



Warren RECC

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Local Students Represent Warren RECC on Washington Youth Tour in D.C.

When you hear that Warren RECC invests in the communities we serve, it's not just in electrical infrastructure, economic development or the local events we support. Our commitment to community is all about you our members, and we're especially proud of the young people we sponsored on the 2018 Washington Youth Tour.

In June, five local high school seniors from the Warren RECC service area joined 85 other Kentucky electric co-op students for the weeklong program where they learned about the political process, interacted with elected officials and gained an up-close understanding of American history.

"My Washington Youth Tour could be summed up in two words —life changing," says Grace Ray of Warren East High School. "This tour created new friendships for me and opened up a world of new opportunities for my future. I would recommend this tour to everyone."

Our students joined more than 1,800 of rural America's best and brightest high-schoolers representing electric cooperatives across the country. Now in its 53rd year, the youth tour is designed to educate our youth about issues facing co-ops in hopes that they develop the passion for and commitment to protecting the cooperative model. We look forward to seeing these same faces leading our co-ops well into the future.

The trip takes place over eight days in June with a busy itinerary. This year, the delegation visited national



Grace Ray, left, Chaze Vinci, Tanner Morrow and Tori Drew on the Washington Youth Tour. Photo: Tim Webb

monuments, Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, the National Cathedral, and a heard a concert by the U.S. Navy Band. During their visit to Arlington National Cemetery, the Kentucky students laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

Greenwood High School student Tori Drew was chosen as one of two students to lay the wreath.

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Faith Morris, right, jokes around with other students on the tour. Photo: Tim Webb

W. Scott Ramsey
CEO



Annual meeting thank you

Thanks again to all of our Warren RECC members who joined us for our annual meeting on July 19. More than 1,500 people, including 905 registered members, filled South Warren High School to take part in the evening's festivities which included entertainment by The Martin Family Circus, kids activities, and booths from the Tennessee Valley Authority, *Kentucky Living*, Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, Propane Energy Partners and The Medical Center. Warren RECC also hosted booths to display vintage items from the 80th Anniversary and a large display of drones used in the Engineering Department.

Thanks to your participation, we had the largest crowd since the early '90s. We truly appreciate your interest in your cooperative, and we love getting to see you every year. We would also like to congratulate our 2018-19 Board of Directors:

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During the business meeting, CEO W. Scott Ramsey announced that we have grown by 1,500 members over the last year, bringing our total

membership to over 66,000 and making us not only the fastest growing co-op in Kentucky, but now the 2nd largest in Kentucky and 10th largest in the TVA.

While we are more than excited to see the growth in our region, it does mean Warren RECC will need to make a few investments in our system to accommodate that growth. Over the next 24 months, Warren RECC will construct two new substations and a new fiber-backbone system to improve substation communications. As a way to help make broadband more accessible to rural areas, Warren RECC will offer spare fibers on this backbone system for lease to participating internet providers who are interested in offering service to our

area. Finally, this year, we will begin construction on new updated facilities for the Leitchfield and Morgantown offices.

We may be growing, but we're still your locally owned and operated electric cooperative. We are thankful for the many blessings of the last 80 years, and we consider it a pleasure to serve you, our member. We look forward to continued growth and good fortune well into the future and we can't wait to share it all with you.

CEO W. Scott Ramsey and KAEC President and CEO Chris Perry greet Greg Grissom from Pennyryle RECC.
Photo:



2018 Chairman Terry Garmon



Members register at the annual meeting.



The Martin Family Circus performs on stage.



2019 Chairman Dennis Ingram



Children with freshly painted faces enjoy the hot dogs and potato chips.

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"The most enjoyable part of the trip was being able to visit all of the monuments," Drew says. "They were absolutely amazing and filled with so much history. I also will never forget all of the friendships I made over this trip. Thank you to Warren RECC and KAEC for making this trip possible."

Another highlight of the Washington Youth Tour is the opportunity for Warren RECC students to interact with Kentucky's congressional delegation, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Senator Rand Paul and Congressmen Brett Guthrie, Andy Barr, Thomas Massie and James Comer. In a rare opportunity, U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao visited privately with Kentucky's students at her offices.

"The Washington Youth Tour was a truly life-changing experience," says Tanner Morrow of Logan County High School. "The eye-opening seminars and meetings with our nation's leaders, coupled with the breathtaking sights of the capital, were extraordinary. I am so thankful to Warren

RECC and the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives for this wonderful opportunity."

Warren RECC employees Penney Baseheart and Tami Cohron joined Mary Beth Dennis from KAEC and 13 other co-op employees from around the state as chaperones for the Kentucky delegation. KAEC has been coordinating the tour for Kentucky co-ops since 1972, when 18 students and four chaperones made the trip.

In addition to Morrow, Drew, and Ray, Warren RECC sponsored Faith Morris of Butler County High School and Chaze Vinci of Franklin-Simpson High School on the youth tour.

"We are so proud of our Warren RECC students. This trip is more than just an educational experience. This trip is an investment in our co-op youth and the future of the co-ops themselves," says W. Scott Ramsey, president and CEO of Warren RECC. "These students are the leaders of the future, and we are truly impressed with their passion for their communities and our nation."



From back left, John Wheeler, Debbie Tallarico and Denise Grissom; from left, Ann Beard, Penney Baseheart and Tami Cohron at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia. Photo: Tim Webb

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