

Domestic violence board chair shares personal story

In September 2004, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius telephoned me and said, "I want to bring you back to public service and have you chair a Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board."

Without hesitating, I accepted the offer, and when the governor and I finished our conversation, I looked out the window at heaven and said with a tear in my eye, "This one's for you, Mom."

I am briefly relating the suffering of my mother as a victim of domestic violence, so all of those concerned will know that this is not just



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another committee to me, but a cause and concern that has followed me all my life.

I have never been able to shut out the horrible beatings my mother received at the hands of my father. Even in my sleep, I often have

dreams that bring back the awful events.

When I was a child, on one occasion my father started beating my mother in the house and

dragged her into the car. I hid in the bushes until he returned. She was unconscious, and he carried her into the house.

On another occasion, the police came, and my mother was pitifully lying on the couch, black and blue

from a beating and yelling, "He is going to kill me." These events occurred over and over.

During one violent episode when I was 7, I ran out of the house and climbed up a tree. I fell but only got the wind knocked out of me. At first, I thought I was going to die, and I was glad.

Finally, after 20 years of living through hell, my mother said enough was enough and divorced my father. He was a friendly man, but an alcoholic, and when he got drunk, he was as mean as anyone on the face of the Earth could be.

There has been too little progress over the last 50 years in help for victims of domestic violence. There is still a lack of empathy and understanding by the public, law enforcement, the courts and our lawmakers.

Domestic violence is a brutal crime foisted on the defenseless, and we must do all that we can to stop it.

I believe the creation of this board is long overdue, and I look forward to working with the group that the governor has assembled to serve on the board.

The board's goals are to tell the

public about the insidious nature of domestic violence, to motivate people to find solutions to end domestic violence and to identify changes within all the organizations and agencies that work with domestic violence victims, offenders and families to learn new ways of reducing the number of fatalities by better identification of risk factors and improvement in the coordination of services that Kansas provides.

There is a statewide toll-free number to help victims of domestic violence: (888) End Abuse (888-363-2287).

matters of record

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court:

Feb. 16 — Michael J. Jakopic, 30, Hamilton, Mo., \$90 for speeding.

Mary T. Scheierman, 52, Burlington, Colo., \$159 for speeding. Mary M. Ross, 24, Westlake, Ohio, \$138 for speeding.

Dennis W. Snyder, 53, Topeka, \$138 for speeding.

Feb. 17 — Jeffrey W. Murphy, 27, Goodland, \$212 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Noah T. Slauson, 21, Greeley, Colo., \$255 for speeding and \$60 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Ryan J. Fischer, 25, Westminster, Colo., \$138 for speeding.

Brecken N. Fox, 19, Arvada, Colo., \$159 for speeding.

Michelle L. Knowles, 32, Columbia, Mo., \$159 for speeding.

Henry B. Schaffer, 80, Presque Isle, Mich., \$126 for speeding.

Elizabeth K. Greene, 26, Exeter, N.H., \$126 for speeding.

Justin W. Coleman, 21, Bridgeton, Mo., \$150 for improper parking.

John M. Dalton, 32, Oklahoma City, \$132 for speeding.

Feb. 18 — Cornelius T. Herron, 20, Aurora, Colo., \$100 for speeding and \$80 for no child restraint.

Kenly Telima, 23, Stanford, Conn., \$150 for speeding.

Tab W. Traylor, 47, Fredonia, \$222 for speeding.

Raja Jayakanthan, 32, Plano, Texas, \$126 for speeding.

Charlton T. Coats, 33, Springdale, Ark., \$138 for speeding.

Beverly J. Jensen, 66, Lakewood, Colo., \$114 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Christina Ledesma, 26, Kanorado, \$80 for no child restraint and \$10 for no seat belt.

Ricky L. Miller, 38, Colorado Springs, \$90 for speeding.

Linda J. Scott, 51, Denver, \$132 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Clifford Nelson, 42, Steamboat, Colo., \$106 for speeding.

Jason D. Coryell, 29, Casper, Wyo., \$210 for tractor trailer violations.

Feb. 22 — Jacquelyne M. Weeks, 46, Ringgold, Ga., \$120 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Matthew C. Bernath, 22, Lees Summit, Mo., \$150 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

William G. Weiss Jr., 19, Mobile, Ala., \$195 for speeding.

Stephen J. Crane, 36, Mintern, Colo., \$138 for speeding.

George Fluska, 34, Antelope, Calif., \$120 for basic rule of speed.

