

Troop D Holds Food Drive

Photos by Tali Greener, Norwich Bulletin



Liz Malbaurn of Killingly hands some food items from her shopping cart to Trooper Howard Smith outside the Stop&Shop in Killingly. Trooper Howard, right, and Brooklyn Resident Trooper Mark Juhola, left, along with other Troopers from Troop D, collected food for needy families.



TFC Joe Miller and TFC Ken Washburn Coach Basketball Teams

Submitted by TFC Joe Miller, Troop E Steward

TFC Joe Miller and TFC Ken Washburn, both of Troop E Montville, met for the first time in a basketball game at the Fields Elementary School in Bozrah. Both **Trooper Miller** and **Trooper Washburn** coach junior high boy's basketball in the South Eastern Connecticut Junior High Athletic Conference. **Trooper Miller** coaches the Voluntown Eagles while **Trooper Washburn** coaches the Bozrah Tigers. Together both coaches have 28 years of coaching experience.

Trooper Miller has coached the Voluntown Eagles Boy's Basketball Team for 14 years, leading the Eagles to 10 playoff rounds, including 6 championship games. Despite the success of the Voluntown Eagles, the team has yet to enjoy a league title.

Trooper Washburn has also coached for 14 years, 9 of which were with the Lisbon Elementary School Girls Basketball Team of the South Eastern Connecticut Junior High Athletic Conference, with **Trooper Washburn** leading the Lisbon



TFC Joe Miller and TFC Ken Washburn with players from the Voluntown Eagles and Bozrah Boy's Basketball Team.

Girls Basketball Team to three conference titles. He has coached five years as the defensive back and quarterback coach for Norwich Free Academy High School Football Team.

The game between the Voluntown Eagles and the Bozrah Tigers was well played with playoff implications on the line. The final score: Voluntown Eagles 44, Bozrah Tigers 34. □

Troop E Montville Conducts A Winter Coat Drive

By TFC Joe Miller, Troop E Steward



Trooper Mark Boulanger and TFC Randy Silvestri accept donations at the Voluntown Town Hall.



TFC Gary Butters and Trooper Tim Bettencourt accept donations at the Lisbon Firehouse.

Troop E Montville conducted a winter coat drive to benefit needy families in the New London County. The town governments of Voluntown, Griswold, Lisbon and Sprague generously donated space in their respective town halls on November 1st and 2nd 2007 to accept donations of winter coats, hats, and gloves. Donations were also accepted at Troop E.



TFC John Patterson accepts a donation at the Sprague Town Hall.

On Saturday, November 3rd, troopers assigned to Troop E accepted donations at collection sites located at the Voluntown Town Hall, the Lisbon Firehouse, and the Sprague Town Hall. 200 winter coats for children and adults, as well as hats and gloves were collected and donated to the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) Family Shelter located at the Uncas on the Thames Route 32 Norwich, next to the Connecticut State Police Eastern District Headquarters. The TVCCA provides temporary housing to homeless families, making it possible for families to remain together during difficult times.

The success of the winter coat drive was made possible by the generous cooperation of the participating town governments and citizens within the towns patrolled by troopers assigned to Troop E Montville. □

A letter from the Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc.

Trooper Miller,

I am writing to express our thanks to you and the officers of Troop E, Montville, for organizing and manning the recent coat drive. Your generous donation of 200 winter coats is indicative of Troop E's commitment to the residents of Eastern Connecticut and to the generosity of the members of our community. Our best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season.

Lee Carezza, Assistant Director
Neighborhood Services

Union Supports Foodshare Holiday Drive

Submitted by TFC Sharon Cheeks, Troop H



TFC Sharon Cheeks presenting the Union's check to Gloria McAdam.



TFC Sharon Cheeks (Troop H) delivered a check from the **Connecticut State Police Union** in the amount of \$500.00 to Gloria McAdam, President and CEO of Foodshare to help those in need during the holiday season.

Foodshare has been in existence for 25 years feeding people in need in Hartford and Tolland counties. For more information on donating money, food and your time to Foodshare, visit their website at www.community.foodshare.org. □