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Neewollah



INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS 2018



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## HISTORY OF NEEWOLLAH

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 a piece. The Great Depression and World War II interrupted the Neewollah celebration from 1931 to 1947. It came back briefly in 1948 and 1949, before disappearing again from 1950 to 1957 due to lack of financial support. Local businessmen Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb, 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.





# 2018 NEEWOLLAH GENERALISSIMO



There is no more obvious reminder that Neewollah is here than the banners flying over Pennsylvania Avenue contrasting against the crystal-blue sky. The sight of those orange and black banners, for more than sixty years, has enticed Independence families to keep the revitalized Neewollah tradition alive by volunteering, sponsoring, and supporting all the activities. Neewollah's 1919 creation was re-invented in 1958 by four young businessmen, Bob Wohltman, Don Dancer, Jerry Webb, and Jim Halsey. Mr. Halsey represents all four of them this year as the Marshal of the Grand Parade. The 2018 version of Neewollah features performances of **The Addams Family** musical, and since we're celebrating the sixtieth anniversary (the Diamond Anniversary) of Neewollah's successful revitalization, I have dubbed this year's festival The Diamond Jubilee - FAMILY FUN FOR MORE THAN SIXTY YEARS.

On behalf of the Neewollah, Inc. Board of Directors, I welcome all our visitors to **The Addams Family** musical; to the Chili Cookoff and 5K-10K/Fun Run; to the Neewollah Medallion Hunt; to The Queen Neelah LXXVII Pageant; to the wonderful Pennsylvania Avenue Bandstand, food vendors, and carnival. Everyone is welcomed to the three Family Fun Parades: The Thursday night Doo Dah Parade, the Friday afternoon Kiddie Parade, and Saturday's 11 a.m. Neewollah Grand Parade, followed by the Downtown Arts and Crafts Fair.

Bandstand Entertainment in the heart of town will fill the Saturday afternoon with fabulous music. Saturday afternoon will also be enlivened at Emmot Field in beautiful Riverside Park with the Neewollah Marching Band Competition. I especially welcome all our visitors to the Saturday night 7:30 Neewollah professional show starring Lee Greenwood in Independence's Memorial Hall.

There is no other Neewollah. It belongs to Independence, Kansas. We have the only one. I am proud to welcome our Neewollah visitors, to thank our Neewollah sponsors, and to congratulate the Neewollah volunteers who have endeavored to make The Diamond Jubilee Neewollah sparkle.

*Keith Confer*

2018 Diamond Jubilee Neewollah Generalissimo







# 2018 Neewollah Headquarters

**Located at 220 North Penn - Downtown Independence, Kansas**

**Opening Day  
Ticket Sales**

October 6, 2018 - 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

**October 8 to October 23 Schedule**

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

Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

**October 24-27**

**Schedule**

October 24-26, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

October 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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**Second Row:** Liz Prolle, Karen Stoner, Val DeFever, Rickenia Botts, Madison Payne, Judy Berwager, Carole Farthing

**Third Row:** Sabrina Overfield, Karen Thompson, Lee Stroble, Linda Payne, Bev Chubb

**Fourth Row:** Callie Sanden, Erin Meisner, Nellie Mendoza, Jennifer Brumley, Colleen Confer, Amanda Melle

**Fifth Row:** Jamie Wright, Linda Grice, Karen Schmitt, Suzanne McDill, Gina Botts

**Not Pictured:** Joann Gefaki, Sarah Coder, Susan Kleinbeck, Meagan Davidson, Maria Dufur, Pam Lagal, Debbie Dye, Jodi Hayse, Kristen Keenan, Becky Miesler, Ginger Nelson, Anne Rasnick, Shirley Rasmussen, Genevieve Ratzlaff, Mary Robinson, Etta Shanks, Jennifer Springer, Margie Swisher, Debbie Schroeder, Jana Shaver, Leslie Stair, Earlene Waltmire, April Bates, Carrie Waters, Jimmy Waters, Meegan Dodson, Tina Rowe, Sandy Webster, LaDella Lyon




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# The Addams Family

**A NEW MUSICAL  
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**Director ERICK WOLFE**

**Assistant Director DUSTY BROWNEWELL**

**Vocal Director THERESA FISCHER**

**Orchestra Conductor ERIN SHELTON**

**Stage Managers LORRAINE EMMOT & TERESA FAIRBANK**

**Producers MARY KADEL & DREW DEMO**

**Lighting Designer JINGER FERGUSON**

**Costumes LESLIE CODER**

**Sound JASON CURTIS**

**Choreographer CODY DIXON**

The Addams Family is a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Andrew Lippa and the book by Marshall Brickman and Rick Elice.  
The show is based upon The Addams Family characters created by Charles Addams.

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# Synopsis

The Addams Family musical is a new musical comedy based on the characters created by Charles Addams and adopted to television and film. Book by Marshall Brickman & Rick Elice. Music and Lyrics by Andrew Lippa. The story joins the Addams on Wednesday's 18th birthday, and follows the adventures of Wednesday falling in love with a young man named Lucas Beineke. Wednesday and Lucas want to get married, but first want their parents to meet, so the Beinekes come to dinner at the Addams house. Secrets are kept and then revealed as the events of the night continue, but love always triumphs in the end.

## Director's Note

Growing up, the Addams Family has always had a place in my heart. When I first read Charles Addams cartoons, then the television show, I fell in love with this strange little family. Naturally, when I was asked to direct this show, I jumped on the opportunity to bring my love for the Addams Family to the stage here in Independence. I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to the amazing cast and crew of this show, without whom we could not do this. Thanks also goes out to the awesome people who run all the committees that make this happen. To Drew and Mary, thank you for your support! Keith, thank you for taking a chance and picking me to direct this, and thank you for your friendship and support. To you, dear audience, I hope you enjoy watching this show as much as we have enjoyed putting it together for you.

