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Independence, Kansas

Neewollah 2001
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**Neewollah Logo Winners**

Amy C authon was named winner of the 2001 Neewollah Logo contest. Amy has an interest in art and studied painting at Labette Community College. When asked why she decided to participate in the logo contest, she said, "The community has a lot of spirit and the downtown is wonderful. I wanted to help keep that spirit." She and her husband, Merlin, reside in Independence and have two children, Jacob and Abby.

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The artwork of one of the younger entrants was selected as a special design for children's t-shirts for Neewollah. The design of Sammie Baumgartner was chosen as the winner. Sammie, a 4th grader at Lincoln Elementary School, enjoys drawing, riding bikes, and baseball. Her mother says Sammie is always drawing, but also likes to write music and songs using her keyboard.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors of Neewollah, I would like to thank the many volunteers and businesses whose dedication have made this year's celebration possible. Also a very special thanks to those community leaders who revived Neewollah in 1958 making this the 43rd consecutive anniversary.

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Neewollah 2001 Schedule of Events

October 17, Wednesday
Medallion Hunt Begins

October 19, Friday
ANNIE at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.

October 20, Saturday
Neewollah Fun Run
Riverside Park Oval 5K TAC Certified
Run Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
One Mile Fun Walk begins at 9:00 a.m.
5K Fun Run begins at 10:00 a.m.
   Individual, Corporate & Open Team Participation
Neewollah Fun Bike Ride
18 mile - 35 mile - 70 mile Rides
Riverside Park 4-H Building
Registration 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
Ride starts at 9:00 a.m.
ANNIE at Memorial Hall 7:30 p.m.
Neewollah Grand Ball
   Independence Country Club 9:30 p.m.

October 21, Sunday
ANNIE at Memorial Hall 2:00 p.m.

October 22, Monday
Queen Neelah Talent Review
   Memorial Hall 6:30 p.m.

October 23, Tuesday
Queen Neelah LX Coronation
Memorial Hall 7:00 p.m.

October 24, Wednesday
Food Stands open at noon downtown
Ottaway Carnival Family Night
   5:00 p.m.
Great Pumpkin Contest Judging
   at bandstand 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Great Pumpkin & Lawn Decorating
   Winners announced at 7:15 p.m.
Bandstand Entertainment

October 25, Thursday
Ottaway Carnival Family Night 5:00 p.m.
Doo Dah Parade 6:00 p.m.
   Prizes awarded at bandstand at 6:45 p.m.
FORPAZ Fund Raiser Winners 7:00 p.m.
Bandstand Entertainment

October 26, Friday
Kiddie Parade 4:00 p.m.
Ottaway Family Carnival 5:00 p.m.
Nickelodeon Game Lab
   at Memorial Hall 5:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Bandstand Entertainment

October 27, Saturday
Pre-Parade Activities & Street Acts
Neewollah Grand Parade 11:00 a.m.
Marching Band Competition 1:30 p.m.
   on Kayo Emmot Field in Shultiss Stadium
Bandstand Entertainment
The Wilkinson's at Memorial Hall 8:00 p.m.

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Coming for Neewollah

October 19 and 20, 2001 7:30 p.m.
October 21, 2001 2:00 p.m.

Independence, Kansas
Memorial Hall

Original Production Directed by Martin Charnin
Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols
Produced by
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Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Icarus Productions
Based on "Little Orphan Annie" By Permission of The Tribune Media Services, Inc.
Originally produced by The Goodspeed Opera House, Michael P. Price, Executive Director
Kelsey Stelting as Annie

Kelsey Stelting portrays Annie, the spunky little girl that could melt any billionaire's heart. Kelsey, age 12, is a seventh grader at Independence Middle School. Her past Neewollah performances include The King and I, The Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan, and Cinderella. Kelsey has also appeared in several Independence Community College productions including Big River, Barnum, and most recently The Snow Spirit, an Anna play. She is an honor roll student who is active in church youth activities and enjoys singing, dancing, and playing softball. Kelsey is the daughter of Doug and Kelly Cox and Gerald and Kellie Stelting.

The role of Sandy is played by Dusty, a four-year old Golden Retriever. Dusty is owned by Bill and Sandy Rollison.

Synopsis

Turning Harold Gray's "Little Orphan Annie" into a musical comedy was the inspiration of lyricist-director Martin Charnin, who convinced composer Charles Strouse and librettist Thomas Meehan to join in creating it. The script evolved from a pure political statement about the depression, to a story that according to Meehan, leaves us with "a metaphorical figure standing for innate decency, courage and optimism in the face of hard times, pessimism and despair." The show, which places Annie, Daddy Warbucks and Annie's mutt, Sandy, in New York City in the midst of the depression, opened on Broadway on April 21, 1977. It went on to win seven Tony Awards and became the third longest running musical of the 1970s with 2,377 performances.

