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**Local students represent Crawford Electric  
on 2018 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C.**

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

Faith Skaggs of Bourbon, Ella Wright of Owensville and Faith Bair of Steelville were Crawford Electric’s delegates on Missouri’s 55<sup>th</sup> annual Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. They were among the 106 high school students from across the state who participated in the tour on June 8-14.

“The Youth Tour is the highlight of the summer for many students, and we’re proud to send some outstanding young leaders to Washington, D.C., each year to participate,” said Lori Rego, the Youth Tour coordinator at Crawford Electric.

The seven-day tour provides an action-filled week for high school students, offering them opportunities to learn firsthand what it is like to be involved in politics, community service and today’s pressing issues.

Highlights included the young people visiting with representatives from their congressional districts and touring famous monuments, the Smithsonian Institution’s museums and Arlington National Cemetery. The group also took a sightseeing and dance cruise on the Potomac River one evening with delegates from other states.

Other events of the week included participating in the Electric Youth Day, during which a special program coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association brought together more than 1,800 Youth Tour delegates from across the United States. The delegates enjoyed featured speeches by government leaders and motivational speakers, such as Mike Schlappi, an inspiring four-time Paralympic medalist and two-time world wheelchair basketball champion.

Since 1964, the nation’s electric cooperatives have sponsored more than 50,000 high school students for visits to their U.S. congressional delegations, educational sessions on energy and grassroots government, and sightseeing in Washington.

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.

