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Jarret Buchholz (center), along with his teacher Mr. Halstead and other third grade students (in view, from left, Tatum Cool, Lydia Connell, Logan Coleman, Tayten Eggleston and Matthew Corbin), are interviewed by KNOP-TV last week, after collecting good used clothes to send to earthquake victims in Haiti.

Third Graders Help Earthquake Victims

By Janet Larreau

How do you reach out and help victims of natural disasters?

Third grade teacher Gary Halstead and his students found a way to help earthquake victims in Haiti, but first, it took a little investigating.

"I showed the kids some news clips of the earthquake for Citizenship, and they were very sympathetic," said Mr. Halstead. "It was good, because we've been talking about what a good citizen should do. We talked about what it would be like to not have food, water and shelter - things that are hard for us to imagine."

Using laptops, Mr. Halstead and his students began looking for a way they could help.

"We noticed that most of the

Haitians didn't have clothes, just cloths," said student Jarret Buchholz. "Pretty much everyone liked the idea of sending clothes."

Mr. Halstead said most of the charities and organizations they found wanted cash donations, which was discouraging. He called KNOP-TV to see if they knew of some way to get clothes to the Haitian people. He was given a phone number for Jerry and Mary Lee Nichols, a retired couple from North Platte, who volunteer with "The Orphan Grain Train," an organization based out of Norfolk, Nebraska.

"They have been sending supplies for years and years to Haiti," said Mr. Halstead. "They asked for good, used clothing and these guys brought a good pile. Two ladies taught us how to fold

and organize."

The aforementioned ladies were Lydia Connell and Tatum Cool, who said they felt it was important to organize the clothes by size to save time for Grain Train volunteers, who were scheduled to pick the clothes up on Saturday.

"If we had a huge earthquake, I would definitely like

people to help us," said Lydia.

"I think (the Haitian people) will be surprised and happy," said Tatum.

Mr. Halstead said he was happy that the students found a way to help the people of Haiti.

"We have a big world, and we are connected to the world through our laptops," he said.

About the Orphan Grain Train

Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that shares personal and material resources with needy people in America and around the world. Grain Train volunteers gather donations of clothing, medical supplies, food, Christian literature, and other aid to meet real needs.

Founded by Rev. Ray S. Wilke in 1992, in Norfolk, Nebraska,

Cub Scout Food Drive

Cub Scout Pack 108 will be having a food drive to benefit the Arnold Food Pantry on Saturday, February 6. Flyers were distributed around town earlier this week.

Please leave your donation of any non-perishable food items in a bag or box in front of your home on Saturday morning. The scouts will pick up the food by 4:00 p.m.

If anyone living in the country would like to donate, you may drop off your donations at Arnold Insurance Agency on Thursday or Friday.

Please contact Renee Bubak at 848-4778 or Sara Buchholz at 848-2656 for further information. The scouts thank you in advance!

Pep Rally will Bid Farewell to Cardinal Mascot

The AHS cheerleaders are planning a special week leading up to the school's last pep rally as "The Arnold Cardinals." Dress up events will begin on Monday, February 15, and culminate with the pep rally on the 19th.

"We'll be saying goodbye to the Cardinals," said cheerleading sponsor Tammy Weinman.

Monday will be "Old Jersey Day"; Tuesday will be "Old Cardinal T-shirt Day"; Wednesday will be "Black" (mourning) Day; Thursday will be "New School Colors Day"; and Friday will be "Red & White Day."

The pep rally will be held on Friday in the new gymnasium, with the time to be announced next week.

"We're planning a big pep rally with the whole community," said Weinman.

For more information, contact Tammy Weinman.

Sales & Use Tax for November

Revenue from the 1% local sales & use tax for the month of November was \$4,837.19. Revenue from Motor Vehicle Sales Tax was \$657.14.



TAMMY WEINMAN PHOTO

Chamber Shows Its Appreciation

Deb Atkins and Carmen Croghan look over the table of silent auction items at the Chamber Appreciation Soup Supper held Sunday night at the community center. The auction raised \$1,589.00 for the Rialto Theatre's projector fund. Soup, sandwiches and an amazing 27 varieties of desserts were served to the public for two hours. The free meal was Chamber's way of saying "thank you" for supporting Arnold businesses and events held throughout the year. A comedian from North Platte entertained guests after the meal.

Theatre Projector Fund Climbs

The Rialto Theatre Projector and Screen Fund

