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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 ten day festival.

2012 Neewollah Generalissimo

Neewollah & Fun "We Go Together" 2012

**Generalissimo
Karen Turner**



Neewollah & Fun
"We Go Together"

Hello and welcome to Neewollah 2012. This year's theme is "Neewollah and Fun: We Go Together". The Neewollah Board of Directors has a fun-filled Neewollah planned for you and your family, from the "electrifying" performances of **GREASE** to the crowning of Queen Neelah LXXI and the always-entertaining grand parade.

Growing up in Independence I have many fun and fond memories of Neewollah year after year. I can remember watching the parades with my family as a young child and then enjoying them with my own daughters. I love not only watching the Queen candidates prepare for the talent and coronation but also watching the faces of the young girls in the crowd as they dream of one day being queens themselves. The sounds and smells of downtown with the busy carnival, the bandstand and the ever-popular food stands help you realize that Neewollah is here at last.

So whether your favorite is the Chili Cook-off, the musical, Queens, the parades, the carnival or just all of Neewollah in general, may you and your family have fun and create many memories to call your own. While you're here, be sure to say thanks to some of the hundreds of volunteers who make Neewollah possible each and every year.

On behalf of myself, my family, the Neewollah Board of Directors, the past Generalissimos and all the hundreds of volunteers, thank you for making Neewollah "FUN".

Karen Turner



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2012 Neewollah Schedule of Events

Friday, October 19

7:30 p.m.

GREASE, Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 20

7 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Neewollah 5K & 10K Registration Begins, Riverside Park Oval

8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Fun Run Registration, Riverside Park Oval

8:30 a.m.

Start 5K/10K, Riverside Park Oval

10 a.m.

Start Fun Run, Riverside Park Oval

10 a.m. to Noon

Great Pumpkin Contest, Riverside Park Shelter House

10:30 a.m. to Noon

Childrens Activities (hula-hoop, car-hop and color contest)

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Contest, Riverside Park Oval

11 a.m.

5K, 10K & Fun Run Awards, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval

11:30 a.m.

Chili Sampling Begins

Noon

Best Dressed T-Bird and Pink Lady Contest, Riverside Park Oval

12:30 p.m.

Child Activity Awards, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval

12:40 p.m.

Great Pumpkin Contest Awards, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval

12:50 p.m.

Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Awards, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval

1 p.m.

Medallion Hunt Kick-Off, Riverside Park Oval

7:30 p.m.

GREASE, Memorial Hall

Sunday, October 21

2 p.m.

GREASE, Memorial Hall

Monday, October 22

6:30 p.m.

Queen Neelah Talent Competition, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 23

7 p.m.

Queen Neelah LXXI Coronation, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, October 24

11 a.m.

Food stands open downtown

11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

IHS Orchestra perform at Bandstand

5 p.m.

Ottaway Carnival Begins

6 p.m.

Bandstand Entertainment

Thursday, October 25

5 p.m.

Ottaway Carnival Opens

6 p.m.

Doo Dah Parade

7 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Bandstand Entertainment

Friday, October 26

3 p.m.

Ottaway Carnival Opens

4 p.m.

Kiddie Parade

5:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Bandstand Entertainment

Saturday, October 27

11 a.m.

Neewollah Grand Parade

8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Arts and Crafts Show, 100 block of East Myrtle

1:30 p.m.

Marching Band Competition, Kayo Emmot Field, Schulthis Stadium

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ottaway Carnival Opens

1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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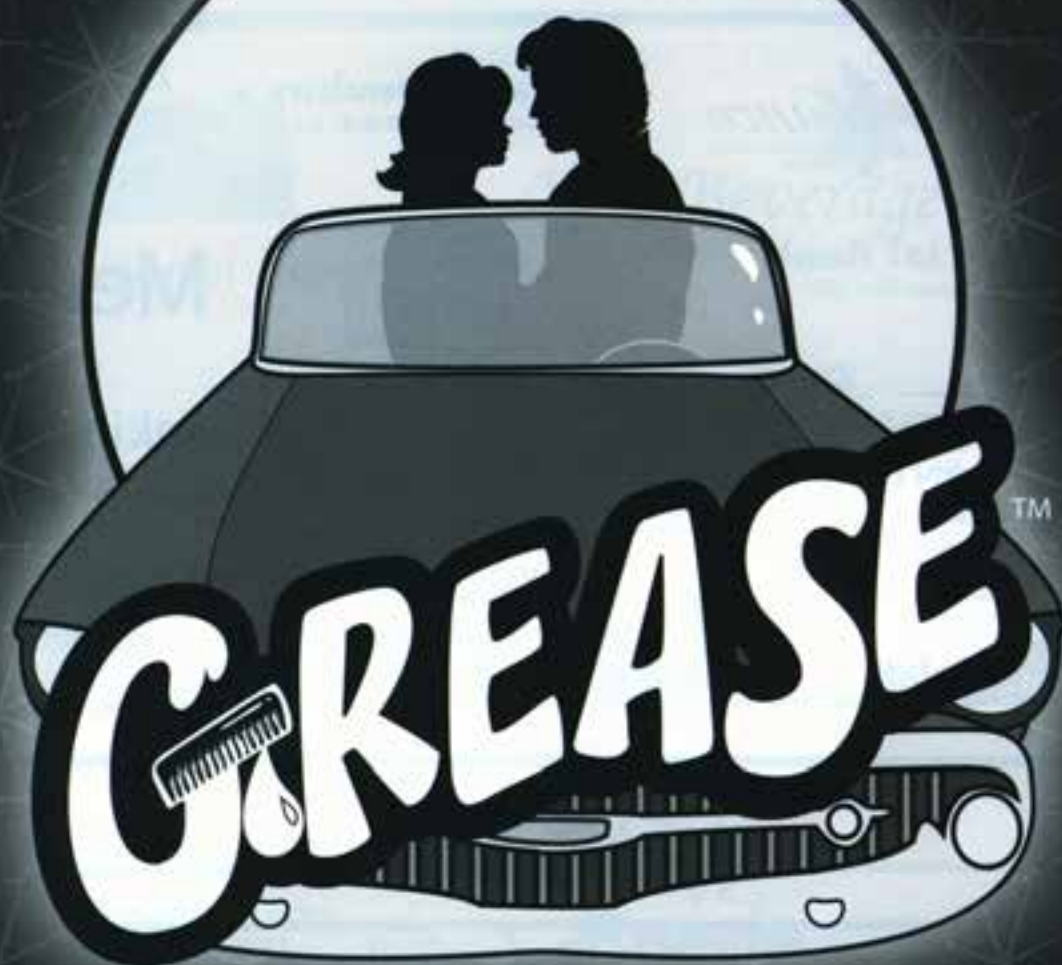
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Director's Notes/Synopsis

GREASE

Neewollah and Fun: WE GO TOGETHER! The musical **GREASE**, with book, music, and lyrics by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey takes the audience back to the year 1959 when things seemed to go together. The 1971 hit show was named for the 1950's American working-class youth subculture known as "greasers." The musical's setting is the 1959 fictional Rydell High School. The story follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of love, automobiles, and drive-ins. The Broadway show ran 3,388 performances, continuing through 1980. When the 1978 film was released, there were several changes made to the musical's songs and themes. NOTE: The Neewollah stage version somewhat follows the movie version, however, it is truer to Broadway version.