As the Republican Warbucks and the Democrat Roosevelt put aside their political differences to help Annie and discover a "new deal" for our country, our production of this well-loved musical has been a true joining of forces. With well over 100 cast and crew members, parents, spouses and support staff, we have gone from a "hard knock life" to "easy street." Knowing that "tomorrow is only a day away" brought us hope and joy as we created this production. We hope you enjoy the wonderful antics of a spunky young girl that wins the heart of all she meets, from the bums on the street to a billionaire to the President of the United States. May you leave the theatre humming a tune and feeling that "you're gonna like it here."
### Cast of Characters

#### Starring...
- Annie: Kelsey Stelting
- Hannigan: Beth Tuszynski
- Warbucks: Larry Annable
- Rooster: Dean Hayse
- Grace: Pam Colvin
- Lily St. Regis: Louise Hayse

#### Featuring...
- Molly: Sarah Doring (Fri. & Sun.)
- Layne Wilson (Sat.)
- Kate: Kenzie Froebe (Fri. & Sun.)
- Nicole Taylor (Sat.)
- Tessie: Teryn Frizell (Fri. & Sun.)*
- Emma Jackson (Sat.)
- Pepper: Brooke Rollison
- July: Reanna Browning (Fri. & Sun.)
- Lauren Peyton (Sat.)
- Duffy: Beth Kelley (Fri. & Sun.)
- Hannah Jackson (Sat.)

#### Adult Chorus
- Hooverville-ites, Policemen, Servants, Radio Show Cast, New Yorkers
  - Megan Bagley, Terri Barbera, Mary Boulander, Kathy Clapp, Leslie Coder, Eric Cole, Dolly Cook,
  - Drew Demo, Christine Doring, Dennis Doring, Matt Frizane, Tamara Frizane, Stephanie Groth,
  - Celia Harris, Allen Hayse, Roger Hill, Anne Kaff, Lois Lessman, Stacy Near,
  - Pam Passauer, Mike Pokorny, Andy Schelin, Cheryl Settles, Jeff Shaw, Lori Shaw,
  - Ann Smith, Emily Speicher, Andy White, Robert Wuerdeman

#### Orphan Chorus
- Elizabeth Allen, Kati Boulander, Jenny Carpenter, Chelsea Cobb, Sarah Coder,
- Lindsey Dean, Paige Demo, Kaitlin Horning, LaKesha Hunter, Emily Jabben,
- Leigha Jolly, Taylor Jurski, Chelsea Laswell, Breezy Mangan, Kirsten Miller, Aubrey Near,
- Morgan Rinck, Kirsten Steinle, Tina Voelker, Jessie Wilson, Jaymee Wright, Chelsie Zinser

#### Street Kids
- Alexis Clapp, Marion Colvin, Chance Froebe, Abby Kaff, Whitley Groth,
- Andrew Hayse, Jake Jabben, Joel Simwanga, John Lloyd Stafford, Gavin Webster

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- Cordell Hull: Gregg Webster
- Daniel Roper: Jim Clubine
- Harold Ickes: Dennis Greenhaw
- George Dern: Butch Holum
- Henry Mor变量tau: Ray Rothgeb
- Homer Cummings: Jeff Chubb

*Understudy for Annie*

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Scenes and Musical Numbers

Act I

Overture ................................................. Orchestra

Scene 1: The New York City Municipal Orphanage, shortly after 3:00 am early December, 1933
  Maybe ................................................. Annie
  It's the Hard-Knock Life ................................ Annie & Orphans

Scene 2: A street corner at St. Mark's Place
  Tomorrow ............................................. Annie

Scene 3: Hooverville, A depression-style shanty town under the 59th Street Bridge
  We'd Like to Thank You, Herbert Hoover .................. Hooverville-ites

Scene 4: The New York City Municipal Orphanage
  Little Girls ......................................... Hannigan

Scene 5: Oliver Warbucks' Mansion
  I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here ....................... Grace, Annie and Servants

Scene 6: The Streets of New York City
  N.Y.C. ................................................ Warbucks, Grace, Annie and New Yorkers

Scene 7: Miss Hannigan's Office in the Orphanage
  Easy Street ........................................... Hannigan, Rooster and Lily

Scene 8: Oliver Warbucks' study
  You Won't Be an Orphan for Long ...................... Grace and Servants

Intermission

Act II

Entr'acte ............................................... Orchestra

Scene 1: The NBC Radio Studio at 30 Rockefeller Center
  Maybe (Reprise) ..................................... Annie
  You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile .......... Bert Healy and the Boylen Sisters

