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Courtney Heinrich shot a free throw during the fourth quarter of the Golden Plains A-team girls game against Cheylin on Feb. 2. Heinrich made this shot and performed well alongside her teammates in both the A-team and B-team games.

Middle school B-team girls take second at league tourney

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The Golden Plains Middle School girls basketball B-team started off the Freedom League Tournament in Sharon Springs ranked No. 2.

Their first game was against the Cheylin Cougars, whom they had just defeated two weeks before.

Jessica Koerperich scored the first points in the game Feb. 16, followed by three 2's from Morgan Ritter and one from Carmen Sepulveda.

In the second quarter, the Lady Bulldogs held the lead by scoring 11 points. Koerperich scored again, along with two baskets from Courtney Heinrich. Brittany Fringer put up a basket also, leaving the score at 22-0 at halftime.

Starting off the second half, the Lady Cougars scored their first points, making the score 26-3 at the end of the quarter. In the fourth, the Lady Bulldogs put up a final 4 points, made by sixth grader Sierra Finlay and seventh grader Sepulveda.

Kellee Snyder and Jennifer Esparza also scored a basket each, contributing to their win over the

Lady Cougars. The game ended with a score of 30-5, pushing the Lady Bulldogs up in the bracket.

Early Saturday, the girls played the Greeley County Lady Panthers in the semifinal round. They had played the Lady Panthers in the regular season and defeated them by just 4 points.

In the first quarter, both teams put 4 points on the board. The game was tied going into the second quarter.

The Lady 'Dogs scored 9 points and the Lady Panthers 6. The score at halftime was 13-10 with the Lady Bulldogs ahead.

The third quarter started off with a basket from Koerperich, followed by two free throws from Heinrich. Greeley County then shot a 2, its only points in the quarter.

In the fourth, both teams put up a tough fight. With both teams scoring 6 points, the Lady Bulldogs defeated the Lady Panthers 35-18.

Heinrich had a good game, scoring 21 of the 35 points for the Lady 'Dogs. Other girls scoring were Snyder and Brooklyn Bice 4 each and Finlay and Ritter 2 each.

With their victory over Greeley

County, the middle school girls were moved up to the final round. They played the Grinnell-Wheatland Thunderhawks for first place. In the regular season, the Lady Bulldogs lost to Grinnell-Wheatland by 8 points after putting up a tough fight.

In the first quarter, both teams put double digits up on the scoreboard; the quarter 14-11 with Grinnell-Wheatland in the lead. In the second, the Lady Bulldogs lost some of their grit and put only 4 more points on the board, those coming from Finlay and Ritter.

In the second half, the girls fought hard but where defeated by the Thunderhawks with a final score at 36-20. Also helping on offense were Heinrich with 2 points, Snyder 3, Koerperich 4 and Arianna Camacho 3.

The B-team girls finished second in the tournament and finished their season 9-3.

"We had a good season," seventh grader Heinrich said. "It helped that all the girls on the team are really close, so we stuck together."

"My highlight of the season would be scoring 21 points in the second game of the tournament."

Lady Trojans sweep Lamar in two games

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The Colby Community College Lady Trojans proved they're a tough team with a two-game win against Lamar Community College.

Despite wind and blowing dirt on Feb. 28, the Lady Trojans defeated Lamar 7-4 in game one and 10-2 (six innings) in game two.

"We played very well today," said Coach Ryan Sturdy. "We hit the ball well up and down the lineup. We made a few mistakes, but it didn't hurt us because we were hitting the ball."

"We played as a team today, and I think that came from the games last weekend and building on what we learned."

The winning pitcher for the first game was Kelsi Conway, who pitched the entire game. She had

no strikeouts and allowed 12 hits, 4 runs and 1 walk. There were 4 errors during the game.

The leading hitters were Deadra Trujillo, Hudson, Colo., Audrey Lorenz, Loveland, Colo., and Rochelle Boyce, Akron, Colo.

Trujillo hit 3 of 4 times at bat and accounted for 2 runs. Lorenz hit a home run and had 1 run batted in. Boyce also had a homer and had 2 runs batted in. The team had 9 hits in all.

In game two, Michelle Glaze pitched all six innings for the win. She had 7 strikeouts and allowed 1 hit, 1 run and 7 walks. There were 2 errors.

The leading hitters were Lorenz, Glaze, Dominique Padilla, Albuquerque, N.M., Ashley Albu, Goodland, and Lindsey Campbell, Arvada, Colo.

Lorenz hit 2 for 3, including a home run, accounted for 2 runs and batted in 1. Glaze hit 2 for

4 including a home run, scored 2 runs and had 1 run batted in. Padilla and Archer hit 2 for 3 and Campbell hit a homerun. The team had 11 hits in all.

