

## Eastern Kentucky flood relief effort

Photos: Warren RECC staff

In the late hours of December 10 and the early morning hours of December 11, 2021, our region faced devastating tornados. On January 6, twenty-two school buses loaded with water, clothes, cleaning supplies, blankets and toys left eastern Kentucky to make a trip across the state to deliver the items to help us in our recovery efforts.

Fast forward just a few short months, and many of the areas those buses came from were destroyed by massive flooding. With the memories of tornado recovery still very fresh in our minds, several Warren RECC staff members set out to organize donations from members, employees, and local businesses to aid in flood relief efforts. As they began the outreach process, they learned just how big the heart of the Warren RECC membership is. By the day of the donation trip (August 6), we had enough donations to fill two semi-trucks, a 24-foot cargo truck, and a trailer. In fact, we had enough donations to make a second trip with donations two weeks later.

We would like to thank everyone who donated time, talent, or treasure to the relief effort for our friends to the east. We are so proud to be a part of such generous and caring communities! A special thanks to the local businesses and organizations that went above and beyond the call of duty to make this relief



effort possible: United Utility Supply, Cape Electric Supply, Fruit of the Loom, Houchens Industries, Essity, Reinhart Foods, Bowling Green Metalforming, Champion Pet Foods, Kerr Group (Berry Global), Ball Metal Corporation, PEP, Superior One Source, Bendix Spicer and Kentucky Christian Recovery.



# Warren RECC 2022 Annual Meeting

*Thanks to everyone who came out for our Annual Meeting! It was great to see you!*





# Congratulations to our 2022 scholarship winners!

Damyah Hopson	Austin Peay
Taylin Clark	WKU
Shively Lindsey	WKU
Tyler Dockery	North American Lineman Training Center
Jarrett Prunty	WKU
Katherine Woodward	Murray
Kadyn Costello	WKU
Dawson Deel	SKCTC
Leanne Riggs	WKU
Jacob Fulkerson	WKU
Chloe Cage	U of L
Ty Killen	Louisiana State
Derick Jagers	Morehead
Kaylor Decker	Greenville University
Julian Valleroy	U of L



It's that time again! Tuesday, November 8, is general election day in Kentucky. You can locate candidates in your county and local community by visiting [www.sos.ky.gov/electionballots/](http://www.sos.ky.gov/electionballots/). Still need to register to vote? The 2022 voter registration deadline is October 11. Visit [sos.ky.gov](http://sos.ky.gov) for more information!

**Make sure your co-op voice is heard this election season!**

## Warren RECC students attend Washington Youth Tour

Sixty-four students attended this year's Washington Youth Tour from Kentucky electric cooperatives. Warren RECC's attendees Taryn Discher, Lauren Poff, Katie Dudgeon, Sarah Howard, Nathan Clark, Clayton Madison, Timothy Johnson, Zane McCauley and Tanner Robinson are pictured on this month's cover.



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

# Industry-wide material shortage: Plan ahead for major projects

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Like other electric utilities across Kentucky and the country, Warren RECC is managing an industry-wide material shortage that is driving up operating costs and creating logistical challenges.

Though many utilities across the country faced shortages last year, Warren RECC realized the issue in advance and planned ahead to limit the impact for you, our members. As manufacturers continue to struggle, we continue making strategic decisions and finding creative ways to make sure our members feel as little impact as possible. For instance, we are reconditioning used equipment, like meters and transformers, and repurposing equipment previously installed but not currently in use. While we have so far been fortunate, we understand that the longer the shortages go on, the more likely we are to feel that impact locally.

Of particular concern is the availability of material for residential use. We want to make sure that local residential developers or anyone planning a new electric service are aware of this supply chain crunch so we can work with them to provide a realistic timeframe. The lead times for transformers and other equipment have unexpectedly doubled or tripled in the last six months. We encourage anyone planning a major project to divide larger jobs into several phases, allowing for delivery of essential parts and components over extended periods. Our engineering team has worked closely with the major developers serving the Warren RECC service territory to find ways to keep their projects as close to their original schedule as possible. We have also worked directly with smaller scale builders to help them work through these issues so their projects can remain on time as well. So far, we have been able to keep most everyone on or close to schedule.

With supply chain concerns forecast to continue through the end of 2022, we will continue to identify solutions and keep you, our members, up to date and we will continue to seek out whatever solutions we can to make sure your projects remain as close to schedule as possible.



By President/CEO

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