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Independence, KS

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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. It came back briefly in 1948 and 1949, before disappearing again from 1950 to 1957 due to lack of financial support. 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 1958 with the first play, "Picnic," being presented. 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 9,500 residents to up to 75,000 people in the final days of the now ten day festival.
The sights, sounds and scents of Neewollah are here again! You see the ferris wheel peaking over the buildings - the spotlight at Memorial Hall - smiling faces on the street. You hear the awesome music - laughter - and the boom that starts our great parades. You smell funnel cake, roasted corn, barbecue and a special Neewollah candle. It is a time of joy in our community. Of course, the top notch entertainment of our local talent in the musical and our lovely queen candidates gracing the Memorial Hall stage are all a part of what makes Neewollah so exciting!

This celebration has a little bit for everyone. The theme of the musical HONK! is "it's alright to be different" and "everyone belongs". I feel that everyone does belong to Neewollah. From the hundreds of volunteers to the thousands of participants it is truly a unique and enjoyable experience.

My involvement with Neewollah began in 1990 when I was cast in the musical. I've been a part of all but one musical since. It was so fun to pick out a great musical to kick off the celebration and I am so Egg-cited about all the events we have planned. So enjoy...from the opening sounds of HONK! to the free concert by the Kansas Army National Guard Rock Band!

A celebration of this size takes countless hours by our wonderful community volunteers. I especially want to thank my right-hand friend, Kelli, Mom, Mark & Jaxon, and all the committee chairs for giving me and Neewollah all the support we need. I am honored to serve as this year's generalissimo and on behalf of the Neewollah Board, my family and the many volunteers, I welcome you to Neewollah 2014.

Come on out, enjoy, connect with the community and get Egg-cited!

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Friday, October 24
7:30 p.m.

Honk!, Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 25
6:00 a.m.
7:00 a.m.-8:15 a.m.
8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

Chili Cook Off Check-In, Begin Cooking
Neewollah 5K & 10K Registration, Riverside Park Oval
Fun Run Registration, Riverside Park Oval
Start 5K/10K, Riverside Park Oval
Start Fun Run, Riverside Park Oval
Dessert Contest Entry Deadline, Dessert Tent, Riverside Park Oval
Great Pumpkin Carving Entry Deadline, Great Pumpkin Contest Tent
Karaoke Contest Registration, Riverside Park Oval
Karaoke Contest, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval
Chili, Salsa, & Dessert Sampling Begins, Riverside Park Oval
Kids Corner Activities Begin, Riverside Park Oval
Pumpkin Decorating Begins, Great Pumpkin Contest Tent
5K & 10K Awards, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval
Medallion Hunt Kick-Off, Riverside Park Oval
Contest Awards, Bandstand, Riverside Park Oval
Honk!, Memorial Hall

Sunday, October 26
2:00 p.m.

Honk!, Memorial Hall

Monday, October 27
6:30 p.m.

Queen Neelah Talent Competition, Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 28
7:00 p.m.

Queen Neelah LXXIII Coronation, Memorial Hall

Wednesday, October 29
11:00 a.m.
11:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Food stands open Downtown
IHS Orchestra, Bandstand Downtown
Ottaway Carnival Begins
Bandstand entertainment

Thursday, October 30
2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Steve Gryb and the Interactive Percussion Zoo
Ottaway Carnival Opens
Doo Dah Parade
Bandstand entertainment

Friday, October 31
2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.-11:15 p.m.

Steve Gryb and the Interactive Percussion Zoo
Ottaway Carnival Opens
Kiddie Parade
Bandstand entertainment

Saturday, November 1
8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
2:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
8:00 p.m.

Arts and Crafts Show, 100 block of East Myrtle
Steve Gryb and the Interactive Percussion Zoo
Neewollah Grand Parade
Marching Band Competition, Kayo Emmot Field, Shulthis Stadium
Steve Gryb and the Interactive Percussion Zoo
Ottaway Carnival Open
Bandstand entertainment
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Back Row: Mary Mani, Rickenia Botts, Mary Vining, Lisa Hugo, Cheryl Sparks, Lee Strobyle, Carolyn Torrance, Cindy Lattimer, Brenda Franklin, Susan Kleinbeck, Marla Dufur
Not Pictured: Stacey Yakshaw, April Nutt, Cindy Holt, Marsha Royer, Kim Potthast, Sabrina Overfield, Crystal Penrod, Ginger Nelson, Teri Durnil, Melody Moore, Robyn Daniels, Margaret Hoffmeister, Collette Reichenberger, Kym Kays, Brenda Smith, Sandy Nelson, Leseley Simpson
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Director's Synopsis

I'm so proud to be a part of Neewollah 2014 and this amazing production of HONK! This talented cast, orchestra, committees and crew has come together to offer a heart-warming celebration of being different. The musical is filled with sparkling wit, memorable music, and dance, as it relates one of the world's favorite fairy-tales, Hans Christian Andersen's The Ugly Duckling. Since the play first hatched in 1993 Stiles & Drewe's musical comedy HONK! has winged its way around the world in over 8000 productions and in many different languages. It is the winner of multiple awards, including the 2000 Olivier Award for Best Musical.

Our story begins in the duck yard in the spring (A Poultry Tale). Drake, the Mallard Duck, and his long-suffering partner, Ida, (The Joy of Motherhood) await the birth of a new brood, but the clutch seems to contain one inordinately large egg that cracks open to reveal an ugly chick nothing like his siblings. The other animals on the farm are quick to notice and point this out (Look at Him), despite his mother's protective flapping. Ida warms to Ugly (Different) and takes him out onto the lake, discovering him to be a prodigious swimmer (Hold Your Head Up High), but the other farmyard birds, including the rest of his family, ridicule him, driving him into the eager arms of the Tom Cat, who invites him home for “dinner” (Play With Your Food). Ugly escapes, but with night falling he becomes lost (Lost) and Ida's heart breaks (Every Tear a Mother Cries).

Ugly finds himself on open marshland in the middle of a duck shoot. He is taken under the wing of Greylag, a pompous Goose, under the mistaken impression that he has had a glorious career in the military (The Wild Goose Chase), and, though the Cat appears just at that moment, the birds take off and escape. Ugly finds a small cottage, home to a domesticated Hen, Lowbutt, and her feline companion, Queenie (It Takes All Sorts). The Cat appears yet again, but luckily develops an instant attraction for Queenie, which soon becomes mutual (Together).

The search back at the farmyard has become frantic but Ugly is further from home than ever and meets the Bullfrog who teaches him about life and love (Warts and All). With the onset of freezing winter, his prospects are bleak, but meeting a beautiful young Swan named Penny (Now I've Seen You). She invites him to migrate for the winter. He declines, desperately wanting to go home (The Blizzard). The Swans return in the spring and help Ida find Ugly just in the nick of time, paving the way for a triumphant return to the farmyard after Ugly's adventure of self-discovery (Look at Him).