"This is a huge momentum builder for us going into next weekend, when we play on the road for three days with eight games," Sturdy said. "We will play some of the top-ranked teams in the nation. This should give us the confidence we need to compete."

The Lady Trojans are 3-3 for the season.

"I am very proud of the entire team," Sturdy said. "It took all of us to accomplish what we did against Lamar."

The next home game for the Lady Trojans will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 17, against North Platte Community College at Carl Adams Softball Field.

Senior Bulldogs play last game in Rexford

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The Golden Plains senior boys played their last home basketball game when they faced off with the Huskies from Northern Valley.

Senior players throughout the season included Cole Christensen, Kalyn Weber, Ethan Walter and Trey Schwarz.

They started off this final home game Feb. 24 with a representative from each class on the floor, including freshman Joseph Koerperich, sophomore Tristan Schwarz, junior Jose Bermudez and seniors Walter and Christensen.

The boys played close with the Huskies throughout the first quarter, with the game tied until the last six seconds, when the Huskies pulled ahead 11-9. Spurred on by the last-second lead, the Huskies went on a rampage, putting in 24 points in the second quarter. The Bulldogs only managed 7, with 5 of those coming from the free-throw line.

As the Bulldogs started the second half trailing 35-16, they added 9 in the third quarter, but the Huskies extended their lead to 49-25.

Multiple Bulldog fouls put three of their starters on the bench during the fourth quarter. The Huskies succeeded on the free-throw line, putting in 15 of the 22 shots from the line in the second half while the Bulldogs only stepped to the line six times, making half of them.

The Bulldogs outscored the Huskies in the fourth 14-11 but the Huskies' early lead gave them

the win 60-38.

Weber finished the game with 12 points while Christensen had 8, Trey Schwarz 6, and Walter 3.

Other team members on the scoreboard were Andrew Luna with 5, Tristan Schwarz 2 and Grant Sprosser 2.

Legion boys sell tickets for raffle

The American Legion baseball team is getting ready for its season and once again, the players will be fund raising by selling raffle tickets.

Twelve players ages 15 and older will be selling the tickets this year, which are \$10 a piece. The money raised from the sale will be used for uniform, travel and room and board expenses.

The prizes for the raffle will be given out at a home game. Last year's prizes included four tickets to a Royals game and a flat screen TV.

The team will be selling the tickets from now until its first home game in June. The exact date of that game has yet to be determined.

Legion player Jake Thompson said each player has been tasked to sell \$500 worth of tickets for a total of \$6,000 for the team.

If you would like to purchase tickets, contact Jeff Krzycki at 460-8226 or the American Legion at 462-3809 and they will get you in contact with a player.

LEGAL NOTICE

IF YOU ARE A KANSAS RESIDENT AND YOU PURCHASED GASOLINE OR DIESEL FUEL IN KANSAS ON OR AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2003, THIS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT MAY AFFECT YOUR RIGHTS.

A federal court has authorized this notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

Residents of Kansas have sued BP PRODUCTS NORTH AMERICA INC., CASEY'S GENERAL STORES, INC., CIRCLE K STORES, INC., CONOCOPHILLIPS COMPANY, KUM & GO, LC, QUIKTRIP CORPORATION, SAM'S WEST, INC., EQUILON ENTERPRISES, LLC dba SHELL OIL PRODUCTS US, VALERO MARKETING AND SUPPLY COMPANY AND 7-ELEVEN, INC. ("Companies"), arguing that the Companies omitted facts and overcharged consumers when they sold motor fuel for a specified price per gallon without disclosing or adjusting for the expansion and contraction of motor fuel due to temperature. The Court has decided the cases may proceed as a class action for the purpose of deciding whether the Companies are liable on plaintiffs' claims and whether to issue an injunction against the Companies. The Court has not yet decided if the Companies did anything wrong. This notice summarizes your rights and options. More information is in a detailed notice available at www.KansasHotFuelLitigation.com. If you are included in the class, you must decide whether to stay in the class and be bound by the outcome, or ask to be excluded and keep your rights to sue for any claims you might have. **There is no money now and no guarantee that there will be.**

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

Plaintiffs allege that because the Companies sell motor fuel to retail consumers for a specified price per gallon without disclosing or adjusting for temperature expansion, they are liable for unconscionable acts and willful omission under the Kansas Consumer Protection Act (KCPA) and civil conspiracy. On March 1, 2012, the Court granted plaintiffs' motion to dismiss without prejudice class claims for affirmative misrepresentation under the KCPA and unjust enrichment. The cases are called *Wilson v. Ampride, Inc.*, No. 06-2582, and *American Fiber & Cabling, LLC v. BP Corp.*, No. 07-2053, and are in the United States District Court of Kansas.

