

## B-Team Girls Win League By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School B-Team girls won the Western Kansas Liberty League Championship in Brewster on February 9 with wins over Grinnell/Wheatland and Triplains/Brewster to finish their season with 5 wins and 2 losses.

The girls faced Grinnell/Wheatland for the semi-final round in the morning. They put in 8 points in the first quarter and 4 in the second with the Lady Thunderhawks not making any points in the first half. The Bulldogs scored another 8 in the third and 4 in the fourth while the Hawks scored all 5 of their points in the third quarter as the Dogs won 24-5.

Hayden Wark and Emma Weiner each had 8 points for Golden Plains while Anette Hernandez-Lopez put in 4. Mariah Barnett and McKinzie Horobik each added 2.

The championship game was against Triplains/Brewster. The Bulldogs again got off to a good start with a 10-4 first quarter lead. They continued to play well extending their lead to 23-8 by the half. The Dogs outscored the Titans 12-4 in the third, but both teams put in 9 to finish the season with a 44-21 Bulldog win.

Emma Weiner led the Bulldogs with 18 points along with 16 from Hayden Wark. Anette Hernandez-Lopez added 6 along with 2 each from McKinzie Horobik and Siena Vargas.

"Everyone played well in the tournament," said Emma Weiner, 7<sup>th</sup> grade. "Everyone hustled and never gave up," added Anette Hernandez-Lopez, 6<sup>th</sup> grade. "The girls worked hard in practice," said Jacqueline Manriquez, 6<sup>th</sup> grade, "and it showed on the court." "I am proud of the girls that we won," continued Jorja Juenemann, 7<sup>th</sup> grade. "It was a good season; the sixth graders came in and worked well. It was a lot of fun. We have some big shoes to fill next year to continue to be successful."