Thank you for sharing this exciting theater experience with us and I hope you go home knowing in your heart that different isn't bad and someone's gonna love ya' warts and all!

- Lois Lessman
Honk! Cast

Drake ........................................ Bradley Gray
Ida ............................................... Meagan Moore
Ugly ............................................. Christian Blackert
Grace .......................................... Pam Passauer
Henrietta ..................................... Jean Ann Routh
Maureen ....................................... Ivory Porter
Turkey ......................................... Gary Mitchell
Cat .............................................. Larry Annable
Maggie Pie .................................... Rylie Shoop
Beaky .......................................... Jude Stafford
Fluff ............................................. Sydnee Clubine
Billy ............................................. Landon Pursley
Downy .......................................... Lexi Foster
Waddles ....................................... Brynn Bertie
Quackers ..................................... Skye Blake
Boy's Voice ................................... Jackson Horning

Girl's Voice .................................... Browyn O'Malley
Greylag ........................................ Jeff Shaw
Dot .............................................. Lori Shaw
Barnacles ...................................... Kyler Brown
Pinkfoot ....................................... Chloe Camacho
Snowy .......................................... Kansas Hall
Old Woman's Voice ......................... Lorraine Emmot
Lowbut ........................................ Lina Miller
Queenie ........................................ Terri Barbera
Penny ............................................ Lauren Emmot
Bewick ......................................... Mary Boulanger
Bullfrog ........................................ Terry Peck
Farmer Voice .................................. Robert Wuerdeman
Father Swan .................................. Russell Jackson
Mother Swan .................................. Mary Kadel
Snow Queen ................................... Lisa Paige

Adult Chorus
Connie Blake
Mary Boulanger
Nancy Brennan
Marcia Carvalho
Haley Hinthorn
Dolly King
Chris Mitchell
Angie Musgrove

Russell Jackson
Terry Peck
Terri Barbera
Lina Miller
Lori Shaw
Jeff Shaw

Children/Teen Chorus
Alaina Dillon
Soli Groff
Maddy O'Rourke
Hannah Jabben
Sandra Moody
Amanda Trout
Sophia Carr
Lyric Russell
Savannah Perches
Bailey Schaub

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Chloe Camacho
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Honk! Scenes & Musical Numbers

Act One

Scene I - Various locations around the duckyard. Spring.
1. A Poultry Tale: Drake, Ida, Turkey, Henrietta, Maureen, Cat, Grace, Ensemble
2. The Joy of Motherhood: Ida, Maureen
3. Hold Your Head up High: Ida, Ugly, Fish
4. Look at Him: Ida, Drake, Ugly, Henrietta, Turkey, Cat, Grace, Ducklings, Maureen
5. Different: Ugly

Scene II - The Cat's Lair
1. Play With Your Food: Cat, Ugly
2. Lost: Ugly

Scene III - The duckyard. Later that evening.
1. The Elegy - Company
2. Every Tear - A Mother Cries - Ugly

Scene IV - The marsh. A late summer morning.
1. The Wild Goose Chase: Greylag, Dot, Snowy, Barnacles, Pinkfoot, Ugly, Cat
2. Hold Your Head Up High (reprise) - Ida, Ugly

Act Two

Scene I - The Old Woman's Cottage. Late Summer.
Entr'acte-Orchestra
1. It Takes All Sorts - Queenie, Lowbutt
2. Together - Cat, Queenie, Lowbutt

Scene II - The Duckyard. Late Autumn
1. The Collage - Drake, Ida, company

Scene III - A collage. Various locations.

Scene IV - A ditch on the moors. Late autumn.
1. Now I've Seen You - Ugly
2. Warts and All - Bullfrog, Ugly, Frogllets, Company
3. The Blizzard - Snow Queen & Company

Scene V - The open countryside. Late winter.
1. Transformation - Ugly, Ida, Penny
2. Melting Moggy - Cat

Scene VI - The Duckyard. Early Spring
1. Look at Him (Reprise) - Company

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Starring Roles

Christian Blackert as Ugly
Christian Blackert is appearing for the first time on the Neewollah stage. He has been a participant in the Rothgeb Benefit Concert and the Independence Children's Summer Theatre. He is a member of the Tyro Christian Church. Christian enjoys playing guitar, piano, football and baseball. Originally from Lake Erie, Pennsylvania, he currently resides in Dearing, Kansas, with his parents, Harty and Barbara Blackert and his four sisters, Annelise, Lena, Nadia and Heide. Christian is "egg-cited" about Neewollah because "I am ready to make some new friends and expand my acting ability."

Meagan Moore as Ida
Meagan Moore was last seen on the Neewollah stage as Marian, the Librarian in The Music Man. For the last three years she has assisted on the make-up committee. This year, she will also be volunteering her time with the Queen Neelah pageant as a talent coach. She teaches for the Youth Theatre Studios at ICC and works as a case manager at Four County Mental Health. In addition, she is the praise and worship leader at Journey Church and is also a part of the new non-denominational Christian theater troupe, Heartshine. Pastimes include singing, crafting and spending time with family and friends. Meagan resides in Cherryvale with her husband, Alex, and their daughter, Evie. She is "egg-cited" about Neewollah because "I know it will be another great celebration that will help me build wonderful memories with friends and family."

Bradley Gray as Drake
Bradley Gray is super excited to be making his first appearance on the Neewollah stage. His previous involvement in the festival has been marching with his school band in the parade. He has been in the musical productions of All Shook Up and Shrek: The Musical, where he played Shrek, both at Labette County High School. He was one of seven recipients of performance scholarships from the 2014 Kansas State Thespian Conference and also received Fine Arts in the Four States Scholarship. While in high school, he participated in Trick or Treat So Tots Can Eat, was a member of the International Thespian Society and Future Business Leaders of America where he went to Nationals for his website design. He is employed as a shift manager at Long John Silvers and a sales associate at Wal-Mart. Bradley is a member of the Lewark Church of God in Coffeyville, where he plays the bass with the praise and worship team. He is proud to be the son of Johnny and Angela Gray. He has two siblings, Josh and Satar. Music and theatre are his favorite pastimes. When he isn't working he is either singing or reading a play. Bradley is "egg-cited" about Neewollah because "it is something new and I love my role. Also the people that are involved are pretty awesome!"

