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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 on parades held morning, afternoon, and night on October 31. The parades were made up primarily of decorated cars and carriages. Queens and princesses from area festivals rode in the parades, along with our own Queen Neelah, who was selected based on votes bought at a penny apiece. 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, Bob Wohltman, 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 nine-day festival.

2016 Generalissimo



Generalissimo • Stacey Yakshaw

From the opening night of the musical "Disney's The Little Mermaid" to the Saturday morning Grand Parade and Saturday evening bandstand, come Be Part of Our Neewollah World. Neewollah has something for everyone and however you celebrate the festival, we are happy to have you involved in Neewollah. Our festival is successful because of all the volunteers, sponsors, carnival riders, parade goers, food junkies, queen contestants, 5K & 10K runners, and chili lovers!

I am honored to be your Generalissimo and I hope you enjoy Neewollah this year, and thank you for Being Part of Our World!

Stacey Yakshaw





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Located at 212 North Penn . Downtown Independence, Kansas

Opening Day Ticket Sales October 1, 2016 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

October 3 to October 25 Schedule

Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

October 26-28

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Third Row: Marla Dufur, Sabrina Overfield, Sarah R. Wilson, Mandy Monroy, Stacey Yakshaw, Debbie Pond, Colleen Confer, Lee Stroble, Rickenia Botts, Jonathon Thompson, Sarah Coder, Genevieve Ratzlaff, Susie Kleinbeck, Val DeFever, Shirley Rasmussen

Not Pictured: Gina Botts, Mary Kadel, Gina Linn





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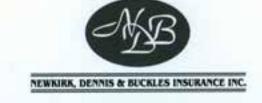












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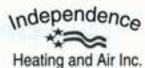


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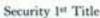














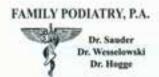






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Neewollah 2016 Presents

Disney THE LITTLE NERMAID

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's slory and the Disney film produced by

Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements

Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions Friday, Oct. 21 • 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22 • 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23 • 2 p.m.

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Directors Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige

Producers Kelli Eidson-Ebert Lori WesselowsKi Sarah J. Wilson Musical Director Tonya Torkelson
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Directors' Synopis

In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, a beautiful young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, the king of the sea, to escape the clutches of an evil sea witch and convince a prince that she's the girl with the perfect voice. Based on one of the most beloved Disney films of all time and the classic Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, some of Disney's most popular songs are featured in this show including "Part of Your World," "Kiss the Girl," and the Academy Award-winning Best Original Song, "Under the Sea" by the songwriting team of 8-time Academy winner Alan Menken and the renowned Howard Ashman. The stage adaptation also features new songs by Menken and Glenn Slater, plus a book by Tony Award-winning playwright Doug Wright.

Disney's The Little Mermaid ran on Broadway from January 10, 2008, to August 30, 2009. It ran for 685 performances and was nominated for two Tony Awards and three Drama Desk Awards. Though loosely based on the Hans Christian

Anderson fairytale, it was highly re-conceptualized by Doug Wright, Alan Menken, and Howard Ashman.

As directors we are thrilled to be working together on this project. We hope that we can transport you "under the sea" to enjoy this production. We have very fond memories of the Disney film that warmed the hearts of so many involved, including our Generalissimo, who remembers watching it with her girls. We hope to "hook" you in from the opening notes of the overture as the music comes "crashing upon the shore".

A favorite line from the show comes from one of the Mersisters as she states, "Fish puns. Aren't we better than that?"

No. We are not.

May you leave with a song in your heart, laughter on your lips and a smile on your face as you become Part of Our World!

- Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige

With Gratitude -

Neewollah 2016 and the production crew of The Little Mermaid would like to give special recognition to Ted Shonka, set designer and technical director; and Kate Stires, costume designer at Topeka Civic Theatre, Topeka, Kansas.

"Swimming" stunts are made possible with the talented professionals at ZFX Flying Effects Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

The Little Mermaid Cast

Ariel	Meagan Moore	Jetsam	Jessica Turner
		Flounder	
King Triton	Matthew Hastings	Scuttle	Austin Drake
		Grimsby	
Ursula	Lisa West	Chef Louis	John Gray
Flotsam	Terri Barbera	Pilot	Dale Belcher

Mersisters

Lena Blackert, Shelby Demo, Jasmine Hall, Kacie Hastings, Courtlynn Rose, Samantha Sequichie

Leeward: Ben Seel V

Winward: Luke Emmot

Seagulls

Lauren Emmot, Jacob Hogge, Annastasia Howland, Sean Neyland, Lillie Taylor, Amanda Trout

Princess Contestants

Linsy Armbruster, Dulce'Asgari, Selena Cavaness, Cassie Graham, Kara Moore, Bailey Schaub, Grace Slaton, Emma Woodward

Chorus

Isabel Ayala, Noah Ayala, Ashlyn Bales, Brynn Bertie, Heide Blackert, Lacie Bohr, Abigail Bright,

Maeson Bryant, Jane Carroll, Lainey Caulfield, Sydnee Clubine, Leslie Coder, Sarah Coder, Keely Daily, Kylee Davis,
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Browyn O'Malley, Briana Paolini, Tami Payden, Tami Payden, Landon Pursley, Brenda Sanchez, Lindsay Shaw,
Autumn Robinson, Baylee Robinson, Reagan Robinson, Lorraine Rose, Jean Ann Routh, Gabe Schenk, Jenna Speer,
Max Sutherland, Brynlee Taylor, Justin Turner, Mae Tuschman, Diane Unruh, Marriah Wade,
Mallory Waters, Molly Waters, Courtney Willard

THE LITTLE MERMAID.

The Little Mermaid Scenes & Muscial Numbers

Act One

Scene One - The Water's Surface

The World Above - Ariel

Fathoms Below - Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric and Grimsby

Scene Two - King Triton's Court

Daughters of Triton - Mersisters

If Only (Triton's Lament) - King Triton

Scene Three - Ursula's Lair

Daddy's Little Angel - Ursula, Flotsam and Jetsam

Scene Four - Ariel's Grotto

Part of Your World - Ariel

The Storm - Sailors

Scene Five - Prince Eric's Ship/Sea/Beach

Part of Your World (Reprise) - Ariel

Scene Six - Mersisters' Girl Cave

She's in Love - Mersisters and Flounder

Scene Seven - The Beach

Her Voice - Prince Eric

Scene Eight - Open Water

Under the Sea - Sebastian, Sea Creatures

Scene Nine - Ariel's Grotto

If Only (Ariel's Lament) - Ariel

Sweet Child - Flotsam and Jetsam

Scene Ten - Ursula's Lair

Poor Unfortunate Souls - Ursula

Act 1 Finale - Ursula and Ariel

Act Two

Scene One - The Beach

Positoovity - Scuttle and Gulls

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Scene Two - King Triton's Court

Scene Three - The Palace Ariel's Chambers

Beyond My Wildest Dreams - Ariel, Maids and Grimsby

Scene Four - The Palace Kitchen

Les Poisson - Chef Louis and Chefs

Scene Five - The Palace Banquet Hall

Les Poisson (Reprise) - Chef Louis and Chefs

Scene Six - The Palace Ballroom

One Step Closer - Prince Eric

Scene Seven - Ursula's Lair

Daddy's Little Angel (Reprise) - Ursula, Flotsam and Jetsam

Scene Eight - The Bay

Kiss the Girl - Sebastian and Animals

Scene Nine - King Triton's Court

If Only (Quartet) - Ariel, Eric, Triton and Sebastian

Scene Ten - Ariel's Chambers/The Ship/ King Triton's Court

Scene Eleven - The Palace Ballroom

The Contest - Grimsby and Princesses

Scene Twelve - Ursula's Lair

Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise) - Ursula

Ariel's Transformation - Mersisters

Scene Thirteen - The Beach

Finale Ultimo - Triton, Ariel, Eric and Ensemble

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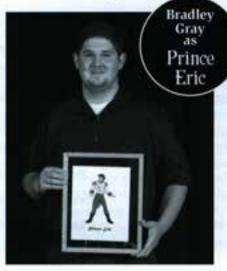
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Starring Roles



Meagan brings her talent back to the Neewollah stage. Her favorite Neewollah roles include Marian in *The Music Man* and Ida in *Honk!* She has volunteered on the Neewollah musical make-up committee and as a Queen Neelah pageant talent coach. Meagan is a targeted case manager at Four County Mental Health. She and her husband, Alex, reside in Cherryvale with their daughter, Evie.

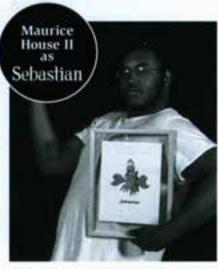
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Bradley returns to the Neewollah stage for the second time. He played the role of Drake in the 2014 production of *Honk!* During his senior year of high school, Brad played Shrek in *Shrek the Musical*. He also has the distinguished honor of playing Robert in David Aburn's *Proof*. Brad is the shelter director at the Coffeyville Animal Shelter, He would like to give a shout out to his mom and dad, sister, brother and grandma!



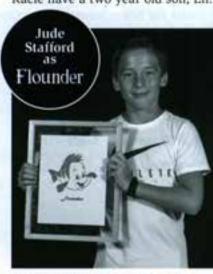
Matthew Hastings' Neewollah experience includes Lost Boy in Peter Pan and Senator Jack S. Phogbound in L'Il Abner. He appeared in Sterling Community Theatre's productions of The Pajama Game, Curtains and The Drowsy Chaperone. Matthew earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in voice performance and sacred music from Sterling College. Matthew is a deputy sheriff for Montgomery County. He and his wife Kacie have a two year old son, Eli.



Maurice is a 19-year-old funny man attending Independence Community College. Taking the town by storm, he played the role of peanut-allergic, witty William Barfee in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Gibson in Mr. Burns. Maurice wants the world to see who he is and take a laugh from the hard work that he gives. "Expending myself to make others feel better" is his motto each time he steps on stage.

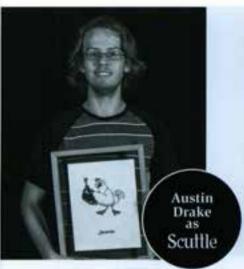


Lisa West is super excited for her first leading role on the Neewollah stage. Lisa appeared in the chorus of Neewollah's production *The Wizard of Oz.* Lisa has taught sixth grade for 11 years in Neodesha. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Nathan, and they have two daughters, Kathryn, eight and Meghan, five.

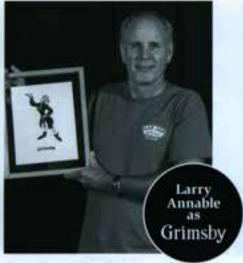


Jude is a veteran actor appearing in numerous Independence
Children's Summer Theatre
productions, including Seussical,
Peter Pan, and Annie. He played
the role of Beaky in Neewollah
2014's production of HONK! Jude
is a student in the Independence
School District. He resides in Independence with his mother, Mary
Ellen. He has six siblings, John
Lloyd, Julia, Jordan, Jackson, Jeb
and Jillian.

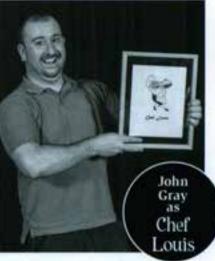
Starring Roles



Austin Drake is no stranger to the stage. He appeared as Charlie Bucket in Neewollah's production of Willy Wonka, and in the Independence Children's Summer Theatre Productions of Senssical, Once on This Island, Peter Pan, and Gnys and Dolls. His favorite characters were Willy Wonka's Charlie Bucket and Once on this Island's Papa Ge. Austin is a senior at Independence High School. He is the son of Leonda and Eric Drake. He has one sister, Destiny.



Larry has performed in Neewollah musical productions for over twenty years. He had leading roles in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Meet Me in St. Louis, Brigadoon, Annie. Damn Yankees, Hello Dolly. Beauty and the Beast, and Young Frankenstein. He has served on several Neewollah committees. Larry is the Choral Music Director at Independence High School, where he conducts three musical groups, and teaches Music Theory and Music Appreciation classes. Larry and his wife, Sandy, have two grown children, Stephanie and Bryan, and two granddaughters.



John Gray has been sharing his talents in the Neewollah musicals for years. He appeared as Judah in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jimmy in Thoroughly Modern Millie, and a ballplayer in Damn Yankees. John has also appeared in productions of Schoolhouse Rock, Secret Garden, and Pippin. John teaches music at Eisenhower Elementary School. He and his wife, Marci, reside in Independence with their children Brynlee, Easton, Hudson, and Aidy.



Terri Berbera as Flotsam Jessica Turner as Jetsam



Mersisters

Front Row: Kacie Hastings, Jasmine Hall Back Row: Shelby Demo, Samantha Sequichie, Lena Blackert

Not Pictured: Courtlynn Rose

Featuring



Princess Contestants, Seagulls, and More

Front Row: Dulce Asgari, Emma Woodward, Annastasia Howland, Lillie Taylor Middle Row: Bailey Schaub, Grace Slaton, Linsy Armbruster, Lauren Emmot, Amanda Trout, Sean Nevland

Back Row: Selena Cavaness, Cassie Graham, Kara Moore, Dale Belcher (Pilot), Luke Emmot (Windward),

> Ben Seel (Leeward) Not Pictured: Jacob Hogge



Children's Chorus

Front Row: Keely Daily, Mossie O'Brien, Gabe Schenk,
Jane Carroll, Noah Ayala, Brynlee Taylor

Middle Row: Max Sutherland, Tyler Emmot, Isabel Ayala,
Abrianna Hiebsch, Ella Johnston, Abigail Bright
Back Row: Mae Tuschman, Anastin Journot,
Landon Pursley, Elijah Jarrell, Taylie McKlintic,
Ashlyn Bales, Heide Blackert

Not Pictured: Sydnee Clubine, Kylee Davis, Alexis Foster, James Horning, Payten Minick, Lorraine Rose



Adult & Crossover Chorus

Front Row: Megan Emmot, Mallory Waters, Molly Waters, Diane Unruh, Jenna Speer, Kiara Islam, Browyn O'Malley, Tia Gregory, Marriah Wade, Andrew O'Brien

Middle Row: Lainey Caulfield, Drew Demo, Reagan Robinson, Briana Paolini, Leslie Coder, Autumn Robinson, Kierstan Fussell, Lacie Bohr, Tami Payden Back Row: Denina Journot, Jean Ann Routh, Maeson Bryant, Mary Kadel, Yalanda Moore, Brenda Sanchez, Justin Turner, Courtney Willard, Baylee Robinson, Sarah Coder

Not Pictured: Brynn Bertie, Jackson Horning, Lindsay Shaw



Choral Director Tonya Torkelsor



Rehearsal Accompanist Glenda Winkleman



Conductor Jan Rogers

THE LITTLE MERMAID.

