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Dressed in summer and winter military uniforms from WWII, and carrying the American flag, the Redden brothers, Austin (front) and Robey sang old military songs while being driven down the parade route in a '71 Oldsmobile Cutlass convertible by Betty Yeargain. The WWII uniforms were loaned out for the parade by Terry Conley from the late Quin Conley's closet of memories from his service days, providing "A Blast from the Past." (Kendra Veirs photo)

## Town Enjoys Some Old Fashioned Fun

From a community breakfast hosted by pastors and area churches to final activities in the city park, last weekend's Arnold Fall Festival drew nice crowds to participate in some good old fashioned fun.

The AEDC office was busy in the morning, with some 62 people entering their pies for judging in the Teammates pie baking contest. Line-up for the parade started at 9:30 a.m., with 43 entries counted, and a total of 160 people involved. Chairman Dena Mills said there were eight antique cars, four antique tractors and 24 horses entered.

American Legion Post #130 and V.F.W. members led the parade carrying the American flag, while the Arnold School band played the "Star Spangled Banner."

Chosen as this year's Grand Marshal was Mary Carlson,

who will retire as owner and operator of the Cardinal Inn at the end of September after 28 years.

Many of the entries followed the "Old Fashioned" theme. The Touch of Grace Massage Therapy float featured old fashioned toys brought back to life, and the gang from Pinnacle Bank dressed as circus performers.

The Arnold Economic Development Corporation took the opportunity to remind people of the upcoming special election, handing out bottles of water to the crowd wrapped with the message "Support Arnold's LB840 Vote FOR" on September 15.

Margie McDowell and Sally Hilderbrant were parade judges, with the following results:

Decorated Bikes: 1. Alex Streit; 2. Jamie and Michael Johnson;

3. Weston and Melody Johnson. Kids Entry: 1. Arnold Car Wash; 2. Touch of Grace Massage.

Horse Entry: 1. Western Riders 4-H Club; 2. Crossroads Ranch, Rich and Jane Hornung; 3. Holly Bishop.

Business: 1. Pinnacle Bank; 2. Mills Hardware; 3. Cloudfire Services.

Tractor: 1. Cal Joy, '53 Ford Jubilee; 2. Brad Atkins, '50 John Deere Model B; 3. Jeff Preston and Berklee, '71 John Deere 402.

Car: 1. Betty Yeargain; 2. Jack Edelman; 3. Randy Ross, Forrester's Dodge City.

Church: 1. Baptist Church.

Organization: 1. Rotary; 2. Fire Department; 3. AEDC.

High School Group: 1. Arnold School Band.

The city park was busy all day,

with kids and their families participating in the turtle races, a kiddie/pet parade, miniature golf, old fashioned kids' games, board games and golf cart races. With temperatures in the 90s, the slip-and-slide was popular, with the line never ending all afternoon. Concession stands were set up at the park, offering soft-serve ice cream, root beer floats and popcorn. Events outside the park included duck races, a vintage clothing show and a horseshoe pitching contest.

After the free barbecue, a program was held at the park, with results of various contests announced and prizes handed out. Entertainment included performances by dance academy students and songs sung by Valerie Ferris and the "Men on the Mountain" quartet.

## Sheriff's Office Investigates Accident

On August 23 the Custer County Sheriff's Office investigated a one-vehicle accident on road 412, 12 miles west and 3.5 miles south of Callaway. Joshua Cool and a minor child were involved in a one-vehicle roll over at approximately 12:55 a.m.

Josh was driving a 2006 Ford F150 pickup that was considered a total loss. The Ford drove off the road, rolled one time and came to rest on its wheels. Josh and the child were not wearing a seatbelt. Josh and the minor child were transported to Gothenburg Memorial Hospital. The accident is still under investigation.

## Homecoming Early This Year

There will be no anticipation of Homecoming coming up later in the fall sports season this year, as the tradition is taking place coming right out of the gate as school and sports begin.

