



Courtesy Photo by Chris Shott

Deanna Semple on left, displays a portion of foods donated by the CARE program children at the Wareham Decas School and receiving the foods on right is Ray Rock (PER), Chairman of the drive for our Lodge.

Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Basket Report

The boxes were filled with the following: 1 turkey (average 13 lbs), 1 box of Girl Scout cookies, a jar or can of turkey gravy, pasta, pasta sauce, stuffing, canned tuna fish, cranberry sauce, cans of soup, cans of veggies, cans of fruit, Mac & Cheese and some candy with an estimated cost be basket of \$31.

Ten baskets were delivered to the Wareham Child Development School by Ray Rock PER with the assistance of Sue Gifford PER and Donna Allen Leading Knight. The folks there issued the baskets to people that they deemed worthy of them. Jackie DeMello works for Pace and she gave me the names of 10 people that needed the baskets for Thanksgiving in the New Bedford area and were delivered by Ray and Greg Medeiros PER.

Wareham Public Schools teacher and (Elk Member) at the Decas School Deanna Semple coordinated a canned food drive at the school and delivered some of the items to our Lodge for distribution. The day after Thanksgiving Ms. Semple sent over another few boxes of can goods etc. Sue Gifford and I worked Sunday morning separating all the can goods and everything else Ms. Semple sent us. We marked the nice chalk board that Guy DiAntonio made for me, with what we need. Thanks Guy. What we have left over I will give the lodge an opportunity to use other than that the food pantry will be the recipient.

I want to thank ALL the people that made the Thanksgiving Baskets a success. Without all that helped I would not be able to do it alone.

Now we can think about the Christmas baskets.

*Respectfully and fraternally,
Ray Rock PER*