Sean M. Neary, 24, Ballwin, Mo., \$186 for speeding.

Alfred M. Pershall, 30, Goodland, \$160 for driving under suspension.

Dustin J. Shaw, 21, Hoxie, \$120 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

David T. Stevens, 26, Overland Park, \$138 for speeding.

Christopher S. Buck, 43, Albuquerque, N.M., \$120 for over weight limits on wheels and axles.

Mark W. Jenkins, 40, Goodland, \$120 for failure to yield.

Richard B. Darling, 23, Limon, Colo., \$360 for driving under suspension.

Johnny R. Martin, 49, Quincy, Ill., \$165 for over weight limit on wheels and axles.

Erin L. Collard, 35, Lakewood, Colo., \$213 for speeding.

Patrick L. Kanan, 62, Lakewood, Colo., \$114 for improper parking.

Benjamin L. Dyck, 21, Farwell, Texas, \$108 for speeding.

Kelly S. Reed, 44, Broken Arrow, Okla., \$126 for speeding and \$20 for no seat belt.

Thomas Gaylord, 20, Jose, Idaho, \$150 for speeding.

Melissa S. Schumpert, 38, Aurora, Colo., \$150 for speeding.

Jared R. Neiswender, 23, Provo, Utah, \$186 for speeding.

K.F. Hooshiarnejad, 61, Westerville, Ohio, \$126 for speeding.

Mayra Y. Herrera, 22, Burlington, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

Frank Kuykendall, 55, Yukon, Okla., \$120 for improper driving.

Mario O. Balderrama, 24, Durham, N.C., \$120 for speeding and \$20 for no child restraint.

Carine M. Doyle, 22, Exton, Pa., \$168 for speeding.

Feb. 23 — Steven A. Blackford, 27, Burke, Va., \$360 for driving

under suspension, \$180 for failure to yield to an emergency vehicle and \$66 for speeding.

Matthew M. Kinsler, 24, Elsberry, Mo., \$132 for improper parking.

Michael L. Bryant, 28, Birdseye, Ind., \$210 for tractor trailer violations.

Miguel Serrano, 22, Hill Air Force Base, Utah, \$144 for speeding.

Miguel A. Meza, 16, Kanorado, \$60 for no license.

Feb. 24 — Sara M. Tong, 20, Colorado Springs, \$138 for speeding.

Adam M. Kemerling, 20, Westminster, Colo., \$186 for speeding.

Manual Villa-Najera, 52, Wray, Colo., \$186 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Clarence L. Strong III, 45, Aurora, Colo., \$108 for speeding.

Cheryl A. Weishapl, 48, Bird City, \$96 for speeding and \$10 for no seat belt.

Feb. 25 — Christopher S. Erwin, 24, Limon, Colo., \$159 for speeding.

Joana L. Pratt, 71, Burlington, Colo., \$150 for speeding and \$60 for unlawful acts with a vehicle.

Brooke A. Dorsey, 21, Wister, Okla., \$158 for speeding.

James V. Passarelli, 34, Colorado Springs, \$131 for speeding.

Christina G. Hamilton, 29, Sherwood, Ark., \$125 for speeding.

Shawn Nelson, 39, Goodland, \$80 for no child restraint and \$10 for no seat belt.

Jeffrey C. Filali, 27, Morganfield, Ky., \$131 for speeding.

Alma Isela M. Morazan, 29, Nashville, Tenn., \$126 for speeding.

David A. Duncan, 44, Littleton, Colo., \$120 for improper parking.

Jeffery W. Alvis, 32, Grand Island, Neb., \$210 for tractor trailer violations.

Nicole L. Jones, 25, Monument, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

Ever D. Valverde, 20, Fort Morgan, Colo., \$144 for speeding.

Feb. 28 — Jean P. Bibang, 36, Oklahoma City, \$345 for speeding.

Larry E. Gosselin, 58, Denver, \$204 for speeding.

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Trucks

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Many items too numerous to mention

Auctioneer's Note: Merle and Gaylord have decided to sell some of their excess machinery. Merle says it's time he gets to play and participate in tractor pulls with his restored collection of Oliver tractors. You won't want to miss this auction of very good farm machinery, always serviced and well-kept.

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The office is run by agent Chandra Ruhs, licensed assistant Berlinda Baehler, and licensed life/health representative Dana Schields. Mike and Chandra Ruhs purchased the building in December and have remodeled it for the business. There is office space available to rent.