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COINCIDENT PEAK

**JUNE 20
AT HOUR
ENDING 5 P.M.**

FROM THE MANAGER

Nemaha-Marshall Sponsors Whittaker on Trip to the Nation's Capital



Kathleen O'Brien

ABBY WHITTAKER, a rising junior from Sabetha High School, recently represented Nemaha-Marshall at the 2025 Electric Cooperative

Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., held from June 14-20. During their time in Washington, D.C., students deepened their understanding of America's electric cooperatives and developed their leadership skills while connecting with peers from across the cooperative network.

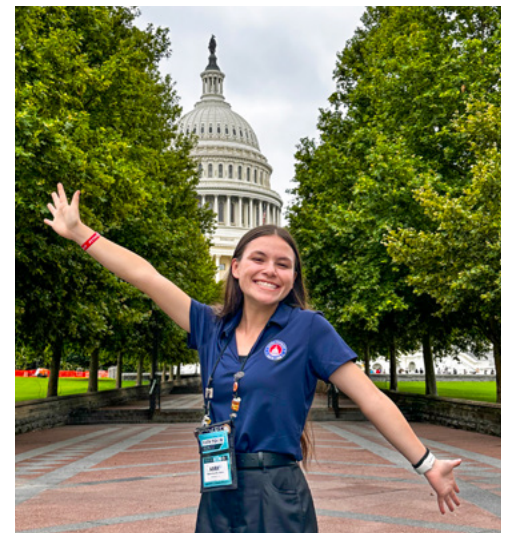
Twenty-seven outstanding student representatives from Kansas were selected by their electric co-ops through a competitive application process. Students are tested on their knowledge of the history of cooperatives and the electric industry with a true/false and multiple-choice test, followed by an interview with the board of trustees who quiz them on more local issues. Whittaker joined nearly 2,000 students across the country, including four from Hawaii who travel with the Kansas delegation each year.

The Youth Tour kicked off in Topeka

with a welcome dinner and icebreaker activities, followed by an exclusive night tour of the Kansas State Capitol led by State Treasurer Steven Johnson and Kansas Representative Kyle Hoffman, alumni of the Youth Tour program.

In Washington, D.C., students explored iconic landmarks including the U.S. Capitol, Arlington National Cemetery and The People's House – A White House Experience, along with numerous monuments and memorials.

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SCHOOL BUS
SAFETY TIPS

School buses are among the safest vehicles on the road — but the greatest risk comes when children are getting on or off the bus. Whether you're a driver, parent or student, knowing these safety tips will help keep everyone safe.

FOR DRIVERS

- ▶ **SLOW DOWN:** Reduce speed in school zones and near bus stops.
 - ▶ **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE:** Stay back at least 10 feet from a school bus — this is the most dangerous area for children.
 - ▶ **STAY ALERT:** Watch for kids who may unexpectedly enter the road, especially near bus stops.
 - ▶ **RESPECT THE ZONE:** When flashers are blinking in a school zone, stop for pedestrians at crosswalks and take extra care to look for children near playgrounds, parks and residential areas.
- KNOW THE SIGNALS:**
- ▶ **YELLOW FLASHING LIGHTS:** Bus is preparing to stop. Slow down.
 - ▶ **RED FLASHING LIGHTS AND STOP ARM:** Bus is loading/unloading — stop and wait until the bus moves again.
 - ▶ **NEVER PASS A STOPPED BUS ON AN UNDIVIDED ROAD:** It's illegal in most states.

FOR PARENTS

- Teach your child to arrive at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early, and how to play it **SAFE**:
- ▶ Stay back at least 10 feet, or five giant steps, from the curb.
 - ▶ Always wait for the bus to stop and the driver to signal before boarding.
 - ▶ Face forward and buckle up if seat belts are available.
 - ▶ Exit carefully, look both ways and cross in front of the bus — never behind. Make eye contact with the driver before crossing.

SOURCE: WWW.SAFEELECTRICITY.ORG

Nemaha-Marshall Sponsors Local
Student on a Trip to the Nation's Capital

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Visits to the Holocaust Memorial Museum and the Smithsonian museums offered powerful insights into history and culture.

On June 19, during the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) National Youth Day, students were inspired by a dynamic lineup of speakers, including NRECA CEO Jim Matheson, Olympic medalist Mike Schlappi, and the 2025 National Youth Leadership Council spokesperson Maggie Martin.

In addition to the Youth Day program, the Kansas and Hawaii delegations joined peers from Colorado and Wyoming for an engaging leadership workshop led by nationally recognized youth leadership expert Craig Hillier.