Musical Staff



Orchestra

Front Row: Judy Jones, Don Farthing, Tonya Torkelson, Glenda Winkleman Back Row: Bruce Brooks, Mark Torkelson, Rebecca Timmons, Jan Rogers Not Pictured: Jami Kleinert, Carol Hoyt, Lewis Hoyt, Gina McLenon, Terry Harper, Mark Dice, Erin Shelton, Amy Rousselle

Production Staff



Co-Directors Lois Lessman, Lisa Paige

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Back Row: Kelli Eidson-Ebert



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Lois Lessman - Co-Director: Lois is no stranger to Neewollah. She served as director of Honk! (2014) and was co-director of Young Frankenstein (2013). She has shared her acting talents on the Neewollah stage for over 35 years and has appeared in many college, Inge Festival, and community theatre productions including Damn Yankees, Picnic. Annie, Beauty and the Beast. Thoroughly Modern Millie, Love Letters, and Extra Ketchup, Hot Flashes and Rum. She is a recipient of the Margaret Goheen Award. An active member of Zion Lutheran Church, she sings in the choir and is a member of the Lutheran School's Board of Education. She lives in Independence, has two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

Lisa Paige - Co-Director: Lisa is a long-time friend of Neewollah. Over the years she has directed 10 Neewollah musicals, including Young Frankenstein, The Music Man, Thoroughly Modern Millie and L'il Abner. In addition to directing, she has produced, choreographed, and acted on the Neewollah stage. Lisa has served on many Queen Neelah committees, was Generalissmo in 2014 and serves on the Neewollah Board. Lisa is a founding member and artistic direc tor of Independence Children's Summer Theatre and has directed twelve productions including last summer's production of Seussical Jr. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church. She is a 2005 Margaret Goheen award winner and 2009 Master Teacher. Lisa is the assistant principal at Eisenhower Elementary School. She and her husband Mark reside on a ranch south of Dearing and have one son Jaxon.

Sarah J. Wilson is returning for another tour as Neewollah musical producer. Sarah served as co-producer of Young Frankenstein and has been on several Queen Neelah committees. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she helps with CUFF dinners. Sarah's community involvement includes PEO, Chapter EF and Independence Children's Summer Theatre. Sarah is a special education instructor at Cherryvale Middle/High School. Sarah and her husband John reside in Independence with their two children, Sam and Emily.

Kelli Eidson-Ebert has been involved with numerous Neewollah musicals, and has served on several Queen Neelah Committees, Kick-Off Party Committee and Kiddie Parade Committee. She is employed as the Parish Administrator at Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal, where she is also an active member, serving as the secretary of St. Martha's Guild. Vision Team Representative, a member of the Altar Guild, past Vestry Member, and Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Market Chair. Kelli is on the Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County Board of Directors, an Inge Festival volunteer and is active in Eisenhower PTO. She resides in Independence with her husband David and son, Kellen.

Lori Wesselowski brings her producing experience to the Neewollah stage a second time. Lori was co-producer of 2013's Young Frankenstein and has produced several Independence Children's Summer Theatre productions. Lori is a Neewollah Board member and has served on numerous Neewollah Committees. Lori's community involvement includes ICST Board President, Chapter EF, PEO, and the First Leadership Board. Lori is a realtor at Coldwell Banker Pasternak Johnson, is on the Independence School Board and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church. She and her husband Barry live in Independence and have three children - Erin, Alex and Anna.

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Musical Committees



Musical Props

Front Row: Leseley Simpson, Shirley Rasmussen, Samantha Montgomery, Toni Jabben (chair)

Back Row: Brenda Johnson, Hannah Jabben, Leslie Stair, Emily Jabben Not Pictured: Jake Jabben



Front Row: Geoffrey Corle, Drew Demo Back Row: Dustin Cain, Mark Coder Not Pictured: Sean Clapp (chair), Andrew Demo, Brad Henderson, Jamie Thompson, Jeff Shaw, Brent Bohr



Stage Managers Teresa Fairbank, Lorraine Emmot



Musical Costumes

Front Row: Marci Horning and Mary Thompson-O'Rourke (co-chairs)

Back Row: Leslie Coder, Maddy O'Rourke, Sarah Coder

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Musical Committees



Musical Hair

Front Row: Amy Taylor, Joann Connors, Jade Strauss, Sarah R. Wilson Back Row: Kia Ratzlaff, Genevieve Ratzlaff (chair), Jordan Rinck-Taylor, Shelly Salmon



Musical Makeup

Front Row: Debbie Moore, Carrie Waters, Tabitha Easley (co-chair) Lindsay Shaw

Back Row: Meagan Moore, Amy Easley (co-chair), Shelli Floyd, Brooke Mills

Not Pictured: Yalonda Moore, Kelly Cox, Marci Gray



Musical Sound Engineer Chris Moore



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Cast Party

Front Row: Charlene Paolini, Nancy Vestring, Amanda Hoover Back Row: Mary Boulanger, Mary Kadel, Janet Demo (chair), Sandy Annable

Not Pictured: Paige Demo, Pam Passauer, Amy Stephens

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Come, Be Part of our World at the 28th Annual Neewollah Run up where we run and play all day in the sun! The Certified 5K and 10K runs will be electronically chip timed. The 5K and 10K will be followed by the Fun Run/ Walk that includes hundreds of children and adults participating. What better way to kick off Neewollah than a run through beautiful Riverside Park? Join us for the Neewollah Run. Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. on the bandstand at the Chili Cook-off.



Neewollah Runs Rickenia Botts, Jay Jones (5K/10K chair), Heather Bryant (Fun Run chair)

Neewollah Medallion Hunt

Saturday, October 22 • 1 p.m. • Riverside Park Oval

The 2016 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 22, 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



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Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Contest

Annual Chili Cook-Off & Dessert Contest Saturday, October 22, 2016 Activities begin at 10:30 a.m. and last until 2 p.m.

AHOY! Come be "Part of Our World" in the oval at the 'fin'tastic' Riverside Park! You can dive right in to a good time and sample competition chili and desserts that will keep you afloat while enjoying the entertainment from karaoke, one acts, comedy skits and other talented shipmates. Bring your sea legs over to the concession stand for a few extras that will complement your palate.

Your little fish (ages up to 13) can swim over to "Mermaid Island" for inflatables, games, deep sea fishing and other exciting activities! What are you 'wading' for?!



Chili Cook-Off

Front Row: Carrie Waters, Jennifer Wood, Tonja McCollam, Debbie Moore, Lindsay Shaw, Jennifer Brumley (chair), Kathy Sullivan (co-chair)

Back Row: Melissa Unruh, Brooke Mills, Allison Johnston, Judy Berwager, Mickey King, Crystal Frederiksen, Matt Brumley, Joe Cooley,

Jimmy Waters, Thia Kimbrel, Lacy King, Cheryl Sparks

Not Pictured: Sarah Lange, Chris Moore, Marci Gray, Stan Sullivan, Mike Borovetz, Melissa Borovetz, Jacinda Hahn, Joe Cooley, Aimee Lakin, Shelly Charter, Ellie Chickadonz (co-chair), Val Smith, Emily Haynes, Jen Rutledge, Jennifer Shaffer



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Queen Meelan



2015 Queen's Court

Emily Depew, Miss Interview; Kennedy Froebe, Miss Personality; Kara McGrath, Miss Beauty; Lauren Rinck, Miss Photogenic; Chelsea Cushing, Second Runner Up; Anna Miller, Queen Neelah; Courtlynn Rose, First Runner Up; Tayfor Dufur, Miss Congeniality/Miss Talent; Brooke Drumeller, Miss Originality; Madeline O'Rourke, Miss Poise; Teyler Aemisegger, Miss Fashion.

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 23. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 24. That same evening, each candidate presents a one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half minute talent presentation. Miss Talent is chosen from the most polished and entertaining of the talent numbers. On Tuesday, October 25, a brunch is held during which 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.

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Lexi Catt
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Piano Solo

Queen Heelah



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Taylor Clark
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Skit



Shayla Drake
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Vocal Solo



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Electric Violin Solo



Zoe Hannah

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Ashley Johnson
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Alex Kellet
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Hula Hoop Routine



Madeline Kyle

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Flag Routine



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Brooklinn Royel
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Dance





Emma Schapet
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Jacey Smtth Heaven's Angels Skit



Kallie Smtth

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Courtney Taylor
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Emily Thompson

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Emily Wilson
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Coronation Judges



Chad Choat is from Claremore, Oklahoma, where he has lived for the past 21 years with his wife, Misty, and daughters, Shelby and Morgan. They are 19 and 15. Shelby is a freshman at the University of Arkansas, and Morgan is a sophomore at Claremore High School. Chad owns and operates Community Home Health. They serve all of eastern Oklahoma and just celebrated 26 years in business on October 3. Chad is very active in the community of Claremore, having previously served on the City Council and currently as an executive officer with the Rogers County Children's Advocacy Center. Chad and his wife teach a young adult bible study class of First Baptist Church in Claremore. He has previous experience judging several Miss Oklahoma local preliminary contests. Neewollah, though, is one of the best he's ever been involved with.



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.

Carolyn 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.

Carolyn is the mother of two sons and one daughter who have all been engaged and supportive of Carolyn's service and dedication to the Miss Oklahoma organization. Carolyn is fondly known by the entire Miss Oklahoma organization as "Mimi". Carolyn 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 comes from Claremore, Oklahoma. She is the Assistant Administrator of Human Resources at Community Home Health, Inc. where she has been employed for the past 15 years.

No stranger to pageants, Debbie has spent many years following her two nieces in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant system.

Debbie's greatest passion is animal rescue and is an avid dog lover. She serves on the board of Rescued n Ready Animal Foundation of Tulsa as secretary. She volunteers every Saturday at Petco for Rescued n Ready's adoption program. At any given time, you will find 7 to 8 dogs at her home. Debbie finds much accomplishment and satisfaction in rehabilitating the sick, sad and broken ones into happy, healthy and ready to find their new families. She would also like you to know that she has not become the "crazy dog lady" YET! In the past year, the volunteer-based organization has seen more than 500 dogs and cats find their "forever homes."

Debbie has one daughter, Marcy, who recently graduated Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Tulsa Community College and is working in Grapevine, Texas.





Queen Meetan

Coronation Entertainment





Stage Escorts

Front Row: Corbyn Hugo, Cory Janasek, Jackson Stafford
Back Row: Kyle Woods, Colan Snodgrass, Cooper King, Daniel Grice, Zack Schroeder

Neelah Debs

Alexis Clapp, Dara Mendoza, Addison Julian, Graci Carr, Emma Stoner, Jillian Stafford, Emily Thompson, Morgan Mayers



Coronation Music

Neewollah is privileged to welcome back John Hamlin to perform as background artist for this year's Queen Coronation. John's wide range of playing styles and compositions include Blues/Alternative Bluegrass and Classical/Spanish and Jazz. Today John performs, distributes and markets his music throughout the world, including time spent entertaining in his home State of Kansas and the Central United States. John also operates his own guitar studio and has studied under the direction of Maestro and Mentor Edgar Cruz, also having the pleasure to study with Maestro Mike Millard and Hector Garcia where John acquired his Classical Guitar skills at Oklahoma City University.

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KasiDee Cox

KasiDee was born and raised in Independence and grew up attending Queen Neelah pageants. She was named Queen Neelah the 72nd, as well as Miss Congeniality in 2013 and participated in the Miss Kansas pageant as Miss Neewollah that same year. Before the pageant, KasiDee was active in many other Neewollah festivities including the Neewollah Follies musical cast, Fun Run, various Neewollah parades, and she even won the hotdog eating contest in 2005! KasiDee was a Neelah Deb in 2011. Her favorite part of Neewollah has always been the pageant and is honored to return as an emcee this year. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Doug & Kelly Cox.

Since graduation, KasiDee attended Independence Community College and then transferred to Baker University where she is a junior majoring in exercise science. KasiDee plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

While attending Baker KasiDee has worked as a manager for the women's basketball team and as a university admissions assistant. She is also a member of the Lambda chapter of Delta Delta Delta, where she is house manager.





Jeffrey Gettler

Jeffrey W. Gettler is serving his third year as Chairman of the Neewollah Board of Directors. He has been a board member since 2007. In 2013, Gettler served as Generalissimo bringing an "It's Alive" theme to Neewollah with a "starring" (cameo) role in the musical Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein as Dracula. He has co-chaired the Grand Parade, Doo Dah Parade, Security, and Food Vendor committees. He has served on other committees including Neewollah Musical Sets, Queen's Ball, and the Professional Show. As Chairman and board member, Jeffrey has had a hand in many events while not officially serving on their committees.

Jeffrey Gettler is married to Joslyn Kusiak and resides in Independence, Kansas. He is a native of Independence, having graduated from Independence High School and ICC. He furthered his education at Loyola University Chicago and University of Kansas School of Law, He is an attorney and member of Emert, Chubb & Gettler, LLC. He was recently elected as the Republican candidate for District Court Judge in the August 2016 primary and is unopposed in the November 2016 election.

Jeffrey has additional community involvement as a member and past president of Rotary Club of Independence, Independence Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Young Professionals of Independence, and mentoring at Eisenhower School as well as local, State and American Bar Association affiliations.

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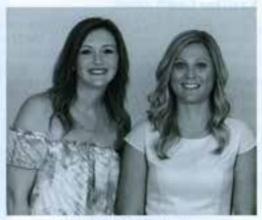
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Pageant Co-Directors, Candidate Co-Chairs, Publicity Monique Brown (candidate co-chair), Tabatha Snodgrass (pageant co-director), Amy Shrum (pageant co-director), Jodi Hayse (publicity) Not Pictured: Mindy Blackard (candidate co-chair)



Neelah Debs Coordinators Lauren Ysusi, Sarah Kellev



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Talent

Front Row: Heather Holmes, Jamie Goodwin, Rebekah Peitz Back Row: Heather Estes, Mandy Monroy (co-chair), Cody Dixon (co-chair), Callie Hagood

Not Pictured: Brittany Thornton, Val Davis, Lindsay Reichenberger, Shelby Demo, Shannon Oakes, Lee Stroble, Amy Bales



Sound Jason R. Curtis



Brunch Lori Wesselowski (co-chair), Nancy Jones, Sabrina Overfield (co-chair) Not Pictured: Dana Froebe



Pop Party Front Row: Debbie Moore, Tina Hannah, Marla Dufur Back Row: Amy Easley (co-chair), Tabitha Easley (co-chair), Sarah Heckman, Melinda Miller Not Pictured: Jennifer Tucker, Marci Gray

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Coronation

Front Row: Emily McCambridge, Brandie Keyes, Teresa Schaper, Abby Emert, Liz Pralle Back Row: Hannah Yanez, Donna Janasek (co-chair), Heather Bryant (co-chair)



Summer Workshop Karin Stoner, Linda Grice Not Pictured: Dee Dee O'Malley (co-chair). Hillary Sutherland (co-chair), Anne Gordon, Amy Stephens, Lisa Wilson



Buttons Amy Bales



Coronation Ball

Front Row: Teresa Schaper, Holly Emmot, Sharon Marquez, Janna Rinck, Tracie Moon, Stephanie Julian, Christy Mavers (chair) Back Row: Chad Mayers, Paul Marquez, Jerald Rinck, Brent Julian Not Pictured: Luke Emmot, Lauren Emmot, Andrew Schaper, Kyle Davis, Val Davis

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Candidates' Tea Karin Stoner, Mandi Johnson, Stephenie Turner, Linda Grice (co-chair), Todd Young (co-chair), Carolyn Torrance



Window Display Diane Spencer, Denina Journot (co-chairs)



Stage Escorts Jeff Leiker, Jennifer Leiker



Judges Melissa Small, Lisa Hugo, Sabrina Overfield



Coffee & Conversation Molly Reynolds (co-chair), Becky Brown, Allison Littleford (co-chair) Not Pictured: Rita Taylor



Interview/Walk-in/Runway Deatrea Rose (chair), Megan Lawrence



June 12	Summer Workshop - Booth Hotel	October 23	Queen's Tea
August 14	Packet turn-in		Talent night full dress rehearsal
August 28	Conversation and Coffee	October 24	Interview - IHS
100 Table 100	(Parent/Guardian Only) -		Talent Night
	Tennis Clubhouse	October 25	Queen's Brunch
September 11	Every Sunday talent practice starts		Coronation Rehearsal
September 25	Data Workshop - IHS		Coronation
October 2	Talent practice moves		Coronation Ball - Country Club
	to Memorial Hall	October 27	Doo Dah Parade
October 9	Pop Party	October 28	Kiddie Parade (Queen's court only)
October 16	Mock Judging	October 29	Pre-parade breakfast
	Talent guest observation night		Grand Parade
	(1 guest only)	October 30	Queen's Pick-Up Party
	Interview/Walk-in/Runway		
	workshops		

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Celebrating Past Queens

Neewollah is excited to have past Queen Neelahs back to help celebrate Queen Neelah the LXXV. With the help of Gail Moore Woltkamp, Queen Neelah 1983, the past Queens are gathering this year for a breakfast with their Generalissimos and to ride a float in the Grand Parade. Welcome back Queens and thank you for being part of Neewollah Queens, 75 Years of Treasured Memories.

