

# Extension receives State Fair results

The following results were received from Twin Creeks Extension Office from the Kansas State Fair at Hutchinson:

Samantha Anderson: visual arts, participant.

Twin Creeks Senior Family and Consumer Science Judging-52.

KeAnn Jacobs: small fruits-blue, clothing-blue, patchwork and quilting-red, foods-purple, and photography-blue.

Madelaine Johnson: photography-red, photo traveling collection.

Erin May: photography-blue.

Hannah May: clothing-red, foods-red, demo/illustrated talk-blue, Ryan May: wheat variety plot display-blue.

Zach May: foods-blue, demo/illustrated talk-blue.

Elizabeth Nedland: clothing-white, photography-blue, geology-purple, geology Special exhibit-purple, lapidary-purple.

David Noren: photography-purple, Senior Family and Consumer Science Judging-35.

Michael Noren: Senior Family and Consumer Science Judging-191.

Callie Uehlin: photography-blue.

Ashley Witt: foods-purple.

Whitney Witt: Photography-blue, 4-H Foundation Selection.

Stick-To-It Club: banner-participant.



THE SOPHOMORE CLASS won the Homecoming float contest. Their float was a wave of football players about to

overtake a boat with two leopards in it. Haley Schiessler and Emma Borton were the leopards. — Photo by Steve Haynes

## Junior high team beats Nebraska boys

The Decatur Community Junior High football team scored the only touchdown in a game against Dundey County, Neb., on Thursday, but won the game 8-0 in Oberlin.

Oberlin's score came when eighth grader Bryson Wesley followed some nice blocks from five yards out into the end zone, said Coach Joe Dreher. Seventh grader Cade Wurm ran in the two-point conversion.

In the second half, Dreher said, the young Red Devils put

together some nice drives but couldn't find the end zone. It looked like Dundey County was putting a drive together late in the fourth quarter, but the defense stepped up and denied the score.

"The kids played hard the whole game despite the cool conditions," Coach Dreher said. "It was a total team effort."

This week, the boys will be at home again for a 5:30 p.m. game on Thursday against St. Francis.

## Run is canceled

The Oberlin cross country team didn't get to run in the McCook Invitational on Thursday as the meet was canceled.

Coach Dick Ahlberg said the cancellation is a rare occurrence.

The team will go to Hill City this week to run on the Prairie Trails Golf Course. The races will start

at 5 p.m.

Next week, Decatur Community High will sponsor the annual Oberlin Invitational and the Northwest Kansas League meet combined at the Oberlin Country Club starting at 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Separate score sheets will be kept for league and invitational awards.

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## Poker run to help pay medical bills

The Cheyenne County Cruisers will hold a poker run open to all types of vehicles Sunday, Oct. 2, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the city park in downtown St. Francis. All proceeds will go to help Linda Elfers, who has cancer.

Participants should arrive by 1 p.m. to get the instructions and draw the first card. A \$20 fee includes the poker hand and a meal after the run.

The route is from St. Francis, to Wray, Colo., then on to Haigler and Benkelman, Neb., Bird City and back to St. Francis, about 125 miles.

Those under the age of 18 will need a parent's or guardian's sig-

nature on the release form.

People who do not want to participate on the run can make a donation to Mrs. Elfers through the club.

A rain date has been set for Sunday, Oct. 9, with the same time and place. For details, call Kent Kechter, (785) 332-0039 or Scott Schultz, (785) 332-3960.

## Program deadline nears

Legislative authority for Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments program will end Friday, Sept. 30, says Diane Barrett, Decatur County executive director of the U.S. Farm Service Agency.

The program can help eligible farmers recover from disaster losses that occur on or before Sept. 30 and affect fall 2011 and 2012 crops, she said.

Farmers can apply for a 2011 or 2012 payment if an eligible crop suffered at least a 10 percent loss, she said. Crops do not have to be harvested by Sept. 30.

Mrs. Barrett said that farmers should follow either crop insurance or Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program requirements for reporting their losses. For details, stop by the Farm Service office at 410 S. Buffalo in Oberlin, 475-3131.

## Grant to help vet program

Colby Community College has received a \$960,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture National Institute of Food and Agriculture to develop a distance learning veterinary technology program.

The grant will pay for development of courses and for the salaries for two veterinarians, two registered veterinary technician instructors and an administrative assistant, college officials said.

This will be the first distance-learning veterinary technology program originating from a Kansas college. There are nine in the nation accredited by the American Veterinary Medical Association, and the college says it will seek the accreditation.

The program should start in January, he said.

