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Upshur Rural Electric
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Area Students Attend *ETREYS* 2017



Front Row L-R: Ralyn Green, Kortnie Griffin and Lorie Henry. Second Row L-R: Esther Beggs, Taylor Colbert, and Travis Henson. Third Row L-R: Sarah Phillips, Lauren Oney, Jasmine Bryson and Crystalynn Porter. Fourth Row L-R: Jaeron Survia, Miranda Garris, and Daisy Arriaga. Fifth Row L-R: Carson Harris, Derrick Veitch and Mason Haight, Youth Director.

Upshur Rural Electric sent 15 students and one Youth Director to the East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (*ETREYS*) that was held the last week of June on the campus of East Texas Baptist University in Marshall. Students spent the week listening to some great speakers, learning a lot about leadership and how cooperatives work as well as making many new friends! While there, our students were also able to compete for scholarship monies. Congratulations to Sarah Phillips and Lorie Henry for winning scholarships (pictured below)!

ETREYS applications for next year's seminar will be accepted in the spring! Sophomore and Junior students are eligible to apply. For more information on *ETREYS*, visit our website at urecc.coop.





Josie at the World War II Memorial in Washington DC

Josie Heflin Represents Upshur Rural

Many memories of an all expense-paid week in Washington, DC will last a lifetime for Josie Heflin, a senior at Union Hill High School.

For many high school students that grow up in rural east Texas, getting the opportunity to visit Washington DC might sound like a dream. Upshur Rural Electric has joined forces with Texas Electric Cooperatives (TEC) and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in making this a reality to one student each year.

In June, the Government in Action Youth Tour sent students, sponsored by their local electric cooperatives, to the nation's capital to see history come alive. There were 147 students from Texas and over 1,850 students from across the country that attended the nine day tour.

Students visited monuments, museums and historical sites as well as got the opportunity to meet their members of Congress. The week included listening to inspirational speakers, watching the Sunset Parade at the Marine Corps War Memorial and attending the wreath laying ceremony at the Arlington National Cemetery. They visited the Supreme Court, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives' chambers as well as the Library of Congress.

Josie made many memories, learned a lot and made many new friends. As an additional honor, she was selected as one of eight students invited back to Austin to work the Youth Tour booth at the upcoming Texas Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting that will be held in August. We are very proud of the way she represented Upshur Rural Electric Cooperative, Union Hill High School and our little portion of northeast Texas.

Students that have attended the East Texas Rural Electric Youth Seminar (*ETREYS*) have the opportunity to apply for next years Youth Tour. For more information on *ETREYS* or Youth Tour, visit our website at urecc.coop.

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