Larry Annable as Cat
Larry Annable has been sharing his talents on the Neewollah stage for years. He appeared in DAMN YANKEES in 1992 and has been in every musical since 1999. In addition to his on-stage appearances, he has also served on the Food Vendor Committee and as the Queen Neelah Stage Escort Co-Chair. Annable is in his 38th year of teaching vocal music where he has been the vocal director of many musicals. He is the recipient of the Kansas Federation of Music Club's Educator of the Year award, INEA's Master Teacher award and Kansas Track and Field Coach of the Year. His community involvement includes volunteering his time at the Inge Festival, being a charter member of ITSO and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Favorite pastimes are golfing and going to the beach. Larry resides in Independence with his wife, Sandy. They have two grown children and two granddaughters. He is "egg-cited" about Neewollah because "I enjoy being in the musical."
Starring Roles

Jude Stafford as Beaky
Jude Stafford has appeared in 101 DALMATIANS, THE DISNEY REVIEW, A CHILD’S CHRISTMAS IN WALES, SOUTH PACIFIC and PETER PAN, but this will be his first time appearing on the Neewollah stage. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church. His pastimes include football, soccer, going to the pool, hanging out with friends and playing with his dogs, Lord Byronius and Marlow. He resides in Independence with his mother, Mary Ellen. He has six siblings, John Lloyd, Julia, Jordan, Jackson, Jeb and Jillian. Jude is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “I’m in the play and “eggcited” for all the “eggstraordinary” rides and food.”

Sydnee Clubine as Fluff
Sydnee Clubine is no stranger to the theatrical stage, as she has been involved in the Independence Children’s Summer Theatre for the past three years. However, she will be making her debut performance in a Neewollah musical. She also enjoys riding the rides during the festival. She is a fourth grader at Zion Lutheran School where she is on the all A honor roll. Sydnee is an active member of the Peppy Progressive 4-H Club. She attends the Community Christian Church. Her favorite pastimes are drawing, performing and spending time with friends. Sydnee resides in Elk City with her parents, Jason and Amy, her sister, Adyson and her brother, Owynn. She is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “This is my first Neewollah performance and I get to enjoy it with friends.”

Landon Pursley as Billy
Landon Pursley is excited to be making his first appearance in a Neewollah musical. He has enjoyed walking in the kid-die parade every year. He is a fourth grader at Jefferson Elementary. He was chosen as the Student Ambassador for his third grade class. Landon’s pastimes include video games and playing outside with friends. He resides in Independence with his parents, Vince and Ericka and his brother, Trent. He is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “I get to learn how to be an actor.”

Lexi Foster as Downy
Lexi Foster was last seen on the Neewollah stage as an Oompa Loompa in WILLY WONKA. She attends Jefferson Elementary where she was a Jefferson Leader, Student of the Month and on the A & B Honor Roll. She enjoys sewing, dancing and volunteer work. She volunteers with the VFW Ladies Auxiliary. Lexi was a National American Miss Pre-Teen State Finalist. She resides in Independence with her parents Mike and Amber, her brothers Chris, Matt, Alex and Kaden and her niece, Mikalyn. She is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “I get to perform and make new friends.”

Brynn Bertie as Waddles
Brynn Bertie will be making her first appearance in a Neewollah musical. She has participated in Independence Children’s Summer Theatre the last four years. She volunteers her time in helping to raise funds for Relay for Life and the Blake Bertie Cancer Foundation, so named in memoriam of her deceased sister. She has been a runner in the Neewollah Fun Run for the past several years and has attended the Queens’ Coronation since she was little. Brynn is a fifth grader at Jefferson Elementary. Her future plans include attending KU, where she would like to major in nursing and minor in theatre. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church. Her pastimes include swim team, tennis, volleyball, singing, dancing, listening to music and hanging out with friends. She is the daughter of Cory and Anne Bertie. She has a twin brother, Brecken. Brynn is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “I love to be in musicals and ride the carnival rides! Also, I like the Queens’ Talent and Coronation shows.”

Skye Blake as Quackers
Skye Blake is making her debut performance on the theatrical stage. She has enjoyed being an audience member at past Neewollah musicals. She is in the fourth grade at Lincoln Elementary in Cherryvale, where she is on the all A honor roll. She attends the First Baptist Church. Her favorite pastimes include reading, singing, making crafts, playing with her cats and spending time with family. Skye is the daughter of Aaron Blake and Taren Savage. She has a younger brother and sister, Carson and Tegan. She resides in Cherryvale. Skye is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “I have always wanted to be in the plays from the first time I came and watched THE MUSIC MAN. I am so excited to be a part of HONK! I can’t wait!”

Ducklings
Front Row: Skye Blake as Quackers, Lexi Foster as Downy, Brynn Bertie as Waddles
Back Row: Sydnee Clubine as Fluff, Landon Pursley as Billy, Jude Stafford as Beaky
Featuring

Gary Mitchell as Turkey

Mary Kadel as Mother Swan, Lauren Emmot as Penny, Rylie Shoop as Maggie Pie, Russell Jackson as Father Swan

Jean Ann Routh as Henrietta

Front Row: Chloe Camacho as Pinkfoot, Pam Passauer as Grace
Back Row: Terri Barbera as Queenie, Ivory Porter as Maureen, Lina Miller as Lowbutt

Jeff Shaw as Greylag and Lori Shaw as Dot

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Featured Voices
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Robert Wuerdeman (farmer),
Jackson Horning

Not Pictured:
Lorraine Emmott (old woman)

Children's/Teen Chorus
Front Row: Gabe Schenk, Tia Gregory,
Browyn O'Malley, Mae Tuschman,
Jackson Horning
Middle Row: Jake Bryant,
Sebastian Simmons, Emma Woodward,
Megan Emmott, Sydnee Jackson,
Alaina Dillon
Back Row: Soli Groff, Maddy O'Rourke,
Hannah Jabben, Sandra Moody,
Amanda Trout, Sophia Carr
Not Pictured: Lyric Russell,
Savannah Perches, Bailey Schaub,
Paloma Schaub, Merideth Perches,
Chloe Camacho, Kansas Hall, Lauren Emmott,
Rylie Shoop, Jessica Turner, Ricky Pando

Adult Chorus
Front Row: Robert Wuerdeman, Mary Kadel,
Paul Porter, Leslie Coder, Vanessa Dennis
Back Row: Drew Demo, Sarah Coder, Shelby Demo,
Susan Porter, Connie Blake, Mary Boulanger
Not Pictured: Nancy Brennan,
Marcia Carvalho, Haley Hintz, Dolly King,
Chris Mitchell, Angie Musgrove,
Carol Russell, Russell Jackson, Terry Peck,
Terri Barbera, Lina Miller, Lori Shaw, Jeff Shaw

Other Roles Not Pictured
Kyler Brown as Barnacles,
Kansas Hall as Snowy,
Mary Boulanger as Bewick
Musical Staff

Choreographer
Rene' Hines

Musical Orchestra

Front Row: Annette Craig, flute; Katie Southworth, clarinet; Bridget Carson, bass clarinet; Glenda Winkleman, keyboard
Back Row: Bruce Brooks, drums; Eric Rutherford, conductor; Terry Harper, trumpet

Not Pictured: John Hamlin, guitar; Taylor Mason, horn; Phyllis Wiles, cello; Jonathan Hall, bass; Dale Belcher, trumpet; Rebecca Timmons, alto sax; Erin Shelton, mallet percussion

Musical Director & Rehearsal Accompanist
Glenda Winkleman (rehearsal accompanist), Eric Rutherford (musical director)