Having the opportunity to direct a Neewollah musical has been an excitement. I've had a great cast to work with as well as a great crew. Thanks to the actors/actresses for their hard work and dedication to the show. A big thanks to Keith Confer and Drew Demo for their assistance with all the details. A HUGE THANKS to all the volunteers who helped to make this show a great one. Thanks to everyone for attending this production of **GREASE** and we are sure you have had the opportunity to GO TOGETHER!

- Rick Huguenin, Director



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Cast of Characters

Miss Lynch.....	Terri Barbera
Patty Simcox.....	Aubrey Papen
Eugene Florczyk.....	Travis Therrien
Jan.....	Lizzie Brennan
Marty.....	Jordan Stafford
Betty Rizzo.....	Jackie Webb
Doody.....	Cameron Lopez
Roger.....	Brendon Hogge
Kenickie.....	Keith Schnug
Sonny LaTierri.....	Ryan Oliver
Frenchy.....	Kayla Potthast
Sandy Dumbrowski.....	Emily Derrick
Danny Zuko.....	Skye Conley
Vince Fontaine.....	Aaron Cardwell
Johnny Casino.....	Eric Rutherford
Cha-Cha DiGregorio.....	Callie Hagood
Teen Angel.....	Terry Peck

Adult Chorus

Haley Hinthorn

Pam Passauer

Lori Shaw

Lois Lessman

Youth Chorus

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Scenes & Musical Numbers

Act One

- Scene 1: Reunion**
 "Alma Mater" Miss Lynch, Patty and Eugene
 "Alma Mater" Parody Pink Ladies, Burger Palace Boys
- Scene 2: Cafeteria and School Steps** Sandy and Danny, Pink Ladies, Burger Palace Boys
- Scene 3: Pajama Party**
 "Freddy, My Love" Marty and Pink Ladies
- Scene 4: Street Corner**
 "Greased Lightnin'" Kenickie and Burger Palace Boys
- Scene 5: Schoolyard**
- Scene 6: Park**
 "Mooning" Roger and Jan
 "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee" Rizzo
 "We Go Together" Pink Ladies and Burger Palace Boys

Act Two

- Scene 1: On Stage**
 "Shakin' at the High School Hop" Entire Company
 "It's Raining on Prom Night" Sandy
- School Gym**
 "Shakin' at the High School Hop" Reprise Entire Company
 "Born to Hand-Jive" Johnny Casino and Company
- Scene 2: Front of the Burger Palace**
 "Beauty School Dropout" Teen Angel, Frenchy, and Choir
- Scene 3: Drive-In Movie**
 "Alone at the Drive-In Movie" Danny and Burger Palace Boys
- Scene 4: Jan's Party**
 "Rock 'N' Roll Party Queen" Doody and Roger
 "There are Worse Things I Could Do" Rizzo
 "Look at Me, I'm Sandra Dee" Reprise Sandy
- Scene 5: Inside Burger Palace**
 "All Choked Up" Sandy and Danny, Pink Ladies, Burger Palace Boys
- Finale**
 "We Go Together" Reprise Entire Company



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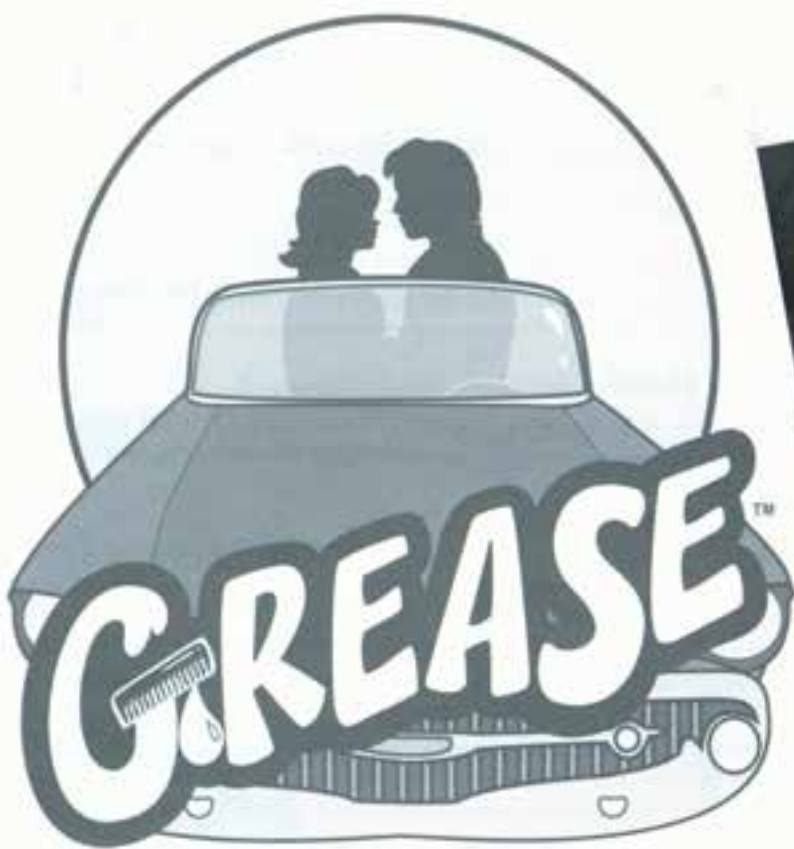
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Starring Roles

Skye Conley as Danny Zuko

Skye Conley will play the role of Danny Zuko. Skye's previous Neewollah musicals include *The Music Man* and *Willy Wonka*. He is a 6-year veteran of Independence Children's Summer Theatre where he has starred as Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls, Jr.* and Rooster in *Annie, Jr.* He has also appeared in *Seussical*, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*, at Independence High School. Skye is currently a senior at IHS where he is active in marching band, concert band, Concert Choir, Indy Ensemble, cross country and tennis. He is a stage escort for the Queen Neelah pageant this year.



Emily Derrick as Sandy Dumbrowski

Sandy Dumbrowski is being played by Emily Derrick. Emily is a senior at Independence High School where she participates in Bulldog Marching Band, wind ensemble, Concert Choir, Indy Ensemble, and National Honor Society. **GREASE** is her fifteenth stage show. Her favorite roles have been Zaneeta in *The Music Man*, Bird Girl #6 in the Independence High School Production of *Seussical*, and Edith in Independence Children's Summer Theater production of *The Pirates of Penzance, Jr.* Emily's hobbies include reading, music, babysitting and watching her sister play sports.



