



Law Day Observed in Many Ways Across the State of Nebraska



– Photo by Mary Stultz

Budding Barristers?

Twice every year, in the fall and spring, a total of more than one thousand 4th grade students from all over the metro, board buses and travel downtown to the Omaha/Douglas County Civic Center and Hall of Justice, where members of the Omaha Law League conduct tours of the facilities. Part of each tour includes a visit with a judge in a courtroom, where there are always a flood of questions. The spring tours are held in conjunction with Law Day activities. The Omaha Law League raises funds during the year to pay for the buses; their biggest fundraiser is the spring Fashion Show. The students pictured above had just concluded their tour and were camped out at 19th and Farnam, in front of the “On the Wings of Angels” 911 Memorial created by Littleton Alston of Omaha. The tours have been conducted for nearly 25 years, and some of those students who fondly recall their own tours, are now attorneys who now call the courthouse their home away from home.

The Omaha Law League Foundation is a philanthropic and a social organization supporting legal education in Nebraska. Members support the legal community in a variety of ways, including the courthouse tours, supplying transportation, educational materials and tour guides. Douglas County Court Judge Marcela Keim coordinates the judges’ portion of the tours.



Judge William T. Wright, District Court, 9th Judicial District (Hall and Buffalo counties), answers questions from students during a Law Day job shadow visit.

Law Day Job Shadowing is a joint project of the Nebraska State Bar Foundation and the Nebraska Supreme Court. The program expanded statewide in 2002, with an average of 12 communities participating. Groups of fifth graders spend one hour with lawyers, judges or other professionals such as police officers or sheriffs, court clerks or court reporters.



Chief Justice Michael Heavican greets guest Carroll Wilson, a 100-year-old WWII veteran, at North Platte's Law Day luncheon.