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Independence, KS • 2016
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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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October 1, 2016 • 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

October 3 to October 25 Schedule
Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
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October 26-28
October 26-28, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
October 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Second Row: Liz Reynolds, Sandy Nelson, Becky Miessler, Glenna Lawrence, Kristi Groff, Judy Berwager, Dorcas Stafford, Joann Connors, Karin Stoner, Liz Pralle, Erin Connors
Third Row: Marla Dufur, Sabrina Overfeld, 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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Neewollah 2016 Presents

**Disney**

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Music by Alan Menken

Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater

Book by Doug Wright

Based on Hans Christian Andersen’s story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker & Ron Clements

Originally produced by Disney Theatrical Productions

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**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

**Orchestra Conductor** Jan Rogers

**Stage Managers** Lorraine Emmol & Teresa Fairbank

**Flying Effects** ZFX, Inc.

**Sets & Costumes** Topeka Civic Theatre

Disney’s The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com
Directors' Synopsis

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 -

Neevollah 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
Prince Eric .......................................... Bradley Gray
King Triton .......................................... Matthew Hastings
Sebastian ........................................... Maurice House II
Ursula .................................................. Lisa West
Flotsam .............................................. Terri Barbera
Jetsam ................................................ Jessica Turner
Flounder ............................................ Jude Stafford
Scuttle ............................................... Austin Drake
Grimsby ............................................ Larry Annable
Chef Louis .......................................... John Gray
Pilot .................................................... Dale Belcher

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

Leeward: Ben Seel  \  Winward: Luke Emmot

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

Princess Contestants
Linsky Armbruster, Dulce’Asgari, Selena Cavaness, Cassie Graham, Kara Moore, Bailey Schaub, Grace Slaton, Emma Woodward

Chorus
The Little Mermaid Scenes & Musical 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

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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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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.

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. "Expecting 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 as Scuttle

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

The Little Mermaid

Mermaids
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 Neyland
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 McClinton, 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 Torkelson
Rehearsal Accompanist
Glenda Winkleman
Conductor
Jan Rogers
Musical Staff

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

Production Staff

Co-Directors
Lois Lessman, Lisa Paige

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 Generalissimo in 2014 and serves on the Neewollah Board. Lisa is a founding member and artistic director 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.
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

Sets
Front Row: Geoffrey Corie, 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 Rieck-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

Musical Light Board
Jinger Ferguson

Cast Party
Front Row: Charlene Paulini, 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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Race 8:30 a.m.

Fun Run/Walk
Registration 8 to 9:30 a.m.
Race 10:00 a.m.

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 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
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 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.

**Point System for Judging Queen Neelah LXXV**

- Poise ........................................... 15 points
- Interview ...................................... 20 points
- Talent .......................................... 20 points
- Personality .................................... 15 points
- Originality .................................... 10 points
- Beauty .......................................... 5 points
- Fashion ......................................... 5 points
- Photogenic ..................................... 5 points
- Judges' Evaluation ............................. 5 points

**TOTAL ........................................ 100 points**
Opening Presentation of Queen LXXV Candidates

Presentation of Candidates 1-9

Selected Talent Presentations
1. 
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Presentation of Candidates 10-18

Selected Talent Presentations
1. 
2. 
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Presentation of Candidates 19-25

Neelah Deb Dance

Intermission

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXXIV Anna Miller

Announcement of Category Winners
Miss Originality
Miss Interview
Miss Congeniality
Miss Photogenic
Miss Fashion
Miss Beauty
Miss Personality
Miss Poise
Miss Talent

Announcement of Finalists
2nd Runner-up
1st Runner-up

Crowning of Queen Neelah LXXV
Queen Neelah

Bailey Babcock
Twig's Floral
Tap Dance

Karson Ballew
Brother's Railroad Inn
Dance

Lexi Carr
Premier Property Group
Piano Solo

Isabella Castilleja
Selah 360 Day Spa
Dance

Avery Chism
Potts Chapel
Skit

Taylor Clark
Taco Inn
Skit
Emily Lattin  
Community National Bank – Cherryvale  
Ballet

Rindy Marquez  
Winkleman’s Greenhouse  
Skit

Queen Neelah

LXXV

Dani Rathbun  
Bill White Real Estate  
Flag Routine

Jenalyn Reichenbach  
Borton Industries  
Guitar/Vocal Solo
Queen Neelah

Brooklinn Royer
Westar Energy
Dance

Emma Schaper
Ane Mae's Coffee
& Sandwich House
Skit

Sagan Shire
Andy & Gina McLennon
Guitar/Vocal Solo

Jacey Smith
Heaven's Angels
Skit

Kallie Smith
Quality Motors
Vocal Solo/Skit
Courtney Taylor
Standard Motor Products
Martial Arts Routine

Emily Thompson
Quality Toyota
Vocal Solo/Piano

Danielle Veile
First Oak Bank
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Emily Wilson
Studio 4
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 Neelah
Coronation Entertainment

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

Coronation Music
John Hamlin

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.