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Lois Lessman has entertained us for years on the Neewollah musical stage performing in twenty shows. In 2013, she was the co-director of the well-received musical comedy, **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**. This year she is taking on the role of director for what is sure to be a fun show, **HONK!** In addition to her performances on the Neewollah stage, she has appeared in numerous college, Inge Festival and community theatre productions. Some of her favorites to date include **PICNIC, ANNIE, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE, LOVE LETTERS AND EXTRA KETCHUP, HOT FLASHES AND RUM**. She is an active member of the Montgomery County Theatre Group and a member of ITS0. Lois worked in radio and journalism before joining Independence Community College where she worked in development, public relations, human resources and the William Inge Festival offices. In 2014, the William Inge Festival honored Lessman for her dedication to theatre by presenting her with the Margaret Goheen Award. Lois is an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, where she sings in the choir and serves as a member of the Zion Lutheran School Board. She resides in Independence with her mother, Delores and has two daughters, Hannah Jackson of Independence and Emma Jackson of Oklahoma City, OK. Lois is “egg”cited about Neewollah because “HONK! is going to be an amazing show and a great opportunity for our community of performers. Southeast Kansas has a huge amount of talent and this show is a fast paced, fun and lively story with many adult parts and fun cameo character roles. I can't wait for HONK!"

Stacy Near, of Independence, is co-producing the Neewollah musical **HONK!** She has been involved in Neewollah for many years both on the stage and behind the scenes. She has been in the musical chorus for **CAROUSEL, ANNIE, BRIGADOON and LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**, as well as assisting backstage for **NEELOWAH FOLLIES, MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS and YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**. Stacy has volunteered her time serving the festival on several committees as a Chair or Co-Chair for Queen Candidates, Queen Talent, Coronation, Coronation Ball, Queen Walk-in, Queens Pageant Director and The Great Pumpkin Contest. She is a founding member of the Independence Children's Summer Theatre. She produced **HONKI JR., MUSIC MAN JR. and THE WIZARD OF OZ**. She also served as the stage manager for **FIDDLER ON THE ROOF JR.** Her community involvement continues with being a member of the William Inge Steering Committee and Chairman of the Picnic and Silent Auction committees for the Inge Festival. Stacy appeared on the Inge Theatre Stage as Cora in **DARK AT THE TOP OF THE STAIRS**. She is a first grade teacher at Eisenhower Elementary where she is also an active member of INEA. She is a member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Stacy has two children, Aubrey and Lane. She is very “egg”cited about the choice of **HONKI** as the play for Neewollah 2014 because “I produced the first ICST production of **HONKI JR.** in 2005. Both of my children were cast members. This is a trip down memory lane for me! I am a lifelong fan of Neewollah!”

Lea Shepard will be co-producing **HONKI**, the selected musical for Neewollah 2014. She has served on the Neewollah Board and was Generalissimo in 2006. She produced **BRIGADOON** and has volunteered her time over the years serving on a variety of committees including Chairman of the Makeup Committee, Queen's Pageant Chair and Queen's Talent Chair. In addition, Shepard has collaborated for several years with CableOne, Cablevision and Community Production Group in the filming of the Neewollah events. Ever so busy behind the scenes, Lea recently joined the on-stage talent as a member of the chorus in **YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN**. She is a member of the ASTRA Arts Festival board, the Inge Steering Committee, the Inge Foundation Board, Zion Lutheran Church, The Independence Museum and Retired National Education Association. Lea is now enjoying a well-deserved retirement after thirty-five years of teaching high school English, Speech, Debate, Forensics, Drama and Media. During this span of time, she directed numerous plays and musicals. She received the INEA Master Teacher for USD 446 in 2002-03. Originally from Williamsburg, Kansas, Lea has called Independence home for the past thirty-five years. She enjoys participating in community theatre, both on and off the stage. Other interests include flea marketing, flower gardening and watching HGTV or old movies. She and her husband, Kevin, have two grown sons; Daniel, New York, NY, and Keith, Springfield, MO.

Production Staff
Stacy Near (Co-producer), Lois Lessman (Director), Lea Shepard (Co-producer)
Musical Committees

Musical Publicity
Front Row: Kathy Clapp (chair), Judy Carroll, Teresa Schaper
Back Row: Kellie Puderbaugh, Emily McCambridge

Children's Coordinators
Front Row: Angela Jones, Amber Gregory (chair), Natasha Dillon
Back Row: Amber Foster, Angie Carr, Sarah Pouncil
Not Pictured: Erika Pursley, Amy Clubine, Amy Woodward, Dee Dee O'Malley, Paula Schenk

Stage Managers
Lorraine Emmot, Teresa Fairbank

Musical Sound Engineer
Not Pictured: Chris Moore

Sets
Front Row: Dustin Cain, Jinger Ferguson (co-chair), Sara Harris, Harty Blackert (chair)
Back Row: Geoffrey Corle, Luke Emmot, David Bryant, Travis Kolb, Brett Shaw
Not Pictured: Shawn Wallis, Andrew Demo (co-chair), Mark Coder, Joe Tucker, Jeff Chubb, Rick Wiltse, Cody Tucker, Travis Alexander, Larry Markle, Skyler Phillips, Madeline Clinkscals

Independence...past to present
"Images of America: Independence," a new pictorial history book about Independence, will be available beginning Oct. 21 at the Montgomery County Chronicle and at other retail locations in Independence. It's packed with dozens of historical photographs and includes an entire chapter dedicated to Neewollah.

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Musical Committees

Musical Props Committee
Julie Dunham (co-chair), Emmi Knight (co-chair), Tammy Roth, Paula Marchant
Not Pictured: Morgan Guidie

Musical Hair
Not Pictured: Erin Connors (co-chair), Genevieve Ratzlaff (co-chair), Chelsea Lumm, Joann Connors, Kia Ratzlaff, Shelby Novotny, MiKala Kirk, Jessica Fliearman, Becky Meissler, Shea Casurole

Musical Costumes
Front Row: Mary Thompson-O'Rourke (co-chair), Martha Allison,
Back Row: Sara Harris, Marci Hornig, Dorcas Stafford
Not Pictured: Jannette Luthi (co-chair), Sherry Staton, Nancy Brennan

Musical Makeup
Front Row: Lindsay Shaw, Michelle Splechter, Debbie Moore
Back Row: Yalanda Moore, Tabitha Easley (co-chair), Heather Holmes
Not Pictured: Amy Easley (co-chair), Kristen Spellman

Musical Cast Party
Melissa Small (co-chair), Haley Dunn, Katie Walker, Valerie Smith
Not Pictured: Ellie Chickadonz (co-chair), Pam Watkins, Dee Dee Connors, Tara McRoberts, Tanya Carson

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2014 Neewollah Fun Run

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Saturday, October 25 • Riverside Park Oval

Registration 7:00-8:15 a.m.
5K & 10K Run 8:30 a.m.
1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

Registration 8:00-9:30 a.m. Race 10:00 a.m.

