	Li'l Abner	Lisa Mitchell	Leslie Coder & Sandy Annable
	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Ray Rothgeb	Bob & Debbie Tincher
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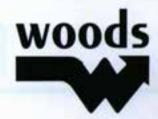


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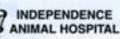


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## Neewollah 2010 Information

Thoroughly Fun Neewollah 2009 has been a pleasurable experience for all of the Neewollah 2009 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition and preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2010 festival are October 22 thru the 30. To obtain information for Neewollah 2010, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:



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## October 23, Friday

Thoroughly Modern Millie at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

## October 24, Saturday

Neewollah Fun Run

Registration begins at 7 a.m.
Riverside Park Oval
5K Certified/and
10 K Fun Run at 9 a.m
One Mile Fun Walk begins at 10:45 a.m.

## Chili Cook-Off

11 a.m.- 2 p.m. Riverside Park Oval

Medallion Hunt Kick off
1 p.m. Riverside Park Oval
Thoroughly Modern Million

Thoroughly Modern Millie at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

## October 25, Sunday

Thoroughly Modern Millie at Memorial Hall 2 p.m. Queen's Tea

## October 26, Monday

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

## October 27, Tuesday

Queen's Brunch & Coronation Practice Queen Neelah LXVIII Coronation at Memorial Hall 7 p.m.

## October 28, Wednesday

Food Stands Open Downtown Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5 p.m.

## Great Pumpkin Contest

Drop Off 5 to 5:45 p.m.

Judging at Bandstand Follows
Winners announced at 7 p.m.

Bandstand Entertainment 6 p.m.

## October 29, Thursday

Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5 p.m.

Doo Dah Parade

Bandstand Entertainment 6:30 p.m to 10:45 p.m.

## October 30, Friday

Kiddie Parade

Ottaway Carnival

Bandstand Entertainment 5 to 10:30 p.m.

## October 31, Saturday

Pre-Parade Activities & Street Acts Neewollah Grand Parade

Arts & Crafts

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 100 Block of East Myrtle

## Marching Band Competition

1:30 p.m. - Kayo Emmot Field in Shulthis Stadium

Ottaway Carnival

Bandstand Entertainment

1 to 8 p.m.

An Evening with Smash Mouth at Memorial Hall 8 p.m.