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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 and Viburnum will get to participate in unique leadership-development experiences this summer after advancing 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 Mary Jane Clark, retired cooperative communicator and Youth Tour coordinator; Chris Massman, vice president of member services at the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives and statewide Youth Tour director; and Jenni Cremer, a 2005 Youth Tour finalist from Cuba who is now a biology teacher at Vienna High School. The selection event was held March 12 at the co-op, with parents and teachers in attendance.

The three top-scoring finalists became Crawford Electric’s 2019 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 Duncan Alcorn of Viburnum, Maggie Brown of Steelville and Ashlyn Lewis of Bourbon. The CYCLE winners this year are Hunter Rivera and Andrew Davis both from Steelville High School, Dillyn Russell of Viburnum, and Candice Alexander, Christian Lowes and Austyn Morgan representing Owensville High School.

On the Youth Tour to Washington this summer, Duncan, Maggie and Ashlyn 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 almost 20,000 meters along almost 3,000 miles of distribution lines in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.



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