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STEM LAB

Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics



Pictured above at the presentation of STEM Lab financial support through the Foundation: Front row from left, Foundation director Doug Hasler, Unit 4 Superintendent Lorraine Bailey; Foundation development manager Warren Sperry, director Bill Minnis, District 95 Superintendent Jeremy Larson; director Tom Hebermehl. second row, PHS chemistry students Kyle Fillinger, Alex Stewart, Jonathon Rinesmith, Brayden Wilson, Jacob Gates, Christian Ferris, Colton Landrum, Mason Downs, Shelby Simons, Devin McDaniel and Alisa Sheppard, and physical science instructor Mrs. MaryAnn Stallings.

The Edgar County Community Foundation, with the support of the John Helfrich and Tom Hebermehl Teacher Grant program, is providing a training opportunity to enhance the skills of middle and high school instructors throughout Edgar County, who are developing and teaching STEM Lab courses. The instruction will follow a course developed by the SMU Lyle School of Engineering under the Caruth Institute for Engineering Education, and be presented by facilitators from the Buck Institute. Fifteen teachers, representing all schools in Edgar county will participate..

This training will take place at the new Paris High School STEM laboratory on Tuesday, Nov. 8 and Wednesday, Nov. 9.

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Trees For Tomorrow



Paris Girl Scouts and scout leaders help plant another shade tree in the city as a donation of labor to the Trees For Tomorrow project, now in its seventh year.

“Trees For Tomorrow,” founded in 2009 as a reforestation program for the City of Paris and surrounding area, is an agency account in the Edgar County Community Foundation. Organizer David W. Dick said the idea for the tree-planting project emerged after Dick and his wife Barbara attended a parade in Marshall and admired the large number of native trees planted there. Dick immediately contacted Master Gardener Theresa Vrzina, and the program was established. Since 2009 TFT has planted over 150 trees in Paris and surrounding Edgar County with a 98 percent survival rate to date. Latest project is “Seven in a row” on East Wood street supported by four adjacent property owners. All planting labor is by volunteers including such groups as the “Leos”, youth organization of Paris Lions Club, and local girl scout troops. All funds contributed to Trees For Tomorrow through the ECCF go directly to the purchase of new trees.

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