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

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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 Emerit, 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.
Queen Neelah 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)

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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 Emer, 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

Coronation Ball

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

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Karin Stoner, Mandi Johnson, Stephanie 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
Schedule of Events

June 12
Summer Workshop – Booth Hotel

August 14
Packet turn-in

August 28
Conversation and Coffee
(Parent/Guardian Only) – Tennis Clubhouse

September 11
Every Sunday talent practice starts

September 25
Data Workshop – IHS

October 2
Talent practice moves to Memorial Hall

October 9
Pop Party

October 16
Mock Judging
Talent guest observation night
(1 guest only)
Interview/Walk-in/Runway workshops

October 23
Queen’s Tea
Talent night full dress rehearsal

October 24
Interview – IHS
Talent Night

October 25
Queen’s Brunch
Coronation Rehearsal
Coronation
Coronation Ball – Country Club
Doo Dah Parade
Kiddie Parade (Queen’s court only)

October 27
Pre-parade breakfast

October 28
Grand Parade

October 29
Queen’s Pick-Up Party

October 30

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Queen:
A crown, rose bouquet, use of new car and $50 gas card, framed portrait, $150 retail card, $100 merchandise gift card, $25 bakery gift certificate, $25 retail gift card, hair product gift basket, an Independence afghan, a jewelry set, Queen's scrapbook, acrylic painting, picture frame, bracelet, a home and health gift basket, manicure and pedicure, Apple watch, luggage, $50 retail item, gift certificate for a dozen cookies

1st Runner Up
$75 retail card, $50 merchandise gift card, $25 bakery gift card, tote and hair ties, $25 retail gift card, luggage, and manicure

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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.

Food Vendors

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 (co-chair), 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

Wristbands ($25) will be offered during 5 different time periods and will not be accepted outside the specific time period for which they were purchased. Those times periods are:
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.-5 p.m.
Saturday, October 29, 5-10 p.m.
Neewollah Street Acts

John Hamlin (solo classical guitar) doesn't need much more than two thumbs, eight fingers and six strings on a wood box to carry his listeners away. Hamlin utilizes his superb technical abilities to play bass, rhythm and melody simultaneously and surpass the borders of conventional genres. He merges beautiful compositions, country 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 Scrooge McDuck. His fingers fly over the six strings like the Blue Angels at an air show..." Porter Rangus - The Current

Don Who?

Everything on Ukulele

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 Medicine Show all done on Uke.

Bryson Michael and the Free Nation

Bryson Michael and the Free Nation is a Red Dirt Rock Roll Country band from Kansas, whose members are all from the Wichita Area. These are some of the most talented musicians in the area. Each member is rooted in different styles of country music. From traditional Texas Red Dirt to Old Country to Modern Country hits, to popular Rock n Roll, they play it all. Bryson’s music from his solo EP ‘This is How an Outlaw Rides’ has been nominated for several awards including the song “Rodeo” for 2016 best country song in the Hollywood Song Writing Contest, and the song “In this Neverland” Best country song of 2015 by the American Song Writers association. Bryson has won an array of Battle of the bands in Oklahoma and last year was considered one of the top 20 best performers in Red Dirt out of over 2000 artists according to Outlaw Nation. Bryson Michael and the Free Nation are now working on their new upcoming album titled ‘31’ which will still have the outlaw spirit of Bryson’s current EP and also a mix of personal stories written by Bryson and the band! Check out www.brysonmichaelband.com for more information.

Zero 2 Panic

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.
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)
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)
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 an exciting side you are tired of keeping bottled up? If you nodded your head or even thought for a second, “Yes, that’s me!”, dress up or dress down. We want you in the Doo Dah Parade! This is your chance to be in a parade so thousands can see how fun you really are!

The Doo Dah parade lineup will be on Penn in front of Memorial 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 dress like one.” - Scuttle

Doo Dah Royalty

Kevin and Gina Botts love the festivities of Neewollah! Gina is a past Neewollah Board member and has served on numerous committees throughout the years. Some include Queen’s Directors, Queen Candidates, Neelah Debs, and Queen’s Judges committee. You will always see Gina at Neewollah Headquarters either working or decorating. Kevin has always been a contributor to Neewollah. He does not hesitate to own a car or twenty to the Neewollah festival, and his continued contributions to Neewollah are appreciated.