For purposes of determining liability and injunctive relief, the Court has allowed the lawsuit to proceed as a class action. In May, 2012, the Court will conduct a trial at which time it will be determined whether the Companies are liable on plaintiffs' claims. If the plaintiffs succeed in proving liability, the Court will then decide whether injunctive and/or declaratory relief is appropriate. Also, if the plaintiffs succeed in proving liability, plaintiffs may ask the Court to allow the lawsuit to proceed as a class action to determine money damages. If the Court declines to certify a class for money damages, class members would need to proceed individually to prove any claims for money damages.

The Companies have denied all allegations. They have filed motions asking the Court to dismiss this case on the merits. If those motions are granted, it may extinguish any claims you have related to this matter. Copies of the motions are available at www.KansasHotFuelLitigation.com. When the Court enters orders ruling on the Companies' motions, copies of the orders will also be available on the website.

You should continue to visit the Kansas class website (www.KansasHotFuelLitigation.com) to obtain important updates related to this case.

ARE YOU AFFECTED?

Your rights will be affected if you are a member of the class and you do not opt out of the class. The class includes all current Kansas residents and entities that at any time since December 31, 2003, purchased motor fuel at retail in the state of Kansas, from a gas station owned, operated or controlled by one or more of the Companies, without the temperature of the motor fuel having been disclosed by the Companies. Excluded from the class are federal judges who have presided over the case, persons employed by the Companies, affiliates of the Companies, any juror or alternate assigned to the trial of this case, and individuals and entities who timely and validly request exclusion from the class. If you are not sure whether you are included in the class, you can get more information, including a detailed notice that has more information at www.KansasHotFuelLitigation.com. More information

about this case is also available at the Court's website: <http://www.ksd.uscourts.gov/motor-fuel-temperature-sales-practices-litigation/>.

WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

The Court appointed Robert Horn, Thomas Bender and George Barton to represent you as "Class Counsel." You do not have to pay Class Counsel, or anyone else, to participate. Instead, if they get money or benefits for the class, they may ask the Court to award attorneys' fees and costs, which would be paid by the Companies or out of any money recovered under a settlement, before giving the rest to class members. You may hire your own attorney to appear in Court for you; if you do, you have to pay that lawyer. Zach Wilson and Matthew Cook are class members, and the Court has appointed them to represent the class.

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

If you are a member of the class, you have a choice of whether to stay in the class or not, and you must decide this now. You can do nothing and remain in the class, or you can ask to be excluded from the class.

Do Nothing; Stay In This Lawsuit; Await The Outcome; Give Up The Right To Sue For Claims You May Have. If you want to remain a class member, you do not need to do anything at this time. You automatically will be included in the class. If you choose to remain in the certified class, you will be bound by the judgment obtained on the liability and injunctive relief aspects of the claims. If plaintiffs prove that the Companies are liable, you may use that judgment either as a member of the class (if the Court decides to certify a class on money damages) or individually to prove certain elements of a claim for money damages. In addition, if you choose to remain in the certified class, you will be entitled to your share of any benefits awarded to the class through any settlement approved by the Court (net of attorneys' fees and expenses which may be determined by the Court to be payable from any recovery or paid directly by one or more of the Companies). You will not be personally responsible for attorneys' fees or costs unless you hire your own individual attorney. If you do nothing and the Companies win or settle the lawsuit, you will lose your claims covered by this lawsuit. In short, you give up the right to sue the Companies on your own for the same legal claims in this lawsuit. If you want to independently pursue any claim related to the issues in this lawsuit, you may need to opt out of the class of this action.

Ask To Be Excluded; Get Out Of This Lawsuit; Keep Your Right To Sue For Claims You May Have. If you ask to be excluded and plaintiffs prove that the Companies are liable, you will not be able to use the judgment to obtain money damages through a class action lawsuit or individually. Also, if you ask to be excluded and plaintiffs obtain a favorable settlement which the Court approves, you will not be able to ask for a share of the settlement. Similarly, if you ask to be excluded and the Companies win or settle the lawsuit, your claims will not be lost as a result of this lawsuit and you will not be bound by any judgments or orders of the Court. You will be able to sue the Companies for the same legal claims that are involved in this lawsuit. It is possible that if you ask to be excluded and do not sue the Companies on your own within the required legal time period you will lose your right to bring those claims.

To exclude yourself, you must submit a Request for Exclusion which includes your full name (and business name, if applicable), mailing address, email address, your signature (or an electronic signature consisting of "7's" plus your typed name), and the following statement: "I request that I be excluded from the Kansas Class *In re Motor Fuel Temperature Sales Practices Litigation*, MDL Docket No. 1840." You must email or mail your exclusion request to Class Counsel no later than April 30, 2012, at: Kansas Class Opt Out, c/o Robert A. Horn, 2600 Grand, Ste. 1100, Kansas City, Missouri 64108 or: KansasHotFuelLitigation@hab-law.com.

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