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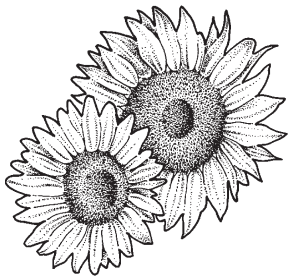


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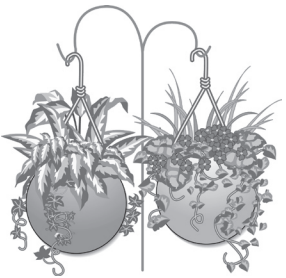


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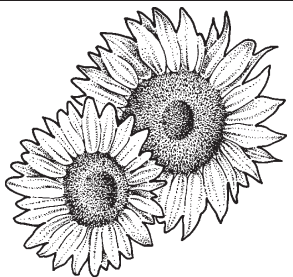


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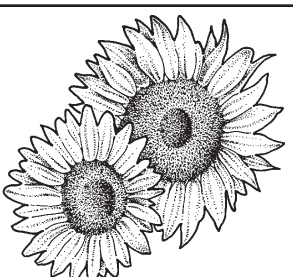
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Members of the Girl Scout of Goodland released 100 balloons at the birthday party they held on Monday, March 12, at the Goodland United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The balloons had a card for people to contact them if they found a balloon.
Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Girl Scouting: One woman's dream lasts 100 years and counting

By Pat Schiefen

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The Girl Scouts of Goodland have many activities throughout the year and this year was especially busy with the celebration of the 100th birthday of Girl Scouting.

They had a birthday party on Monday, March 12, at the Goodland Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. The girls enjoyed punch and green cup cakes. High Plains Museum Director Karen Anderson and her intern Sami Philbrick were there to talk about life in 1912. The girls made a fan and they learned how well brought up young women of the time would send messages to potential suitors. Closing your fan let the suitor know you weren't interested.

After the various activities all the girls got to take 100 green balloons outside and release them. To each balloon was a tag with an address attached so the location of where the balloon was found could be reported.

The Girls Scouts also gave gifts to a girl born at Goodland Regional Medical Center during Girl Scout Week of March 9 to 15. Georgia Willow Mai was born on Wednesday, March 14. Her parents are Gwen and Chad Mai. The gifts included a white blanket and hat with green trim, diapers, baby socks, Girl Scout cookies, Girl Scout bib and doll.

Girls are divided up into five different groups. Leader Denise Floyd said they had had two notes on where the balloons went. The first was from Iona, S.D., and Elsie, Neb.

The youngest girls are called Daisies. They are in kindergarten and the first grade. Rosa McCord is their leader. The Daisies include Lexus McCord, Lexi Rubio, Briella Rubio, Rilynn Frazier, Sara Riley, Carolyn Riley, Adonica Daub, Josie Hill, Zoey Porter, Lily Walker, Kiara Bohannon, Nya Lopez, Alice Scholl, Allyson Sheldon and Elaina Mason.

Brownies are in the second and third grade and their leaders are Laura McClung, Brandi Jones, Lori Amthor, Darla Wynn. Brownies include Ashtin McClung, Atalee Amthor, Brooklynn Jones, Emmi Ensign, Eve Cole, Laura Ledesme, Raelyn Hillmer, Abby Tremblay, Athena Armstrong, Destiny Brashear, Mia Hamilton, Angel Blume, Jazlyn Fenner, Jassman Jones, Sydney Hahn, Keyley Jarrett, Vivian Soloman, Pette Stewart and Alexis Wynn.

Juniors are in the fourth and fifth grade and their leader is Heather Henderson. Juniors include Lola Hipp, Peyton Beldon, Vanessa Renteria, Rebecca Lockhart, Kasandra Scott, Ariza Macias, Teresa Schaffer and Janea Balderama.

Cadettes are in the sixth to the eighth grade and their leaders are Denise Floyd and Jackie Buller. Cadettes include Erin Floyd, Ariel Tabor, Heaven-Leigh Robinson, Elizabeth Fulcher, Savannah Solomon, Alyssa Helpingstine, Aspen Jones and Elyssa Ruth.

The Ambassadors are junior and seniors in high school and their leader is Lisa Lockhart. Ambassadors include Amy Floyd,

Brooke Lockhart and Karen Moonen.

Deb Boyle is the overall secretary, Ruth Ontiveroz is in charge of camping and Denise Floyd is the community manager.

Girl Scouting was started on March 12, 1912 by Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low, when she assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Ga., for a local Girl Scout meeting. She was inspired by Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

In developing the Girl Scout movement in the United States, Low brought girls of all backgrounds into the out-of-doors, giving them the opportunity to develop self-reliance and resourcefulness. She encouraged girls to prepare not only for traditional homemaking, but also for possible future roles as professional women - in the arts, sciences and business - and for active citizenship outside the home. Girl Scouting welcomed girls with disabilities at a time when they were excluded from many other activities. This idea seemed quite natural to Juliette, who never let deafness, back problems or cancer keep her from full participation in life. Low died in 1927 from breast cancer.

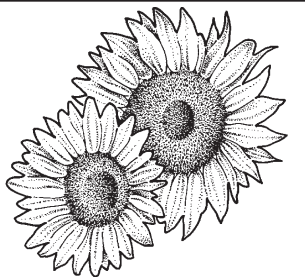
The first sale of commercially baked Girl Scout Cookies took place in the 1930s. Cookies sales are the way that programs are financed.

The girls also have day camps, summer camps, trips to museums and many more fun activities.

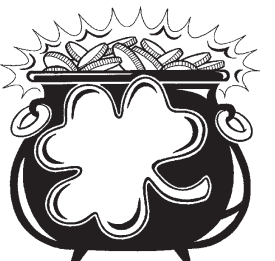
Some of the Goodland Girl Scouts met with Gwen and baby Georgia Mai in the park after they got out of the hospital. The scouts gave a baby girl born during Scout Weeks presents.
Photo by Denise Floyd



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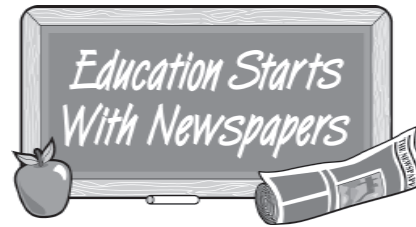
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