

Inmate: Linked to assault

(Continued from Page 1) their homes, checking in outbuildings and through the foliage.

Early Wednesday morning, dispatch received a call for an ambulance on Middle Street.

In a press release from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, "It appears that inmate Zorn entered the home of an elderly woman in Norton, Kansas, assaulted her and stole her vehicle. As a result of the injuries, the victim was transported to a trauma center in Wichita, Kansas, where she remains at this time.

"Law enforcement officials believe inmate Zorn is in possession of a 1987 Mercury Sable, Norton County license plate QZM 153."

The assault victim is Helen Keiswetter of Norton. Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents were at the Keiswetter house to collect evidence on Wednesday and Thursday.

The Questions:

Law enforcement have not solidly stated that Zorn is the person behind the attack. According to KWCH news, Mrs. Keiswetter is in her 80s and suffered abrasions, contusions and possibly a broken neck, and is in critical condition.

KWCH also says Zorn is considered armed and dangerous.

KSN news reports that Zorn is the suspect in the battery.

As of press time, the family had not wished to release any information on Mrs. Keiswetter's condition.

A big question on everyone's mind seems to be "Is he gone now?" Law enforcement will not comment on the possible whereabouts of Zorn, only saying they are "expanding the search area."

Neither Chief of Police Pat Morel nor Sheriff Thomson wanted to make any statements.

The Public Comments:

Here is a sampling of reaction from the community. Some of those commenting wished to remain anonymous.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Helen Keiswetter and her family. I believe he will be caught and justice will be done." — Anonymous

"I have been impressed with the response from local law enforcement and the 911 system that called our house. I think they did a very good job warning the public." — Ann Becker, rural Norton County

"People should always lock their homes and vehicles because times are not like they were 20 to 30 years ago." — Anonymous

"We feel so sad for Helen Keiswetter and hope she recovers and they catch the guy before he does any more damage." — Susan Anthony

"We live in an insulated community. It's a shock when you realize we are a part of this big, wild and sometimes ugly world." — Anonymous

"I haven't changed my routine. I always lock my doors anyway, so I'm not taking extra precautions. I think he's gone." — Cecilia Boast, Norton

"I wish more information had been made available sooner after he walked off." — Anonymous

"I moved to Norton about three years ago, and I'm really impressed with how law enforcement has handled the situation, and how Norton bands together and takes care of its own. I wish the Keiswetter family well." — Joyce Eichman, Norton

"I hope he gets the maximum time possible. I wish all the best to Helen Keiswetter and her family." — Anonymous

Council: truck motion withdrawn

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to the airport.

Mr. Lawson also reported that a pump at the sewer plant had broken, and has already been fixed.

Councilwoman Donna Foley made a motion to accept the only bid for a new trash truck, \$124,857, with half being paid upfront and the rest financed. Councilman Briery asked Public Works Supervisor Dan Bainter if the truck they use now is in working condition, to which Mr. Bainter said it is.

Councilwoman Elaine Mann said, "We have to either start saving money or making more money." It was also noted that the current trash truck is in need of repairs, possibly costing \$10,000. Questions were asked about financing rates, and the motion and second were withdrawn until there was more information on the rates. Councilman Briery wanted to let the public know that the City of Norton is offering free recycling containers to anyone who wants

one, all they have to do is go to the City Office and ask.

Councilman Toby Kuhn said donations for Norton Safe Ride had been collected at Dentist Kriezsek's office, the Norton Home Store and Ebke Liquor. There was some question on whether or not the city had officially approved to do that program again this year. City Clerk Darla Ellis found that it was approved in March.

After the bills were paid, the meeting was adjourned.

House approves Moran's VA bill

The House of Representatives this week approved legislation introduced by Congressman Jerry Moran to provide more health care opportunities for veterans living in rural areas. Rep. Moran's bill, the Rural Veterans Access to Care Act, would enable rural veterans enrolled in the Veterans Affairs (VA) health system to receive care locally rather than traveling long distances to VA facilities. Many Kansas veterans living in rural parts of the state will be part of the

demonstration project authorized by this legislation.

"Despite our best efforts, the reality is that some veterans live in remote areas beyond the VA's ability to construct medical facilities to care for them," Rep. Moran said. "Too often, the distance means rural veterans are foregoing the trip to the VA. This legislation will provide these underserved veterans the choice to receive care closer to home at a local hospital or physician's office rather than

traveling hours to VA facilities. This common sense reform will finally provide rural veterans the care they have earned."

H.R. 1527, the Rural Veterans' Access to Care Act, would establish a three year pilot program in several rural regions of the country to allow the most underserved rural veterans to take advantage of existing rural health providers, such as local hospitals, community health centers and rural health clinics.

To qualify, a veteran must live at least 60 miles from a VA primary care facility like an outpatient clinic, 120 miles from a VA hospital or 240 miles from a VA specialized care facility when seeking that care.

"I am very pleased with the passage of this important bill," the Kansas Congressman said.

FYI

Duplicate Bridge. 3 Tables. 1st, Joyce Sumner and Jackie Porter. 2nd, Claudia Bridges and Norman Walter.

As mentioned in this column on Tuesday, the Material Girls Quilt Guild of Phillipsburg will host Jeanne Poore, internationally known quilt teacher, designer, author and lecturer on Friday, Oct. 3. The program will be, "Celebrate the Seasons." The location of the Golden Years Center, where the program will take place, is 638 Third Street, in Phillipsburg.

The Fifth Annual BBQ Contest is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27 at Atwood. Called "Smokin'

on the Beaver," this is the fifth straight year people who are fanatics about cooking, as well as eating barbecued foods, are invited to participate at the event held at the Columbian Hall. Barbecue chefs are invited to come cook and the public at large is invited to enjoy some of the best BBQ they'll ever eat. The contest is open to cooks of all stripes. More detailed information is available at www.rawlinscounty.info, or call Gary Worthy at (785) 626-3344.

When is your club's next meeting, and where? What's the program? E-mail tom.d@nwkansas.com, or nortontelegram@nwkansas.com to get the word into the column. Make it brief. Thanks.



Sierra Griffith looks through the new posters at the Eisenhower Elementary Library Thursday afternoon. The posters are from a grant for which Mrs. Burton applied. — Telegram Photo by Brandy Leroux

Grant: Works span centuries

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ture, art and civics.

Also in the letter is the requirement that a one-page final report is due to the American Library Association by May 29, 2009, and that the posters must be added to their permanent collections for future use.

The works of art selected for the posters span several centuries, and all were created by American painters, sculptors, photographers and architects.

In a press release for "Picturing America," First Lady Laura Bush said, "I think this would be really, really fun to teach. As a teacher myself, I'd love to have this set in my classroom."

The posters came with a teachers' resource book, lesson plans and materials.

"Picturing America helps us understand our democracy by bringing us face to face with the people, places and events that have shaped our country. It provides an innovative way to experience America's history through our nation's art," said National Endowment for the Humanities Chairman Bruce Cole.

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