Food Vendors

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



Front Row: Kathy Schwarz

Back Row: Lance Chickadonz, Robert Browning, Tom Schwarz (co-chair), Dan Barwick, Chuck Schmidt

Not Pictured: Ann Crow (co-chair), Stewart Crow, Jim Kelly (cochair), Eloise Kelly, Judith Lowdon, Margie Swisher, Brian Swisher

Carnival

The Neewollah Carnival is brought to you by Ottaway Amusements.

One of the favorites in the Neewollah 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.

There will be a new ride (Freak Out) this year, and it will take two single tickets to ride it.

Carnival Schedule:

Wednesday, October 26, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 5-10 p.m. Friday, October 28, 3-10 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Carnival Ticket Prices:

Single Ticket - \$3.50 Family Pack 10 Tickets - \$28.00 Super Saver 30 Tickets - \$75.00 Wrist Band \$25.00



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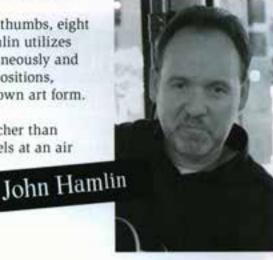
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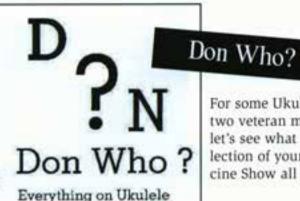
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Neewollah Street Acts

ohn Hamlin (solo classical guitar) doesn't need much more than two thumbs, eight ngers and six strings on a wood box to carry his listeners away. Hamlin utilizes is superb technical abilities to play bass, rhythm and melody simultaneously and urpass the borders of conventional genres. He merges beautiful compositions, ountry rhythms and jazzy harmonies with funky licks into his very own art form.

This acoustic mad man plays the guitar sweeter than Yoo-hoo and richer than crooge McDuck. His fingers fly over the six strings like the Blue Angels at an air how..." Porter Rangus - The Current





For some Ukulele fun, it's Don Who? (Ukulele Duo) Don Who? is two veteran musicians who picked up a ukulele and said, "Hey

let's see what we can't play on one of these". The result is a collection of your favorite hits from The Beatles to Old Crow Medi-

cine Show all done on Uke.

ryson Michael and the Free Nation is is a Red Dirt Rock Roll Country band from Kansas, whose members are all om the Wichita Area. These are some of the most talnted musicians in the area. Each member is rooted in diferent styles of country music. From traditional Texas Red Pirt to Old Country to Modern Country hits, to popular ock n Roll, they play it all. Bryson's music from his solo P 'This is How an Outlaw Rides' has been nominated for everal awards including the song "Rodeo" for 2016 best ountry song in the Hollywood Song Writing Contest, and he song "In this Neverland" Best country song of 2015 by he American Song Writers association. Bryson has won n array of Battle of the bands in Oklahoma and last year vas considered one of the top 20 best performers in Red Pirt out of over 2000 artists according to Outlaw Nation.

Bryson Michael and the Free Nation



ryson Michael and the Free Nation are now working on their new upcoming album titled '31' which will still ave the outlaw spirit of Bryson's current EP and also a mix of personal stories written by Bryson and the and! Check out www.brysonmichaelband.com for more information.



It's hard to put the sound of Zero 2 Panic (rock, ska) into words. With a 3-man horn section leading the charge, Zero 2 Panic hits hard from the first note and will have you dancing in no time.

Zero 2 Panic

Neewollah Street Acts

Bandstand Schedule

Wednesday, October 26

11:30 a.m. ... IHS Orchestra

6 p.m...... John Hamlin (solo classical guitar)

6:15 p.m..... Don Who? (Ukulele Duo)

8:30 p.m. Queen Neelah and Generalissimo

8:45 p.m. IHS Band

9 p.m. IHS Drum

9:15 p.m..... Christ Church of Neodesha (gospel)

Thursday, October 27

7 p.m. Shiloh's Crossing (country, rock)

8 p.m. Bryson Michael and the Free

Nation (country, red dirt, rock)

Friday, October 28

5:30 p.m. C.O.T. (rock)

6:45 p.m. Straight Away (rock)

8 p.m. Cedar Vale All-Stars (rock)

9:15 p.m..... The Sea Kings (rock)

10:30 p.m.... Flowsion (instrumental rock)

Saturday, October 29

1 p.m. The Gigsters featuring Lennie Baker (rock, R&B)

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3:30 p.m. Zero 2 Panic (rock, ska)

5:45 p.m. R&S studios (dance)

7 p.m..... Michelle Knopick (country)

8 p.m. Alaska and Madi (country)









Cedar Vale All-Stars



Doo Dah Parade

Doo Dahing Under the Sea Thursday, October 27 • 6 p.m.

are you an adult who doesn't like adulting or do you have in exciting side you are tired of keeping bottled up? If you nodded your head or even thought for a second, "Yes, hat's me!", dress up or dress down. We want you in the you Dah Parade! This is your chance to be in a parade so housands can see how fun you really are!

The Doo Dah parade lineup will be on Penn in front of Menorial Hall at 5 p.m. The parade starts moving at 6 p.m. Must be 18 years or older to participate.)

If you wanna be a human, the first thing you gotta do is ress like one." - **Scuttle**



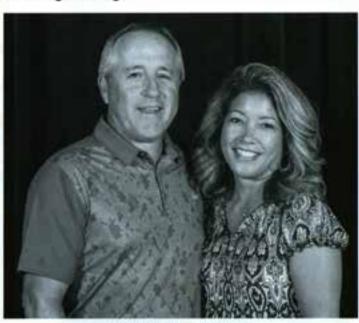
Doo Dah Parade Front: Geoffrey Corle, Drew Demo Back: Dustin Cain

Not Pictured: Andrew Demo (co-chair), Anthony Vail, Brent Bohr, Brett Shaw (co-chair), David Bryant, Derek Kimzey, Doug Buckles, Jr., Aaron Kolb, Jason Bailey, Travis Kolb, Trevor Bruening

Doo Dah Royalty

devin and Gina Botts love the festivities of Neewolah! Gina is a past Neewollah Board member and
has served on numerous committees throughout the
hears. Some include Queen's Directors, Queen Candihates, Neelah Debs, and Queen's Judges committee.
You will always see Gina at Neewollah Headquarters
hither working or decorating. Kevin has always been
heard contributor to Neewollah. He does not hesitate to
hear a car or twenty to the Neewollah festival, and his
his ontinued contributions to Neewollah are appreciated.

Sina is a registered nurse, a mother and a volunteer. Sevin is a partner of Quality Toyota/Quality Motors and Quality Paint and Body. They have three grown hildren, Peyton, Parker and Palmer.



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Kiddie Parade

Sheili Floyd, Tabitha Easley (co-chair), Marty Easley, Amy Easley (co-chair) Not Pictured: Erica Pursley, Alex Moore, John Gray, Chris Moore

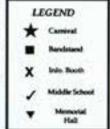
Neewollah Grand Parade

Saturday, October 29 • 11 a.m.

The parade goers will all wait in anticipation of the Big Boom! That lets everyone know the Neewollah 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 St. to Sixth St., south one block to Maple where it turns west to Ninth St. The final leg travels north on Ninth St. ending just short of the Independence Middle School. The Grand Parade is exceedingly well attended. Parade goers set up chairs on the front row in the wee hours of the morning on parade day. They wait with great anticipation for the cannon 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.



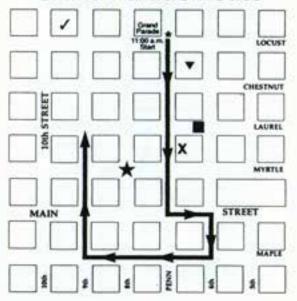




Grand Parade Front: Geoffrey Corle, Drew Demo Back: Dustin Cain Not Pictured: Lance Chickadonz (chair), Brent Berberick,

Grand Parade Route

Brett Shaw, David Bryant, Jason Bailey, Andrew Demo, David Ebert



2016 Grand Parade Marshal

lim is honored to serve as this year's Grand Parade Marshal. Im was born and raised in Independence, Kansas, and some of Jim's first Neewollah experiences include riding his horse in the Grand Parade. Jim and his wife, Staci, continue the annual radition of watching the parade each year with their son Bryan, nephews, nieces and extended family.

lim's involvement has expanded to cover many areas of Neewollah. Over the years he has served on and chaired many committees including Neewollah musical committees, information booth, carnival committee, ticket sales, international show, professional show, fun run, food vendors, sponsorship committee and served as Neewollah board chairman.

im is the Vice President of Equity Bank. Prior to joining Equity Bank he was employed as Vice President and Asset Manager of First Federal Savings and Loan. Jim is a member of independence Chamber of Commerce (Ambassador Club) and Rotary Club. He was a previous member of the Mercy Hospital Foundation Fund Raising Committee, Airport Advisory Board, Eisenhower Site Council Team, Chairman of the March of Dimes, and Community Chest. Jim is a graduate of Kansas State University.

im and Staci have one son Bryan. Staci also has worked on nany Neewollah committees and is a former Queen Neelah. They live on their farm/ranch where they have enjoyed workng with Mother Nature. Neewollah is honored that Jim is this rear's Grand Parade Marshal.



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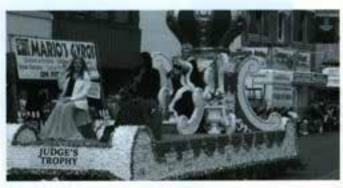
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Arts & Crafts Show

100 Block of East Myrtle Downtown Independence Saturday, October 29 • 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Arts & Crafts Show has been a mainstay of the Neewollah festival. Over the years, bringing in high-quality handcrafted 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 of East Myrtle.



Arts & Crafts
Ashley Noel Kimbrel (chair), Thia Kimbrel

Marching Band Festival



Shulthis Stadium - Kayo Emmot Field Saturday, October 29 • 1:30 p.m.

Once again this year, Shulthis Stadium will be crowded to overflowing and alive with the sound of marching music. The Marching Band Festival will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Shulthis Stadium for approximately 20-25 marching bands from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. The festival is sanctioned by the KHSAA. The festival was started in 1978 by band director, Don Farthing, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters. Since the event began, it has quadrupled in size. Many of the bands march in the Grand Parade so they will be eligible to participate in the Marching Band Festival. The Independence High School Band Boosters will operate a concession stand throughout the afternoon. The public is fivited to attend the festival, and this year it will cost \$3.00 at the gate.



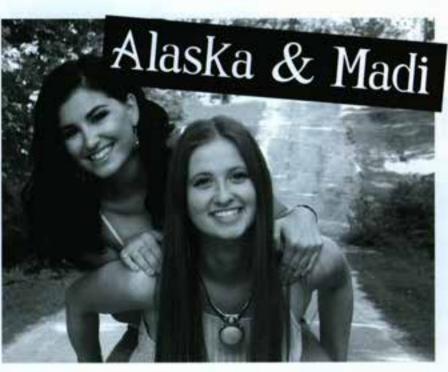
Marching Band Festival
Erin Shelton, Maria Gunselman, Jami Kleinert (chair),
Richard Harper
Not Pictured: Brian Shelton

Saturday Night Show

"Kick Back, As Neewollah Gives Back!"
Free Country Concert & Street Dance at The Neewollah Bandstand

Alaska & Madi

with Special Guest Michelle Knopick Saturday, October 29 • Showtime 7 p.m.



With musical influence from Dolly Parton to the Pistol Annies, Alaska and Madi are bringing back what has been missing from country music. Their tight harmonies give them a sister-like blend. Many have called them "Modern day Judd's." When asked what genre they sing, they always answer Country & Western, a bit of today's country mixed with classic country and a red dirt country feel. They give a high-intensity performance with compact, beautiful harmonies.

Since their journey on The Voice - Season 6, the duo have been busy performing from California to North Carolina, writing new music and recording. In January of 2015 they released their first CD and are currently in the recording studio working on their second CD.

"From the very first note it was just perfectly in sync with one another, then I turned around and see how you perform and it is so dynamic and you guys are so confident..." Adam Levine

"When I hear you guys sing, the only thing I can compare it to - not because it sounds like it but because it has the same magic - is the Pistol Annies..." Blake Shelton

Michelle Knopick

Michelle Knopick is an Independence native and is gaining worldwide recognition for her single "Fairytales". She was debuted on the world's most famed country radio station, WSM Grand Ole Opry. She was then featured on BBC's country radio station in London and has had success with radio stations across the country. Knopick's next single "Tonight" is scheduled to be released soon, following this fall with her first EP.

Knopick has performed in various shows, honky tonks and festivals around Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. She was also Miss Talent of Queen Neelah 2011.



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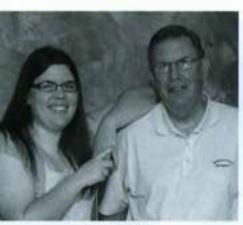
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Saturday Night Show John Hamlin



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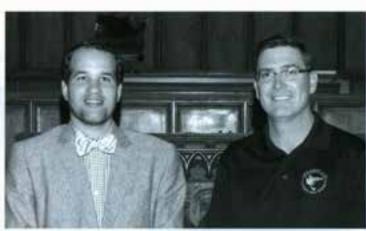
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Not Pictured: Carin Barwick



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Kick-Off Party
Front Row: Lyndi Easter, Bria Fabrizius
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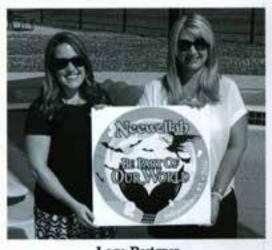
Generalissimo's & Queen's Scrapbook Marci Horning Not Pictured: Carin Barwick, Mary Thompson O'Rourke

2016 Neewollah Logo Designer

Stacey Yakshaw, 2016 Neewollah Generalissimo, announces this rear's Neewollah logo contest winner is Taylor Jurski. "While mergng 'The Little Mermaid' and Neewollah together posed a challenge, we found Taylor's design to be the unusual mix we could use to represent our festival," stated Yakshaw.

furski lives in Overland Park, where she is the Director of Marketing and Communication for Northwestern Mutual. Although this was ner first time entering the logo contest, Jurski has a deep connection to Neewollah. A native of Independence and a 2008 Independence high School graduate, she was active in many Neewollah events growing up. She made her stage debut as an orphan in the 2001 Neewollah musical, "Annie," and was often backstage helping her mother with Neewollah musical cast hair.

She also participated as a Neelah Deb as well as a Queen contestant.



