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Changing It Up: Faith & Fun Fest draws large numbers to ARA.

Tallin Church combined two annual events this year and the outcome of what ended up being billed as “Faith & Fun Fest 2023” was much more than organizers expected. “The numbers for both the Ron Brown ‘Pass It On’ clinic and Vacation Bible School were

both down last year,” said Leron Bierman, a Tallin Church member and just one of several organizers and volunteers. “We did some brainstorming and wondered if we could combine the two events. We thought it would make it easier on volunteers and in-

crease our numbers. It all worked out perfectly. Jesus gave His all and we can give our all. It goes with what Brown shares.” With everything planned outdoors in the evenings, the three-day event for kids going into Grades K-8 this fall drew a

high number. Sixty-five kids turned on Monday for camp-style night, with Grades 3-8 playing Neuke’em on the ARA’s volleyball court and had memory verse and Bible time. Grades K-2 tie dyed hats, had fun in a photo booth, and the nerf shooting gallery,

and had Bible verse and music time. Mother Nature changed Tuesday night’s planned activities of Kayak races and water games that no doubt would have drawn a high number of kids. Instead, they were invited to the community center, with no count taken.

Wednesday was the big night, with 105 kids participating. Twenty-two K-2 kids fished at the Arnold lake after the normal Bible lesson, and Grades 3-8 participated in Ron Brown’s “Pass It On” football and volleyball clinics. Brown brought along former Husker Ken Kaelin, current Husker punter Brian Buschini and Brian’s wife Kellie, who played volleyball for Montana. Forty-three girls participated in the volleyball clinic, held at the ARA sand volleyball court. The boys’ football clinic had 40 kids learning skills at Old Mill Park. Organizers of the clinic were Josh and Molly Magill and Pastor Lee Wonch. Members of the South Loup volleyball team were also there to help coach the girls.

At around 7:30 p.m., many more people gathered at the ARA’s pavilion to hear Brown and his team share how following the Lord ties into their athletic successes.

“They mentioned that Arnold had more kids attend this camp than in Kearney the day before,” said Leron. It was a great turnout. We don’t know how many were there, but we went through a lot of pizzas. Kids came from Gothenburg, Gandy, Stapleton, and Arnold. It really drew them in from the area, not just Arnold. We had several families ask if we would to it again next year.”



There was a big show of hands as Ken Kaelin - a Husker fullback in 1986 - asked the crowd attending the Faith & Fun Fest at the ARA, “Do you know where Ansley is?” Kaelin, who attended high school at Ansley, shared a memory of playing football at Arnold. “Every time I drive through Arnold, I remember that game. It’s where I fell in love with football,” said Kaelin. - Jessica Tickle photo

Light Poles Get a Facelift



An employee of Johnny Costello Painting sprays black paint on the very top of one of the downtown light poles last week. - Krista Eggleston photo

The second of three projects planned to beautify Highway 92 was in progress last week, as Johnny Costello Painting came to town to paint 31 light poles black. Project leader Krista Eggleston said she was thinking of ideas to improve the downtown area one day, when she looked out the window and noticed that the silver light poles were weathered and rusty. The idea

of painting them black to freshen them up came to mind and she and other sub-committee members, Jodi Carlson, Diane Sanford and Holly Remund, went to work, getting project bids and finding funding. Funding for the project came from grants from the Custer County Foundation and Arnold Community Foundation. Another piece of getting the proj-

ect done was Lane Chesley providing his telehandler. The result is a more modern downtown look, and good reviews have been heard from residents. The Downtown Renovation Initiative is a result of the Arnold Community Foundation community visions meeting held in March of 2022.

Bike Rally Set For This Weekend

The annual Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally will return to Arnold this Friday and Saturday, July 7 and 8, at the Arnold Recreation Area. Friday events are free. The gates will open at 5:00 p.m., for biker games, cheap drinks, food, and giveaways. Axe Kickers of Broken Bow will bring their mobile axe throwing booth, and live music will be provided by Craig Furne Experience. Registration for the Poker Run will be from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Show & Shine is first up from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by

Blessing of Bikes and the “National Anthem.” For the poker run, the first card will be drawn at Grazers, and bikers will then travel a beautiful route to Fubar at Anselmo, The Rescue at Sargent, Kinkaiders at Broken Bow, Shotgun Annies & Henry’s at Callaway. The last card will be drawn at the ARA. After the poker run, there will be a taco bar, burn out pit, and Axe Kickers. Twisted Chrome and HOOKT will provide live music. More information on admission can be found on Facebook at Devil’s Den Motorcycle Rally.



State Project

Kirk Barnes Construction, Inc. employees were hard at work in Arnold beginning in mid-June, removing and replacing select sidewalk curb ramps on Broadway Street and Carroll Avenue intersections with N-92 and First, Second, and Fourth Avenue intersections with N-40. The Nebraska Department of Transportation project was pretty much wrapped up last week.