Scene 2: Miss Hannigan's Office in the Orphanage a moment later
  You're Never Fully Dressed ................................ Orphans
  Easy Street (Reprise) ................................ Hannigan, Rooster and Lily

Scene 3: The cabinet meeting room in the White House, Washington, D.C.
  Tomorrow (Reprise) .................................... Annie, FDR, Cabinet Members

Scene 4: Oliver Warbucks' Mansion, late, late afternoon
  Something Was Missing ................................ Warbucks

Scene 5: Warbucks' Mansion, a few moments later
  I Don't Need Anything But You .................... Annie, Warbucks
  Annie ...................................................... Drake, Grace and Servants

Scene 6: Warbucks' Mansion, early the following morning, Christmas.
  New Deal for Christmas ................................ Warbucks, Annie, FDR and Company
Larry Annable as Warbucks

Larry Annable returns to the Neewollah stage as Warbucks, the billionaire who finds out that it doesn't matter how much you have, it's who you have to love. Annable most recently starred in Hello, Dolly! as Cornelius Hackl, and also appeared in the Neewollah productions of Cinderella as the herald and Damn Yankees portraying the character of Joe Hardy. Larry has a strong baritone voice, which serves him well as vocal music instructor at Independence High School. He also acts as director of the Indy Ensemble. Larry and his wife, Sandy, are the parents of Stephanie and Bryan.

Pam Colvin as Grace

Pam Colvin is making her first appearance this year in a Neewollah musical in her role as Grace. The character of Grace is a no nonsense woman who has a heart of gold and an eye for a good match. Pam has previously portrayed the characters of Alice in Alice in Wonderland and Oliver in Sir Oliver. She also worked backstage with set construction and properties during The Wizard of Oz. She has also served on the Queen's punch party committee. Pam and her husband, George, moved to Independence five years ago from Memphis, Tennessee, and are parents of two daughters.
Beth Tuszyinski as Hannigan
As a newcomer to Independence during the week of Neewollah 2000, Beth Tuszyinski makes her debut performance this year on the stage of Memorial Hall in the role of Hannigan, a woman trapped as the director of the orphanage who finds her comfort in a bottle of whiskey. Although new to our community stage, Beth is not new to the performing arts. Growing up in Pennsylvania, she sang on radio shows as a child and performed in Christian singing groups as a teen. Tuszyinski acted in dinner theatre in Lancaster and Berks County, Pennsylvania, in roles as Maggie in Roomies, Hilda in Limbaugh Combination, and Daisy Fromper in The Election. Beth and her husband, Stephen, are parents of four sons.

Dean Hayse as Rooster
The Hayse family members are making Annie a family production with Dean portraying Rooster, Hannigan's shady brother who always has a scheme up his sleeve and Louise cast as Lily St. Regis, Rooster's "Joisey" girlfriend that is appropriately named after a hotel. In addition to the parents, two of the four Hayse boys, Allen and Andrew, are performing in Annie. Dean Hayse appeared in the Neewollah role of the Tinman/Hickory in The Wizard of Oz in 1997. He has also appeared in productions of Fiddler on the Roof, Fantastiks, Barefoot in the Park, You Can't Take It With You, Arsenic and Old Lace, and Inherit the Wind. The Hayse family is the owner of the Rosewood Bed & Breakfast, and Dean is an industrial engineer for Cessna. Hayse graduated from Kansas State University and received his MBA from Texas A&M.

Louise Hayse as Lily St. Regis
Louise Hayse is making her first appearance on the Neewollah stage, but is no stranger to the musical stage. She has appeared in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, My Fair Lady, Carousel, Oklahoma!, Music Man, and Fantastiks which she directed with her husband Dean. Louise is a graduate of KSU and is currently completing certification for church music through Perkins School of Theology at SMU. She has taught in both private and public schools, and has 16 years in church music experience. Louise is currently assistant organist at the First United Methodist Church, Director of Hand Bells, and Director of Music for the newly formed Independence Area Children's Choir.
Main Orphans
Front Row: Sarah Doring, Beth Kelley, Hannah Jackson, Layne Wilson
Middle Row: Nicole Taylor, Lauren Peyton, Kenzie Froebe
Back Row: Emma Jackson, Reanna Browning, Brooke Rollison, Teryn Frizell

Gary Mitchell
as President Roosevelt

Rich Browning as Drake
&
Matt Frizane as Bert Healy
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Orphans

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Back Row: John Stafford, Jake Jabben, Andrew Hayse, Joel Simwinga
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Middle Row: Celia Harris, Dolly Cook, Stephanie Groth, Leslie Coder, Pam Passauer, Mary Boulander, Ann Smith, Anne Kaff, Drew Demo, Tamara Frizane, Christine Doring
Back Row: Cheryl Settles, Jeff Shaw, Roger Hill, Robert Wuerdeman, Andy Schelin, Stacy Near, Terri Barbera, Dennis Doring
Not Pictured: Kathy Clapp, Matt Frizane, Lois Lessman, Mike Pokorny, Lori Shaw