Logo Designer
Taylor Jurski, Logo Designer, with Stacey Yakshaw,
Generalissimo.

'I love the appeal of the Disney-themed musical," said Jurski. "It was a favorite of mine growing up and I feel that something for everyone to enjoy."

lurski is a graduate of Pittsburg State University, where she majored in Communications and minored in Marseting.

The Neewollah Logo Committee co-chairs, Stacy Near and Lori Shaw, would like to thank everyone who paricipated in this year's Neewollah logo contest and added they were very excited for Jurski's win.





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Past Queens & Generalissimos

Past (Generalissimos	Past Queens	Past (Generalissimos	Past Queens
1919	Thurman Hill		1978	Roger Leeseberg	Staci Pollock
920	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1979	Stewart Crow	Lisa Swearingen
1921	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1980	Jerry Webb	Beth Maxwell
1922	John Baden	Orphelia Pruitt	1981	Don Dancer	Yvette Carvalho
1923	John Baden	Florence Smith	1982	Karen Reeder	Jill Singleton
1924	A. Carlotte	Helen Jones	1983	Lowell Baker	Gail Moore
1925		Lola McDaniel	1984	Stewart Crow	Tammy Pasternak
1926	O.E. McAnulty	Catherine Cates	1985	Pat Springer	Jeannine Bailey
1927	O.E. McAnulty	Babs Carroll	1986	Jack Ashcraft	Missy Housel
1928	O.E. McAnulty	Alice May Austin	1987	Tim Emert	Shelly Nelson
1929	O.E. McAnulty	Elizabeth Cowman	1988	Virginia Kelly	Kaki Borklund
1930	O.E. McAnulty	Bea St. Helens	1989	Steve DeFever	Kara Woods
No Ne	ewollah 1931-1934 due te	o the Great Depression	1990	Paul Oakleaf	Julie Lair
1935		Louise Ransdall	1991	Lorne Schlatter	Keri Kruse
No Ne	wollah 1936-1947 due te	o World War II	1992	David Torbett	April Hill
1948	Bill Wagner	Dorothy Heckman	1993	Steve Wilkin	Laura Henrichs
1949	Emmett Wilson	JoAnn Jacobs	1994	Mike Flood	Kelly Springer
No Ne	wollah 1950-1957 due te	o lack of financial support	1995	Larry Pendleton	Tara Kemp
1958	Jim Halsey	Neola Hamsher	1996	Ray Rothgeb	Christy VanFossen
1959	Bob Wohltman	Sylvia McCalla	1997	Gregg Webster	Kelly O'Malley
1960	Jerry Webb	Norma Day	1998	Beth Chaney	Andrea Bailey
1961	Don Dancer	Phyllis Cinnoto	1999	Butch Holum	Jordan Paugh
1962	Bill Woods	Kristin Utz	2000	Vanessa Dennis	Uma Patel
1963	Duane Doll	Betsy Gibson	2001	Grant Sherwood	Tara Olson
1964	Bill Woods	Karen Schaub	2002	Val DeFever	Ramie Browning
1965	Jim Halsey	Gay Barnard	2003	Jeff Chubb	Audrey Gross
1966	Fred Wilkin	Rosemary Sicks	2004	Don Farthing	Aubrey Heckman
1967	E.C. Simmons	Pat Yerkes	2005	Ann Crow	Lisa Erbe
1968	Wayne Reed	Diane Talley	2006	Lea Shepard	Kelly Whitson
1969	G. Burks Sherwood	Terri Boorigie	2007	Drew Demo	Morgan Fox
1970	Bob Schneider	Nancy Reid	2008	Marty Reichenberger	Brooke Rollison
1971	Bill Cook	Diane David	2009	Sean Clapp	Brittany Meyer
1972	Jerry Webb	Ruth Pittman	2010	Fred Meier	Kelby McGrath
1973	Richard Shaver	Laurie Dilorio	2011	Melissa Small	Emely Flores Hendrick
1974	Stan Lewis	Belinda Boys	2012	Karen Turner	Jackie Newland
1975	Paul Viets	Janet Washburn	2013	Jeffrey Gettler	KasiDee Cox
1976	Bill Mason	Stephanie Cook	2014	Lisa Paige	Caringtyn Julian
1977	Kathryn Bruening	Susan Scovel	2015	John Hamlin	Anna Miller

Past Neewollah Musicals

	Year	Musical	Director	Producer
	1958	Picnic	Margaret Goheen	Fred Cinotto
١	1960	Oklahoma!	Bobbie Gibson	
	1961	Annie Get Your Gun	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1962	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1963	Guys & Dolls	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1964	My Fair Lady	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1965	Auntie Mame	Tim Emert	Bill Wood
	1966	The Sound of Music	Georgia High	Paul Bish
	1967	Lil' Abner	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1968	South Pacific	Barbara Harvey	Georgia High
	1969	Oliver!	Georgia High	Fred T. Wilkins
	1970	Carnival!	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1971	October Happening	Phil & Juanita Atkisson	Paul Bish
	1972	Fiddler on the Roof	Kenneth Burchinal	
		A CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR OF THE	V20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2	Paul Bish
	1973	Hello Dolly!	Georgia High	David Torbett
	1974	no local production	200000000	
	1975	The King & I	Georgia High	Paul Bish & David Torbett
	1976	Touring company production of Bus Stop	32 5 4 5 5 4 5 h 3 h	
	1977	Anything Goes	Georgia High	Paul Bish & Jerry Webb
	1978	Rodgers & Hart: A Musical Celebration	Keith Confer & Georgia High	
	1979	Dracula!	Gary Mitchell	Stewart Crow
	1980	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Kathyrn Bruening
	1981	Carousel	Ray Rothgeb	Burks Sherwood & Georgia High
	1982	Oklahoma!	Georgia High & Keith Confer	Tim Emert
	1983	Camelot	Keith Confer	Georgia High
	1984	Annie	Terry Jordan	David & Rachel Torbett
	1985	No, No Nannette	Georgia High	Tim Emert
	1986	The Unsinkable Molly Brown	Keith Confer	Steve Barnett & Cyndy Sherwood
	1987	The Sound of Music		
			Georgia High	Larry Pendleton
	1988	My Fair Lady	Sue Woods	Steve DeFever
	1989	Mame	Ray Rothgeb	Steve Wilkins
	1990	Gypsy	Kenneth Burchinal	Val DeFever
	1991	Oliver!	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow & Steve Wilkins
	1992	Damn Yankees	Keith Confer	Larry & Glenna Pendleton
	1993	Guys & Dolls	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow
	1994	Bye, Bye Birdie	Jill Warford	Cyndee Bishop & Judy Holyrod
	1995	The Pajama Game	Keith Confer	Tim Emert & Judy Carroll
	1996	The King & I	Lisa Mitchell	Steve Wilkins
	1997	The Wizard of Oz	Lisa Mitchell	Vanessa Dennis & Cyndy Sherwood
	1998	Peter Pan	Jill Warford	Sandy Dodson
	1999	Cinderella	Debbie Tincher	Stewart Crow & Steve DeFever
	2000	Hello Dolly!	Sue Woods	Stewart & Ann Crow
	2001	Annie	Lisa Mitchell	Beth Chaney & Vanessa Dennis
	2002	Brigadoon	Lisa Mitchell	Lea Shepard
	2003	Little Shop of Horrors	Mark Frank	Vanessa Dennis & Steve Wilkins
	2003	Meet Me in St. Louis	Keith Confer	
		Neewollah Follies		Tim Emert, Judy Carroll & David Torbet
	2005		Debbie Tincher	Steve Wilkins
	2006	Beauty and the Beast	Lisa Mitchell	Don Farthing
	2007	Li'l Abner	Lisa Mitchell	Leslie Coder & Sandy Annable
	2008	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat		Bob & Debbie Tincher
	2009	Thoroughly Modern Millie	Lisa Mitchell Paige	Drew Demo & Leslie Coder
	2010	The Music Man	Lisa Paige	Don Farthing & Sean Clapp
	2011	Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory	Mark Frank	Ann Crow & Lisa Paige
	2012	Grease	Rick Huguenin	Keith Confer & Drew Demo
	2013	Young Frankenstein	Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige	Sarah Wilson & Lori Wesselowski
	2014	Honk!	Lois Lessman	Stacy Near & Lea Shepard
	2015	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR	Bruce Peterson	

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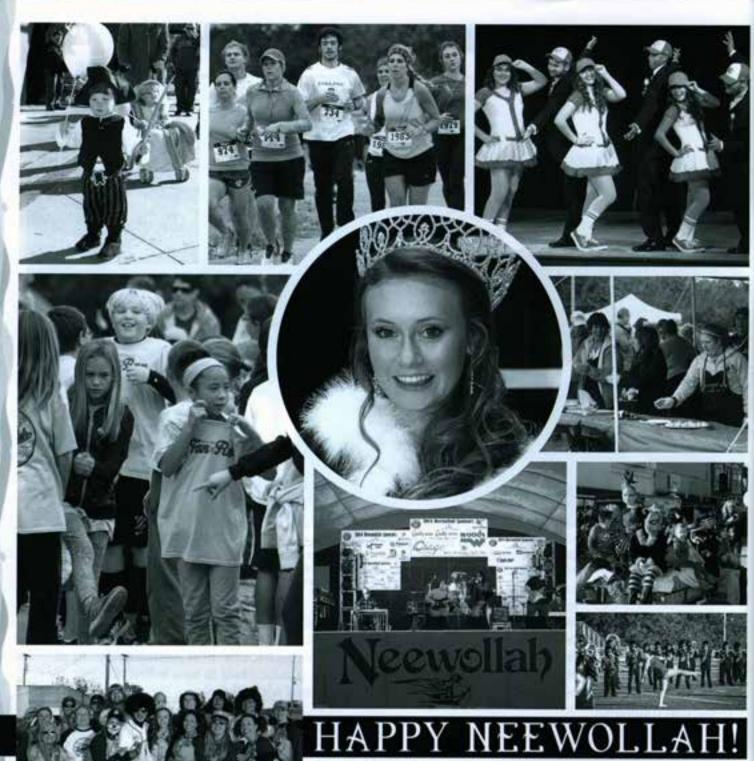
Front Row: Janet Demo, Lisa Paige, Anne Bertie, Stacey Yakshaw (Generalissimo), Sabrina Overfield, Denise Hines, Lisa Hugo Back Row: Lance Chickadonz, Gregg Webster, Jay Jones, Lori Wesselowski, John Hamlin, Keith Confer, Jim Kelly Not Pictured: Jeffrey Gettler (chair)

The Neewollah Board of Directors is made up of 15 members who are elected for three-year terms, and each can serve for 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 eadership in the overall running of the festival. The Generalissimo is most likely to be a board member. He or she has a year as Generalissimo-elect to become more fully acquainted with all facets of the celebration before moving into command.

Neewollah 2017

Neewollah 2016 "Be Part of Our World" has been an exciting experience for all of the Neewollah 2016 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition, and preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2017 festival are October 20 through October 28. To obtain information for Neewollah 2017, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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Schedule of Events

Friday, October 21

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

7:30 p.m..... Memorial Hall

Saturday, October 22

5K/10K RUN & FUN RUN/WALK

Riverside Park Oval

7 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.... Neewollah 5K & 10K Registration

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m... Fun Run Registration 8:30 a.m. Start of 5K/10K

10 a.m....Start of Fun Run/Walk

11 a.m..... 5K/10K Awards

CHILI COOK-OFF & DESSERT CONTEST

Riverside Park Oval

6 a.m. Chili Cook-off Check-In
9:30 a.m. Dessert Contest Entry
10:30 a.m. Chili Bracelets Go On Sale
11 a.m. Chili & Dessert Sampling Begins
2 p.m. Chili & Dessert Awards

KARAOKE CONTEST

Riverside Park Oval

KIDS' CORNER

Riverside Park Oval

MEDALLION HUNT

Riverside Park Oval

1 p.m. Medallion Hunt Kick-off

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

7:30 p.m. Memorial Hall

Sunday, October 23

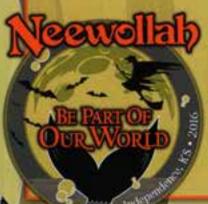
DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

2 p.m. Memorial Hall

NEEWOLLAH NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

7 p.m. Independence Cinemas

(Free Admission/limited seating)



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Monday, October 24

QUEEN NEELAH TALENT NIGHT 6:30 p.m.....Memorial Hall

Thesday, October 25

Wednesday, October 26

FOOD STANDS OPEN 11 a.m.

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

11:30 a.m. IHS Orchestra
6 p.m. John Hamlin (solo classical guitar)
6:15 p.m. Don Who? (Ukulele Duo)
8:30 p.m. Queen Neelah and Generalissmo
Stacey Yakshaw
8:45 p.m. IHS Band
9 p.m. IHS Drum
9:15 p.m. Christ Church of Neodesha (gospel)

Thorraday, October 27

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

DOO DAH PARADE

6 p.m. Doo-Dahing under the Sea!

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

7 p.m. Shiloh's Crossing (country, rock)
8 p.m. Bryson Michael and the Free Nation
(country, red dirt, rock)

Friday October 28

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

KIDDIE PARADE 4 p.m.

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, October 29

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 100 block of East Myrtle

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

NEEWOLLAH GRAND PARADE 11 a.m.

MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL 1:30 p.m.

Riverside Park, Kayo Emmot Field, Schultis Stadium

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

1:00 p.m..... The Gigsters featuring Lennie Baker

(rock, R&B)

3:30 p.m..... Zero 2 Panic (rock, ska)

5:45 p.m..... R&S Studios

(dance)

7 p.m..... Michelle Knopick

(country)

8 p.m. Alaska and Madi (country)



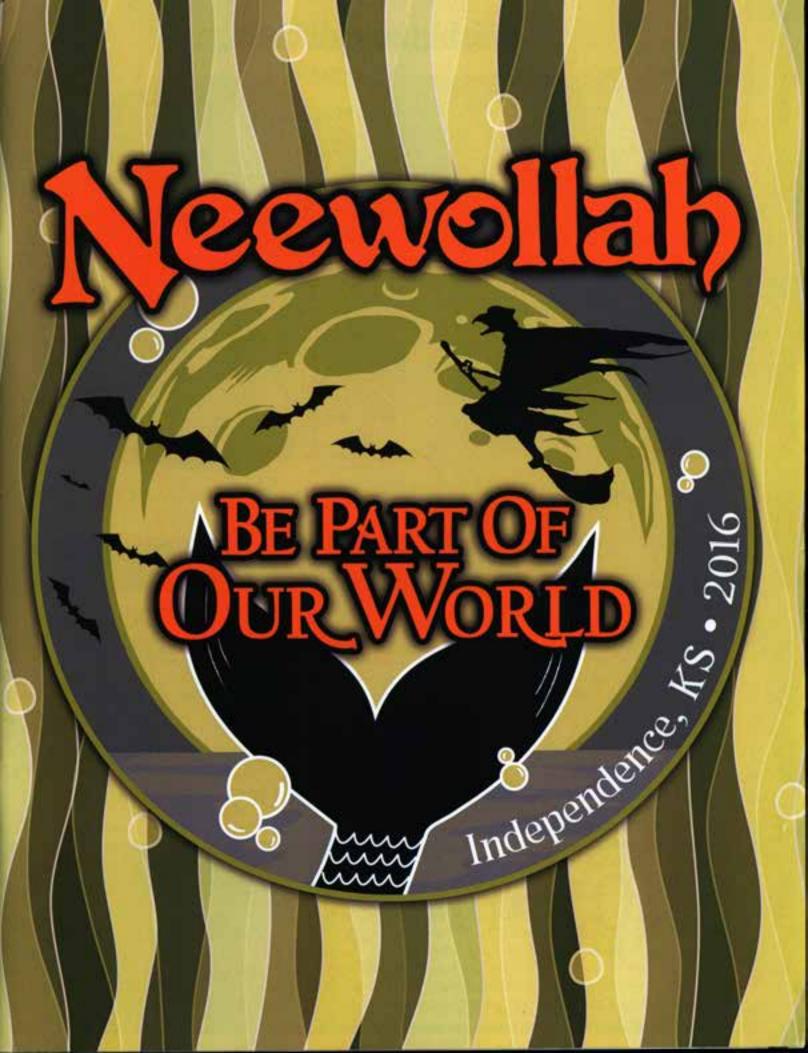


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Neewollah History

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 on parades held morning, afternoon, and night on October 31. The parades were made up primarily of decorated cars and carriages. Queens and princesses from area festivals rode in the parades, along with our own Queen Neelah, who was selected based on votes bought at a penny apiece. 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, Bob Wohltman, 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 nine-day festival.

