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Local Fifth Grade Students Participate In Law Day Job Shadowing

Laura Reynoldson, Holt County Court Clerk Magistrate, served as the local coordinator for Law Day Job Shadowing, a project of the Nebraska Supreme Court and the Nebraska State Bar Foundation. As coordinator, Reynoldson worked with St. Mary's Elementary and Chambers and Stuart public schools to match students with legal professionals in the community.

On May 1, groups of students accompanied by teachers and parents traveled to the job location of their lawyer or judge host. In these groups, students and hosts explored legal careers and entered into a discussion about the knowledge, skill and attitude needed to become a lawyer or a judge. Students also learned about some of the jobs at the courthouse and in the

legal community.

The purpose of the job shadowing activity is to show the students the rewards of staying in school, working hard and studying. The students and their teachers analyzed the skills necessary for career opportunities, e.g., individual abilities, skills and education and the changing supply and demand for those skills.

Teachers and students were able to access an online job shadowing orientation by accessing the Nebraska State Bar Foundation's website at www.nebarfnd.org. The podcasts have been created with technical assistance from Educational Service Unit 10 in Kearney.

This year marks the 13th year of statewide Law Day Job Shadowing. Since the statewide program began in 2002, more than 3,000 fifth graders

have participated in the job shadowing activity.

President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day in 1958 as a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law." More information on Law Day is located on the American Bar Association's website, www.lawday.org. Information about the Foundation's Law Day program may be found at <http://www.nebarfnd.org/law-day-job-shadowing>.

Bar Foundation President Kile W. Johnson, Lincoln, comments, "As a part of its mission to serve the public and the legal profession, the Bar Foundation is pleased to be able to cooperate with the Nebraska Supreme Court to bring together fifth graders, lawyers and judges in celebration of this great day."



ATTORNEY JANET KROTTER CHVALA pictured with Stuart fifth grade students and Chambers sixth grade students.



ATTORNEY FORREST PEETZ pictured with St. Mary's fifth grade students.