MS Girls Compete in First Meet By Breanna Rath

The Golden Plains Middle School girls track team competed in their first meet of the season at the Rawlins County Invitational in Atwood on April 13. All grades 6-8 competed together. The Lady Bulldogs placed 6th with 30 total points. "I am very glad to be back. I missed last season," said Anette Hernandez-8<sup>th</sup> grade. "My goal for this season is to beat my PRs and break some school records."

Anette Hernandez brought home first place in the 1600m run for a new personal record of 6:17.62. Hernandez also placed second in the 800m run for another personal record of 2:52.21.

The Lady Bulldogs sent three relay teams. The 4x400m run by Jaqueline Manriquez, Anias Cepeda, Hayden Wark, and Hernandez placed third finishing in 5:11.05. Competing in the 4x200m relay was Cepeda, Braylee Knowels, Mariah Barnett, and Manriquez. They also placed third with a 2:15.90 finish time. The 4x400m was run by Katie Carter, Marisol Perez, Lesly Holguin, and Kailee Wessel, a team of sixth graders. They unfortunately were disqualified due to violating handoff restrictions. "I enjoyed my first meet," said Kailee Wessel. "I want to improve in every meet for the rest of the season."

Cepeda just missed out on points with a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish in the 800m with a run of 3:12.28The girls set their base line in additional events including:

100m: Myah Ritter 16.94, Addy Wessel 18.32, Estella Vargas 19.77, Luisa Ramirez 20.09

200m: Siena Vargas 35:16, Madilyn Green 37.58, Holguin 38.80, Jordyn Bange 41.95

400m: Wark 1:19.48, Carter 1:34.94, Estella Vargas 1:38.60

800m: Manriquez 3:20.50 1600m: Bange 8:01.52

100m hurdles: Wark 20:29, Barnett 21:32

200m hurdles: Wark 38:02, Barnett 41:04 Shot Put: Knowles 25' 6", Emma Carter 23' 7.5", Perez 21' 2"

Discus: E. Carter 59' 6", Kailee Wessel 45' 3", K. Carter 44' 11" Long Jump: Siena Vargas 10'3", Barnett 9'8.5", Ramirez 5'10"

Triple Jump: Siena Vargas 24' 6", Ritter 23' 4.5"