The Neewollah Run is back for its 26th edition. This year's 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? It's time to "Get Eggcited!" and join us for the Neewollah Run. Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. on the bandstand at the chili cook-off.

2014 Neewollah Medallion Hunt

Saturday, October 25 • 1:00 p.m.
Riverside Park Oval

The 2014 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 25 at 1:00 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 the Neewollah Headquarters located at 223 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.
Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Contest
11th Annual Chili Cook-Off with Dessert and Salsa Contests
Saturday, October 25 • Riverside Park Oval
Activities begin at 10:00 a.m. and last until 2:00 p.m.

Waddle on out to the Riverside Park Oval for a honking good time for you and your family at the "egg"citing 2014 Chili/Dessert/Salsa Contest. Come sample chili that will give you something to quack about, salsa that can get ugly and "egg"traordinary desserts. While here don't miss the Duck Pond for some Bug Juice and Lily Pad Cider.

For $5 (chicken feed), your little ducklings can stop off at the Kid's Corner for the inflatables or create their own pumpkin to take when they leave (for ages up to 13). Many other activities are also available. The Great Pumpkin Carving Contest will be available to ages 14 and up. Pumpkins or gourds may be used by the artist to exhibit their artistic talents. Contestants must be able to transport their own entry.

All new this year will be a karaoke contest. The Generalissimo will be performing the first song. So get your honkers warmed up and get "egg"cited for this contest. All ages are welcome to participate.

Chili Cook-Off Committee
Front Row: Whitney Chism, Carey Chism, Cheryl Sparks (co-chair), Sarah Boyer (co-chair), Amy Bales, Jen Rutledge, Kathy Sullivan
Second Row: Ericka Pursley, Jayne Estes, Chris Corle, Pili Barker, Lacy King, Stacie Clarkson, Nellie Mendoza, Jennifer Sprague
Back Row: Lee Stroble, Megan Williams, Joe Barker, Matt Brumley, Shannon Goode, Carolyn Torrance, Mandy Monroy, Dorothy Patry
Not Pictured: Dayna O'Kane, Kim Pinkerton, Debbie Dye, Melissa Borovetz, Angi Carr, Jennifer Shafer, Linda Stephany, Cathy Muller, Marty McWilliams, Brenda Sanchez
KasiDee Cox
2013 Queen's Court
Front Row: Emily Newton, Miss Photogenic; Brooke Mundy, Miss Originality; Randalin Ward, Miss Talent; Trinity Coots, Miss Personality; Chynn Farmer, Miss Fashion; Mandi Schwenker, Miss Poise; Beth Yakshaw, Miss Beauty; Diona Mendoza, Miss Interview
Second Row: Dalice Coda, 1st Runner Up; Jenna Gilstrap, 2nd Runner Up
Back Row: Kasi Dee Cox, Queen Neelah LXXII and Miss Congeniality

Judging Queen Neelah LXXIII

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 26. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 27. That same evening, each candidate presents an up to three-minute talent presentation. Miss Talent is chosen from the most polished and entertaining of the talent numbers. On Tuesday, October 28, a brunch is held where the candidates have a final opportunity to meet with the judges in an informal setting 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 LXXIII

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Congratulations, Kasi Dee!
Queen Neelah LXXII and Miss Congeniality

Much Love, Mom, Dad, Kelsey & Cody
Opening Presentation of Queen LXXIII Candidates

Presentation of Candidates 1-10

Selected Talent Presentations
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Presentation of Candidates 11-20

Selected Talent Presentations
1. 
2. 
3. 

Presentation of Candidates 21-29

Neelah Deb Dance

Intermission

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXXII KasiDee Cox

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 LXXIII
Hunter Boorigie
Bill White Real Estate Co.
Skit

Rebecca Bradford
Classic Portraits
Vocal Solo

Kimberly Bryant
DJS Photography
Color Guard Routine

Queen Neelah

Allyson Busch
Tony Debo "Classy Clippers"
Vocal Solo

Katie Capps
O'Malley Equipment Co.
Skit

Morgan Chilcott
AgEagle
Ballet/Pointe
Shelby Corn
Barta Animal Hospital
Hip Hop Dance

Madeline Cox
Mercy Hospital
Dance

Tandi Cox
R & S Studios
Dance

Cheyenne Dixon
Premier Property Group
Vocal Solo

Kaci Foster
Studio 4
Skit

Bailey Hennen
Edward Jones -
Jason Rutledge
Xylophone

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Caringtyn Julian
Twigs Floral & Gifts
Skit

Sierra Marquez
Jock's Nitch
Skit

Halei Matthews
Standard Motor Products
Vocal Solo

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Kaitlyn Murdock
Brother's Railroad Inn
Sing/Piano

Olivia Palmer
Strimple Signs
Hip Hop Dance

Calisse Papen
Null Chiropractic
Skit
Alexis Perches
Cherry Berry
Dance

Nichole Polk
Farm Bureau Insurance - Jessica Hensley, Agent
Jazz Dance

Shyanne Post
Quality Toyota
Dance

Kayla Potthast
Penn Avenue Styles - Merle Norman
Vocal Solo

Kaity Price
Tropical Tan
Skit

Paige Stair
Fox Photography
Sing/Dance
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**Coronation Judges**

**Carolyn Hefner**
Carolyn Hefner works for Community Home Health Agency in Claremore, Oklahoma. Carolyn is the administrative assistant to the owner of the company. Carolyn was married to Bob Hefner, who was affectionately referred to as “Chairman” within the Miss Oklahoma Pageant Family and both Carolyn and Bob have been an integral part of the Miss Oklahoma organization for decades. She has been involved in the Miss Oklahoma’s Red Coat organization for many years. Carolyn has also served as a traveling companion for many Miss Oklahoma titleholders. She is the mother of two sons and one daughter who have all been engaged and supportive of her service and dedication to the Miss Oklahoma organization. She is fondly known by the entire Miss Oklahoma organization as “Mimi”. She is actively involved in her church, “Guts” and is a tireless volunteer for the Miss O organization....in case you didn’t know - Carolyn’s home was the location for the infamous Miss Oklahoma’s “Queen’s Room” which was the home away from home night stay for all of Miss Oklahoma’s titleholders and is the repository for much of the Miss Oklahoma historical memorabilia.

**Debbie McKay**
Debbie McKay comes from the great city of Claremore, OK. She is the Assistant Administrator of Human Resources at Community Home Health, Inc. where she has been employed for the past 14 years. 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 on the board of Rescued n Ready Animal Foundation of Tulsa. She is a foster parent for dogs and volunteers most weekends at Petco for Rescued n Ready's adoption program. In the past year, she has seen more than 100 dogs find their “forever home.” Debbie has a passion for running and is very active in the Rogers County Fitness Program as a mentor and is currently training for her 1st half marathon in November. Debbie has one daughter, Marcy, who is in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Tulsa Community College.

