

REPRESENTATIVE HARRY BENTON'S NEWS LETTER

**Summer of 2025
is here!**

**I am happy to welcome
8 new interns to the
office this summer and
to spend time out in
the community!**

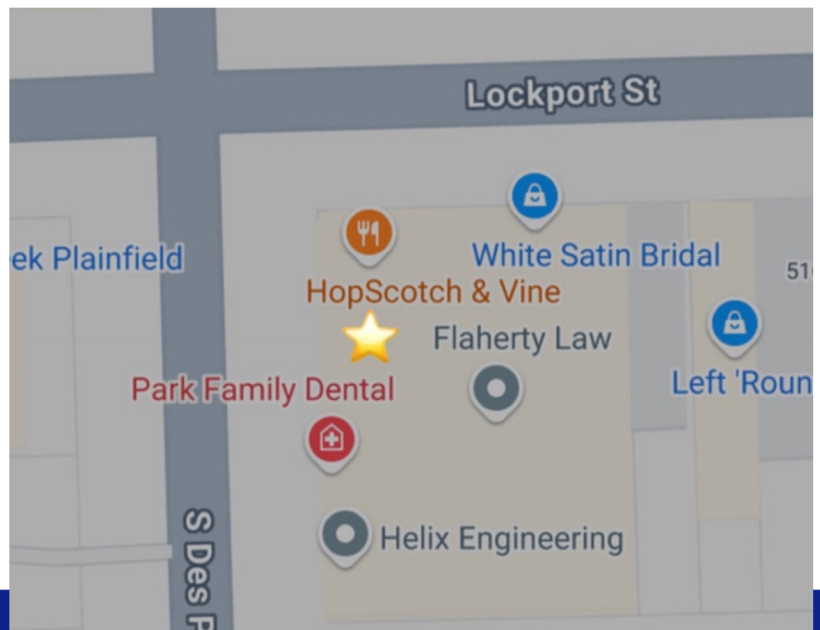
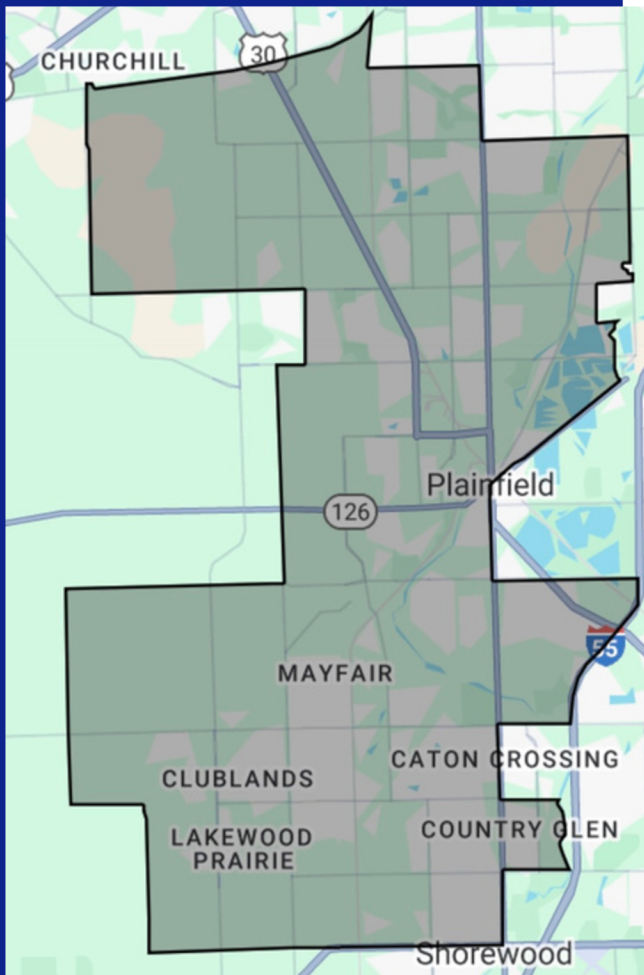


