

# SUPREME COURT HONORS HOLDREGE/HASTINGS AREA COURT COMMUNITY WITH THANK YOU LUNCHEON

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*Photos: State Court Administrator Corey Steel presents Judge Bob Ide with an official retirement-worthy fishing pole. At table are (l to r) Judge Terri Harder, Judge Mike Burns, Judge Tim Hoeft and Judge Ide's wife, Marilyn. (Not pictured is Judge Michael Mead.) Judge Ide thanks Corey Steel and Chief Justice Heavican for the recognition luncheon, and the fishing pole. Marilyn Ide and Bob Ide leave lunch to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*



## **10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Model for Teamwork and Collaboration**

Area judges, Judicial Branch staff and court officers were honored by Nebraska Chief Justice Michael Heavican with a thank you luncheon on Tuesday, August 18, 2015, in Holdrege. The Chief Justice commended attendees for going "above and beyond" in filling the void following the loss of Judge Michael Offner who died suddenly in December 2014.

Judge Michael Mead has since been appointed to fill the judicial vacancy of Judge Offner.



The Chief Justice and State Court Administrator Corey Steel made special

presentations to Judge Robert Ide to thank him for returning to the bench from his recent retirement to ensure that cases scheduled before the court were heard in a timely manner.

Judge Ide, in turn, recognized the cooperative spirit of the 10th Judicial District (Adams, Clay, Fillmore, Franklin, Harlan, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, and Webster Counties), saying that “We have the best judges, the best clerks, best magistrates and best probation in the State of Nebraska.” He noted that the court’s relationship with the Department of Health and Human Services, local attorneys and mental health service providers contributes to the exemplary services provided to the public.

The Chief Justice discussed changes in the judicial branch including attorney eFiling of court documents, the creation of the Office of Public Guardian, and changes in the Court Improvement Project.

Attendees included area judges, attorneys, the Clerk of the District Court, all nine County Court Clerk Magistrates in the 10th Judicial District, probation officers, and members of the Nebraska Supreme Court staff.