Orphan Chorus
Front Row: Aubrey Near, Emily Jabben, Tina Voelker, Jessie Wilson, Elizabeth Allen, LaKesha Hunter, Morgan Rinck, Chelsea Cobb
Middle Row: Chelsie Zinser, Leigha Jolly, Kaitlin Horning, Jaymee Wright, Taylor Jurski, Paige Demo, Breezy Mangan, Jenny Carpenter, Kirsten Miller
Back Row: Kirsten Steinle, Lindsey Dean, Sarah Coder, Katie Boulander, Chelsea Laswell

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Not Pictured: Jeff Chubb, Butch Holm, Ray Rothgeb, Gregg Webster
Production Staff

**Director Lisa Mitchell**
Lisa Mitchell is originally from Emporia, Kansas. She graduated from Emporia State University with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Master's degree in Educational Administration. She has lived in Independence for the past 12 years and has come to think of it as her true home. Lisa has participated in every Neewollah production since 1990. She directed the 1996 production of *The King and I* and the 1997 production of *The Wizard of Oz*. She choreographed *The Wizard of Oz*, *Peter Pan* and *Cinderella*, and appeared on stage as Nancy in *Oliver*, Gloria in *Damn Yankees*, Babe in *The Pajama Game*, and the Fairy Godmother in *Cinderella*. She has also been a chorus member and worked back stage. Lisa has also directed, choreographed and performed in ICC productions and the William Inge Festival. Lisa is a kindergarten teacher at Eisenhower Elementary School. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, moderator of the Presbytery of Southern Kansas Youth Council, and a member of the Synod of Mid-America Youth Ministry Team. She has served as chairperson of the Memorial Hall Task Force, Neelah Deb's co-chair and on the Queen's talent and coronation committees. Lisa wishes to thank her parents for all their guidance. Mark, for his understanding and support, Kelli, for her incredible dedication and organization, Vanessa and Beth for their confidence, the entire cast and crew for their patience and hard work, and most especially, God, for continually giving her strength and inspiration.

**Producer Beth Chaney**
Beth Chaney is producing her first Neewollah musical with *Annie*, although her Neewollah credentials are numerous and varied. Beth served as Generalissimo and Neewollah Chairman of the Board in 1999. She has directed the Queen Neelah Pageant and chaired ticket sales, retail sales, publicity, and the program book committee. Beth is also active in many community affairs including serving as President of the Park Board and a member of the First Leadership Board. Beth is a graduate of Leadership Independence and a member of the Saint Andrew's Altar Society. She is a Realtor with Midwest Real Estate and a member of the Independence Board of Realtors and the National Association of Realtors. Beth has one daughter, Chelsea.

**Producer Vanessa Dennis**
Vanessa Dennis is producing her second Neewollah musical, having co-produced *The Wizard of Oz* in 1997. She has participated in Neewollah for many years in various activities. Vanessa was Generalissimo in 2000 and currently serves as Chairman of the Neewollah Board of Directors, in addition to serving as secretary for three years. On the Neewollah stage, Vanessa has portrayed Vera in *Mame*, Rosie in *Bye Bye Birdie*, Gladys in *The Pajama Game*, Mrs. Darling in *Peter Pan*, Lola in *Damn Yankees*, and Mazeppa in *Gypsy*. For the Queen Neelah Pageant, she has co-directed twice, served as candidate chairman, coronation chairman, publicity chair, and Neelah Deb co-chair. Vanessa has also acted as Neewollah publicity chairman and chaired the Food Vendor committee. She has been active in the William Inge Festival with appearances in productions of *Dark at the Top of the Stairs* and *Plaza Suite*. Vanessa is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, a member of Chapter DA, P.E.O., and a Mercy Hospital Foundation Board member. She and her husband, Bo, are parents of two children, Erin, 22, Chicago, Illinois, and Brian, a freshman at KU.
Supporting Staff

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Middle Row: Bruce Brooks, Dena Hill, Marla Williams, Don Farthing
Back Row: Jim Cordes, John Redfern, Bob Hille, Dale Williams, Jared Riley
Not Pictured: Ron Brown, Ron Carver, Jill Friesen, Mark Dice, Carol Hoyt, Lewis Hoyt, Charles Simmons, Phyllis Wiles

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Cast Party
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Not Pictured: Carol Guyl
Neewollah / Jump Start Medallion Hunt
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The 2001 Medallion Hunt "jump starts" the Neewollah Festival on Wednesday, October 17. A 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 wearing a 2001 Neewollah button is $500. If the winner is not wearing this year's button, the prize is reduced to $250.

