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Girl Scout Silver Award Recipients

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From left, Troop members Kelcey Higgins, Marie Whitmore, Kelsey Wendt, Erica Goodman, Elise Berg, Brittany Stoddard, and Cienna King. (Asha Singh not pictured.) Photo provided

The girls of Girl Scout Troop 30245 completed their Silver Award last fall after more than 40 hours of hard work planning and creating a butterfly garden at Stanley Middle School. The girls met with Stanley seventh-grade science teachers who outlined how they hoped to use the garden in their teaching of life science to middle school students. They then met with a specialist at Orchard Nursery who taught them the plants needed to attract and feed butterflies in all stages of life from pupae to adult. The Scouts spent hours raising funds through selling mistletoe, baked goods, and candy canes. With additional financial help from their family and friends, they were able to raise more than \$2,000 to fund their project. In spring they spent more time researching various plants, building garden boxes, and making cement stepping stones. Planting day finally arrived in May when the troop spent eight straight hours hauling soil, gravel, and planting over 100 plants to create a beautiful butterfly garden. The school installed a bench at the site last summer, and the project was completed this fall when the girls returned to weed, prune, and clean up the garden in preparation for winter. The girls worked together beautifully and had a lot of fun in the process. Stop by Stanley Middle School to see what a beautiful butterfly garden they created!

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