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Democrats organize care package drive for troops

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The Churchill County Democrats are seeking items for care packages to send to U.S. troops serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Items will be accepted at the Churchill County Democrats' booth at the Farmers Market tonight, as well as a booth at the Cantaloupe Festival Sept. 2-5.

The idea to send packages to soldiers overseas was hatched when a mother of a soldier mentioned the lack of basic necessities, said Janet Blankenship, a member of the Churchill County Democrats.

"He was telling his mom what little stuff they have over there," she said. "We decided that was pathetic that they could spend billions of dollars on all that (war) stuff and not give the guys and gals what they need."

Suggested donations include toiletries, candy, coffee, snack foods, bug spray, CDs, DVDs and videocassettes. Store-bought baked goods will be accepted, but homemade will not.

Monetary donations will also accepted and used to purchase items for the troops, Blankenship said.

The packages are being sent to soldiers through www.anysoldier.com, a Web site that provides contacts for soldiers and volunteers to assist the sending of letters and care packages. Those who donate do not have to pay any cost for shipping.

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Members of the Churchill County Democrats man a booth at the Farmers Market in downtown Fallon.


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