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Update: Hiawatha Halloween Queen Named, Numerous Other Winners Announced (KNZA)--98 years of Halloween was celebrated in Hiawatha Wednesday.

Held under the theme "It's the End of the World As We Know It," the annual Halloween frolic was a near all day affair, including a costume contest, followed by the afternoon's traditional Children's Parade, which brought out numerous parade entrants as well as spectators.

Once the afternoon turned into evening, excitement mounted, as Oregon street was lined with spectators awaiting the evening's grand parade.

Just prior to the entries making their way down the parade route, the annual Halloween Queen Ceremony was held at the grandstand.

Our own L.J. Trant and Doug Weinberg served as the emcees(Play Audio)

Of the 16 contestants, three came out on top in three categories, starting with Miss Congeniality(Play Audio)

Miss Tonganoxie Hunter Cook is the daughter of Andy and Marcia Cook, and is a senior at Tonganoxie High School.

After she received her applause, and recognition, it was time to name 1st Runner Up(Play Audio)

Miss Holton Elizabeth Allen is the daughter of Aaron and Erika Allen, and is a senior at Holton High School.

Then, last year's Queen stood at the grandstand, ready to hand off her crown once Weinberg announced this year's winner(Play Audio)

Miss White Cloud Brynn Wright is the daughter of John and Michelle Wright and a senior at Hiawatha High School.

Once the ceremony concluded, the parade began, as spectators, some packed six deep along the route, cheered on 51-plus entries, along with marching bands representing schools across the region, as downtown Hiawatha was alive with the playful spookiness of the Halloween Holiday.

Pumpkin Contest

Kindergarten: 1. Cameron Boswell, 2. Tori Wist, 3. Paige Mueller

First/Second : 1 Aden Guisendorf, 2. Emma Boswell, 3. Madison Moreno

Third/Fourth: 1. Nirvana Peterson, 2. Kelly Tallent, 3. Alex Moreno

Poster contest winners

Kindergarten: 1. Paige Mueller, 2. Tori Wist, 3. Josh Monaghan

First/Second Graders: 1. Aden Guisendorf, 2. Daisy Noll, 3. Clair Meisenheimer

Third/Fourth Graders: 1. Sydney Smith, 2. Zoe Hedrick, 3. Kate Madsen

Overall Winner : Sydney Smith

Runner Up: Aden Guisendorf

Costume Contest Winners:

0-2 year olds

1st Brayden Keller

2nd Jayda Reeves

3rd Ainsley Gunn

4th Brantley Smith

5th Allyn Gormley

6th Zoe Vega

Honorable mentions, Kara Jones and Ryker Lea

Age 3 through Kindergarten

1st Alex Wenger

2nd Luke Thompson

3rd Keeleigh Curless

4th Allera Roberts

5th Mya Mendez

6th Tori Wist

Honorable Mentions: Mark Stroud, Ava Andres

First and Second Grade

1st Dan Wenger

Third through Sixth Grade

1st Emily Meisenheimer

2nd Morgan Hurn

3rd Jason Herzig

4th Nathan Stroud

5th Raven Stroud

Group Category

1st Williams Kids

2nd Crider Kids

3rd Adelyn Schultz and Dominic Rottinghaus

4th Gavin and Rozlynn Mathewson

5th Braden Gilliland and Kloe Waggoner

6th Nicki Stueve and Hill Girls

Honorable mentions

Jaxon and Jaden Folk

Page Mueller and Kayden Groth

Afternoon Float Placings

Groups

1st Zion Lutheran

Family

1st Gray Family Float

2nd Lock/Meyer Family Float

3rd Pyle/ Williams Family Float

Business

1st KANZA Mental Health

2nd Hiawatha Family Dentistry/Henry Liquor

3rd Morrill and Janes Bank

Evening Parade Results

Family

1st Gray

2nd Lock/Myer

3rd Pyle/Williams

Business

1st KANZA Mental Health

2nd Hiawatha National

3rd Hiawatha Farm and Home

Group

1st Zion Lutheran

2nd Doves

3rd Highland Softball

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