**Brad Sullivan**
Brad Sullivan is a graduate of Oklahoma Christian University with a B.S. in physical education, and is currently working on a master’s degree in kinesiology and sport management. Brad has worked in the fitness industry for the past 20 years. He is currently employed with Tulsa Community College where he is the fitness center manager at the West Campus and an adjunct instructor. Brad is also involved with the community as well, facilitating team building sessions as well as exercise and nutrition programs to many of the surrounding Tulsa and Sand Springs Schools. He has also been involved with the Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Program for the last 10 years, judging preliminaries for both Miss Oklahoma and Miss Oklahoma’s Outstanding Teen Pageants.
Neelah Debs
Courtney Taylor,
Rindy Marquez, Ashley
Johnson, Emily Wilson,
Bailey Babcock, Avery Chism,
Lexi Carr, Jacey Smith

Stage Escorts
Front Row: Logan Chambers, Kyle Taylor,
Josh Smith
Back Row: Palmer Botts, Connor King, Calvin Hugo,
Logan Johnson, Lane Schicke

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.
Dr. Daniel Barwick is the President of Independence Community College in Independence, Kansas. Prior to that role, he was Director of Institutional Advancement at Alfred State College and Executive Director of the Alfred State College Development Fund, Inc. in Alfred, New York. Formerly a tenured professor of philosophy in the State University of New York, he was the President of the New York State Association of Scholars, as well as the President of the American Association for Learning Outcomes Assessment. He received a Bachelor’s Degree in Philosophy from the State University of New York at Geneseo, a Master’s Degree in Philosophy from the University of Iowa, and a PhD from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He lives in Independence, Kansas with his wife, Carin, and two daughters, Laura and Leah.

Jennifer Schmidt is the Director of the Public Policy and Legislative Clinics at the KU School of Law. She is also the host and co-producer of the annual broadcast of the Kansas governor’s State of the State Address carried statewide on public television and Kansas Public Radio, and nationally on C-SPAN. Jennifer hosted her own live television show - "Ask Your Legislator" - on Kansas Public Television from 2007 until 2013. Previously she worked as a legislative aide in Washington, D.C. for Senator Bob Dole (R-Kansas), Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), and Rep. Jack Fields (R-Texas), as well as practiced law with a D.C. law firm. So far she's taught in four different disciplines at the university level - Political Science at PSU, and Law, Journalism, and Communications Studies at KU. She is the only person to serve twice as Senior Fellow at KU's Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics. Jennifer is a graduate of Leadership Kansas and an alumna of the American Council of Young Political Leaders. She's served on the board of directors for the Kansas Children's Service League, the advisory committee for Kids Voting Kansas, and the KU Law School Board of Governors. Jennifer holds a B.A. in political science from TCU and a law degree from KU. She, her husband and two daughters split their time between Independence and Lawrence.

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Barbara Smith
Not Pictured: Cori Hall

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Not Pictured: Stacy Hines, Diane Spencer

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Back Row: Mary Swearingen (co-chair), Deatrea Rose, Vanessa Dennis, Terri Barbera, Sarah Coder (co-chair), Jenny Dileley
Not Pictured: Sandi Johnson, Julie King, Cara Uttinger, Molly Reynolds, Aubrey Papen, Mary Wilkerson

Queen's Scrapbook Committee
Lindsey Forslund (co-chair), Erica Hoppock (co-chair)

Queen's Coronation Committee
Front Row: Denina Journot, Sarah Boyer, Whitney Chism, Cheryl Sparks
Middle Row: Amber Gregory, Lacy King, Stacie Clarkson (co-chair), Nellie Mendoza, Kathy Sullivan
Back Row: Heather Bryant, Amy Bales, Keri Walker, Valerie Smith
Not Pictured: Laronna Bolig, Keri Stevens, Julie Bruington, Jennifer Day, Paula Schabel, Terri Cain, Codi Dixon, Mandi Schwenker

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Front Row: Megan Williams, Mary Jo Wallis (co-chair), Bev Chubb (co-chair)
Back Row: Karin Stoner, Gayle Fredrickson, Cheri Jefferson

Coronation Ball Committee
Front Row: Holly Emmot, Christy Mavers (co-chair), Hannah Yanez
Back Row: Julie Harper, Carey Chism, Shanda Chambers
Not Pictured: Chad Mavers (co-chair), Courtney Chambers

Window Display Committee
Lisa Cushing (co-chair), Lori Adams (co-chair), Michelle Babcock (co-chair)

Summer Workshop Committee
Stacie Powell, Tabatha Snodgrass (co-chair), Teresa Schaper, Donna Janasek (co-chair), Stephanie Julian
Not Pictured: Gina Botts, April Nutt

Queen's Button Committee
Not Pictured: Linda Grice (co-chair), Shannon Clancy (co-chair)

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Kathy Woods (co-chair), Anne Bertie (co-chair), Melissa Unruh
Not Pictured: Zoedy Schnurbusch

Walk-in Committee
Kay Hamlin (co-chair), Aimee Lakin (co-chair)
Not Pictured: Landon Diveley

Queen's Coffee with Conversation Committee
Stacey Yakshaw, Robin Browning, Lisa Hugo
Not Pictured: Dee Dee O'Malley (chair), Kelly Cox

Pre-Parade Breakfast Committee
Front Row: Debbie Moore, Tabitha Easley
Back Row: Marla Dufur (co-chair), Cindy Latimer (co-chair)
Not Pictured: Amy Easley
Queen Neelah
Schedule of Events

Summer Workshop .............................................. June 8
Packet Turn In .................................................. August 10
Talent Practices Sunday afternoons starting ........... September 7
Data Sheet Workshop .......................................... September 28
Pop Party .......................................................... October 5
Queen's Tea ....................................................... October 26
Interviews .......................................................... October 27
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Queen's Brunch .................................................. October 28
Coronation Rehearsal .......................................... October 28
Coronation ........................................................ October 28
Queen's Ball ...................................................... October 28
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Queen & Court ride in Kiddie Parade ...................... October 31
Pre-Parade Breakfast .......................................... November 1
Ride in Grand Parade ......................................... November 1

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All Candidates Will Receive:
Monogrammed tote bag, memory jar, a t-shirt, an Independence Community College scholarship (up to 18 hours) including books, makeup/hair gift bags, food and snacks for all candidates

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Independence Community College, Woods Lumber, Dairy Queen, Sonic Drive In, Cherry Berry, Standard Motors, Teresa’s Cake Gallery, Penn Avenue Styles/Merle Norman Studio, Dr. Steve Chapman, Sandbagger Golf and Turf, Shank’s Oil, Lee’s Heating and Cooling, Heckman and Assoc., Quality Motors, Heaven’s Angels, Goody’s

