



Seven Girl Scouts, all seniors at Chase County Schools, will earn the highest award for Girl Scouts age 14 to 18, the Gold Award, after completing an outdoor improvement project at the Chase County Courthouse in Imperial. The photo shows the girls near the courthouse entrance where they put in a new concrete picnic area, decorative concrete brick border and a concrete picnic table. The light posts there also received a fresh coat of paint by the girls. The Scouts chose the site for their project since the courthouse is frequented by almost everyone in the community, and is also the site for the annual “Celebration on the Square” event in the summer. The girls will have logged about 80 hours on the project, including the final interview and completion of paperwork. In order to earn the Gold Award, the project chosen must meet a need in the community (local or global) and create change. Roughly, only 5% of eligible, registered Girl Scouts receive the Gold Award each year. Girl Scouts who’ve earned it automatically rise one rank in any of the U.S. military branches. Girls in Troop 552 completing the project a few weeks ago include, front from left, Shanna Carter and Jade Vaverek, back from left, Paula Leibbrandt, Adrianne Pursley, Breanna Carman, Karlee Kunnemann and Jilanne German. Troop leaders are Terri Leibbrandt and Linda German. (Courtesy photo)