Clues are released at 3:00 p.m. each day, beginning Wednesday, October 17, until the medallion is found. Clues are available at Neewollah Headquarters located at 117 West Main, Jump Start at Tenth and Main, First Federal Savings & Loan, Commerce Bank and 1st National Bank downtown. Clues are also published in the Independence Daily Reporter.

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Neewollah Fun Run

Neewollah 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run
Saturday, October 20, 2001
Riverside Park Oval
Registration 8 a.m. • Fun Run 9 a.m. • 5K 10 a.m.

The 5K Run course is a certified 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) that begins at the Riverside Park Oval and continues down Fifth Street along the cemetery to Morningside Drive where it turns around and returns for the finish at the Oval. The 1 Mile Fun Run tours Riverside Park, continues through a neighborhood just south of the park and returns to the park for its finish. Awards for Team Competition as well as Individual Competition will be presented after the completion of the 5K Run.

Run Chairman
Dennis Greenhaw

Neewollah Fun Ride

This year the first Neewollah Fun Ride will be held in conjunction with Cycle Bobs Bicycle Club. An 18 mile, 35 mile, and 70 mile ride will be included in this year's inaugural event. Registration will be held at the Riverside Park Open 4-H Building from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. with the rides starting at 9:00 a.m. The ride is a fully supported SAG ride with drinks and fruit provided at rest stops, as well as snacks at the completion of the ride. All rides begin at Riverside Park and follow a route to the Elk City Reservoir dam. The 18 mile ride continues to the Sycamore Valley Golf Course and then returns to the park. The 35 mile riders will travel to Sycamore by way of Elk City and then return to the park. The 70 mile bikers travel to Dennis, Kansas from Sycamore and then finish southward through the Big Hill Lake and Cherryvale area to their conclusion at the 4-H Building.

Steve & Susan Kern; Julie & Mike Thompson, Organizers
Not Pictured: Sandy Annable, Bev Chubb, Kay Hensley, Craig Schlorholtz

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Queen Neelah LIX and Her Court

Shannon Beason, Miss Interview; Shanna Berry, Miss Talent; Dana Sims, Miss Beauty; Emmalee Voth, Miss Poise; Jalayna Newkirk, Miss Personality; Lacey Palmer, 1st Runner-up; Queen Neelah LIX Uma Patel; Beth Rinck, 2nd Runner-up; Emily David, Miss Photogenic; Lauren Oakleaf, Miss Originality; Sarah Hines, Miss Fashion; Amber Jefferson, Miss Congeniality

Judging Queen Neelah LX

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

The first opportunity for the judges to meet the candidates is the Queen's Tea held Sunday, October 21. The judges hold a private interview with each candidate on Monday, October 22. That same evening, each candidate presents a three-minute talent presentation. Miss Talent is chosen from the most polished and entertaining of the talent numbers. On Tuesday, October 23, a brunch is held where the candidates have a final opportunity to meet with the judges in an informal setting prior to the coronation.

Over the course of time spent with the candidates, the judges also evaluate each young woman's poise, personality, personal fashion sense, and beauty. The candidates themselves select Miss Congeniality.

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Coronation Program

Opening Presentation of Queen Candidates
Candidates 1 - 12 Presented
Selected Talent Presentations

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Candidates 13 - 24 Presented
Selected Talent Presentations

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Candidates 25 - 36 Presented

Intermission

Neelah Deb Dance
Farewell of Queen Neelah LIX, Uma Patel
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 LX

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Brooke Bohr
Connie Bohr
Mark & Mykka Bohr
Dr. Greg Kelley, DDS
*Pantomime/Dance*

Sarah Boyer
Rick & Sharon Boyer
Cheryl Settles
Kansas Teachers Credit Union
*Vocal Solo*

Queen Neelah

LX Candidates

Kayla Bridwell
David & Jan Kahler
Sayers Ace Hardware
*Vocal Solo*

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Ken & Becky Brown
The Independence
*Daily Reporter
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Brenda Dumler &
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Don & Cheri Elliott
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Vocal Solo

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Bruce Fairbank & Laura Bryant
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Original Poem Reading

Tricia Friesen
Bob & Jan Friesen
City Publishing Company
Piano Solo

ShiAnne Hallett
Cindy Hallett & Kenny Brown
The Hair Gallery
Dance
Samantha Hindle
Phil & Stephanie Hindle
Patricia Island Golf Course, Grove, OK
Dance

Jackie Charlene Hise
Jackie M. Hise
Cadwell's Country Mart
Vocal Solo

Holly Hollenbeck
Fred & Missy Hollenbeck
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Vocal Solo/Tap Dance