Featuring

GREASE



Burger Palace Boys

Cameron Lopez as Doody, Keith Schnug as Kenickie, Brendon Hogge as Roger, Ryan Oliver as Sonny

Kenickie – Keith Schnug is making his Neewollah stage debut as Kenickie. He lives in Elk City and is a graduate of Elk Valley High School. While at EVHS he acted in many dramatic productions, including *She was only Marginally Modest*, *Green Eggs and Hamlet*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *Toto, Too, Little Red and the Riding Hoods*, *Briar Rose*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. Keith enjoys singing, acting and watching football.

Roger – Playing Roger will be Brendon Hogge. Brendon is 16 years old and is a junior at Independence High School. He is active in cross country, swim team, Concert Choir and Indy Ensemble.

Sonny – Ryan Oliver will play the part of Sonny. **GREASE** is Ryan's third musical. He has previously participated in Independence Children's Summer Theater, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. He is a junior at Independence High School where he is active in band, debate, forensics, and Scholar's Bowl.

Doody – Playing the role of Doody is Cameron Lopez. Cameron is a senior at Neodesha High School. Though this is his first time on the Neewollah stage, Cameron has performed in theatrical and musical productions with Neodesha Community Theater, Chanute Community Theater, Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony, Inge 24-Hour Plays and Neodesha High School Drama Club. After graduating he plans on pursuing a Degree in Performing Arts.



Pink Ladies

Kayla Potthast as Frenchy, Lizzie Brennan as Jan, Jordan Stafford as Marty, Jackie Webb as Rizzo

Rizzo – Jackie Webb is currently a sophomore at Independence Community College where she is majoring in music. She would like to pursue a degree in theater, as well, and eventually perform on Broadway. Jackie has performed in numerous productions at Independence High School, Harrisburg High School, ICC, Independence Children's Summer Theater, and Neewollah. Most recently she was Princess Winifred in the ICC production of *Once Upon a Mattress*, and Veruca in the 2011 Neewollah production of *Willy Wonka*. In her spare time Jackie enjoys writing music, photography, painting, soccer, dancing, playing her ukulele, watching movies and traveling.

Frenchy – Frenchy is Kayla Potthast's first role in a musical. She is currently a sophomore at Cherryvale High School where she is a cheerleader and plays softball. She also sings the national anthem for various activities at school and in the community. Kayla served as a crew leader for vacation Bible school this summer. Her interests include singing and hanging out with her friends.

Marty – Jordan Stafford is 16 years old and is a junior at Independence High School. **GREASE** is her second Neewollah production. She is a cheerleader and a member of National Honor Society. She is also involved in Spanish club, Pep Club, and Science club. Jordan was a Neelah Deb for the 2011 Neewollah festival. She has four brothers and two sisters.

Jan – Lizzie Brennan is currently a freshman at ICC. She has been in ten shows with her favorite being the Independence High School production of *Seussical the Musical*. While at IHS Lizzie was active on the dance team for four years. She also has been dancing with R & S Studios for 5 years. Lizzie has three sisters.



Featuring



Travis Therrien
as Eugene



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as Patty Simcox



Callie Hagood
as Cha Cha



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as Miss Lynch



Adult Chorus

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Youth Chorus

Caitlin Shepard, Rebecca Brennan, Lauren Emmot
Not Pictured: Sebastian Cole, Kyler Brown,
Alexander Anderson



Musical Staff

GREASE



Conductor
Erin Shelton



**Choral Director
and Rehearsal
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Carol Hoyt



Musical Orchestra

Jonathon Hall (bass), Erin Shelton (conductor),
Bruce Brooks (drums), Glenda Winkleman (piano),
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Keith Confer – Co-Producer

Keith Confer is a retired career public school teacher at Independence High and Independence Middle School who now enjoys adjunct affiliation with Independence Community College. He is a member of Zion Lutheran Church where he has served as Financial Secretary, Elder, and is currently President of the congregation. He served as president of Independence National Education Association, was a Board of Directors member for the Independence Concert Association and the William Inge Festival Steering Committee. Confer, a veteran of Neewollah musicals, has directed; *Rodgers and Hart: A Musical Celebration*, *Camelot*, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, *Damn Yankees*, *The Pajama Game*, and *Meet Me in St. Louis*. He was assistant director for *Anything Goes* and *Oklahoma*, and served as stage manager for 1987 production of *The Sound of Music*. Confer has assisted with the Queen's Coronation set and staging committee numerous times. He and his wife, Colleen, are the parents of a son, Chris, of Overland Park.



Drew Demo – Co-Producer

Drew Demo is the president of Demo Distributors Independence. He has been involved in every Neewollah musical since 1991 either on or behind stage. Some of his most memorable roles have been as Government Man in *Li'l Abner*, Pierre in *Beauty and the Beast*, and Grandpa George in *Willy Wonka*. Drew has served as the Generalissimo for Neewollah for the 2007 festival. He is currently a member of the Episcopal Church. He is married to Janet and they have three grown children, Courtnee Weston, Andrew, and Paige.



Rick Huguenin – Director

Making his debut as a director on the Neewollah stage this year is Rick Huguenin of Thayer, Kansas. He first got his start in theatre while attending ICC where his first stage role was in *Brigadoon*. He was involved in a variety of productions while at ICC. After transferring to PSU, he was involved with theatre productions there and with the Pittsburg Community Theatre. In 1989, Huguenin took over the directorial position of the Neodesha Arts Associations Summer Theatre production. He has directed quite a few shows since that time. Later on Huguenin got involved with Chanute Community Theatre and has directed many productions with them as well. The last production with CCT was the musical *A Year with Frog and Toad*. Currently Huguenin is on the Neodesha Arts Association and Chanute Community Theatre's Board of Directors. Huguenin is currently a first grade teacher at Heller Elementary in Neodesha.



Bruce Peterson – Assistant Director

Bruce Peterson worked in arts and entertainment journalism prior to his arrival at Independence Community College at the William Inge Center for the Arts in 2002. He does grant writing, marketing and logistics for the Inge Center. In his native California, Bruce worked in the development office of the International House of Berkeley and as arts editor of a suburban daily newspaper. Locally, he is current president of the Independence Children's Summer Theatre, has performed at Neewollah musicals, and is a member of the Lions Club. He was born and raised in Sonoma, California.

