

# St. Francis Girl Scouts recognized

## 100 years of Girl Scouting

In the 100 years since Juliette Gordon Low began the Girl Scout journey by gathering together a small group of girls in Savannah, Georgia, Girl Scouts has grown into an organization with 2.6 million girl members. Through the years, it has shown remarkable resilience in meeting the changing needs of girls while remaining faithful to our founder's vision of a safe and supportive environment in which girls can learn and have fun in an informal setting and develop the courage, confidence, and character to become leaders today as well as tomorrow.

### Girls Scouts 1912 - 1919

On June 10, 1915 the organization was incorporated as Girl Scouts, Inc. under the laws of the District of Columbia. During World War I, girls learned about food production and conservation, sold war bonds, worked in hospitals, and collected peach pits for use in gas mask filters.

After the war came The Golden Eaglet, a feature film about Girl Scouting shown in theaters across the country, and The Rally (later called The American Girl), a monthly magazine for girls published by Girl Scouts.

The executive board inaugurated a fund raising plan to relieve the burden on Juliette Gordon Low, who had been financing operations on her own (she sold her extremely valuable necklace of rare and matched pearls to support the organization!).

By 1920, there were nearly 70,000 Girl Scouts nationwide, including the territory of Hawaii.

### Girl Scouts today

The Girl Scout Research Institute launched its first study, Teens Before Their Time, which found that contemporary pre-teen girls were maturing faster mentally and physically, but not emotionally, than previous generations.

Girl Scouts took to the world wide web via the organization's web site (www.girlscouts.org), local Girl Scout council web sites, and online troop meetings.

New badges include Global Awareness, Adventure Sports, Stress Less and Environmental Health.

Girl Scouts responded to the Sept. 11 attack on America by performing community services, hosting remembrance ceremonies, and writing thank-you letters to rescuers.

In 2004, to meet the challenges of the 21st century, every facet of Girl Scouting underwent review, from Girl Scout program to funding to governance structure. The Core Business Strategy that emerged is a blueprint for continuing our strong role as the premier leadership experience for girls.

Just as Juliette Gordon Low transformed her vision of leadership development for girls into reality, the Core Business Strategy will ensure that Girl Scouting continues to strongly influence the lives of girls and women during our second century.



**MAKING BIRD FEEDERS** were Rian Zimbal and Bree DeWaal.  
*Herald staff photo by Nathan Fiala*

## Junior Girl Scouts have fun in Hays

The Junior Girl Scout Troop, 10124, has eight members; six of the girls are fourth graders and two girls are fifth graders. Junior Girls Scouts include: Audrey Meyer, Cassidy Busse, Taighe Weeter, Christina Stafford, Hannah Zimbal, Taylor Kinzer, Marlo Jensen and Kyla Hicks.

This has been a year of big adventures! said Joyce Russ, leader.

In September, the girls attended the "Girls Night Out At The Mall" in Hays. The girls had a blast shopping until 9 p.m. and then they were locked in until Sunday morning. During that time, the girls ate pizza at midnight, danced to the music, created crafts, and made new friends.

For the month of October, they participated in a flag retirement ceremony, a canned food drive, and a Halloween party.

On Nov. 5, they joined other western Kansas Girl Scout troops in Kearney, Neb. During this event, they toured the Fire Fighters Museum, the I-70 Archway Museum, and ice skated at the Tri-Storm hockey arena.

The girls sold nuts and candy in September and cookies in January to help fund these troop activities. Also in November, we did two community service projects; helping at the benefit luncheon for the Dave Sowers family and contributing food and working at the bake sale for Michelle Stafford.

In December, the Junior Girl Scouts joined other St. Francis troops for Christmas caroling at the Good Samaritan Village. They celebrated Kansas Day by being the Color Guard at the Bird City program.

In addition to all of this, the girls also have two monthly meetings to attend and workbooks to complete. Leader Russ has been teaching the girls how to sew and their projects included a small camping pillow, a three-corner scarf, and fleece fabric pajama pants.

It has been a great year of adventure and learning, Mrs. Russ said.

## Six girls are Daisies

The Daisy Girl Scouts got off to a slow start as both leaders had medical problems. Before the set back, the Daisies made their responsibility bags and participated in the annual nut, candy and magazine sales.