2016 Generalissimo



Generalissimo • Stacey Yakshaw

From the opening night of the musical "Disney's The Little Mermaid" to the Saturday morning Grand Parade and Saturday evening bandstand, come Be Part of Our Neewollah World. Neewollah has something for everyone and however you celebrate the festival, we are happy to have you involved in Neewollah. Our festival is successful because of all the volunteers, sponsors, carnival riders, parade goers, food junkies, queen contestants, 5K & 10K runners, and chili lovers!

I am honored to be your Generalissimo and I hope you enjoy Neewollah this year, and thank you for Being Part of Our World!

Stacey Yakshaw





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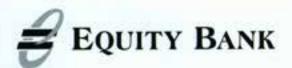


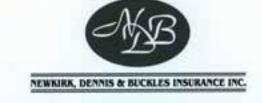












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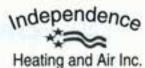


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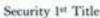














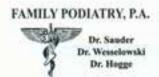






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Disney THE LITTLE NERMAID

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater

Book by
Doug Wright

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's slory and the Disney film produced by

Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements

Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions Friday, Oct. 21 • 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22 • 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23 • 2 p.m.

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Directors Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige

Producers Kelli Eidson-Ebert Lori WesselowsKi Sarah J. Wilson Musical Director Tonya Torkelson
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In a magical kingdom beneath the sea, a beautiful young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first, she'll have to defy her father, the king of the sea, to escape the clutches of an evil sea witch and convince a prince that she's the girl with the perfect voice. Based on one of the most beloved Disney films of all time and the classic Hans Christian Andersen fairy tale, some of Disney's most popular songs are featured in this show including "Part of Your World," "Kiss the Girl," and the Academy Award-winning Best Original Song, "Under the Sea" by the songwriting team of 8-time Academy winner Alan Menken and the renowned Howard Ashman. The stage adaptation also features new songs by Menken and Glenn Slater, plus a book by Tony Award-winning playwright Doug Wright.

Disney's The Little Mermaid ran on Broadway from January 10, 2008, to August 30, 2009. It ran for 685 performances and was nominated for two Tony Awards and three Drama Desk Awards. Though loosely based on the Hans Christian

Anderson fairytale, it was highly re-conceptualized by Doug Wright, Alan Menken, and Howard Ashman.

As directors we are thrilled to be working together on this project. We hope that we can transport you "under the sea" to enjoy this production. We have very fond memories of the Disney film that warmed the hearts of so many involved, including our Generalissimo, who remembers watching it with her girls. We hope to "hook" you in from the opening notes of the overture as the music comes "crashing upon the shore".

A favorite line from the show comes from one of the Mersisters as she states, "Fish puns. Aren't we better than that?"

No. We are not.

May you leave with a song in your heart, laughter on your lips and a smile on your face as you become Part of Our World!

- Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige

With Gratitude -

Neewollah 2016 and the production crew of The Little Mermaid would like to give special recognition to Ted Shonka, set designer and technical director; and Kate Stires, costume designer at Topeka Civic Theatre, Topeka, Kansas.

"Swimming" stunts are made possible with the talented professionals at ZFX Flying Effects Company, Louisville, Kentucky.

The Little Mermaid Cast

Ariel	Meagan Moore	Jetsam	Jessica Turner
		Flounder	
King Triton	Matthew Hastings	Scuttle	Austin Drake
		Grimsby	
Ursula	Lisa West	Chef Louis	John Gray
Flotsam	Terri Barbera	Pilot	Dale Belcher

Mersisters

Lena Blackert, Shelby Demo, Jasmine Hall, Kacie Hastings, Courtlynn Rose, Samantha Sequichie

Leeward: Ben Seel V

Winward: Luke Emmot

Seagulls

Lauren Emmot, Jacob Hogge, Annastasia Howland, Sean Neyland, Lillie Taylor, Amanda Trout

Princess Contestants

Linsy Armbruster, Dulce'Asgari, Selena Cavaness, Cassie Graham, Kara Moore, Bailey Schaub, Grace Slaton, Emma Woodward

Chorus

Isabel Ayala, Noah Ayala, Ashlyn Bales, Brynn Bertie, Heide Blackert, Lacie Bohr, Abigail Bright,
Maeson Bryant, Jane Carroll, Lainey Caulfield, Sydnee Clubine, Leslie Coder, Sarah Coder, Keely Daily, Kylee Davis,
Drew Demo, Megan Emmot, Tyler Emmot, Alexis Foster, Kierstan Fussell, Tia Gregory, Abrianna Hiebsch,
Jackson Horning, James Horning, Kiara Islam, Elijah Jarrell, Ella Johnston, Anastin Journot,
Denina Journot, Mary Kadel, Taylie McKlintic, Payten Minick, Yalanda Moore, Andrew O'Brien, Mossie O'Brien,
Browyn O'Malley, Briana Paolini, Tami Payden, Tami Payden, Landon Pursley, Brenda Sanchez, Lindsay Shaw,
Autumn Robinson, Baylee Robinson, Reagan Robinson, Lorraine Rose, Jean Ann Routh, Gabe Schenk, Jenna Speer,
Max Sutherland, Brynlee Taylor, Justin Turner, Mae Tuschman, Diane Unruh, Marriah Wade,
Mallory Waters, Molly Waters, Courtney Willard

THE LITTLE MERMAID.

The Little Mermaid Scenes & Muscial Numbers

Scene One - The Water's Surface

The World Above - Ariel

Fathoms Below - Pilot, Sailors, Prince Eric and Grimsby

Scene Two - King Triton's Court

Daughters of Triton - Mersisters

If Only (Triton's Lament) - King Triton

Scene Three - Ursula's Lair

Daddy's Little Angel - Ursula, Flotsam and Jetsam

Scene Four - Ariel's Grotto

Part of Your World - Ariel

The Storm - Sailors

Scene Five - Prince Eric's Ship/Sea/Beach

Part of Your World (Reprise) - Ariel

Scene Six - Mersisters' Girl Cave

She's in Love - Mersisters and Flounder

Scene Seven - The Beach

Her Voice - Prince Eric

Scene Eight - Open Water

Under the Sea - Sebastian, Sea Creatures

Scene Nine - Ariel's Grotto

If Only (Ariel's Lament) - Ariel

Sweet Child - Flotsam and Jetsam

Scene Ten - Ursula's Lair

Poor Unfortunate Souls - Ursula

Act 1 Finale - Ursula and Ariel

Act Two

Scene One - The Beach

Positoovity - Scuttle and Gulls

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Scene Two - King Triton's Court

Scene Three - The Palace Ariel's Chambers

Beyond My Wildest Dreams - Ariel, Maids and Grimsby

Scene Four - The Palace Kitchen

Les Poisson - Chef Louis and Chefs

Scene Five - The Palace Banquet Hall

Les Poisson (Reprise) - Chef Louis and Chefs

Scene Six - The Palace Ballroom

One Step Closer - Prince Eric

Scene Seven - Ursula's Lair

Daddy's Little Angel (Reprise) - Ursula, Flotsam and

Jetsam

Scene Eight - The Bay

Kiss the Girl - Sebastian and Animals

Scene Nine - King Triton's Court

If Only (Quartet) - Ariel, Eric, Triton and Sebastian

Scene Ten - Ariel's Chambers/The Ship/ King Triton's

Court

Scene Eleven - The Palace Ballroom

The Contest - Grimsby and Princesses

Scene Twelve - Ursula's Lair

Poor Unfortunate Souls (Reprise) - Ursula

Ariel's Transformation - Mersisters

Scene Thirteen - The Beach

Finale Ultimo - Triton, Ariel, Eric and Ensemble

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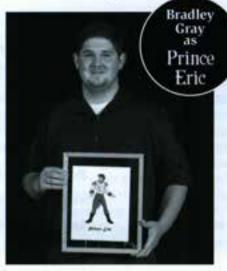
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Starring Roles



Meagan brings her talent back to the Neewollah stage. Her favorite Neewollah roles include Marian in *The Music Man* and Ida in *Honk!* She has volunteered on the Neewollah musical make-up committee and as a Queen Neelah pageant talent coach. Meagan is a targeted case manager at Four County Mental Health. She and her husband, Alex, reside in Cherryvale with their daughter, Evie.

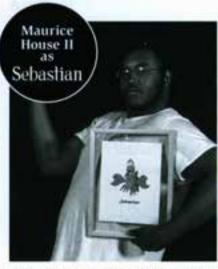
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Bradley returns to the Neewollah stage for the second time. He played the role of Drake in the 2014 production of *Honk!* During his senior year of high school, Brad played Shrek in *Shrek the Musical*. He also has the distinguished honor of playing Robert in David Aburn's *Proof*. Brad is the shelter director at the Coffeyville Animal Shelter, He would like to give a shout out to his mom and dad, sister, brother and grandma!



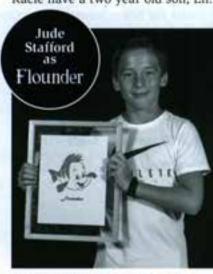
Matthew Hastings' Neewollah experience includes Lost Boy in Peter Pan and Senator Jack S. Phogbound in L'Il Abner. He appeared in Sterling Community Theatre's productions of The Pajama Game, Curtains and The Drowsy Chaperone. Matthew earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in voice performance and sacred music from Sterling College. Matthew is a deputy sheriff for Montgomery County. He and his wife Kacie have a two year old son, Eli.



Maurice is a 19-year-old funny man attending Independence Community College. Taking the town by storm, he played the role of peanut-allergic, witty William Barfee in The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Gibson in Mr. Burns. Maurice wants the world to see who he is and take a laugh from the hard work that he gives. "Expending myself to make others feel better" is his motto each time he steps on stage.

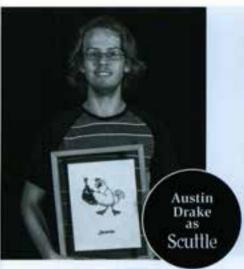


Lisa West is super excited for her first leading role on the Neewollah stage. Lisa appeared in the chorus of Neewollah's production *The Wizard of Oz.* Lisa has taught sixth grade for 11 years in Neodesha. She is married to her high school sweetheart, Nathan, and they have two daughters, Kathryn, eight and Meghan, five.

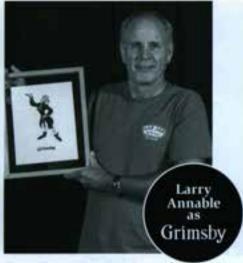


Jude is a veteran actor appearing in numerous Independence
Children's Summer Theatre
productions, including Seussical,
Peter Pan, and Annie. He played
the role of Beaky in Neewollah
2014's production of HONK! Jude
is a student in the Independence
School District. He resides in Independence with his mother, Mary
Ellen. He has six siblings, John
Lloyd, Julia, Jordan, Jackson, Jeb
and Jillian.

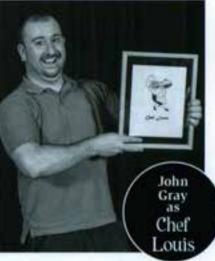
Starring Roles



Austin Drake is no stranger to the stage. He appeared as Charlie Bucket in Neewollah's production of Willy Wonka, and in the Independence Children's Summer Theatre Productions of Senssical, Once on This Island, Peter Pan, and Gnys and Dolls. His favorite characters were Willy Wonka's Charlie Bucket and Once on this Island's Papa Ge. Austin is a senior at Independence High School. He is the son of Leonda and Eric Drake. He has one sister, Destiny.



Larry has performed in Neewollah musical productions for over twenty years. He had leading roles in Thoroughly Modern Millie, Meet Me in St. Louis, Brigadoon, Annie. Damn Yankees, Hello Dolly. Beauty and the Beast, and Young Frankenstein. He has served on several Neewollah committees. Larry is the Choral Music Director at Independence High School, where he conducts three musical groups, and teaches Music Theory and Music Appreciation classes. Larry and his wife, Sandy, have two grown children, Stephanie and Bryan, and two granddaughters.



John Gray has been sharing his talents in the Neewollah musicals for years. He appeared as Judah in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Jimmy in Thoroughly Modern Millie, and a ballplayer in Damn Yankees. John has also appeared in productions of Schoolhouse Rock, Secret Garden, and Pippin. John teaches music at Eisenhower Elementary School. He and his wife, Marci, reside in Independence with their children Brynlee, Easton, Hudson, and Aidy.



Terri Berbera as Flotsam Jessica Turner as Jetsam



Mersisters

Front Row: Kacie Hastings, Jasmine Hall Back Row: Shelby Demo, Samantha Sequichie, Lena Blackert

Not Pictured: Courtlynn Rose

Featuring



Princess Contestants, Seagulls, and More

Front Row: Dulce Asgari, Emma Woodward, Annastasia Howland, Lillie Taylor Middle Row: Bailey Schaub, Grace Slaton, Linsy Armbruster, Lauren Emmot, Amanda Trout, Sean Nevland

Back Row: Selena Cavaness, Cassie Graham, Kara Moore, Dale Belcher (Pilot), Luke Emmot (Windward),

> Ben Seel (Leeward) Not Pictured: Jacob Hogge



Children's Chorus

Front Row: Keely Daily, Mossie O'Brien, Gabe Schenk,
Jane Carroll, Noah Ayala, Brynlee Taylor

Middle Row: Max Sutherland, Tyler Emmot, Isabel Ayala,
Abrianna Hiebsch, Ella Johnston, Abigail Bright
Back Row: Mae Tuschman, Anastin Journot,
Landon Pursley, Elijah Jarrell, Taylie McKlintic,
Ashlyn Bales, Heide Blackert

Not Pictured: Sydnee Clubine, Kylee Davis, Alexis Foster, James Horning, Payten Minick, Lorraine Rose



Adult & Crossover Chorus

Front Row: Megan Emmot, Mallory Waters, Molly Waters, Diane Unruh, Jenna Speer, Kiara Islam, Browyn O'Malley, Tia Gregory, Marriah Wade, Andrew O'Brien

Middle Row: Lainey Caulfield, Drew Demo, Reagan Robinson, Briana Paolini, Leslie Coder, Autumn Robinson, Kierstan Fussell, Lacie Bohr, Tami Payden Back Row: Denina Journot, Jean Ann Routh, Maeson Bryant, Mary Kadel, Yalanda Moore, Brenda Sanchez, Justin Turner, Courtney Willard, Baylee Robinson, Sarah Coder

Not Pictured: Brynn Bertie, Jackson Horning, Lindsay Shaw



Choral Director Tonya Torkelsor



Rehearsal Accompanist Glenda Winkleman



Conductor Jan Rogers

THE LITTLE MERMAID.

