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★ Youth Day ★

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Shown (L-R) are Front Row: Erin Gartner, Mackenzie Hoene, Kristen Hardiek, Clara Russell, Shelby Zellers, Grace Osborn, Hannah Pike, Emily Wasmuth, Chloe Padgett, Ashley Goeckner, Samantha Pepmeier, Evan Kuhl, Jackson Willenborg and Hunter Stallings. Back Row: Derek Ochs, Hunter Mullins, Hailey Depoister, Mitchell Jansen, Kinley Ledermann, Resa Fuller, Jacob Donaldson, Rep. David Reis, Gillian Erickson, Jamie Lanham, Madalyn Liberman, Molly Walker and Dyer Fontanyi.

Rep. David Reis met with students representing Norris Electric Cooperative during the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperative's Youth Day on Wednesday, April 13 in Springfield. More than 225 students from around Illinois had an opportunity to visit the State Capitol, view state government in action and question their legislators on key issues. They also were invited into the office of Secretary of State Jesse White.

During lunch, Treasurer Michael Frerichs addressed students and chaperones and challenged them to

take an interest in the political process and encouraged them to follow their dreams and do what interests them because life can take interesting turns and twists. Jyostna Bitra, the 2015-16 Illinois Youth Leadership Council Representative from Corn Belt Energy Corporation, spoke about her experience on the Youth to Washington tour and challenged attendees to maintain an interest in their cooperatives and the political process. While in Springfield, the students also visited the Supreme Court, Old State Capitol, and the



Winners of the Youth to Washington Trip are Madalyn Liberman and Hunter Stallings.

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum.

At the end of the day the students were interviewed for the chance to participate in the Youth to Washington Tour from June 10 – 17, 2016.

Youth Day is designed to introduce young rural leaders to state government. There were 24 co-ops from across the state represented at the event.



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