

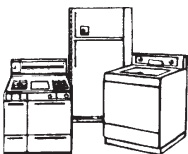
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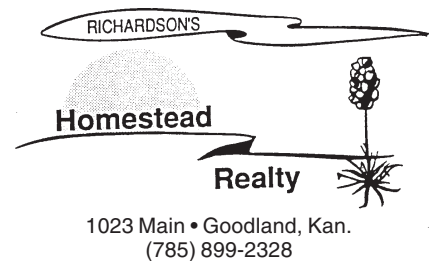
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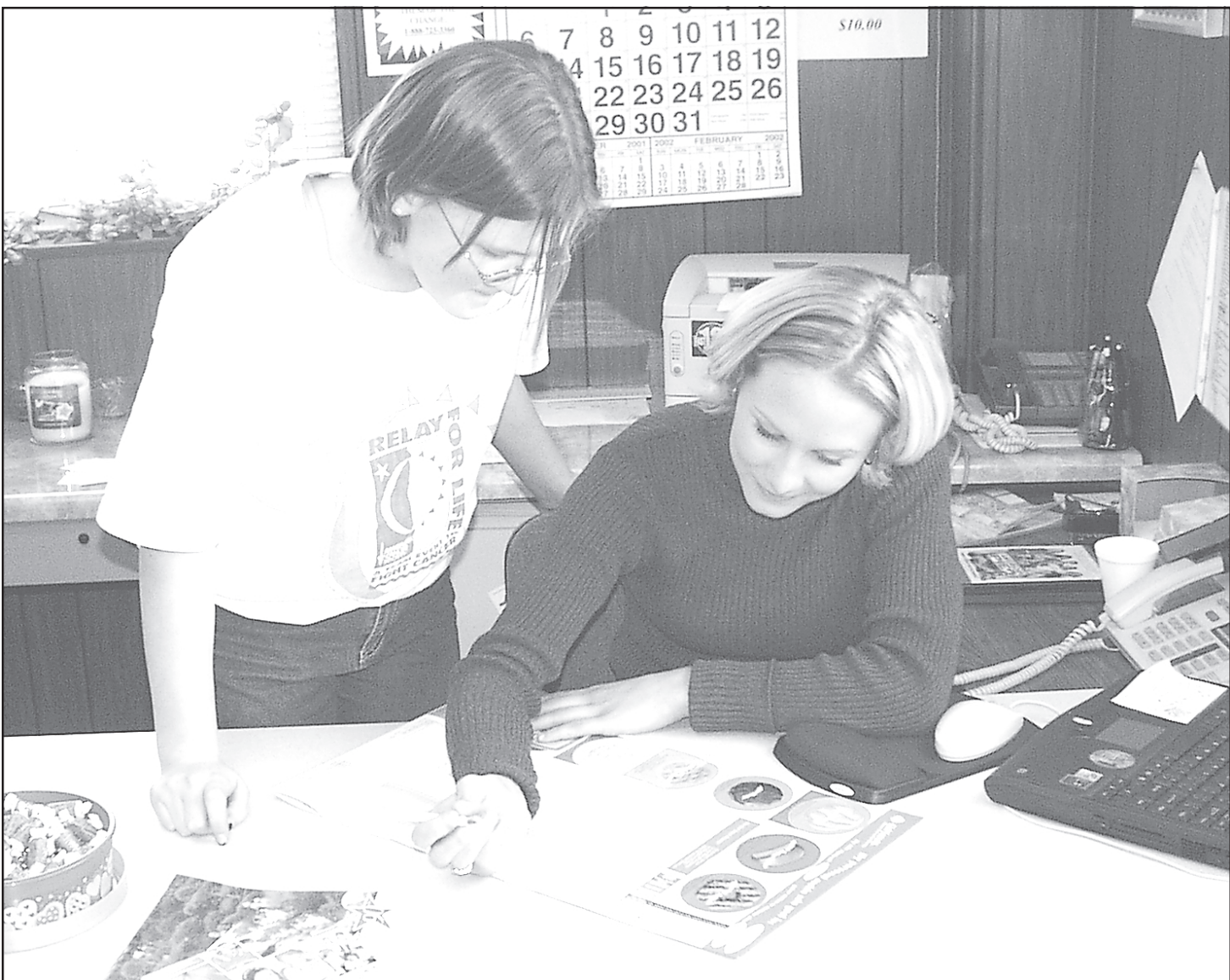
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Goodland Girl Scout member Eryn Topliff sold several boxes of cookies to Valerie Scott, salesperson for American Communications. Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Cookies a tradition