Musical Committees



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Chris Moore



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Cody Rodriguez



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Musical Makeup
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Debbie Moore (chair)
Not Pictured: Meagan Moore, Shelli Floyd, Marcie Gray



Sets

Front Row: Pam Passauer, Teresa Fairbank, Erica Hamilton, Cody Rodriguez, Lori Shaw
Back Row: Brett Shaw, Jeff Shaw (chair), David Bryant, (Shawn Smith & Paige Demo on a stick), Dustin Cain, Andrew Demo, Travis Kolb, Wayne Burnett, Joe Tucker, Larry Annable
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Musical Costumes

Leslie Coder, Sarah Coder, Judy Crumrine

Not Pictured: Aleen Swart (chair), Dorcas Stafford,
Angie Musgrove, Beverly Welch



Musical Props

Front Row: Todd Young

Back Row: Gaytina Orr, Debbie Dye,
Carolyn Torrance, Rachel Lyon,
Marti McWilliams, Linda Stephany

Musical Cast Party

Christy Springer, Barb Schlorholtz, Anita Howe,
Marcee Binder

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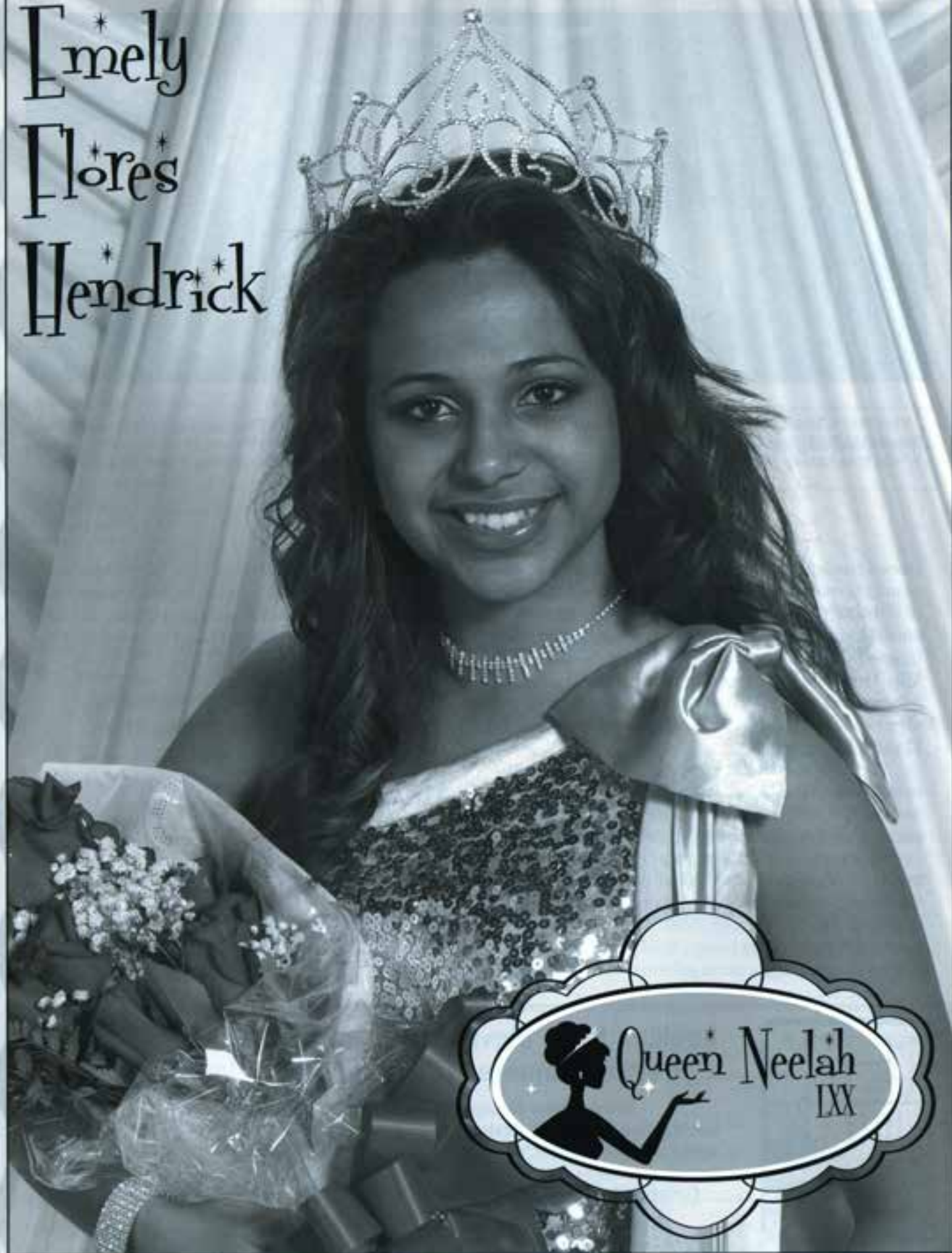
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Miss Talent, Sarah Doring; Miss Fashion, Kylee Classen; Miss Personality, Zoe Bryant; Miss Photogenic, Elizabeth Allen; 1st Runner Up, Nikki Yakshaw; Queen Neelah LXXI, Emely Flores Hendrick; 2nd Runner Up, Jessie Wilson; Miss Originality, Jessica White; Miss Beauty, Sydney Lemos; Miss Interview, Layne Wilson; Miss Congeniality, Mara Knight; Miss Poise, Jordan Newton

Judging Queen Neelah LXXI

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 21. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 22. 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 23, 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 LXXI

Poise	20
Interview	20
Talent	20
Personality	15
Originality	10
Beauty	5
Fashion	5
Photogenic	5
Judges' Evaluation	5
Total	105



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2012 Coronation Program

Opening Presentation of Queen LXXI Candidates

Presentation of Candidates 1-9

Selected Talent Presentations

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Presentation of Candidates 10-18

Selected Talent Presentations

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Presentation of Candidates 19-26

Neelah Deb Dance

Intermission

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXX Emely Flores Hendrick

Announcement of Category Winners

Miss Originality _____

Miss Interview _____

Miss Congeniality _____

Miss Photogenic _____

Miss Fashion _____

Miss Beauty _____

Miss Personality _____

Miss Poise _____

Miss Talent _____

Announcement of Finalists

2nd Runner-up _____

1st Runner-up _____

Crowning of Queen Neelah LXXI



Krista Amos
94.9 My FM Radio
Color Guard Routine



Ashlyn Conner
Emert, Chubb & Gettler
Humorous Skit



Ellie Davis
Woods Lumber Co.
Guitar Solo

Candidates * Candidates * Candidates * Candidates



Candidates * Candidates * Candidates * Candidates



Breanna Durnil
Tropical Tans
Humorous Skit



Kylie Ewing
Heaven's Angels
Humorous Skit



Stephani Groff
Down Home Family
Restaurant
Humorous Skit



Whitley Groth
Sandra L. Easter, OD
Vocal Solo & Dance



Shima Hadipour
Flips T & T
Dance & Gymnastic Routine



Kansas Hall
TransSystems Corp.
Vocal Solo



Katelynn Harrison
Mercy Clinic
Independence
Humorous Skit



Abbie Herkelman
Community State Bank of
Coffeyville
Vocal Solo



Jenny High
Classy Clippers
Dance



Charlee Holsinger
First National Bank
Piano Solo



Taylor Houck
Bulldog Station
Hip Hop Dance



Jillian Johnson
First National Bank
of Fredonia
Vocal Solo



Courtney Medsker
First Federal Savings
& Loan
Vocal Solo



Whitney Nelson
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Skit & Dance



Jackie Newland
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Kelsey Shearhart
 Bill White Real Estate
Hip Hop Dance