*Erick Wolfe*

## The Addams Family Cast

Gomez Adams	Bradley Gray
Morticia Adams	Evageline Blackert
Uncle Fester	Jason Hosey
Wednesday Addams	Jessica Turner
Lucas Beineke	Daryl Hunter
Grandma	Lois Lessman
Pugsley Addams	Justin Turner
Lurch	Nick Riesner
Alice Beineke	Lisa West
Mal Beineke	Larry Annable

### Chorus

Dulce Asgari, Terri Barbera\*, Maeson Bryant, Clever Christman, Lainey Clark, Shelby Demo, Hannah Dietrich, Courtney Duke, Elyzabeth Elsele, Lauren Emmot, Megan Emmot, Ashley Gillett, Jackson Horning, Kiara Islam, Denina Journat, Sang Le, Jonathan Long, Gary Mitchell, Tami Payden, Quint Skoggs, Jade Umlauf  
Debra Thomas (\*Denotes Chorus Master)

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# Scenes & Musical Numbers



## ACT ONE

### Scene 1

*Overture/Prologue*  
*When You're an Adams*  
*(We Have) A Problem*  
*Fester's Manifesto*

### Scene 2

*Two Things*  
*Wednesday's Growing Up*  
*Trapped*

### Scene 3

*Honor Roll*  
*Pulled*  
*Four Things*  
*One Normal Night*

### Scene 4

*One Normal Night*

### Scene 5

*Morticia's Entrance*  
*But Love (Reprise 1)*

### Scene 6

*But Love (Reprise 2)*

### Scene 7

*Alphonso the Enormous*

### Scene 8

*Secrets*  
*Secrets Playoff*

### Scene 9

*Gomez's "What If"*

### Scene 10

### Scene 11

*What If*

### Scene 12

*Full Disclosure Part 1*  
*Waiting*  
*Full Disclosure Part 2*

## ACT TWO

### Scene 1

*Opening Act II*

### Scene 2

*Just Around the Corner*  
*Just Around the Corner Playoff*

### Scene 3

*All Is Black Inside My Face*  
*Into the Moon and Me*

### Scene 4

*The Moon and Me*

### Scene 5

*Happy Sad*

### Scene 6

*Crazier Than You*

### Scene 7

*Bedtime Story*

### Scene 8

*Not Today*  
*After Not Today*

### Scene 9

*Live Before We Die*  
*Tango de Amor*

### Scene 10

*Tango de Amor cont.*  
*Move Toward the Darkness*  
*When You're An Adam Reprise*



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# The Addams Family Starring Roles



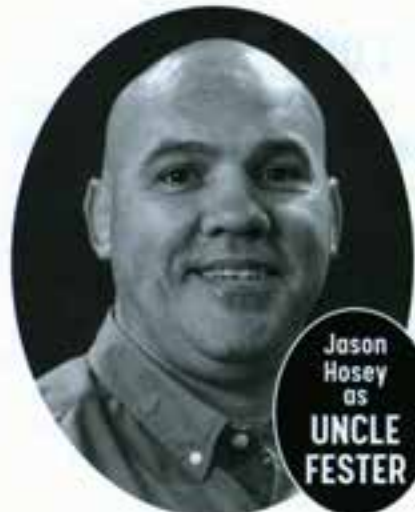
Bradley  
Gray  
as  
**GOMEZ  
ADAMS**

This is Bradley Gray's fourth Neewollah and he is thrilled to be a part of it! He starred 2014 as Drake in *Honk!*, then played Prince Eric in 2016, and was part of the stage crew of *Mary Poppins* last year! His love for theatre started in high school playing various roles as well as Shrek in *Shrek the Musical*. He is currently working the best possible job in this area as the director at the Coffeyville Animal Shelter! The absolute best parts of his "job" are seeing animals reunited with their owners and seeing abused or neglected animals finally find a loving home!



Evageline  
Blackert  
as  
**MORTICIA  
ADAMS**

Evageline Blackert is a student at ICC, majoring in Musical Theatre. She has been passionate for the dramatic arts since she was little, starting at her church and then performing through the children's summer theatre in Coffeyville and Independence. She feels that attending ICC has helped master her fears performing and is very grateful to have been a part of the plays at the college. Her favorite part she played was Fantine from *Les Mis*. Her favorite Halloween movie quote is from *The Addams Family Values*. "You have gone too far. You have married Fester, you have destroyed his spirit, you have taken him from us. All that I could forgive, But Debbie... pastels?"



Jason  
Hosey  
as  
**UNCLE  
FESTER**

Jason Hosey has had a love for music his whole life. Although this is his first Neewollah musical, he is an active member of First Baptist praise and worship. He has lived in Independence for ten years and is currently employed at Fredonia Regional Hospital. He is thrilled to take on the role of Uncle Fester. Jason would like to thank his loving and supportive family for always cheering him on.



Jessica  
Turner  
as  
**WEDNESDAY  
ADAMS**

Jessica Turner is a second year Musical Theatre student at Independence Community College. She was seen in ICC's production of *Les Miserables* as Eponine, and was also seen in their productions of *Night of the Living Dead* and *Almost Maine*. She has participated in four Neewollah productions including *Young Frankenstein*, *Honk!*, *The Little Mermaid*, and *Mary Poppins*. After her appearance in *The Addams Family*, she plans to continue performing in the college's spring musical. Once she graduates, she plans to move forward with her Performing Arts degree.



Daryl  
Hunter  
as  
**LUCAS  
BEINEKE**

Daryl Hunter is twenty-three years old, and he has lived in Independence most of his life. He works at Standard Motor Products Inc. For fun he likes to hang out with friends, read, play video games, watch movies, and go to movies. He enjoys traveling. He attended the Independence Bible School, and he went to church at the Independence Bible Holiness Church. It was at these two places that he fell in love with musical theatre. He is very excited to be able to be a part of this production. Daryl would like to thank those who have made this production possible.



Lois  
Lessman  
as  
**GRANDMA**

Lois Lessman has been active on the Neewollah stage for almost 40 years. She has played leads in *Annie*, *Unsinkable Molly Brown*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, and most recently as Meg in *Damn Yankees*. Neewollah directorial credits were in productions of *Young Frankenstein* and *The Little Mermaid*, and *Honk!* A resident of Independence since 1971, she has worked in radio, news writing, public relations and human resources. She is currently the secretary at Zion Lutheran Church. She has two grown daughters and six grandchildren.

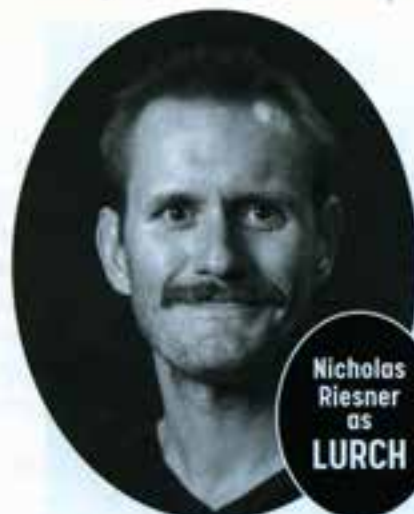


# The Addams Family Starring Roles



Justin  
Turner  
as  
**PUGSLEY  
ADAMS**

Justin is a junior at Independence High School. At IHS he was in multiple productions including *How to Succeed in Business* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. He has been in two of Neewollah's productions, *The Little Mermaid* and *Mary Poppins: The Addams Family*. Justin is his favorite Neewollah show that he has participated in. He is an active member in the IHS theatre and music department, being a member the schools Indy Ensemble. Justin plans to continue performing throughout the rest of his high school career with the hopes to eventually move on to New York or a school for Performing Arts.