Kasey Hugo
Kevin Hugo
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Greg White: B & B Theatres
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Benessa Jones
Benny Jones
Linda Jones
Independence Day Care Center
Vocal Solo

Kelsy Jones
Mark & Kim Jones
Johnson Chiropractic
Original Vocal Solo

Memori Kent
Marty Kent
Melissa Kent
The Mane Event
Skit

Sarah Knight
Jay & Julie Knight
Knight Product Services
Original Skit

Tamisha LaForte
Charles & Loretta LaForte
R & S Construction
Color Guard Routine

Megan McMillin
David & Annette McMillin
Classy Clippers
Gymnastics Dance
Heather Oldenettel
Ron & Dawn Oldenettel
K-Mart
Vocal Solo

Tara Olson
John & Susie Olson
Dr. Oswaldo Bacani, MD
Lyrical Jazz Dance

Amanda Passauer
Tracy & Pam Passauer
Hasselman's - The Flower Shop
Humorous Musical Interpretation

Ashlee Pouncil
Mike & Robin Pouncil
Heartland Cement Company
Vocal Solo with Sign Language

“I Think You’re Gonna Like It Here!”

Elizabeth Danielle Reddick
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Neelah Debs
Front Row: Sara Hoyt, Chelsea Chaney
Middle Row: Jessica Boyle, Audrey Gross, Abby Belcher, Allie Merritt, Kelley Gorman, Casey Martin
Back Row: Abby Christensen

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Front Row: Russell Swisher, Daniel Shepard, Brian Pokorny
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John Hamlin

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Talent Emcee Toby Cook
Toby Cook is returning home once again to provide us with an entertaining evening as master of ceremonies for the Queen Neelah Talent Show. It sounds funny to say that the Independence native, now nearly 34 years of age, has been in broadcasting half his life, but Toby started in the business 17 years ago as a disc jockey and announcer at KIND Radio. He followed the footsteps of fellow KIND alumus Bill Kurtis into television. Toby co-anchors the top-rated weekday morning newscast for WDAF-TV, the Fox affiliate in Kansas City. Prior to that, he co-anchored and produced the morning show on WSET-TV in Lynchburg, Virginia. He also helped create and co-anchor the first morning show at KOAM-TV in Pittsburg, Kansas. Toby was named "Broadcaster of the Year" by Liberty University of Lynchburg in 1997 and recently won an award for feature reporting in Kansas City. Toby graduated from Independence High School in 1986, Independence Community College in 1988, and Pittsburg State University in 1990 with a degree in communications. He is a veteran of Neewollah, having appeared in five musicals. Toby emceed the Queen Neelah Pageant in 1993. Toby is the son of Dolly Cook and the late Thurman Cook. He and his wife, Barbara, a native of Parsons, have two children, Adam, 3, and Molly, 2, and are expecting their third child.

Coronation Emcee Bill Kurtis
Bill Kurtis has been earning the respect of viewers, colleagues and competitors in television journalism for more than 30 years. His career has touched every facet of the most influential medium of our lives. A widower with two grown children, Kurtis grew up in Independence and graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. in Journalism in 1962. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Washburn University School of Law and passed the Kansas Bar in 1966. He accepted a job with a trial law firm in Wichita, but was reporting on the air for a Topeka TV station when "a tornado literally ripped a new highway through the state capital." As we say - the rest is history - and his career decision was made. Kurtis headed for Chicago and teamed up in 1973 with Walter Jacobson as news anchor at WBMM-TV (CBS). In 1982, he co-anchored "CBS Morning News" from New York, and while there he created a documentary series for "CBS Reports" exploring such subjects as organ transplants and airline safety. Now seen exclusively on the A&E Networks, Kurtis is the executive producer and anchor of the weeknightly, primetime series INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS. He anchors two other hour-long series on A&E: the weekly AMERICAN JUSTICE, a historical crime documentary series, and THE NEW EXPLORERS, a Peabody Award-winning science adventure series, originally produced for PBS. Bill Kurtis has returned to his roots and now owns holdings totaling over 12,000 acres in the SEK area, including the Red Buffalo Ranch and five commercial buildings in Sedan; the Little House on the Prairie site, including his grandfather's land southwest of Independence, and a half block locally which includes KIND Radio.
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Queen's Coronation Judges

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Wichita, Kansas

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Wichita, Kansas

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Wichita, Kansas

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Back Row: Lori Wesselowski, Cindy Stephenson, Co-Chair; Amy Barnhart, Diana Schroeder, Co-Chair; Lorraine Emmot
Not Pictured: Peggy O'Malley

Neelah Debs & Stage Escorts
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Coronation
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Back Row: Charlene Smith, Sabrina Overfield, Kathy Woods, Sally Harris
Not Pictured: Deborah Viets

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The Wilkinsonsons are one of the most amazing success stories in contemporary country music. Virtually unknown two years ago, the family trio has received more nominations, awards and honors in two years than most artists garner in a lifetime. In 1999 alone, they were nominated for everything from CMA's Horizon Award and Vocal Group of the Year, to the Academy of Country Music Awards' nomination for Single of the Year, and Top Vocal Duo or Group - well over 20 nominations!