**Please feel free to reach out with
any questions!**

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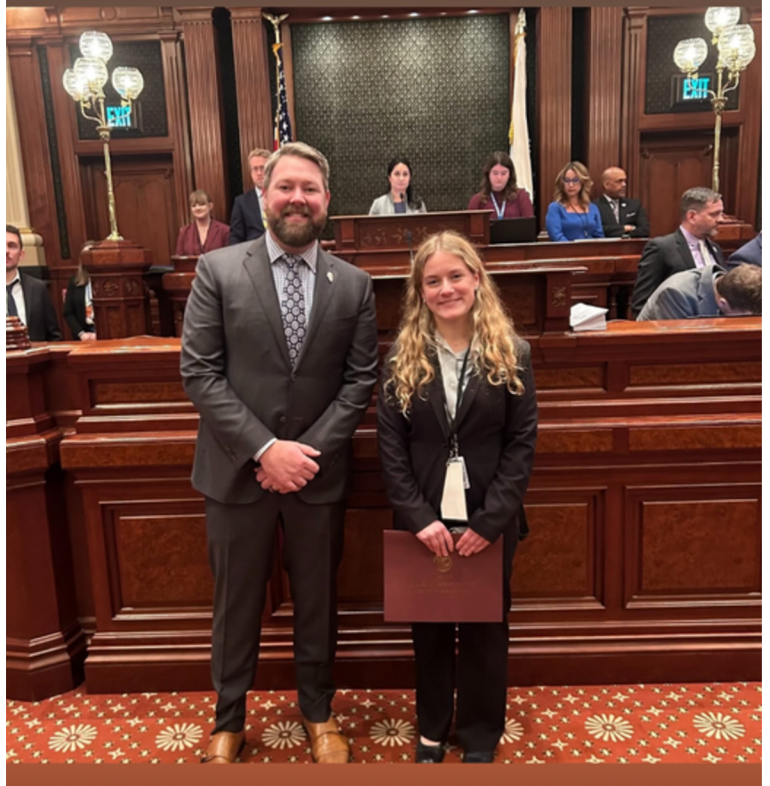
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January 12, 2025 –

I welcomed Emily Shield, an Advocacy Academy student from the Illinois YMCA Youth & Government on the house floor! Emily also joined our summer intern team this year.



January 24, 2025 –

Honored to be named vice chair of the Prescription Drug Affordability Committee. I look forward to serving my constituents in this role!

STATE REPRESENTATIVE

HARRY BENTON

ILLINOIS 97TH HOUSE DISTRICT

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY
VICE-CHAIRPERSON

CHILDCARE ACCESS & EARLY CHILDHOOD

INSURANCE

LABOR & COMMERCE

POLICE & FIRE

PUBLIC UTILITIES

TRANSPORTATION: VEHICLES & SAFETY

VETERANS' AFFAIRS



February 7, 2025 – I met with Dr. Natalie Coleman, Madalyn Snowden, and Kevin Kerr from Birth to Five Illinois to discuss childcare access and early childhood—an issue vital to me and my constituents.



March 10, 2025 – DuPage Children's Museum hosted a Legislative Open House with Early Childhood Partners. It was a wonderful event!



May 3, 2025 – Proud to take 1st in the Open Division at the Special Olympics Plane Pull at Lewis University, raising over \$40,000!



May 9, 2025 – Thanks to the Illinois Farm Bureau for the adoption of Mason County Farm Bureau! This was a wonderful experience. It is truly a home away from my homes in Will and Kendall County.



May 16, 2025 – Moe Joe's visited Springfield and brought lots of food to share! Big thanks to Jamie Little and Alex Hoffer!



May 21, 2025 – Excited to share that SB1380 passed both houses! It allows counties and municipalities to use state- or locally-owned utility poles and rights-of-way for public safety equipment.

May 22, 2025 – HB3444 passed both houses!

It amends the Child Care Act to exempt certain military-based childcare programs from licensure if certified by a U.S. military branch. Effective immediately.



June 2, 2025 – Our eight amazing interns started today, we're excited to see all they'll achieve and collaborate on future plans!



June 3 - August 19, 2025 – Cruise Nights are back! Join us every Tuesday from 5:30–8:30 PM, outside Capri. See you there!

