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Trick or treaters stop by the First Baptist Church’s trunk decorated by Jill Kulp. The trunk included a fun ring toss game and a cutout photo op. Completing the scene were Terry and Dena Mills, dressed up as shepherds. The Best Decorated Trunk was awarded to the First Baptist Church. - Debbie Connelly photos



Zoelle Tickle holds back Jayda Jordan’s hair as she bobs for apples.

A Monsterous Turnout

Chamber hosts annual Trunk or Treat

Arnold Chamber had a large turnout for last Thursday’s annual Trunk or Treat event on main street. By a rough candy count, it’s estimated that well over 150 kids of all ages showed up in costume, and along with their parents and grandparents, filled the street to trick or treat and play games. Adding to the fun atmosphere was Pinnacle Bank, pumping out Halloween Party Music on Pandora.

At least 13 businesses and organizations handed out treats, with nine of them bringing trunks. The decorated trunks were all great, but the First Baptist Church was deemed the overall winner.

The Junior Honor Society helped with games, including eyeball putt putt, apple bobbing, monster freeze dance, pumpkin tic-tac-toe and pumpkin bowling. BrewBakers donated the prizes for the games, and First State Insurance donated the apples for apple bobbing. Arnold Rotary was also there, setting up a booth to collect donations to fight off polio.

Chairman Taylour Snyder changed the event up this year, starting it at 6:30 p.m. and adding games, including a glow stick hunt to win Rialto Theatre Bucks.

Tickets On Sale for Housing Tour

The Fall 2025 Arnold Housing Tour will be this Saturday, November 1st. The day will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the Arnold Community Center with a salad luncheon, and the tour of six locations will start at 1:00 p.m.

Locations include the homes of Terry and Dena Mills, Bryce and Kenzie Kulp, Stephanie Peters-Delp, and Chris Kuczynski. Tours of the currently on-the-market home of Jesse Halstead and the new duplexes built by Design Homes are also on the list.

The ticket price includes both the luncheon and tour. Advanced tickets can be purchased for \$25.00 per person up to October 30th at 12:00 p.m. at Four County Boutique, First State Insurance, BrewBakers Coffee and Gifts,



Kreative Edge, Oakbrook Physical Therapy, and at the Arnold Economic Development office. Advanced tickets must be paid for before the day of the event, otherwise the individual will be charged ‘at the door price.’ Tickets can also be purchased at the door the day of the event for \$30.00.

The event is sponsored by Arnold Chamber, with advertising paid for by the Arnold Economic Development Corporation-LB840.

Names Being Added to Vets Memorial

Mike Harvey reports that 22 additional names have been received in the past couple of weeks for the veterans memorial. The names will be added by Veterans Day, if it doesn’t get too cold. Warm temperatures are needed for the engraving process, so any additional

names received after this time will need to wait until spring, 2026.

The veterans memorial is a project of Legion Post 130. The 22 additional names received should fill up the partial marker on the south side, and there is still one marker on the north that can be filled.



High Point AR Earners Tell Principal: “Eat It or Wear It”



Mr. Todd Phelps and Mr. Jeff Cole give high schoolers (from left) Delanie Weinman, Kora Dailey and Rae Hagler, a push into the Arnold lake. It was one of several stations that students got to enjoy at the ARA before the annual “Principal Challenge.” - Debbie Connelly photo



Parker Neth, the high point AR earner of the sixth grade class, pours apple cider vinegar on Principal Ali Goodenow during the AR incentive “Eat It or Wear It” challenge. - Debbie Connelly photo

Arnold students were reading up a storm during the first quarter of the school year, aiming to hit their pre-determined Accelerated Reader (AR) goal and be invited to this year’s Principal Challenge of “Eat It or Wear It.”

Rain fell the day before the originally scheduled challenge at the Arnold Recreation Area, causing a postponement, but the next date set – October 22 – turned out beautiful.

Kids who earned the trip were bussed out to the site, paired up with older students, and began station rotations planned and led by the senior class. The younger kids enjoyed playground free time, pumpkin painting, mini golf, trash can game, football launching, and tug-o-war. Older kids chose free-will rotations of sand volleyball, kayaking, and fishing.

After two hours of fun at the stations, everyone

lined up for a barbecue featuring good quality beef burgers. And then it was time for the principal’s “Eat It or Wear It” challenge. High point AR earners from each class stepped up to choose whether Principal Ali Goodenow would either eat it or wear it. Kindergarten Elias Schweitzer was the first, selecting a wiggly worm. Students and faculty were horrified and amazed, as Mrs. Goodenow actually did

it. One by one, the following high point earners made their choice from the goods lining a picnic table, with most pouring or squirting it on their principal:

1st grader Brooks McMichael – ketchup (wear it)
2nd grader Kaedyn Weinman – powdered sugar (wear it)
3rd grader Ruby Kennedy – chocolate syrup (wear it)
4th grader Beckett Preston – sardines (eat it)

5th grader Paisley Brown – milk (wear it)
6th grader Parker Neth – vinegar (wear it)
7th grader Makenna Weinman – Italian dressing (wear it)
8th grader Paisley Witthuhn – cottage cheese (wear it)
9th grader Claire Kulp – Cold Spaghetti-Os (eat it)
10th grader Danielle Burd – mayonnaise (wear it)
11th grader Piper Straston – sardines (eat it)

burg – green olives (eat it)
(Note: Malachi Neth was high point earner, but was unable to attend. Piper was 2nd).

12th grader Paxton Bierman chose Axten Corbin to squeeze mustard on Mrs. Goodenow for him.

The result was a goopy, sticky mess all over the principal, who headed for the lake to clean off.