In 1997, the father-daughter-son act was struggling to decide whether to move from their native Canada to Nashville to try and get a publishing contract. Just two weeks after moving to Nashville, they not only had a publishing deal, they had nearly every major label in town vying to record their fresh, family harmonies.

By the end of 1998, The Wilkinsonsons were the biggest new country act of the year. Their debut album, Nothing But Love, featuring the smash single, "26c" was released in 1998, making them the only debut act that year to crack the Top 10 in country airplay. Their follow-up singles, "Fly (The Angel Song)," "Boy Oh Boy" and "Yodelin Blues," were radio favorites and also made them a CMT staple.

Here and Now, their second album, turns up the excitement and raises the bar on their already stunning career. "Here and Now is who we are and where we came from," says Steve, the father. As the band's main songwriter, Steve wrote six of the album's eleven songs. "Because the kids are older now (Amanda is 18 and Tyler is 16), they can sing a different style of song," Steve continues. From the infectious and catchy "Jimmy's Got A Girlfriend" to the fun Beatle-esque romp "Hypothetically"; from the soulful groove of "Til You Let Go" to the yearning of "I'll Know Love"; and the lush "1999," the songs on Here and Now convey the fun and liveliness of the family's personalities.

The Wilkinsonsons have just signed with a new recording company, BNA Label, a member of the RCA family. Their next single should be released later this year, and an entire new CD should be available in early 2002.

So even as they've changed, the things that make The Wilkinsonsons special remain the same: the wonder of life, the gift of love and the joy of music.

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Just as Neewollah grows each year, the support of First Federal Savings & Loan Association has allowed the expansion of the ever-popular Lawn Decorating Contest. In addition to a first prize of $100, prize money of $75 for second place and $50 to the third place entry will be offered. The categories to be judged are Halloween and Fall themes. With the growth of the contest, it is anticipated more homes and neighborhoods will become decorated with the spirit of Neewollah.

The Great Pumpkin Contest
Presented by WC&M Business Services, Inc. and Neewollah
The Great Pumpkin Contest is one of the highlights of the downtown activities on Wednesday evening, October 24. Any child preschool age through fifth grade may submit an entry. The entries are judged in different age groups, with prizes being awarded to each group. This year, due to the WC&M Business Services’ support, each first place winner will receive a $50 savings bond. The judging of the decorated pumpkins is based on creativity and imagination, so each child is urged to create a unique and novel jack-o-lantern.

The Great Pumpkin Contest
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Thursday, October 25 - 6:00 p.m.

King and Queen
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Doo Dah Parade
Keith & Becky Lanning, Chairmen;
Theresa & Kurt King
Not Pictured: Gary & Sabrina Overfield

Smile Upon A Star has been chosen as the theme for the Doo Dah Parade by Keith and Becky Lanning, chairmen of this year's event. When questioned about the meaning of the theme, the Lannings replied that it may seem vague, but ambiguousness fits the mood of the crazed adult parade. One could choose to be a movie star, a twinkling star in the sky such as Orion, the hunter, Sagittarius, the archer or Gemini, the twins; although many will probably be a star in their own mind only. And, if you look closely, you will probably see a "falling star" or two near the end of the parade. Regardless of what one chooses to be, each and every person who marches in the parade will be a bright and shining star!

The eighth annual Doo Dah Parade will open with a stellar appearance by King and Queen Doo Dah, Hoite Caston and Patti McCormick. This sparkling couple was chosen to reign over this prestigious event because of their star-like qualities. Returning to Independence six years ago from the ultimate star-studded location of Hollywood, to shine their brilliant energy over our city, Hoite and Patti have contributed tirelessly to promoting our community.

Hoite is owner of Hoite Caston Productions, a television production company, and a consultant to KIND Radio. Patti is General Manager of KIND Radio, HIT 102.9FM and 1010AM. She also serves as a consultant to Kurtis Productions in Chicago, Illinois. They are the parents of Aubree, a junior at Independence High School.

Kiddie Parade

Friday, October 26 - 4:00 p.m.

The Neewollah Kiddie Parade is one of the most endearing and enduring parts of our annual festival. Over 900 children, area school bands and numerous "kiddie floats" participate in this parade. The staff from U.S.D. 446 donate time and energy to make it all happen.