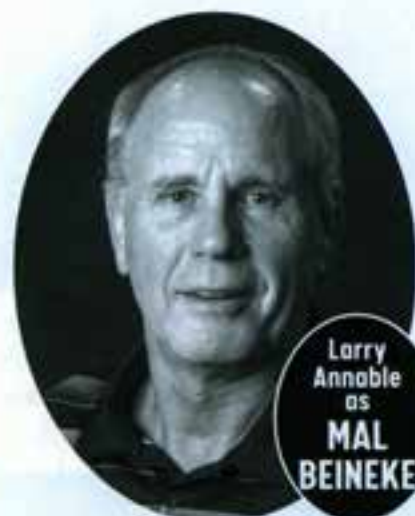
Nicholas  
Riesner  
as  
**LURCH**

Nicholas Riesner, often described as a dead ringer for Lurch, was of course delighted to be cast in the role. This is Nick's second Neewollah musical, having literally...no, having figuratively killed as John Northbrook in *Mary Poppins*. As a landlord and real estate developer, Nick is no stranger to gruesome scenes or creepy deadbeats. Among Nick's other interests are swimming and running, good activities for maintaining his ghoulish figure. Nick and his lovely wife Alix embrace horror and the macabre in their lives, as they have opted to employ reusable diapers for their newborn baby. Nick wants to remind the audience that if they don't find tonight's show to be scary enough, the County Commission meets every Monday at 9a.m.



Lisa  
West  
as  
**ALICE  
BEINEKE**

Lisa West is here for her third Neewollah show. She previously played the role of Ursula in *The Little Mermaid* and Mrs. Brill in *Mary Poppins*. Lisa has enjoyed participating in musicals and plays since she was a young girl and continued throughout high school. She currently helps assist in Needesha's Children's Summer Theater program. Lisa is in her 14th year of teaching 6th Grade at Needesha School District. She resides in Needesha with her husband, Nathan and her two daughters, Kathryn 10, and Meghan 7.



Larry  
Annable  
as  
**MAL  
BEINEKE**

Larry Annable has recently retired after 40 years of teaching. Most recently he served as choral music director at Independence High School. He is a graduate of Ottawa University and The University of Southern Mississippi. He has starred in many Neewollah musicals. He has also served on several Neewollah committees including Stage Escort chairman, food vendor committee and logo committee. Larry is married to Sandy and they have two children and three grandchildren. Larry is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he is a co-director of the choir.



**Chorus Group 1**

Front Row: Laine Clark, Kiara Islam, Maeson Bryant, Jackson Horning, Courtney Duke  
Back Row: Clever Christman, Quint Skaggs, Gary Mitchell, Elizabeth Eisele





# Chorus & Musical Staff



**Chorus Group 2**

**Front Row:** Tami Payden, Hannah Dietrich, Debra Thomas, Megan Emmot  
**Back Row:** Terri Barbera, Vanessa Dennis, Lauren Emmot, Shelby Demo, Denina Journot



**Chorus Group 3**

Ashley Gillett, Dulce Asgari

**Not Pictured:**

Song Le, Jonathan Long, Jade Umlauf



**Musical Staff**

**Musical Director -** Theresa Fischer  
**Rehearsal Accompanist -** Glenda Winkleman



**Orchestra**

**Front Row:** Katie Southworth-Clarinet/Sax, Annette Craig-Flute/Piccolo, Erin Shelton-Director, Judy Jones-Violin, Glenda Winkleman-Keyboards, Don Farthing-Clarinet/Sax  
**Back Row:** Gina McLenon-Violin, David Parker-Trombone, Bruce Brooks-Drums, Jim Cordes-Guitar/Banjo, Brayden Smith-Bass, Terry Harper-Trumpet, Cy Smith-Percussion, Jami Kleinert-Flute/Sax, Karen Knox-Keyboards  
**Not Pictured:** Mark Dice-Trumpet/Trombone, Rebecca Timmons-Baritone



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# Production Staff



## Erick Wolfe, Director

Erick Wolfe has been training and directing professional actors and performers for over 15 years. He continues to work with top rated performers and directors from all around the world. Working as a director, assistant director, stage manager, stunt coordinator, stuntman, movement coach, and fight director, his credits include opera, ballet, theatre, commercials, television, and film. Erick's love for action and martial arts films led him to becoming an Internationally Certified Teacher with the British Academy of Dramatic Combat and the Academy of Performance Combat wherein he was able to pursue a career of fight directing and stunts. He has also held the position of National Representative of Stage Combat with the Association of Theatrical Movement Educators. Erick received his B.F.A. in performance from the University of Central Oklahoma, and received his M.F.A. in Directing from the University of New Orleans. Erick teaches movement, theatrical combat, directing, stage management, improvisation, theatre history, theatre appreciation, mime, clown, and puppetry. In his spare time, he studies historical martial arts, loves to BBQ, and is a huge Star Wars and Batman geek.



## Dusty Brownell, Assistant Director/Intern

Dusty Brownell has been involved in theatre, focusing on stage management, for at least 5 years. She is currently a second year stage management theatre major at Independence Community College. This is Dusty's first year being involved with the Neewollah Festival but has watched every production since 2007. She was involved in Labette County High School's 2017 State and National Qualifying show **Eurydice** by Sarah Ruhl as the stage manager, touring the show to Wichita, Kansas, and Lincoln, Nebraska. Other notable productions she has worked on were **Les Miserables**, **Rock of Ages: 101**, **Peter and the Starcatcher**, and ICC Student production **Too Much Light Makes a Baby Go Blind: 30 Neo-futurist Plays in 60 Minutes**. Dusty plans to finish her current degree plan at ICC before continuing on to a four-year college to get a degree in stage management and a separate degree in English to stage manage professionally while possibly helping out authors as a developmental novel editor.

## Mary Kadel and Drew Demo, Co-producers

Drew Demo has been involved with Neewollah musicals on and off stage for many years. He has had named roles in **The Wizard of Oz**, **Meet Me in St. Louis**, **Annie**, **Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory**, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat** and **Beauty and the Beast**. He has also been in the chorus of several others. He co-produced **Thoroughly Modern Millie** and **Damn Yankees**. Drew was Generalissimo in 2007. He is married to Janet Demo and has three children: Courtnee, Andrew and Paige. They have three grandchildren: Cooper, Diem, and Ryanne.



Mary Kadel has volunteered her time in Neewollah for many years. She has performed in nine shows, the latest one being **The Little Mermaid**. She has been on the Prop, Cast Party, Talent, Ticket Sales, Stage Escort, and Logo Committees. Mary and her husband Mike have been past King and Queen of the Oo Dah parade. Mary also supports the annual Inge Festival by volunteering. Mary is retired from the 14th Judicial District after 34 years of service. She is a member of St. Andrew Catholic Church and is the President Elect of the St. Andrew Altar Society. She and her husband Mike have three sons; Andrew, Lauren and Avery Kadel, Shawnee, Kansas, Matt and Ashley Kadel, Wichita, Kansas and Ryan Kadel, Kansas City, Missouri.

