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**Local students represent Crawford Electric  
on leadership experience in state capital**

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BOURBON – Three local students sponsored by Crawford Electric Cooperative have returned from a unique educational and leadership experience in the state’s capital this summer. All three will enter their senior year in high school this fall.

Madison Brauning of Sullivan, Emilie Blum of Sullivan, and Emily Gargus of Bourbon were Crawford Electric’s delegates to Missouri’s 15<sup>th</sup> annual Cooperative Youth Conference and Leadership Experience (CYCLE). They were among 105 high school students from across the state who participated in the conference July 18-20 in Jefferson City.

“CYCLE is a program that can really expand students’ horizons, and we’re so proud of the students who step up to participate,” said Lori Rego, the CYCLE coordinator at Crawford Electric.

The award-winning conference offers students an action-packed three days filled with a variety of learning and networking opportunities. One day, they learn firsthand what it is like to be involved in politics by working through a lawmaking exercise in the Missouri House of Representatives. CYCLE also promotes the cooperative form of business and helps students develop their leadership skills.

Another highlight of the conference was a presentation from the Rachel’s Challenge Organization. Rachel Scott was the first student killed in the Columbine High School shooting on April 20, 1999. Today, her family and friends speak to youth around the world about Rachel’s legacy of being a positive role model to everyone she met in life.

The CYCLE program is a recipient of the National Community Youth Service award for the top youth program among all electric cooperatives in the country. For more information, please visit [www.amec.org/content/cycle](http://www.amec.org/content/cycle).

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 almost 20,000 meters along almost 3,000 miles of distribution lines in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.



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**CUTLINE INFO CRAWFORD CYCLE PIC:** Crawford Electric’s delegates to the state’s electric cooperatives’ CYCLE program, spending a day at the Missouri Capitol, are Madison Brauning and Emilie Blum, both of Sullivan, and Emily Gargus of Bourbon.

**GROUP PIC:** Pictured in the chamber of the Missouri House of Representative, the 105 rural electric co-op CYCLE delegates get first-hand experience in lawmaking.