Kiddie Parade
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2001 Grand Parade Route
Saturday, October 27 - 11:00 a.m.

The parade starts at the corner of Penn and Chestnut. It proceeds from Memorial Hall at Penn and Chestnut, south to Main, east to Sixth, south to Maple, west to Ninth, and north to Laurel Street. There are free street acts, a carnival, and food concessions both before and after the Neewollah Grand Parade.

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Grand Parade Marshal
Steve Wilkin

If one was to assign Steve Wilkin a nickname, one many in this town would select would be "Mr. Neewollah" because of Steve's never-ending enthusiasm, love, support and dedication to our community's annual celebration of Neewollah. His participation in Neewollah began as a child marching in the Kiddie Parade in his Cub Scout uniform. (Wish we had a picture of that!) Several years later, his uniform became that of a Queen Neelah stage escort. His foundation was firm, to prepare him for the many years ahead of exciting Neewollah activity.

Steve served on the Neewollah Board of Directors from 1988 to 1999 with an honorary lifetime board position conferred to him upon the completion of his board tenure. He served as chairman of the board two different times during his board membership and in 1993 was selected as Generalissimo.

Steve's talent has also been evident in his achievements upon the Neewollah stage. He has produced three musicals, Mame, Oliver! and most recently, The King and I. He performed in the first production of Annie in 1984, and also performed in My Fair Lady, Gypsy, and Guys and Dolls.

In addition to being Grand Parade Marshal this year, Steve is the Generalissimo's Public Liaison, promoting Neewollah activities to the community.

Steve is a lifelong resident of Independence. He graduated from Independence High School, and the University of Kansas in 1969. After graduation, Steve served in the US Air Force until 1973; then he attended Washburn University and graduated with his law degree in 1975, and has been an Independence resident since that time. He and his wife, JoAnne, are parents of three children and have one grandchild. He is owner of The Security Abstract Company and a member and past president of the Kansas Land Title Association. He is also a member and past president of the Independence Rotary Club, and holds membership in The First United Methodist Church.
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Marching Band Competition

October 27, 2001 - 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. Field competition for the marching festival will begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon at Shulthis Stadium for approximately 30 marching bands from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

Don Farthing, the organizer of this year's event, developed this competition 23 years ago, along with I.H.S. Band Boosters, while he was the Independence High School band teacher. Since the event was first begun, the festival has quadrupled in size. Many of the bands march in the Grand Parade so they will be eligible to participate in the Marching Band Competition.

The Independence High School Band Boosters will operate a concession stand throughout the afternoon. The public is invited to attend the festival free of admission charge.

Marching Band Competition
Don Farthing, Chairman;
Not Pictured: Dale & Nancy Belcher;
Marian Grieve; Bill & Karen Newkirk;
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1919 Thurman Hill
1920 O.E. McAnulty
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1922 John Baden
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1924 Helen Jones
1925 Lola McDaniel
1926 O.E. McAnulty
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No Neewollah 1931-1934 due to the Great Depression
1935 Louise Ransdall
No Neewollah 1936-1947 due to World War II
1948 Bill Wagner
1949 Emmett Wilson
No Neewollah 1950-1957 due to lack of financial support
1958 Jim Halsey
1959 Bob Wohltman
1960 Jerry Webb
1961 Don Dancer
1962 Bill Woods
1963 Duane Doll
1964 Bill Woods
1965 Jim Halsey
1966 Fred Wilkin
1967 E.C. Simmons
1968 Wayne Reed
1969 G. Burks Sherwood
1970 Bob Schneider

Past Queens

1971 Bill Cook
1972 Jerry Webb
1973 Richard Shaver
1974 Stan Lewis
1975 Paul Viets
1976 Bill Mason
1977 Kathryn Bruening
1978 Roger Leesberg
1979 Stewart Crow
1980 Jerry Webb
1981 Don Dancer
1982 Karen Reeder
1983 Lowell Baker
1984 Stewart Crow
1985 Pat Springer
1986 Jack Ashcraft
1987 Tim Emerit
1988 Virginia Kelly
1989 Steve DeFever
1990 Paul Oakleaf
1991 Lorne Schlatter
1992 David Torbett
1993 Steve Wilkin
1994 Mike Flood
1995 Larry Pendleton
1996 Ray Rothgeb
1997 Gregg Webster
1998 Beth Chaney
1999 Butch Holum
2000 Vanessa Dennis
2001 Grant Sherwood

Past Queens

Diane David
Ruth Pittman
Laurie Dilorio
Belinda Boys
Janet Washburn
Stephanie Cook
Susan Scovel
Staci Pollock
Lisa Swearingen
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