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There are eight troops in the Imperial Girl Scouts, all working to serve the community while they develop personally.

Chartered in the mid 1950s, the troops have had such leaders as Nancy Weir, Marilyn Hust, Kathe Martin, Dianne Radcliffe and Marcia Bauerle.

About 60 girls are currently involved in the Imperial community. Each troop has its own number. The activities vary among troops. Julie Ferguson leads seven cadets, who have completed their bronze degree and war starting to work on their silver award.

Ferguson and three Girl Scouts took donated water, cookies, tea and ice cream when they helped serve meals to firefighters near Fort Collins, Colo. this past summer. The firefighters were battling the gigantic Poudre River fire.

The troop also volunteers at The Imperial Theatre and has a father/daughter event.

Amanda Kimble leads two daisy and two brownie troops. They helped at the Cox's Pond pumpkin patch, are part of the Adopt-a-Highway project and will assist the VFW Auxiliary in its food pantry drive Nov. 3.

"We look for ways to expand and help the community," Kimble said.

Stacy Leibhardt leads a troop of older girls, as does Jill Bauerle.

Kimble said persons interested in volunteering with the Girl Scouts may contact the Guiding Star Service Center in Ogallala at (800) 458-4467.