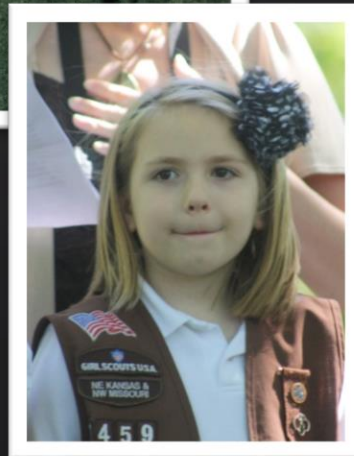
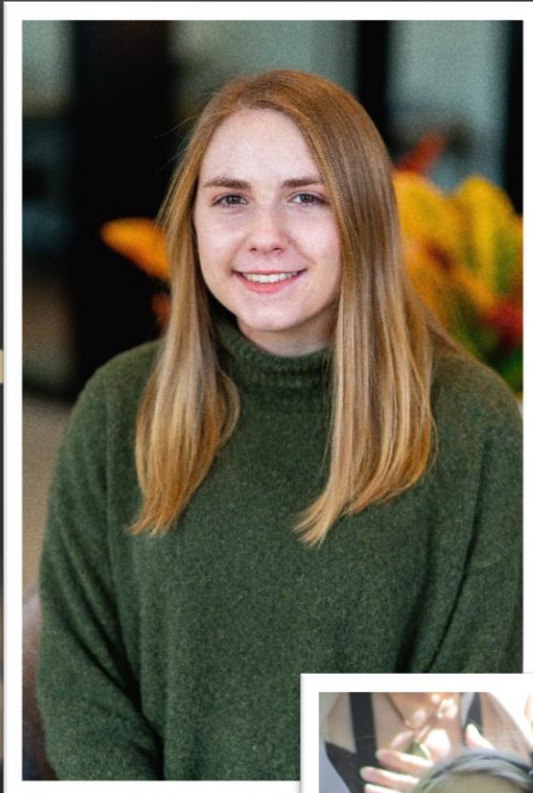




Emma Milburn

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Walking in their Footsteps

Emma Milburn has been a Girl Scout for 13 years as a member of Troop 7459 in Service Unit 716. She is currently a senior at Lawrence Free State High School.

Emma's Gold Award project addressed the need to have a comprehensive history of St. John's School and the Catholic Church in Kansas available to parishioners and future generations. Through this project, Emma researched and acquired photos, stories and histories of not only St. John School, but also important milestones in the Catholic Church's Kansas history, dating back to the 1800s. She was inspired to complete this project when Sister Susan Yerkich, the last member of the Sisters of Charity to serve at the school, passed away and she wanted to make sure the history was preserved.

Emma worked with St. John School, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and her family to research and document this important history. She faced some challenges with scheduling interviews and organizing the historical information she was gathering in a format that was accessible to the public. Thanks to her time as a Girl Scout, she had the problem-solving skills to overcome these challenges and record important history. Because of her efforts, the information that easily could have been forgotten has been preserved and is available to future parishioners any time they visit the school's website.

Because of Girl Scouts... I have developed lifelong skills and gained greater confidence to try new activities, to step forward and lead others and to take on projects that previously would have seemed insurmountable to complete. I have developed lifelong friends and participated in experiences that I will remember for the rest of my life.