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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.

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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THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE

Coming to Memorial Hall
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Friday, Oct. 23 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 24 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 25 2 p.m.

Directed By
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Book by Richard Morris and Dick Scanlan • New Music by Jeanine Tesori • New Lyrics by Dick Scanlan
Thoroughly Modern Millie

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 in 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 Hosmere, 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!

– Lisa Mitchell Paige, Director

Independence Children’s Summer Theatre

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2010 Summer Season
July 9-11: Cinderella Kids

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Cast of Characters

Millie Dillmount ................................................................. Holly Hammer
Jimmy Smith ................................................................. John Gray
Mrs. Meers ................................................................. Lois Lessman
Miss Dorothy Brown ....................................................... Ronda Siebels
Trevor Graydon III ......................................................... Larry Annable
Muzzy Van Hossmere ...................................................... Terri Barbera
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
Sarah Coder
Lauren Emmot
Amanda Passauer
Lori Shaw

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

Derek Bale
Emily Derrick
Tim Holloway
Jean Ann Routh
Matt Wilson
Dale Belcher
Whitley Groth
Jake Jabben
Ben Seel
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Nancy Belcher
Celia Harris
Cho MooChung
Monique Shaw
Adam Zhang
Mary Boulanger
Aaron Hayse
Charlene Paolini
John Stafford III
Marcia Carvalho
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Ken Rathjen
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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 Priscilla, Residence for Young Ladies
Not for the Life of Me Tag ......................... Hotel Priscilla Girls
How the Other Half Lives .................................. Millie, Miss Dorothy

Scene 3: Laundry Room, Hotel Priscilla
Not for the Life of Me (reprise)......................... Ching Ho,
Bun Foo

Scene 4: Sincere Trust Insurance Company
The Speed Test ......................................... Graydon, Millie,
Miss Flannery, Ensemble

Scene 5: Twelfth Floor Hallway, Hotel 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 Station

Scene 8: Jail Cells
What Do I Need With Love ............................... Jimmy

Scene 9: Twelfth Floor Hallway, Hotel Priscilla
Scene 10: Penthouse of Muzzy Van Hosmere
Only in New York ......................................... Muzzy

Scene 11: Terrace of Muzzy’s apartment
Jimmy .................................................. Millie

Act II

Entr’acte .................................................. Orchestra

Scene 1: Sincere Trust Insurance Company
Forget About the Boy .................................... Millie, Miss Flannery,
Ensemble

Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life / Falling in Love with
Someone ................................................. Graydon, Miss Dorothy

Scene 2: Window Ledge outside Millie’s office
I Turned the Corner ....................................... Jimmy, Millie
Falling in Love (reprise) ............................... Millie, Jimmy, Graydon,
Miss Dorothy

Scene 3: Twelfth Floor Hallway, Hotel Priscilla
Muqin .................................................. Mrs. Meers, Bun Foo, Ching Ho
Muqin (reprise) .......................................... Mrs. Meers

Scene 4: Floor Show at Café Society
Long as I’m Here with You ............................... Muzzy,
Millie, Muzzy’s Boys

Scene 5: Muzzy’s dressing room
Gimme Gimme ........................................... Millie
Gimme Gimme (reprise) ................................ Graydon

Scene 6: Dining Room of Café Society

Scene 7: Lobby of Hotel Priscilla

Scene 8: Laundry Room, Hotel Priscilla
The Speed Test (reprise) ............................... Millie, Mr. Graydon,
Muzzy, Jimmy

Ah! Sweet Mystery (reprise) ........................... Miss Dorothy,
Ching Ho

Finale .................................................. Jimmy, Miss Dorothy, Moderns

Bows ................................................... All
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*, *Li’l 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 Li’l 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.
Thoroughly Modern Millie

**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

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

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 as Muzzy Van Hossmere

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.
Chorus and Dance

Priscilla Girls
Front Row: Pam Passauer, Autumn Stroble, Angie Musgrove
Back Row: Mary Kadel, Amy Shrum, Amy Bloomfield, Sherri Allen

