

Goodies to Iraq from GOH

The Gate of Heaven Student Council recently led a school-wide collection of items to be sent to soldiers in the 109th Field Artillery serving in Iraq. "We felt we needed to help the soldiers who were giving us our freedom," said council president Patrick DeRojas, an eighth grader whose father has served in the Medical Corps in Iraq.

The students collected Slim Jims, beef jerky, licorice, and boxed drinks. "We figured we would ask for things that wouldn't melt and that most people like," said Peter Kaminski, first vice president. The school also collected playing cards and monetary donations.

Student Council members made posters about the collection to hang in each classroom. "We didn't expect to get so much," said Emily Griswold, treasurer. "We didn't know that so many people would feel the same way we do."

Each student in the school participated by writing short notes to the soldiers, which will be included in the shipment. "The boxes of collected items will be shipped free of charge by Fed Ex ground," said Mary Jane Kozick, Student Council coordinator.



Gate of Heaven Student Council officers collected items to be sent to members of the 109th Field Artillery serving in Iraq. Pictured with some of the many items they collected are, from left, Peter Kaminski, 1st vice president; Mary Thede, secretary; Patrick DeRojas, president; Jenny Boland, 2nd vice president, and Emily Griswold, treasurer.

Local students among commended

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The three students from the Back Mountain are Andrew O'Hara of Dallas; Aaron Richterman of Dallas; and Nina Shah of Shavertown. About 34,000 Commended

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Fire fighter visits school children

Larry Long, of the Trucksville Volunteer Fire Co., recently visited the students of Trucksville Nursery School. Children learned about firefighters' duties, their uniforms and tools. They also learned strategies for personal safety and fire protection. From left, first row, Christopher Ash, Megan Kebles, Trevor Fee, Abria Marcincavage, Jennifer Yench, Adam Barberio, Lila Donnelly and Ethan Krzysik. Second row, Long; and Babetta Wenner, teacher.

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