

SHERIFF'S LOG

<p>Oct. 21 For your information VIN inspections Animal call Motor vehicle accident with animal Battery-simple (2) Oct. 22 Animal call Disturbance-noise (2) Motor vehicle accident with animal Domestic disturbance Oct. 23 Alarm-bank</p>	<p>Miscellaneous investigation Oct. 24 Suspicious person Incident Animal call (3) VIN inspections (2) Traffic control Inmate appointment Oct. 25 Animal call Finger prints VIN inspections Cattle out Gunshots/non-injury shooting Oct. 26</p>	<p>Funeral escort Finger prints VIN inspections Traffic stop Drug offenses Oct. 27 Welfare check Fire Reckless driver Suspicious activity Oct. 28 Traffic stop (2) Cattle out (3) Intoxicated subject Animal call</p>
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PUBLIC RECORD

District Court
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the District Court clerk at the Norton County Courthouse. Traffic and Wildlife and Parks cases are given to the paper when the fines are paid.

Oct. 27
Oct. 19- Gary K. Alstrom, Oberlin; Charge: Speeding 80 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$173.
Oct. 17- Robert Lynn Barnett, Norcatur; Charge: Child passenger safety; restraining systems and seat belts; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$158.
Oct. 15- Thomas Nathan Edlund, Arvada, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 76 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$149.

Oct. 9- Dustin Thomas Kennedy, Lakewood, Colo.; Charge: Speeding 75 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.
Aug. 14- Darren M. Parr, Roseland, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$167.
Aug. 14- Darren M. Parr, Roseland, Neb.; Charge: Failure to wear seatbelt; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$10.
Aug. 15- Charles T. Twyman, Cordell, Okla.; Charge: Speeding 79 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$167.
Oct. 17- Yvonne B. Worthey, Dodge City; Charge: Speeding 74 in 65; Found: Guilty; Fine: \$143.

Municipal Court
These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

Oct. 27
Oct. 13-David Waters, Stamford, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 30 in 20 school zone; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$100 school zone, costs \$76, total \$176.
Oct. 14-Jade Cressler, Norton; Charge: No seat belt (14-17); Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$60.

Oct. 23-Scott Stone, Grandview Heights, Ohio; Charge: Speeding 55 in 45; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.
July 19-Kenneth Cadwalader, Almena; Charge: Driving while suspended; Other action: Dismissed as agreement in District Court case.
Sept. 26-Kendra Merchant, Norton; Charge: Defective headlamp; Other action: Dismissed with proof fixed.
Oct. 14-Kayla Coffey, Norton; Charge: No seat belt (14-17); Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: Community service to be assigned March 2012.

A trip down the scenic byway to Dover

By Ron Wilson

"The white cliffs of Dover." That's a reference to the scenic landscape along the British coastline in the English Channel. Those white cliffs have provided inspiration for many travelers and artists - and even inspiration for those who would name a town in far-off rural Kansas.

The easternmost community within the Native Stone Scenic Byway is Dover, namesake of the famous landmark on the British coastline. Dover, Kansas is located in Shawnee County, at a point where the Southwest Trail crossed Mission Creek. This area was first settled in 1856 by brothers Alfred and Mark Sage who had come from near Dover, England. They were soon joined by the Haskel, Loomis and Bassett families.

These early settlers spoke of living "Up Mission Creek" or "Down Mission Creek" depending on which side of the creek's crossing one lived. The first post office in the area was called Mission Creek. The village of Dover was established at the crossing in 1870.

According to the Sage family, Dover took its name from their birthplace in England, since nearby Echo Cliff reminded them of the famous White Cliffs of Dover in their homeland. The Haskels claim it is named after

Dover, New Hampshire. Back in England, folks in Dover argue over whether the name is of Roman or Viking origin.