Principal Joel Morgan said it is Arnold's turn to host the coronation and dance this year, and the two home football games scheduled in Arnold are September 4 and October 22. October 22 is a Thursday and toward the end of the season, so Arnold opted for September 4.

"By choosing this week, we were also able to have a home volleyball game as well during Homecoming, which adds to the spirit of Homecoming," he said. "This week will allow for a full week of dress up days and festivities for the students."

Meanwhile, the early scheduling left girls scrambling to find a Homecoming dress with stores not offering the latest styles at this early date.

Coronation will take place after Friday night's football game, and students are looking forward to the dance afterwards.

## Early Deadline Reminder

*Sentinel* staff will be taking vacation over the Labor Day weekend. As a result, the deadline for the September 10 issue will be Thursday, September 3, at noon. The issue will be emailed for printing by the end of the day on Thursday. The office will be closed from Friday, September 4 through Tuesday, September 8.

Due to the early deadline, look for coverage of the first football and volleyball games and Homecoming in the September 17 issue.

## Statue Stolen From Catholic Church

Theft of the St. Agnes statue that graced the front of St. Agnes Catholic Church was reported to the Custer County Sheriff's office on August 23.

The approximately 5 ft. tall, bronze painted statue was donated to the church by the Prensdorf family.

The sheriff's office said that reports place the time of the theft sometime between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on August 22, though no one is exactly sure.

Several members of the church were inside the building during those hours, cleaning out the thrift shop located in the basement.

The statue was lifted from its base, and as of last Friday, the sheriff's office said there hasn't been anything solid to indicate who might have taken it.

If anyone has information regarding this theft, please contact the sheriff's office.

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## Walking the Tightrope

Heather Hagler starts the tightrope walk over a trench filled with mud, with Liz Brown and John Olofson waiting their turn, in the first annual Obstacle Mud Run held at the Bierman farm, southeast of Arnold. Sixty-two runners took on the 1.95 mile course, crossing 11 manmade and natural obstacles such as slip-n-slide with a lake walk, sand trenches and a tunnel, three walls, a log carry, swamp tromp, spider web, tire run and ball trails, plus many hills to climb and logs to jump. The event was held Sunday as part of Festival activities. (Shanna Mills photo)



Larry Moran (front) and Brad Atkins auction off donated pies to raise money for Arnold's Teammates program at the city park on Saturday night. Moran won the battle of the auctioneers, raising \$740.00, and Atkins raised \$705.00, for a total of \$1,535.00. (Kendra Veirs photo)

## Moran, Atkins Battle it Out at Pie Auction

The Arnold Chapter of Teammates Mentoring Program hosted a successful pie baking contest and auction during Arnold's Fall Festival on Saturday. The chapter also sold pie and brownies during the festival's supper.

In total, 62 pies were donated by area bakers to be judged in the contest, auctioned off in the park or cut and sold. Judges Donna Fletcher, Judy Johnson and Merle Bierman judged 22 pies entered in the contest.

Following were the winners:

Two Crust Fruit Pie category: First - Holly Tullis - rhubarb cream; Second - Evelyn Gracey - strawberry rhubarb; Third - Geneva Connell - peach.

Crème Pie category: First - Joan Smith - sour cream raisin; Second - Betty Cole - lemon meringue; Third - Craig Furne

- coconut cream.

Specialty Pie category: First - Melissa Bierman - pecan; Second - Melody Jennings - custard; Third - Tony Hall - oatmeal/mock pecan.

Prizes were sponsored by Anderson Grain Company.

Brad Atkins and Larry Moran auctioned pies in an auctioneer dueling contest to see who could raise the most money. Residents showed great support of the Teammates program, with some pies bringing over \$100.00 at auction.

"I concede that Larry is the pie peddler of the year," Atkins said after the competition, "but, the bank's final audit was questionable."

In all, the event raised more than \$2,000.00 for the local chapter's operating costs.