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

Chorus Group 1
Front Row: Celia Harris, 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 Balle
Back Row: Richard Wilte, Ben Seel, Matthew Wilson, Zach Webb, Adam Zhang
Not Pictured: Jake Jabben, Marcia Carvalho

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Front Row: Lewis Hoyt, Carol Hoyt, Sandy Jewers, Glenda Winkleman, Annette Craig
Middle Row: Jan Rogers, Bruce Brooks, Dan Frizane, Bruce Toews, Marla Williams, Daniel McDill, Don Farthing
Back Row: Ron Craver, Dale Williams, Mark Dice, Ty Wohaska, Erin Shelton, Rebecca Timmons
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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 Nanette, The Unsinkable Molly Brown, My Fair Lady, Gypsy, Oliver!, 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 Birdie, The Pajama Game, The King & I, The Wizard of Oz, Hello Dolly!, 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, 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 bachelor’s 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)

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

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Musical Sets Committee
Front Row: Jinger Ferguson, Sam Williams, Shawn Wallis
Back Row: Mark Paige, Jeff Chubie, 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, Aileen Swart (chair)
Not Pictured: Lori Shaw

Musical Makeup Committee
Debbie Moore (Chair), Tina Shaw, Amy Easley (Co-Chair), Tabitha Easley

Musical Hair Committee
Front Row: Stephanie Davenport (ICC Cosmetology), Becky Miessler (Chair), Nancy Castilleja (Co-Chair)
Back Row: Nancy Nash, Jordan Rinc, Amanda Smith, Brianna Ewing, Martha Davenport (All ICC Cosmetology)
Not Pictured: Shell Horn

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Neewollah Logo Winner

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.

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.

Medallion Hunt Committee
Dennis Greenhaw

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21st Neewollah Fun Run

Saturday, October 24
Riverside Park Oval
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.

Fun Run Committee
Jay Jones, Gordon McDaniel (chair), Rickenia Botts, Debbie Creekmore

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, Zeedy Schnurbusch, Heather Bryant
Not Pictured: Joanne Cox, Sharon Marquez, Pam Watkins, Valerie Smith, Candie Lewis, Corey Parker, Judy Holroyd
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

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Opening Presentation of Queen Candidates

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Neelah Deb Dance

Intermission

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXVII Brooke Rolllison

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Announcement of Finalists

2nd Runner-up | Lauren Whiston |
1st Runner-up | Katie Porter   |

Crowning of Queen Neelah LXVIII
2009 Queen Neelah Candidates

Dixie R. Allen
Big Ed’s Steakhouse
Vocal Solo

Nicole Amos
Durham School Services
Clarinet Solo

Morgan Baxter
Warner Ag Air
Baton Twirling

Queen Neelah
LXVIII Candidates

Jessica Bruington
Relaxing Sensations/
Sayers Hardware
Skit

Tiffany Comstock
Chicken House
Hip-Hop Dance

Bayley Kay Conner
O’Malley Equipment
Company, Inc.
Dance
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
2009 Queen Neelah Candidates

Tequila Jones
Walgreens Drug Store
Dance

Grace Kyle
Medicine Shoppe
Vocal Solo

Bailey Elizabeth Lewman
Bill White Real Estate
Vocal Solo

Queen Neelah
LXVIII Candidates

Jaimee ShaRee Littell
AC Electric
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

Queen Neelah
LXVIII Candidates

Aubrey Jean Near
Sharper Images
Vocal Solo

Meghan O’Shields
The Portrait Boutique
Dance

Lauren Ann Peyton
Dr. Cynthia Sherwood, DDS
Humorous Vocal
2009 Queen Neelah Candidates

Kaitlyn Porter
Sound Ideas!
Humorous Skit

Melanie M. Quinones
Tropical Tan
Dance

Queen Neelah
LXVIII Candidates

Kaitlin Quinton
Good News
Violin Solo

Natasha Sack
Woods Lumber
Spoonerism Skit

Talor Smith
Midwest Real Estate
Skit - Bumpersticker
2009 Queen Neelah Candidates

