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Arnold Girl Scouts Looking Forward to First Year of Cookie Sales

Cookie sales project celebrating 100 years



Arnold Girl Scouts listen to leader Jen Meyer talk about cookie sales at last week's meeting. (Courtesy photo)

It all began in 1917, when an industrious group of Girl Scouts started baking and selling cookies out of a school cafeteria to finance their troop activities. Since then, the start-up that came from those humble beginnings has grown into the largest girl-run business in the world.

Arnold's new troop will be helping to celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies starting on February 3, when sales officially begin. The ten girl scouts and their leaders were excited when a semi delivered their boxes of cookies last Thursday.

"Since this is our first official year as a troop, it is kind of hard to set a goal of how many cookies to sell," said leader Jen Meyer. "The girls are hoping to make enough to do some camps and events for this summer and the start of the next school year. Badges are also purchased with the proceeds."

Meyer, with other leaders Alicia Tucker and Crystal Hanna, met with the girls on January 23 to make plans. Sales should go well, as the troop will set up booths at Mills Hardware and Mighty Mart on February 11 and 25, and at The Arnold Exchange February 18 and March 4. All times will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. During those

times, the girls will also be going door-to-door. Cookie sales officially start on February 3 and end on March 5. To commemorate 100 years of the first known sales of cookies by Girl Scouts, a delicious new flavor will be available. The highly anticipated "Girl Scout S'mores" is a modern twist on the time-honored campfire treat. And of course there will be Thin Mints, Caramel DeLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Thanks-a-Lot, Lemonades and gluten-free Trios.

No matter which cookies customers choose, their purchase is an important investment in the girls in their community. The proceeds from the cookie program stay in Nebraska to support the local Girl Scout council and its 21,000 girl and adult members. Girls use their funds for their many troop activities, including community service projects.

The Arnold Girl Scout troop meets the first and third Monday of each month at the Baptist Church during the school year and plan to meet a little in the summer as well. Members are: Jennifer Barraza, Rae Hagler, Jayden Hanna-Miles, Taylor Hanna-Miles, Tahna Nokes, Devin Peterson, Aliva Robbins, Miranda Tucker, Corrie Luera and Rhiann Hunt.

New Car Give-Away

To celebrate 100 years of Girl Scouts selling cookies, the Spirit of Nebraska council is giving away a 2017 Toyota RAV4 known as the

Cookie Car. The prize was made possible through a donation by Baxter Toyota La Vista.

The contest is designed to help girls reach their cookie program sales goals. Although no purchase is required to register for a chance to win the car, a special code is needed to enter. The way people acquire the code is from a Girl Scout during the cookie sale.

To find a Cookie Booth near you, use the cookie locator at GirlScoutsNebraska.org or call the Cookie Hotline: 877.636.4684.

Register to win and see complete Girl Scout Cookie Car contest rules at BaxterToyota.com/GirlScouts. The RAV4 will be awarded by random drawing at the conclusion of the Cookie Program.

Prescribed Burning Workshops Offered Feb. 7-10

Although once thought of in a negative context, fire, or to be more specific, prescribed burning, has been demonstrated in Nebraska as a way to improve rangelands and pastures. Over the years, there has been increased interest by landowners in using fire as a means to control unwanted vegetation, such as red cedar on rangelands, or to revitalize stagnant grasslands, such as Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) ground.

The Prescribed Burn Task Force has organized four workshops on planning and conducting a prescribed burn. This marks the 20th year Prescribed Burn Workshops have been conducted in central Nebraska. They offer an opportunity for landowners and individuals to learn why and how to burn successfully.

All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost of the training is \$15, unless you are a member of a volunteer fire department then the cost is \$10. Please pre-register for a meal count for the meeting that you will be attending.

The dates, locations, and contact information for the workshops are as follows:

Tuesday, February 7 - Callaway Senior Center, N Grand Ave. RSVP Contact: Custer Co Ext (308) 872-6831.

Wednesday, February 8 - Brady Community Center, 121 North Main St. RSVP Contact: Twin Platte NRD (308) 535-8080.