Madison Vining
 Plush Lawn Service, LLC
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Erin Wesselowski
 Family Podiatry
Vocal Comedy



Amanda Wright
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Debbie McKay comes from the great city of Claremore, Oklahoma. She is currently the Assistant Administrator of Human Resources at Community Home Health, Inc. where she has been employed for the past 12 years. Debbie began her career as a nursing assistant and worked for several doctor's offices and clinics before becoming a medical transcriptionist. She now serves Community Home Health by administering all employee hiring and benefits.

Music has always been a huge part of Debbie's life. She has been very involved in the music ministry at First Baptist Church and sang regularly in a family trio. No stranger to pageants, Debbie has spent many years following her two nieces in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant system. Debbie is an avid animal lover and serves as a foster parent for dogs and volunteers, most weekends, through Pet Adoption League of Tulsa. In the past year, Debbie has seen more than twenty dogs find their "forever home." Debbie has one daughter, Marcy, who is a freshman at Rogers State University.



Chad Choat lives in Claremore, Oklahoma, with his wife, Misty, and their two girls, Shelby, 15, and Morgan, 11. He has owned and operated Community Home Health for the past 22 years with three offices in Eastern Oklahoma. Chad has been active in his home community of Claremore, where he served on the City Council for eight years, with five of those as Deputy Mayor. Chad and Misty are active in First Baptist Church of Claremore, where they teach an adult Sunday school class. Chad has been involved in the Miss Oklahoma system, not only as a corporate sponsor, but also is a certified judge where he judges three to four pageants a year. Chad graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1994, and if given the choice, would wear OSU orange every day of his life.



Pam Flood is a resident of Claremore, Oklahoma, and a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma, earning both a Bachelors and Masters degree in Education. After 38 years as an educator, serving as a principal in both public and private schools, Pam is currently retired. Married to Alger for 40 years, they have two married daughters; Ashley, a former Miss Oklahoma contestant and partner in YourNext-Speaker, and Mandy, an Associate Director for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Pam enjoys reading, traveling and playing with their four adorable grandchildren. Pam served as a past board member for the Miss Claremore pageant and is currently a "behind the scenes" Red Coat for the Miss Oklahoma pageant.

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Skye Conley, Heath Hoffmeister,
Tyler Posch
Back Row: Roberto Flores Hendrick,
Lane Near, Evan Johnson, Gavin
Webster, Rusty White, Nick Reddy



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.



Kara (Woods) Henschel – Talent Emcee

Independence native Kara (Woods) Henschel returns to Neewollah as a seasoned participant and proud supporter of the historic festival. From her first appearance on the Memorial Hall stage in the 1981 production of *Carousel* to her Queen Neelah crowning in 1989, Kara has always had the Spirit of Neewollah. After graduating from the University of Kansas in 1994, Kara traveled for a year with Up With People as the show's emcee. The performance and community-service group included 175 international cast members, which traveled to 22 countries. Having caught the "travel bug" at a young age from her family, she has traveled to over 50 countries, including Thailand where she and her husband David were married. Kara has lived in Kansas City, New York City and Washington D.C., working as a television reporter and producer, and as on-air host of feature news stories and training videos. She also has extensive experience in marketing, communications and writing. While working as a news writer for WJLA-TV (ABC 7) in Washington D.C., Kara coincidentally worked alongside two other Independence natives. Indeed the Spirit of this community reaches far. She currently serves as a public health communications expert for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Her work is focused on helping to make tobacco-related death and disease a part of America's past. Now living in Los Angeles, Kara returns to the Independence area as often as possible to visit her family and friends with her husband David and two sons Ben, 8, and Aaron, 5.



Tammy (Pasternak) Leeseberg – Coronation Emcee

Tammy (Pasternak) Leeseberg was born and raised in Independence, Kansas. In 1984, she was crowned Queen Neelah the XLIII, which was the greatest memory of her teenage years. After graduating from Independence High School, Tammy graduated from the Tulsa School of Court Reporting and held Official Court Reporting positions in Oklahoma, Kansas and Colorado. In 2003, Tammy retrained to become a Broadcast Closed Captioner for the hearing impaired. Today she works from home captioning NBA games, hearings on Capitol Hill, and news from around the country. Tammy has been married to her high school sweetheart, Roger Leeseberg, Jr., for 24 years. They live in Owasso, Oklahoma, and they have three children Madison, Christian and Sheridan. It is Tammy's honor and privilege to come back to the community she loves to emcee the Queen Neelah coronation.

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Travis Kolb, Andrew Demo (chair)



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Not Pictured: Morgan Whipple

Schedule of Events for Queen Candidates

Summer Workshop	June 10	Queen's Brunch.....	October 23
Packet Turn-in	August 12	Coronation Rehearsal	October 23
Talent Practices.....	Sunday afternoons starting Sept 9	Coronation.....	October 23
Information Sheet Workshop	September 16	Queen's Ball	October 23
Pop Party	October 7	Walk in the Doo Dah Parade	October 25
Queen's Tea.....	October 21	Ride in the Kiddie Parade	October 26
Interviews.....	October 22	Pre-Parade Breakfast	October 27
Talent Presentation.....	October 22	Ride in the Grand Parade.....	October 27



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First Runner-Up Will Receive:

A \$75 gift card, a \$75 Visa card, a \$50 gift certificate, a graduation cake, a hair product gift basket, a charm, a dorm refrigerator, a travel bag and a flat screen television.

Second Runner-Up Will Receive:

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Rick Gerber – Anheuser-Busch Master Illusionist

Thursday, Oct. 25 • 7 p.m. • Bandstand



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Thursday, Oct. 25 • 9:15 p.m. • Bandstand

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Marching Band Competition Committee

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Doo Dah Parade/Kiddie Parade

Doo Dah Parade • "Grease Pair-A-Dice"

Thursday, October 25 • 6 p.m.

