

NEWS



Crawford Electric
A Touchstone Energy[®]
Cooperative 

10301 N. Service Rd., PO Box 10 * Bourbon, MO 65441 * 573-732-4415 * www.crawfordelec.com

March 19, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Laura Hengstenberg, CCC
l.hengstenberg@crawfordelec.com

BOURBON – High school juniors from Steelville, Bourbon, 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 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 15 at the co-op, with parents and teachers in attendance.

The three top-scoring finalists became Crawford Electric's 2018 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 Faith Bair of Steelville, Faith Skaggs of Bourbon and Ella Wright of Owensville. The CYCLE winners this year are Emilie Blum and Madison Brauning, both representing Sullivan High School, Emily Gargus of Bourbon, Emilia Morton of Viburnum, and Alison Bunch and Madalyn McPherson, both representing Steelville High School.

On the Youth Tour to Washington this summer, Faith, Faith and Ella 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 3,000 miles of distribution lines in Crawford, Franklin, Gasconade, Washington and Dent counties.



Touchstone Energy[®]