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# Musical Committees



**Choreographer**  
Cady Dixon



**Stage Managers**  
Teresa Fairbank, Lorraine Emmot (chair)



**Musical Props**  
Front Row: Sherri Allen, Brooke Mills, Sarah Coder  
Middle Row: Nikki Stewart  
Back Row: Judith Umlauf, Brenda Johnson, Kristin Keenan,  
Samantha Montgomery (chair)



**Musical Costumes**  
Front Row: Katie Wickline, Angie Musgrove  
Back Row: Leslie Coder and Sarah Coder (co-chairs)  
Not pictured: Marci Horning, LaDella Lyon, Margaret Hoffmeister



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# Musical Committees



## Musical Makeup

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Back Row: Meagan Moore (co-chair), Yolanda Moore, Chloe McDill

Not pictured: Carrie Waters, Debbie Moore, (co-chair), Suzanne Simmons McDill



## Musical Hair

Front Row: Courtney Dixon, Emma Steelman

Back Row: Chelsea Bailey, Piper Phillips, Angela Staud

Not pictured: Tonda Lawrence

## Sets

Erick Wolfe, Drew Demo

## Musical Sound

Jason Curtis

## Lighting Designer

Jinger Furgeson



## Musical Cast Party

Front Row: Janet Demo, Cathy Beaver

Middle Row: Pam Passauer (co-chair), Amanda Hoover (co-chair)

Back Row: Sandy Annable, Ingrid Schein, Sarah Wilson

Not pictured: Charlene Paolini, Paula Marchant, Briana Paolini, Krishna Hall, Amy Stephens



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# 2018 NEEWOLLAH FUN RUN

**Certified 5K and 10K Runs and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk**  
**Saturday, October 20 • Riverside Park Oval**

**5K & 10K Run**  
**Registration 7 to 8:15 a.m.**  
**Race 8:30 a.m.**

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

The Neewollah Run is back for its 30th year. This year's course will once again have participants running through the beautiful Riverside Park and Zoo. This certified 5k and 10k race will be electronically chip timed. Immediately following the completion of the 5k/10k, hundreds of children and adults will take to the oval to complete the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk. Join us at 11 a.m. at the Chili Cook-Off as we present awards to the winners of the 5k and 10k races.



**Neewollah Runs**

Rickena Botts, Ryan Collett and Heather Bryant (co-chairs)

## NEEWOLLAH MEDALLION HUNT

**Saturday, October 20 • 1 p.m. • Riverside Park Oval**

The 2018 Medallion Hunt will kick off in conjunction with the annual Chili Cook-Off at the Riverside Park Oval on Saturday, October 20, at 1 p.m. The Medallion is hidden somewhere within the city limits of Independence on public property, and clues are issued each day regarding the location of the medallion. The prize offered this year to the finder of the medallion will be \$500. If the winner is not wearing this year's Neewollah button the prize will be reduced to \$250. A new clue will be released at 3 p.m. each day at the Neewollah Headquarters located at 212 North Penn Avenue, in the *Independence Daily Reporter*, and on the Neewollah website. A complete list of the rules is available at the website: [www.neewollah.com](http://www.neewollah.com)



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# CHILI COOK-OFF & DESSERT CONTEST



**Saturday, October 20, 2018**

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## **Chili Cook-off & Dessert Contest**

**Front Row:** Amber Ragan, Stephanie Julian (co-chair), Madison Payne, Beth Heckman

**Middle Row:** Mary Muninger, Megan Lawrence, Carolyn Viets

**Back Row:** Sheryl Gorman, Judy Payne, Sandra Easter, Kim Eaton, Allison Johnston (co-chair)

**Not pictured:** Skye Dean, Jennifer Denney, Stacie Cooper, Angela Jones, Danny Johnston, Jennifer Leiker (co-chair), Mike Muninger, Gabbi Muninger, Tobi Knight, Brooke Hamlin, Jennifer Tucker, Gary Tucker

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## 2017 Queen's Court

Anastasia Howland, Miss Interview; Pauline Gomez, Miss Fashion; Lily Melle, Miss Congeniality; Erin Latimer, Miss Personality; Qwynn Marquez, Miss Talent; Lyssa Schabel, 1st Runner Up; Aubree Lawrie, Queen Neelah LXXVI; Lakelyn Shaffer, 2nd Runner Up; Shayla Schaper, Miss Poise; Abby Ewing, Miss Beauty; Jessica Reed, Miss Photogenic; Jessica Wood, Miss Originality

Queen Neelah candidates are evaluated by a panel of judges over a period of three days. As a means of introduction, each candidate presents an individual biography which gives personal background, interests, and her reason for entering the pageant. Miss Originality is chosen in part from the most original and imaginative biography. Candidates are also required to submit a portrait from which Miss Photogenic is selected.

The first opportunity for the judges to meet the candidates is the Queen's Tea held Sunday, October 21. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 22. That same evening, each candidate presents a 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 23, 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 LXXVII

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
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Opening Presentation of Queen LXXVII Candidates

Presentation of Candidates 1-7

Selected Talent Presentations

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of Candidates 8-14

Selected Talent Presentations

1 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation of Candidates 15-20

Neelah Deb Dance

## Intermission

Farewell of Queen Neelah LXXVI Aubree Lawrie

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 LXXVII





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Newkirk, Dennis & Buckles



*Kylie Wilhelm*  
Apricot Lane Boutique  
Gary & Anne Hogsett





# Queen Neelah LXXVII

## Coronation Judges



**Tammy McDonald** is the owner and publisher of *HERLIFE Magazine*. Tammy just celebrated her 3rd year with her role at *HERLIFE Magazine*. She has franchises in California, New York, and Kansas City. Tammy and her husband, Trey, have 2 boys, Carter 6 and Quade 9, and she is the proud step-mom to Brooklyn 15. Tammy was born and raised in Overland Park, Kansas. She attended the University of Georgia on a full-ride diving scholarship. At Georgia, she was a member of the NCAA National Championship team for 3 consecutive years. Tammy continued her education at UGA and earned a Master's in Sport Management. When Tammy isn't working at *HERLIFE Magazine*, she enjoys spending time with her family. She loves to travel and ride bikes with her boys. She chose to take the path, one that was not planned, in publishing because the once in a life opportunity came up and she decided to take the leap. Life is too short to not take risks or to think too long about changing paths.