The Doo Dah Parade is the adult only event of Neewollah, participants must be 18 or over. This parade offers the young at heart the chance to participate and show off their creative side with a theme that is typically consistent with the chosen theme for Neewollah each year. The Mardi Gras-type parade down Penn Avenue starts in front of Memorial Hall and has no particular organization. A King and Queen Doo Dah are selected each year to preside over the parade of rowdies that is liberally sprinkled with a variety of odd drill teams, bearded beauties and unusual creatures.

This year "Grease Pair-A-Dice" is the theme, and organizers encourage adults to "Cruise on down to Penn Avenue and give a thumbs up!" to all the participants. Come join us for loads of laughs at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 25, 2012. It's guaranteed to be the coolest, most electrifying rama-lama-ding-dong good time, to Neewollah & Fun: "We Go Together!"



Doo Dah Parade Committee

Front Row: Andrew Demo (chair)

Back Row: David Bryant, Sean Clapp, Dustin Cain,
Travis Kolb, Brett Shaw

Not Pictured: Geoff Corle

Kiddie Parade

Friday • October 26 • 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 young 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 donates time and energy to make the parade run smoothly.



Kiddie Parade Committee

Debbie Toomey, Brad Carroll

2012 Neewollah Grand Parade

Saturday, Oct. 27 • 11 a.m.

The parade goers will all wait in anticipation of the Big Boom! that lets everyone know the Neewollah 2012 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. As they wait with great anticipation for the canon to go off, sounding 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.

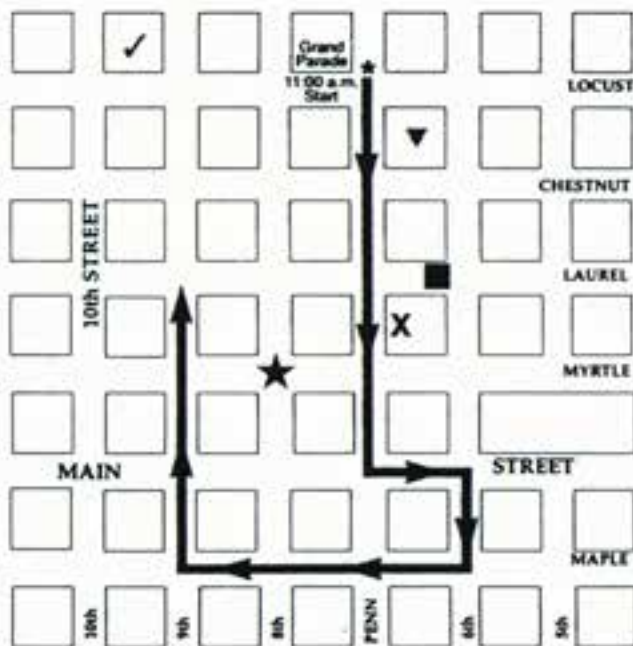


Grand Parade Committee

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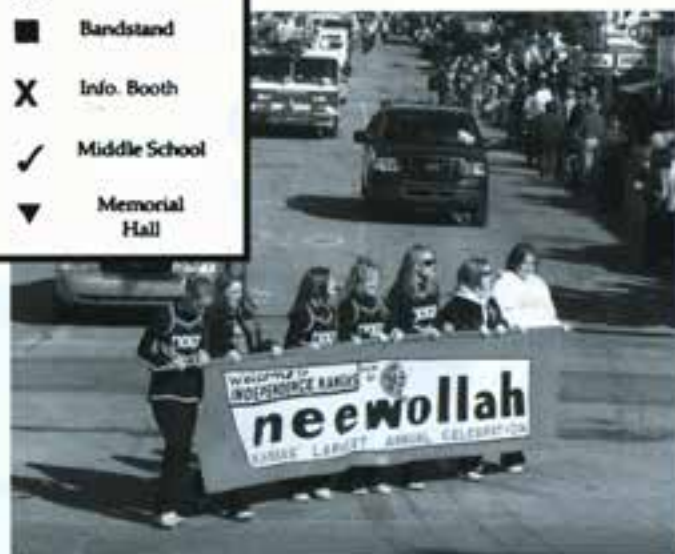
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Neewollah Grand Parade Marshal

In 1977 Paul was appointed Independence City Manager. A position he held for almost 33 years before retiring in March 2010.

One of his first experiences upon arriving in Independence was being introduced to Neewollah. In September 1977, he attended his first Neewollah Board of Directors meeting and for many years, thereafter, he served as an ex-officio member of the board representing the City.

It didn't take Paul long to realize the importance of the Neewollah Festival to Independence's sense of community and pride. Neewollah brings together people of diverse backgrounds all working together for a common goal. From that time forward Paul believed Neewollah truly reflected the Spirit of Independence.

This spirit flows over to other partnerships, following the Neewollah traditions of working together, in economic development successes, community improvements, such as Memorial Hall renovations, library expansion, new aquatic center and of course the recent upgrade of our schools.

Paul came to Kansas from Florida to attend the University of Kansas where he received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Administration degrees. After receiving his degrees he was employed with the State of Kansas, City of Parsons and City of Manhattan prior to coming to Independence.

Paul over his long career was involved in many organizations and activities that were of special benefit to Independence and the State of Kansas. In 2010 he received 3 significant awards that reflect the achievements accomplished during his long City Management career in Independence. In January of 2010 Paul was honored with the Independence Chamber of Commerce Vision Guardian award for his contribution to the improvement in the goodwill and economic condition of the people and institutions of Independence. In March 2010 Paul was recognized by the Kansas Senate for his accomplishments as City Manager and for his tenure as the longest serving City Manager in any one city in Kansas. In March 2010, Paul was awarded the Career Achievement Award presented by the Kansas City/County Management Association.

Paul is married to Mary, his best friend. Together they have 6 children Stephanie, DeeDee, Amy, Matthew, Kevon and Jacob. All of them enjoy Neewollah as much as Paul and Mary.

Paul would like to thank Neewollah for the honor and privilege of serving as the 2012 Grand Parade Marshal.



**Grand Parade
Marshal –
Paul Sasse**

King & Queen Doo Dah

This year's King and Queen Doo Dah are Drew and Janet Demo. Hats off to Steve Wilkin for creating a parade that spotlights the wild and crazy that Drew personifies. Drew has been on various Neewollah committees such as street events, the logo design, Doo Dah co-chairman, and brought in attractions such as the Bud Motor Sports Pavillion, Bud Light Party Zone and of course the World Famous Budweiser Clydesdales. He is probably known as well, however, for his years of participation in the Neewollah musicals. He has worked behind the scenes and in most recent years in front of the audience in the chorus or minor parts. His feature roles were the Mayor of Munchkinland in *Wizard of Oz*, the man-eating plant in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and Grandpa George in *Willy Wonka*. He was a co-producer for *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and co-produces this year's musical, *GREASE*. Drew has served on the Neewollah board and was Generalissimo in 2007.

