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## **PRAEGER WELCOMES “NEW” INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

*Sunflower Girls State Elects Laci Lingenfelter*

There are two Commissioners of Insurance in Kansas—at least this week. Today Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger hosted Sunflower Girls State Insurance Commissioner Laci Lingenfelter during a visit to the Kansas Insurance Department.

After four busy days of filing petitions, campaigning and voting in the primary and general elections, Miss Lingenfelter, Gridley, was elected to the office of commissioner of Insurance at the 61<sup>st</sup> session of Sunflower Girls State held June 8-13 on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence.

“I decided to seek the office of Commissioner of Insurance because insurance impacts everyone—whether you’re buying a car, a home or going to the doctor,” said Lingenfelter, who plans to be a nurse anesthetist. “Someday I know I’ll have to carry malpractice insurance. I believe that Kansas needs strong competition in the insurance industry in order to keep rates low. While campaigning at Girls State, I got the feeling for what Kansans really want.”

“I’m really impressed with Laci’s grasp of insurance issues in Kansas,” said Commissioner Praeger. “Her campaign platform was very similar to my own. I would not be surprised at all if one day she is sitting in my desk.”

Laci is the daughter of Steve and Sharon Lingenfelter, of Gridley. She will be a senior at Southern Coffey County High School this fall. Her Sunflower Girls State sponsor is the Phillip Stuckey-Shaffer Unit #296 of the American Legion Auxiliary.

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