

Kiwanis hamburgers big hit with crowd



Kiwanis members Mike Cochran, Lincoln Wilson and Brad Schields kept busy frying hamburgers and cheeseburgers for the hungry crowd at Freedom Fest. Kiwanis opened an expanded Shack and had lines on both sides of the 4-H building. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Jury chooses assault charge after hearing conflicting testimony

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Seamens gave background on how he and his former wife had met and how the family had decided to move to Goodland.

The party at his home broke up about 12:30 a.m., and Seamens said he went downstairs to check on the girls. He checked on Jacqueline and in entering Mercedes room to check on her, "tripped on her stuff" and fell on the bed. "She was startled; I was startled too," he said.

He testified that earlier on the day of the party Lana had told him she wanted a divorce. The next morning, following the incident in the basement bedroom, Seamens said Lana had told him that unless he left immediately, she would make trouble for him with the police.

Adding to the differences in the testimony regarding the incident itself were further variations of what occurred in the parents' bedroom immediately after the incident regarding a phone call the victim made to her brother and a phone call made by her brother back to the home. Family relations before Dec. 1 were also disputed and additions to events Sunday morning varied among the witnesses. Some of these variations were introduced by prosecution rebuttal testimony from the victim's brother, Drew Miller, and sister-in-law, Whitney Miller.

Following testimony and before closing arguments, Judge Showalter laid out instructions for the jury concerning the charges about which they would have to make their decisions.

In closing arguments, both attorneys addressed the delay between the incident and trial. Selby asked the jury not to draw conclusions from a decision made not to rush to judgment. She recounted the testimony given by witnesses for

the State that when they are in the parents' bedroom Seamens yells that the victim is lying, calls her a whore and says she is having "an episode."

"What father thinks of his child in those terms?" Selby asked the jury.

Williams reminded the jury that law enforcement waited until Dec. 18 to investigate the incident. (Trial testimony revealed the victim had health problems unrelated to the incident which hospitalized her several days after Dec. 1.) The defense attorney also reminded the jury of discrepancies in testimony and asked, "Who's running the show? Who got the business? Who got the divorce?"

Faced with several variations of "he said/she said" testimony, the jury members went into deliberation at 4:15 p.m. Wednesday. At 5:30 they adjourned to re-convene at 8:30 a.m. Thursday for further deliberation.

The jury was asked to consider two questions:

Count One - Was a rape ("... the act of sexual intercourse with a person ... who did not consent thereto...") committed?

Count Two - Was aggravated sexual battery ("... unlawfully and feloniously and intentionally touch the person of another ... with the intent to arouse his own or another's sexual desires, and while the victim was overcome by force or fear.") committed?

Shortly before noon on Thursday the jury signaled a decision had been reached and all parties gathered in the courtroom to hear their decision. The jury's verdict was "not guilty" on the first count; "guilty" on the second count.

A pre-sentence investigation will now take place and a sentencing hearing will be held, possibly in September.

Food, music, fireworks, rides, fun for all

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people afterwards said it was a great show.

This is the first year the city has allowed fireworks to be detonated in the city limits, and before the big show at the fairgrounds people could

see a great show going on all around the city and into the rural areas.

The city commission had allowed fireworks to be detonated on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. On Saturday a few people were visited by the city police as fireworks were going off after 10 p.m.

Mother Nature stepped in on Sunday to help cut off the fireworks around town as the storm from the west managed to reach Goodland about 11 p.m. and dumped about .91 of an inch in the next hour. The rain continued on Monday morning bringing the total rain to over

2 inches.

The .97 Goodland received on Sunday was a near record coming within .02 of the record of .99 that fell on July 4 in 1987. The 1.17 recorded on Monday morning was short of the 1.66 inches that fell in 1933.

School board changes president on 4-3 vote

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Mull as the alternate.

• Wilkens and Slough will be the representatives of the board for the Kansas Association of School Boards Governmental Relation Network.

• House and Hendrich will be the bid committee with Wilkens as the alternate.

• The Board Insurance Committee will be Wilkens, Sederstrom, Super-

intendent Angelos, Goodland High School Principal Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary Principal Harvey Swager and clerk Juhl.

• Philbrick will be the board representative on the Professional Development Council.

• Philbrick and Sederstrom will be the board representatives on the negotiations teams with Wilkens and Hendrich as alternates.

• Superintendent Angelos will be the representative for federal

programs, Reading is Fundamental and the Freedom of Information officer.

• Hendrich and Sederstrom will be on the calendar committee.

• Wilkens and Cochran will be on the technology committee.

• Superintendent Angelos will be the purchasing agent for the district.


• Wellness Policy Representatives will be the building principals

with Superintendent Angelos as the contact.

• The board representative for the Evaluation Review Committee will be Sederstrom, Superintendent Angelos and West Elementary Principal Verna Milnes.

• Paid \$126,024 in bills.

The next meeting of the board will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 26, at the Administration Building, 1312 Man.



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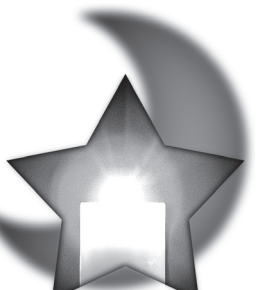


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