**Bailey Robinson** is the proud owner of her own business, Crooked Roots Design whose work has been featured in *Ruffled Blog*, *Brides of Oklahoma*, *Dearly Magazine*, *Loverly* as well as other publications and blogs. In addition to Crooked Roots, Bailey also utilizes her entrepreneurial skills as co-founder of 918 Creates, a collaborative initiative of Tulsa, Oklahoma's creators and designers. Bailey is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma as a Public Relations major and she is the proud aunt of two amazing nephews, Spencer and Simon, and mom to her loveable cats, Muggle and Merlin. Besides holding the title of Miss University of Oklahoma, Bailey was a semifinalist at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant where she was a preliminary swimsuit and talent winner. She competed in pageants from the age of 15 to 21, but her involvement with pageants didn't end there as she is now on the board of directors for Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant. She also adds her creative talents by coordinating all the events at Miss Oklahoma.



**Lecye Doolen Lippoldt** is a native Oklahoman, and grew up in the small town of Sasakwa, Oklahoma. While attending the University of Central Oklahoma she began participating in pageants as a means to pay for university. She was honored to hold the titles of Miss Del City and Miss Okmulgee County. At Miss Oklahoma, she was in the Top 10, was a rookie and overall talent winner, and was Miss Congeniality. Lecye is now a realtor who also serves as the chief cultural officer and junior partner in the real estate firm, Kevo Properties, which is the fastest growing real estate company in Oklahoma. She was recently appointed to the Government Affairs committee for the Oklahoma Association of Realtors. Mrs. Lippoldt is currently a field director with the Miss Oklahoma organization and serves as a volunteer for the Miss Oklahoma Pageant.

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# Queen Neelah LXXVII

## Coronation Entertainers



### Neelah Debs

Tia Gregory, Emma Johnson, Sophia Carr, Gracie King, Alexis Foster,  
Richelle Reichenberger, Browyn O'Malley, Kristina Morrison,  
Piper Marquez

### Stage Escorts

Nate Morrison, Trace Smith, Aidan Brumley, Nick Turner, Cole Sweedinger



**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.



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## Talent Emcee



**John Gray** is enjoying his fourth year as the elementary music teacher at Eisenhower School in Independence, Kansas. Gray is also known for his Neewollah roles as Jimmy in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* and Chef in *The Little Mermaid*. He recently starred in the Disney classic *Mary Poppins* on the Neewollah stage, in which he played Bert. Gray has always been a performer before being on the Neewollah stage. He has starred in several other productions in Parsons and Coffeyville, such as: *West Side Story*, *The King and I*, *Pippin*, and *The Secret Garden*. Gray wishes to thank his lovely wife, Marcia, for loving and supporting him throughout his life. He is profoundly grateful for all four of his kids, Brynlee, Easton, Hudson, and Aldy.

## Coronation Emcee



**Stacia Knight** is an on-air meteorologist for NewsOn6 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has anchored Six in the Morning weekends and weekdays, and now anchors the 9 p.m. show on the Tulsa CW. Along with forecasting, Stacia covers severe weather across eastern Oklahoma and southeastern Kansas. As a member of the Oklahoma Weather Experts, she is alongside Travis Meyer, Alan Crone, Mike Grogan and Stephen Nehrenz. Stacia takes pride in her job and in keeping you safe and ahead of the storms. Stacia lives and works in Oklahoma but her roots are in SEK. She grew up in Independence and graduated from I.H.S. before attending the University of Kansas. At the University of Kansas, she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Science and a minor in Mathematics. After graduation from KU in 2012, she started interning with the NewsOn6 weather team and is now the primary fill-in for the Chief Meteorologist. Her love for Neewollah runs deep like most of us. One of her favorite things about working in Tulsa means she's only a couple of hours away from her hometown and her favorite festival. She'll be back at the end of the week for the Grand Parade and a jaffle!

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## Committees



### Queen's Pageant Co-Directors

Abby Emert, Stacey Yakshaw, Lauren Ysusi



### Neelah Debs Coordinators

Hillary Sutherland, Lindsey Forslund (co-chairs)



### Transportation

Karen Morrison, Jen Rutledge



### Pop Party

Cindy Latimer, Gina Botts (co-chairs)

Not pictured: Gina Linn, Kelly Kelly

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## Committees



### Queen's Brunch

Front Row: Heather Estes (co-chair), Emily Lanning (co-chair)

Back Row: Heather Holmes, Chandler Brookshire

Not Pictured: Monique Brown



### Queen's Talent

Front Row: Shannon Oakes, Stephanie Buerskens, Sonja Conley

Middle Row: Denise Hines, Brittany Thornton (co-chair), Amy Bloomfield

Back Row: Melissa Uhrh, Stacy Near (co-chair), Chelsea Bailey, Julie Harris

Not Pictured: Kelli Ebert, Emily McCambridge, Ellie Cameron, Carmen Hewitt, Trinity Coats, Teresa Jefferson



### Queen's Buttons

Carey Chism, Liz Pralle (co-chairs)



### Queen's Scrapbook

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## Committees



### Queen's Coronation

**Front Row:** Anne Bertie (co-chair), Latisha Avery, Jessica Coda

**Middle Row:** Benessa Jones, Tabatha Snodgrass (co-chair),

Dee Dee Swanson, Kathy Woods

**Back Row:** Kelsie Meier, Heather Bryant, Cody Dixon, Vanessa Dennis

**Not Pictured:** Anne Gordon, Paula Schobel, Hannah Yanez, Cory Bertie,

Wally Snodgrass



### Window Display Committee

John Coyton, Brian Hight (co-chairs)



### Summer Workshop

Julie King, Sabrina Overfield (co-chair), Megan Lawrence (co-chair)



### Queen Tea

**Front Row:** Sarah Kelly (co-chair), Erika McClure

**Middle Row:** Laynie Webster, Toni Camacho, Jennifer Beurskens-Everitt

**Back Row:** Jennifer Carter, Lee Stroble (co-chair), Heather Umiauf



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# **Queen Neelah LXXVII**

## Committees



### Coronation Ball

**Front Row:** Amy Easley (co-chair)

**Second Row:** Cassie Graham, Mandy Monroy, Geremi Degrow, Deatrea Rose

**Third Row:** Michelle Flanigan Anderson, Jack Degrow

**Back Row:** Meagan Moore (co-chair), Yolanda Moore, Lindsey McBride, Alex Moore

**Not Pictured:** Janet Demo, Debbie Moore, Marty Easley, Tanja McCollum, Carrie Waters, Jimmy Waters, Crissy Fallmer, Karl Walker, Shelby Demo, Todd Young, Melanie Merrick, Jennifer Tucker



### Stage Escorts

Aaron and Sarah Heckman (co-chairs)



### Interview Committee

Whitney Chism, Lacy King (co-chair), Sarah Lange (co-chair)



### Judges

Emily Clubine, Lisa Hugo

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# Queen Neelah LXXVII

## Committees



### Walk-In

Sara Hoffman, Ashley Beurskens (co-chair), Breezy LaForge (co-chair), Ashley Muller



