

## **Cookies anyone? Girl Scouts return to Wauneta and Palisade**

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### **The Wauneta Breeze**

Wauneta and Palisade girls once again have the opportunity to learn leadership skills and develop a sense of sisterhood by joining Girl Scouts.

Sabrina Sandoval and Julie Hoskovec have joined together to offer Girl Scout membership to girls in Kindergarten through third grade.

Co-leader Sandoval said she is new to Girl Scouts, but the thing she likes about the organization is that it promotes girls joining together as a whole sisterhood—teaching the girls to treat their fellow Girl Scouts and other girls they encounter as sisters.

The troop of nine Daisies and Brownies plans to endeavor into many things within the community. The leaders say they are looking into community service projects around Wauneta and Palisade, such as work at the parks or to beautify the downtowns of the two communities. They are also researching camp opportunities for the girls.

Sandoval said she believes it's been five to 10 years since there has been an active Girl Scout troop in Wauneta. The group has an open door policy on new members, girls can join the troop at any point throughout the year.

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### **Cookie sales start Friday**

The troop is gearing up for their first Girl Scout cookie sale. Girl Scout Cookies go on sale in Nebraska on Friday, Feb. 7, which is also the kick-off day for National Girl Scout Cookie Weekend.

Girl Scouts Spirit of Nebraska announced in a press release that a new cookie will join the line up this year, the Cranberry Citrus Crisp. The cookie is described as a crispy cookie filled with nine grams of whole grain—made with real fruit and without high-fructose corn syrup, artificial colors, flavors or sweeteners. Girl Scout cookie fans can also enjoy the favorite returning cookies: Thin Mints, Shortbread, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Peanut Butter Patties®, Caramel deLites®, Thanks-A-Lot™ and Lemonades™.

The state organization says the Girl Scout Cookie Program is the largest girl-led business in the country. In 2013, 12,294 Nebraska Girl Scouts participated in the cookie program. They say the girls learn important entrepreneurial skills such as: goal setting, decision making, money management, people skills, and business ethics.

All of the proceeds from cookie sales stay in Nebraska to support Girl Scouts and the girls' local communities. Sandoval said the sales are done a bit differently now, the troop pre-ordered cookies so buyers will receive their order at the time it is placed.