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Go Jump In the Lake

Students exceed AR Challenge goal; administrator, teachers take a dip.



APS Photos

Principal Chanc McIntosh emerges from the Hidden Valley Lake on October 27 after taking the 1st quarter AR Student Challenge Plunge. Also jumping in the cold water were teachers Debby Moninger and Nicole Recoy.

By Janet Larreau

Last Thursday morning, Arnold Principal Chanc McIntosh and teachers Debby Moninger and Nicole Recoy drove out to Hidden Valley Campgrounds to scope out the water for the best place to jump in, and each one had a plan. It wasn't something they were looking forward to, but APS students had met the 1st quarter Accelerated Reading Challenge to have one administrator, one elementary and one secondary teacher take a plunge into the lake.

Mrs. Moninger, who teaches English and is the librarian,

said she was extremely surprised that the kids met the challenge with 4,157 points.

“We have been doing the first quarter challenge for seven or eight years, and this is the first time students have broken the 4,000 point mark. I believe the previous high points earned for a quarter was 3,745, so it was quite an increase,” she said.

For the 2022 Plunge, the October morning was relatively mild, but the water was later described as similar to taking an ice bath. Superintendent Joel Morgan served as emcee and beforehand, pointed out that the year he jumped it was snowing so badly that he made snow angels after his jump and walked uphill both ways to get

there.

Ready to cheer on the plungers, a crowd of students, teachers and residents gathered at the edge of the water. Mrs. Recoy jumped first and took a direct route at the edge of the grasses. She was the bravest jumper, wearing no insulation. When she got out of the water, several of the elementary students were there to give her a hug on her way to grab a towel.

Mrs. Moninger was the second one to attempt the jump. She felt pretty confident because Kirby Viter had loaned her a glittery unicorn floaty and arm floaties. Several elementary students offered to jump in her place. “I got this,”



By keeping their nose in a book during the 1st quarter, Arnold students earned the chance to cheer on their principal and faculty members.

she said. Debby walked into the water up to her ankles and jumped about two inches. She was reminded by the emcee that it was a “plunge.” She ended up doing a polar plunge.

Wearing a stylish flamingo printed outfit and a giant rubber duck floaty, Mr. McIntosh did the grand finale. He plunged in and came back to shore, but the students chanted, “One more time, one more time.” He took a second plunge and the crowd called for an encore. For his third jump, he left the duck floaty ashore and went completely under water. Although the crowd wanted one more time, Mr. Morgan chanted back, “Load the bus,” so students could get back to their class Halloween parties.

Before the plunge, hamburgers and hotdogs were grilled by Mr. McIntosh and Mr. Morgan for students and faculty. After lunch, Mrs. Badgley and the book clubs put on a reading pep rally and games were played based on books. All of the events were planned at Hidden Valley, but due to the threat of rain, only the plunge took place there.



Decisions Will Be Made on Election Day, Nov. 8

Nebraskans will be making some important decisions for the future of the state when they cast their ballot in the General Election on November 8. Our next governor and who will serve us in Congress will be decided, as well as whether our constitution will be amended and statutes will be amended.

If Initiative Measure 432 passes, the Nebraska Constitution will be amended to require a qualified voter to present a valid photographic identification before casting a ballot.

A vote for Initiative Measure 433 would amend the Nebraska statute establishing a minimum wage for employees to increase over a three-year period

from the current \$9.00 an hour to \$15.00 an hour.

At the local level, residents will decide on filling open school, village, township, and the District 5 supervisor's positions.

The proposed ordinance outlawing abortion within the Village of Arnold will be on the ballot. A vote yes will make

Arnold a sanctuary for the unborn. Any resident that would like to research this proposed ordinance may ask for a photocopy at the Village office before election day.

The polling place for Arnold, Arnold Rural, and Hays II will be at the Legion Hall. Polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fall Back

Daylight saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 6. *Sentinel* readers are reminded to set their clock back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

Halloween Fun on Main Street



Photos/Debbie Connelly

A little fireman attempts a basket at the Dunkin' Donuts trunk sponsored by Four County Boutique and Nails for Starz last Thursday during the annual Chamber-sponsored Kids' Halloween Trunk or Treat and Costume Contest. With Main Street blocked off, kids were having fun running freely during the event, organized by Rose Bierman, Katie Weinman, and Kendra Veirs. Several trunks were set up this year, with Four County Boutique/Nails for Starz, First State Insurance, and Jill Kulp judged in the “Top 3.” Kids and their parents gathered in Koubek Gardens for costume judging, with winners receiving Rialto Theatre vouchers. Cotton candy was being served at the Rialto Theatre and businesses gave out treats. Winners of the costume contest are pictured on page 10.



Harrison Bierman walks away happy after playing a Halloween punch game at First State Insurance's decorated trunk during Halloween festivities held on Main Street.