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Local PTO will send care package to troops overseas

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When the Washington School Parent-Teacher Organization heard that their longtime school bus driver Shari Snyder has a son Stephen, who is deployed overseas to Saudi Arabia along with sixteen others from his military battalion, they knew they wanted to support him and his unit.

Stephen is part of the Air Forces 178th Fighter Wing out of Springfield, Ohio. In the Washington "Bulldog" spirit they have decided to send care packages to the servicemen and women and are asking for the public's help in the project. Collection boxes have been set up at the elementary school and at Sandi's Village Café'. Here are just some of the items you can drop in those boxes; food items like instant coffee, powered Gatorade, hot chocolate mix, Kool-Aid, pre-sweetened, tea bags, Slim Jim's, crackers and easy cheese, single serve bagged chips, hand candy that won't melt, Little Debbie snacks, bubble gum, Rice Krispie Treats, single serve dry cereal, Easy Mac, microwave popcorn, beef jerky, granola bars, power bars, dried fruit, Chex mix, canned soup, tuna, spices, summer sausage, oatmeal packages, salsa, marshmallows, Ragu Express, canned chicken, salad dressing, instant soup mixes, mustard, ketchup, hot sauce, mayo, salt and pepper. Practical items such as Clorox wipes, baby wipes, razors and shaving cream, shampoo and conditioner, after shave lotion, soap/body wash, deodorant, fluffy towels, Chapstick, Skin So Soft, cotton balls, breath mints, nail files, contact lens cleaner, eye drops, dental floss, baby powder, lotion, combs/brushes, liquid hand sanitizer. Other items that can be sent over are; batteries, sunblock, stress balls, stamps and envelopes, stationary, phone cards, paperback books or magazines, disposable cameras, puzzles, film, journals, yo-yos, squirt guns, Frisbees, dart boards, small flash lights, Hackie sacks, jump ropes, electronic hand held games, post cards, handmade items, radio head sets, joke and comic books, bandannas, balloons, socks, blankets, bug spray, birthday decorations, banners, burned CD of your favorite music, slinky, sidewalk chalk, foam footballs and basketball, and mini-size board games. The list of prohibited items that can not be sent are obscene articles, videos, cards, magazines and any other items that could be considered obscene, violent videos or comic books, religious material and pork products. There will be collection boxes set up at the Chili Festival that will be from 5 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the school. The school will be celebrating the 80th year anniversary of the construction of the school. The menu for the night will offer chili, hot dogs, chili dogs, Root's chicken sandwiches, nachos, potato chips, beverages and homemade desserts. The deadline to donate items for the military care packages is March 4. The donated items will be sent the following week. Notes of encouragement and support to the troops are also welcomed in this project.

If you want more information you can call Sharon Lagrou at 419-355-8663.

TREE CITY USA

Lindsey has been named a Tree City USA community for the 12th consecutive year. The award is given to communities who strive to commit to their community forestry. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service.

Lindsey consistently has met the requirements to receive this award by having a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance. The town would like to recognize the following individuals for dedicating countless hours planting new trees and caring for existing trees through out the town; Terry Fought, Glenn Baker, Diane Clark, Jim Henline, Tom and Patty Hill, Joyce Knipp, Jim Lipstraw, Vernell Mosser, Rod and Barb Opelt, Smokey and Cheryl Overmyer, Paul Roach, Tim and Trish Weinstein, Dick Willer. Their

time and efforts are greatly appreciated, thank you to all.

CHURCH PERFORMANCE

The public is invited to a performance by singer Rich Adkins at 10 a.m. March 1 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lindsey. Adkins who is the winner of the "Dream Big Talent" contest will present "Come and See" during the worship service that day. There is no admission to attend. There will also be a courtesy brunch offered after the service for all those who attend the performance.
