

Teen earns Eagle honor by helping environment

Andrew Kirk of Whiteland has earned the title of Eagle Scout.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 615 in Whiteland, Kirk received the William T. Hornaday Bronze Medal, the most distinguished youth conservation award and the oldest continuous conservation award by an organization in the United States.



KIRK

For his project, Kirk partnered with the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District to label storm drains. He also distributing literature to increase public awareness about water pollution.

A sophomore at Whiteland Community High School, he is the son of Kevin and Linda Kirk.

Cynthia Helmich has joined the Franklin College staff as the coordinator for the AmeriCorps program.

She fills the newly created position in the professional development department.

AmeriCorps is a network of local, state and national service programs that connects people in intensive service to help meet needs in education, public safety, health and the environment across the nation.

Members who complete their service earn an AmeriCorps Education Award to help pay for college, graduate school or pay back some types of student loans.

Helmich, originally from Richmond, has worked for various



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PEOPLE

social services organizations. She is a Purdue University graduate.

She and her husband, Steve, have three daughters.

The Whiteland Community High School show choir took first place in the small show choir division during a recent Best of the Midwest show choir competition on Feb. 18.

The choir also got caption awards for best costume, best instrumental and best visual.

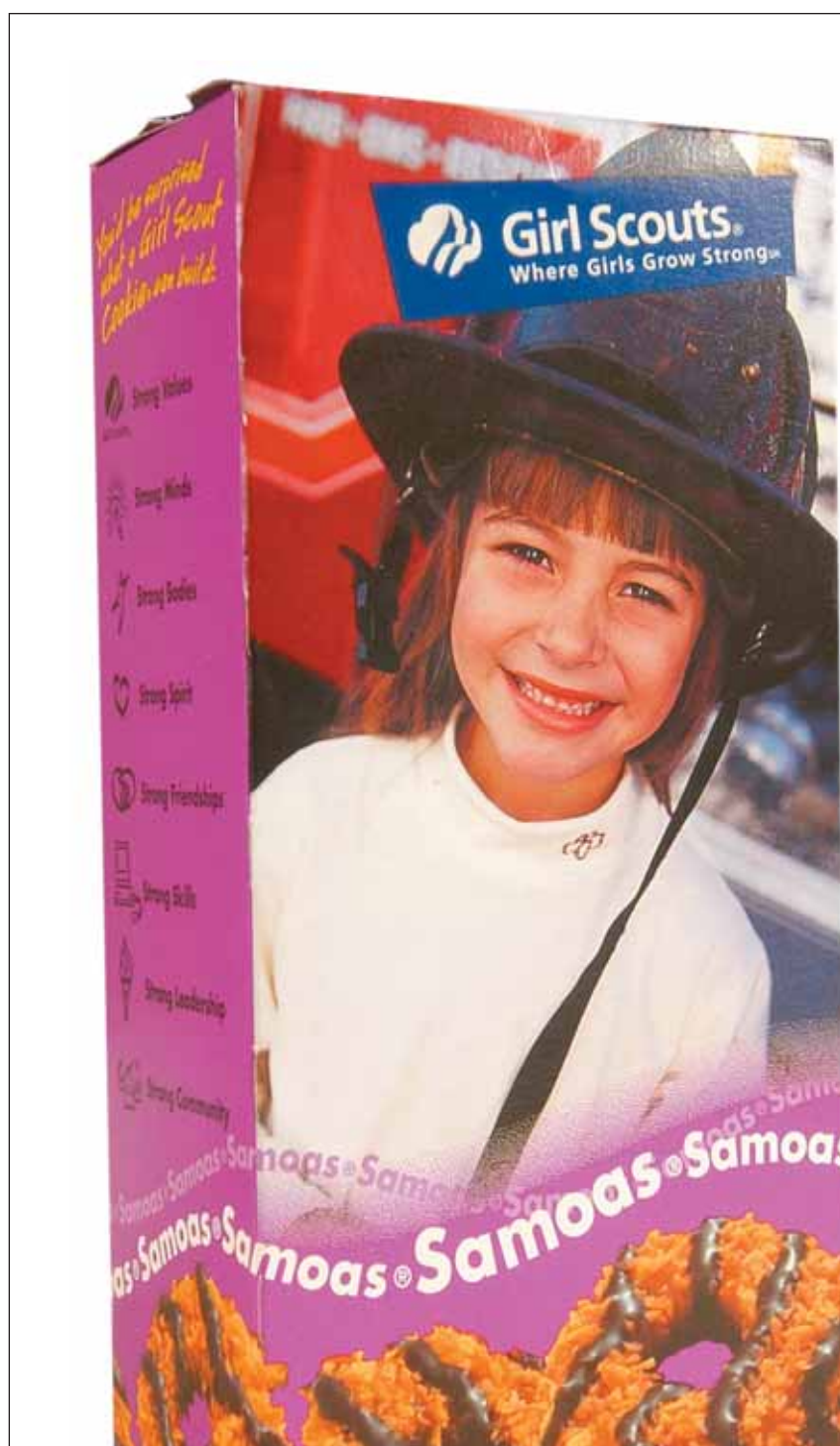
The top five scores from the afternoon competition competed in the large and small mixed division in the evening.