Queen Neelah Will Receive:
A crown, 16 x 20 framed portrait, a rose bouquet, use of a new car and $50.00 gas, $150 merchandise gift card, $25 bakery gift certificate, $100 jewelry gift card, 1 month gym membership, $25 merchandise gift certificate, deluxe manicure/pedicure, 250 minutes tanning, 1 dozen cookies, jewelry, hair products gift basket, a flat screen television, a dorm refrigerator, an ipad mini, luggage, coffee maker, Queen’s Scrapbook

1st Runner-Up Will Receive:
$75 merchandise gift card, $25 merchandise gift card, $50 jewelry gift card, hair products gift basket, $25 bakery gift certificate, shellac manicure, flat screen television, dorm refrigerator, jewelry organizer

2nd Runner-Up Will Receive:
$50 merchandise gift card, $25 merchandise gift certificate, $50 jewelry gift card, $25 bakery gift certificate, candle gift basket, flat screen television, jewelry organizer

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Special Entertainment

Steve Gryb and the Interactive Percussion Zoo
Across from the Bandstand Downtown
Wednesday, October 29 • 5 - 9 p.m.
Thursday, October 30 • 2 - 9 p.m.
Friday, October 31 • 2 - 9 p.m.
Saturday, November 1 • 9 - 11 a.m. & 2 - 8 p.m.

Steve Gryb, the Pied Piper of Percussion from Miami, Florida, presents "The Rhythm is Going to Get You!" show, America's most interactive show for the young and young-at-heart! This high energy, fun, hands-on, one-of-a-kind percussion show has entertained and educated audiences throughout North America for over 20 years. Everybody is invited to play along with the Pied Piper during every show and can play tambourines of all shapes, sizes, and colors, beat on bongos, and wiggle, jiggle and jam with colorful maracas. As an internationally known ambassador of percussion, Steve presents over 150 of these "edutainment" shows every year, and is endorsed by the top percussion companies such as Zildjian, Remo, ProMark, RhythmBand, Thunder Echo Drums, and many others. Steve will also be presenting "The Percussion Petting Zoo", a hands-on, interactive, musical activity/exhibit filled with hundreds of unique percussion instruments from around the world such as Boom-o-Phones (Boom Whacker Xylophone), Remo hand drums and Bongos, Wrench-o-Phone (old wrenches tuned to be a xylophone), Seed Pods and Nut Shakers (African and South American), lots of Animal-shaped rhythm instruments, and so many more. For more details about these great entertainment activities, visit: http://grybmusic.com/percussion/percussion.html
Food Vendors

Each year the Food Vendors committee starts early contacting interested parties to insure Newollah goers find a great mix of good foods 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 Newollah 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, fried pickles, toasted ravioli, roasted corn, barbequed meats, smoked turkey legs, apple fritters, grilled cheese sandwiches, grinder sandwiches, pineapple whip and much much more. In other words there is something for everyone.

Food Vendors Committee
Front Row: Ann Crow (co-chair), Stewart Crow, Eloise Kelly, Jim Kelly (co-chair), Kathy Schwartz
Back Row: Robert Browning, Tom Schwartz (co-chair), Judith Lowdon
Not Pictured: Beth Kelly, Dan Barwick

Carnival

The Newollah Carnival is brought to you by Ottaway Amusements. One of the favorites in the Newollah tradition, the carnival is a plethora of glittering lights and delighted screams. The Carnival is fun for the whole family; the adults seem to enjoy the rides just as much or more than the kids do! The flashing lights and sounds of the Midway leak out even onto the bandstand.

Carnival Schedule:
Wednesday, October 29, 5-10 p.m.
Thursday, October 30, 5-10 p.m.
Friday, October 31, 3-10 p.m.
Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Carnival Ticket Prices:
Single Ticket - $3.25
Family Pack 10 tickets - $25.00
Super Saver 30 tickets - $65.00
Wrist Band $23.00

Wristbands ($23) will be offered during 5 different time periods and will not be accepted outside the specific time period for which they were purchased. Those time periods are:

Wednesday, October 29, 5-10 p.m.
Thursday, October 30, 5-10 p.m.
Friday, October 31, 3-10 p.m.
Saturday, November 1, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, November 1, 5-10 p.m.

Carnival Committee
Jim Clubine (co-chair), Lisa Hugo (co-chair)
Doo Dah Parade

"Let's Get Goosed"
Downtown Independence
Thursday, Oct. 30 • 6:00 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’s theme is “Let’s Get Goosed!” Come join us for loads of laughs at 6 p.m. on Thursday, October 30, 2014.

Doo Dah Parade Committee
Front Row: Geoff Corle, Travis Kolb (co-chair)
Back Row: David Bryant, Jeff Gettler, Dustin Cain, Brett Shaw
Not Pictured: Andrew Demo (co-chair)

Doo Dah Royalty

King and Queen Doo Dah - Lyle and Jennifer Springer
Lyle and Jennifer Springer have the distinct honor of being royalty as Queen and King Doo Dah for Neewollah 2014. Both have been active on various committees for the festival. Lyle has volunteered his time on the musical set committee and the professional show committee, while Jennifer has served as Neelah Deb Co-Chair and been a member of the props committee for numerous musicals and the ticket sales committee for the past four years. The Springer’s are both very dedicated to the community of Independence. Lyle has served on the 4-H Fair and Foundation Boards and USD 446 School Board. He is also a past Chamber of Commerce President and volunteers his time with the CUFF dinner. He is an agent for Midwest Real Estate and operates a cattle ranch in Elk City. He enjoys golf, fishing and camping in Montana. Jennifer is a past board member for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. She is a kindergarten teacher and was honored as INEA’s Master Teacher in 2012. In 1975, Jennifer was in the Queen’s Court when she was chosen as Miss Beauty. She enjoys gardening and spending time with family. The Springer’s have six children and ten grandchildren. They are “eggcited” about Neewollah because “It’s a time for family and friends to get together and our community comes alive!”

Princess Doo Dah - Anne Rasnick
Anne Rasnick is Princess Doo Dah for Neewollah 2014. She has volunteered her time on several Neewollah committees including Ticket Queens, Queens Talent Committee, Neelah Debs, Props Committee and painting sets. She retired in 2005 after spending thirty-five years as a teacher, during which time she was honored with the Master Teacher Award. She is a member of Zion Lutheran Church. Anne resides in Independence. She has two children, a daughter, Kristin (Stan) Lopeman and a son, Jeff (Erica) Rasnick. She has two granddaughters, Ellie and Aubrey and another grandchild due in October. Anne enjoys gardening, reading, watching sports, especially her granddaughter’s activities and doing things with her friends. She is “eggcited” about Neewollah because “it is such a fun time for people of all ages and a great time with family and friends!”
Kiddie Parade

Downtown Independence
Friday, Oct. 31 • 4:00 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 weekend 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
Front Row: Carrie Agosto, Ericka Pursley, LaDonna Erbe (co-chair)
Back Row: Kellie Puderbaugh (co-chair), Tabitha Easley
Not Pictured: Amy Easley

Neewollah Grand Parade

Saturday, Nov. 1 • 11:00 a.m.