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

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Kiddie Parade

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Friday, October 28 • 4 p.m.

The Kiddie Parade is one of the most endearing parts of our annual festival. Over 900 children, area middle school bands and numerous kiddie floats participate in the parade. Many come home for the weekend festivities. The parade gives an opportunity for parents and children to see, be seen and connect with friends. The Kiddie Parade participants gather in front of Memorial Hall and join their category. This year’s categories are Pre-K, Kindergarten – 2nd Grades, Families, 3rd – 5th Grades, 6th Grade and up, Wheels, Animals and Pets. Parents usually accompany their young children along the parade route.

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.
2016 Grand Parade Marshal

Jim is honored to serve as this year’s Grand Parade Marshal. Jim 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 tradition of watching the parade each year with their son Bryan, nephews, nieces and extended family.

Jim’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.

Jim 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.

Jim and Staci have one son Bryan. Staci also has worked on many Neewollah committees and is a former Queen Neelah. They live on their farm/ranch where they have enjoyed working with Mother Nature. Neewollah is honored that Jim is this year’s Grand Parade Marshal.
2015 Grand Parade Float Winners

Sweepstakes Trophy/Queen’s Trophy: Commercial Bank

Grand Prize/Mayor’s Trophy: Coffeyville Regional Medical Center

Judges’ Trophy: Queen Neelah

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Arts & Crafts Show

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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.

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 invited to attend the festival, and this year it will cost $3.00 at the gate.
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.

Alaska & Madi

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 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 tons and festivals around Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. She was also Miss Talent of Queen Neelah 2011.
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Stacey Yakshaw, 2016 Neewollah Generalissimo, announces this year’s Neewollah logo contest winner is Taylor Jurski. “While merging ‘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.

Jurski lives in Overland Park, where she is the Director of Marketing and Communication for Northwestern Mutual. Although this was her 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.

“I love the appeal of the Disney-themed musical,” said Jurski. “It was a favorite of mine growing up and I feel it has something for everyone to enjoy.”

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

The Neewollah Logo Committee co-chairs, Stacy Near and Lori Shaw, would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s Neewollah logo contest and added they were very excited for Jurski’s win.
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No Neewollah 1950-1957 due to lack of financial support: Rosemary Sicks

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Front Row: Janet Demo, Lisa Paige, Anne Bertie, Stacey Yaksh (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 Gettier (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 leadership in the overall running of the festival. The Generalissimo is most likely to be a board member. He or she has a year as Generalissimo-elect to become more fully acquainted with all facets of the 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
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
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)

Monday, October 24
QUEEN NEELAH TALENT NIGHT
6:30 p.m........................... Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 25
QUEEN 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)
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)

Thursday, 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
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)
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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.
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!

Signed,

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

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Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
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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
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Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

Music by Alan Menken
Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Glenn Slater
Book by Doug Wright

Based on Hans Christian Andersen’s story 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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Independence, Kansas
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Directors Lois Lessman & Lisa Paige
Producers Kelli Eidson-Ebert Lori Wesselowski Sarah J. Wilson

Musical Director Tonya Torkelson
Orchestra Conductor Jan Rogers
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Disney’s The Little Mermaid is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com
Directors' Synopsis

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 award 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 -

Neevollah 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
Prince Eric ..................................... Bradley Gray
King Triton ..................................... Matthew Hastings
Sebastian ....................................... Maurice House II
Ursula .......................................... Lisa West
Flotsam ......................................... Terri Barbera
Jetsam ......................................... Jessica Turner
Flounder ....................................... Jude Stafford
Scuttle ......................................... Austin Drake
Grimsby ........................................ Larry Annable
Chef Louis ................................. John Gray
Pilot ........................................... Dale Belcher

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

Leeward: Ben Seel  Winward: Luke Emmot

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

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

Chorus
The Little Mermaid Scenes & Musical 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

*Positivooity* – Scuttle and Gulls

*Positaggity* – Scuttle and Gulls

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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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.

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. “Expecting 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 *Seussical*, *Once on This Island*, *Peter Pan*, and *Guys 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 Aiddy.