### Pre-Parade Breakfast

Jessica Johnson, Amy Barnhart, Linda Grice (co-chair), Mandi Johnson (co-chair)

Not Pictured: Stephanie Williams, Amanda Warren

## Queen Neelah Schedule of Events

June 24	Summer Workshop	October 23	Queens Brunch
August 12	Packet turn-in		Coronation Rehearsal
September 9	Every Sunday talent practice starts		Coronation
September 30	Pop Party		Coronation Ball
October 7	Mock Judging	October 25	Doo Dah Parade
	Guest Observation Night	October 26	Kiddie Parade (Queens court)
October 14	Interview & Walk-In Workshop	October 27	Pre-parade Breakfast
October 21	Queens Tea		Grand Parade
	Talent Full Dress Rehearsal	October 28	Candidate Packet Pick Up
October 22	Interview		
	Talent Night		

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### 1st Runner Up:

\$150 merchandise gift card, TV, \$25 bakery gift certificate, \$30 retail gift card, luggage, health drink gift card, Kendra Scott Necklace and Kendra Scott earrings, lantern, shellac manicure, retail gift card, movie popcorn

### 2nd Runner Up:

\$100 merchandise gift card, TV, \$25 bakery gift certificate, \$20 retail card, luggage, health drink gift card, Kendra Scott Necklace and Kendra Scott Earrings, shellac manicure, retail gift card, movie popcorn

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



## Food Vendors

Beth Chaney (co-chair), Steve Wilkin,  
Vanessa Dennis (co-chair)

Not Pictured: Jim Kelly, Eloise Kelly, Jeff Chubb

# NEEWOLLAH 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.

The carnival games will be moved up by the bandstand this year.

## Carnival Schedule:

Wednesday, October 24, 5-10 p.m.  
Thursday, October 25, 5-10 p.m.  
Friday, October 26, 3-10 p.m.  
Saturday, October 27, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

## Carnival Ticket Prices:

Single Ticket - \$3.50  
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Wristbands (\$28.00) 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 24, 5-10 p.m.  
Thursday, October 25, 5-10 p.m.

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## Carnival

Jim Clubine, Gregg Webster



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# NEEWOLLAH DOO DAH PARADE

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Thursday, October 25, 6 p.m.**

Calling all adults! You know that weird side that you have to keep hidden for most of the year? It's time to let it out! Now is your chance to embarrass your family or your children. Get creatively creepy or crazy kooky, as long as we have an entire parade of ooky! We want you in the Doo Dah Parade! This is your chance to be in a parade so thousands can see how fun or weird 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.)



**Doo Dah Parade**  
Grant Webster, Garrett Webster, Gavin Webster (co-chairs)

## DOO DAH ROYALTY

Zach and Melissa Unruh are thrilled to be Doo Dah Royalty the year of the Grand Jubilee! Melissa works part-time for Edward Jones and is a substitute teacher. She has enjoyed serving on the Chili Cook Off, Program Book, Headquarters and Queen Talent Committees. Zach returned to Independence in 2014 with his family after he accepted a job transfer with Systech in Fredonia, Kansas. Zach has many fond memories of Neewollah from his time growing up here. He has passed those memories onto his children by contributing to the carnival, games, and food trucks when traveling to Independence over the years with their children, Ellen, Diane, and Jimmy, to indulge in the big event. Zach and Melissa expect the 2018 Doo Dah Parade to be the best one yet.



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# NEEWOLLAH KIDDIE PARADE



**Friday, October 26 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.

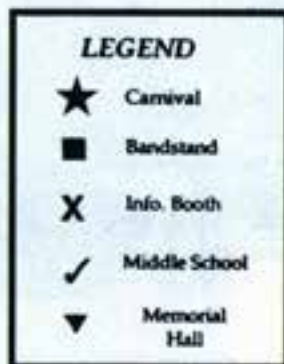
## GRAND PARADE

**Saturday, October 27, 11 a.m.**

The parade goers will all wait in anticipation of the Big Boom! That lets everyone know the Neewollah Grand Parade is about to begin. All eyes, young and old, will be scanning the busy street before them trying to take it all in.

The two hour long Grand Parade will start at the corner of Penn and Chestnut. It proceeds from Memorial Hall south on Penn Ave. to Main St., then east on Main St. to Sixth St., south one block to Maple where it turns west to Ninth St. The final leg travels north on Ninth St. ending just short of the Independence Middle School. The Grand Parade is exceedingly well attended. Parade goers set up chairs on the front row in the wee hours of the morning on parade day. They wait with great anticipation for the cannon to go off, sounding a loud boom at 11 a.m. The crowd will be five deep in many places along the route. There are free street acts, the carnival and food concessions along Penn Ave. both before and after the Neewollah Grand Parade.

### Grand Parade Route



**Kiddie Parade**

Front Row: Lacy Perry, Kris Daniels  
Back Row: Amy Easley (co-chair), Alex Moore, Melissa Small (co-chair)



**Grand Parade**

Front Row: Bryan Emert, Bret Kelley, Zach Camacho, Simon Heckman  
Back Row: Val DeFever, Michael Rose, Corey Hugo, Lisa Hugo (co-chair), Matt Ysusi (co-chair)





# 2018 GRAND PARADE MARSHALS



**Jim Halsey**



**Bob Wohltman**



**Jerry Webb**



**Don Dancer**

In the 1957 four Independence businessmen met at DeFever Osborne's Drug Store to discuss the events of the day. The four friends were interested in reviving an Independence tradition, Neewollah. Those men were Jerry Webb, Don Dancer, Bob Wohltman, and Jim Halsey. Their ages were a very young 27-30 years old, but because of their vision, we enjoy Neewollah to this very day.

In 1957, Neewollah consisted of a parade. After that success, the four men went to the Chamber of Commerce, and they proposed to add a play, a Queen's Talent Show and Coronation, a Saturday night music show, and of course a parade for Neewollah 1958.

Bob Wohltman was in charge of gathering donations to get Neewollah going again. Don Dancer was in charge of putting together committees and bringing a carnival to town. Jerry Webb's love for theatre made him a natural to organize the play, William Inge's *Picnic*. Jim Halsey was in charge of the Saturday night music show, which was also used as a way to fund Neewollah.

We honor those men in the selection of them as Grand Marshals of this year's parade. Jim Halsey will represent all of them as he rides in the Grand Parade, but join us in remembering the dedication to Neewollah of these four friends.