# There's No Place Like Home

By Eunice Boeve  
Illustrated by Michelle Meade



## Chapter 5

### A Traveling Princess

*Last Chapter: Jack and Mollie's special glasses enable them to escape an enemy attack on the Kansa village. Their next adventure finds them on a lonely road in the 1930s. They are rescued from a dust storm by the Claybergs, a couple traveling to California, and witness their generosity as they give food to a destitute family. This time the special glasses do nothing, and the twins fear they are stuck in time.*

Despite the warmth of the sun, Jack felt cold and so nervous that his hands trembled as he took their glasses out of the white cotton sack and handed Mollie her pair. The next instant, his heart leaped with joy as his eyes, looking through the glasses, saw Liberal morph into a modern town and the time machine materialize.

They laughed when they stepped inside the time machine and saw flashing across the computer's screen, the words, Mission delayed: Activation: 11:00 a.m. local time.

Jack pointed to a small button, printed with the word delay. "I must have pushed that one, too. I..."

"Oh, look!" Mollie



pretty, young woman came toward them. Beside her, as if serving as her bodyguard, was a big white dog with brown spots.

"I didn't know there were family wagons here," she said. "Are you with a freight wagon?"

"No," Mollie was amazed that the words she needed came so easily. "We're headed east. Pa's seeing to our team."

The woman grinned. "I thought for a moment I'd have to relinquish my title as the first white woman to travel the Santa Fe Trail."

Mollie blushed and the woman laughed. "Well, maybe you're not a woman yet, and I am barely so, being just 18." She turned to a small tent and said, still smiling, "This is my home away from home. Come, sit with me awhile for I'm quite starved for company."

She introduced herself as Mrs. Samuel Magoffin. "But do call me Susan," she said.

Mollie shook her head. "It looks so small beside these big freight wagons."

Susan laughed. "And much more comfortable, too."

"You don't worry about Indians?" Jack asked.

"No. In 1825 a council was held with them in that grove of trees over there and they promised to give safe passage for wagons traveling this Santa Fe trail. This is 1846, so it was twenty-one years ago." She grinned and added, "Before we three were even born."

Until her husband, who owned several of the freight wagons, returned to their tent for supper, Susan kept the twins entertained with stories of the trip so far and of her family. She was proud that her grandfather, Isaac Shelby, had been the first governor of Kentucky.

As they walked away after meeting Mr. Magoffin, Susan called after them, "I am keeping a diary of this journey and I shall write about meeting you both."

The twins waved, acknowledging her words, and Jack said, "How can we be in her diary, if we aren't real in her time?"

Mollie said, "So we're real, but we're not real. That's weird."

With the coming of darkness, the twins came upon a small canvas-topped wagon. Finding their glasses inside, they knew they would spend the night there.

Curious to know more about this place and about Susan Magoffin, the twins put on the glasses and the lights of present day Council Grove twinkled in the darkness as the wagons vanished and the time machine came into view.

From the computer, the twins learned that even though Council Grove wouldn't become a town until its founder, Seth M. Hays, arrived the next spring, by 1846 it was already a major stopover on the Santa Fe trail. Heavily traveled by wagons hauling freight, the road stretched from Independence, Missouri, to Santa Fe, New Mexico. They also read that Susan Magoffin had been the first white woman to travel the Santa Fe trail and her diary was considered an important document of that time and place.

"Do you think it's in the Hays library?" Mollie asked.

Jack grinned. "I bet you think we're in it, don't you?"

For an answer, Mollie showed him a sassy face and a quick dart of her tongue.

The twins woke at dawn to the noise of men's voices, horses nickering, and lowering oxen, now yoked to the freight wagons by twos in a team of six or eight pair. The men

walked beside their oxen as they started out, cracking their whips and shouting.

"Catch up! Catch up!" The words rang through the fresh June morning as the caravan began forming two long lines, wagon wheels creaking and groaning. Through the dust raised by the freight wagons and the heavy hooves of the ox teams, the twins saw Susan Magoffin's small carriage traveling across the prairie.

As the last of the wagons rolled away, the twins put on their glasses and were once again back in their own time.

Jack and Mollie were shocked to find the once towering Post Office Oak was now just a very tall stump. The twins read the history on a sign posted on a building beside it. "It says letters and notes reputedly were left at the base of the tree," Mollie said.

"Probably no one knows for absolute sure," Jack said.

Mollie grinned. "From oak tree to e-mail. I wonder what Susan would have said, if we'd told her about e-mail."

"She wouldn't have believed us." When we get back, I'm going to ask Dad and Mom to add e-mail."

Mollie suddenly felt a shiver of fear. "If we get back," she said.

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