Musical Staff



Orchestra

Front Row: Judy Jones, Don Farthing, Tonya Torkelson, Glenda Winkleman Back Row: Bruce Brooks, Mark Torkelson, Rebecca Timmons, Jan Rogers Not Pictured: Jami Kleinert, Carol Hoyt, Lewis Hoyt, Gina McLenon, Terry Harper, Mark Dice, Erin Shelton, Amy Rousselle

Production Staff



Co-Directors Lois Lessman, Lisa Paige

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Co-Producers
Front Row: Lori Wesselowski, Sarah J. Wilson
Back Row: Kelli Eidson-Ebert



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Lois Lessman - Co-Director: Lois is no stranger to Neewollah. She served as director of Honk! (2014) and was co-director of Young Frankenstein (2013). She has shared her acting talents on the Neewollah stage for over 35 years and has appeared in many college, Inge Festival, and community theatre productions including Damn Yankees, Picnic. Annie, Beauty and the Beast. Thoroughly Modern Millie, Love Letters, and Extra Ketchup, Hot Flashes and Rum. She is a recipient of the Margaret Goheen Award. An active member of Zion Lutheran Church, she sings in the choir and is a member of the Lutheran School's Board of Education. She lives in Independence, has two grown daughters and three grandchildren.

Lisa Paige - Co-Director: Lisa is a long-time friend of Neewollah. Over the years she has directed 10 Neewollah musicals, including Young Frankenstein, The Music Man, Thoroughly Modern Millie and L'il Abner. In addition to directing, she has produced, choreographed, and acted on the Neewollah stage. Lisa has served on many Queen Neelah committees, was Generalissmo in 2014 and serves on the Neewollah Board. Lisa is a founding member and artistic direc tor of Independence Children's Summer Theatre and has directed twelve productions including last summer's production of Seussical Jr. She is a member of First Presbyterian Church. She is a 2005 Margaret Goheen award winner and 2009 Master Teacher. Lisa is the assistant principal at Eisenhower Elementary School. She and her husband Mark reside on a ranch south of Dearing and have one son Jaxon.

Sarah J. Wilson is returning for another tour as Neewollah musical producer. Sarah served as co-producer of Young Frankenstein and has been on several Queen Neelah committees. She is an active member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she helps with CUFF dinners. Sarah's community involvement includes PEO, Chapter EF and Independence Children's Summer Theatre. Sarah is a special education instructor at Cherryvale Middle/High School. Sarah and her husband John reside in Independence with their two children, Sam and Emily.

Kelli Eidson-Ebert has been involved with numerous Neewollah musicals, and has served on several Queen Neelah Committees, Kick-Off Party Committee and Kiddie Parade Committee. She is employed as the Parish Administrator at Church of the Epiphany, Episcopal, where she is also an active member, serving as the secretary of St. Martha's Guild. Vision Team Representative, a member of the Altar Guild, past Vestry Member, and Holiday Craft Fair and Cookie Market Chair. Kelli is on the Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County Board of Directors, an Inge Festival volunteer and is active in Eisenhower PTO. She resides in Independence with her husband David and son, Kellen.

Lori Wesselowski brings her producing experience to the Neewollah stage a second time. Lori was co-producer of 2013's Young Frankenstein and has produced several Independence Children's Summer Theatre productions. Lori is a Neewollah Board member and has served on numerous Neewollah Committees. Lori's community involvement includes ICST Board President, Chapter EF, PEO, and the First Leadership Board. Lori is a realtor at Coldwell Banker Pasternak Johnson, is on the Independence School Board and is an active member of the First United Methodist Church. She and her husband Barry live in Independence and have three children - Erin, Alex and Anna.

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Musical Committees



Musical Props

Front Row: Leseley Simpson, Shirley Rasmussen, Samantha Montgomery, Toni Jabben (chair)

Back Row: Brenda Johnson, Hannah Jabben, Leslie Stair, Emily Jabben Not Pictured: Jake Jabben



Front Row: Geoffrey Corle, Drew Demo Back Row: Dustin Cain, Mark Coder Not Pictured: Sean Clapp (chair), Andrew Demo, Brad Henderson, Jamie Thompson, Jeff Shaw, Brent Bohr



Stage Managers Teresa Fairbank, Lorraine Emmot



Musical Costumes

Front Row: Marci Horning and Mary Thompson-O'Rourke (co-chairs)

Back Row: Leslie Coder, Maddy O'Rourke, Sarah Coder

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Musical Hair

Front Row: Amy Taylor, Joann Connors, Jade Strauss, Sarah R. Wilson Back Row: Kia Ratzlaff, Genevieve Ratzlaff (chair), Jordan Rinck-Taylor, Shelly Salmon



Musical Makeup

Front Row: Debbie Moore, Carrie Waters, Tabitha Easley (co-chair) Lindsay Shaw

Back Row: Meagan Moore, Amy Easley (co-chair), Shelli Floyd, Brooke Mills

Not Pictured: Yalonda Moore, Kelly Cox, Marci Gray



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Cast Party

Front Row: Charlene Paolini, Nancy Vestring, Amanda Hoover Back Row: Mary Boulanger, Mary Kadel, Janet Demo (chair), Sandy Annable

Not Pictured: Paige Demo, Pam Passauer, Amy Stephens

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Come, Be Part of our World at the 28th Annual Neewollah Run up where we run and play all day in the sun! The Certified 5K and 10K runs will be electronically chip timed. The 5K and 10K will be followed by the Fun Run/ Walk that includes hundreds of children and adults participating. What better way to kick off Neewollah than a run through beautiful Riverside Park? Join us for the Neewollah Run. Awards will be presented at 11 a.m. on the bandstand at the Chili Cook-off.



Neewollah Runs Rickenia Botts, Jay Jones (5K/10K chair), Heather Bryant (Fun Run chair)

Neewollah Medallion Hunt

Saturday, October 22 • 1 p.m. • Riverside Park Oval

The 2016 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 22, 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



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AHOY! Come be "Part of Our World" in the oval at the 'fin'tastic' Riverside Park! You can dive right in to a good time and sample competition chili and desserts that will keep you afloat while enjoying the entertainment from karaoke, one acts, comedy skits and other talented shipmates. Bring your sea legs over to the concession stand for a few extras that will complement your palate.

Your little fish (ages up to 13) can swim over to "Mermaid Island" for inflatables, games, deep sea fishing and other exciting activities! What are you 'wading' for?!



Chili Cook-Off

Front Row: Carrie Waters, Jennifer Wood, Tonja McCollam, Debbie Moore, Lindsay Shaw, Jennifer Brumley (chair), Kathy Sullivan (co-chair)

Back Row: Melissa Unruh, Brooke Mills, Allison Johnston, Judy Berwager, Mickey King, Crystal Frederiksen, Matt Brumley, Joe Cooley,

Jimmy Waters, Thia Kimbrel, Lacy King, Cheryl Sparks

Not Pictured: Sarah Lange, Chris Moore, Marci Gray, Stan Sullivan, Mike Borovetz, Melissa Borovetz, Jacinda Hahn, Joe Cooley, Aimee Lakin, Shelly Charter, Ellie Chickadonz (co-chair), Val Smith, Emily Haynes, Jen Rutledge, Jennifer Shaffer



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2015 Queen's Court

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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 23. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 24. That same evening, each candidate presents a one-and-a-half to two-and-a-half minute talent presentation. Miss Talent is chosen from the most polished and entertaining of the talent numbers. On Tuesday, October 25, a brunch is held during which 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.

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Guitar/Vocal Solo



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Dance





Emma Schapet
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Sagan Shite
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Guitar/Vocal Solo



Jacey Smtth Heaven's Angels Skit



Kallie Smtth

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Courtney Taylor
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Emily Thompson

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Skit



Emily Wilson
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Tap Dance

Coronation Judges



Chad Choat is from Claremore, Oklahoma, where he has lived for the past 21 years with his wife, Misty, and daughters, Shelby and Morgan. They are 19 and 15. Shelby is a freshman at the University of Arkansas, and Morgan is a sophomore at Claremore High School. Chad owns and operates Community Home Health. They serve all of eastern Oklahoma and just celebrated 26 years in business on October 3. Chad is very active in the community of Claremore, having previously served on the City Council and currently as an executive officer with the Rogers County Children's Advocacy Center. Chad and his wife teach a young adult bible study class of First Baptist Church in Claremore. He has previous experience judging several Miss Oklahoma local preliminary contests. Neewollah, though, is one of the best he's ever been involved with.



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.

Carolyn 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.

Carolyn is the mother of two sons and one daughter who have all been engaged and supportive of Carolyn's service and dedication to the Miss Oklahoma organization. Carolyn is fondly known by the entire Miss Oklahoma organization as "Mimi". Carolyn 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 comes from Claremore, Oklahoma. She is the Assistant Administrator of Human Resources at Community Home Health, Inc. where she has been employed for the past 15 years.

No stranger to pageants, Debbie has spent many years following her two nieces in the Miss Oklahoma Pageant system.

Debbie's greatest passion is animal rescue and is an avid dog lover. She serves on the board of Rescued n Ready Animal Foundation of Tulsa as secretary. She volunteers every Saturday at Petco for Rescued n Ready's adoption program. At any given time, you will find 7 to 8 dogs at her home. Debbie finds much accomplishment and satisfaction in rehabilitating the sick, sad and broken ones into happy, healthy and ready to find their new families. She would also like you to know that she has not become the "crazy dog lady" YET! In the past year, the volunteer-based organization has seen more than 500 dogs and cats find their "forever homes."

Debbie has one daughter, Marcy, who recently graduated Occupational Therapy Assistant program at Tulsa Community College and is working in Grapevine, Texas.





Queen Meetan

Coronation Entertainment





Stage Escorts

Front Row: Corbyn Hugo, Cory Janasek, Jackson Stafford
Back Row: Kyle Woods, Colan Snodgrass, Cooper King, Daniel Grice, Zack Schroeder

Neelah Debs

Alexis Clapp, Dara Mendoza, Addison Julian, Graci Carr, Emma Stoner, Jillian Stafford, Emily Thompson, Morgan Mayers



Coronation Music

Neewollah is privileged to welcome back John Hamlin to perform as background artist for this year's Queen Coronation. John's wide range of playing styles and compositions include Blues/Alternative Bluegrass and Classical/Spanish and Jazz. Today John performs, distributes and markets his music throughout the world, including time spent entertaining in his home State of Kansas and the Central United States. John also operates his own guitar studio and has studied under the direction of Maestro and Mentor Edgar Cruz, also having the pleasure to study with Maestro Mike Millard and Hector Garcia where John acquired his Classical Guitar skills at Oklahoma City University.

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KasiDee Cox

KasiDee was born and raised in Independence and grew up attending Queen Neelah pageants. She was named Queen Neelah the 72nd, as well as Miss Congeniality in 2013 and participated in the Miss Kansas pageant as Miss Neewollah that same year. Before the pageant, KasiDee was active in many other Neewollah festivities including the Neewollah Follies musical cast, Fun Run, various Neewollah parades, and she even won the hotdog eating contest in 2005! KasiDee was a Neelah Deb in 2011. Her favorite part of Neewollah has always been the pageant and is honored to return as an emcee this year. She is the 20-year-old daughter of Doug & Kelly Cox.

Since graduation, KasiDee attended Independence Community College and then transferred to Baker University where she is a junior majoring in exercise science. KasiDee plans to pursue a career in physical therapy.

While attending Baker KasiDee has worked as a manager for the women's basketball team and as a university admissions assistant. She is also a member of the Lambda chapter of Delta Delta Delta, where she is house manager.





Jeffrey Gettler

Jeffrey W. Gettler is serving his third year as Chairman of the Neewollah Board of Directors. He has been a board member since 2007. In 2013, Gettler served as Generalissimo bringing an "It's Alive" theme to Neewollah with a "starring" (cameo) role in the musical Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein as Dracula. He has co-chaired the Grand Parade, Doo Dah Parade, Security, and Food Vendor committees. He has served on other committees including Neewollah Musical Sets, Queen's Ball, and the Professional Show. As Chairman and board member, Jeffrey has had a hand in many events while not officially serving on their committees.

Jeffrey Gettler is married to Joslyn Kusiak and resides in Independence, Kansas. He is a native of Independence, having graduated from Independence High School and ICC. He furthered his education at Loyola University Chicago and University of Kansas School of Law, He is an attorney and member of Emert, Chubb & Gettler, LLC. He was recently elected as the Republican candidate for District Court Judge in the August 2016 primary and is unopposed in the November 2016 election.

Jeffrey has additional community involvement as a member and past president of Rotary Club of Independence, Independence Chamber of Commerce Ambassador, Young Professionals of Independence, and mentoring at Eisenhower School as well as local, State and American Bar Association affiliations.

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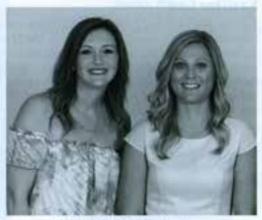
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Queen Meelah Committees



Pageant Co-Directors, Candidate Co-Chairs, Publicity Monique Brown (candidate co-chair), Tabatha Snodgrass (pageant co-director), Amy Shrum (pageant co-director), Jodi Hayse (publicity) Not Pictured: Mindy Blackard (candidate co-chair)



Neelah Debs Coordinators Lauren Ysusi, Sarah Kelley



Transportation Amy Bloomfield, Stephanie Julian



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Talent

Front Row: Heather Holmes, Jamie Goodwin, Rebekah Peitz Back Row: Heather Estes, Mandy Monroy (co-chair), Cody Dixon (co-chair), Callie Hagood

Not Pictured: Brittany Thornton, Val Davis, Lindsay Reichenberger, Shelby Demo, Shannon Oakes, Lee Stroble, Amy Bales



Sound Jason R. Curtis



Brunch Lori Wesselowski (co-chair), Nancy Jones, Sabrina Overfield (co-chair) Not Pictured: Dana Froebe



Pop Party Front Row: Debbie Moore, Tina Hannah, Marla Dufur Back Row: Amy Easley (co-chair), Tabitha Easley (co-chair), Sarah Heckman, Melinda Miller Not Pictured: Jennifer Tucker, Marci Gray

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Coronation

Front Row: Emily McCambridge, Brandie Keyes, Teresa Schaper, Abby Emert, Liz Pralle Back Row: Hannah Yanez, Donna Janasek (co-chair), Heather Bryant (co-chair)



Summer Workshop Karin Stoner, Linda Grice Not Pictured: Dee Dee O'Malley (co-chair). Hillary Sutherland (co-chair), Anne Gordon, Amy Stephens, Lisa Wilson



Buttons Amy Bales



Coronation Ball

Front Row: Teresa Schaper, Holly Emmot, Sharon Marquez, Janna Rinck, Tracie Moon, Stephanie Julian, Christy Mavers (chair) Back Row: Chad Mayers, Paul Marquez, Jerald Rinck, Brent Julian Not Pictured: Luke Emmot, Lauren Emmot, Andrew Schaper, Kyle Davis, Val Davis

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Queen Meelah Committees



Candidates' Tea Karin Stoner, Mandi Johnson, Stephenie Turner, Linda Grice (co-chair), Todd Young (co-chair), Carolyn Torrance



Window Display Diane Spencer, Denina Journot (co-chairs)



Stage Escorts Jeff Leiker, Jennifer Leiker



Judges Melissa Small, Lisa Hugo, Sabrina Overfield



Coffee & Conversation Molly Reynolds (co-chair), Becky Brown, Allison Littleford (co-chair) Not Pictured: Rita Taylor



Interview/Walk-in/Runway Deatrea Rose (chair), Megan Lawrence



June 12	Summer Workshop - Booth Hotel	October 23	Queen's Tea
August 14	Packet turn-in		Talent night full dress rehearsal
August 28	Conversation and Coffee	October 24	Interview - IHS
100 Table 100	(Parent/Guardian Only) -		Talent Night
	Tennis Clubhouse	October 25	Queen's Brunch
September 11	Every Sunday talent practice starts		Coronation Rehearsal
September 25	Data Workshop - IHS		Coronation
October 2	Talent practice moves		Coronation Ball - Country Club
	to Memorial Hall	October 27	Doo Dah Parade
October 9	Pop Party	October 28	Kiddie Parade (Queen's court only)
October 16	Mock Judging	October 29	Pre-parade breakfast
	Talent guest observation night		Grand Parade
	(1 guest only)	October 30	Queen's Pick-Up Party
	Interview/Walk-in/Runway		
	workshops		

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Celebrating Past Queens

Neewollah is excited to have past Queen Neelahs back to help celebrate Queen Neelah the LXXV. With the help of Gail Moore Woltkamp, Queen Neelah 1983, the past Queens are gathering this year for a breakfast with their Generalissimos and to ride a float in the Grand Parade. Welcome back Queens and thank you for being part of Neewollah Queens, 75 Years of Treasured Memories.

