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**Co-op announces leadership trip winners;
3 juniors to go to D.C., 6 to Jeff City**

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BOURBON – High school juniors from Bourbon, Owensville, Steelville, Cuba, Sullivan and Viburnum will get to participate in unique leadership-development experiences this summer after advancing this week in Crawford Electric Cooperative's annual Youth Tour competition.

Crawford Electric chose nine finalists this year based on students' essays on a selected topic. The finalists then competed in a cooperative knowledge quiz and were interviewed by a panel of three independent judges. Judges this year were Jenni Cremer, a 2005 Youth Tour finalist from Cuba who is now a biology teacher at Vienna High School; Chris Massman, the vice president of member services at the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives in Jefferson City, and Mary Jane Clark, a retired Youth Tour coordinator for neighboring co-op Cuivre River Electric Cooperative. The selection event was held March 10 at Crawford Electric, with parents and teachers in attendance.

The three top-scoring finalists became Crawford Electric's 2020 delegates to the annual Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., in June. The six other finalists in the local competition won a trip to the Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE) in Jefferson City in July.

This year's D.C. delegates are Samantha Maurer of Bourbon, Sam Farrell of Owensville and Marliegh Smith of Steelville. The CYCLE winners this year are Malachi Radford of Bourbon, Toni Martellaro of Cuba, Taylor McMahan of Sullivan, Madisyn Eaton of Viburnum, and Alexis Weller and Samuel Bumba, both of Steelville.

On the Youth Tour to Washington this summer, Samantha, Sam and Marliegh will become part of the Missouri delegation to a national conference of almost 1,600 young people from across the United States. The students will experience unique leadership-development opportunities, including special access to the halls of government, guided tours of the most-popular monuments and fun group activities over a week in June. CYCLE winners will enjoy similar activities at the state level over the course of several days in July.

Crawford Electric Cooperative is a member of Touchstone Energy, a national alliance of locally owned, community-minded electric co-ops with high standards of service. Crawford Electric serves about 20,000 meters along almost 3,000 miles of distribution lines in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.



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