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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, Steelville, Cuba, Owensville, Sullivan 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 John Rice, general manager of Broadcasting for Fidelity Broadcasting of Sullivan; Jane Reed, retired educator and social media director for Viva Cuba; and Jim McCarty, editor of the *Rural Missouri* magazine, the statewide publication of the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives. The selection event was held March 7 at the co-op, with parents and teachers in attendance.

The three top-scoring finalists became Crawford Electric's 2017 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 Hannah Cottrell of Steelville, Blake Beckett of Bourbon and Kristi Harmon of Steelville. The CYCLE winners this year are Adriene Aubuchon and Alex Ryals, both representing Owensville High School, Teresa Pasch of Bourbon, Max Ryle of Cuba, Joshua Cooper of Sullivan and Jonathan Woodall of Viburnum.

On the Youth Tour to Washington this summer, Hannah, Blake and Kristi 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 more than 3,300 miles of distribution lines in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.