Candice Tarkington
Xtreme Bike & Sport
Comical Skit

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

Queen Neelah
LXVIII Candidates

Heidi Tucker
Tucker's Automotive Machine
Piano Solo

Lauren Paige Whitson
Studio 4
Humorous Dance

Lakan Ysus
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.
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 year’s 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 throughout 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 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 Yakahaw (chair)

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

Pre-Parade Breakfast Committee
Kim McGrath, Kelly Vining (co-chair), Nancy Hightow (co-chair), Mary Ellen Stafford

Stage Escorts Committee
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Neelah Debs Choreographer
Rene Hines

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

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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 Fahlcr (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 Commemorative Scrapbook Committee
Lesley 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
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Toni Jahn (chair), Shelley Schultz

Queen's Button Committee
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Paula Marchant (chair), Marci Hennen (co-chair)
Queen’s Committees

Queen’s Brunch Committee
Gina Botts (co-chair), Angela Schabel, Gina McLennon, Lori Schabel (co-chair)

Queen’s Judges Committee
Jannette Luthi (chair), Terry Hogan, Tiffany 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 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 Halner Bass, Jeana Cole

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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)

Information Booth

Open
Wed. thru Fri. 4 to 10 p.m.
Sat. 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Kiddie Parade

Friday, October 30
4 p.m.

The Kiddie Parade participants gather in front of Memorial Hall and join their category. Parents often walk with their younger children. This is an opportunity for 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
11 a.m.

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

LEGEND

- Carnival
- Bandstand
- Info. Booth
- Middle School
- Memorial Hall

Grand Parade Committee
Jeff Gettler (co-chair), Joe Hernandez
Doug Froebe
Not Pictured: Lance Chickadonz,
Andy Watkins (co-chair), Dave Ebert,
Joe Barker, Chad Johnson, Kirk Wright,
Chad Mavers, Matt Hoover
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.

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.
2008 Grand Parade Float Winners

Sweepstakes Trophy
Cessna Aircraft Company

Generalissimo’s Trophy
Community National Bank

Grand Prize Trophy
Amazon.com

Judge’s Trophy
Woods Lumber

Queen’s Trophy
Standard Motor Products

Grand Marshal’s Trophy
Coldwell Banker Pasternak-Johnson

Governor’s Trophy
Coffeyville Regional Medical Center

Mayor’s Trophy
First Federal Savings & Loan
Amazon.com
Bank of America
CableOne
Cessna Aircraft Company
Coffeyville Regional Medical Center
Community National Bank
First Federal Savings & Loan
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Hugo's Industrial Supply
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ICC Athletics
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Independence Rotary Club
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Jock’s Nitch
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Pizza Hut of Independence
Twigs Floral & Gifts

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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.

Marching Band Competition Committee
Sandy Jewers, Nancy Belcher (co-chair),
Judith Lowdon, Dale Belcher (co-chair)
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."
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.

*Environmental Engineer & Safety*
*Photo Not Available*
*Brian Yakshaw*

*Generalissimo's Scrapbook*
*Paula Schabel*

*Official Neewollah Photographer*
*Larissa Scammey, Heartland Photography*

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Not pictured: Mike Kadel · Advertising
Jannette Luthi (chair) · Public Relations
Opening Day Ticket Sales
Independence Civic Center
October 3, 2009
8 to 11 a.m.

Neewollah Headquarters
223 North Penn
October 5 – October 9 • M-F 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
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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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:

Neewollah, Inc.
P.O. Box 311
Independence, KS 67301
1-877-NEE-WOLLAH (1-877-633-9655)
www.neewollah.com
2009 Schedule of Events

October 23, Friday
Thoroughly Modern Millie
at Memorial Hall 7:30 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 24, Saturday
Neewollah Fun Run
Registration begins at 7 a.m.
Riverside Park Oval
5K Certified/and
10K 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 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.

Ottaway Carnival
Bandstand Entertainment
1 to 8 p.m.
An Evening with Smash Mouth
at Memorial Hall 8 p.m.