

Family

Deaths

Florence Vavroch

Florence Vavroch, 80, Colby, died Wednesday, July 22, 2009, at Prairie Senior Living Complex. Services are pending with Pauls Funeral Home in Oberlin, (785) 475-3127.

Gerald R. Pierce

Gerald R. Pierce, 87, father of former Colby resident Janet (Dennis) Pfeifer, died Monday, July 20, 2009, at Park Villa Care Home in Clyde. He was born Oct. 5, 1921, in rural Clyde, to Ray and Cordelia (Couture) Pierce. After graduating from Clyde High School, he served in the army during World War II. On Oct. 4, 1945, he married Mary Johnstone in Manchester, England. Pierce was a lifelong Clyde area resident and farmer. He was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Dean Pierce and Lyle Pierce. He is also survived by his wife; two more daughters, Patty (Larry)

Cote, Fairbury, Neb.; and Cathy (Bob) Lawson, Agenda; a son, Bill (Janet) Pierce, Clyde; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Services were to be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church of Clyde, with Rev. Larry Le-tourneau. Burial in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Clyde, with military honors by Fort Riley and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Rosary and visitation were Wednesday. The family suggests memorials to Park Villa Nursing Home or Meadowlark Hospice in care of Chaput Mortuary, Box 291, Clyde, Kan., 66938. For information or to send condolences, visit www.chaputbuoy.com.

Rotary Club

Colby Rotary met Tuesday, July 21, at Colby Community College with 32 members and guests in attendance. Guests included Deanna Smith, Kinley Ziegelmeier, Michael Tubbs, Mysti Rothfuss and Mary Beth Myers. Mysti and Mary Beth thanked the club for sponsoring them at Rotary Youth Leadership Academy Camp in Great Bend. Nancy LePell had the program,

featuring Jim Oliver and Fred Britt who spoke on the upcoming Honor Run, sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion. The Honor Run will be in Colby on August 31, for an overnight stop. The club will sponsor coffee and rolls for the riders on Tuesday, Sept. 1. The club meets at noon each Tuesday in the Student Union at Colby Community College.

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Fort Hays names new deans, other changes

HAYS – Dr. Edward H. Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University, named a new dean for the Graduate School and another new dean for one of the university’s four colleges last week. Dr. Mark Bannister, who has held many roles at the university, most recently as chair of the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications, will serve as dean of the College of Business and Leadership. Dr. Tim Crowley, former chair of the Department of Music and currently interim dean of the Graduate School and assistant provost for internationalization, now becomes the permanent dean. “We are very pleased with the qualifications of these two new deans,” Hammond said. “In addition to his most recent role as a department chair, Mark previously served as head of the Docking Institute and as the university’s general counsel, so I’m personally aware of his outstanding abilities. Likewise, Tim has already demonstrated his considerable talents in the interim role, so we know he will hit the ground running as permanent dean.” Bannister said that in taking on his new role, he would have the opportunity to work with three large departments with multiple programs. “These departments are providing top quality edu-

cation on campus and are educating students through distance learning programs nationally and internationally,” he said. Crowley said he was pleased and humbled to follow in the footsteps of excellent graduate deans and respected teacher/scholars. “I have thoroughly enjoyed the ‘on the job training’ over the past two years in promoting the interests of graduate education, research/creative activities and internationalization,” he said. The university’s deans report directly to the provost, Dr. Larry Gould, the chief academic officer. In addition to the two new deans, Lisa Karlin has been appointed as Equal Employment Opportunity officer. Finally, there are name changes for two academic departments at the university. The Department of Informatics replaces the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications. Assistant Professor Stephen Schleicher has been appointed interim chair of the department. A Department of Economics, Finance and Accounting has been created within the College of Business. The newly named department results from the merger of Accounting and Information Systems with Economics and Finance.

Peace garden project fulfills award

By Aubrey Spencer Colby Free Press colby.society@nwkansas.com

Whoever said that kids today don’t have ambition, has never met Amanda Barnum, a 16-year-old Colby Girl Scout. Amanda’s drive and hard work have led her to receive the the highest honor a Girl Scout, ages 14-18, can achieve, the Girl Scout Gold Award. Only five percent of Girl Scouts ever receive their Gold Award. According to Terrilyn Fleming, Barnum’s Gold Award advisor and troop co-leader, no other Girl Scout in the area has received this award in at least the last five years. “The Gold Award signifies forethought and a level of selflessness not often seen in teenagers today. I am extremely proud of Amanda,” Fleming said. Barnum chose as her Gold Award project to create a peace garden, a place of quiet reflection, on the United Methodist Church campus in Colby. she put in more than a hundred hours into her project including fund raising, planning, gathering materials, and building the peace garden. She had to consider a project which would fulfill a need in her community and be an ongoing creation, not just an event. “It was something I thought the church could really benefit from,” Barnum said. She said that the garden overlooks the valley with the three crosses, a place the church often has Easter services when the weather allows. Amanda felt the



EVAN BARNUM/Colby Free Press

Amanda Barnum stood in the middle of the peace garden she built at the Colby United Methodist Church as part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project. Barnum received the award in a ceremony at the church Sunday.

church could use a place closer to the building which was wheelchair accessible for those times when the weather was too bad to meet in the little valley. In fact, Barnum said that the best part of the garden itself, was getting to sit on the benches and look over the valley at the three crosses. “It’s really, really pretty,” she said. “I haven’t been out there when the sun is setting yet, but I’m sure it would be really cool. You should all go out and see it.” According to Fleming, Barnum’s advisor, the beautified area doesn’t just benefit the congregation of the Methodist Church, anyone in Colby can enjoy the refuge. Amanda received her Gold Award in a ceremony at the Methodist Church last Sunday. Members of Girl Scout Troop 165 started the ceremony with a presentation of colors. Jim Mardock, pastor at the Methodist church, did the invocation. Fleming did the welcome and introduction of

honored guests, which included Barnum’s parents and grandparents. Barnum’s fellow Girl Scouts performed a candle ceremony, read the progression of Girl Scouting and told of Amanda’s involvements with scouts through the years. The award was explained along with the details of Barnum’s project, followed by the presentation of the actual Gold Award. Letters of congratulations from various political, military, and Girl Scout leaders were read, and the ceremony closed with a prayer by Pastor Mardock and retiring the colors. Barnum has been in the scouts for the last 12 years, getting her start in kindergarten as a daisy and going on to become a brownie, junior, cadette and senior. She has earned a host of awards including the Silver and Gold Leadership awards, the Silver and Gold Career awards, her 10 year pin, and the Silver and Gold 4B Challenge awards. She is a member of Girl

Scout Troop 162 and a member of Venture Crew, a joint group of teens from the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts who share a love of the outdoors. Outside the scouts, Barnum is a member of the high school flag team, winning an award just recently at a camp in Stillwater, Okla. She traveled to Europe this summer with the high school band group. She has also just finished her reign as Thomas County Rodeo Queen. And, to top it all off, she maintains honor roll status at Colby High School.

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