Janet is the ying to Drew's yang. She has worked on various queen committees throughout the years and has served as cast party chairman several times. She has been on the logo design committee and the "Picture Yourself at Neewollah" committee. Janet has made multiple banners and sponsorship signs for Neewollah for over ten years and is now serving her first year on the Neewollah Board of Directors and is on the sponsorship committee.

The Demo's have three children: Courtnee, Andrew, and Paige and have five grandchildren: Preston, Joie, and Stephen Weston, and Diem and Rynne Demo.



**King & Queen Doo Dah –
Drew & Janet Demo**

Neewollah Fun Run/Chili Cook-Off

USA Track and Field Certified
**5K and 10K Runs and
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**
Saturday, October 20

Riverside Park Oval
Registration 7-8:15 a.m.
5K & 10K Run 8:30 a.m.
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk
Registration 8-9:30 a.m. Race 10 a.m.



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

The Neewollah Run is back for its 24th edition, and promises to be better than ever. This year's USA Track & Field Certified 5K and 10K run will again be electronically chipped time. The 5K and 10K will be followed by the 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk that includes hundreds of children and adults participating. What better way is there to kick off Neewollah than a run through beautiful Riverside Park? Come join the fun, and see just "Neewollah Run & Fun: We Go Together." to cross that finish line. Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. at the North end of the oval on the bandstand.

9th Annual Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Contest

Saturday, October 20 • Riverside Park Oval

Activities begin at 11 a.m. and last until 2 p.m.

Come on Greased Lightnin' and let's go for pinks by entering the 9th Annual Chili Cook Off or "floor it" over to our 5th Annual Dessert Contest and sample sweets with a Fabulous Fifties flair. Bring the family and enjoy the fun filled activities...inflatables, kid's coloring contest, car hop race, hula hoop contest, the best dressed T-Bird and Pink Lady event and visit the Just Cruisin' photo booth. See it is true, Neewollah and Fun do go together.

Chili Cook-Off Committee

Front Row: Aimee Lakin, Lynda Troutman, Lacey King, Nellie Mendoza (co-chair), Jennifer Shaffer, Sarah Boyer, Jane Estes, Melody Merrick

Back Row: Matt Bromley, Brandy Vowell, Whitney Chism, Rachel Jamison, Cheryl Sparks, Kim Pinkerton (chair), Chris Ammons

Not Pictured: Angie Carr, Stacie & Dean Clarkson, Kathy & Stan Sullivan, Mickey King, Christy & Chad Mavers, Tracie & Todd Ringle, Diona Mendoza, Valerie & Andy Smith, Dana & Chad Schlorholtz, Zoedy & Aaron Schnurbusch, Clint McKinney, Rick Mott, Dick Sparks, Eric Ammons, Dennis Pinkerton, Tony Vowell, Jason Mendoza, David Merrick, Missy Tackett, Courtney Clifton, Shawna Shaffer, Evan Johnson



Great Pumpkin Contest/Medallion Hunt

The Great Pumpkin Contest (BYOP: bring your own pumpkin!)

Saturday, October 20
Riverside Park Oval: Shelter House
Decorating at the park: 10 a.m.-12 noon
Awards: 12:45 p.m. from the
Bandstand in the Oval



Great Pumpkin Committee

Leigh Ann Stewart (chair)

Not Pictured: Marisa Johnson, Mariah Johnson, Kirsten Mitchell, Emily Roark, Heather Keafer, Dessica Keafer, Brianna Gilfillan, Jacob Gilfillan, and the 2012-2013 Art Works members

The Great Pumpkin Contest is one of many fun, family-oriented Neewollah traditions. This year the contest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Riverside Park Oval during the Chili Cook-Off. Any child, preschool through 5th grade may submit an entry. Again this year, in addition to the individual entries, there will be categories for Middle School homeroom and High School advisory entries. Individual entries will actually be decorated the day of the contest. Parents may bring their child and his/her own pumpkin to decorate together to the Riverside Park Oval between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Look for us in the Shelter House on the west side of the Oval. IHS Art Works students will be on hand, along with lots of paint, glitter, glue and other crafty things to provide assistance. Judging will take place at 12 p.m. with awards at 12:45 p.m. at the Bandstand in the Oval. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded in the preschool and elementary age groups and all preschool through 5th grade entrants will receive a goodie bag donated by McDonald's. The winners of Middle School and High School groups will each receive a traveling trophy and a cookie party for their homeroom or Advisory. Additionally, winning pumpkins will be displayed at Twigs Floral in downtown Independence through Saturday, October 27. Judging of the pumpkins is based on creativity and imagination, so each child is encouraged to create a unique and novel jack-o-lantern.

Neewollah Medallion Hunt Saturday, October 20 Riverside Park Oval • 1 p.m.

The 2012 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 20 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 p.m. each day at the Neewollah Headquarters located at 212 North Penn Avenue, in the *Independence Daily Reporter* and on the Neewollah website. A complete list of the rules is available at the website, www.neewollah.com.



Medallion Hunt Committee

Dennis Greenhaw (chair)

Carnival/Committees/Arts & Crafts Fair

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 \$22. 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

Marty Reichenberger (co-chair), Jim Clubine (co-chair)



**Generalissimo
Scrapbook Committee**

Jackie Chandler (co-chair),
Leseley Simpson (co-chair)



**Information Booth
Committee**

Gina Botts

**The Information
Booth is located
at Neewollah
Headquarters.**



**Street Acts &
Special Events
Committee**

John Hamlin and Drew
Demo (chair)

Arts & Crafts Fair
Saturday, October 27
8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Arts & Crafts Committee

Shanon Moses (chair), Sharla Mangan (co-chair),
Kim Johnson

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.

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Food Vendors/Neewollah Committees

Food Vendors

Each year the Food Vendors committee starts early contacting interested parties to insure Neewollah goes 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, toasted ravioli, soba noodles, grinder sandwiches, pineapple whip and much much more. In other words there is something for everyone.