Today, Dover, Kansas is known for its historic Sage Inn and the Sommerset Hall Café. Sommerset Hall was the original name of the three-story frame building erected in 1893 by members of the Sage family, descendants of the region of Somersetshire in England. The Sage Inn, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was built in the 1870s to serve travelers on the trail. Today it is a bed and breakfast serving the same purpose.

Dover was a natural spot for growth because it was the half-way point on the Southwest Trail, which connected the Oregon Trail in east Topeka to the Santa Fe Trail in Council Grove, a one-day's ride from each. It was also the route of the old Wells Fargo line between St. Louis and Denver and the only place where Mission Creek could be forded by wagons. Because it was the original "route west" through Kansas, today's K-4 Highway (formerly Southwest Trail Highway) was the first paved road in the state - built in 1913.

In the 1800s, a New York Times writer described Mission Creek in spring: "The woods in every direction are rendered

beautiful by the gay attire of redbud trees covered in early spring with a rich pink blossom, before any appearance of the green leaves. Some of them are twenty feet high and now in full bloom. Plum trees are also in flower and very abundant. Grape vines, gooseberries, blackberries, mulberries, strawberries, raspberries, etc., are scattered in profusion in many places; hops also grow abundantly, wild."

In modern times, Sommerset Hall Café is the site of home cooking. In 2008, ABC's "Good Morning America" had a contest to find the best pie in the nation. The winner was a pie by the late Norma Grubb, age 88 at the time, who baked pies for Sommerset Hall Café. After a taste test and online vote, Norma's Coconut Cream Pie was the winner. This made a difference in a rural town like Dover, with a population of maybe 50 people. Now, that's rural.

For more information about the byway, go to www.wabaunsee.com.

So, I get the Dover part. What about the white cliffs? We'll learn about that next week.

Got drugs?

The Norton County Sheriff's Office held its "Got Drugs" campaign on Saturday to promote the safe disposal of expired and left over prescription pills. Chrielle Thomson, pictured, helped with the collection process. The drugs will be turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for proper disposal. There is no charge for the disposal of medication and anyone using the service is not required to identify themselves.

-Telegram photo by Mike Stephens



Grant to help foster children

A new federal grant will help the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services improve the policies and practices for educating children who are in the Kansas foster care network.

The \$250,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will fund a 17-month collaborative initiative between SRS, the University of Kansas, and the Kansas State Department of Education. The purpose of this initiative is to develop a stable educational environment for youth in foster care. Its approach is to improve the sharing of information among the agencies involved in their lives, specifically SRS and the schools they attend. The goals are to reduce the number of times foster children have to change schools, and improve their graduation rates.

"The kids in foster care face enough challenges without the added burden of trying to navigate a complex educational system where their records are hard to access," said SRS Secretary Rob Siedlecki. "We are going to do everything we can to make communication among agencies more efficient to ultimately benefit children who are in state care."

The University of Kansas' Institute for Educational Research and Public Service (IERPS) and School of Social Welfare (KUSSW) will help SRS' Chil-

dren and Family Services Division and KSDE develop the infrastructure necessary to increase interagency communication.

Improved communication and information sharing will help create a more stable environment for youth in foster care ages 10 to 17 who often go through two or more school transfers in a year. Once the new systems are in place, there will be fewer school transfers and graduation rates are expected to improve significantly. This will contribute greatly to the overall wellbeing and stability of foster children.

Currently, the Topeka USD 501 school district, Northeast SRS Region and TFI Family Services, in partnership with KU, are developing a cross-

system pilot program that will model how teachers and case workers will use data to examine the causes of education instability that foster children often experience.

During the 2011 legislative session, lawmakers passed House Substitute for Senate Bill 23, which allows foster children to graduate from high school if they meet specific graduation requirements adopted by the State Board of Education. Often times, foster children in high school have trouble graduating on time because graduation requirements are different at each high school they have attended.

Foster children who leave state care at 18 are eligible for free tuition at state universities, community colleges and technical schools.

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Fall Fashion Fling

Friday Nov. 4th 6:00 PM

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