Terri Berbera as *Flolsa*
Jessica Turner as *Jelsam*

**Moshers**
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 Neyland
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, Missie 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, Taylor 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, Mariah 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 Torkelson
Rehearsal Accompanist
Glenda Winkleman
Conductor
Jan Rogers
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

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 Luther 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 Generalissimo in 2014 and serves on the Neewollah Board. Lisa is a founding member and artistic director 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.
Musical Committees

Musical Props
Front Row: Lesley Simpson, Shirley Rasmussen, Samantha Montgomery,
Toni Jabben (chair)
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Not Pictured: Jake Jabben

Sets
Front Row: Geoffrey Corie, Drew Demo
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Not Pictured: Sean Clapp (chair), Andrew Demo,
Brad Henderson, Jamie Thompson, Jeff Shaw,
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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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Chris Moore
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Jinger Ferguson

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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Race 10:00 a.m.

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 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
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 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.

### Point System for Judging

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**TOTAL** 100 points
Opening Presentation of Queen LXXV Candidates

Presentation of Candidates 1-9

Selected Talent Presentations
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Presentation of Candidates 10-18

Selected Talent Presentations
1. 
2. 
3. 

Presentation of Candidates 19-25

Neelah Deb Dance

Intermission

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXXIV Anna Miller

Announcement of Category Winners
Miss Originality
Miss Interview
Miss Congeniality
Miss Photogenic
Miss Fashion
Miss Beauty
Miss Personality
Miss Poise
Miss Talent

Announcement of Finalists
2nd Runner-up
1st Runner-up

Crowning of Queen Neelah LXXV
Queen Neelah

Shayla Drake
R & D Construction
Vocal Solo

Abby Dunkham
Kesler Photography
Electric Violin Solo

Zoe Hannah
CJ’s Threads
Poem

LXXV

Ashley Johnson
O’Malley Equipment Co.
Dance/Tumbling

Alex Keller
Bulldog Station
Hula Hoop Routine

Madeline Kyle
Medicine Shoppe
Skit
Queen Neelah

Emily Lattin
Community National Bank - Cherryvale
Ballet

Rindy Marquez
Winkleman's Greenhouse
Skit

Dani Rathbun
Bill White Real Estate
Flag Routine

Jenlynn Reichenbach
Borton Industries
Guitar/Vocal Solo
Brooklinn Royer  
Westar Energy  
Dance

Emma Schaper  
Ane Mae's Coffee & Sandwich House  
Skit

Queen Neelah

LXXXV

Sagan Shire  
Andy & Gina McLennon  
Guitar/Vocal Solo

Jacey Smith  
Heaven's Angels  
Skit

Kallie Smith  
Quality Motors  
Vocal Solo/Skit
Courtney Taylor
Standard Motor Products
Martial Arts Routine

Emily Thompson
Quality Toyota
Vocal Solo/Piano

Queen Neelah

Danielle Veile
First Oak Bank
Skit

Emily Wilson
Studio 4
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.
Neelah Debs
Alexis Clapp, Dara Mendoza, Addison Julian, Graci Carr, Emma Stoner, Jillian Stafford, Emily Thompson, Morgan Mavers

Coronation Music
John Hamlin

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.

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

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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 Froebel

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 Emer, 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 Mavers, Paul Marquez, Jerald Rinck, Brent Julian
Not Pictured: Luke Emmot, Lauren Emmot, Andrew Schaper, Kyle Davis, Val Davis

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Karin Stoner, Mandi Johnson, Stephanie 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
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Queen:
A crown, rose bouquet, use of new car and $50 gas card, framed portrait, $150 retail card, $100 merchandise gift card, $25 bakery gift certificate, $25 retail gift card, hair product gift basket, an Independence afghan, a jewelry set, Queen's scrapbook, acrylic painting, picture frame, bracelet, a home and health gift basket, manicure and pedicure, Apple watch, luggage, $50 retail item, gift certificate for a dozen cookies.

1st Runner Up
$75 retail card, $50 merchandise gift card, $25 bakery gift card, tote and hair ties, $25 retail gift card, luggage, and manicure.

2nd Runner Up
$75 retail card, $50 merchandise gift card, $25 bakery gift card, tote and hair ties, $25 retail card, and make up bag.

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- The Cookie Jar
- Penn Ave. Styles/Joann Connors

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 Wolktamp, 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.

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

Wristbands ($25) will be offered during 5 different time periods and will not be accepted outside the specific time period for which they were purchased. Those times periods are:

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Thursday, October 27, 5-10 p.m.
Friday, October 28, 3-10 p.m.
Saturday, October 29, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, October 29, 5-10 p.m.
John Hamlin (solo classical guitar) doesn't need much more than two thumbs, eight
fingers and six strings on a wood box to carry his listeners away. Hamlin utilizes
his superb technical abilities to play bass, rhythm and melody simultaneously and
upress the borders of conventional genres. He merges beautiful compositions,
country 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
Scrooge McDuck. His fingers fly over the six strings like the Blue Angels at an air
show..." Porter Rangus - The Current

Don Who?
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 col-
lection of your favorite hits from The Beatles to Old Crow Medi-
cine Show all done on Uke.

