



Donations packed for those serving in Afghanistan

On Sunday, Oct. 18, nearly 40 volunteers (including a Girl Scout troop) gathered at the Fowlerville United Methodist Church to pack boxes for dozens of Navy Corpsmen and Marines serving in Afghanistan. The items in the boxes included crew socks, baby wipes, single packs of Propel and Gatorade mix, chewing gum and other snacks.

Chris Martindale, a Fowlerville graduate who is now serving as a Navy Corpsman in that theatre of war, had contacted his family, asking for some of these items and noting that others he knew could use these personal amenities.

His mother, Janet Martindale, started posting notices around the community, seeking donations of these products. Cash contributions to cover the cost of shipping the items were also sought. With the help of the local Rotary Club as well as articles placed in the 'Fowlerville News & Views', the effort grew in scope.

"We spent three hours in the afternoon packing the boxes," noted Janet. "We'd planned to send 51 boxes, but enough extra items were brought in that day and we ended up with 64 boxes."

Each box will help three Corpsmen or Marines.

Janet said that \$1,100 had been donated to either pay for the postage or to buy supplies. Altogether, she estimated that over \$7,000 in products and money was given by members of the community.

At the same time the volunteers were working in

Fowlerville, students from Lawrence Tech were packing 40 boxes at a Southfield location as part of the overall effort.

Shown here at the end of the afternoon were, from left, Dan Martindale, Janet Martindale, Kathy Foltz, Mike Martindale, and Carol Johnson.

Fowlerville, Webberville announce Halloween hours

Fowlerville and Webberville have set the Trick or Treating hours in their respective villages for Saturday, Oct. 31, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Webberville Village Council is hosting its annual Halloween party at the Cultural Center, starting at 8 p.m. on that evening. Refreshments will be served, costume judging will take place, and several games are planned.

Fowlerville does not have an official children's party that night, but several area churches are hosting a Community-wide Trunk & Treat at the Fowlerville Community Park from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition, the Fowlerville United Brethren Church at 9300 W. Grand River is holding its annual Trunk-n-Treat event from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Games and prizes are planned, along with free food and candy.

Earlier in the day Trinity United Methodist Church is holding an afternoon of Halloween games from 2 to 3 p.m. Costumes are optional. The church is located at the corner of Bull Run and Iosco Roads.