

## MS Girls Score at League Track By Judy Rogers

The Golden Plains Middle School girls scored well in the WKLL Track Meet in Goodland on May 16. The girls competed in two divisions—an 8<sup>th</sup> grade division and a 7<sup>th</sup> grade division. Sixth graders competed with the older girls. The GPMS 7<sup>th</sup> grade team scored 92 points—good for league runner up behind Northern Valley. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls scored 46 points, finishing 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> grade team, KayCee Miller placed first in the 100m dash (13.53), followed closely by Mabel Lugo in second with her season best run of 14.58. Miller also finished first in long jump with a 14' 4.25 jump, first in weight throw (156' 3"), and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 200m dash with a personal best of 28.14. Lugo also placed second in the 400m dash (1:10.75), and the 800m run (2:53.01). She ran the 100m hurdles for the first time finishing 4<sup>th</sup> (20.24).

Malilah Green ran the 1600m run with her best time of 6:42.46 for 4<sup>th</sup> place. Noel Ritter placed third in shot put (29' 11.5") and second in softball throw (138' 3"). Jaiden Koerperich placed third in triple jump with a personal best of 25' 10.5".

Several girls fell short of placing but presented their best performance of the season including Haley Miller-400m 1:28.74, Amanda Cheney-100m hurdles 22.61 and triple jump 23' 2.5", and Charlotte McCurdy-triple jump-22' 9".

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade team also claimed a league championship when Jennifer Esparza threw her season best of 30' 0.5" in shot put. Esparza also ran her best time in the 200m (34.32) and threw the discus 55' 6" just falling short of 6<sup>th</sup> place and finished high in the softball throw at 117' 6".

Taylor Lobato placed fifth in discus (57' 4") and ran her season best in the 100m (17.3) along with competing in shot put and softball throw. On the track, Sierra Finlay placed in all four events including third in 400m (1:11.49), fifth in 100m hurdles (20.4), third (2:13.68) as a member of the 4 x 200m relay team with Kaylie Schaben, Paris Bailey, and Malilah Green, and fourth (2:18.28) on the Medley with teammates Maggi Nieman, Green, and Bailey.

Schaben placed third high jump (4' 6") and in the 800m (2:52.32) followed closely by Nieman in fourth (2:54.13). This meet concluded the middle school track season. "The kids ended the season quite well," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "They made improvements as we went and that is what we want."