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Dave Evert, Sacred Heart School principal, standing left, and Brandon Booi of Taylor Motors, right, looked at text books along with students Reed Stephens, Chase Hartwell and Marc Bremenkamp recently. Booi presented the school with an \$855 check from the school's carnival. Taylor Motors had two vehicles available for test drive, and \$5 was donated for each spin behind the wheel. There were 161 test drives. The money will be used to buy new science and social studies text books for the next school year.

Recall leads pet food maker to sue

TOPEKA (AP) — A pet food manufacturer that recalled 60 million cans of its products last month has sued another company, alleging that an ingredient the second firm supplied was contaminated.

Menu Foods Midwest Corp., based in Emporia, is seeking damages “substantially in excess of \$75,000” and wants to force ChemNutra Inc., of Las Vegas, to pay costs associated with the recall of dog and cat food.

But a New York attorney for ChemNutra said it is examining whether it has legal claims against Menu Foods. ChemNutra contends Menu Foods waited several weeks to notify it about potential problems.

According to Menu Foods’ lawsuit, wheat gluten sold to Menu Foods Midwest, an affiliate of Menu Foods Ltd., by ChemNutra contained melamine, a chemical found in plastics and pesticides and not approved for use in U.S. pet food by the Food and Drug Administration.

Menu Foods filed its lawsuit Monday in Lyon County District Court in Emporia, about 50 miles south of Topeka.

“ChemNutra represented itself to Menu Foods and the North American food market as a business that imports high-quality nutritional and pharmaceutical ingredients from China to the United States,” the lawsuit said.

Menu Foods Ltd., based in Streetsville, Ontario, recalled its products after 16 pets, mostly cats, died from eating contaminated food. Other manufacturers also recalled animal food, and the company said it now faces more than 50 lawsuits.

But ChemNutra said a Chinese supplier is responsible for its shipments of contaminated wheat gluten.

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