Students also met with U.S. Senator Roger Marshall to ask thoughtful questions on a range of topics that mattered to them, gaining firsthand insight into the legislative process and the role of elected officials.

Beyond the educational experiences, students enjoyed unique opportunities to bond with peers from across the country — trading state pins with other



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state delegations and taking in the sights during a scenic dinner cruise on the Potomac River.

Students who participated in the 2025 Youth Tour are also eligible to apply for the NRECA Glenn English Scholarship. For more information about the Youth Tour of other KEC youth programs, please contact Kimberly Broxterman at 785-736-2345.

OUTAGES FOR JUNE 2025		Occasionally, a part or parts of the delivery system fail and an outage occurs. Below are the larger outages that occurred.		
Date	Location	Substation	Number of Consumers	Outage Cause
May 31	27-2-11-08	East Axtell	8	Fuse Tap Tripped
June 2	07-4-13-02	Goff	28	Jumper Off Transformer
June 2	03-4-13-04	Seneca	1	Truck Torn Down Wires
June 11	26-1-05-07	Hanover	2	Fuse Tap Tripped
June 17	14-5-10-15	Centralia	15	Breaker Tripped



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3 Smart Home Technologies to Help You Save Energy

Smart technologies make our homes more comfortable, convenient and energy efficient. By connecting your home Wi-Fi network, smart devices automate everyday tasks, like lighting, heating, cooling and home security, and they can even communicate with other smart devices within the home.

While not all smart home products are specifically designed with energy savings in mind, there are several smart technologies that can help you lower your home energy use. Here are the top three smart home devices to help you save.

SMART THERMOSTATS

Smart or not, your thermostat is the most effective tool for controlling energy use, as heating and cooling typically account for the largest portion of energy bills. Smart thermostats enable you to adjust the indoor temperature through an app, giving you full control from anywhere on the go. Many smart thermostats feature learning capabilities,

ties, which allow them to adjust the thermostat based on previous behavior and patterns.

According to the Department of Energy, smart thermostats can reduce annual heating and cooling bills by more than 8%. With models as low as \$65, they typically pay for themselves in one year.

SMART LIGHTING

Smart LED bulbs use less electricity than traditional bulbs and can be scheduled or turned off (or on) remotely through a smartphone app. Smart bulbs are available in a range of shapes, brightness levels, colors and more, so shop for the products that work best for your home lighting needs.

Many smart bulbs include motion sensors that turn on or off based on room activity, further optimizing home energy use. If you're new to smart lighting, try a home starter kit. Prices for kits range from \$70 to \$300-plus, depending on how many bulbs you need.

SMART PLUGS

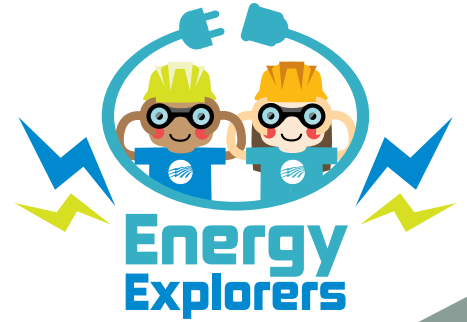
Smart plugs are inexpensive gadgets that can help you save energy. Many electronic devices consume power even when turned off (known as "phantom load"), which can impact your energy bills. An estimated 5% to 15% of household energy use is attributed to phantom loads. Smart plugs are simply plugged into an electrical outlet and connected to your Wi-Fi network. When set up, the smart plug can cut power (or return power) to non-smart devices, like coffee makers, phone chargers and other items that draw phantom load.

Many smart plugs can be paired with popular smart hubs, like Alexa or Google Nest, or controlled through the plug's associated app. Smart plugs are simple to use, and a set of four can be purchased for as little as \$25.

If you're looking for new ways to save energy, consider these budget-friendly and convenient smart home technologies.

HYDROPOWER Word Search

You know that it's never safe to mix water and electricity at home, but did you know that large amounts of flowing water can be used to create electricity? This process of generating electricity from the movement of water is called hydropower. Read the facts below, then find and circle the **BOLDED** words in the puzzle.



1 **WATER** flowing down a river is used to spin large **TURBINES** that help create hydroelectricity.

3 The amount of water used to generate hydropower is controlled through the use of large **DAMS**.

2 When the turbines spin, a large **GENERATOR** spins, which creates **ELECTRICITY**.

4 **HYDROPOWER** is a form of renewable energy.

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