Left to Right: Jim Halsey, Jerry Webb, Bob Wohltman, Don Dancer



# 2017 GRAND PARADE WINNERS



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**Judge's Trophy:** *Most Outstanding Float Entry*  
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**Mayor's Trophy:** *Best Use of color*  
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**Queen's Trophy:** *Best Overall Design*  
**Equity Bank**



**Grand Prize Trophy:** *Most Outstanding Commercial Float*  
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**Grand Marshal's Trophy:** *Most Outstanding Non-Commercial Float*  
**Independence Rotary Club**



**Governor's Trophy:**  
*Most Outstanding Float From Outside Independence*  
**Bama Companies**



**Generalissimo's Trophy:**  
*Best Float Conforming to Neewollah Theme*  
**Standard Motor Products**







# ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

**Saturday, October 27· 8 a.m.-6 p.m.**

**100 Block of East Myrtle**

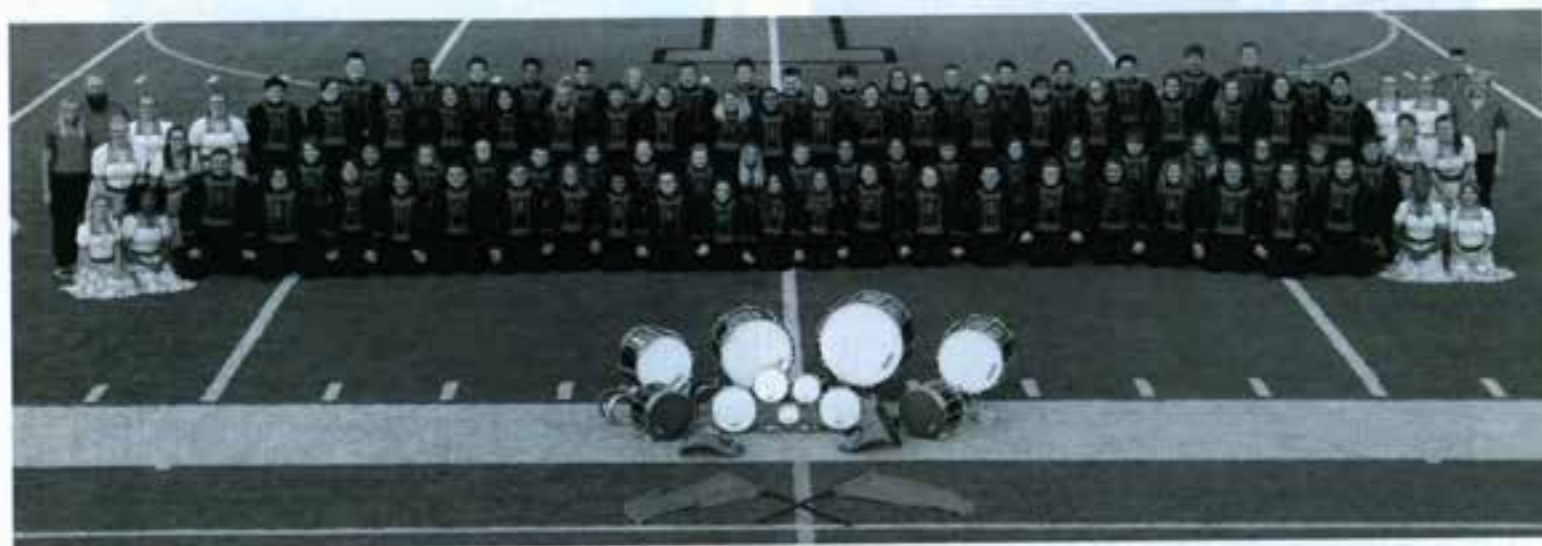
**Downtown Independence**

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 35-40 booths. This year they can be found in front of the VFW in the 100 block of East Myrtle.



**Arts & Crafts**  
Melinda Miller, Rhonda Amos

## MARCHING BAND COMPETITION



**Saturday, October 27 · 1:30 p.m.**

**Shulthis Stadium - Kayo Emmot Field**

Once again this year, Shulthis Stadium will be crowded to overflowing and alive with the sound of marching music. 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, Dan 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.



**Marching Band Festival**  
Richard Harper, Erin Shelton, Jami Kleinert, Brad Kleinert  
Not pictured: Maria Gunselman



# NEEWOLLAH PROFESSIONAL SHOW



## LEE *Greenwood*

**Saturday, October 27, 2018 • 7:30 p.m. • Memorial Hall**


Lee Greenwood is an icon in country music, with more than 30 albums to his credit. In fact, MCA released an album in 2013 called ICON. With seven #1 songs & 25 charted singles his hits include: "It Turns Me Inside Out", "Ring On Her Finger Time on Her Hands", "She's Lyin'", "I Don't Mind the Thorns if You're the Rose", "Somebody's Gonna Love You", "Going Going Gone", "You Got A Good Love Comin'", "Fools Gold", and "Mornin Ride". Several crossover hits include, "Touch & Go Crazy", "IOU" and the duet with Barbara Mandrell, "To Me". An additional duet with Suzie Boggus, "Hopelessly Yours", was nominated for a Grammy. The CD "American Patriot", recorded & released in 1992, went Platinum in 3 months.

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# 2018 NEEWOLLAH BANDSTAND SCHEDULE

## Wednesday, October 24

- 11:30 a.m. .... IHS Orchestra  
6 p.m. .... John Hamlin & Friends  
(Acoustic Rock, Blues, Swamp)  
7 p.m. .... Monkey Business (80's & 90's Rock)  
7:45 p.m. .... Generalissimo & Queen Neelah  
8 p.m. .... Neelah Deb's  
8:15 p.m. .... IHS Band  
9:15 p.m. .... Phatahl (Pop)

## Thursday, October 25

- 6:30 p.m. .... Oz Project (Rockin' Blues)  
8:30 p.m. .... Bogart (Rock & Roll)

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- 5 p.m. .... The Caddywhompus Band (Funky, Rockin' Blues)  
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## Saturday, October 27

- 1 p.m. .... Michael Mothershed & Funktion Junction  
(R&B, Soul)  
3:15 p.m. .... R&S Dance Studio  
4 p.m. .... Mahan (Groovey Blues Rock)  
5:15 p.m. .... Lockeland (Country)  
8 p.m. .... Let's Zeppelin a Tribute

## THE CADDYWHOMPOS BAND



JOHN HAMLIN



EDGE OVER EDGE



MAHAN



STRAIGHT AWAY





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Front Row: Stacie Clarkson, Kathy Clapp (co-chair), Linda Payne

Back Row: Stacy Near (co-chair), Amy Bloomfield (co-chair)



## Street Acts (Bandstand)

Front Row: John Hamlin (co-chair), Alec Gaut, Zakki Lumm

Back Row: Erin Connors Miesner (co-chair), Tracy Connors (co-chair), Alex Moore, D'Wayne Lumm