Whiteland was selected and finished fourth runner-up.

Teresa West, a fifth-grade teacher at West Grove Elementary School in White River Township was named to Who's Who among American Teachers.

West has taught for 27 years.

Annette Jones is features editor of the Daily Journal. Items for her People column can be sent to the Daily Journal, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131 or by fax at 736-2766.



Girls fan out to sell cookies

Daily Journal staff report

Girl Scouts will be hawking their popular cookies at southside locations in March.

Scouts will set up tables and sell their cookies Friday to Sunday and March 10 to 11 at area supermarkets, banks and stores, including Gander Mountain, JC Penney, KMart, Kroger, Marsh, Sam's Club, Sears and Wal-Mart.

Cookie varieties available include All Abouts, Café Cookies, Do-si-dos, Lemon Coolers, Samoas, Tagalongs, Thin Mints and Trefoils.

Orders for Girl Scout cookies are still being taken for \$3 a box.

Cookies can be ordered by calling 924-2949.

Samoas, left, are one of eight varieties of Girl Scout cookies. Orders are still being accepted.

Church offers worship in casual setting

Daily Journal staff report

First Presbyterian Church in Franklin will introduce a new casual service at 6 p.m. Sunday.

"Praise at 6" aims to address the needs of a younger generation of worshippers, who are more comfortable in a relaxed atmosphere with a style of worship that includes a band of drums, guitars and keyboard playing contemporary Christian music.

The traditional morning service will continue.

"The evening service is for those who think we're too high church or too stuffy for them," said the Rev. Peter Jessen.

The church has been through an intensive process surveying data from the surrounding area as well as data from different areas of the country to see how it compares in serving the community.

The result was that while the church was meeting the needs and worship style of its current members, it didn't connect with the age and profile of the community.

"Part of the profile in Franklin is that it's a fairly young community, and those are the people least represented in mainline churches," Jessen says.

Still in the planning stages are a new youth room for the middle and high school students.

A task force has also begun the process to search for an associate pastor to minister to youth and assume the position of church education instructor.

"We want to meet the needs of a younger generation and still be sensitive to the needs of our members," Jessen says.

PET OF THE WEEK



Lassie

Lassie is a 4-month-old female border collie/shepherd mix who is close to being potty-trained.

She has lived most of her life in a home with children and other animals. She is spayed. When full-grown, she will weigh about 40 pounds.

The \$100 adoption fee includes a 50 percent discount on obedience classes.

Call the Humane Society of Johnson County at 346-7001 for an adoption application.

Man to perform songs from CD

Daily Journal staff report

Eli Skinner will perform during a free concert at 7 p.m. Friday at Mount Pleasant Christian Church.

Music will include selections from his soon-to-be released debut CD, *it's just me*.

Eight of the 10 songs are worship songs, the 24-year-old Skinner said.

The title cut, "it's just me," was inspired by Psalm 145, when King David describes God's

splendor, goodness and works.

Skinner began his musical career six years ago when he taught himself to play the guitar. A few months later, he performed his first solo concert.

He studied music at Ozark Christian College.

The album also features Tricia Philbeck of Greenwood, background vocals, and Jay Rifkind of Greenwood, tenor/soprano sax.

The church is at 381 N. Bluff Road in Greenwood.

Information: eliskinner.com

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