The parade goers will all wait in anticipation of the Big Boom! that lets everyone know the Neewollah 2014 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 Penn Ave. to Main St., then east on Main Street 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
Front Row: Travis Kolb, Sean Clapp (co-chair), Jeff Gettler
Back Row: Lance Chickadon (co-chair), Joe Barker, Dustin Cain, Brett Shaw
Not Pictured: Andrew Demo, Brian Yakshaw, Cole Hoffmeister, Dave Ebert, Kirk Wright

Grand Parade Route

[Diagram of parade route with stations marked]

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2014 Grand Parade Marshal

Ann Crow has been active in Neewollah since moving back to Independence in 1976. She has served three times as Co-chairman for Ticket Sales Committee and has been a member of that committee for several years. Twice she served as Director of the Queen Neelah Pageant and has served as chairman of several of the Queen’s Committees. Crow was Publicity Chairman for “Gypsy”, Oliver”, “The King and I”, and “Little Shop of Horrors”, as well as Co-producing “Hello Dolly” and Willie Wonka.” She has also been chairman of the Program Book and Compliance Committee and was Neewollah Publicity Chairman for several years. In 2005 she served as Generalissimo and is a former member of the Neewollah Board of Directors, where she served as Chairman of the Board for 3 years. She currently co-chairs the Food Vendor Committee.

A graduate of the University of Kansas with a Bachelor of Science in Education Degree, Crow is a former kindergarten teacher and was a substitute teacher with St. Andrews School.

She is a member and past president of PEO, Chapter DA, produced the William Inge Festival’s production of “Dark at the Top of the Stairs”, Past President of the SE Kansas Kappa Alpha Theta Alumna Club, and serves on the ASTRA Arts Festival as vice-chairman of the board and co-chairman of the hospitality committee and is a member of St. Andrews Catholic Church. She and her husband Stewart are parents of 2 grown children, Tiffany Ryan and Chris Crow and have 2 grandchildren.

Neewollah traditions run deep in Ann’s family, her father, Fred Wilkin, was Generalissimo in 1966 and Honorary Grand Parade Marshal in 2005; her brother Steve Wilkin was Generalissimo in 1993 and Grand Parade Marshal in 2001; and her husband Stewart Crow was Generalissimo in 1979 & 1984 and Grand Parade Marshal in 1997.

“It is an honor to complete this family cycle and I thank my very dear friend Generalissimo Lisa Paige for giving me the opportunity”.

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Grand Marshal’s Trophy: Cherryvale Chamber of Commerce

Generalissimo’s Trophy: Bradford Place

Governor’s Trophy: Osage Casino
100 Block of East Myrtle  
Downtown Independence  
Saturday, November 1 • 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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.

2014 Marching Band Competition

Shulthis Stadium - Kayo Emmot Field  
Saturday, November 1 • 1:30 p.m.

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.
Neewollah Committees

Generalissimo's Assistant
Kelli Eidson-Ebert

Generalissimo Scrapbook
Janet Demo (chair)
Not Pictured:
Courtnee Demo

Beacon Committee
Beth Kelly (co-chair), Jim Kelly (co-chair)

Professional Show Committee
John Turner (co-chair), Mark Paige, Nicholas Turner
Not Pictured: John Hamlin (co-chair), Cris Carpenter, Jason Turner

Security Committee
Jeff Gettler (co-chair), Jim Kelly (co-chair)

Website Committee
Mary Thompson-O’Rourke, Stacy Yakshaw (co-chair), Nellie Mendoza, Marci Horning (co-chair)
Not Pictured: Carin Barwick

Memorial Hall Lights
Front Row: Geoffrey Corle, Jinger Ferguson (co-chair),
Back Row: David Bryant, Travis Kolb (co-chair)
Neewollah Committees

Program Book Committee
Debby Sandoval, Jackie Chandler (co-chair)
Not Pictured: Lesley Simpson (co-chair)

Environmental Engineer & Safety
Marty Reichenberger

Special Events
Drew Demo

Kick-Off Party Committee
Lisa Wilson, Toni Jabben, Amy Reichenberger (chair)
Not Pictured: Anne Gordon

Sponsorship Committee
Front Row: Melissa Small, Denise Hines (co-chair)
Back Row: Jay Jones (co-chair), Anne Bertie

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Logo Committee
Mike Flood, Jeffrey Gettler, Lea Shepard, Beth Chaney, Drew Demo, Vanessa Dennis, Ray Rothgeb, Ann Crow, Stewart Crow

2014 Neewollah Logo Designer

Tillie Stewart submitted the winning design for the 2014 Neewollah Logo. Her design was based around this year’s musical, HONK! and selected from over twenty-five entries. She has always done art and especially enjoys painting with acrylics. She also has a passion for illustrating children’s books. Tillie graduated from Independence High School. She resides in Cherryvale where she works at the Nursing and Rehabilitation Center as a housekeeper and caretaker of the animals.

The Neewollah Logo Contest is held each spring after the Generalissimo has announced the theme for the upcoming festival. 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.

2014 Neewollah Logo Designer
Tillie Stewart with 2014 Generalissimo Lisa Paige
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Neewollah would like to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals and businesses that have contributed to the success of this year's celebration. Whether you have contributed financially, or have given of your time and talent, Neewollah and Independence thank you!

Neewollah 2015

"Neewollah 2014 - Get Eggcited" has been an exciting experience for all of the Neewollah 2014 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition and preparations for next year’s celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2015 festival are October 23 thru the 31, 2015. To obtain information for Neewollah 2015 send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

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2014 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.

**Bandstand Schedule**

**Wednesday, Oct. 29**
- 11:30 a.m. IHS Orchestra
- 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Kinley Rice (Classic Country)
- 7:00 p.m. Generalissimo presents Queen Neelah
- 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. IHS Band and Drum Line
- 7:30 - 7:45 p.m. Neelah Debs and Escorts
- 8:00 - 9:30 p.m. The Vogt Sisters (Folk)

**Thursday, Oct. 30**
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. DaMac (Christian Hip Hop)
- 9:00 - 10:30 p.m. Murmuration (Pop Rock)

**Friday, October 31**
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Acoustic Rhythm System (Acoustic Rock)
- 7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Back Roads Band (Classic Rock)
- 8:15 - 9:30 p.m. Youngblood Supercult (Rock)
- 10:00 - 11:15 p.m. Scrappy’s Attic (Rock)

**Saturday, November 1**
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Funktion Junction (Funk, Soul, Rock & Roll)
- 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. The Honky Tonk Saviors (Honky Tonk)
- 4:15 - 5:45 p.m. Ron’s Night Owls (Classic Rock)
- 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Tara Elisha and Jeff Kinney (Country Vocal Duet)
- 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. Eliminator KC (ZZ Top Tribute Band)