## Kick-Off Party

Front Row: Lyndi Easter, Bria Schrant, Colleen Confer

Back Row: Glenn Lawrence, Sandra Easter (chair), Heather Fabrizio



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# PAST NEEWOLLAH MUSICALS



Year	Musical	Director	Producer
1958	Picnic	Margaret Goheen	Fred Cinotto
1960	Oklahoma!	Bobbie Gibson	
1961	Annie Get Your Gun	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1962	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1963	Guys & Dolls	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1964	My Fair Lady	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1965	Auntie Mame	Tim Emert	Bill Wood
1966	The Sound of Music	Georgia High	Paul Bish
1967	Lil' Abner	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1968	South Pacific	Barbara Harvey	Georgia High
1969	Oliver!	Georgia High	Fred T. Wilkin
1970	Carnival	Bobbie Gibson	Paul Bish
1971	October Happening	Phil & Juanita Atkisson	Paul Bish
1972	Fiddler on the Roof	Kenneth Burchinal	Paul Bish
1973	Hello Dolly!	Georgia High	David Torbett
1974	no local production		
1975	The King & I	Georgia High	Paul Bish & David Torbett
1976	Touring company production of Bus Stop		
1977	Anything Goes	Georgia High	Paul Bish & Jerry Webb
1978	Rodgers & Hart: A Musical Celebration	Keith Confer & Georgia High	
1979	Dracula	Gary Mitchell	Stewart Crow
1980	The Music Man	Bobbie Gibson	Kathryn Bruening
1981	Carousel	Ray Rothgeb	Burks Sherwood & Georgia High
1982	Oklahoma!	Georgia High & Keith Confer	Tim Emert
1983	Camelot	Keith Confer	Georgia High
1984	Annie	Terry Jordan	David & Rachel Torbett
1985	No, No Nannette	Georgia High	Tim Emert
1986	The Unsinkable Molly Brown	Keith Confer	Steve Barnett & Cyndy Sherwood
1987	The Sound of Music	Georgia High	Larry Pendleton
1988	My Fair Lady	Sue Woods	Steve DeFever
1989	Mame	Ray Rothgeb	Steve Wilkin
1990	Gypsy	Kenneth Burchinal	Val DeFever
1991	Oliver!	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow & Steve Wilkin
1992	Damn Yankees	Keith Confer	Larry & Glenna Pendleton
1993	Guys & Dolls	Ray Rothgeb	Stewart Crow
1994	Bye, Bye Birdie	Jill Warford	Cyndee Bishop & Judy Holyrod
1995	The Pajama Game	Keith Confer	Tim Emert & Judy Carroll
1996	The King & I	Lisa Mitchell	Steve Wilkin
1997	The Wizard of Oz	Lisa Mitchell	Vanessa Dennis & Cyndy Sherwood
1998	Peter Pan	Jill Warford	Sandy Dodson
1999	Cinderella	Debbie Tischer	Stewart Crow & Steve DeFever
2000	Hello Dolly!	Sue Woods	Stewart & Ann Crow
2001	Annie	Lisa Mitchell	Beth Chaney & Vanessa Dennis
2002	Brigadoon	Lisa Mitchell	Lea Shepard
2003	Little Shop of Horrors	Mark Frank	Vanessa Dennis & Steve Wilkin
2004	Meet Me in St. Louis	Keith Confer	Tim Emert, Judy Carroll & David Torbett
2005	Neewollah Follies	Debbie Tischer	Steve Wilkin
2006	Beauty and the Beast	Lisa Mitchell	Don Farthing
2007	Lil' Abner	Lisa Mitchell	Leslie Coder & Sandy Annable
2008	Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Ray Rothgeb	Bob & Debbie Tischer
2009	Thoroughly Modern Millie	Lisa Mitchell Paige	Drew Demo & Leslie Coder
2010	The Music Man	Lisa Paige	Don Farthing & Sean Clapp
2011	Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory	Mark Frank	Ann Crow & Lisa Paige
2012	Grease	Rick Huguenin	Keith Confer & Drew Demo
2013	Young Frankenstein	Lais Lessman & Lisa Paige	Sarah Wilson & Lori Wesselowski
2014	Honk!	Lais Lessman	Stacy Near & Lea Shepard
2015	Damn Yankees	Bruce Peterson	Drew Demo & Keith Confer
2016	The Little Mermaid	Lais Lessman & Lisa Paige	Kelli Eidson-Ebert, Lori Wesselowski, Sarah Wilson
2017	Mary Poppins	Barb Blackett	Janet Demo & Jay Jones





# 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## 2018 Neewollah Board of Directors

**Front Row:** Jay Jones, Jeffrey Gettler, Denise Hines, and Keith Confer (Generalissimo)

**Middle Row:** Janet Demo, Leslie Coder, Sabrina Overfield, Lisa Hugo

**Back Row:** Stacey Yakshaw (Chair), Anne Bertie, Lori Wesselowski, Gregg Webster, Mike Rose, Lance Chickadonz

**Not Pictured:** Kelli Ebert

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 2019

2018 "Family Fun for More Than 60 Years!" has been an exciting experience for all of the Neewollah 2018 committees. Neewollah is an Independence tradition, and preparations for next year's celebration are already in progress. Tentative dates for the 2019 festival are October 18 through October 26. To obtain information for Neewollah 2019, like us on facebook or at [www.neewollah.com](http://www.neewollah.com).

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



## Friday, October 19

THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

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

## Saturday, October 20

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

9:30 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

7 a.m. .... Chili Cook off check-in, cooking begins

10 a.m. .... Dessert contest entry deadline

11 a.m. .... Talent contest check-in

12 a.m. .... Chili and Dessert sampling begins

1:15 a.m. .... Kids Corner activities begin

2:15 a.m. .... Talent Contest Begins

3 p.m. .... Contest awards at the Bandstand

MEDALLION HUNT

Riverside Park Oval

7 p.m. .... Medallion Hunt Kick-off

THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

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

## Sunday, October 21

THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL

7 p.m. .... Memorial Hall

## Monday, October 22

QUEEN NEELAH TALENT NIGHT

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

## Tuesday, October 23

QUEEN NEELAH LXXVII CORONATION

7 p.m. .... Memorial Hall

## Wednesday, October 24

11 a.m. .... Food Stands Open

5 p.m. - 10 p.m. .... Ottaway Carnival

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## Thursday, October 25

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

DOO DAH PARADE

6 p.m. .... Doo Creepy or Doo Kooky,

Be Al-Dah-gether Ooky

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

6:30 p.m. .... Oz Project (Rockin' Blues)

8:30 p.m. .... Bogart (Rock & Roll)

## Friday, October 26

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

KIDDIE PARADE 4 p.m.

BANDSTAND ENTERTAINMENT

5 p.m. .... The Caddywhompus Band (Funky, Rockin' Blues)

7 p.m. .... Flowsion (Progressive Rock)

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## Saturday, October 27

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

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PROFESSIONAL SHOW

Memorial Hall

7:30 p.m. .... Lee Greenwood

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