

Adopt a Legislator Visits

Warren-Henderson Farm Bureau had two visits over the past month with their Adopt-A-Legislator®, Representative Jenn Ladisch Douglass of the 45th District. Rep. Ladisch Douglass grew up in a rural area outside of Philadelphia and attended the University of Pittsburgh where she received a BA with honors for her double major in anthropology and classical civilization and then attended law school. She met her husband, who is originally from Wheaton, during college and they moved to Illinois in 2004. After working at a large law firm in Chicago, Rep. Ladisch Douglass started her own firm in 2011. In her decades of practice, the Representative has worked on cases ranging from commercial litigation and bankruptcy to guardianships and transactional real estate. She was elected to represent the 45th District in 2022 and has been appointed to a number of legislative committees, including: Small Business, Tech Innovation; Energy & Environment; Insurance; Public Utilities; Judiciary – Civil; Family Law & Probate Subcommittee; Appropriations, Health & Human Services; Appropriations, Public Safety; and Sub Co-Chairperson of the Violence Reduction & Prevention Subcommittee. The 45th District lies in DuPage and Cook counties and some of the partial/total municipalities in the District are Elmhurst, Hinsdale, Oak Brook, and Westmont. Learn more about Representative Jenn Ladisch at votejld.com (information above taken from the website).

On July 24th, Rep. Ladisch Douglass visited Warren-Henderson counties. The day included a visit to Tyler & Cassie Schleich's farm outside Monmouth, where the Representative was able to see some of the cattle on their farm and learn about some of the feed and medicines used to take care of them. The next stop of the day was to visit Justin and Bobby Allaman's farm in Rozetta. The Representative was able to help feed the chickens on the Allaman farm and was shown some of the farm equipment used during planting and harvest. The day was wrapped up with lunch and further conversation at the W-HFB auditorium in Monmouth. In addition to Rep. Ladisch Douglass, W-HFB was honored to have Representative Norine Hammond of the 94th District attend the outing on the 24th.

On August 10th, W-HFB headed up to the suburbs and visited Rep. Ladisch Douglass at her office in Westmont. Tours for the day included Graue Mill and Museum in Oak Brook and Louvers International (lighting company) in Elmhurst, as well as a coffee stop at Brewpoint Craft in Elmhurst.

Illinois Farm Bureau developed its Adopt-A-Legislator® program in 2001 with the purpose of building long-term personal relationships between urban state legislators and farmers from across the state.

The goal of the program is to educate urban legislators about agriculture – our state's largest industry – and rural life, while also helping our members better understand the needs and concerns of an urban district.

Legislators are matched with a "downstate" county Farm Bureau (which "adopts" the legislator). To date, county Farm Bureaus have adopted 79 urban legislators. Almost every legislator in Cook County has joined the program and a growing number from the collar counties participate as well.

The relationships that develop are valued by both the farmers and urban legislators. This program allows our members to be an important resource for their adopted legislators when important agricultural issues arise in the General Assembly.

We thank Rep. Ladisch Douglass for her participation in the Adopt a Legislator Program and look forward to continued visits and conversations!



W-HFB's Adopted Legislator, Rep. Jenn Ladisch Douglass of the 45th District, visited Warren and Henderson counties on Monday, July 24th. Tyler and Cassie Schleich's cattle farm was the first stop of the day. Pictured L to R: Justin Allaman, Gina Sanberg, Rep. Ladisch Douglass, Cassie Schleich, Tyler Schleich, Rep. Norine Hammond, Jake Armstrong.



Another stop for the day included a visit to the Allaman farm, where Rep. Ladisch Douglass could see (and even drive!) some of the equipment used during planting and harvest. Pictured L to R: Gina Sanberg, Anna Sharp, Rep. Ladisch Douglass, Rep. Norine Hammond, Jake Armstrong, Justin Allaman.



W-HFB visited Rep. Ladisch Douglass' 45th District on Thursday, August 10th. The day included a visit to Graue Mill and Museum in Oak Brook. The mill operated from 1852-1929. *A piece of our counties was found at the mill as a Western Stoneware Company pottery crock was spotted. Pictured L to R: Justin Allaman, Gina Sanberg, Anna Sharp, Jake Armstrong, Rep. Ladisch Douglass.



W-HFB's visit to the 45th District included a stop at the Westmont office of Rep. Ladisch Douglass. Pictured L to R: Kristina Baumbach (Education Coordinator for DuPage County Farm Bureau), Kara Norton (Executive Director for DuPage County Farm Bureau), Sue Douglas (Chief of Staff for the Representative), Jake Armstrong, Anna Sharp, Justin Allaman, Gina Sanberg, Rep. Ladisch Douglass.