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19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT RECOGNIZES LAW DAY WITH LAKE COUNTY STUDENTS

In 1958, President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day as a day of national dedication to the principles of government. In 1961, by a joint Congressional resolution, May 1st was designated as the official date for celebrating Law Day in the U.S.

This year's theme, "Cornerstones of Democracy: Civics, Civility, and Collaboration," reminds us that legislation, court rulings, amendments, lawyers, and "we the people" have built upon those original words across generations to attempt to make the "more perfect Union." That effort continues today, as contemporary leaders and everyday citizens raise their voices as loud as ever to fulfill the promise of the Constitution. Defining and refining those words of the Constitution might be our oldest national tradition and how we work together toward a more perfect Union.

This year the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit recognized Law Day on two days; the annual high school courthouse Law Day tour returned on Friday, April 21st, and the grade school and junior high school students visited Waukegan for the coloring and essay contest award ceremony on Friday, April 28th.

Numerous Circuit and Associate Judges welcomed the high school students before breaking into groups to tour the Lake County Coroner's Office, the Lake County Jail, learn about the Lake County State's Attorney's Office Cyber Lab, watch a demonstration from Lake County Sheriff's Office K-9 handler Deputy Brian Kilpatrick and his partner Boomer, and witness a mock DUI sentencing. Volunteers from all the above offices along with the Lake County Adult Probation Office, the Lake County Bar Association, the Lake County Circuit Clerk's Office, Lake County Jury Commission, and the Lake County Public Defender's Office ensured the students had a great experience and had all their questions answered.

The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit's Law Day with grade school and junior high school-aged students were contest entries voted on by judiciary members: illustration, coloring, poster, and essay. The winning students and their families were invited to the courthouse for their certificates of achievement, and they also received gift cards donated by the Lake County Bar Foundation.

Our Law Day 2023 contest winners were:

- **Second Grade Coloring Contest:**
 - 1st Place: Maxton Martinez, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Ms. Ferrigan
 - 2nd Place: Mia Cardenas, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Ms. Ferrigan
 - 3rd Place: Ethan Layseca, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Ms. Ferrigan
- **Fourth Grade through Sixth Grade Poster Contest:**
 - 1st Place: Lily Fong, Prairie Trail School, Teacher: Mrs. Bolk
 - 2nd Place: Sarai Martinez, Prairie Trail School, Teacher: Mrs. Bolk

- 3rd Place: Estrella Barrera Andrade, Prairie Trail School, Teacher: Mrs. Bolk
- **Seventh Grade Essay Contest:**
 - 1st Place: Maya Hulyalkar, Twin Groves Middle School, Teacher: Mrs. Linnenburger
 - 2nd Place: Nathan Gelvezon Rodrigo, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Mrs. Spangle
 - 3rd Place: Edith Morales, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Mrs. Spangle
- **Eighth Grade Essay Contest:**
 - 1st Place: Landon Juhrend, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Mrs. Spangle
 - 2nd Place: Arturo Ramirez, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Mrs. Spangle
 - 3rd Place: Austin Becker, Our Lady of Humility School, Teacher: Mrs. Spangle
- **Sixth Grade through Twelfth Grade Illustration Contest:**
 - 1st Place: Adriana Barrera Flores, Neal Math and Science, Teacher: Ms. Datta
 - 2nd Place: Michelle Castillo, Neal Math and Science, Teacher: Ms. Datta
 - 3rd Place: Samantha Garcia, Neal Math and Science, Teacher: Ms. Datta

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