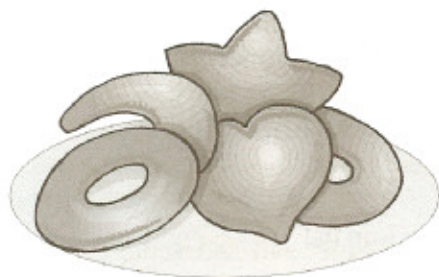


SILVERTHORN RESIDENTS "TREAT THE TROOPS"

By: Barbara Newlin

Thanks to inspiration and information from Jeanette Cram, founder of the non-profit organization Treat the troops, several Silverthorn "bakers extraordinaire" got together with other friends at George and Barbara Newlin's house, to ship home-baked cookies to soldiers overseas in time for arrival before Christmas. With lots of enthusiasm and laughter, the ladies packaged 960 cookies into 16 boxes and included small candies and a holiday card to boost the soldiers' morale. Afterwards, everybody left with smile on their faces, a warm feeling in their hearts, and a few cookies for their own families to enjoy.

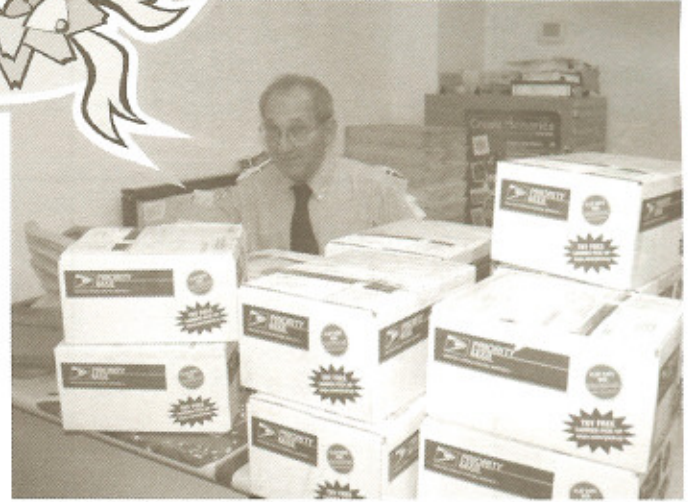
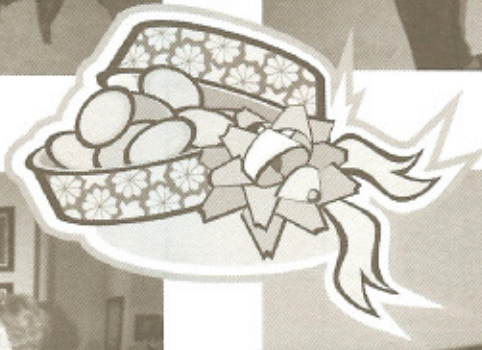


The emails and phone calls from soldiers have been rolling in they're calling us their heroes! Imagine that! The feeling of satisfaction for helping our men and women overseas is so great that a few of the cookie bakers have decided to continue to ship cookies on a regular basis, on behalf of Treat the Troops (www.TreatTheTroops.org).



Pictured, mingled among other friends, are Silverthorn residents Barbara Newlin, Linda Heady, Teri Lindhorst, Toni Huget, Ginny Kritzman, Dot O'Connor, Betty Cough, Beth Gray, and Judy Benkusky. Pauline Parry also baked cookies to ship, but was not available for the photo.

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NOTE: we need your packing peanuts! Many of us have bags or boxes of them lying around the garage “just in case we need them someday.” They're the best material for protecting the cookies during shipment, but are expensive to buy. So if you have any of the Styrofoam packing peanuts that you can spare, please call Barbara Newlin at 799-9750.