**Environmental
Engineer & Safety
Committee**
Marty Reichenberger



Program Book Committee
Sonja Toomey (co-chair), Mary Bailey (co-chair),
Crystal Penrod, Meagan Bailey



Food Vendors

Front Row: Kathy Schwarz, Stewart Crow, Ann Crow (co-chair),
Jeff Gettler
Back Row: Sean Clapp, Fred Meier, Robert Browning, Jim Kelly,
Tom Schwarz (co-chair)
Not Pictured: Jim Mitchell, Shawn Wallis



Website and Candid Photography Committee

Front Row: Stephanie Groth, Melody Merrick, Lisa Paige (co-chair),
Marci Horning (co-chair), Sarah Coder
Back Row: Mary Thompson-O'Rourke, Carin Barwick,
Gaby Richmond-Reck, Lara Tucker
Not Pictured: Lorraine Emmot - Website Musical,
Natasha Dillon - Candid Photography



Beacon Committee
Beth Kelly, Jim Kelly (chair)

Neewollah Committees



Street Acts Committee

Erin Connors, Donny Fuqua, John Hamlin(chair), Russ VanRoyen,
Tracy Connors

Not Pictured: Drew Demo, Carol Knisley



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Not Pictured: Mary Ellen Stafford



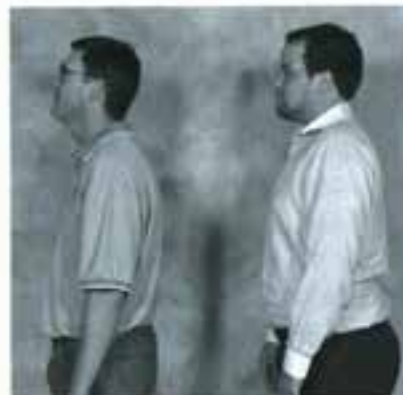
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Denise Hines, Margie Swisher



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Janet Demo, Stacey Yakshaw (chair), Fred Meier



Security Committee

Sean Clapp (co-chair) and Jeff Gettler (co-chair)



Bob Harris – Official Neewollah Photographer

Bob Harris, photographer at DJ'S Photography, has been selected as this year's "Official Neewollah Photographer". As the official photographer, Harris will be responsible for photographing the board of directors, the play cast, the queens talent show, and runway presentation the night of crowning the queen. He is also responsible for photographing the stage escorts and Neelah Debs. Harris will be photographing the Doo Dah Parade, the Kiddie Parade and the Grand Parade. He will have photographs for viewing and purchase available in his studio located at 103 N. penn. He can be reached at 331-8729.

Rob Morgan – Neewollah Events Photographer

Rob has been a photojournalist for the past 20 years and has worked at the *Reporter* for more than 10 years. He lives in Independence and has a wife Leann, 2 Children Jakob and Chloe and 2 step-children Tim and Cody Johnson.

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Neewollah Logo Designer

Scott Mills was asked to visit with the Generalissimo's daughter, Braedy Turner to come up with some ideas for the concept for this year's logo. The two had very similar visions for the design. Both envisioned something involving the Farris wheel as a symbol of the fun of Neewollah and the use of an old car representing this year's musical, **GREASE**.

Scott Mills is a lifelong Montgomery County resident. He grew up enjoying the activities, which surround Neewollah. Scott is the Sales Manager for Quality Motors in Independence and has a passion for old cars. When given the theme for this year's logo he wanted to create a logo which was truly personal for him and which shared his love of Neewollah. The Farris wheel is a Neewollah iconic skyline tradition and also carries a special meaning to Scott. He met his wife Kelli under the Farris wheel and then two years later, proposed to her at the top of the Farris wheel. This year's theme, Neewollah and Fun: "We Go Together" and the musical **GREASE**, along with Scott's love of old cars inspired the drawing of the couple in the 1959 Cadillac convertible. Scott is looking forward to spending time with his family uptown during Neewollah this year. You can usually find him catching up with friends near the food stands.

Braedy Turner has been raised on Neewollah. She enjoys the food stands, musicals, rides, games, contests, and parades just as much as any other sixteen year-old Independence native. However, due to many years of Neewollah-related activities by her mother, and this year's Generalissimo, Braedy has a deeper love and appreciation for the efforts of the many volunteers that bring Neewollah to life year-after-year. Braedy has been involved in numerous Neewollah activities including being a Neelah Deb in 2011; winning the Great Pumpkin Contest; marching in many parades; volunteering in Neewollah Headquarters; and being drafted to help her mom unpack, fold, and hang thousands of Neewollah shirts from scores of boxes shipped to their home well in advance of Neewollah each year. Braedy has many interests outside of Neewollah, including band, art, hanging out with friends, and learning karate, where she worked hard and earned a Black Belt from the local Christian Karate Academy.



Logo Designer
Scott Mills



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Front Row: Lisa Paige, Stacey Yakshaw, Karen Turner, Melissa Small, Gina Botts, Lisa Hugo

Second Row: John Hamlin, Jeff Gettler, Sean Clapp (chair), Janet Demo

Back Row: Keith Confer, Jim Kelly, Tom Posch, Tom Schwartz

Not Pictured: Marty Reichenberger

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 the facets of the 10-day celebration before moving into command.

Acknowledgements

Neewollah would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and businesses that have contributed to the success of this year's celebration. Whether you have contributed financially, or have given of your time and talent, Neewollah and Independence thank you!

Neewollah 2013

"Neewollah 2012 – Neewollah & Fun: "We Go Together" has been a pleasurable experience for all of the Neewollah 2012 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition and preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2013 festival are October 18 thru the 26. To obtain information for Neewollah 2013 send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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www.neewollah.com

2012 Neewollah Street Acts

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, evenings 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.

Bandstand Schedule

Wednesday, October 24

- 11:30 a.m. IHS Orchestra
- 6 p.m. Redemption's Call (Gospel - Parsons, KS)
- 7 p.m. Generalissimo & Queen
- 7 p.m. IHS Band
- 7:20 p.m. IHS Drumline
- 7:30 p.m. Nelah Debs
- 7:45 p.m. Guitarist David Smart
(Christian - Olathe, KS) www.smartfrets.com
- 9 p.m. SaltBox (Christian Rock - Nixa, MO)
www.saltboxrocks.com

Thursday, October 25

- 7 p.m. Rick Gerber Anheuser-Busch Master Illusionist (www.rick-gerber.com)
- 8:15 p.m. CMND (Rock - Cherryvale, KS)
www.cmndband.com
- 9:15 p.m. Bryson Lang (Juggling and Comedy)
www.brysonlang.com

Friday, October 26

- 5:30 p.m. Kevin Wade Magician
(Kids Show - Miami, OK)
www.magiciankevinwade.com
- 7 p.m. The Back Roads Band
(Country, Red Dirt and Rock - Coffeyville, KS)
- 8:30 p.m. Straight Away
(Rock & Roll - Independence, KS)
- 10 p.m. Arrowmont
(Progressive Metal - Independence, KS)

Saturday, October 27

- 1 p.m. LongShot (Country - Copan, OK)
- 2:30 p.m. R&S Studio performance (Penn & Main)
- 3 p.m. Buddy Ray Band (Blues - Fredonia, KS)
- 4:30 p.m. Retro Rockers (Rock & Roll - Bartlesville, OK)
- 6 p.m. Salty Dog (Classic Rock & Blues - Chanute, KS)
- 8 p.m. KC/DC (Tribute Rock Group - Kansas City, MO)
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Times and performers subject to change.



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