Food Vendors

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



Front Row: Kathy Schwarz

Back Row: Lance Chickadonz, Robert Browning, Tom Schwarz (co-chair), Dan Barwick, Chuck Schmidt

Not Pictured: Ann Crow (co-chair), Stewart Crow, Jim Kelly (cochair), Eloise Kelly, Judith Lowdon, Margie Swisher, Brian Swisher

Carnival

The Neewollah Carnival is brought to you by Ottaway Amusements.

One of the favorites in the Neewollah 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.

There will be a new ride (Freak Out) this year, and it will take two single tickets to ride it.

Carnival Schedule:

Wednesday, October 26, 5-10 p.m. Thursday, October 27, 5-10 p.m. Friday, October 28, 3-10 p.m. Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Carnival Ticket Prices:

Single Ticket - \$3.50 Family Pack 10 Tickets - \$28.00 Super Saver 30 Tickets - \$75.00 Wrist Band \$25.00



Carnival Gregg Webster, Jim Clubine

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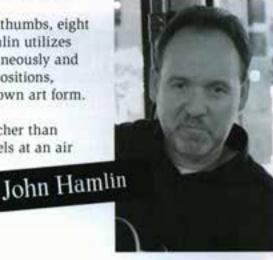
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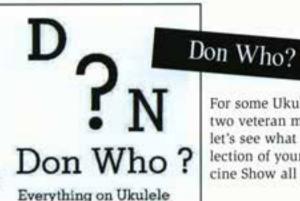
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Neewollah Street Acts

ohn Hamlin (solo classical guitar) doesn't need much more than two thumbs, eight ngers and six strings on a wood box to carry his listeners away. Hamlin utilizes is superb technical abilities to play bass, rhythm and melody simultaneously and urpass the borders of conventional genres. He merges beautiful compositions, ountry rhythms and jazzy harmonies with funky licks into his very own art form.

This acoustic mad man plays the guitar sweeter than Yoo-hoo and richer than crooge McDuck. His fingers fly over the six strings like the Blue Angels at an air how..." Porter Rangus - The Current





For some Ukulele fun, it's Don Who? (Ukulele Duo) Don Who? is two veteran musicians who picked up a ukulele and said, "Hey

let's see what we can't play on one of these". The result is a collection of your favorite hits from The Beatles to Old Crow Medi-

cine Show all done on Uke.

ryson Michael and the Free Nation is is a Red Dirt Rock Roll Country band from Kansas, whose members are all om the Wichita Area. These are some of the most talnted musicians in the area. Each member is rooted in diferent styles of country music. From traditional Texas Red Pirt to Old Country to Modern Country hits, to popular ock n Roll, they play it all. Bryson's music from his solo P 'This is How an Outlaw Rides' has been nominated for everal awards including the song "Rodeo" for 2016 best ountry song in the Hollywood Song Writing Contest, and he song "In this Neverland" Best country song of 2015 by he American Song Writers association. Bryson has won n array of Battle of the bands in Oklahoma and last year vas considered one of the top 20 best performers in Red Pirt out of over 2000 artists according to Outlaw Nation.

Bryson Michael and the Free Nation



ryson Michael and the Free Nation are now working on their new upcoming album titled '31' which will still ave the outlaw spirit of Bryson's current EP and also a mix of personal stories written by Bryson and the and! Check out www.brysonmichaelband.com for more information.



It's hard to put the sound of Zero 2 Panic (rock, ska) into words. With a 3-man horn section leading the charge, Zero 2 Panic hits hard from the first note and will have you dancing in no time.

Zero 2 Panic

Neewollah Street Acts

Bandstand Schedule

Wednesday, October 26

11:30 a.m. ... IHS Orchestra

6 p.m...... John Hamlin (solo classical guitar)

6:15 p.m..... Don Who? (Ukulele Duo)

8:30 p.m. Queen Neelah and Generalissimo

8:45 p.m. IHS Band

9 p.m. IHS Drum

9:15 p.m..... Christ Church of Neodesha (gospel)

Thursday, October 27

7 p.m. Shiloh's Crossing (country, rock)

8 p.m. Bryson Michael and the Free

Nation (country, red dirt, rock)

Friday, October 28

5:30 p.m. C.O.T. (rock)

6:45 p.m. Straight Away (rock)

8 p.m. Cedar Vale All-Stars (rock)

9:15 p.m..... The Sea Kings (rock)

10:30 p.m.... Flowsion (instrumental rock)

Saturday, October 29

1 p.m. The Gigsters featuring Lennie Baker (rock, R&B)

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3:30 p.m. Zero 2 Panic (rock, ska)

5:45 p.m. R&S studios (dance)

7 p.m..... Michelle Knopick (country)

8 p.m. Alaska and Madi (country)

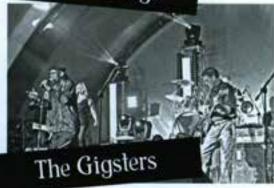








Cedar Vale All-Stars



Doo Dah Parade

Doo Dahing Under the Sea Thursday, October 27 • 6 p.m.

are you an adult who doesn't like adulting or do you have in exciting side you are tired of keeping bottled up? If you nodded your head or even thought for a second, "Yes, hat's me!", dress up or dress down. We want you in the you Dah Parade! This is your chance to be in a parade so housands can see how fun you really are!

The Doo Dah parade lineup will be on Penn in front of Menorial Hall at 5 p.m. The parade starts moving at 6 p.m. Must be 18 years or older to participate.)

If you wanna be a human, the first thing you gotta do is ress like one." - **Scuttle**



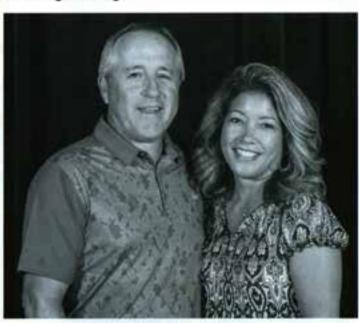
Doo Dah Parade Front: Geoffrey Corle, Drew Demo Back: Dustin Cain

Not Pictured: Andrew Demo (co-chair), Anthony Vail, Brent Bohr, Brett Shaw (co-chair), David Bryant, Derek Kimzey, Doug Buckles, Jr., Aaron Kolb, Jason Bailey, Travis Kolb, Trevor Bruening

Doo Dah Royalty

devin and Gina Botts love the festivities of Neewolah! Gina is a past Neewollah Board member and
has served on numerous committees throughout the
hears. Some include Queen's Directors, Queen Candihates, Neelah Debs, and Queen's Judges committee.
You will always see Gina at Neewollah Headquarters
hither working or decorating. Kevin has always been
heard contributor to Neewollah. He does not hesitate to
hear a car or twenty to the Neewollah festival, and his
his ontinued contributions to Neewollah are appreciated.

Sina is a registered nurse, a mother and a volunteer. Sevin is a partner of Quality Toyota/Quality Motors and Quality Paint and Body. They have three grown hildren, Peyton, Parker and Palmer.



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Kiddie Parade

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Kiddie Parade

Sheili Floyd, Tabitha Easley (co-chair), Marty Easley, Amy Easley (co-chair) Not Pictured: Erica Pursley, Alex Moore, John Gray, Chris Moore

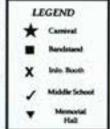
Neewollah Grand Parade

Saturday, October 29 • 11 a.m.

The parade goers will all wait in anticipation of the Big Boom! That lets everyone know the Neewollah 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 St. to Sixth St., south one block to Maple where it turns west to Ninth St. The final leg travels north on Ninth St. ending just short of the Independence Middle School. The Grand Parade is exceedingly well attended. Parade goers set up chairs on the front row in the wee hours of the morning on parade day. They wait with great anticipation for the cannon 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.



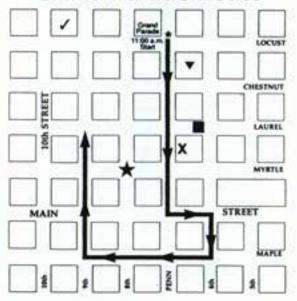




Grand Parade Front: Geoffrey Corle, Drew Demo Back: Dustin Cain Not Pictured: Lance Chickadonz (chair), Brent Berberick,

Grand Parade Route

Brett Shaw, David Bryant, Jason Bailey, Andrew Demo, David Ebert



2016 Grand Parade Marshal

lim is honored to serve as this year's Grand Parade Marshal. Im was born and raised in Independence, Kansas, and some of Jim's first Neewollah experiences include riding his horse in the Grand Parade. Jim and his wife, Staci, continue the annual radition of watching the parade each year with their son Bryan, nephews, nieces and extended family.

lim's involvement has expanded to cover many areas of Neewollah. Over the years he has served on and chaired many committees including Neewollah musical committees, information booth, carnival committee, ticket sales, international show, professional show, fun run, food vendors, sponsorship committee and served as Neewollah board chairman.

im is the Vice President of Equity Bank. Prior to joining Equity Bank he was employed as Vice President and Asset Manager of First Federal Savings and Loan. Jim is a member of independence Chamber of Commerce (Ambassador Club) and Rotary Club. He was a previous member of the Mercy Hospital Foundation Fund Raising Committee, Airport Advisory Board, Eisenhower Site Council Team, Chairman of the March of Dimes, and Community Chest. Jim is a graduate of Kansas State University.

im and Staci have one son Bryan. Staci also has worked on nany Neewollah committees and is a former Queen Neelah. They live on their farm/ranch where they have enjoyed workng with Mother Nature. Neewollah is honored that Jim is this rear's Grand Parade Marshal.



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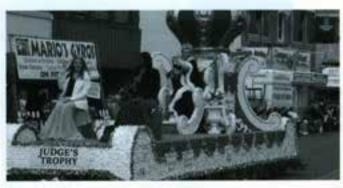
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Arts & Crafts Show

100 Block of East Myrtle Downtown Independence Saturday, October 29 • 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Arts & Crafts Show has been a mainstay of the Neewollah festival. Over the years, bringing in high-quality handcrafted 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 of East Myrtle.



Arts & Crafts
Ashley Noel Kimbrel (chair), Thia Kimbrel

Marching Band Festival



Shulthis Stadium - Kayo Emmot Field Saturday, October 29 • 1:30 p.m.

Once again this year, Shulthis Stadium will be crowded to overflowing and alive with the sound of marching music. The Marching Band Festival will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Shulthis Stadium for approximately 20-25 marching bands from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. The festival is sanctioned by the KHSAA. The festival was started in 1978 by band director, Don Farthing, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters. Since the event began, it has quadrupled in size. Many of the bands march in the Grand Parade so they will be eligible to participate in the Marching Band Festival. The Independence High School Band Boosters will operate a concession stand throughout the afternoon. The public is fivited to attend the festival, and this year it will cost \$3.00 at the gate.



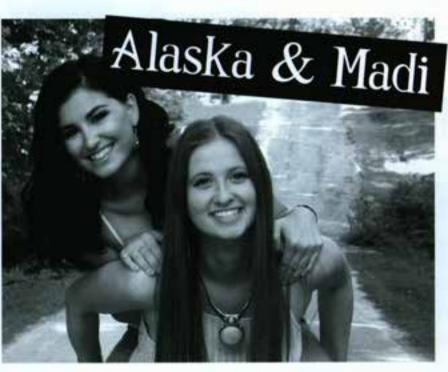
Marching Band Festival
Erin Shelton, Maria Gunselman, Jami Kleinert (chair),
Richard Harper
Not Pictured: Brian Shelton

Saturday Night Show

"Kick Back, As Neewollah Gives Back!"
Free Country Concert & Street Dance at The Neewollah Bandstand

Alaska & Madi

with Special Guest Michelle Knopick Saturday, October 29 • Showtime 7 p.m.



With musical influence from Dolly Parton to the Pistol Annies, Alaska and Madi are bringing back what has been missing from country music. Their tight harmonies give them a sister-like blend. Many have called them "Modern day Judd's." When asked what genre they sing, they always answer Country & Western, a bit of today's country mixed with classic country and a red dirt country feel. They give a high-intensity performance with compact, beautiful harmonies.

Since their journey on The Voice - Season 6, the duo have been busy performing from California to North Carolina, writing new music and recording. In January of 2015 they released their first CD and are currently in the recording studio working on their second CD.

"From the very first note it was just perfectly in sync with one another, then I turned around and see how you perform and it is so dynamic and you guys are so confident..." Adam Levine

"When I hear you guys sing, the only thing I can compare it to - not because it sounds like it but because it has the same magic - is the Pistol Annies..." Blake Shelton

Michelle Knopick

Michelle Knopick is an Independence native and is gaining worldwide recognition for her single "Fairytales". She was debuted on the world's most famed country radio station, WSM Grand Ole Opry. She was then featured on BBC's country radio station in London and has had success with radio stations across the country. Knopick's next single "Tonight" is scheduled to be released soon, following this fall with her first EP.

Knopick has performed in various shows, honky tonks and festivals around Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. She was also Miss Talent of Queen Neelah 2011.



