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District court furloughs workers for four days

ssued an order calling for involuntary unpaid leave for court staff throughout the state's judicial districts on four Fridays in April and

The furlough time is not as extensive as first anticipated Justice Lawton R. Nuss wrote in a letter to court employees on March 12. He said the courts had been looking at two days a week for all of April, May and the the first Thursday and Friday in June. The furloughs affect all judicial staff except judges and

"In the very beginning of the talks of furlough time, the state was considering closing the courts for a week at a time, and now it has come down to Fridays," said Chief Judge of the 15th Judicial District Glenn

The difference in days is a result of other budget cuts the judicial branch has made and more money coming in from other sources, he said. The judiciary has a hiring freeze that began in December of 2008, resulting in 100 vacancies, and has eliminated temporary hours of 193 employees who were performing

The Kansas Supreme Court has necessary services, restricted travel but said at first they were telling the federal stimulus funds through a so four days seems pretty good. grant program.

> The new order, handed down by the court on March 12 and signed by Justice Nuss, details the days of involuntary unpaid days as Fridays April 9, 16, 23 and May 7, unless otherwise approved in advance in writing by the Supreme Court.

was unavoidable, the judiciary tried to minimize the lost income for their employees."

"In Thomas County, seven people from the district court office will be affected by the order," Schiffner said, "with 23 or 24 court employees being affected throughout the district.' In Sherman County the order will

affect seven people including three in the clerks office, two in court services and one secretary to District Judge Scott Showalter. In Cheyenne County the furlough

one part-time. The Cheyenne court clerk said she felt sorry for the young mothers

will affect two full time people and

who are depending on that income, mail storage.

and got approximately \$800,000 in employees it would be a 30 days cut

The 15th Judicial District is made up of seven counties, Thomas, Sheridan, Logan, Wallace, Cheyenne, Rawlins and Sherman.

"We will continue to hear critical functions cases with no clerical help," Schiffner said.

Critical needs include criminal Nuss said, "while forced leave issues, child in need of care/juvenile offender, care and treatment, protection from abuse orders and other miscellaneous hearings concerning temporary orders or those of an emergency nature.

Each judge has a long list of duties he will be responsible for on furlough days, Schiffner said, such as ensuring telephones are answered with a recorded message notifying the caller of the duration of the court closure, making available how to contact a judge for performance of critical functions, explaining that judges will not process receipts of any money, making sure fax machines are operating and are maintained during closed periods and making arrangements for secure

The bunny's day to shine



The Easter Bunny handed out treats to a couple of kids at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday afternoon at Northwest Tech. The bunney was a member of the Ciircle K Club at the college. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Pancakes and sausage



with her pancakes at their pancake feed on Saturday morning.

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