Scouts began taking orders on Friday

Ah! Prepare yourself for the “Eight Wonders of the World:” Thin Mints, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Animal Treasurers, Caramel deLites, Lemon Pastry Cremes, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread and Friendship Circles.

That special time of year is here again. Goodland Girl Scouts are canvassing the residential and business districts selling those delightful Girl Scout Cookies that first became favorites of grandmother when she was a Scout.

The tradition dates back to the early 1920s when Girl Scout founder Juliette Gordon Low helped the girls learn how to raise money in support of their special goals. The first documented councilwide cookie sale occurred in Philadelphia in 1934. The first nationally franchised cookie sale came two years later, in 1936.

The Girl Scouts of Sunflower Council—of which Goodland is a member—began taking orders Friday, Jan. 18. Cookies will be delivered after Feb. 19. For just \$3 a box, you can enjoy your fill of your favorite flavor. If you prefer a reduced fat variety, ask for reduced fat Lemon Pastry Cremes. Be sure to try the newest cookie, Friendship Circles.

Locally, more than 70 Brownies, Juniors, Seniors and Cadets, ranging in age from 7 to 18 are selling cookies this year. Only the Daisies, the youngest group are not involved in this year's sales.

Not everyone eats cookies, but you can support the Scouts by purchasing calendars and/or magazines. “People may just give a donation if they wish,” Jeannie Topliff, cookie chairperson, said.

Girl Scouting celebrates its 90th birthday this year. A new cookie named for an old Girl Scout tradition, Friendship Circles, honors the occasion. The cookies are made by sandwiching a creamy chocolatey filling between two crisp vanilla cookies. But the thing that makes them “Friendship Circles” is that each of the cookies sides has the word “friend” embossed in one of 18 different languages.

Good taste is just the beginning of what your money buys. The cookie sales helps girls learn all kinds of important skills related to handling money, goal setting, teamwork,



Goodland Girl Scout member Kirsten Topliff waited on the Girl Scout cookie monster himself, Ivan Parks. With generous customers like Parks, the local Girl Scouts should have little trouble reaching their sales goals.

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meeting the public and more.

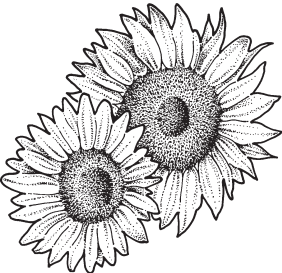
Less than a third of each dollar pays for the cookies. The remainder of the purchase price stays in the area: 23 percent underwrites year-round activities for all program levels; 21 percent stays with the local troops to finance activities; 18 percent is spent on equipment for scout equipment; 17 percent is used to provide additional financial assistance through a Grants for Girls fund; 10 percent buys summer camping equipment and program supplies for the council camps that are held at the Dane Hansen Scout Reservation on Lake Kirwin; 6 percent is designated for cookie dough cou-

pons that assist individuals in paying for scout fees and dues. The volunteer Board of Directors of Sunflower Council budgets the remaining proceeds for expenses related to providing scout services to 1,150 girls and volunteers in the Sunflower Council.

“Stock up on cookies,” Topliff said. “All the cookies freeze well.” All that stands in the way is all the family members who reach for the boxes before they hit the freezer. Cookie sales continue through Friday, Feb. 1. If you have not been contacted by Jan. 31, call Jeannie Topliff at 899-5133, Mary Reasoner at 899-5054, or Jackie Buller, 899-6547.

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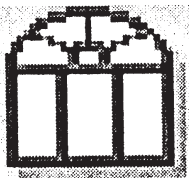
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