Bryson Michael and the Free Nation
Bryson Michael and the Free Nation is a Red Dirt Rock
and Roll Country band from Kansas, whose members are all
from the Wichita Area. These are some of the most tal-
ted musicians in the area. Each member is rooted in dif-
cent styles of country music. From traditional Texas Red
Dirt to Old Country to Modern Country hits, to popular
rock n Roll, they play it all. Bryson's music from his solo
EP 'This is How an Outlaw Rides' has been nominated for
several awards including the song "Rodeo" for 2016 best
country song in the Hollywood Song Writing Contest, and
the song "In this Neverland" Best country song of 2015 by
the American Song Writers association. Bryson has won
an array of Battle of the bands in Oklahoma and last year
was considered one of the top 20 best performers in Red
Dirt out of over 2000 artists according to Outlaw Nation.
Bryson Michael and the Free Nation are now working on their new upcoming album titled '31' which will still
have the outlaw spirit of Bryson's current EP and also a mix of personal stories written by Bryson and the
band! 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.
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)
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)
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 an exciting side you are tired of keeping bottled up? If you nodded your head or even thought for a second, "Yes, that's me!", dress up or dress down. We want you in the Doo Dah Parade! This is your chance to be in a parade so thousands can see how fun you really are!

The Doo Dah parade lineup will be on Penn in front of Memorial 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 dress like one." - Scuttle

Doo Dah Royalty

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

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

King & Queen Doo Dah
Kevin and Gina Botts
Kiddie Parade

Downtown Independence
Friday, October 28 • 4 p.m.

The Kiddie Parade is one of the most endearing parts of our annual festival. Over 900 children, area middle school bands and numerous kiddie floats participate in the parade. Many come home for the weekend festivities. The parade gives an opportunity for parents and children to see, be seen and connect with friends. The Kiddie Parade participants gather in front of Memorial Hall and join their category. This year's categories are Pre-K, Kindergarten – 2nd Grades, Families, 3rd – 5th Grades, 6th Grade and up, Wheels, Animals and Pets. Parents usually accompany their young children along the parade route.

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.
2016 Grand Parade Marshal

Jim is honored to serve as this year's Grand Parade Marshal. Jim 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 tradition of watching the parade each year with their son Bryan, nephews, nieces and extended family.

Jim'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.

Jim 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.

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

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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.

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 invited to attend the festival, and this year it will cost $3.00 at the gate.
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 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 tons and festivals around Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. She was also Miss Talent of Queen Neelah 2011.
Neewollah Committees

Sanitation
Keith Confer

Memorial Hall Lights
Jinger Ferguson

Saturday Night Show
John Hamlin

Special Events
Drew Demo
Not Pictured: Sean Clapp

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Beth Kelly, Jim Kelly

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Street Acts (Bandstand)
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Stacey Yakshaw, 2016 Neewollah Generalissimo, announces this year’s Neewollah logo contest winner is Taylor Jurski. “While merging ‘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.

Jurski lives in Overland Park, where she is the Director of Marketing and Communication for Northwestern Mutual. Although this was her 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.

“I love the appeal of the Disney-themed musical,” said Jurski. “It was a favorite of mine growing up and I feel it has something for everyone to enjoy.”

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

The Neewollah Logo Committee co-chairs, Stacy Near and Lori Shaw, would like to thank everyone who participated in this year’s Neewollah logo contest and added they were very excited for Jurski’s win.
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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 leadership in the overall running of the festival. The Generalissimo is most likely to be a board member. He or she has a year as Generalissimo-elect to become more fully acquainted with all facets of the 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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2016 Neewollah

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KANSAS

Independence Chamber of Commerce
and Convention & Visitors Bureau

INDEPENDENCE main street

Along with the many businesses and volunteers that work hard and give generously to make Neewollah a success!

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Anne Bertie
Lance Chickadonz

Keith Confer
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Denise Hines
Jay Jones

Jim Kelly
Sabrina Overfield
Lisa Paige
Gregg Webster
Lori Wesselowski
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  
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  
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)

Monday, October 24
QUEEN NEELAH TALENT NIGHT  
6:30 p.m. .......... Memorial Hall

Tuesday, October 25
QUEEN 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)  
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)

Thursday, 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  
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 Gisters featuring Lennie Baker  
(rocks, 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)