Neewollah Committees



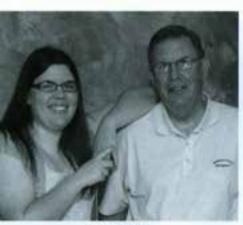
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Spotlight Beth Kelly, Jim Kelly



Special Events
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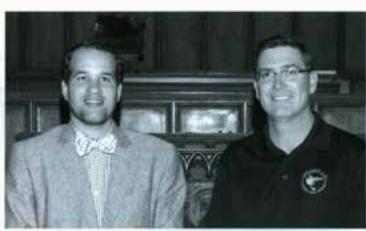
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Not Pictured: Carin Barwick



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Kick-Off Party
Front Row: Lyndi Easter, Bria Fabrizius
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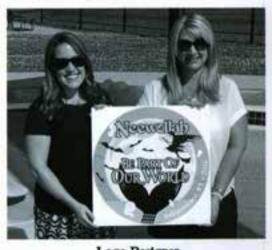
Generalissimo's & Queen's Scrapbook Marci Horning Not Pictured: Carin Barwick, Mary Thompson O'Rourke

2016 Neewollah Logo Designer

Stacey Yakshaw, 2016 Neewollah Generalissimo, announces this rear's Neewollah logo contest winner is Taylor Jurski. "While mergng 'The Little Mermaid' and Neewollah together posed a challenge, we found Taylor's design to be the unusual mix we could use to represent our festival," stated Yakshaw.

furski lives in Overland Park, where she is the Director of Marketing and Communication for Northwestern Mutual. Although this was ner first time entering the logo contest, Jurski has a deep connection to Neewollah. A native of Independence and a 2008 Independence High School graduate, she was active in many Neewollah events growing up. She made her stage debut as an orphan in the 2001 Neewollah musical, "Annie," and was often backstage helping her mother with Neewollah musical cast hair.

She also participated as a Neelah Deb as well as a Queen contestant.



Logo Designer
Taylor Jurski, Logo Designer, with Stacey Yakshaw,
Generalissimo.

'I love the appeal of the Disney-themed musical," said Jurski. "It was a favorite of mine growing up and I feel that something for everyone to enjoy."

lurski is a graduate of Pittsburg State University, where she majored in Communications and minored in Marseting.

The Neewollah Logo Committee co-chairs, Stacy Near and Lori Shaw, would like to thank everyone who paricipated in this year's Neewollah logo contest and added they were very excited for Jurski's win.





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Past Queens & Generalissimos

Past (Generalissimos	Past Queens	Past (Generalissimos	Past Queens
1919	Thurman Hill		1978	Roger Leeseberg	Staci Pollock
920	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1979	Stewart Crow	Lisa Swearingen
1921	O.E. McAnulty	Ella Jane Brinkley	1980	Jerry Webb	Beth Maxwell
1922	John Baden	Orphelia Pruitt	1981	Don Dancer	Yvette Carvalho
1923	John Baden	Florence Smith	1982	Karen Reeder	Jill Singleton
1924	A. Carlotte	Helen Jones	1983	Lowell Baker	Gail Moore
1925		Lola McDaniel	1984	Stewart Crow	Tammy Pasternak
1926	O.E. McAnulty	Catherine Cates	1985	Pat Springer	Jeannine Bailey
1927	O.E. McAnulty	Babs Carroll	1986	Jack Ashcraft	Missy Housel
1928	O.E. McAnulty	Alice May Austin	1987	Tim Emert	Shelly Nelson
1929	O.E. McAnulty	Elizabeth Cowman	1988	Virginia Kelly	Kaki Borklund
1930	O.E. McAnulty	Bea St. Helens	1989	Steve DeFever	Kara Woods
No Ne	ewollah 1931-1934 due te	o the Great Depression	1990	Paul Oakleaf	Julie Lair
1935		Louise Ransdall	1991	Lorne Schlatter	Keri Kruse
No Ne	wollah 1936-1947 due te	o World War II	1992	David Torbett	April Hill
1948	Bill Wagner	Dorothy Heckman	1993	Steve Wilkin	Laura Henrichs
1949	Emmett Wilson	JoAnn Jacobs	1994	Mike Flood	Kelly Springer
No Ne	wollah 1950-1957 due te	o lack of financial support	1995	Larry Pendleton	Tara Kemp
1958	Jim Halsey	Neola Hamsher	1996	Ray Rothgeb	Christy VanFossen
1959	Bob Wohltman	Sylvia McCalla	1997	Gregg Webster	Kelly O'Malley
1960	Jerry Webb	Norma Day	1998	Beth Chaney	Andrea Bailey
1961	Don Dancer	Phyllis Cinnoto	1999	Butch Holum	Jordan Paugh
1962	Bill Woods	Kristin Utz	2000	Vanessa Dennis	Uma Patel
1963	Duane Doll	Betsy Gibson	2001	Grant Sherwood	Tara Olson
1964	Bill Woods	Karen Schaub	2002	Val DeFever	Ramie Browning
1965	Jim Halsey	Gay Barnard	2003	Jeff Chubb	Audrey Gross
1966	Fred Wilkin	Rosemary Sicks	2004	Don Farthing	Aubrey Heckman
1967	E.C. Simmons	Pat Yerkes	2005	Ann Crow	Lisa Erbe
1968	Wayne Reed	Diane Talley	2006	Lea Shepard	Kelly Whitson
1969	G. Burks Sherwood	Terri Boorigie	2007	Drew Demo	Morgan Fox
1970	Bob Schneider	Nancy Reid	2008	Marty Reichenberger	Brooke Rollison
1971	Bill Cook	Diane David	2009	Sean Clapp	Brittany Meyer
1972	Jerry Webb	Ruth Pittman	2010	Fred Meier	Kelby McGrath
1973	Richard Shaver	Laurie Dilorio	2011	Melissa Small	Emely Flores Hendrick
1974	Stan Lewis	Belinda Boys	2012	Karen Turner	Jackie Newland
1975	Paul Viets	Janet Washburn	2013	Jeffrey Gettler	KasiDee Cox
1976	Bill Mason	Stephanie Cook	2014	Lisa Paige	Caringtyn Julian
1977	Kathryn Bruening	Susan Scovel	2015	John Hamlin	Anna Miller

Past Neewollah Musicals

	Year	Musical	Director	Producer
	1958	Picnic	Margaret Goheen	Fred Cinotto
١	1960	Oklahoma!	Bobbie Gibson	
	1961	Annie Get Your Gun	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1962	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1963	Guys & Dolls	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1964	My Fair Lady	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1965	Auntie Mame	Tim Emert	Bill Wood
	1966	The Sound of Music	Georgia High	Paul Bish
	1967	Lil' Abner	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1968	South Pacific	Barbara Harvey	Georgia High
	1969	Oliver!	Georgia High	Fred T. Wilkins
	1970	Carnival!	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
	1971	October Happening	Phil & Juanita Atkisson	Paul Bish
	1972	Fiddler on the Roof	Kenneth Burchinal	
		A CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR OF THE	V20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 20 2	Paul Bish
	1973	Hello Dolly!	Georgia High	David Torbett
	1974	no local production	200000000	
	1975	The King & I	Georgia High	Paul Bish & David Torbett
	1976	Touring company production of Bus Stop	32 5 4 5 5 4 5 h 3 h	
	1977	Anything Goes	Georgia High	Paul Bish & Jerry Webb
	1978	Rodgers & Hart: A Musical Celebration	Keith Confer & Georgia High	
	1979	Dracula!	Gary Mitchell	Stewart Crow
	1980	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Kathyrn Bruening
	1981	Carousel	Ray Rothgeb	Burks Sherwood & Georgia High
	1982	Oklahoma!	Georgia High & Keith Confer	Tim Emert
	1983	Camelot	Keith Confer	Georgia High
	1984	Annie	Terry Jordan	David & Rachel Torbett
	1985	No. No Nannette	Georgia High	Tim Emert
	1986	The Unsinkable Molly Brown	Keith Confer	Steve Barnett & Cyndy Sherwood
	1987	The Sound of Music		
			Georgia High	Larry Pendleton
	1988	My Fair Lady	Sue Woods	Steve DeFever
	1989	Mame	Ray Rothgeb	Steve Wilkins
	1990	Gypsy	Kenneth Burchinal	Val DeFever
	1991	Oliver!	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow & Steve Wilkins
	1992	Damn Yankees	Keith Confer	Larry & Glenna Pendleton
	1993	Guys & Dolls	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow
	1994	Bye, Bye Birdie	Jill Warford	Cyndee Bishop & Judy Holyrod
	1995	The Pajama Game	Keith Confer	Tim Emert & Judy Carroll
	1996	The King & I	Lisa Mitchell	Steve Wilkins
	1997	The Wizard of Oz	Lisa Mitchell	Vanessa Dennis & Cyndy Sherwood
	1998	Peter Pan	Jill Warford	Sandy Dodson
	1999	Cinderella	Debbie Tincher	Stewart Crow & Steve DeFever
	2000	Hello Dolly!	Sue Woods	Stewart & Ann Crow
	2001	Annie	Lisa Mitchell	Beth Chaney & Vanessa Dennis
	2002	Brigadoon	Lisa Mitchell	Lea Shepard
	2003	Little Shop of Horrors	Mark Frank	Vanessa Dennis & Steve Wilkins
	2003	Meet Me in St. Louis	Keith Confer	
		Neewollah Follies		Tim Emert, Judy Carroll & David Torbet
	2005		Debbie Tincher	Steve Wilkins
	2006	Beauty and the Beast	Lisa Mitchell	Don Farthing
	2007	Li'l Abner	Lisa Mitchell	Leslie Coder & Sandy Annable
	2008	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat		Bob & Debbie Tincher
	2009	Thoroughly Modern Millie	Lisa Mitchell Paige	Drew Demo & Leslie Coder
	2010	The Music Man	Lisa Paige	Don Farthing & Sean Clapp
	2011	Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory	Mark Frank	Ann Crow & Lisa Paige
	2012	Grease	Rick Huguenin	Keith Confer & Drew Demo
	2013	Young Frankenstein	Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige	Sarah Wilson & Lori Wesselowski
	2014	Honk!	Lois Lessman	Stacy Near & Lea Shepard
	2015	A CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR	Bruce Peterson	

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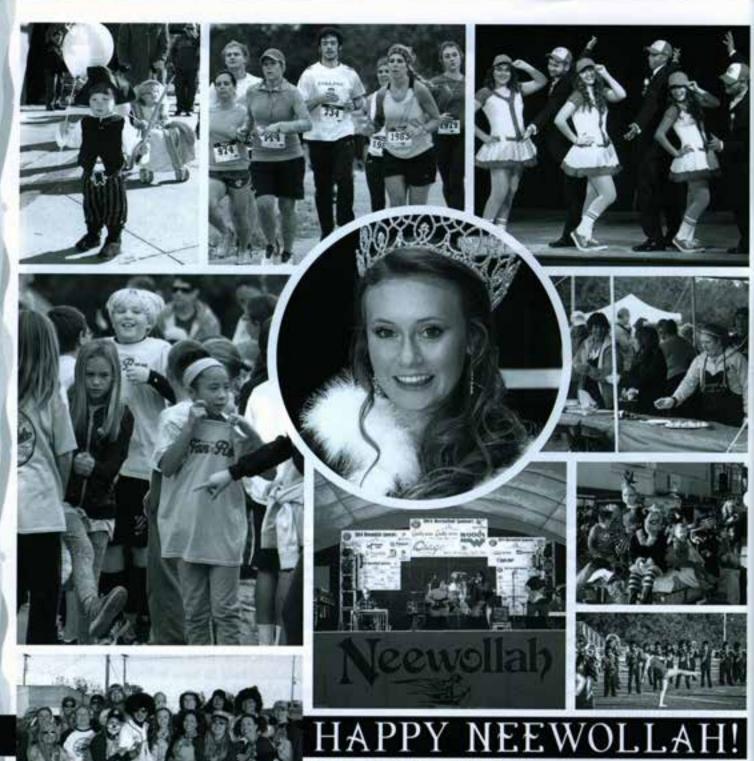
Front Row: Janet Demo, Lisa Paige, Anne Bertie, Stacey Yakshaw (Generalissimo), Sabrina Overfield, Denise Hines, Lisa Hugo Back Row: Lance Chickadonz, Gregg Webster, Jay Jones, Lori Wesselowski, John Hamlin, Keith Confer, Jim Kelly Not Pictured: Jeffrey Gettler (chair)

The Neewollah Board of Directors is made up of 15 members who are elected for three-year terms, and each can serve for 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 eadership in the overall running of the festival. The Generalissimo is most likely to be a board member. He or she has a year as Generalissimo-elect to become more fully acquainted with all facets of the celebration before moving into command.

Neewollah 2017

Neewollah 2016 "Be Part of Our World" has been an exciting experience for all of the Neewollah 2016 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition, and preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2017 festival are October 20 through October 28. To obtain information for Neewollah 2017, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

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Schedule of Events

Friday, October 21

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

7:30 p.m..... Memorial Hall

Saturday October 22

SK/10K RUN & FUN RUN/WALK

Riverside Park Oval

7 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.... Neewollah 5K & 10K Registration

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.... Fun Run Registration 8:30 a.m..... Start of 5K/10K

10 a.m.....Start of Fun Run/Walk

11 a.m..... 5K/10K Awards

CHILI COOK-OFF & DESSERT CONTEST

Riverside Park Oval

6 a.m. Chili Cook-off Check-In 9:30 a.m.... Dessert Contest Entry 10:30 a.m. Chili Bracelets Go On Sale 11 a.m..... Chili & Dessert Sampling Begins 2 p.m. Chili & Dessert Awards

KARAOKE CONTEST

Riverside Park Oval

10 a.m. Karaoke/Comedy/Skit Registration 10:45 a.m. Karaoke/Comedy/Skit Contest

2 p.m. Karaoke/Comedy/Skit Awards

KIDS' CORNER

Riverside Park Oval

11 a.m.....Kids' Corner Activities Inflatables & Games

MEDALLION HUNT

Riverside Park Oval

l p.m. Medallion Hunt Kick-off

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

7:30 p.m..... Memorial Hall

Sunday, October 23

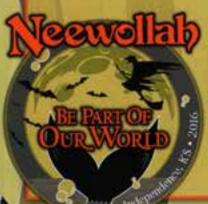
DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

2 p.m. Memorial Hall

NEEWOLLAH NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

7 p.m. Independence Cinemas

(Free Admission/limited seating)



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Monday, October 24

QUEEN NEELAH TALENT NIGHT 6:30 p.m..... Memorial Hall

Threaday, October 25

OUEEN NEELAH LXXV CORONATION 7 p.m. Memorial Hall

Wednesday, October 26

FOOD STANDS OPEN 11 a.m.

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

11:30 a.m. IHS Orchestra 6 p.m. John Hamlin (solo classical guitar) Stacey Yakshaw 8:45 p.m. IHS Band

9 p.m. IHS Drum

9:15 p.m..... Christ Church of Neodesha (gospel)

Thornsday, October 27

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

DOO DAH PARADE

6 p.m. Doo-Dahing under the Sea!

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

7 p.m. Shiloh's Crossing (country, rock) 8 p.m. Bryson Michael and the Free Nation (country, red dirt, rock)

Fridan October 2

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 3 p.m. - 10 p.m.

KIDDIE PARADE 4 p.m.

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

5:30 p.m. C.O.T. (rock) 6:45 p.m. Straight Away (rock) 8 p.m. Cedar Vale All-Stars (rock) 9:15 p.m..... The Sea Kings (rock) 10:30 p.m..... Flowsion (instrumental rock)

Saturday, October 29

ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW

8 a.m. - 6 p.m. 100 block of East Myrtle

OTTAWAY CARNIVAL 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

NEEWOLLAH GRAND PARADE 11 a.m.

MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL 1:30 p.m.

Riverside Park, Kayo Emmot Field, Schultis Stadium

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

1:00 p.m..... The Gigsters featuring Lennie Baker

(rock, R&B)

3:30 p.m..... Zero 2 Panic (rock, ska)

5:45 p.m..... R&S Studios

(dance)

7 p.m..... Michelle Knopick

(country)

8 p.m. Alaska and Madi (country)

