


Kenzie Engelke \& Ignacio Castro


Jaycee Chandler \& Alejandro Artalejo


Zoe DeLaCruz \& Tyler Kirchner


Avery Koonce \& Dawson Meiske


Grace Skrhak \& Brady Burlison

# Harvest <br> Festival <br> Thrall Community Education Foundation revives Harvest Festival 

As the spotlight lit them from head to toe, and the trumpeter played the fanfare, the host announced: "From the 8th grade, Queen Alexandria from the House of Dollins, escorted by King Nahum from the House of Patschke." The crowd cheered as Dollins navigated up the stairs, her regal train making it difficult. Kneeling on a pillow, her heart pounding in her chest, Superintendent Tommy Hooker placed the crown on the queen's head.
"When I found out we had won, I felt like I was on top of the world," Dollins said.

For the first time since 2010, Thrall celebrated the Harvest Festival tradition on Oct. 25,2014 . The Thrall Community Education Foundation, TCEF, hosted the event and raised a record amount of money, over \$50,000.
"I knew the numbers would be good," TCEF President Ron Randig said, "but what we raised
was crazy good."
The TCEF is a non-profit organization established in April 2013 to provide scholarships and enhance educational opportunities for students. The community gathered to put together the event which, along with the coronation, included a turkey dinner, camival games, a costume contest, and silent and live auctions.
"I am so glad that we brought back the program that had not happened in 4 years," Randig said. "It's a part of our history and is unique to Thrall."

The students were happy to help keep the tradition alive.
"It was good that we brought it back, and I was glad that Alex and I kind of started it up again," Patschke said.

The future of the festival looks promising. "This is just the beginning for a bright and productive future," Hooker said.

Story by Alyssa Kramer

"I was sort of nervous, but when I got up there, I laughed."
Addison Leschber, 5th



Carmen
Ojeda \&
Gavin Cain


Sydney Branson \& Garrett Crabb


Angelyna Gonzales \& Christian Dubec


Alexandria Dollins \& Nahum
Patschke


Sarah Gautreaux \& Landon Mikulencak


Jordyn Vizena Adrianna \& Dennis Sanchez \&
Garza


Macey Randig \& Michael Holubec


1. Macilynn Boatright, 10th, turns Colton Carter, 10th, into a vampire at the cheerleader's face painting booth, while Aubrey Rinderknecht, 10th, watches. Photo by Jacob Davis 2. At the costume contest, Madison Pokorny, 4th, models her jelly bean bag costume that her mother found the idea for on Pinterest. Photo by Chelsea Seggern 3. While playing the football toss game at the carnival, Caden Leschber, 7th, aims the football at the target. Photo by Jacob Davis 4. First place winner Julie Crabb, 2nd, along with second and third place winners Brynn Leschber, 1st, and Rachel Trussell, 4th, show off their costume contest trophies. Photo by Che/sea Seggern 5. Tyreke Irvin, 5th, plays the ring toss, where he won two bottles of soda. Photo by Jacob Davis
"We were posing for a picture and then Sarah's hair got stuck in my armpit. Ew!" -Adrianna Sanchez, 11th