Thursday, February 9 - Darn Small Pub, 102 W Railroad St., Eustis. RSVP Contact: Dawson Co Ext (308) 324-5501

Contact: David Carr, Central Platte NRD (308) 385-6282 for additional workshops.

Good Neighbor Award Nominations Now Available

AKSARBEN Foundation is currently accepting nominations for the annual Good Neighbor Award. Sponsored by AKSARBEN Foundation and *Omaha World Herald*, the program recognizes individuals or groups nominated by friends or neighbors for performing unselfish acts of kindness without the expectation of compensation or personal gain of any kind. In the last five years more than 150 individuals or groups have received this recognition. Commemorative certificates and lapel pins are awarded at the honorees' summer county fair.

Completed nominations are accepted from organizations or individuals throughout Nebraska and western Iowa and are due to AKSARBEN Foundation by June 1, 2017. Nomination forms can be obtained: Online: <http://www.aksarben.org/p/coreinitiatives/community/goodneighboraward> Email: Info@aksarben.org Mail: 6910 Pacific St, Ste 102, Omaha, NE 68106.



Transporters unload the boxes of cookies delivered last Thursday by semi. (Fallon Gibson photo)

Still Time To Reserve Space for Callaway Hospital's Annual Fundraiser

There's still time to reserve your spot at the Callaway Hospital District Foundation fundraiser set for Saturday, February 11, at the Callaway Community Center. The dueling duo and their dueling pianos will be back for a great night of entertainment. The evening also includes a cash bar provided by the Callaway Market and hors d'oeuvres provided by the Callaway District Hospital dietary department. The social hour starts at 7:00 p.m., and entertainment will be from 8:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The foundation uses the funds raised for numerous projects throughout the hospital's service area.

Reservations are due by February 3. Call 308-836-2228 for more information.

Entry Forms Available for Chili Cook-off

It's time to start thinking about signing up for the 29th Chili Cook-off set for Saturday, March 11. Early entry is encouraged. Forms are available at www.arnoldne.org or contact Patty Lamberty at 308-520-4495.



(From left) Arnold music instructor Chrysanne Bailey with Arnold Singing Youth of Nebraska participants, from left) Kirby Corfield, Reagan Cool, Kenna Rogers, Rhiann Ramirez-Hunt, Sofia Atkins, Lorraine Wonch, Stella Lewis and Cecilia Wonch. (Courtesy photo)

Arnold Students Participate in Singing Youth of Nebraska Choral Festival

On Saturday, January 21, eight students from Arnold Public Schools participated in the Singing Youth of Nebraska Choral Festival at the North Platte, Nebraska, site. This festival is for students in grades 7, 8 and 9, singing 4-part choral music. This site was attended by 159 students from 14 schools.

The clinician for the day was Fred Ritter, recently retired from Columbus Nebraska Schools and a former North Platte choral teacher where he taught at Adams Middle School and North

Platte High School. Students attending from Arnold included Sofia Atkins, Reagan Cool, Kirby Corfield, Rhiann Ramirez-Hunt, Stella Lewis, Kenna Rogers, Cecilia Wonch and Lorraine Wonch. The students rehearsed with Mr. Ritter from 9:00 a.m. throughout the morning, resumed rehearsals after lunch and ended the day with a concert open to the public at 3:00 p.m.

The Singing Youth of Nebraska festival is sponsored by the Nebraska Choral Directors' Association, the state

division of the American Choral Directors' Association. In addition to the North Platte site, similar festivals are being held in Beatrice, Fremont, Gering, Grand Island, Hastings and Omaha.

Similar in nature to the Sing Around Nebraska festival for grades 4-6, the purpose of these festivals is to provide students with an exciting and quality choral experience with other students from their festival area, to provide an opportunity for honor music students who are ready for more challeng-

ing music to work with a guest clinician, to provide music teachers an opportunity to observe and learn from the clinician working with the students—and to share with other teachers and to sing quality, age-appropriate choral repertoire—and help districts to build music library of such music. These festivals occurs alternate years, with this year being the upper grades and next year being the elementary grade festival.