

# 2014 Missouri Community Betterment Youth Leadership Award Nomination

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Rachel Walden has served on the Salem Area Community Betterment Board of Directors for one year and will complete her second year in 2015. She regularly Reports on activities and happenings at school and eagerly assists with fundraising and other events. She constantly strives to better herself and her community.

In high school, she has been a part of the Honor's Club, Student Council, Volleyball, Track and the Pep Club. She was the statistician for the Boys Basketball team and was Vice President of her class in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. In her church youth group, Rachel is the leader of the children's music group, building sets for Vacation Bible School and passing out flyers for a new church in Springfield. In her community she is a regular volunteer at the Dent County Museum.

Rachel attended the Youth Leadership Academy in her community. She was selected to represent Missouri for NRECA's Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D. C. She will travel back to Washington in July to attend a leadership

workshop which will focus on the electric cooperative industry. As Missouri's representative, Rachel will have the opportunity to travel in and out-of-state to numerous cooperative conferences, including NRECA's Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla in the spring of 2015.

We can't say enough about this accomplished young lady and are proud to nominate her for the Missouri Community Betterment Youth Award.