



Lewis County REC

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From the desk of Travis Mathes

Manager of Member Services



Fall is a season of change and reflection. Just as the turning leaves remind us that each season plays an important role in the cycle of growth, your electric cooperative thrives because of the many people working together to fulfill our mission.

At the top, our board of directors—elected by you, our members—provides leadership and vision, ensuring decisions reflect the best interests of your cooperative. Alongside them, our management team works to carry out that vision, navigating challenges and opportunities in an ever-changing energy landscape. And where the rubber meets the road, our dedicated employees put plans into action—day and night, in every kind of weather—keeping the lights on safely, reliably, and affordably.

It takes all of these levels—directors, management, and staff—working in unison to keep your cooperative strong. Just like the seasons, each has a role to play, and together they create balance, stability, and growth. When these areas work together, your cooperative is better positioned to serve you today while preparing for the future.

This fall, we salute our board of directors for their service and stewardship. To help you get to know them better, we are proud to share photos of each director. These men and women are not only leaders of your cooperative, but also your neighbors, fellow members, and

advocates for Northeast Missouri.

We also want to take this opportunity to say thank you to you, our members. Your support, involvement, and trust are what make Lewis County REC a strong cooperative. We truly value the opportunity to serve you and want to make sure you have opportunities to connect with the people who work on your behalf.

That's why we invite you to stop by Lewis County REC on October 28th for our Member Appreciation Coffee with the Co-op! Directors, staff, and employees will all be on hand to visit with members, answer questions, and enjoy some time together. We hope you'll take a few minutes out of your day to stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee and a cinnamon roll, and get to know your cooperative family a little better. We look forward to seeing you!

Most of all, we thank you, our members, for your continued trust and support. Because when we work together—at every level—your cooperative continues to flourish, season after season.

Until next month, enjoy the cooler temperatures, the beautiful colors, the smells of fall, and all that pumpkin spice stuff that goes along with it! May each of your families enjoy a season filled with health, happiness, and time spent with those you love.

WEATHER PROVERBS

- If the chickens are snug in their coop during a rainstorm, the rain will soon be over.
- If October brings heavy frosts and winds, then will January and February be mild.
- When squirrels bury nuts early, it will be a hard winter.
- If the hare wears a thick coat in October, lay in a good store of fuel.
- As the weather in October, so it will be the next March.
- When snow falls in the mud, it remains all winter.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Lewis County REC Scholarship Applications Now Open

Help Us Invest in the Future of Our Communities

It's that time of year again! Lewis County REC is pleased to announce that scholarship applications are now available for graduating seniors who live within our cooperative's service territory.

Each year, Lewis County REC awards six \$1,000 scholarships to help local students pursue their educational and career goals. Two scholarships will be awarded in each of the following areas:

- Clark/Scotland County
- Knox/Shelby/Adair County
- Lewis/Marion County

The scholarships are paid directly to the student's accredited institution of higher learning upon enrollment. Eligible schools include vocational and technical schools, junior colleges, and universities.

Who Is Eligible?

Applicants must be graduating seniors attending a school or home school equivalent within Lewis County REC's coverage territory. The applicant's parent or legal guardian must have their primary residence connected to Lewis County REC and must have a Lewis County REC membership in their name.

As part of the application process, students must submit a typed, one-page essay describing their post-secondary goals, how those goals relate to their chosen field of study

or career, and how receiving the scholarship will help them achieve those goals.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Lewis County REC Scholarship Selection Committee. Selection will be based on the completed application, essay, and high school transcript.

Don't Miss the Deadline!

Completed scholarship applications, typed essays, and high school transcripts must be delivered or postmarked by December 18, 2026. The official completed application, transcript, and essay must be submitted together to be considered.

Relatives of Lewis County REC board members or employees, as defined in the cooperative's bylaws, are not eligible.

We encourage eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity and apply! Lewis County REC is proud to support the education, dreams, and future careers of the young people in the communities we serve.

Questions or correspondence may be directed to:

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Mark Your
CALENDARS!

— FOR LEWIS COUNTY REC —

Member Appreciation

COFFEE WITH CO-OP

 **7:30-10:30** |  **OCTOBER 28TH**

 **AT THE LEWIS COUNTY REC HEADQUARTERS IN LEWISTOWN**

 Stop by and enjoy coffee, specialty drinks, and cinnamon rolls from Cafe6 Coffeehouse's trailer,	 visit with CO-OP employees, staff, and directors,	 and sign up to win a handmade glider or a \$300 energy credit!
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Great Coffee. Great People. Stronger Together.



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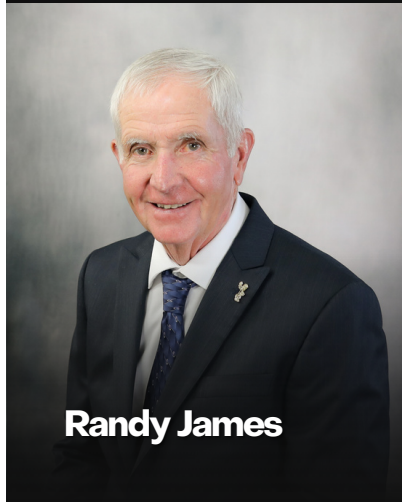
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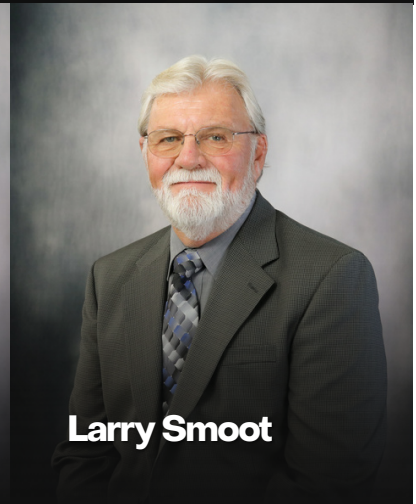
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Donna Flood



Sandra Ebeling



Larry Smoot

Lewis County REC

Youth Tour to Washington D.C.

CONTEST RULES

1. Eligibility:

- A. A high school student enrolled in the 11th year (junior) in high school at Lewis County C-1, Canton R-5, Knox County R-1, Clark County R-1 or home school equivalent are all eligible. Students from other schools are eligible if their parents or legal guardians are members of Lewis County REC.
- B. Students may participate in only one REC Youth Tour Contest.
- C. The student may not be an immediate family member of a Director or Employee of Lewis County REC.

2. Sequence of events leading to final determination of the winner:

- A. Student receives an information packet from participating school or Lewis County REC.
- B. Students turn in their essay by **December 18, 2026**.
- C. Student writes an essay of not over 500 words on the topic **"Electricity, The Gateway to Life"**. Essays must include a title page with the entrant's name, school, students email address, and teacher's name.



3. The winning essay will be determined based upon points accumulated in the following areas:

- 1. Originality/Creativity 35 points
- 2. Composition 25 points
- 3. Grammar 20 points
- 4. Neatness 20 points

★ ★ **The decision of the Judges is final.** ★ ★
Individual results of the judging will not be disclosed.

CONTEST AWARDS- 2027

- A. **YOUTH TOUR WINNERS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Five delegates—one each from Lewis County C-1, Canton R-V, Clark County R-1, and Knox County R-1—will attend the conference with all expenses paid. Home school equivalents will be entered in the district where they reside. The all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., will be held **June 16-22, 2027**.



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