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First through fourth place winners at Sunday's Rotary card party were, from left: Ken Oerter, Dusty Stutzman (holding daughter Alexis), Alan Dailey and Diane Finch-Oerter. Proceeds from the event will go to the Rotary Polio Plus campaign. It is estimated that the Arnold Rotary members and friends of Arnold Rotary have contributed \$30,000.00 towards the Polio Plus campaign in the last 25 years.

Rotary Card Party Raises Money to Help Eradicate Polio

Some 30 people helped raise \$350.00 for Rotary's Polio Plus campaign at Sunday afternoon's card party held at the community center.

For many of us, the word polio may not mean much, but for many others it is a horrible nightmare. The disease is one that affects the central nervous system, causing muscle

weakness and then paralysis. Fortunately, there is something that can be done to keep the world's children from suffering from this paralyzing disease.

Twenty years ago, Rotary International committed to rid the world of polio. In that time, combined efforts have made leaps and bounds to do

just that. In 1988, polio infected nearly 1,000 children every day. In 2006, the number of polio-endemic countries dropped to four (Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan), the lowest in human history. In 2008, fewer than 2,000 cases were reported for the entire year.

Rotary's overall contribution to the eradication effort totals nearly \$800 million. In January, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledged \$555 million to the Polio Plus program. Bill Gates challenged Rotary to raise \$200 million to match his donation.

Door prizes for the card party were donated by the following: Melody Jennings, Floyd Ondrak, Dale Coates, Kristin Gebhardt, Lori Stutzman, Cardinal Inn, First State Insurance, Round Two Clothing, Classic Coyotee, Jim's Bar, Mills Hardware, Pinnacle Bank, Crow Construction, True Value Hardware-Callaway, Doxcee's-Callaway, Jo's Cafe-Callaway, Tier One Bank-Callaway.



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From left, Ken Wehrman, Mary Hardin and Ann Smith were among Sunday's card players at the Rotary event.

Local Volunteers Launch Operation Christmas Child



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In this photo taken last November, Irving Jennings (right) helps an Operation Christmas Child staff member unload boxes of gifts from Arnold residents at the Denver processing center.

The opportunity to share the joy of giving is yours for the taking, as we enter into the Operation Christmas Child project. This is the second year that Arnold has been invited to participate in this effort, although there are many individuals who have done this on their own for a number of years. In 2008, nearly eight million shoe box gifts were collected in the U.S. and 10 other sending nations. Arnold was part of that international effort, as Judy Shook and Melody Jennings invited the whole town to participate, and many did.

Melody and her husband, Irving, had the privilege of taking 39 filled boxes to the processing center in Denver.

They were the third group to drop off the gifts the very first morning the center was open. The very first ones through the door were a mother and two young sons - each boy having filled his own box. On a pallet in front of the door were several neatly stacked clear plastic totes, all lovingly filled by a Red Hat ladies group. Arnold's boxes were next and completely filled a pallet. Since the organizers weren't really busy yet, Irving and Melody received a complete tour of the building, along with an explanation of how everything was set up and how the work would progress once the packing operation began.

Every gift has to be checked for two reasons: first, they take

out anything that is not allowed into other countries. Even though the directions are very clear about what not to put in boxes, people still put in certain items that cannot go, and they have to be removed.

Things that cannot go include: liquids or lotions, food, vitamins, any kind of medicine, war related toys such as guns or knives and military figures, chocolate, out of date candy, used or damaged items, breakable items and aerosol cans. Removing all these things takes a lot of hours. All of the "contraband" is taken to homeless shelters in Denver, so it is not wasted.

The second reason the boxes are checked is to make sure that each one has some school supplies. OCC provides some basic items that they add to each box if they're not already there. Added to each box is a small coloring book with the story of Jesus in their own language, and the children are given the opportunity to participate in a correspondence Bible study.

Also, at this time any money given to help defray shipping costs is removed, and once the box is finally finished, it is labeled and taped shut, sent down a conveyor belt, where it is picked up and packed into larger boxes for transport to airports and then around the world.

Watch next week's paper for details on how you can be a part of Operation Christmas Child in 2009, or visit Mills Hardware and pick up a brochure.

Halloween Parade Set for Saturday

The annual children's costume and pumpkin decorating contest and parade through downtown is set for Saturday, October 31. Judging of the costumes and pumpkins will take place at 4:00 p.m., at the Rialto Theatre. After judging, businesses will hand out candy to the kids during the downtown parade. The Chamber sponsored event is being organized by the A.H.S. cheerleaders.

Calling All Cardinal Fans

The Arnold football team will play its last game in "Cardinal" territory on Friday, October 30. A call is being put out this week for all former

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Haunted Tour Cancelled

The haunted tour through the Arnold Recreation Area south of town, scheduled for Halloween, has been cancelled due to a lack of volunteers.



Fall Back

A reminder to set your clocks back one hour before retiring on Sunday night. Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1, at 1:00 a.m.



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Second "Winter Wonderland" Hits Arnold in October

(Above) Not the first, but second "winter wonderland" of the season, as over five inches of the white stuff covered up this harvest decorated mailbox. Many years, Halloween comes and goes, before the first, let alone second, snow storm hits the area.

Farmers received this unwelcome snow, as harvesting was just getting underway again. Farmers only got two suitable days for harvest last week, as crops and fields dried from the first snow storm, allowing entry into fields on Sunday and Monday of last week. Then, the rare second snow storm in the month of October

moved in.

Rain showers halted soybean harvest last Monday night, and rain and sleet fell through Tuesday. Rain turned to snow, and over five inches fell Tuesday night through Wednesday. Total amount of moisture added to the already saturated ground was 1.55 inches.

As crop conditions worsen, due to the extra moisture and stress on the volatile soybean and corn plants, area farmers hope for drier weather. Harvest across the state of Nebraska is estimated at over three weeks behind schedule.

Skunk Tests Positive for Rabies in Arnold

On October 19, a skunk and a horse in Custer and Logan counties tested positive for rabies. The animals were submitted by Dr. Merle Bierman of Arnold. The skunk was found in a resident's garage in the south part of Arnold.

Village Superintendent Scott Winfield reminds people to have all pets vaccinated.

Also, everyone is encouraged to keep the numbered rabies tags on all domestic pets. This way, if someone calls in an animal and it has tags, it will immediately be known that it has been vaccinated. Also, the owner can then be located because of the trackable number.

Winfield also reminds residents to always leave garages

and sheds secure, with all doors shut. This way an infected animal can not get inside.

The risk of exposure to rabies is real, but the disease is preventable in both humans and domestic animals. In the U.S., there are around 7,000 animal rabies cases diagnosed every year. In the Midwest, skunks and bats are the main sources and the most common animal species positive for rabies.

Domestic pets and livestock can be infected from exposure to these wildlife sources of rabies. Rabies prevention consists of vaccinating domestic animals, education of humans to avoid exposures, and providing exposed persons with prompt post-exposure rabies

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