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Hermon Girl Scouts serving up monthly meals, upholding promise to help people at all times

BY JODI HERSEY
SPECIAL TO THE WEEKLY

In the small town of Hermon, there's a group of seventh grade Girl Scouts who every month are living out their organization's promise to help people at all times.

In fact, you can find most of Girl Scout Cadet Troop 1285 waiting tables, filling water glasses and removing empty dishes at the town's monthly senior citizen meal held at the Hermon Elementary School.

"This was a good opportunity for them to learn to do things out of the goodness of their hearts with no expectations other than it feels good to help someone else," said Stephanie Campbell, leader of Girl Scout Cadet Troop 1285.

It all started back in January when the town's senior recreation program needed a few extra hands at their senior citizen meal held on the third Wednesday of the month, from 6 to 7:30p.m. Campbell asked her nine scouts if they wanted to volunteer and when they agreed, she herself gave them a few waitressing tips and pointers.

"I waitressed for a lot of different restaurants and it's a good skill to know. The girls ask people if they want more coffee, tea or water. They learn to serve from the left side and not to interrupt people if they are talking," Campbell said. "Plus, I think it's good for them to interact with their elders because their [own] grandparents aren't alive or they don't live around the corner."

Carol Edgecomb and her husband have attended a few of the senior meals where they not only enjoyed the food, but also the company.

"Being fairly new in Hermon, this has given us the op-



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Hermon Girl Scouts are helping to feed seniors and needy folks in their community. Back row: Makayla Doherty, Ella Campbell, Haley Wadsworth; middle: Kylie Larkin and Lexi Crawford; front: Halo Acosta and Jamie Russell.

portunity to meet other people in the community," explained Edgecomb. "The Girl Scouts are so polite and do a marvelous job. If I was their leader, I'd be very proud."

Approximately 40 people attend the monthly meal where for just \$3 residents 50 years of age or older are treated to a hot meal, homemade dessert and a drink.

"Word of mouth on how good the food is is getting out there, because it's growing,"

said Edgecomb.

Campbell and her troop aren't just helping to feed the town's retirees; they're also supplying food to the Hermon Middle School Food Cupboard. Cadet Troop 1285 has been able to keep the food cupboard stocked through cash donations they've collected and food drives.

"It's confidential and is in a spot only the teachers can ac-

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"What's the funniest movie you've ever seen?"



"Animal House."
BETH HANDLEY, DEDHAM



"Ted."
BARBARA PLUMMER, BANGOR



"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation."
JUDY WHITE, ORRINGTON



"The Shaggy Dog."
BOWIE BERRY, CLIFTON



"Dumb and Dumber."
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