After Christmas break, they were hard at work starting cookies sales. Since then, they've done several projects such as duct tape roses and secret sisters for valentines.

This spring, they are learning about the outdoors. The girls have made bird feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter and bird seed. They also painted bird houses blue and yellow for Daisy colors.

Most recently, they learned how to recycle egg cartons into planters, planting an assortment of flowers.

"We are working hard to learn the Girl Scout law and oath, along with what it means," said Barb Fromholtz, leaders. "They are also learning what each Daisy Petal means while earning them."

The other leaders besides Mrs. Fromholtz is Amanda Stinemetz. Daisy Girl Scouts are MacKenzie Breese, London Breese, Deija Kabureck, Rian Zimbal, Liberty Valezquez and Bree DeWaal.

## Cadette Girl Scouts have four members

The Cadette Girl Scout Troop, 10155, has four very active members. Hannah Stafford and Sydney Sundstrom are in the eighth grade and Tressa LaBarge and Zoe Sundstrom are in the sixth grade.

The year started with everyone attending the "Girls Night Out At The Mall" in Hays in September. This event allowed the girls to shop until they dropped, eat pizza at midnight, and create crafts from strips of T-shirt fabric.

The October activities included a flag retirement ceremony at the Scout Hut, a canned food drive for the Cheyenne County Food Pantry, and a Halloween party to celebrate the birthday of Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouts.

On Nov. 20, all four girls provided community service by helping at the benefit luncheon for the Dave Sowers family held at the high school. Then on Nov. 25, Tressa

donated food and worked at the bake sale for Michelle Stafford.

In December, all four Cadettes joined other St. Francis Girl Scouts to sing Christmas carols at the Good Samaritan Village. Also in December the girls had a sleepover at the Scout Hut, which included eating pizza, making balloon animals, manicures and playing games.

Hannah and Sydney have been working an hour each week toward their Silver Award by collecting information to update the city's website. They will need to complete 50 hours toward this project to obtain their Silver Award.

At the same time, leader, Joyce Russ, has been helping Tressa and Zoe with their level two sewing projects and encouraging them to learn new skills to earn badges.

It has been a very busy and fun year! Leader Russ said.

## Brownie Scouts find adventures

This year celebrates the 100th year of Girls Scouts!!

It has been an adventure this year with the Brownie troop, grades second and third. Brownies include: Hadleigh Hilt, Lyden Lampe, Kara Maybury, Mia Morrow, Hailey Robbins, Bailey Workman, Cheyenne Yardley, Mayce Elkins, and McKenna Poling.

The Brownie Troop typically meets at the Scout Hut the first and third Thursday of the month. Laura Robbins is the leader

and is assisted by Leisha Hilt. The troop is very fortunate to have such great parent involvement!!

The girls have been working throughout the year on the Brownie Journey awards, earning Try It Badges and patches. Some of the meeting and events have included: touring and donating goods to the Food Pantry, flag retirement ceremony, making fall decorations for the nursing home residents, participating in Operation Christmas Child, Christmas

caroling, crafts, science experiments, diversity, leadership skills, and learning games from around the world!

The Brownie troop will finish the year earning The Brownie Journey Award; a series of four badges which requires the girls to make a change in the community.

"This great group of girls has had fun and has worked hard earning themselves an exciting out-of-town trip in the spring!" Leader Robbins said.

## A Salute to Our Girl Scouts



**Cadette Girl Scout Troop - (l to r) Zoe Sundstrom, Sydney Sundstrom, Hannah Stafford and Tressa LaBarge.**



**Junior Girl Scouts - front row, (l to r), Audrey Meyer, Cassidy Busse, Taighe Weeter, Christina Stafford; middle row, Hannah Zimbal; back row, Taylor Kinzer, Joyce Russ (leader), Marlo Jensen, Kyla Hicks.**



**Brownie Troop - front row, (l to r) Mayce Elkins, Hadleigh Hilt, McKenna Poling, Hailey Robbins; back row, Lyden Lampe, Kara Maybury, Mia Morrow and Cheyenne Yardley. Not pictured: Bailey Workman.**

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**Daisy Troop— Front row (l to r) Bree DeWaal, London Breese, McKenzie Breese, Rian Zimbal; back row: Deija Kabureck, Barb Fromholtz, leader. Not picture Amanda Stinemetz, leader.**